

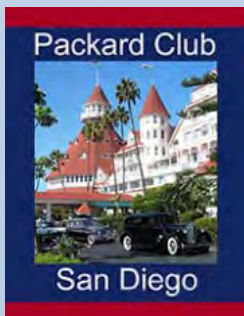


# PREDICTOR

MARCH 2018



Somewhere West of Laramie on the Pony Express Trail a '39 Super Eight trails a '55 Clipper and is being followed by a '49 Touring Sedan. A 500 yard interval is maintained due to the dust. Packards were right at home on this road just as they were in 1914 with Henry Joy. Wonder what Henry would say if he could see one of these cars in a covered trailer being hauling, like a horse, to a golf course for a car show?



## Upcoming Sponsored Packard Club of San Diego Events

- March 22-24: Borrego Springs weekend event
- April 7: Tour of San Diego's Historic Points of Interest
- May 17-20: All Western PAC Regions Tour
- May 27: Fallbrook Vintage Car Show
- June 15: Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night at Cruisin' Grand™

## WHAT ARE PACKARDS WORTH THESE DAYS?



**1952 PATRICIAN 400** Sold for \$50,000; \$10,000 over estimate



**1941 180 CUSTOM SUPER 8** Sold for \$71,500; \$54,000 under estimate



**1930 734 SPEEDSTER RUNABOUT** Sold for \$2,060,000; one million over estimate



**1957 Clipper Country Sedan Station Wagon** Not many of these on the road these days. Sold at auction for \$57,750; well under predictions.

So, what is my Packard worth? Best answer: It is worth what you can get for it.

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# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Richard Schauer



## Happy St. Patrick's Day

And so we are launched into our new year with a rush. If you are watching our events calendar you have noticed that our already busy schedule is now even busier. It is inevitable; every year this happens. In San Diego there are car events (and other appealing activities as well) going on every weekend. We must pick and choose, and the decisions get tough. Since our planning meeting January 13 we have added the March 3 tour of Ernie Follis' garage and the PAC

All-Western Tour of May 17 through 20 in Auburn, CA. The former is a make-up date, for those of us who regret not having seen Ernie's fabulous car collection last September. The latter is a major event including every PAC region west of the Rocky Mountains, six in all. Here is a golden opportunity to meet our fellow PAC Left Coast members (see article in this issue). On occasion I hear a comment that our annual schedule is just too busy. There is truth in that. My feeling is that it is the job of your board to offer a wide variety of activities for the members and in abundance. Everyone in the final analysis decides what events appeal to them and which do not. That is the beauty of it. We are so fortunate to live in a climate where we can enjoy our Packard cars very nearly the entire year, and, as the Tee shirt says, "Life IS good". It's time to get out and smell the roses, hopefully behind the wheel of your fine Packard.

The official cut-off date has been reached for 2018 membership renewal. Those few who did not renew for this year are dropped from the 2018 roster and will not receive the Predictor anymore (starting with this issue). Of course folks can re-join our fine organization any time during the year. Note that we are always searching for new Packard enthusiasts, so it is good to remember that a person does not need to own a Packard to be a club member, but it is so much more fun when you do.

February featured a return to the annual P. I. swap meet Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> (see Selected Shorts article). That is a personal favorite event for me, filled with Packard talk and meeting people.

Those of you who missed the Sweetheart's luncheon of Feb. 17 missed a fine event. Marjo is a class act. Her attention to detail simply cannot be beat, and our thanks go to her for the excellent job she did in organizing the luncheon. It was certainly way past due for us to have an event honoring our better half (see article in this issue). My Rueben sandwich was excellent. For me the best part was mixing with all the fine people. Your club is tossing in more fun activities at social gatherings; the beautiful flower arrangements were raffled off, as well as a fine bottle of wine from Leoness Cellars in Temecula.

Time is flying by. Deadlines loom on several fine events. I mention the Fallbrook car show not because it is first on our calendar, but because the cut-off date is right around the corner. Karl Ramsing is spearheading this event. Packard is a featured marque and we are hoping to field more than two dozen fine examples. Please be sure to fill out the application today, and remember that your club will reimburse all but \$5 of the registration fee! Next is the only weekend getaway tour scheduled for this year, Tequila Rose, scheduled for March 23-4-5 at the Borrego Springs Resort. Partnered with the Mercedes Club this will be a gala event. Time is down to the wire, so please be sure to sign up today (see flyer in this issue). The next sponsored tour is About San Diego, scheduled for April 7. Information will follow on that exciting event very soon. April 14 is Tremble Clefs (a non-sponsored event). Those of you who missed this fine event last year have an opportunity to make it up. It is a fund raiser for this fine non-profit organization benefitting Parkinson's patients. Over 110 cars attended last year and our very own Tom O'Hara won best of show. There is time to register for Tremble Clefs, but please do not tarry. Other non-sponsored events in April include La Jolla Concours d'Elegance (April 8) and Motor Cars on Main Street (April 29). A registration form for the latter is included in this newsletter.

