



THIS MONTH IN OUR PACKARD WORLD

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JUNE 16 CRUISIN GRAND! PACKARD AND PIERCE ARROW NIGHT TO STRUT THEIR STUFF. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS ON THE CRUISIN' GRAND VENUE

Please note: Check our official schedule of events on the last page of this Predictor. All items of interest that you may want to attend are listed. The May Winery tour and Fallbrook Car Show are examples. The Winery tour is our official event for May.

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MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE?



I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU FOR THE LAST TIME, BEFORE TERRIBLE THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN

In the most unlikely event that you have not renewed your membership in our great club, now is the time to get 'er done!!! The thought of not being a part of this wonderful group of Packard enthusiasts is frightening and depressing to me. Not only will you not get the *Predictor* you will not receive the *Packards International Magazine*, nor will you be aware of the fabulous tours and other events the club provides for you and your Packard to enjoy. In addition to all this, you will be missed by all of us and we will wonder how you are and how your vintage Packard is getting along.

Here is how you may stop all these bad things from happening. **Send \$60 (along with the form on the next page) to Karl Ramsing at 1024 Alta Vista Drive, Vista, CA, 92084-5520**

Let's help out our membership chairman this year and renew on time so poor Karl doesn't have to call us 2 or 3 times.

For your convenience a membership application/renewal form is on the next page.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership? _____ Renewal? _____



INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR CLUB

Email: info@packardsinternational.com

Your Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

PI INTERNATIONAL DUES: \$45.00

SAN DIEGO REGION DUES: \$15.00

TOTAL: \$60.00

Payment Method: Check # _____

Send this form along with a check in the amount of \$60 to:

Karl Ramsing, 1024 Alta Vista Drive, Vista, CA, 92084-5520



WE WANT YOU ON OUR CREW!

President's Message

By: Richard Schauer

During winter it seems I simply do not take my Packard out very often. In fact I seldom do for more than 2 months. I can blame our recent storms, but what about past years? Funny how some habits form. Last week I



took the old girl out just for fun, because it felt good, and the weather was too good to stand there seeing the car sound asleep in the garage. Naturally the drive was replete with tooting horns, people waving, smiles, and thumbs up. Whenever we venture out with our wonderful cars that is what awaits us. If you are not doing the same you are really missing out. Please take note of our 2017 calendar of events for there are changes: **March 5** was a KUSI TV promotional spot with Dave Stall touting the **La Jolla Concours**. Michael Dorvillier was the pitch man, and there on the patio of the studio a pre-war and post-war Packard. Next, there is still time for interested parties to make reservations at **Triada Palm Springs**, set to begin Friday **March 24**. Our visit coincides with a huge AACA event, and over 100 cars are expected! What a treat it will be for us to mingle with our collectible car brothers and sisters. The **National City** benefit for **Down syndrome** is changed to Friday **April 14**, reason being the bus that transports the children and adults does not run on Saturdays. This issue of the Predictor includes the registration form for **Motor Cars on Main Coronado**, scheduled for **April 30**. That is always

such a great time, not to mention the wonderful lunch we enjoy at the Hotel Del Coronado, so be sure to sign up soon. A new event just popping up for **July 15** is the summer **All-Packard swap meet**. That event used to be held each June at Cypress High School, was then moved to Original Mike's Restaurant in Santa Ana, and then was cancelled altogether. Well, the June swap meet is back for 2017. Breakfast will be provided for participants, thanks to owner Mike Harrah. There is no fee for this event. We now have a firm date for **Cruisin' Grand**, which will be **June 16** for Packard/Pierce-Arrow night. Thank you Mark for running that to ground. The fall weekend tour to **Lake Arrowhead/Big Bear** is still holding to an **October 13** date, but may in fact move. It turns out fall is a very popular time for young couples to get married up in the beautiful mountain areas, and many of the desirable lodges are full up right up to Thanksgiving. Research is continuing on that, so we must keep you in suspense a while longer. Looking to November notice the **Leo Carrillo Wash & Shine show is cancelled** for this year. Hopefully it will return in the future. Please sit down with your calendar and highlighter and mark down these changes. Look to your Predictor for further updates. When necessary special alert notices will be sent.

By the time you read this the time to register your Packard for the La Jolla Concours D'Elegance will have expired. There is still time to pre-order tickets to the Concours, set for April 9. Attendees will be treated to the finest display of Packard automobiles in San Diego history at one place at one time. Those of us who have registered are in for a fine experience.

Okay, it is time to get up from the computer and go for a drive in your Packard. Take Mama out for ice cream, or just drive around and enjoy the wind on your cheeks. Let me know what's new with you!

