



THE PREDICTOR

PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR CLUB
- SAN DIEGO REGION -



THIS MONTH IN OUR PACKARD WORLD

Note date change to Sunday May 21 for the Temecula Winery Tour.
(See page 10.) The date was changed to accommodate the Memorial Tour in honor of Connie McNeil, a longtime member of the San Diego Region.

- **JUNE 16 IS CRUISIN' GRAND! THE PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW NIGHT TO STRUT THEIR STUFF. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR EVENTS ON THE CRUISIN' GRAND VENUE. Page 14.**
- **Coronado Fourth of July Parade. Packards will be transporting honored WWII Military Veterans.**
- **SOCAL Swap meet July 15, 2017 at Mike Harrah's, page 13. July 16, 2017 Rallye/Tour in South County. Stay tuned for more information.**
- **Open house at Tim's place August 5, stay tuned for breaking news**
- **We are sure you have noted that more than one event is advertised in your Predictor. The first event mentioned in the annual schedule is the "Main Event". The others are for your information to use as you like. Oh, by the way, if there is something you would like to do, contact any board member and we can make it happen, usually.**
- **Our board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Marie Callendar's, 515 13th St, Escondido CA at 7:00 pm**

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CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE PACKARD AUTOMOBILES THE FEATURED MARQUEE



It will undoubtedly be quite sometime before this many Packards are gathered in one place at the same time in San Diego and certainly not of this quality of these Packards. (There is one other location in San Diego County where Packards congregate annually and that is in Escondido, CA at Cruisin' Grand. This year it is June 16th.)

Since Packards were the featured brand this year, we were invited to participate in all of the weekend happenings. The first command performance was Tuesday June 4th at 0430 hrs, or 4 in the morning, for an appearance on CBS 8, filmed in La Jolla. Led by our fearless President Richard Schauer there were three more Packards drivers that evidently could not sleep. The dawn patrol operation quickly reminded me of my Navy days of hurry up and wait. Even though all of us are now seasoned early morning TV show people the tension is still there. Our band of Packard Brothers and Sisters got a lead on a coffee shop that was supposed to be open. There was apprehension among some of us as we weren't sure when we were scheduled to be on. Of course, the coffee shop was further than we were told it was and it was not open but the owner was inside and opened up for us. We grabbed our coffee and hiked back to our cars where we waited for a looong time for our first appearance.

The dawn patrol Packards. Photos taken by streetlight at about 4:45. Marjo's 1948 Station Sedan, Tom O'Hara's 1934 Convertible Sedan and President Schauer's 1934 Touring Sedan. All major award winners. The Yellow Packard trying to remain inconspicuous is none other Buttercup. Might as well get it over with now. The Yellow Peril made an appearance during this gala special weekend of Packard honors and AAA had to come to the rescue.



Moving right along, the Concours Chairman and some sponsors were interviewed as we waited for our fifteen seconds of fame



Left: The beautiful TV personality Ashley Jacobs is immediately drawn to the two Chick Magnets (Steve Ross and Tom O'Hara).



Right: Richard getting Photo of Marjo before we depart.

Since we never know what the format is for these appearance such as: "Are we going to be asked questions?" and "If so, about what?". One assumes it will be about the car. This being the case we think about what we are going to say, usually. We are told to stand by our cars and be ready, oh and we are ready as we have been waiting for about two hours. Ashley and her film crew descend upon us with our president being the first to be interviewed. Richard is ready and apparently he had a prepared statement as after he told Ashley the year and model of his Packard he was proceeding to comment on Tom O'Hara's Packard. The problem was Ashley and her film crew had moved on, leaving Richard mid-sentence. I swear to God we thought Richard was going to follow her or maybe grab the mic. All this happened in about ten seconds but it seemed much longer than that. The rest of us, thanks to Richard had a very short statement. The TV interview went very quickly and that was a wrap. Ya had to be there. Ashley is married to a United States Marine according to her bio.



I was asked by the sponsor of the Tour d'Elegance Breakfast, John Shannon of Solace Realty, if he, his wife, and mother could ride in my Packard on the tour! I immediately said yes and then thought of the Yellow Peril showing up but no guts no Air Medal. I arrived on time Saturday morning, early of course as nothing associated with a car show starts after dawn it seems. It turns out that John's father was a collector of British MGs and apparently his Mother still has them in the garage where they have been sitting for many years now. John is not a car guy yet but, he has been exposed.