I simply must say this again. Quite literally everyone I have come in contact with from PAC has been exceptionally warm and welcoming. I see/experience this perhaps more than most in our region, but it is difficult for me to overemphasize the degree to which the red carpet has been rolled out for us. It is overwhelming, but I mean that in a good way. I hope everyone takes the time to reach out to meet our fellow PAC brothers and sisters across the country, and indeed the world. Don't forget the National Meet is in Columbus, Ohio - July 2 thru 6. They really put together a fine event.



IRISH PACKARD

# Valentine's Day Party

By Steve Ross



The Southwest Yacht Club was the setting for our Valentine's Day luncheon and it was a Chamber of Commerce day for sure. In fact I would say it was perfect.

Since the Mercedes-Benz Club of San Diego joined us, we had vintage Packards, Mercedes-Benz, and modern Mercedes-Benz automobiles in the reserved parking provided by the yacht club. Here we see the nose of Radu's Mercedes, Marjo's Packard Woodie, Brian's 190SL, Pete and Jen's 280SL the front of Gary's Mercedes.



Larry Johnson's 1948 Packard Touring Sedan and Bob's vintage Mercedes, the *Red Lady*. Larry and Arvilla drove over from Campo for the party



Tom O'Hara's 1952 Mercedes-Benz 170V. Very nice restoration and not necessarily stock anymore.



Nick Fintzelberg's 1937 Packard 120 Coupe



Marjo was assisted by Carol Ross in decorating the Valentine motif. A heartfelt *Thank You* to both Marjo and Carol



**LEFT:** Our luncheon organizer Marjo Miller and our Regional Director Richard Schauer take time out for a photo-op. Marjo also provided the table centerpieces.

**RIGHT:** The centerpieces have two birds perched on the canopy, they looked pretty real to me.







Larry and Arvilla Johnson



Founder and Past-President Colin and Suzanne Fort



Suzanne



Erin and Tom



Dion and Marjo. You may have noticed that several pictures are through the bird cage, the bottle of wine in the foreground was donated by Richard Schauer



After lunch the centerpieces were raffled off and I believe there were 6 lucky recipients who each got to take one home. Thanks to Richard Schauer for donating a bottle of vintage wine.



We had a really, really good time, and I for one, met some very nice people as well as making some new BF's. The food at this yacht club is excellent! I had the Cobb Salad which was one of the best I have ever tasted. After lunch we started a caravan to the Cabrillo National Monument but, alas, traffic was backed up for quite a long distance and not moving. This resulted in all of us bailing, making a u-turn, and scattering like a covey of quails. The view from Ft. Rosecrans overlooking the San Diego Harbor and the Pacific Ocean was spectacular. I must admit I forget how beautiful a place San Diego is to live. From the MBCA and Packard folks thank you Marjo, Carol and all of you great automobile enthusiasts for getting together for a fun day in paradise.



**PACKARD CLUB OF SAN DIEGO IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN THE**

**San Diego Section's Historical Regional Event**



# TEQUILA ROSE 2018

**Borrego Springs Resort & Spa**

1112 Tilting T Drive  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, March 23**

- **10 am Car Show**
- **6 pm Reception**

**Saturday, March 24**

- **10 am Gymkhana**
- **11 am Rallye**
- **6 pm Awards Banquet**

**Sunday, March 25**

- **Stay & Enjoy the Spa or?**

## **WHAT YOU MAY SEE & DO**

- Travel to Mecca & see the world's one and only International Banana Museum...truly a sight to behold...especially if you are into bananas.
- See the Salton Sea -America's answer to the Dead Sea.
- Have the opportunity to seek & perhaps find the American version of the Dead Sea Scrolls, unlocking the mystery of the worlds most informative rallye.
- Hone your driving skills in the famous San Diego Section Gymkhana.
- Car Show on Christmas Circle in downtown Borrego Springs. Awards to be given to 3 fine CLASSIC Packards as well as 3 Mercedes-Benz.
- Putting Contest - clubs furnished free
- Win Prizes that are to die for...

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP • COST & WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR \$\$\$**

- 2 Nights per couple: \$332
- 2 Nights per single: \$295
- 3 Nights per couple: \$460
- 3 Nights per single: 424
- Wonderful accommodations at the Borrego Springs Resort & Spa
- Reception hosted by the San Diego Section's Director of Spirits
  - Awards Banquet Dinner
- Great prizes and awards worthy of your "I love me wall"

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR RESERVATION FORM**

# Tequila Rose



MARCH 22, 23, 24, 2018

The theme for this year's event is

**GONE BANANAS**



## Cost



➤ *Three nights Per couple: \$460*

➤ *Three nights per single: \$424*

➤ *Two night per couple: \$332*

➤ *Two nights per single: \$295*



**COST INCLUDES A WELCOME BASKET**

with priceless mementos of the Weekend

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTOMOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF NIGHTS BOOKING: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

MENU SELECTION: Petite Steak ☐ Grilled Salmon ☐ Veggie ☐



Send your reservations desires to Steve Ross at 16151 Fruitvale Road, Valley Center, CA 92082. Questions? Contact Steve at [inewsx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net) or 619-508-3925.