SCHAUER & BURNSIDE MAKE PACKARD NEWS ON KUSI TV CHANNEL 9



On the morning of Sunday March 5th, Richard Schauer, Mark Burnside and their Packards were guests on Dave Stall's Morning Auto Segment in support of the La Jolla Concours d'Elegance April 7-9, where Packard will be the featured marque. Richard brought his 1934 5-Passenger Standard 8 Sedan (aka "Money Pit") and Mark brought his 1955 Clipper Custom Touring Sedan (aka "Elvira"). Also appearing in the segment were Michael Dorvillier, Chair of the 2017 Concours and John Solace of Solace Realty, one of the sponsors of the event. Richard and Mark

talked about Packards while Michael gave event details. The segment can be viewed by clicking on this link: <http://www.kusi.com/clip/13151220/annual-la-jolla-concours-delegance-to-feature-classic-packard-automobiles>.

THE 54TH ANNUAL PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEET

Richard Schauer



General Lyon's estate and home of his automobile collection

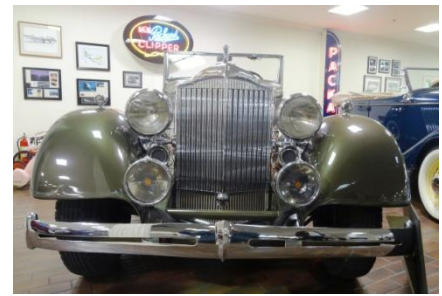
As I write this, the annual P.I. National Membership Meet for 2017 has just concluded. Stalwart people braved the weather to come out and have a good time. Come rain or come shine months of planning were concluded and the events unfolded.



1934 Packard La Baron Boattail Speedster

Friday Feb. 17 was the tour of the General William Lyon personal car collection in Coto de Caza. This was my first time seeing any portion of the Lyon collection and I was under the misimpression that we would be going to the airport to tour the air/auto museum. Wrong. I arrived with friend Wayne Hamilton at the guard shack at the entrance to the huge planned community of Coto de Caza, and drove north to the driveway leading to the Lyon estate. His mansion and property dominates the entire development. Behind the main house is the spacious warehouse/garage housing his personal collection. "Garage" does not really describe this building, which must be at least 10,000 sq. ft., high ceilings, marble floors, dust proofed, UV shielded windows, elegant chandeliers. It is an entirely fitting place to display his approximately half of his abundant collection. The centerpiece dominating the garage entrance is his 1934 Packard Le Baron Boattail

Speedster. Years ago at Pebble Beach I was fortunate to be present when all the LeBaron bodied 12-cylinder speedsters were gathered there on the grass together. It was the first and only time all of them have been together. On April 9th, General Lyon's '34 will adorn the La Jolla Concours. In total four Packard cars were on display, including a '34 super 8 roadster, a 1939 custom bodied 12-cyl limo, and General Lyon's beautiful Darrin. After a careful perusal of the 4 dozen cars it was then fun to decide which car (s) we would bring home if we could. Of course I would be happy to take the '34 convertible. I also fell in love with one of his '29 Duesenbergs (what's not to love there?). But the final one might surprise you: a 1965 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Spider, nicknamed Daytona, which may be the sexiest sports car ever built. It is fun to dream, isn't it (deep sigh)?



PACKARD EYE CANDY

At noon it was time to move along to the Coto de Caza Country Club for a buffet lunch. Sixty-nine people were in attendance on the tour, and drooling over all those exquisite cars worked up quite an appetite with everyone. A cheery and friendly lunch was enjoyed by all. And then it was time for Wayne and me to boogie on out of there, for a powerful Pacific storm was bearing down upon us. We managed to get safely home before it began coming down...perfect timing. For me this was a very impressive visit - the Lyon property, the mansion, and especially the garage and car collection.

SATURDAY CONCOURS AND AWARDS BANQUET

Yes, it was raining, the wind was blowing and it was just not that comfortable for us Southern California boys and girls but, we sucked it up and pressed on. Adversity does not stop PI people. The show went off in fine shape in the parking garage, hot coffee was served and I think a pastry but I cannot recall. I am forbidden from even looking at a pastry as of 1 January, 2017. Judging in the garage may have been an advantage to some as poor lighting may help conceal that minor flaw that stops one from getting the 221 points or so. The Grand Salon Packards were of the most elegant quality, as usual.



