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PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR CLUB SAN DIEGO REGION

THIS MONTH IN OUR PACKARD WORLD

- **SoCal Swap-Meet July 15th at Original Mike's Restaurant in Santa Ana. Page 9.**
- **July 16 Rallye/Tour. Flyer has been sent with the information about this event. Page 9.**
- **Open house at Tim's place August 5. Page 6.**
- **Our board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Marie Callendar's, 515 13th St, Escondido CA at 7:00pm**



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Packard/Pierce-Arrow Day at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand® - June 16th

by Mark Burnside

On June 16th, the PI San Diego Region staged our annual flagship event: **Packard/Pierce-Arrow Day at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand®**. The day was chock full of events, starting at TV station KUSI and ending on South Broadway in Escondido. This year was the 14th consecutive appearance of PI San Diego Region at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand® as the feature marque of the event. Joined by our neighbors to the north, PI's SoCal Region, and the Pierce-Arrow Society there were 19 Packards and 5 Pierce-Arrows participating in the day's activities. Every year, the event is open to all Packards and Pierce-Arrows - no membership in PI (or any other club) is required. Just pre-register and show up.

We began the day at 9:00 am at TV station KUSI on the Morning Auto Segment. We had four Packards and one Pierce Arrow in attendance. All owners were interviewed live on the segment by KUSI's own car expert Dave Stall. Dave gave us a chance to tell viewers about the activities that were taking place that day.



No, you are not seeing double. Parked grill-to-grill are Mark Burnside's 1955 Clipper Custom Touring Sedan [on the left] and Zeke Castrellon's 1955 Clipper Super Touring Sedan [on the right].



Behind the (near) twin Clippers are [L to R] Richard Schauer's 1934 Packard 5-Passenger Standard Eight Sedan, Catherine Woolsey's 1930 Pierce-Arrow Model B Salon, and Jim Woolsey's 1935 Packard Twelve Limo.

Next up after our appearance on KUSI was breakfast at the Studio Diner. Attending were Catherine & Jim Woolsey, Richard Schauer, Phil Pizzuto, and Mark Burnside. The food, conversation, and company were all very enjoyable.

The afternoon activity began at 3:00 pm when we met at Jalapeño Grill & Cantina restaurant in Escondido for a free appetizer and beverage provided courtesy of the San Diego Region of PI. Packard shop talk was plentiful for the next hour and a half until we had to leave to go form up for the Parade of Packards and Pierce-Arrows down Grand Avenue, complete with motorcycle police-escort. Below is a picture of a few the Packards and Pierce-Arrows parked outside the restaurant. To watch a short walking video of this lineup posted on the Packards International Page on Facebook by Zeke Castrellon, [click here](#).



Next, it was time to head for the corner of 4th Avenue and South Ivy Street to line up in year order for the police-escort parade that would start at 5:00 pm sharp. As the cars arrived, the drivers were directed to specific parking places that would have all cars in the correct sequence for the start of the parade. On the next page are pictures of the lineup before the parade started.



Paul Erlich's 1925 Packard 243 7-Passenger Limousine was the second oldest car in the parade and was therefore the second car in the parade lineup. Behind Paul's car is Karl Ramsing's 1929 Packard 626 Convertible Coupe which was third in the lineup.



Next in line are: Syd Harris' 1930 Pierce-Arrow Model A 7-Passenger Sedan, Catherine Woolsey's 1930 Pierce-Arrow Model B Salon, Curtis Buck's 1932 Packard 902 Standard Eight Sedan, and Tom O'Hara's 1934 Packard 1100 Dietrich Convertible Sedan.



Looking from the other direction are: Tim Pestotnik's 1934 Packard 1101 Roadster, Jim Woolsey's 1935 Packard Twelve Limo, Tom Hamlin's 1935 Packard Twelve Limo, and Bob Steiner's 1936 Packard Super Eight Convertible Sedan.



Continuing down the line are: James Pardubsky's 1938 Packard 1601 4-Door Sedan, Eric Boldt's 1939 Packard Model 115-C Coupe, Jay Johnson's 1941 Packard 1903 Club Coupe, Brian Wagner's 1941 Model 120 Touring Sedan, Fred Puhn's 1950 2301 Deluxe Eight Sedan, and (new member) Mark Dimmitt's 1949 2232 Victoria Convertible.

