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## PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Steve Ross

### *Cormorant Gardens*

Most of us have heard of the Hundered Acre Wood where Christopher Robin meets Winnie the Pooh, Tigger and other friends. There is the Rabbit Hole where Alice fell in and met many unusual creatures. There is another secret

mystical garden which I choose to call Cormorant Gardens. At this mystical garden, the Packard Cormorants return every spring to visit for a while on their way to Warren Ohio (their birth place along with the Packard Automobile). They appear for a few days and then are gone for the year until the next spring arrives. Using a Magic Camera, a few of these elegant birds were captured on film and are presented here for your enjoyment. These birds signify the beginning of spring when living things rejunivate and spring forth anew from the winter months when they lie dormant, much like our Packards do. They tell me that their cousins, the Packard Cormorants and Goddesses of Speed that ride on the prow of a mighty Packard, like to feel the wind beneath their wings as they plow through the air with speed. These silly birds think the Packard drivers enjoy this experience also.



The Coromants and Goddesses say they feel so sorry for their cousins who are locked in a dark garage for months or even years and never feel the wind rushing through feathers and hair. There are many opportunities coming up throughout the world (and particularly our region) for our birds to fly again this year. Let us have a heart and let them fly again. The birds in the garden say they will return so long as somewhere in the world a Packard

is on the road. It is up to us to make it happen.



**The Goddess of Speed**

**REMEMBER OUR MOTTO:**

**DRIVE YOUR PACKARD  
AND  
IF YOU AIN'T HAVIN FUN, YOU AIN'T DOIN' IT RIGHT**

**SHALL WE HAVE SOME FUN?**



**Identify this car and win a free one year membership to PI San Diego Region**

**First correct responder is the winner.**

**Send your guess to Steve Ross. [inewsx@sbcglobo.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobo.net), 619-508-3925, mail it or drop off at 16151 Fruitvale Road, Valley Center, CA 92082**



# PACKARDS PATROL THE DESERT IN BORREGO SPRINGS

By Richard Schauer

The first overnight expedition of 2013 concluded Sunday March 17, 2013, as the small band of travelers wound down the mountain from Julian, stuffed from lunch followed by a large helping of Julian Pie Co. apple pie and ice cream...arguably the best apple pie on the planet. Getting the "real thing" in Julian beats the heck out of the same pies sold at San Diego grocery stores they carry the same name, but somehow are simply not as fresh and tasty.



Ten members ventured out into the desert on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>: Steve and

Carol Ross driving the Yellow Peril, Jim and Catherine Woolsey in their wonderful '35 limo, and new members Marjo and Dion Miller driving their original condition 1948 Woodie on the longest trip away from home to-date. The Schauers were last in the caravan acting as the "sweep" in their non-Packard. Fortunately there was nothing to "sweep". Scott and Kris Napora met us at the Borrego Springs Resort, picking their own route from Lemon Grove, also in their brand-X car.

Those who have not participated on these overnight tours are really missing something! This trip was intended to view spring desert flowers at the Anza Borrego State Park. Well, heat and a severe lack of rain denied us the pleasure of appreciating Nature's bounty... there was practically nothing to see, sorry to say. Undaunted, we still had a great trip. The drive from Lawrence Welk Village up Hwy 395, to Hwy 76, and past Lake Henshaw was smooth, cool (cool is always good when talking about Packard tours), and uneventful. The Packards zipped along quickly with the Woolseys in the lead, but there was plenty of opportunity to appreciate the green mountain pastures and hillsides. The trip downhill from Ranchita saw the outside temperature climb steadily until it reached a lofty 98 degrees F. We stopped in at the park headquarters to enjoy a picnic lunch,



finding two tables in semi-shade. Though hot, we were reminded "it's a DRY heat!" Ok, well, hot is hot no matter how you slice it. But seriously it really was very pleasant outdoor lunch--or was it the company?