Ralph Marano

The awards banquet went off as well as the car show. The Guest speaker was Ralph Marano whom shall forever be known as the guy who owned the Packard that went into the lake at Hilton Head last year. Explanation of how this happened was buried with Jimmie Hoffa. Ralph gave a talk about his collection and how it came to be. He also discussed the difficulty of finding people help to work on cars and mechanical things. We are all familiar with that problem I think. They say a picture is worth a thousand words so here are some more beautiful Packards for viewing pleasure.

PACKARDS IN THE GRAND SALON



1942 formal Sedan, owned by Neil Torrence



1935 convertible Sedan, owned by General Lyon



1929 Convertible Sedan, owner Mike Harrah



1936 120 La Baron Town Car, owner Donnie Crevier

SAN DIEGO REGION PACKARDS IN THE SHOW



Dick Walworth's 1931 5 Passenger Coupe winning third place Pre-war Closed, scoring 224.5 points. This is a very nice Packard and I am sure there is a first place in the future. Competition is tough in these concours. Ask anyone who has gone for the big one and was disappointed.



Robert Escalante's 1940 Model 120 Touring Sedan



Jay Johnson's 1947 7-Passenger Super Custom Clipper



Robert Escalante's 1956 Caribbean



Dick Walworth was not disappointed for long as he won first place in Post War Closed with his 1948 7-Passenger Limousine, scoring 233.5 points. This Packard was sold new by Earl C Anthony to a lady who did not have the ability to walk from birth. She had the Packard specially modified to accommodate her wheel chair. She could roll up the ramp as pictured above, the wheel chair was locked in place and away she went. The Packard was once owned by the late Les Hill of our San Diego Region.

The Awards Banquet on Saturday night featured the annual silent auction fund-raiser for the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio. During dinner, a slide show featuring all cars Packards at the event (both judged and displayed) was displayed. After dinner, awards were handed out and photos of the winning cars appeared on the screen as each winner was announced. Photography and slide shows were done by SD Region members Mark & Sydney Burnside.

To view the PowerPoint slide show of all Packards present at the membership meet [CLICK HERE](#)

To view the PowerPoint slide show of the winning Packards [CLICK HERE](#)

SUNDAY SWAP MEET



Sunday's all-Packard swap meet came off as scheduled around the raindrops. Thank goodness I brought the canopy this time. When the rain really started coming down a number of prospective shoppers sought refuge under the friendly confines of our 10 x 10 cover. The swap meet has a special appeal to me as I see people I have not seen for a year. Plus new contacts are made. Our enthusiastic and intrepid Karl Ramsing signed up four new members and renewed two others! I met John Anderson from Minnesota, who bought Wallace Goldie's 1928 Packard open car. He was eager to discover anything he could about his new acquisition in terms of historical background, particularly with regard to the engine. I introduced John to Jim Woolsey who was able to shed some light on the engine, but not nearly enough to paint a complete picture. Anything is better than nothing. A very ill Paul Santy braved the chill and rain to come,

displaying the San Diego Region inventory of parts. In spite of inclement weather we did manage to sell some parts. Mark Ballerini did not bring his functioning engine stand this year and that decision turned out to be a wise one for many reasons...good call, Mark. Steve Ross stopped by, as did Mark Burnside.

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of Show!

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Limited to 400, Pre-'73 Rods, Customs, Classics & Trucks

WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017 *Rain or Shine!*
WHERE: Isabella & Orange Avenue - Coronado, CA
HOURS: 7AM to 9:30AM (Staging) and 10AM to 3PM (Show)
ENTRY FEE: \$40 per vehicle before April 23. (Includes one T-Shirt, two drawing tickets & dash plaque.) Registration after April 23 or at the event, IF AVAILABLE, is \$45 & does not include a shirt. **ENTRANTS WHO WISH TO PARK TOGETHER MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER!**



Register on line at www.CoronadoMainStreet.com or

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AND RETURN BOTTOM HALF

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ENTRY CATEGORIES:

All entries will be judged for Best of Show, "Bad to the Bone", largest Club Participation, Coronado Mayor's Choice (Coronado residents only) in addition to ONE category below:

Check One:

CONVERTIBLE:

____ Original &/or Restored 1972 & Older
____ Modified 1972 & Older
____ Street Rod 1972 & Older

TRUCK:

____ Original &/or Restored 1972 & Older
____ Modified 1972 & Older
____ Street Rod 1972 & Older

ALL OTHER VEHICLES:

Original &/or Restored:

____ 1945 & Older
____ 1946 to 1959
____ 1960 to 1972

Modified:

____ 1945 & Older
____ 1946 to 1959
____ 1960 to 1972

Street Rod:

____ 1954 & Older
____ 1955 to 1972

Hot Rod - "Real Steel"

____ (1940 & Older)

Replica/Kit

Judging will be compiled on a 75 point system divided between 1) Paint & Body; 2) Interior; and 3) Engine. NOTE: Engine compartment must be left open by owner to be judged. Vehicles displaying "For Sale" signs will not be judged.