**We need your reservations by March 6, 2018.**







## Tour with San Diego/Palm Springs CCCA March 3, 2018 Saturday

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Meet at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe at 9:00 AM Depart at 9:15 AM

to Ernie Follis' Vast Collection and hear old stories from Ernie.

Great way to start the year with friends from the Packard and Pierce-Arrow Clubs

681 Rolling Hills Road, Vista, CA if driving directly to Ernie's.

Refreshments will be generously provided by Barbara & Syd Harris.

RSVP to Mike Adams [mikeadams4@gmail.com](mailto:mikeadams4@gmail.com) or at 951-595-0153



Here is the link to register: <http://www.trembleclefs.com/> You must register for this event online.



**The Tremble Clefs®**  
**FIGHTING PARKINSON'S**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Classic Car Show*  
**Saturday April 14, 2018**  
**10am-3pm**

*Cool Tunes and Hot Rides!*

**Palisades Presbyterian Church**  
6301 Birchwood Street, San Diego, CA 92120

All proceeds benefit the Tremble Clefs of San Diego  
Therapeutic Singing for People Living with Parkinson's

*Come meet San Diego's car enthusiasts!*

- Sponsor trophies • People's Choice awards
- Dash plaque & Swag Bag to first 100 entrants
- Silent Auction
- Free Continental Breakfast for all entrants
- Opportunity drawings and more!

*Cars, food, vendors, music and fun!*

For food/table vendors and sponsorship inquiries,  
contact Rudy at: [algums40685@mypacks.net](mailto:algums40685@mypacks.net)  
or call (619) 246-2094

A special thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters.

*All years and models welcome!*

**ALL REGISTRATIONS ONLINE AT:**  
**[www.trembleclefs.com](http://www.trembleclefs.com)**

Click on the EventBrite link to register your vehicle.

**\$25 per car, credit or debit cards only**

**\$35 per car day of show**

**Registration will be limited to 150 cars**

**Groups must arrive together to park together day of show. This is an alcohol-free event.**

Sanctioned by the San Diego  
Association of Car Clubs



Tremble Clefs San Diego is a 501c3 non-profit organization



# Motorcars on MainStreet 2018

CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

## Sponsored by

Ron Baker  
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the County of  
San Diego  
and  
the City of Coronado

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

**WHEN:** SUNDAY April 29, 2018 *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 22. (Includes one T-Shirt, two drawing tickets & dash plaque.) Registration after April 22 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 [CoronadoMainStreet.com](http://CoronadoMainStreet.com) or mail in form below:

CUT HERE RETURN BOTTOM HALF CUT HERE

### 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 visible 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):

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2X ☐ 3X

Pre-order additional T-Shirt(s):

S-XL \$20 ea; 2X \$22 ea; 3X \$25 ea.

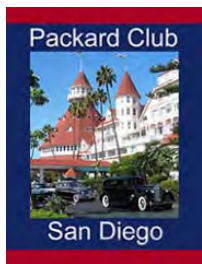
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**Please read and sign:** As a participant in Motorcars on MainStreet 2018, the undersigned agrees to hold harmless Coronado MainStreet Ltd., the City of Coronado and/or any representative associated with Motorcars on MainStreet 2018 from any known 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: 1001 B Ave. #216 Coronado, CA 92115





## FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

on the grass at PALA MESA RESORT  
2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Our Packard Club first recognized the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show as an "official event" in its 1993 calendar. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our participation in this show. Entry fees in 1993 were only \$5.00! To celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> year of participation, Packard Club of San Diego is rolling back the entry fee from today's \$35 price to that of 1993!\*

### HOW CAN YOU PASS UP AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS?

#### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1. [Click here](#) to download the registration form to enter your Packard.
2. Mail the form with a check in the amount of **\$35** payable to FVCC to Karl Ramsing (address below)
3. Karl will hand-carry all reservations to the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club representatives. (NOTE: Reservations go very quickly and the slots are filled by early April. This is the most popular activity of the year in San Diego County.)
4. Show up at the event with your Packard prior to 9:00 am on Sunday May 27th.
5. Receive a check from Steve Ross, our Treasurer for **\$30** that very day.