This story falls into the category of "You never know what will happen when you take your Packard cars out". Everyone was packing up from lunch when a nice young lady walked up asking for help. She was a parent chaperone at the Boy Scout troop camped a mile or so to the north. Out for a hike, the hot

weather caught her somewhat by surprise and she asked for a cell phone so she could call over there to ask for a ride back to the camp. Immediately Catherine and Jim did one better: how about a ride over there...we're finished with lunch and would be glad to give you a lift. Initially the lady declined, but she was asked to reconsider, as it would be no problem for us at all. She then caved in and agreed. "Boy is she in for a surprise", I retorted. Everyone laughed. The scout lady looked askance at us. Catherine quickly followed up with "I hope you don't mind a limo", to which the scout lady really gave us a look, while we laughed harder. Jim and Catherine took her by the arm and walked her around the building (she could not see the cars from where we were sitting), and when she saw the '35 limo you should have seen the look on her face: priceless. So, this very nice young lady rode like a queen in the back seat of a Packard 7-passenger limo for the mile and a half to the scout camp. You never saw such a gaggle of surprised and happy scouts in your life. Undoubtedly the sight of 3 Packard cars driving up to their camp was the very last thing they expected to see on that hot Saturday afternoon. Cameras came out and many seeds were planted for future Packard owners.

We scrubbed the idea of hiking in the heat and drove straight to the Resort, where our rooms were ready for us early. "Last one in is a rotten egg" was sounded and 4 of us charged over to the pool, where the water was wonderfully refreshing. Nice pool, great company, good conversation, relaxation, life does not get much better than this, does it? We live for times like this.

Dinner was set for 6:00 sharp at the Fireside restaurant, but we met at Steve and Carol's for drinks and snacks beforehand. It was there that Scott and Kris caught up with us. Dinner was relaxing, and the waiter lit up the signature fireplace, creating a very nice mood and toasting Scott Napora's hind end to "well done". Alas, the 98 degree day and pleasant evening did not lend itself to a warm, cozy fire. But the meal



was fine, conversation excellent as always, and before long the evening was over and we were caught up on the status of everyone's cars and exhausted from solving all the world's problems.

Everyone arose at their own pace Sunday, some returning to the dining room for breakfast while others enjoyed a nice repast on the deck of their room. Scott and Kris departed for Anza Borrego State Park and got in a morning hike. Sunday's temperature did not get above 90, a pleasant surprise for everyone, and especially the Packards. The rest of us checked out and drove south to view the Galleta Ranch and the strange metal critters strewn all over the landscape. It seems the ranch owner has more money than sense, as he hired a man to weld up and plant these oversize

animal shapes to the tune of 127 in all. One could make a day of it driving off road to get up close to the objects, but we selected a roadside spot beside some woolly mammoths to take a group photo. After that we decided it was time to point the cars toward home. It is always a bit sad to split up and return to reality, but now we look ahead with great anticipation to the next overnight tour: Idyllwild! Stay tuned for news on that one.

**Breakfast was the kickoff for St Patrick's Day  
and Marjo and Dion are in the spirit**







# Steffey Garage Tour and Wine Tasting Tour Temecula, CA

**Saturday April 20, 2013**

By Richard Schauer

Here comes the third annual wine tasting extravaganza! Well, ok, maybe extravaganza is a bit strong, but it is a grand time, and back by popular demand. Ron and Cherrie Steffey once again welcome us to their garage and home on Saturday April 20, 2013, for the Third Annual Temecula wine country tour. The plan is similar to 2012. New wineries are on tap (so to speak) and lunch will be at a new place that serves really great sandwiches (verified personally). Beginning with a review of the wonderful Steffey car collection (snacks and beverages are provided), and followed by a tour of 3 of Temecula's premier wineries, this promises to be another unforgettable day.

So, here's the plan: Members are invited to meet at the Park & Ride located at Hwy 76 and Old Highway 395 at 9:00 a.m. Bring a friend. This promises to be a very nice day. The caravan will depart promptly at 9:15 for Temecula, using old Highway 395 nearly the entire way. For those who have not driven Hwy 395, the route is delightful: slow paced, meandering, scenic, and with a few hills, but nothing too demanding, taking us through the village of Rainbow. We should arrive at the Steffey's around 10:00. At Ron and Cherrie's we will enjoy snacks and beverages lavished upon us by our wonderful hosts. At 11:30 sharp we will head out to the Temecula wine country, where three stops are planned (and a 4<sup>th</sup> stop for those who are interested in staying longer). The agenda includes a nice variety of wine cellars, starting with Falkner Vineyard. April weather in Temecula is excellent, and wine tasting attire is casual. By around 3-3:30 the third winery visit should be concluded and members may continue on or depart for home.