Please Print:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Vehicle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Phone # _____ Car Club(s) _____

Select T-Shirt Size (one free per pre-registration):

Pre-order additional T-Shirt(s):
S-XL \$20 ea; 2X \$22 ea; 3X \$24 ea

S	M	L	XL	2X	3X
S	M	L	XL	2X	3X

Please read and sign: As a participant in Motorcars on MainStreet 2017, the undersigned agrees to hold harmless Coronado MainStreet Ltd., the City of Coronado and/or any representative associated with Motorcars on MainStreet 2017 from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims of any kind whatsoever that may be suffered by/from any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to Coronado MainStreet Ltd. & mail to: 1013 Park Place Coronado, CA 92118 Attn: MotorCars

Spring Tour to Palm Springs

March 24-26, 2017

Join your friends in the Packard Club for a trip to Palm Springs March 24 (Friday) through March 26 (Sunday), 2017! Back by popular demand we will once again visit the [Triada Hotel Palm Springs](#) at a nightly rate of \$200/night plus tax, with a two night minimum. Built in 1929 and formerly known as the Spanish Inn, Triada has historical significance because it was frequented by the rich and famous in Hollywood's heyday and was once owned by actor Alan Ladd (you can visit Liz Taylor's room). Triada is located in the historical Movie Colony neighborhood. The room rate is held for Packard Club members for a limited number of rooms. Interested parties are urged to respond quickly. This weekend promises to be an excellent opportunity for all of us as it coincides with the Antique Car Club of America's Western Meet for 2017. Several hundred cars are expected in town for that Meet, according to their national office. More on that as the weekend approaches.

The plan is for everyone to arrive at Triada Friday afternoon March 24, 2017. Check-in time is 4:00. Members wishing to go are urged to call Triada direct to secure a room. Caravans are encouraged, and are always enjoyable, but certainly not required. Triada has a secured underground garage to house our Packards, and owners once again will be allowed to park their cars.

The weekend schedule is intentionally flexible, as it was last year. Everyone will receive a map of the Movie Colony section of Palm Springs, which is a self-guided walking tour commencing right outside the Triada Hotel or you can drive and take in more of the stars' homes. After the walking tour lunch will be at Billy Reed's Restaurant, famous for its chicken pot pie and Boston Cream Pie. Dinner will be at Melvyn's, former home of the owner of the Pierce Arrow Automobile Company now a restaurant and conference facility. We see another fun weekend event!

Checkout time is 11:00 am Sunday.

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY! To make reservations, please contact Weekend Coordinator Tim Pestotnik (email: tim@pestotnik.com) to let him know, and whether you will bring your Packard or other notable car. Be sure to make your reservation directly at the Triada by phone with JESSICA RUIZ - SALES

ASSOCIATE

Phone Number for Jessica 760-844-7000. When operator answers ask for Jessica

(760)424-3701

jruiz@pacificahost.com

Be sure to ask for the Packard Club Room Rate of \$200/night.

Community Outreach

National City Brickrow

Friday April 14, 2017, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



Brick Row 1911



Brick Row today

The ladies of the National City Historical Association are holding a fund raiser event to benefit elderly residents of the community and a Down syndrome charity. Open to the public the ladies will welcome guests dressed in their stunning Victorian costumes. Tours will be held and food will be available. Topping it off will be a collection of collector cars dominated by Packard. Members do not need to sign up, and there is no fee. Lunch will be provided for those who generously bring their cars. We appreciate this opportunity to give back to the community, so hopefully there will be an enthusiastic turnout. Packards will park in the center of Heritage Park.

Address: 940 A Street, National City CA 91950

Time: Packards are requested to arrive at 9:45, prior to open time to the general public

Tour Director: Richard Schauer.
Call 760-740-9188 with questions or email packard1934@sbcglobal.net

RSVP: to Richard Schauer at (760) 740-9188 or at email: packard1934@sbcglobal.net NLT Friday February 5.



La Jolla Concours d'Elegance



Calling all Packards! The premiere event to showcase our Packards is scheduled for April 7-9, 2017. This venue eclipses all other scheduled events in terms of exposure, location, and public interest. We would be remiss in our duties if we were to walk away from it. Indeed, the goal is to present a collection of Packards on the grass at the Cove unlike has ever been seen before.