\*You must pay the **full \$35** entry fee to FVCC. Reimbursements will only be made to people who attend with their Packard. Cancellations or "no shows" cannot be accommodated, sorry.

### SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

The two featured makes at this Car Show are PACKARDS and PORSCHEs. Packards will be placed in front of the Grand Stage where all entertainment, events, and trophy presentations occurs. We need a minimum of 15 Packards to secure our reserved area, more spaces will be allotted if more enter.

Our Packards must be in place Sunday morning prior to 9:00 AM. No cars are admitted after that time.

If you wish to place your Packard in the reserved spaces on Saturday afternoon or evening and stay overnight at the Pala Mesa Resort, contact the Resort at 760-728-2551 for reservations. Rates are reasonable and rooms enjoyable. A security patrol for Saturday night will be considered.

This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show put on by Fallbrook Vintage Car Club. The venue at Pala Mesa Resort is beautiful. This major show is limited to the first 450 registered vehicles exhibited including the older horseless carriages from the 1900s. Besides having a lot of fun with many car owners of different makes and models, there will be music, lots of food varieties available, a beer and wine pavilion, and vendor booths. There are also progressive restoration displays and much more.

I look forward to seeing your reservation in my mailbox soon!

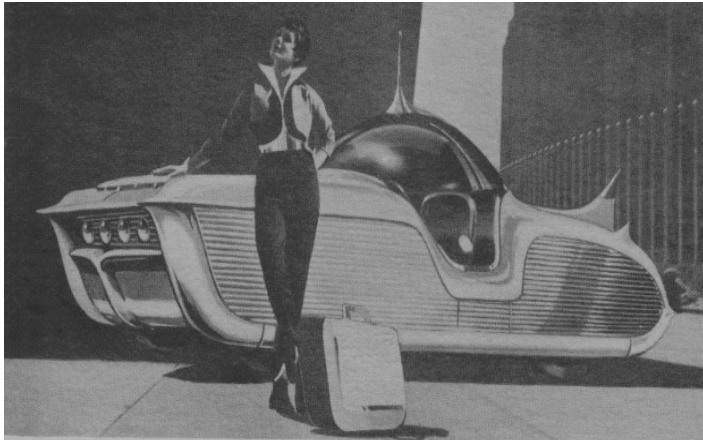
Karl Ramsing, Tour Coordinator  
1024 Alta Vista Drive  
Vista, CA 92084-5520  
760 726-5955

## Predictions That Never Happened



In the mid-1950s, Dr. Lyle B. Borst—a physics professor at the University of Utah who had formerly been a reactor designer with the Atomic Energy Commission—and his students in his Physics 280 Nuclear Technology course had a great idea. Regular locomotives had to make frequent stops to take on coal or oil. How much better would be a locomotive that could travel around the world twice without refueling? This thinking resulted in the X-12, a nuclear-powered locomotive developed by Borst and his students—in collaboration with the Association of American Railroads and several industries, including GM, Commonwealth Edison, Trane, GE and Westinghouse. The X-12 would have weighed 360 tons and been 160 feet long—so long that the engine had to be divided into two sections, with a flexible vestibule connecting them. As we all know it never came to pass.

The Russians, USSR, were working on an atomic train before the USA



### TEN IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE ASTRA-GNOME

1. Futuristic styling with sculptural interest derived from space ship forms.
2. Walk-in entrance and exit by raised bubble canopy and retractable running boards.
3. All-around bumper protection to match up with big car bumper heights.
4. Interchangeable and replaceable fluted aluminum side trim panels available in anodized colors.
5. "Integra-luggage" arrangement with suitcases stored in waste space areas. Extra large glove boxes (6" x 6" x 20") on each side of car.
6. Full 6' width of average size car rather than small car width, giving greater comfort and storage.
7. Full hemispherical vision in all directions including view of curb while parking.
8. Centralized instrument panel featuring Hamilton celestial time zone clock permitting actual flight type navigation.
9. Genuine leather upholstery and trim including leather floor and matching leather luggage.
10. True Hi-Fi radio and record playing setup utilizing dome as perfect sound chamber.

The **Astra-gnome** is concept car by industrial designer Richard Arbib using a 1955 Nash Metropolitan chassis. Described as a "Time and Space Car", it features themes influenced by the space travel forms that were popular during the 1950s. The vehicle presented Arbib's vision of what an automobile would look like in the year 2000.

American Motors commissioned Richard Arbib, a leading industrial designer of the 1950s, to develop a futuristic concept car. Built in four months, the Astra-Gnome represented the work product stylists to create "new and exciting shapes, textures and colors in a functional car." Arbib had the wheels and tires hidden behind full fender skirts to achieve "a floating special quality" and to suggest a spacecraft or hovercraft.

