





PREDICTOR

The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego - JANUARY 2019 -

PACKARD AUTOMOBILES ARE GREAT, BUT NOT OF MUCH USE WITHOUT THE PEOPLE SHOWN HERE. THESE FOLKS CARE FOR THE AUTOMOBILES THAT ARE A PART OF THE AMERICAN AND WORLD AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY. THEY LIKE TO DRIVE THEIR PACKARDS AND HAVE FUN. IF YOU SEE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE SAY HI AND IF POSSIBLE, JOIN THEM AT ONE OF THEIR MONTHLY GATHERINGS. DRIVE A PACKARD AND BECOME AN INSTANT CELEBRITY!



REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Richard Schauer



As I write this, Christmas is concluded. I hope your holidays were safe, healthy, and enjoyable. It is now 2019, a brand new year to enjoy your Packard and the company of your fellow club members. January 12 is our annual calendar planning meeting, scheduled for 9:00 at the **San Diego Yacht Club**. RSVP to Marjo Miller if you plan to participate. If you cannot, please forward your idea(s) to any board member. The output will be an exciting calendar of events for 2019.

With 2018 behind us and unless you've already renewed, the clock expired on your membership in this club. Fortunately, a grace period exists,

but please do not sit back and use up that time. While you are thinking about it, renew by clicking on the PayPal icon on the flyer (page 14) or send Karl Ramsing your renewal along with a check for \$15. If you participated in any of the key events in 2018 you got your dues dollars back and then some. Plan to come out to our many 2019 events in your Packard, or in your Brand X car if necessary...but please come!

Ahead on the calendar for January is the Sunday January 6 New Year's luncheon at the **Southwest Yacht Club** (see flyer page 3). There are a few days left to register. Dust off your Packard and come enjoy a nice time with your fellow club members. February 8-10, 2019 is the Packards International Motor Car Club (our former affiliation) National Meet. As usual, our region will set up a booth Sunday Feb. 10 at the swap meet. This is a great opportunity to sell a few items, which buoys our treasury and in turn helps us underwrite some of our club events. If you're there, don't forget to stop in at our San Diego Region booth! Details are emerging on the May 16-18 **Packard Western Regional Tour** organized by Packards of Oregon and held at Ashland, Oregon. A fun itinerary is planned. Lodging will be at the Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites. The block of rooms starts at \$120/night and at this writing rooms are still available. Please don't wait too long to reserve a room.

You can bet that 2019 will be a very busy year, filled with enjoyable and interesting events. See you all soon.



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New Year's Luncheon Southwestern Yacht Club Sunday, January 6, 2019



It's time to fire up those
Packards and get out in the New
Year with your car to meet
friends and ring in 2019.
Sign up today for the
New Year's Luncheon at the
Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough Street
San Diego, CA 92106

Our Packards will have reserved parking at the front of the Club House (see photo left).

Where: Southwestern Yacht Club

When: Sunday, January 6, 2019

Seating time: 12:00p.m. (lunch

served at 12:45p.m.)

Cost: \$20 per person including tax and gratuity. Choice of:

- > SWYC Cobb Salad
- Cheese or Chicken Quesadilla
- > Grilled Reuben Sandwich
- Grilled Mahi Mahi Fish Tacos
- Yacht Burger/Yacht Cheese Burger

Non-alcoholic beverage is included; alcoholic beverages can be ordered and paid for individually. Afterward, we can drive out to Shelter Island and up to Point Loma Cabrillo Monument for those who are interested (bring your National Park entrance pass if you have one.)

RSVP with your order no later than January 2nd

Order online and pay using



Clip the reservation form below and send a check payable to **Packard Club of San Diego** for \$20/person to:

Marjo Miller 3754 Rosecroft Lane San Diego, CA 92106-3240.

Time is of the essence, so please make your reservation today! Also, indicate if you will be driving your Packard, so we can reserve enough parking spots.