Gathering for the tour at symbolic Motors



My sponsor John Shannon, wife Niloofar, John's mother Virginia and Virginia with Dr. Greenfield's award winning Packard. There were numerous very nice Packards on the tour and I was surprised my Packard was selected. John and family, except for Virginia were a bit apprehensive about the old car, brakes, seatbelts and safety issues. They were actually quite surprised at the comfort of the car, handling, braking etc. John commented several times about how good the brakes were.

Packards ready to be viewed and appreciated. There were twenty six Packards entered in the Concours



The San Diego Region had eleven Packards in the big show. Ten of our San Diego Region members entered their Packard in the judging and four won an award!

Three more Packards were entered in the Classic Display: Steve Ross, Fred Puhn and our loyal scribe Brian Wagner were

"on the street" as they say. Buttercup's show days are long past without getting a face-lift. The Packards were permitted to join the Porsche Club, Rolls Royce and Bentleys. No other automobile was allowed to park with us. We were parked at the very top of the street as far away from the action as possible. We finally got parked and joined our "Buds" on the grass and acted like we belonged there.

Below: Tim Pestotnik has spotted something or someone. The cormorant with all the ribbons hanging on it is a major winner. Blue is a first and red is a third. More about this Packard later.



L to R: Rick Habicht, Karl Ramsing, Paul Santy and Brian Wagner

Karl Ramsing and Brian Wagner confer next to a very nice Packard.



The face of a winner. Tom O'Hara and his '34 Convertible Sedan take home yet another trophy. Tom may have won more trophies than anyone in our club

The San Diego Region of PI has fared very well at the concours over the past few years and this year was no exception. One of the concours judges was Packards International member (and Head Judge) Tom Scheil.



Tom Scheil and guest, Steve and Carol Ross and San Diego member Jay Johnson at the Saturday night party.



One of the many lovely ladies serving a variety of libations and exotic fruit beverages during the show.



Packard Doctor K. Ramsing stands ready for consultation if needed.



Tom O'Hara's 1934 convertible Sedan has a red ribbon signifying a winner



Above: Dr Richard Greenfield debuted his 1926 336 Runabout and took home second place in class. We were excited to see this beauty. Dr Greenfield has been laboring to get the Packard ready for quite some time. Aren't we all familiar with that? I am sure we will be seeing more of Richard and his Packard in the future.

Below: Dick Walworth has the first place blue ribbon for his 1931 5-passenger Coupe. He is on his way to pick the Trophy



1912 Model 30 Racer. The tire were a bit worn and were soft rubber racing tires, leading me to believe this Packard is still racing, probably in vintage races.

San Diego Region Vice President, Tim Pestotnik's 1934 Roadster



Jay Johnson's 1937 Convertible



Terry Kaplan with his 1937 Twelve Dual Cowl Phaeton.



Dick Walworth's 1948 Wheel Chair Equipped Limo



Karl Ramsing's 1929 Roadster. Karl is telling the lady about his Packard

Below on the left is a 1927 Murphy Body Convertible owned by the Stephens Family and was award the Chairman's Trophy. This was an impressive Packard and the photo does not do it justice. Next to it is the General Lyons 1934 Twelve Runabout Speedster "Boattail" Roadster. This is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful Packards made and is definitely my favorite. It was awarded the Philip Wichard Memorial Trophy.



This 1954 Caribbean Convertible was award the Mayor's Trophy.



1942 Formal Sedan won first place in class.

Chris Collins' 1929 Deluxe Eight Dual Cowl Phaeton by Dietrich was awarded the Third Place Trophy



President Schauer's 1934 Touring Sedan



The Randy Carlson 1934 Super Eight Touring Sedan "The Family 34". This Packard was bought by Randy's Father and was sold. The family lost track of it, however, Randy found out who the owner was fairly recently and bought it back. The car is still original and back with its original owner's family. The Packard was awarded the HVA Trophy for Best Preserved Vehicle. Randy also received the Third Place Trophy in class. We are looking forward to meeting Randy and learning more of the story of this Packard.