At 5:00 the Parade of Packards and Pierce-Arrows began to cruise down Grand Avenue - on our way to our special roped-off parking area on South Broadway at Grand Avenue.



View from the driver's seat during the parade.

Once we arrived on South Broadway, we quickly parked the classics perpendicular to the curb on each side of the street. Now it was time for the crowd to inspect & admire our cars, ask questions of the owners, and - last, but not least - vote for their favorite car on display. There were 24 very nice classics to choose from.



The evening is young and all Packards and Pierce-Arrows are parked in their spaces. The crowd is just beginning to build in this picture; on its way to 5,000+ by the ending time of Cruisin' Grand at 9:00 pm.



The oldest car of the day, and the leader of the parade, was Billie Sandvik's 1923 Pierce-Arrow Runabout.

Pierces

Jay Johnson's 1941 Packard 1903 Club Coupe



James Pardubsky's 1938 Packard 1601 4-Door Sedan

Karl Ramsing's 1929 Packard 626 Convertible Coupe with hoods up and ready for inspection.

Rick Habicht's recently restored 1937 Packard 1508 V-12 LeBaron Town Car

The evening went by quickly and soon darkness was setting in. Mark and Phil tallied the 400+ People's Choice ballots to determine the winners. This year, Cruisin' Grand organizer Steve Waldron, allowed us two awards - one for best Packard and one for best Pierce-Arrow. Voting was very close and fewer than five votes separated the top 2 Packards and the top 2 Pierce-Arrows. Winners were quickly notified and were asked to move their classics across Grand Avenue to the Award Ceremony area on North Broadway. Below are the results. Congratulations Karl and Sean!



Awards Ceremony: **People's Choice Best Packard Winner**
Karl Ramsing tells Cruisin' Grand founder Steve Waldron about his 1929 Packard 626 Convertible Coupe.



Awards Ceremony: With darkness closing in, **People's Choice Best Pierce-Arrow Winner** Sean McNew tells Steve about his 1930 Pierce-Arrow Model 43 Coupe.

President's Message

by Richard Schauer



MY PACKARD AND I ARE READY TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR GREAT NATION, HOW ABOUT YOU?

The year is officially half in the bag. Don't we feel like we have signed up for and participated in a year's worth of events already? What an exciting year it has been so far, and more fun is yet to come.

The 14th Annual Packard/Pierce Arrow night at Cruisin' Grand in Escondido thrilled the crowd on June 16 amidst the worst heat wave of the year (so far). The morning TV promotional spot at KUSI was enjoyable as always, though the segment was cut a bit short due to programming time taken up by the Dalai Lama himself, who was giving a lecture at UCSD. I guess we can be gracious and bow to the superior authority in this instance, for how often does that great man visit our fair city? Cruisin' Grand came off without a hitch in my view (see the article earlier in this issue). To make that happen a great many people contribute in terms of time and just plain hard work. We thank our brothers and sisters in the Pierce-Arrow club who always support the event in such high fashion. For me personally it was very touching to see Kirsten and Linea Shoberg driving their father's beautiful 1925 sedan. I swear that car is seven feet high! Our thanks go to Mark Burnside for once again taking the lead on this signature event. Congratulations to Karl Ramsing for taking first place in the People's Choice Award for the nicest Packard and to Sean McNew for the best Pierce for his 1931 coupe. It was a very enjoyable night.

June also saw a new unplanned last-minute community outreach event at The Arbors in Peñasquitos. See the article on The Arbors in Selected Shorts in this issue. I don't know about you but I feel we demonstrate our best values as a club when reach out to such events. Seeing the way the faces on these old folks light up, the smiles, the spontaneous tears, and the stories that inevitably flow, makes any inconvenience wrought by the last minute planning fade far back in the distance.

The San Marino Concours concluded in June as well. Congratulations go to our own Gary Marchetti for taking first place in the pre-war closed category. Gary scored 96.5 points in the debut of his 1931 Packard 826 sedan. We cannot wait to see this fine restoration.