Name:	Phone:				
Luncheon Choice:					
# SWYC Cobb Salad					
# Cheese or Chicken Quesadilla					
# Grilled Ruben Sandwich					
# Grilled Mahi-Mahi Fish Taco					
# Yacht Burger/Yacht Cheeseburger					
Amount enclosed (\$20.00 x # meals) = \$					
I will drive:	Packard	Brand X			
Direct any questions to Marjo Miller at miller.marjo@gmail.com or 619.922.3754.					



CHRISTMAS AT THE LAZY H

By Steve Ross



Yep, it was Christmas time at the Lazy H and we had the largest bunch of fun seekers filled with the spirit of the season in modern history. We also had the opportunity to meet and greet some of our newest members.

(No **Tom O'Hara** is not passed out; he is just meditating)

Larry French and **Mary Lankamp**





Ken and Sandy Ruminer drove down from Lakewood, CA to party with us!



Pat and Ron Prentice

A few of our partygoers drove their Packards and were rewarded with a beverage of their choice for braving the elements. Tim Pestotnik, our honorable Assistant Regional Director drove his recently acquired Facel Vega. It shares quarters with a Packard so

acceptance was not a problem. The treasurer went off the deep end and treated too many guests with free beverages! It was Christmas and a beautiful day and the folks were dressed up so nice and kept telling the treasurer what a nice guy he was. Evidently, he is subject to flattery. Reportedly, rewards were given to people who just rode in a Packard and there is ample evidence that it was not even verified that the person even drove a Packard. This will undoubtedly be a topic of discussion at the Board planning meeting on January 12th, at the San Diego Yacht Club. It will be well worth the drive to attend the meeting to see how high they hang the individual for this very irresponsible behavior.

> The curmudgeon holding the Grinch, and trying to look un-Christmassy, is the one who gave away the store with the encouragement of our resident Scribe, Mr. Brian Wagner.





Santa and his helpers were on hand and the table was laden with gifts to be chosen, taken away, or exchanged for a better deal. Although the value of said gifts is set at \$25.00 or less, the value seems to have crept up over the years. There may have been some re-gifting; can you imagine that? Spirited beverages seem to be gaining in popularity as well. It has been recommended that gifts for a lady be so designated as most have no use for a grease gun or a box-end wrench. The Regional Director is taking this under advisement.

Two passes to the Balboa Park attractions were raffled off and the winner was Past President Mark Burnside!



The "Guys" not talking about romance anymore, but cars or latest medical procedure. Karl on the left is making a point as Brian and Tim listen intently

L to R: Tim is our ARD, Mark our Webmaster and Predictor co-editor, Richard our Regional Director and Ken Ruminer, the most important guy - a member of our region.







Pictured above from the left: Paul Santy our Projects Director with Ron and Pat Prentice and Karl standing. Picture two, Dion and Marjo, our Technical Director. Picture three, Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson who drove down from Idyllwild for the party, and last is Karl and Peggy Ramsing. Karl is our Membership Director









From the left Ann and Gary Marchetti, Suzanne and Past President/HLM Colin Fort, Jim and Catherine Woolsey, Jack Hall the proprietor of the Lazy H with Jennifer Steffy and Tim Pestotnik, and Jennifer and Ron Steffy



Roast Prime Rib of Beef, and Red Snapper with all the trimmings were served to the starving Packard people. The food as usual was fit for the occasion and worthy of the Packard palate. As you may know, we hold our event in the John Wayne room at the Lazy H. John Wayne was a land owner in the area and is said to have frequented the Lazy H back in the day. The Lazy H was once a private club for the LA and Hollywood crowd. They often flew in to what is now the Pauma airport for a weekend of fun and games.



What's my number?



A smiling Gary, Patti and Mike ready to draw a number



You talkin to me??



Wow, a barn find. Hope I get to keep it. Mike and Tom having a close look



Mike goes for the big box



Karl has a sinister look about making his selection



Whatever Karl got looks like Mark might want it



Colin gets a genuine Packard clock



Tim, ever the connoisseur, checks out the label on this one



Gee, a back scrubber!