The vehicle was featured on the 3 September 1956 cover of Newsweek magazine and a highlight at the 1956 New York International Auto Show. About 1,000 questionnaire cards were distributed to viewers at the auto show, with results indicating an 80% favorable response to the prototype. Numerous photos were made of the car with Arbib, most often accompanied by attractive female models who explained to the media that the concept was never intended for production.

Despite a 25% increase in size over the original Metropolitan body, the total weight remains under 2,000 lb (907 kg). About 400 lb (181 kg) of aluminum castings and extrusions were used, including fluted aluminum side panels that had been anodized in different blending colors.<sup>[4]</sup> The bubble canopy provides an

unobstructed vision all around; this covered the passengers, but could be raised to allow walk-in entry and exit. The Nash Metropolitan features the body work by Andrew Mazzara of New York. Among its many features is a Hamilton "celestial time-zone clock permitting actual flight-type navigation". The acrylic glass bubble canopy also served as a sound chamber for the car's high fidelity radio and record player. The car included air conditioning and wrap-around bumper protection that was matched to the height of full-sized car bumpers. The 6-foot (1.83 m) width of the concept car was much greater than contemporary passenger automobiles and allowed for extra interior room, as well as storage and luggage spaces that included six pieces of matched integrated luggage. The concept car "disappeared into oblivion" to be recovered from New York City in 1980. The car is restored and can be seen in a California museum



The Astra-Gnome still exists in a museum somewhere in California



# Selected Shorts

## Annual P. I. Swap Meet, Sunday Feb. 11, 2018

By Richard Schauer



I think I have missed only one of these in the last fifteen years. It seems forever ago, it rained cats and dogs, forcing everyone to seek shelter inside the Doubletree Hotel ante-chamber or outside under the building's overhang (a vain attempt at staying dry). Last year rain tried to spoil the swap meet, but nearly everyone muscled through it. The annual swap meet continues to be a great venue. The San Diego Region sets up a booth there to sell parts, welcome members, rekindle old friendships, make new contacts, and talk Packards. Walter Johnson was there, walking with the help of his cane, and I was so happy to converse with him. It is axiomatic that if there is a P.I. swap meet then Walter Johnson will be there.

### Past President Mark Burnside and Paul Santy pose with our new banner

The "usual suspects" drove up to represent our region. Paul Santy brought along tables and boxes of parts to display. Mark Ballerini attended as usual, displaying a fine book of photos showing services he offers, I remembered to bring the canopy (two years in a row!) along with a few parts to sell, and Paul Erlich rode along in order to enjoy a fine day around Packard cars and fellow enthusiasts. Jim and Catherine Woolsey drove up again. They were busy all day with car chat and enjoying the social aspects of the day, as was Past President Mark Burnside. Mark, Past President Steve Ross and Carol Kruse-Ross, and Tom O'Hara with friend Erin came up Saturday and spent the night at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. It must be said that the switch to the Hyatt was a great stroke for P.I., as the venue was far superior to the Doubletree. New members Jayne and Robert Sams stopped in for a visit as well; it is always great meeting new members. Their 1937 120 C touring sedan is in the capable hands of Jim Woolsey for some work.

A number of other PAC folks came as well. I met Earl Rubenstein, Regional Director of the Earl C. Anthony Packard Club in LA, who spoke enthusiastically about the upcoming All-Western PAC Tour in Auburn, CA. Joel Ray and wife Sue presented a fine display of Packard parts, the tip of their iceberg so to speak from their company in Dearborn, Michigan called Patrician Industries, Inc. Need a part? Give them a try or contact Joel at: [packards1@aol.com](mailto:packards1@aol.com). They were glad to escape the upper Midwest cold for a week in sunny southern California.



Just a small part of David Moe's Packard parts selection at the swap meet. If David doesn't have it, he can probably get it. He comes down from Seattle, WA every year with a large selection of parts for our Packards.

There are numerous other vendors attending this swap meet so if one is looking for Packard parts this is a good place to look every year.

**CHECK OUT OUR PACKARD CLUB OF SAN DIEGO REGION WEBSITE FOR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR PACKARD:** <http://packardsandiego.com/Packard-Parts/shop/>

# PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW IN NEWPORT BEACH

by Steve Ross



1941 PACKARD DARRIN



Dr. STEPHEN WHEELER'S 1930 TOURING SEDAN



ELVIRA



TOM O'HARA'S '34  
CONVERTIBLE SEDAN

Our Packard Club of San Diego (PCoSD) members journeyed up to Newport Beach to show as well as display their Packards. Mark Burnside drove Elvira a 1955 Clipper Custom Touring Sedan up Saturday morning and Tom O'Hara hauled his 1934 Convertible Sedan up to be judged. While Elvira was for display Tom's beauty was judged. Although Tom did not win an award, **his** Packard was entered into the Circle of Champions which means his car scored over 220 points out of a possible 250. Twenty five Packards signed to be judged and an additional twenty six were registered as display. As usual, there were some very nice Packards to enjoy. Two interesting Packards were a taxi cab from Nevada and a 1940 110 WII military sedan.