Note 1: Fees for wine tasting vary, but are approximately \$10/person. Where Ron and Cherrie are members we get to take advantage of a guest discount.

Note 2: Members not wishing to caravan may drive direct to the Steffey house. Ron and Cherrie will be expecting us around 10:00 am.

**Ron & Cherrie Steffey, 11876 Rancho Heights Rd, Pala, CA. 92059 760-742-8964**

Directions: I-15 north from Escondido to Temecula Hwy 79 east exit. Drive east to Pechanga Parkway, and turn right (south). 3 miles south of Pechanga Indian Casino, and ½ mile south of the San Diego County line, look for Rancho Heights Rd., a quick left up-hill turn to a security gate ¼ mile away. On the Call Box scroll down for Steffey and press "Call".

Caravan directions? Leave it to your Tour Director to get everyone there safe and sound.

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## **Hold Harmless Agreement (please read and sign)**

The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in the Packards International San Diego Region Temecula Wine Tasting Tour to be held April 20, 2013 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.

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Agreed and Signed (by guardian if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

## ROAD TRIP MAY 18, 2013

Tour guide: The Yellow Peril driven by Steve Ross



How about a run up old U.S Highway 395 to the [March Field Air Museum](#)? Mark your calendar on May 18, 2013 (that is a Saturday) for a trip to the United States Air Force Museum at the March Air Reserve Base just up the road about 88 miles from San Diego. We will meet in the parking lot of the Lawrence Welk Resort at 0900 to begin our leisurely journey up the ol' highway.

There are 72 vintage aircraft from pre WWII to the Vietnam era for us to see and touch:



**B-17 Flying Fortress**



**EB-57B Canberra**



**SR-71. Fastest aircraft in the world. Speeds of over Mach 3 have been recorded. That is somewhere around 2300 MPH at sea level.** (see tour master for inside dope)



**MIG-23B, FLOGGER** (one of the bad guys)



**B-25 Mitchell Bomber. This is the type of aircraft that Jimmie Doolittle and his squadron flew for the first bombing attack on Japan during WW-II.**

**HERE IS THE SCOOP:**

**Date: May 18, 2013**

**Cost: \$10.00 donation to the museum.**

**Time and Place: Meet at 9:00 AM in the parking lot of the Lawrence Welk Resort.**

**Tour sheets will be handed out and a place will be selected for lunch.**

**Hold Harmless Agreement (please read and sign)**

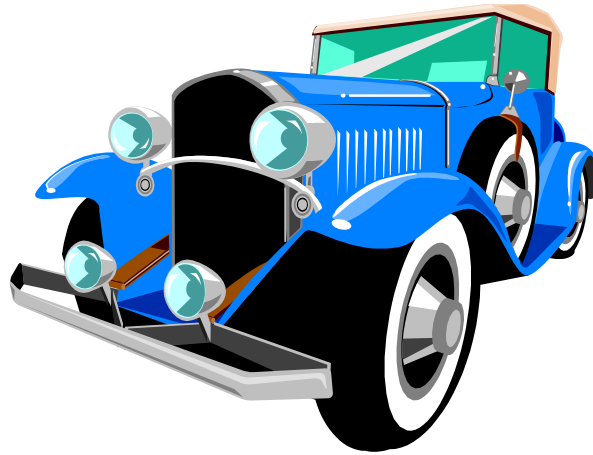
The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in the Packards International San Diego Region Tour of the March Field Air Museum to be held May 18, 2013 does hereby tender his/her application to participate. If this application is accepted, the undersigned registrant hereby acknowledges possession 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.

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Date

**The waiver can be turned in to Steve Ross at the caravan meeting point. See you there!!!!**





## **Come be Part of the Great Packard Weekend!!!**

**Friday, June 14, 2013: Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand in Escondido**  
**Saturday, June 15, 2013: Lunch at the San Diego Yacht Club**  
**and attend the Wooden Boat Festival**

We all need a reason to get behind the wheel of our Packards so this weekend we'll do it in spades. On Friday, at 4:30pm we will meet in Escondido at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ivy to line up to parade down Grand Avenue into Cruisin' Grand for our special parking that we receive as featured guests at for the evening. See the next page for more details and the sign up form.