Jim Woolsey says they went that way. Hidden behind Jim is Tom O'Hara



Harry Clark's 1928 Phaeton

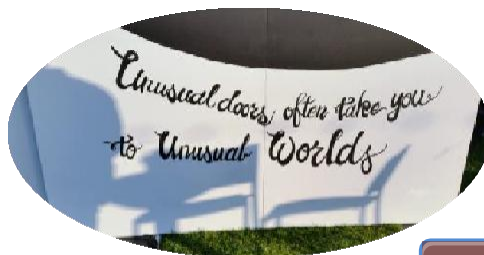
1912 Twin-Six owned by the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Delivered new in San Diego



1937 Twelve Convertible Roadster



Jim and Tim discussing the next project.



Thank you President Richard for leading us through the wickets and arranging this incredible weekend.

President's Message

By Richard Schauer

ON MOTHERS DAY TAKE MOM TO DINNER IN THE PACKARD



By the time you read this April will be behind us. Are you exhausted yet? In the first 4 months of 2017 we have done four car shows two community outreach events, three out of town activities, and an assortment of media appearances. Whew! If you are not tired you are clearly not driving your Packard fast enough.

But what a first third of 2017 we have had. The La Jolla Concours was a huge success. I assign that value based on the incredible field of Packard cars displayed at the Cove on April 9. Everyone attending was treated to a fine Packard representation indeed. Next, I can still hear the rich harmonies of the Tremble Clefs and get Goosebumps when I think of their great courage. At National City the sweet faces of the handicapped adults at the Easter event tug at my heartstrings still. These are high on the list of things we live for, right? Bringing our Packard cars out to enrich such events? Youbetcha. Our final event of the month is April 30 at Coronado, and four members are

confirmed to attend. Packard cars have taken home the top prize three of the last six years, a remarkable feat.

By now you know I take great pride in broadcasting what I call "victories" achieved by our members. Mainly a victory is when a member gets his Packard back on the road again. This always happens after a large expenditure of energy, sweat, angst, and treasury...and time. Those of you who attended the La Jolla Concours saw Dr. Richard Greenfield's 1927 Third series Runabout. Beaming with pride Dr. Greenfield justifiably stood beside his charge and won second prize in the Packard Open class. Scott Napora is next. Four years after his catastrophic engine failure Scott debuted his 1930 model 726 sedan at the April 14 National City Easter benefit. Please see the article on that event later in this issue. Two proud papas puffed out their chests beside their beautiful cars, and justifiably so. We rejoice in these crowning achievements, and look eagerly for more. Yes, more are on their way, but I will have to leave you with this teaser for now.

Our 2017 schedule keeps right on rolling. Mark your calendar for Saturday May 13, which is our next wine tasting tour in Temecula. Once again Ron Steffey's house will be the gathering place prior to launch. This is always a popular event, and time is getting short, so please let us know that you will come (see the flier in this issue). June 16 is Packard/Pierce-Arrow night at Cruisin' Grand. It is the second most popularly acclaimed event of the six month long season. Please sign up for CG at your earliest convenience...don't forget!

Soon information will be disseminated on improvements to our San Diego Region web site. Mark Burnside, ever looking for a better mouse trap, is working even now to upgrade/modernize our already superior on-line information center. Please stay tuned.

I love sharing Packard stories. An elderly gentleman stopped to talk with me at Cruisin' Grand a couple weeks ago. His face was aglow admiring my '34 as he reflected on his youth. As a young boy in Michigan his grandfather owned a farm, and on that farm he operated a still. And he owned a Packard. The man recounted how during summer visits he would on occasion see his grandfather drive away with the back seat packed with boxes of moonshine, on its way to be delivered to eager customers...for medicinal purposes I'm sure. This is not the first time a Packard story has been conveyed including moonshine. Nothing but the best, right? Meantime, keep on driving your Packard. And if you are delivering moonshine make sure you drive faster than the revenue officers.

Wine Tasting Tour of Temecula Saturday May 21, 2017

By Richard Schauer



The ever popular Temecula wine country tour is right around the corner. This is always a hugely popular event, so please sign up today! Ron Steffey once again welcomes us to his home as a gathering point prior to launching into the wine country.



The plan is similar to prior tours. After a brief visit at Ron's we will depart for the Faulkner Winery, where we will have lunch followed by a visit to their tasting room. Another popular winery will follow, and perhaps two, time permitting. At Faulkner Packard club participants will enjoy a two-for-one wine tasting discount. A dedicated area will be set up outside for our group. Nothing but the best for our members I always say. Weather is always great up there this time of year, so please do not miss out.