Events keep rolling along. Members are urged to watch the 73rd annual Coronado 4th of July Parade, a literal San Diego tradition. For the second year, your club has been invited to help support the Avenue of the Heroes, where six WWII veterans will be escorted in Packard cars. The parade begins at 10:00; get there early to get a good "seat" along Orange Avenue. Then July 15 SoCal Region is sponsoring an all-Packard swap meet at Original Mike's Restaurant in Santa Ana. There is still time to sign up. See the flyer in this issue. July 16 is the summer rallye, organized in conjunction with the Mercedes Club. See the flyer also in this issue. August 5th sees the first all membership open house gathering in a very long time. We thank Vice-president Tim Pestotnik for graciously opening his home in Point Loma for this event. Please see yet another flyer in this issue outlining details of the party at Tim's. Looking forward to the fall? Mark your calendars with the Fall Tour from San Diego up to Ernie Follis' garage in Vista. This is being done in conjunction with the Pierce-Arrow Club. The fall getaway tour is scheduled for October 13-15, so please look for details coming soon.

Got all that? I'd be lost without my calendar. See you soon!

Membership **WELCOME** Reception

Saturday, August 5, 2017

by Richard Schauer



Most of us cannot remember the last time a membership gathering took place. Well, **Saturday August 5th** changes all that. All members are invited to:

- Tim Pestotnik's house at **1287 Trieste Drive**, San Diego, CA 92101
- Time: **1:00-4:00 p.m.**
- Cost: Zero, zip, nada
- What to bring: food and beverages will be provided, but Tim is requesting desserts
- Bring your Packard. Parking is available on Trieste Drive

The date, the venue, the weather, the location are all-perfect. There is no valid excuse to not attend and say hello to your fellow club members. See you there!

NOTE: RSVP to Tim Pestotnik at: tim@pestotnik.com or phone 619-602-1964



MEET LUKE THE WONDER DOG, QUITE POSSIBLY THE SMARTEST DOG IN THE WORLD. DEFINITELY THE NICEST

SELECTED SHORTS

The Arbors, Community Outreach

Thursday June 15, 2017

by Richard Schauer



The call came in at the last minute from Sharyn McGee (aka CT) the Chief Administrator for the Arbors Assistant Living center . The Arbors was planning a pre-Father's Day barbecue at their senior center in Rancho Penasquitos. I told CT that such short notice would likely not yield high participation, but I most certainly would come.

Without exception these events prove worth the effort and time. Unlike the last Arbors event about 5 years ago this was a quiet affair, with only six cars showing up. That was actually just fine in my book, and the senior living there were thrilled to see the cars. CT is the chief administrator. Without a doubt she is in the same class as Mother Theresa, given her love, dedication, and devotion to her charges. She considers herself the granddaughter of everyone there.

Participants arrived at 4:00. By 4:30 residents were coming out to see the cars, most in wheel chairs. Though weak in body they were not in spirit. Many questions were asked and stories related. My favorite lady was Jean, age 85, twice a cancer survivor, slender but fit looking, and dutifully hanging onto a walker (per orders from the staff). Articulate and attentive, Jean loved my Packard so much I helped her climb into the driver's seat. She told me of an uncle who owned a 1937 Packard. Jean grew up in rural New Jersey in a small town where she remembers being the only little girl. At age ten in 1942 she remembers working her first summer job in a field picking blueberries. An older woman worked alongside her. Jean would pick berries and eat some great number of them. They gave her gas, so she found herself burping. Not a rude child she would say "Excuse me" each time. The older woman companion finally asked Jean why she kept saying that. Jean said her mother said it was rude to burp out loud. The older woman said she was the most polite little girl she had ever met. Jean grew up to become a nurse (I'll bet she was a good one), then married a doctor. Two children later the doctor came home one day to tell her he was divorcing her in order to marry her best friend. Okay. Jean is certain she married again years later, but really cannot remember a thing about the man...not even his name. She is a widow now, and has trouble with her memory...who doesn't, I replied. The bbq began at 5:00. I accompanied Jean on her walk down the parking lot to the outside patio where the serving was going on, and then prepared her plate..."Oh, give me a little potato salad...I like that...how about a little more...okay fine, and how about some noodle salad. What is that orange stuff....hummus? I'll take some of that, too...some lettuce salad would be nice...I would like one of those chicken breasts, thank you". At age 85 she is still polite. I walked Jean to a table where she turned and gave me a hug, kiss on the cheek, said how much she appreciated meeting me, thank you for helping her, and God bless. Yep, Jean was a peach.