Now Mary can vacuum! Will she vacuum my Packard?



Ron gets a bottle of wine. Wonder how long he got to keep



Jim gets a shirt. It says 'No I'm Not the Original Owner'

It was fun having new members join us for the first time and we sincerely hope to see everyone again next time.



The "boys" gathered for a group photo. The ladies asked that we do this, so here ya are. You may note that not all the "boys" are in the photo. Getting a group photo is like rounding up cats.

L-R: Karl Ramsing, Tom O'Hara, Brian Wagner, Steve Ross, Tim Pestotnik, Gary Marchetti, Richard Schauer, Paul Santy.

La Jolla Christmas Parade Sunday December 2, 2018

By Richard Schauer



Last July, Ann Kerr contacted me asking if the Packard Club could support the Christmas parade again this year. She then heaped praise on us for the beauty of our cars, our positive, cooperative attitude, and the fact that we cause her zero headaches. I guess the latter goes a long way. I was not really thinking Christmas last July when temperatures were in the 90's, but on behalf of our club I committed right away and said "Yes". I am not sorry I did. It was fitting that the final event of 2018 for our club was volunteering our time and our fine cars for a community event. A dedicated group of private, civic, and business leaders in La Jolla strive retain the close knit neighborhood feel. They commit dollars each year to make this parade happen.



A long list of dignitaries was provided and Ms. Kerr would gladly accept as many Packards as we could furnish. Six members volunteered their time and their cars. The VIP situation is constantly changing, especially at the last minute, so flexibility is very important. Some dignitaries bow out at the last minute, while others are added. Some of the escort automobiles are unable to make it, while others break down; and last minute substitutions are arranged. **Scott Napora** brought his beautiful 1930 model 726 5-passenger touring sedan and escorted Sara Napoli, President and CEO of the San Diego Police Foundation. Past President **Steve Ross** brought Buttercup and escorted Mike Glancy, the master & chief of parade floats. **Marjo Miller** and Dion Dyer drove their '48 Station Sedan, planning to escort Assemblyman Todd Gloria. Mr. Gloria had his own plan, arriving at the last minute in a new BMW convertible with his name plastered all over it in big letters, so Marjo and Dion drove the Packard through the parade sans VIP

Carol Ross sitting in car next to Marjo Miller and Scott Napora

Scott has the family Packard all sorted out and it is running like new







Tom O'Hara (Car pictured on the left) with friend Erin and his dog escorted Lou Scanlon, President of the Mount Soledad Memorial Association. **Mike and Susan Nadeau** drove their 1936 touring sedan. Their VIP bowed out, so they drove the parade showing off their beautiful Packard. **Richard and Karen Schauer** escorted Kevin Quinn, President of the La Jolla Rotary Club. Finally, Carol Ross, who graciously agreed to come at the last minute with her 1987 Mercedes Benz 560SL Roadster was pressed into service to escort San Diego Police Chief David Nisleit after the 1930's police Paddy wagon broke

down. Ann Kerr advertised us as a "Parade of Packards", which certainly was true on December 2nd. The streets were packed with spectators on this cool and bright Sunday, a larger crowd than in 2017 by most people's estimation. We all drove home with the good feelings that come from giving of ourselves.

Carol and San Diego Police Chief Nisleit





Lady honorees preparing for the parade



Karen Schauer getting Santa on board. Marjo's Woodie Estate Wagon along with Mike and Susan Nadeau's 1936 touring sedan waiting for decorations.



The Packard Club of San Diego 2019 Calendar Planning Meeting

Our Calendar of Activities planning meeting will be January 12th, 2019 from 9:00 am until noon at the San Diego Yacht Club 1011 Anchorage Lane San Diego, CA 92106

San Diego Yacht Glub

All membership is invited, but space is extremely limited and **RSVPs are a MUST!**

This is a working session, so we ask that socialization be kept to a minimum, please.