Then on Saturday morning, June 15<sup>th</sup> our North County members will meet at the Macaroni Grill at North County Fair Mall at 10:30 a.m. to caravan down to Pt. Loma for a 12:00 lunch at the San Diego Yacht Club on Point Loma at 1050 Anchorage Lane (others can drive directly to the Club.) We will have special reserved parking for our Packards at the Club and then after lunch walk over to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Koehler Kraft Wooden Boat Festival. At the Festival we will see more than 80 wooden craft, ranging from row boats to regal schooners. This will give you an opportunity to be thankful that you bought a Packard and not a wooden boat! Please see the accompanying page for more details about the lunch and Wooden Boat Show on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

This weekend offers something for every member. Come out, enjoy driving your Packard (or talk about driving your Packard), and meet other Packard enthusiasts. For questions about Cruisin' Grand call Mark Burnside 619.322.9340 or [markburnside@cox.net](mailto:markburnside@cox.net), and for the SDYC event call Marjo Miller 619.226.2747 or [miller.marjo@gmail.com](mailto:miller.marjo@gmail.com)





# Registration Form for Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand and San Diego Yacht Club Lunch & Wooden Boat Festival

Please complete and return the form below to register for the events of June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sign Up For Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand - June 14:**

Note: There is no charge to participate in Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand. You MUST drive a Packard, however.

Model Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Packard Body Number (ie; 916, 2292, 5562, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sign Up For San Diego Yacht Club Lunch & Wooden Boat Festival June 15:**

Mark your selections for lunch and Boat Festival tickets, enclose a check and return by May 31, 2013.  
 Make check payable to Packards International - San Diego Region.

- |  |                     |                 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. My lunch selection(s) are (mark one for each attendee):   | <b><u>TOTAL</u></b> |                 |
| SDYC Cheeseburger # _____ @ \$25.00 each   |                     | _____           |
| Beer Battered Fish & Chips # _____ @ \$25.00 each  |                     | _____           |
| Traditional Cobb Salad # _____ @ \$25.00 each  |                     | _____           |
| Crab Louie Salad # _____ @ \$25.00 each  |                     | _____           |
| 2. Wooden Boat Show Festival tickets # _____ @ \$7.00 per person   |                     | _____           |
| <small>(Purchasing Festival tickets is optional if you do not wish to attend this part of the day)</small> |                     |                 |
| 3. <b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b> (Lunch and Boat Festival Tickets)   |                     | <b>\$</b> _____ |

## **Hold Harmless Agreement (please read and sign)**

The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in the Packards International San Diego Region Tours on the 14th and 15th of June to Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand and the San Diego Yacht Club, respectively, 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.

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 Agreed and Signed (by guardian if under 18)

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 Date

**Form with payment should be mailed by May 31, 2013 to:**

Marjo Miller  
 3754 Rosecroft Lane  
 San Diego, CA 92106

# HISTORIC LINCOLN HIGHWAY TOUR

**June 21 –June 30**

Steve Ross



The Lincoln Highway Centennial crew is growing. There are now four Packards from southern California signed up for the journey from Packards International and one Mercedes Benz being driven by Jack Heacock, a former PI San Diego Region member.



**A piece of the original highway in Lomis CA**





These two marker heads are listed on eBay by a person living in Cupertino, CA. The asking price is \$225,000, Yes that's two hundred and twenty-five thousand US dollars. But wait, there's more!! The price includes free personal delivery. What serious Lincoln Highway collector wouldn't hesitate to jump on this deal ???????? Any Bids ?