Then there was Don. His son Rob and daughter-in-law Darlene came to see dad for the BBQ. At 95 and pretty much confined to a wheel chair and does not get out much. Up until a year or so ago Don lived independently at his home and large property in Valley Center. His health has declined a great deal, leaving Don depressed and tired. Rob is a devoted son and strives to find ways to entertain his dad, to cheer him up and give him reasons to stay living. Rob knew his dad would be thrilled to see the Packard. After supper out came Rob pushing Don in his wheel chair uphill to see the Packard. Don was indeed thrilled, laughing out loud, and tearing up as he showed me framed pictures he treasures. One was of him as a young adult standing next to a 1938 Buick...a very handsome, dapper man I told him so. (continued on next page)

Don told me a story of growing up in Oakland. In 1936 as a high school senior Don and a friend were out one night in his friends old Chevy. The gearbox failed on the way home, so the only gear his friend could find was reverse. There they were driving backward on the road's shoulder when a stranger drove by, honked his horn, waved at them, and then stopped. The driver of the car got out and asked what the trouble was, so the boys told him they were on their way home...in reverse! The man offered to give the boys a ride, as it was late and he did not want their parents to be worried. He was driving a 1936 Buick coupe. The boys said okay. The driver was none other than Max Baer, the boxing heavyweight champion of the world! A huge man, Don wondered how the three of them would fit. Don rode in the middle, his friend of more than 200 pounds rode on the right side of the seat. Poor Don felt squished between these two huge men. Max Baer was every bit the gentlemen, delivering the boys home in style. Don's father had trouble believing this extraordinary story. I don't for this is the stuff that legend is made of. Seventeen year old Don riding beside the greatest boxer that ever was. It is a great story, and now it will live forever in these pages.



We have been looking for a suitable award to be given to the club member who has attended the most events this year. This is one of the awards we were considering but we just don't know if this would be appropriate or not. After all is it alcohol, albeit not just any booze. One of the other items considered is a nice color photo of the board or maybe an 8x10 of our Region President. Another issue is; would the board members be eligible for this award? A one year subscription to the Predictor has been considered but you get that anyway.

Help with this quandary would be appreciated.

FUN FACTS

S. Ross

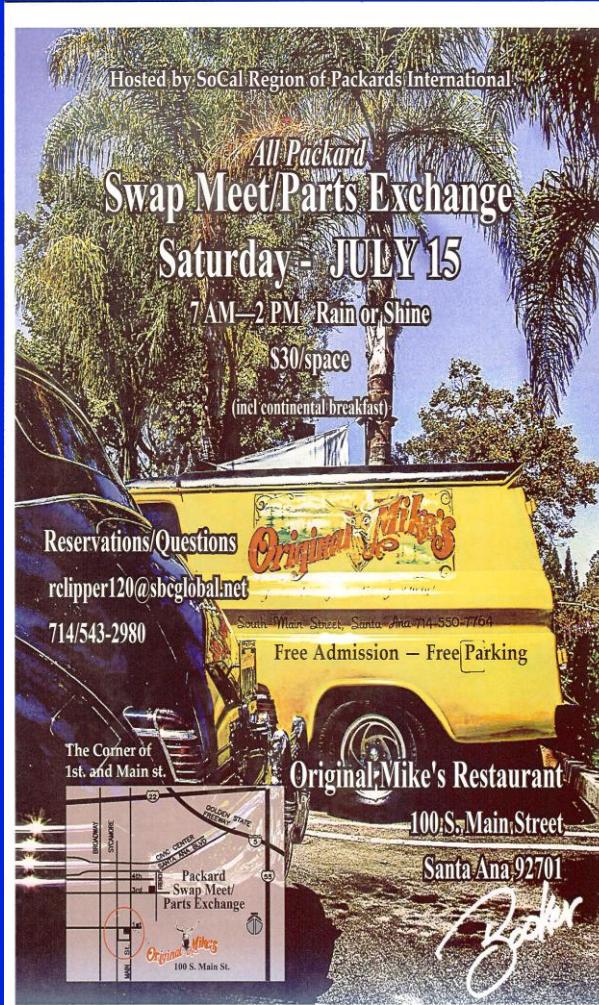
1897: On June 26 in 1897, a 25-year-old London taxi driver named George Smith becomes the first person ever arrested for drunk driving after slamming his cab into a building. Smith later pled guilty and was fined 25 shillings.