Give the name "San Diego Packard Club" to security upon entrance.

We will meet in the lobby at 9:00, then proceed to our area to plan our 2019 calendar.

Breakfast will be available for purchase. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by the club. We can order lunch if the planning meeting runs long.

RSVP directly to Marjo Miller at miller.marjo@gmail.com or 619.922.3754

No Later than January 8, 2019

If you're unable to attend, but have ideas for our calendar, contact a Board member below:

Richard Schauer: 760.212.4028 Mark Burnside: 619.322.9340 Marjo Miller: 619.922.3754



So That is Where Those Names Came From: Impress Your Friends!

By Brian Wagner

Shooting Brake – Back when the Brits ruled the world and had Silicon Valley type of money, the lords and dukes would invite their friends to go hunting. Alas, those everyday Rolls Royces and Lagondas did not cut it, so they started building custom cars on *brakes*, their word for chassis, in which you could take your party *shooting* in. In France, station wagons were known as a *break de chasse*, meaning "hunting break." Later they also became known as estate cars or station wagons.

Pickup Truck - Ford, who made the first pickup trucks, shipped them to their dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble using the crates as the beds for the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus they had to "pick-up" the trucks.

Drophead Coupe – As opposed to a Fixed Head Coupe, you can drop the top. Simply, a British term for convertible, specifically, a fully enclosed four seat sports car with two doors, a folding soft roof and a sloping rear. (With four doors, it becomes an "all weather tourer."). In France, it is called a Cabriolet.

Bonnet – British for hood. Originally: a removable metal plate over a machine part, such as a valve. Car hoods used to be removable.

Boot- We know it as the trunk. In the U.K., it was the name given to the seat at the back of a horse-drawn coach where the coachman sat, which later became a storage area.

Monocoque – comes from the French word meaning "single shell": It is a construction technique that utilizes the body (unibody or unitized) to support the car's weight. The body and frame are manufactured as one component, producing a lighter car.

Mother-in-law seat – a small, exposed and rather uncomfortable single seat tacked on to the back or side of older cars, and proof that mother-in-law jokes are nothing new.

Dickey seat – What we in America call a rumble seat: an upholstered seat that folded out from where the trunk would normally be. Because it was isolated from the front seats, it also was sometimes called a "mother-in-law seat". The term "dickey" started with horse-drawn carriages in England, where they were occupied by servants or by guards on mail coaches. The Oxford English Dictionary traces the term back to 1801. As comfort grew in importance, the outdoor seats pretty much fell out of favor by the 1930's. For you trivia fans, the last British car with a dickey was the Triumph Roadster, built from 1946 to 1949.

Suicide doors – Doors that open 'backwards' (i.e. the hinges are at the rear) and which purportedly have a tendency to fly open at speed, hence their melodramatic nickname.

Phaeton - A style of open automobile without any fixed weather protection, which was popular from the 1900s until the 1930s. It took its name from a type of fast and light-weight horse drawn carriage that was minimally bodied with no side protection, thus a gentleman's trousers or lady's skirt was easily soiled by mud. Originally comes from the open chariot Phaethon that the son of the Greek sun god Helios drove.

Victoria – (before Ford appropriated it for its Crown Vic....). Was a light and door-less carriage with a forward-facing seat for two, covered with a folding top and an elevated coachman's seat above the front axle. It originated in France and was imported into England by the Prince of Wales in 1869. The Grand Victoria had a rumble seat for two extra passengers.

Roadster- From when horsepower was horsepower: originated in the U.S. in the nineteenth century and was a horse suitable for riding on roads. It morphed into a type of a light carriage drawn by a single horse and then into an automobile with an open body that seats two, has a folding fabric top and a rear luggage compartment. In 1916, the U.S. Society of Automobile Engineers officially defined it as an open car with a single row of seats for two or three people. The Italian equivalent is "spider."