Note: there is **no signup fee** for this event. Each person is responsible for their lunch cost and tasting charges.

Note 1: Caravan opportunity: interested members are invited to meet at the Park & Ride at Hwy 76 and Old Highway 395 at 9:00 a.m. Friends are welcome, as always. The caravan will depart promptly at 9:10 for Ron's, using old Highway 395 nearly the entire way. The plan is to arrive around 10:00. We will enjoy snacks and beverages while admiring the Steffey collection. At 11:30 sharp we will head out to the Temecula wine country, the first stop being Faulkner. Dress is casual.

Note 2: Members not wishing to caravan may drive direct to the Steffey house. Please plan to arrive around 10:00.

Ron Steffey, 11876 Rancho Heights Rd, Pala, Ca. 92059, 702 523-0850

Note 3: At the security gate use the Call Box, scroll down for Steffey and press "Call".

While there is no charge for this event, reservations are required at Faulkner. Please notify Ron Steffey if you plan to attend and the number in your party. Telephone or email Ron at: ccaptron@aol.com

Hold Harmless Agreement (please print, sign, and bring to event)

The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in the Packards International San Diego Region Temecula Wine Tasting Tour to be held Sunday May 21, 2017 does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned registrant hereby acknowledges possession of suitable vehicle insurance. Further, the registrant and his/her guests at said meet hereby assume liability for, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Packards International Motor Car Club and its regions, members, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, invitees, and assigns from and against any and all liabilities arising from said event. The undersigned holds the aforementioned harmless and indemnifies them against judgments whatsoever arising, directly or indirectly, out of, or in connection with, participation in said event.

Agreed and Signed by (guardian if under 18)
Date_____

The waiver can be turned in to Richard Schauer at the caravan point or at the Steffey's. See you there!!!!

National City Brick Row Benefit for Down Syndrome



For the third time in four months, our club has proudly supported a community outreach event. One might ask if we aren't getting tired of these types of events. My personal feeling is no way are these types of events getting "old". Can one get tired of "giving"? If you are that type of person you never really tire of giving of yourself. Each event has its own special gifts, meaning those things you take away that stick with you and make it time well spent. This one is no different. Lady Janice Martinelli and the National City Historical Society planned and carried out this event with their usual first rate style. We have her and her staff to thank for this great day.

Left: The Easter Bunny with Janice Martinelli, Fred Puhn, Mark Burnside, Steve Ross, Richard Schauer and Mateo Antonio

Benefitting from the event was ARC, a non-profit organization that supports and houses mentally and physically handicapped adults. We have Yolanda Sepulveda to thank as well for bringing her charges to Brick Row for the Easter celebration. Beneficiaries of ARC are many with Down syndrome. Others included the deaf and

people with physical and mental challenges.

Lady Janice's sister drove down from LA to dress up as the Easter Bunny. It must have been odd for others on the highway to see the Easter bunny passing them by at 70 mph. Just kidding; I am sure she changed into her costume at Brick Row...at least I hope so. She was a special-ed teacher once upon a time and handled the "kids" just fine. Each of the "kids" was thrilled to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Not to be left out, we, too, surrounded her for a group photo...nice. Attending the event were five members, including Steve Ross with Buttercup, Fred Puhn with his 1950 sedan, Mark Burnside behind the wheel of Elvira, Schauer brought his '34 sedan, and Scott Napora drove in with his 1930 model 726 sedan.

I learned a great deal about special needs people April 14. One tall and handsome young man had the age development of a 7-8 year old. I heard him conversing in Spanish to a friend and then in mid-sentence he switched to perfect English. I can't do that. Another young man preferred to be alone, sitting at a table by himself quietly looking down. A contest was held where the young people made Easter hats for themselves using newspaper and clever/cute glue-on figures, feathers, and balloons. Chrissy Fuller of the Historical Society headed up the judging committee, which was comprised of her, my wife Karen, and me. One of the top 3 hats belonged to this very lonesome looking young man. When he heard his name called he looked up, a smile brightened his whole face, and he walked up to claim his prize, which was a small toy. Then he returned to his table, looked down, and became quiet once again. Another lady of perhaps 50 years of age named Marcella won best prize in the hat contest. Sweet, gentle, pretty, and very polite, she came to

introduce herself to me at least four times, offering her hand. What a sweetheart.