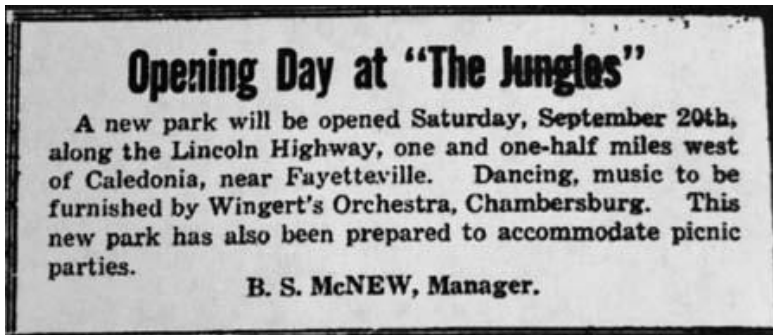
[Lincoln Popcorn Palace in Cheyenne, Wyoming.](#) (Note Packard parked in front)



## Selected Shorts – Lincoln Highway’s Jungle Park Inn

1<sup>st</sup> in a 3 part series  
Contributed by Sean McNew

As 2013 celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lincoln Highway, this is a fitting time to share a personal story about a family business that supported the highway, spanning a period of 42 years. In 1924, my great-grandfather, Benjamin Saunders McNew, purchased an inn on Route 30 in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, just 16 miles west of famed Gettysburg.



The grand opening of Jungle Park Inn on September 20, 1924 was set to music and dancing as announced in this ad appearing in the Gettysburg Times on September 19, 1924.

The 12-acre wooded property initially consisted of a three-story inn set back from the road, a gas station, and picnic grounds. The inn offered rooms, food, and drink for travelers. Being a carpenter and pattern maker, Ben eventually expanded the property by building log cabins for travelers, some with two rooms, which totaled 20 beds, and constructed a playground for the children.



Ben's wife, Verna, is seen standing in front of the gas station with the second and third stories of the inn visible in the background. Auto fuel was dispensed from glass-topped gas pumps that visibly showed you how much you were getting as gravity fed it into your car's tank. Four grades of fuel included Tydol Ethyl, Tydol No-nox Ethyl, That Good Gulf Gasoline (later to become just Gulf), and an additional Tydol grade. Three engine oil tank dispensers are visible among the pumps and several crates of empty glass soda bottles sitting on a bench at the left, possibly to show soda pop was available. The paved asphalt of Lincoln Highway is visible in the foreground.





Behind the gas station, the inn had a beer license, sold chenille bedspreads, and provided square dancing with fiddlers on the weekends. Adirondack and rocking chairs can be seen in the deep recesses of the inn's wrap-around porch for travelers to rest in. Large signs of ROOMS, MEALS, and BEER were visibly posted to be seen from the highway.



Inside the dining room, meals were offered throughout the day. Running the business was a full time family affair with Ben maintaining the grounds, Verna running the inn, and family members helping clean rooms and run the dining room and kitchen. Taking a family trip in the summer was not an option with all the travelers and highway traffic. But eventually they would take a notable car trip in the slow winter months, which will be detailed in next month's Selected Shorts.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## The San Diego Region

Our San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club takes great pleasure in welcoming and introducing the following new members to our club with a short introduction of their history with the Packard Motor Car:

### Bruce S. Duncan – El Cajon

Bruce moved to San Diego area after retiring from teaching in the Washington DC area. His folks lived in Del Mar but his mother moved to La Jolla after his Dad passed; therefore the reason to move to San Diego. Bruce has loved Packards since his teen age years, buying his first Packard, a 1941 "110" for \$165. This Packard was driven for years but was replaced with numerous other Packards. In 1968, Bruce partnered with a friend to form "Thoroughbred Motor Car Restoration" where they restored many Packards, mainly top-end V-12's and V-8's. Bruce owned a '55 400, a Clipper, and a Caribbean which were daily drivers. In 2002, Bruce bought (via eBay) a 1956 Patrician with A/C which had been used as a funeral car in North Dakota. He found it was missing many parts but purchased them over the next few years. Rear body parts were repaired, the Ultramatic transmission was rebuilt as were brake cylinders and starter/generator, but the rest of the engine was in good shape. Bruce drives the Patrician often and is now teaching part time at Cuyamaca Junior College.

### Bill Horn – Valley Center



Bill has restored numerous cars and has added to his collection some cars which have been restored. To date there are 13 autos including his first car at age 14, a 1930 Model A for \$143 in North Park, San Diego. The 1933 Packard, a "1002" Club Sedan, was purchased in Garden Grove in 2004. Years earlier upholstery restoration was started but never finished. The Packard still has its original headliner. For three years Bill rebuilt the engine, painted the car with pin striping, powder coated the spoke wheels and re-chromed everything. The 1936 "120B" was purchased in 1998 in a two car auction. It is in running condition with an older restoration.