Brougham- Before appropriated by the marketing mavens of Detroit, it was a hard top carriage small enough to be pulled by a pair of steeds. The Buick of the day: a staid choice for the Victorian middle class.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3

General Meeting, 7:00 P.M. North Park Recreation Center, Shuffleboard Clubhouse.

January 21 (projected tentatively)
Award Banquet and Annual
Installation of Officers . . .

February 3, 4
Annual Membership Meet, Anaheim

February 7

General Meeting, at 7:00 PM North Park Recreation Center, Shuffleboard Clubhouse.

February 17, 18 Swap Meet, El Cajon, at the airfield.

March 7 General Meeting 7 PM

PRESIDENTIAL PODIUM

John Sands

The old Romans, in their inestimable wisdom, named the first month in their calendar after Janus, an ancient god who was the guardian of doors. Janus, as every classical scholar knows, had the dubious distinction of having two faces so that he might also look both forward and backward in time. For the Romans January was a time both for reflection on the past and for anticipation of the future. The dark days of the winter solstice were past and had been duly celebrated, and it was time again to look through the remaining winter toward spring.

So perhaps it is appropriate that, in my first scribbling in this column, I should, for a moment, review recent club events.

First of all, Jim Price left himself out of the plaudits in the last Predictor. Unquestionably the San Diego Region of Packards International prospered well under his able leadership as president in 1978. His will be a hard act to follow, but we'll try to keep that momentum going in 1979.

Secondly, those of you who weren't there on December third missed a great display of "old" cars in Balboa Park at the Wheels for Wings benefit for the Aerospace Museum. 166 vehicles were shown, out of which our 15 Packards represented the largest number of cars in a single marque club. Those of you who brought your pride-and-joy have much to be proud of.

Thirdly, I would like to thank Ann and Steve Cullen for their gracious hospitality in staging the annual Christmas Party. After everyone's octane level was raised, Santa presided over a solemn and decorous gift exchange. Why grown men would fight over a frog is beyond my comprehension.

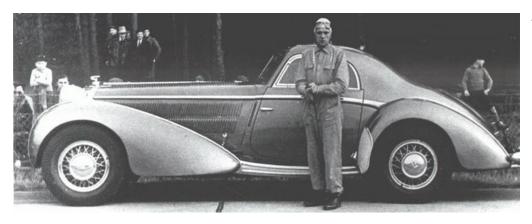
Finally, to look forward to 1979, Steve Cullen, our new activities director, has planned an exciting series of tours for the coming year. After analysis of attendance at the local tours in 1978, he is planning some changes, with some of the more traditional tours being replaced by new ideas. He hopes to have a detailed schedule of our '79 tours in print soon.

BE A CHICKEN DINNER WINNER



The Chicken Dinner winner this month is Mr. Brian Wagner. This is a 1938 Opel Admiral. It has 75 hp with a top end of 75 mph 1929 until 2017 when it as sold to Groupe PSA. The car was sold in the United Kingdom under the name Vauxhall

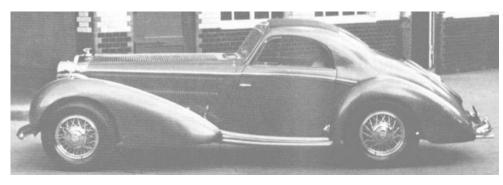
Be the first on your block to win that chicken dinner by sending Steve the make and year of this car.



The company that made this automobile is still making cars but under a different name. They were a player in the pre-war racing circuit in Europe.

Since this a hard one, just get the manufacturer of the car and within four years of the model year.

Wild guesses are good.



The Roadster model





PACKARD CLUB OF SAN DIEGO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2019

Remember: you must be a member of Packard Automobile Classics (PAC) to join the Packard Club of San Diego

You Can Now Renew On Line Through PayPal! Click on the PayPal icon to renew.



Save a Stamp! Save a Tree! Renew On-line Without a Fee!