1891: Ohio City, Ohio claims the first accident involving a gasoline-powered auto. In 1891, engineer James Lambert was driving one of his inventions, an early gasoline-powered buggy, when he ran into a little trouble. The buggy, also carrying passenger James Swoveland, hit a tree root sticking out of the ground. Lambert lost control and the vehicle swerved and crashed into a hitching post. Both men suffered minor injuries.



1898: Alfred Vacheron took part in the Paris-Rouen race with a Panhard 4 hp model, which he had fitted with a steering wheel. That is believed to be the earliest use of a steering wheel.

SOCAL Swap Meet July 15, 2017



Rallye Rallye July 16, 2017



Meet up at the San Diego Police Museum, 4710 College Ave, San Diego at 9:30am. \$5.00 entry fee per car.

Notify Steve Ross if you plan to attend.
inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925

Mark your calendar (does anyone use a calendar anymore what with smart phones?) for July 16, 2017 for a fun filled, Exciting, breathtaking rallye on some scenic back roads of San Diego County. While motoring and looking for clues the driving teams will be given the opportunity to learn fun facts about our American Heritage. I can feel the excitement now. You may win priceless trophies and other accolades for your powers of observation and eighth grade knowledge of your American History and our heritage.



This is a mid 1900's Bugatti

PACKARD IN THE SPOT LIGHT

by Steve Ross



On our recent road trip, Carol and I attended the Antique Automobile Club of America's (AACA) Annual Grand National in Independence Missouri. This was the first year for awarding the Zenith Award. From the 3300 automobiles judged in 2016 twenty were selected to be judged to receive the Zenith Award. Simply put this is the best-of-the-best award. All of these automobiles were concours "Pebble Beach Quality". In fact, some of them I have seen at Pebble Beach.

San Diego PI member Jack Barton of Gallatin, Missouri was invited to show his 1939 Packard Estate Wagon "Woodie". This Packard has been on the cover of one automobile magazine that I am aware of when it was at a show in Carlsbad, CA a few years ago. I stopped by Jack's hardware store in Gallatin and he told me his Packard had been selected to be considered for the Zenith award. We had planned to go to the event and this put the icing on the cake. Jack also has a near 100 point 160 Woodie in his collection.



Jack's Packard was a runner up for the Zenith award. I would be extremely proud to take home this trophy.

This Packard is for sale if anyone has a desire for a pristine, perfect Packard Estate Sedan. I am not an expert on such matters but I expect this vehicle to demand top dollar.

competition for the Zenith award. Photo on the left is a 1934 1107 and Ralph Marano's 1938 one off Bohman-Schwartz-bodied Packard removable hardtop. The 1934 Packard Twelve was purchased new from the Earl C. Anthony dealership in L.A by a member of the California Spreckels Sugar family. I am sure this Packard was parked at the Del Coronado hotel frequently as the family lived across the street from the Del. The Packard Twelve



on the right is a 1937 Dietrich.



This 1931 Murphy Bodied Packard was the only Packard on the field for the judging.



Winner of the Zenith Award a 1928 Auburn Boat-tail Roadster

Automobiles in the arena ready for the Zenith Award judging

PI San Diego Region

2017 Calendar of Events

Listed below is the 2017 calendar of officially sponsored events by the San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club. Also included are National PI events sponsored by PI headquarters or one of its regions. You must be a member of Packards International Motor Car Club to attend officially sponsored events.

Click on any of the event descriptions shown in blue text to see more information about the location or setting of the tour.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Name/Description</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Tour Director</u>
July	15	SoCal Region Swap Meet	Santa Ana	SoCal Region
July	16	Rallye	San Diego	Steve Ross
Aug	5	Membership Open House at Tim's Place	Point Loma	Tim Pestotnik
Sep	9	<u>Driving Tour Tour to the Ernie Follis Garage</u>	San Marcos	Richard Schauer
Oct	13-15	<u>Driving Tour to Big Bear (Overnight)</u>	Big Bear Lake	Richard Schauer
Nov	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dec	2	<u>San Diego Region Christmas Party</u>	Valley Center	Steve Ross