The other car in the auction purchased was a restored 1932 Auburn Cabriolet. Many of these cars can be seen driving around Escondido.

### Janice Lynch – Lemon Grove

A few years ago, Janice had a 1949 and a 1953 Packard in her back yard. The insurance man said she had to get rid of them if she were to get insurance on her property. She still has great affection for Packards. While growing up in the Boston area, she and two aunts, same era, would ride in their Grandfathers 1935 V 12 Limousine with the divider window raised, having a wonderful time. Maybe another Packard is in her future yet.

### Gary Marchetti – Vista

Gary has three Nashes ('29, '31, and '32) plus his 1931 Packard "826" Sedan. The '32 Nash "970" will be featured in the upcoming La Jolla Concourse after completing a total restoration. Six years ago, Gary formed a Restoration Firm in Escondido. They do a lot of work for Alan Taylor besides their own work. About eight months ago, Gary found on eBay, a 1931 Packard "826" Sedan that had been sitting for 30 years. He has pulled the engine, rechecked the inner works which were in good shape. He just received a rebuilt water pump and water jacket and is in the processes of assembling the engine. The upholstery is out and is started, all inner wood is in good condition. The body is next. We should see this Packard in the shows and on the streets soon.



## Ginger Nardini-McLean – San Diego



Ginger has rejoined our San Diego from long ago and still has her father's 1949 "2201" Station Sedan "Woodie". When Ginger was nine, her Father took her to the car dealer and, while looking at another car, Ginger walked up and said: "Look at this wooden car". Her Father bought it, has had it garaged since. Ginger would each year sand the wood lightly and finish it with a good varnish. After her Father passed in 1970, Ginger took ownership of the Packard and in 1989, had new paint, brakes, wood graining, and wiring harness repaired. Since then, the wood was removed, stripped clean, sanded and marine varnish applied. The radio still works but

the clock never did perform adequately. The car has been in the family since its birth and is in excellent condition.

## James A. Pardubsky – San Diego

This 1938 "1600" Touring Sedan was purchased from a previous San Diego member and is in fairly good original condition for a "barn find". All parts were there but not in running condition. Jim is in partnership with Lance Haynes (SD member) in this restoration. After replacing some stuck valves and cleaning of engine components it started and ran but obviously, had not run for some time as some other valves became stuck. They took out the engine and had it rebuilt locally. The piston lands were worn, so re-boring was necessary and new pistons/rings installed. Later model valves springs and keepers were on hand, bearings were inspected and found in very good condition. The timing chain was replaced, cylinder head milled, a rebuilt clutch plate, pressure plate and throw-out bearings installed. New brakes were next with new rear springs and drive shaft. An electric fuel pump was installed. An electric water pump and fan with a new radiator core solved the cooling problem. An Audi anti-sway bar was installed in front and wide whitewall tires installed with 825x16 on the back and 750x16 on the front. Upholstery is next and some minor body repair ending with a cream color paint to finish the project. Lance will use this Packard in his antique car chauffeuring and sightseeing business.

## Tim R. Pestotnik – San Diego



In January of this year, Tim found a 1934 "1101" Packard Roadster on Ebay. With the assistance and counseling of Bob Steiner (former member of the San Diego Region), Tim purchased the Packard. Since then, knowing that the Packard was in very good shape, he asked Jim Woolsey (SD member) to complete some minor details, such as turn signals using the mounted parking lights, and Jim is installing an overdrive unit and a tune up. The engine is in good condition but may

need a valve/ring job soon. We shall see the Packard on the road and at our events soon.

## Alfredo Ruiz – San Diego

Alfredo has restored numerous cars, mainly Chevrolets. Just 2 months ago, while driving some back roads in Bonsall, he found a 1938 "1601" Touring Sedan. It had been stored for about 20 years but the owner was moving. For a good price, Alfredo purchased this Packard which was very complete with a heater and many accessories. The body is in very good condition as is the upholstery for being in original condition. In 1½ months, Alfredo has removed the body, sandblasted the frame, primed the frame and is starting on restoring the body which needs little attention. When he first saw the Packard, he was not sure what make the car was. As he walked from the back, along the side, he marveled at the style and size. Then he saw the front end and fell in love with the Packard. We shall see this Packard on the streets soon.