This will simplify the renewal process. All you need is an email address.

For those of you who prefer doing it the traditional way, you can print out our membership form on the next page, fill out the requested data, write a check to Packard Club of San Diego for \$15.00, and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form: P. O. Box 503605, San Diego CA 92150-3605.

Lastly, for those members who don't do the internet at all, and receive the **Predictor** via US Mail each month, you already have a ready-to-go membership form on the following page.

No matter what, it is most important that you maintain your membership in The Packard Club, (PAC). PAC, will remind you separately of your renewal date. Your membership expiration date is listed on your address label for the monthly Cormorant News Bulletin.

Karl Ramsing, Director of Membership 760-726-5955



I WANT YOU TO STAY IN OUR CLUB — PLEASE RENEW



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- Founded in 1975 -

(Packard ownership not required for membership)

Packard Club of San Diego

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Ask the man who owns one

MEMBERS' CORNER

FOR SALE







This 1955 Packard Patrician is a candidate for restoration. All the parts are there, frame is straight, and the car is relatively rust free. This was the top of the line for Packard in 1955 and has the new Packard V8 engine for 1955. ASKING \$1500. Call Ray Mercado at 619-947-2202 for more information. If no answer please leave a message.





1948 327 Packard engine for sale, complete rebuild, nothing left untouched, call for details, Mark Ballerini 760 473-4224.





1956 Packard Clipper Custom. 28,753 original miles, original interior, paint is 3 years old. Mechanic owned and runs excellent. New air conditioner added and works perfectly. Call for more details. Located in Orange, CA. Call Eddy at 949-929-3277. Asking \$22,000





1931 Packard Standard Eight Sedan, Model 826. Fully restored in 2005. Won several awards when shown. Many spare parts and full documentation regarding the restoration. Located in Oceanside. Please call if you have questions or for further details. Asking \$34,000. Bill Freed. Cell: 760-525-4100.





1949 Packard Super Eight 7-Passenger Limousine, body # 2276. P.I. Circle of Champions winner. Has divider window, 2 radios, R-9 overdrive, over bumpers, Cloisonné hubcaps and fog lights. Located in Escondido. Excellent condition inside & out. Asking \$22,000. Contact Mark Burnside 619-322-9340

1938 Packard 6-Cylinder Engine and 3-Speed Transmission For Sale.

The engine was in running condition when it was removed from the car. It developed a knock which is probably a loose connecting rod. The engine has well under 10K miles on it since being overhauled about 4 years ago. The cylinder head was resurfaced and the cylinders were bored. Then, all new valves & guides and new pistons & rings were installed. The engine rebuild work was performed by Kenyon Machine Shop. The flywheel was resurfaced, and a new clutch & pressure plate and a new throw out bearing were also installed.

These parts are located in San Diego, CA.

Best reasonable offer.

Contact: Jim Pardubsky jampard@dslextreme.com 858-271-1929

OR

Lance Haynes
oldcars@lancedurant.com
858-560-5737

FOR SALE



A plethora of used Packard parts from Bob Steiner collection, fitting '29 and '36 Super Eight models, and some 12-cylinder parts. For an inventory list please contact Richard Schauer at packard1934@sbcqlobal.net or call me at 760-740-9188 and I will be happy to send out a list. We also have several dozen 1948-1955 Packard parts from the Dutch Parker collection.







GOT SOMETHING TO SELL, TRADE, GET RID OF, OR A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT? JUST LET US KNOW:

info@packardsandiego.com

WEBMASTER'S CORNER

Find the Predictor Photo

By Mark Burnside



Happy Birthday Packard Club of San Diego! It's been one year since the Packard Club of San Diego formally came into existence, and with it, the unveiling of our new website. Of course, the development of our website was many months in creation, and it continues to grow and improve all the time.

Did you know that our website consists of over 25 pages of useful and important information, history, and pictures? And that doesn't even include all of our back issues of the *Predictor*! That's considered a pretty large website, especially for a club like ours.