Space is limited. Members are urged to sign up promptly so as not to lose out. Two ways are available to show your Packard: 1) Pre-register at the \$275 level using the on-line form found at www.lajollaconcours.com. Use this form if you plan to show your car on the grass at the Cove. You may select "Judged" or "Display Only" categories. 2) Register at the Motor Car Classics section. This will admit your car to the Packard Car Corral at the \$175 level. This special offer for our members includes a tent, tables, chairs, bottled water, and one prize for the "best car", as determined by car corral participants using whatever rules you want to use. Admission includes the VIP supper at the Cove Saturday evening for 2, admission to the Concours Sunday April 9, and the luncheon. Members who wish may drive their Packards to the Cove Saturday evening and park them on Coastline Boulevard directly in front of the VIP dinner, thus giving guests a preview of what they will see next day. Afterward, if you wish, your Packard may be left in an underground, lit, secured garage for the night at no charge. Sunday morning you would then retrieve your car and drive it 150 yards to the Packard corral.

Note: The San Diego Region Board voted to reimburse you for a portion of the registration fee: \$45 for the Concours and \$25 for the Motorcar Classics, payable on or after April 9.

If enough Packards register, we have been guaranteed dedicated judged categories for our cars: Pre-War Open, Pre-War Closed, Post-War Open, and Post-War Closed. Note: CCCA rules are used when admitting cars, meaning the cut-off is 1950.

Let's show 'em what we've got: Packard is quite simply the most elegant and desirable luxury car in the world.

SATURDAY MAY 13, 2017



Ron Steffey has invited us to his home for the kick off tour of the wineries of Temecula Valley. We will visit a few vineyards and have lunch at one the wineries selected by Ron. The drive is relaxing and the scenery is great.

The particulars are: WHEN: Saturday May 13, 2017

TIME: 10:00 am

WHERE: 11876 Rancho Heights Rd., Pala, Ca.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND BY CONTACTING RON STEFFEY NO LATER THAN MAY 11, 2017 AT ccaptron@aol.com OR 760-742-8964

JUST FOR FUN AND FAST FACTS

1898: Dr. Truman Martin of Buffalo, New York purchases first auto insurance policy. \$5,000 in liability coverage costs him \$12.95. The policy was sold to the Dr. by the Travelers Insurance Company.

1869: An Irish Lady named Mary Ward is the first person killed in horseless carriage vehicle (No it did not happen on St Patrick's Day). She was thrown from the stream powered vehicle as it negotiated a curve and was run over by the rear wheel, breaking her neck killing her instantly. So much for luck of the Irish. Although Mary gained fame by being killed by an automobile, using the term loosely, she was a noted scientist and one of the very, very few women scientists of the time. Photo courtesy of Wikipedia



1909: The first official White House car is a 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft. Congress objected to the purchase due to cost and safety. I wonder if they heard about Mary's unfortunate demise. Congress approved \$12,000 for the purchase of presidential automobiles. Taft purchased a White Steamer and a Six Cylinder Pierce-Arrow.





No one has yet submitted the identify of this automobile so here is the answer: It is a 1934 Terraplane Convertible. Amelia Earhart owned a few Terraplanes as did her navigator Fred Noonan

PI San Diego Region

2017 Calendar of Events

Listed below is the 2017 calendar of events for 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>
Mar	24-26	Driving Tour to Palm Springs (Overnight)	Palm Springs	Tim Pestotnik
Apr	7-9	La Jolla Concours D'Elegance	La Jolla	Richard Schauer
	14	Down's Syndrome Charity Car Show Fund Raiser	National City	Richard Schauer
	30	Motorcars on Main Street Car Show	Coronado	Richard Schauer
May	13	Wine Tasting Tour	Temecula	Ron Steffey
	28	Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Show	Fallbrook	Richard Schauer
June	16	Packards on Dave Stall's Morning Show KUSI	San Diego	Richard Schauer
		Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night @ Cruisin' Grand	Escondido	Mark Burnside
July	4	4th of July Parade Honoring War Heroes	Coronado	Richard Schauer
	15	SoCal Region Swap Meet	Santa Ana	SoCal Region
Aug	5	Membership Open House at Tim's Place	Point Loma	Tim Pestotnik
Sep	9	Driving Tour Tour to Ernie Follis Garage	San Marcos	Richard Schauer
Oct	13-15	Driving Tour to Big Bear (Overnight)	Big Bear Lake	Richard Schauer
Nov	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dec	2	SD Region Christmas Party	Valley Center	Steve Ross
Jan (2018)	1	Brunch at Hotel Del Coronado	San Diego	Steve Ross