The awards dinner was excellent and everyone commented on how much better the new venue was as compared to the Doubletree of past years. The San Diego attendees were provided with their own private table and the food was excellent. Mary Ann Porinchak, Executive Director of the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio and her husband attended the show and the banquet. Mary Ann gave an informative and enthusiastic talk about the museum and how it and the Packard Clubs contribute to recording and preserving the history of the USA and the automotive industry. The Packard Museum continues to grow under the direction of Mary Ann and her very small staff and volunteers. It seems a lot of good things are accomplished by volunteers.

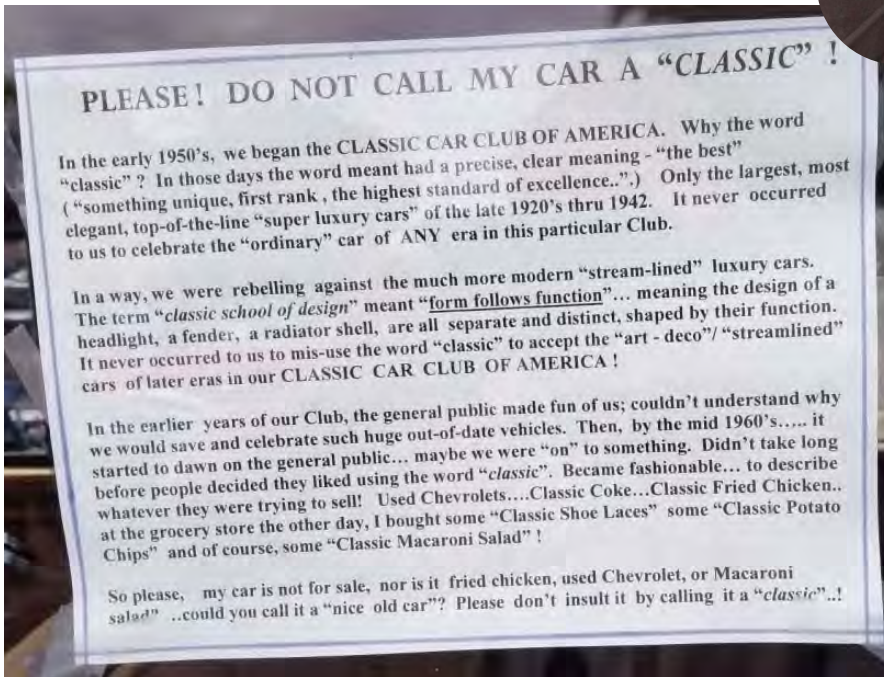
The PCoSD projects crew consisting of our stalwart Regional Director, Richard Schauer; Projects manager, Paul Santy; and Technical Advisor, Mark Ballerini arrived bright and early with our canopy and many items for the Packard automobile. Jim and Catherine Woolsey were there to keep them company and assist as needed. There were numerous vendors - from local vendors as well as David Moe from Marysville, WA and Tucson Packards from Arizona.



MARY ANN PORINCHAK  
NATIONAL PACKARD MUSEUM

Three gentlemen from Chula Vista, CA ran into Carol Ross, or perhaps she ran into them, and they expressed an interest in joining our club. The one time our membership Chair ain't there we have people wanting to join. I gave them my email address since I knew that one. Maybe we will hear from them--NO, I did not get their address and yes I know I screwed up!





This 1938 formal Sedan had an interesting discussion on the use and or overuse of the word "classic" with examples of the use of the word on product promotion. I particularly liked the classic shoelaces by Kiwi.



1947 Packard Taxi from Nevada. Packard designed and built taxi cabs. The vast majority were 110's (six cylinder). A 1947 Packard taxi recently sold at Barrett-Jackson in Scottsdale for \$34,110.



A 1940 Packard 110 used by the U.S. Army during WWII. This Packard is wearing one star which indicates that it was for use by a Brigadier General, the lowest grade for a General Officer. According to the owner, this Packard was most likely used by a Chaplin. Apparently senior chaplains were given a junior Packard. Since it has no blackout lighting it was probably for use in the States.

# PAC All-Western Tour May 17-20, 2018

by Earl Rubenstein, Regional Director Earl C Anthony Region of PAC (Los Angeles)

I am Earl Rubenstein Director of Earle C Anthony Region Los Angeles, For "The Packard Club".