Adding to the festivities was an egg decorating contest followed by an Easter egg hunt. The ladies of the historical society hid 500 plastic eggs. The kids were



Richard's Presidential Packard in the company of Elvira the Burnside Packard



very excited running around gathering eggs and proudly showed their booty to all of us. Lunch followed, topped off by ice cream cones provided by Niederfrank's in National City. The ice cream alone made the trip from Escondido worthwhile.

One of the most charming moments came early on. Upon arriving Karen and I were greeted by one of the Historical Society's fine ladies, who we shall call Lady R. Fortright and pleasant she welcomed us with a bright smile, shook hands, and asked what kind of car ours was. Why it was a 1934 Packard, we replied. Oh, Lady R, said, I was born in 1937, and had just celebrated her 80th birthday.

She was clearly pleased to be younger than our Packard. And what of the car next to ours...was it a Mercury? Nope, it was a 1955 Packard belonging to Mark Burnside. In fact all 5 cars were Packards. She then smiled, winked, and announced that in 1953 she was laid in a Packard. Karen, who is a bit hard of hearing was not certain she heard Lady R correctly, so she asked



"You wha-a-t?" "I said I got laid in a Packard in 1953. You should try it!" Without a doubt that was the surprise of the day. Laugh, I thought I would die, while Karen was a distinct shade of red in the face. Lady R is still going strong. In August she is driving to eastern Oregon with family on a camping trip to see the August 21 total solar eclipse. This lady is working hard on her bucket list...and really knows how to live!

I draw attention to Scott Napora. After a painful four years, Scott took his Packard out for its first test drive last January.



Success followed success, resulting in Scott proudly debuting his newly restored Packard at this event. Scott looked every bit the proud papa, and I was fortunate enough to be offered a ride in his car. The machine shop that did work on his engine was close by. The employees were thrilled to see the finished product and posed happily beside the Packard. When one of our members scores a victory we all celebrate. Reading this, I hope everyone shares the joy of seeing Scott's car back in working order.

Left and below: Scott Napora arriving in his 1930 touring Sedan. Welcome back on the road, Scott!



Fred Puhn's 1950 Deluxe Sedan

Karen and Richard Schauer, Mark Burnside, Steve Ross and Mateo Antonio. Note Easter Bunny lurking in the background.



RALLYE RALLYE JULY 16, 2017



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

SOCAL Swap Meet, July 15, 2017



Hosted by SoCal Region of Packards International

All-Packard Swap Meet/Parts Exchange

Saturday - JULY 15
7 AM—2 PM - Rain or Shine
\$30/space
(incl continental breakfast)

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PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW DAY @ ESCONDIDO'S CRUISIN' GRAND™

Friday June 16, 2017

Our region's annual flagship event, [Packard/Pierce-Arrow Day](#) at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand is right around the corner. Once again, we have secured the Friday closest to the Summer Solstice in order to maximize the amount of daylight we have before heading home while lighting the road with our 6-volt headlights. The date is **F r i d a y** June 16th. You and your Packard or Pierce-Arrow are invited and encouraged to attend this **FREE** event.

As we do every year, we are extending a cordial invitation to our neighbors to the north, the [SoCal Region of PI](#) as well as to the Southern California Region of the [Pierce-Arrow Society](#).

Here's the schedule:



9:00 am - Be at TV station KUSI, 4575 Viewridge Avenue, San Diego, with your classic ride for Dave Stall's morning car segment on the [Good Morning San Diego](#) Program. Dave will choose and interview several owners about their cars and their history. One never knows who he will pick to talk to.

7:00 am - We all head to the nearby [Studio Diner](#) at 4701 Ruffin Road, San Diego for a group breakfast.

3:00 pm - We meet up at [Japaleño Grill & Cantina](#) at 503 West Grand Avenue, Escondido for a free beverage and appetizer. The Board of Directors of the Packards International San Diego Region has agreed that our club's treasury will sponsor this event of the day. Expect to spend a leisurely late afternoon swapping stories and talking Packard stuff. Then we'll leave by 4:30 to go form-up for the parade.

By 4:45 pm - Have your classic at the corner of East 4th Avenue & South Ivy Street, Escondido to form up for the ***Parade of Packards & Pierce-Arrows*** down Grand Avenue

5:00 pm - The ***Parade of Packards and Pierce-Arrows*** begins. Parade cars will be single file in **y e a r** order. Oldest car leads the parade. Of the 26 Cruisin' Grand events held every year, this is the only parade of cars prior to the start of the event. In past years we had a motorcycle police escort courtesy of the [Escondido Police Department](#). We have requested the escort again this year and hope to have confirmation soon.