Speaking of the *Predictor*, we have a fair number of people who receive the monthly newsletter via email and open it (about 70%). But, I was wondering how many people actually read most or all of it? To satisfy my curiosity, I devised a little game to play each month to see if you really do read it (and if you're reading this article, you are already way ahead in playing my new game!)

The game is called "Find the Predictor" and you will be looking for a picture of Packard's Predictor concept car. Not the one that's on the cover page (that's too easy!), but a picture that has been carefully inserted somewhere in the newsletter. Like our editor's "Win a Chicken Dinner" game, the first person each month to find the Predictor and contact me with the correct answer will win a prize (to be determined at the Board meeting next week). This month, the car is pretty easy to find, but don't expect it to always be that way.

So get out your Sherlock Holmes cap and magnifying glass and start scouring this issue for the first "Hidden-in-Plain-Sight" Predictor concept car. When you find it Email Me (or call me on my cell phone) with the specifics – and thanks for playing!



Here is some interesting information on the Packard pictured in the December 2018 Predictor. The photo was taken at the Packard Proving Grounds and it is in fact Tony Curtis. The lady is Piper Laurie and the guy is Don Taylor. You may click on the link below and watch the movie. You can tell part of it was filmed at the Packard Proving Grounds. The movie is not great by today's standards but fun to watch.

Robert Lukisk of the Packard Motor Car Foundation sent the following information about this photo:

"Tony Curtis is at the Packard Proving Grounds in 1954 because he is filming the movie "Johnny Dark".

"Automobile engineer, Johnny Dark (Tony Curtis), designs a radical new car for the fictitious Fielding Motors. When old man Fielding refuses to sponsor the car in a Canada to Mexico Sports-car race, Johnny, with the aid of the owner's granddaughter (Piper Laurie), steals the car and runs the race against the favored driver (Don Taylor), his ex-buddy

"All the principals are in that photo.

"As a coincidence, the Fielding sedans seen in the movie are actually Willys Aeros design by Clyde R. Paton. From 1934 to 1942, he was Packard's Chief Engineer. After the war, he joined Willys. The race car used by Johnny Dark is a Woodill Wildfire roadster – created and promoted by a Willys dealer using some design cues from the Aero, namely the rear end."

All the best, Roger Luksik.

If you're interested in seeing more, you can watch the movie "Johnny Dark" on YouTube HERE

Thank you for sharing this with us! ~ editor

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Listed below is the preliminary 2019 calendar of officially sponsored events by the Packard Club of San Diego. Also included are National PAC events sponsored by PAC or one of its regions. You must be a member of PAC to attend officially sponsored events. Occasionally, this calendar will list events that are NOT sponsored by the club or PAC, but are deemed of interest to the membership. **Those events are listed in** *italics*.

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

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TOUR DIRECTOR
JAN	6	Packard Club of San Diego New Year's Luncheon	Southwest Yacht Club	Marjo Miller
	12	Packard Club of San Diego Annual Planning Meeting	San Diego Yacht Club	PCSD Board
FEB	8-10	Packards International Membership Meet	Newport Beach, CA	On Your Own
MAR				
APR	12-14	La Jolla Concours	Downtown La Jolla, CA	On Your Own
	26	Motor Cars on Main	Downtown Coronado, CA	On Your Own
MAY	16-19	PAC All-Western Tour	Ashland, OR	Packards of Oregon
	26	Fallbrook Vintage Car Show	Pala Mesa Resort, Fallbrook, CA	On Your Own
JUN				
JUL	21-27	PAC 54th National Membership Meet	Layfaette, IN	Hosted by the Wabash Valley Packard Club
AUG	16-18	Pebble Beach Concours	Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach CA	On Your Own
SEP				
OCT	9-12	Hershey Swap Meet	Hershey, PA	On Your Own
NOV				
DEC		PCSD Christmas Party	The Lazy H, Pauma Valley	Steve Ross

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