Every year we have an "ALL WESTERN TOUR" (started 1985) comprised of the San Francisco Region (NORCAL), Reno Nevada Region, The Oregon Region and ECA Region. We are inviting your region to join with us this year in May 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> in Auburn, California. Thursday in the driving there part and arriving Friday and Saturday our touring days with a closing banquet dinner on Saturday evening. Sunday is driving home. Each year we rotate region responsibility for planning the tour. This year, 2018, it is ECA's turn to plan and arrange the tour. Next year it will be the Packards of Oregon region with NORCAL and Reno following. Packards of San Diego would fall in line for planning this tour in 2022.

We're still locking down details, but here are the highlights of the tour:

- Early-bird tour of a private car collection in Sacramento
- A morning driving tour through the back roads of the Gold Country ending at the Empire Mine
- Cornish miners' luncheon and an afternoon private tour of the Empire Mine, one of the oldest, largest, and richest hard rock gold mines in California. From 1850 until its closure in 1956, an estimated 5.8 million ounces of gold were extracted from the 367 miles of underground passages at the mine
- Visit to Old Sacramento, including a private tour of the California Automobile Museum in Old Sacramento, guided tours of the California State Railroad Museum, and a group lunch in Old Sacramento. Old Sacramento dates back to 1848 when the Gold Rush began. It was the last stop on the Pony Express route, the terminus of the transcontinental railroad, and it housed the original California Supreme Court Chambers
- Trip to Sutter's Fort, the centerpiece of the earliest settlement in Sacramento, pre-dating the Gold Rush
- Closing buffet banquet at Tap & Vine in Downtown Auburn

We already have 24 rooms booked (reserved by Members) for the tour. If you are interesting in attending, you'll have to get your reservation in soon as the block reserved may fill up and our special rate might be slightly higher if the block of rooms are filled.

Current up-to-date tour information on this tour is available on the Earle C Anthony Region website at:

<http://www.ecapackard.com/tour-info/>.

This is always a fun-filled tour; I look forward to meeting you in Auburn.



# WEBMASTER'S CORNER

by Mark Burnside, Webmaster

I have several new website updates to report.

- **PREDICTOR (BACK) ISSUE UPDATE:** <http://packardsandiego.com/NEWSLETTER.html>
  - We now have Predictors up on the website for the years 1976 - 1980, 1991 - 1998, and 2005 to present
  - We are in possession of (paper) Predictors for the years 1981 - 1990 and they are awaiting scanning
  - Former Predictor Editor Gary Wysong saved the day by contributing "lost" issues of the Predictor for the months of February, April, June, July and August of 2000. Thank you, Gary!
  - Sadly, we are still missing Predictors for all of the years 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004. If you have in your files or archives any (paper or digital) Predictors published in the period of '99 to '05, please contact Brian Wagner or me.
- **OUR PROJECTS STORE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** <http://packardsandiego.com/Packard-Parts/shop/>.  
Our new online Packard Projects Parts store is up and running on our website. Check it out by clicking the link above.
- Please consider helping support our club by making a purchase. There are lots of interesting parts and accessories to choose from.
- **WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/PackardSanDiego/>  
This is a new community page on Facebook that is exclusive to the Packard Club of San Diego. It will feature articles on recent completed outings as well as announcements of upcoming events & tours. [Click here](#) to visit the page. While there, please click 'LIKE' below the picture. Check back from time to time when you log on to your Facebook account
- **OUR ONLINE SHOWROOM OF MEMBER-OWNED PACKARDS IS UP TO 68 CARS - PLUS 2 NEW VIDEOS**
  - Thank you all who have submitted pictures of your beautiful Packards to this extraordinary online showroom collection: You may visit the page at <http://packardsandiego.com/SHOWROOM.html> to view the cars.
  - We still have about 40 member-owned Packards that are not yet a part of the Showroom:
  - If your Packard(s) is/are among the missing cars, please email one or two of your favorite photos to [markburnside@cox.net](mailto:markburnside@cox.net). If your Packard(s) is/are already featured in the Showroom and you would like to change the picture(s), please email new photo(s) to [markburnside@cox.net](mailto:markburnside@cox.net).
  - See two new videos of our fine motor cars in motion at: <http://packardsandiego.com/VIDEOS.html>
  - Note that the Carousel of Packards on the home page will change on April 1st. If you would like your Packard featured, please provide a new photo (not one that is already up on the SHOWROOM page)
- **DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE 'MEMBERS ONLY' PAGE**



**MEMBERS ONLY**  
A lot of Useful and Important  
Information for members of the Packard  
Club of San Diego.

**PASSWORD REQUIRED**

Enter your password:

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New additions to this page include IDENTIFYING YOUR PACKARD - A guide to numbers used by The Packard Club

This page also provides:

- Current issue of the Predictor
- Current Roster of PCoSD Members
- Detailed Club History
- Contact information for members of the PCoSD Board of Directors
- Club By-Laws

If you forgot your password, please e-mail me and I will send it to you.