5:15 pm to 9:00 pm - Your classic buggy is on display on South Broadway for the public to see, appreciate, and admire. Once again, the *PI San Diego Region Board of Directors* is planning all the niceties that add to the evening: People's Choice Award voting by the public, windshield placards for all pre-registered cars, parking in year order, a staffed information booth, and more. The presentation of the People's Choice Award will be made by Steve Waldron, Cruisin' Grand Founder and Organizer, at the 8:00 Awards Ceremony. Expect LOTS of questions from the admiring public. (Like: Who made Packards? Is this a hearse? Are you the original owner? When did Mercedes stop making Packards? How do you shift it? etc.)

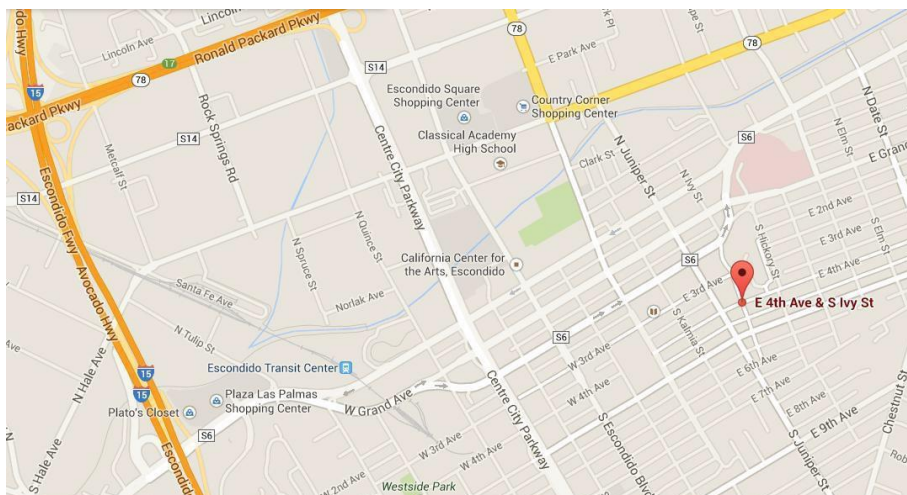
HOW TO REGISTER FOR PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW DAY AT CRUISIN' GRAND:

We have made it very easy for you to do online registration of your Packard or Pierce-Arrow for any or all of the day's events. All you have to do is click on the blue link below and fill in the blanks. Once done, click on "I AGREE" and you are all signed up! No snail-mail needed or required.

www.PackardSanDiego.com/cruisin-grand

Other fun facts and items of note about this year's event:

- 1) All Packards and Pierce Arrows are invited to attend all of the day's activities. There is no charge or registration fee. Membership in PI (or any region of PI) is NOT required. Please forward this to ANYONE you know who owns a Packard or Pierce Arrow. Also note that only Packards and Pierce-Arrows can be accommodated at KUSI, in the parade, and at Cruisin' Grand. We do, however, require every Packard and Pierce-Arrow owner to register prior to the event (see above).
- 2) We will be parking in a special roped-off area of South Broadway. We need to have at least 25 Packards and Pierce-Arrows at the event to maintain this area exclusive to our makes. Fewer than 25 cars means that Cruisin' Grand event organizers can allow non-Packards and non-Pierce-Arrows to park in our space. We fervently want to avoid the shame and indignity associated with such an undesirable outcome.
- 3) You will be on your own for dinner. There are many nice restaurants along Grand Avenue - from \$ to \$\$\$\$.
- 4) ***Cruisin' Grand™*** is a weekly cruise-in sponsored by the City of Escondido - held every Friday night from the first Friday in April to the last Friday in September. On each Friday a classic vehicle organization is invited to display their vehicles in a special roped-off area for the evening. This event is special: It's an incredible outreach opportunity for us to present our classic motorcars to a (very) interested public. Out of the 26 Cruisin' Grand events held each year, *Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night* ranks a solid #3 in public interest (behind *Nitro Night* and *Fire Truck Night*). Attendance for Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night in previous years has been estimated at 5,000+. With this kind of interest and enthusiasm from the public, it only makes sense for us to mobilize every roadworthy Packard and Pierce-Arrow for the event. We sincerely hope that you will join us!



THE BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS

S. Ross



The premier car show in San Diego is the La Jolla Concours d'Elegance. La Jolla Boulevard is one of the main roads leading to the show area. Men and women of all ages, beliefs, and life experiences are drawn together for but one reason; to show off their automobile and take home an award in recognition for their blood, sweat, money, tears, stress and effort. Their automobiles are of just about every make, model and year ranging from the late 1800's to the 1960's. At dawn on show day they travel down the boulevard full of high hopes and anticipation, knowing that their automobile is ready! After being directed to their parking spot the owners hit the grass running with spray wax, various brands of detailing concoctions and a large bundle of pristine rags. Even though the automobile is spotless, they commence to applying the aforementioned potions, wiping everything off once more. It's a wonder the paint isn't rubbed off. Many of the entrants walk the field and see what the competition is and may begin to have some trepidation. This feeling usually goes away as we think that we have a shot at a trophy. Only the very weak give up and say, "I ain't got a chance".

The judges finally show up and peer into the innermost private areas of our pride and joy. They wipe, wiggle, poke, touch, they crawl under the car to look at her chassis (how rude) and mumble stuff we can't hear. Then they huddle together and talk. This is like being in the hospital and several doctors look at you and then walk



just far enough away so you can't hear what they are saying. We say to ourselves "Oh My God what did they find"?! Initially we just assume it is something bad but after awhile we decide, it was probably nothing important. Many of us spend the time until the awards ceremony begins

debating what the judges may have been discussing. By the time the awards ceremony begins, which always seems to start much later than we expected; the constants are usually in one of in three states of mind, they believe they still have a shot at winning, maybe not first but something, it would be nice to win but I really don't care (don't ever believe this if you hear it said), and finally given up completely, don't have a chance, don't even know why I came to this show in the first place. Those of us who don't like all of these terrible states of mind enter our cars in the not judged or display only category. Yeah, I know no guts



Now most everyone knows that in a show, out of all those cars only a very few are going to gain official recognition or a trophy. Less than ten percent is a figure I have heard. Of all the cars in your class only three, usually, are going to win anything. This phenomenon occurs at every Concours d'Elegance around the world and every venue has the equivalent of a La Jolla Blvd that must be traversed to reach the show destination. Most of us are going home disappointed.



A veteran Concours entrant told me several years ago "If you are going to enter your car in a show, prepare to be disappointed"!



The face of a winner

**THE NEXT CAR SHOW IS MAY 26TH SO START
GETTING READY NOW TO TRAVEL DOWN THAT
BOULEVARD**



FUN FACTS AND OTHER ODD STUFF

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1911; BIRTH OF A CLASSIC. The first running of the Indy 500. Winner is Ray Harroun with an average speed of 74.6mph. Winning car was a Nordyke & Marmon



1915: PACKARD TWIN-SIX is the first production automobile to offer a twelve-cylinder car. It was used in Italy during WWI where Enzo Ferrari saw it and was inspired to design a Twelve-Cylinder of his own. It appears he has been quite successful with his automobiles.

1916: President Wilson signs the Federal Aid Road Act giving federal aid to state highway costs. Wilson had Pierce-Arrow

1930: Power surge. Cadillac 452 series is the first production V-16. Look out Packard

1932: Ford introduces its Flathead V8. The race is on!



Hamburger



Could they have used this clever device? Well, probably not as it could only cook one burger

Today: Just when you think the crazies are gone, someone comes up with this. No, it is not a urinal but perhaps could be used as one. Food cooker attaches to the exhaust pipe of your Packard. Yes that is what I said, exhaust pipe. No explanation was given as to how it was attached. You cook while driving, saving coal, wood and other fuels. Note last line says, "Having Fun". Since that is my motto, I guess I will get one. If anyone is interested I will see if we can get a discount if we buy in quantity. Wonder if we could sell these in our parts program?

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>
May	21	Wine Tasting Tour	Temecula	Ron Stefey
	28	Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Show	Fallbrook	Richard Schauer
June	16	Packards on Dave Stall'S Morning Show KUSI Ch 9	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
	16	Road Rallye	San Diego	Steve Ross
Aug	5	Membership Open House at Tim's Place	Point Loma	Tim Pestotnik
Sep	9	Driving Tour to Ernis 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	San Diego Region Christmas Party	Valley Center	Steve Ross