- **THE VENDOR LIST IS UNDER RESTORATION AND WILL RETURN SOON**  
This popular list of vendors of Packard parts and services was on the website for years. Recently, we noticed that it's become out of date as businesses come and go. It's presently being updated by our very capable Director of Projects, Mr. Paul Santy. You may have heard from Paul requesting an update if you contributed vendor information when the page was first set up. If so, please send back your update information as soon as possible so we can publish the new list with everyone's updates.
- **NEW PAGE UNDERWAY FOR DOCUMENTS PRINTED BY THE PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY**  
We will soon have a new section of the website dedicated making available the following types of Packard documents: Owner's manuals, service bulletins, parts lists, sales literature, wiring diagrams, and other information developed and printed by Packard. Once the page is up, we will be asking you for help by loaning us Packard documents you have in your possession that would be of interest to other members.

## DID YOU KNOW??



80 per cent of the cars in Albania are Mercedes.



Majority of F1 cars use the same exhaust pipe coating as used in the nuclear reactors.



Only 18 per cent power generated from the fuel reach the wheels of a car.



The world's oldest surviving car was built in 1884, in France. It was auctioned for \$4.6 million.



World's most recycled product? It's The Automobile.



## 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, \$22,000



1931 Packard Standard Eight Sedan, Model 826. Was 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.

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

**[info@packardsandiego.com](mailto:info@packardsandiego.com)**

# 2018 Calendar of Events

Listed below is the 2018 Calendar of officially sponsored events by the Packard Club of San Diego. Also included are National events as sponsored by PAC or one of its regions. You must be a member of PAC to participate in PAC officially sponsored events. Events that may be of interest to our members, but not sponsored by PAC or the Packard Club of San Diego are also included. These events are listed in *red italics*.

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

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TOUR DIRECTOR
MAR	3	<a href="#">Garage Tour: Ernie Follis' Garage</a>	<i>Vista, CA</i>	<i>On Your Own</i>
	16-18	<a href="#">CCCA Springtime Grand Classic Car Show</a>	<i>Inn at Rancho Santa Fe</i>	<i>Contact Tim Pestotnik</i>
	22-25	<a href="#">Combined Overnight Tour with Mercedes-Benz Club</a>	Borrego Springs, CA	Steve Ross
APR	7	About San Diego Driving Tour	Tour of San Diego's Historic Points of Interest	Tim Pestotnik
	8	<a href="#">La Jolla Concours d'Elegance</a>	<i>La Jolla Cove, La Jolla San Diego</i>	<i>On Your Own</i>
	14	<a href="#">Tremble Clefs 2nd Annual Classic Car Show</a>	<i>Palisades Presbyterian Church, San Diego</i>	<i>Contact Richard Schauer</i>
	29	<a href="#">Motor Cars on Main Car Show</a>	<i>Downtown Coronado, San Diego</i>	<i>On Your Own</i>
MAY	17-20	<a href="#">The All-Western Regions Tour</a> A joint tour with NorCal, Reno, Oregon, and the Earle C. Anthony Regions of PAC	Auburn, CA	Earl Rubenstein and Andrew Wallace, Earle C. Anthony Region, PAC
	27	<a href="#">Fallbrook Vintage Car Show</a>	Pala Mesa Resort	Karl Ramsing
JUN	15	Packard / Pierce-Arrow Night at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand™	Escondido, CA	Mark Burnside
JUL	1-6	<a href="#">53rd PAC National Meet</a>	Columbus, OH	Buckeye Packards
	4	<i>Avenue of the Heroes Parade</i>	<i>Coronado, CA</i>	<i>Contact Richard Schauer</i>
	14	Rallye Tour with Mercedes-Benz Club	San Diego County	Steve Ross
AUG	11	Packard Club of San Diego Annual Membership Social	Home of Tim Pestotnik	Tim Pestotnik
	24-26	<a href="#">Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance</a>	<i>Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, CA</i>	<i>On Your Own</i>
SEP	22	<a href="#">Donut Pusher Tour</a>	All around San Diego	Mark Burnside
OCT	3-6	<a href="#">Hershey Swap Meet</a>	<i>Hershey, PA</i>	<i>On Your Own</i>
	13	Octoberfest BBQ at the Garage w/ Technical Session	Escondido	Tim Pestotnik
	14-19	<a href="#">11th Henry B. Joy Tour</a>	French Lick, IN	
	21	<i>Cops and Rodders Fall Pow-Wow</i>	<i>Embarcadaro Marine Park N (Seaport Village)</i>	<i>On Your Own</i>
NOV	3	Winery Tour	Highway 78 Escondido to Ramona	Richard Schauer
DEC	1	<a href="#">Packard Club of San Diego Christmas Party</a>	Valley Center, CA	Steve Ross
	2	<i>Bells of Freedom</i>	<i>Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar</i>	<i>Contact Catherine Woolsey or Marjo Miller</i>