## *Ask the Woman Who Owns One*



### **1948 Packard Station Sedan original and un-restored. (Mammoth is not on the roof)**

I could have asked a man, maybe even my husband, but both would have said “no”, so why ask?

I’ve been requested to write the story of my 1948 Packard Station Sedan. I think there is some curiosity about why a woman would want an antique car (but on the other hand, maybe the Predictor editor is short on material.) Either way, over the years, I have had six antique cars. Prior possessions include a 1948 Desoto coupe, 1948 Ford convertible, 1952 MGTD, 1954 Sunbeam Talbot convertible (oh, Roots!), and a 1960 Corvette convertible (yes, red.)

The modern version of the old adage “never buy a car at an auction” is now “never buy a car on E-bay.” But as I was surfing the web in 2010 dreaming of owning a woody, I came across my Packard Station Sedan on eBay and immediately preferred the sleeker styling of the Packard to the typical boxy Ford Woodies (no, I don’t drink beer or own a surfboard.)

I guess there was at least one silver lining in the 2008 market meltdown, as my car never did sell on eBay and I flew to Sacramento to see and drive the car before buying it (yes, I’m a CPA.) The car was garaged in an old barn on a ranch (truly) and was owned by a Sacramento lobbyist since 1969. The prior two owners lived in Sacramento as well. I believe all three men loved and cared for the car as much as I do now.

Before we go much further with my story, you do need to know that although I’m nearly devoid of mechanical skills, I did install new water pumps on my 1948 Desoto (OK, they leaked so I actually changed them twice.) So upon arriving at the Sacramento ranch and wanting to impress the seller with my vast auto savvy, I kicked the tires, drove the car, lifted the hood, and crawled under the car. I made all the appropriate sounds and comments of an astute, discerning buyer...are those bird droppings on the roof?

Having passed with flying colors (OK, it smoked a little), I briefly considered buying my Packard on the spot, but my accounting training said “ask the man, namely my husband.” So I flew home, discussed the new woody find with the home front, called the owner, and bought the car over the phone.



The next step was to get the car to San Diego. A friend had an eighteen wheeler enclosed trailer and a driver so off we went to Sacramento. We loaded the car and stopped in Fresno at a junk yard to pick up a chassis for my friend. Junk yard owner, Jerry, had a 1948 Packard Station Sedan parts car so I bought a grill, bumper and parking light just in case I ever need them. After driving through LA at 5:00 pm on our way home, I gained a new appreciation for eighteen wheeler drivers (please slow down and let them in, it isn't that easy to shift those gears.)

My car is fairly original and has just had basic maintenance in the past. But this is now, and I needed someone to help me work on the car (you will remember there was a little smoke). Fortunately, I had already joined the San Diego Packard Club and asked Karl Ramsing, Membership Chairman, if he could recommend someone to help me. Karl is a gem.



### **Comin' Round the Mountain**

Years ago, I did a frame-off restoration on my 1948 Ford convertible. That taught me many things. Chiefly:

- 1) There is more wrong with the car than you see;
- 2) It will definitely cost more than you think so making a budget is really a waste of time;
- 3) Patience is indeed a virtue;
- 4) You bond with your restorer early on in a curious way; and
- 5) Much of the joy of restoring an old car is gone when you deliver the car to the restorer, and only see the car once a month when you write a check for the monthly restoration expenses. So this time, it was going to be different. I wanted to find a mechanic who would let me work alongside him and learn more about the mechanics of my car. It goes without saying that finding the mechanic would be the hard part; teaching me more about auto mechanics would be a cinch.

Fortunately, I found the perfect mechanic for me, Jim Woolsey. Not only is Jim a knowledgeable professional, but he is careful, and patiently explains what we are doing. He even let's me hold the trouble light.

It isn't necessary for me to list in detail what Jim and I (haha) have fixed on my car- but basically everything mechanical short of a complete engine rebuild. This has taken about a year and a half. We meet every Thursday and stop only for lunch at the Gillespie Airfield Café. We are known quite well there by now as we drive in instead of fly in.

My Packard and I have a bit of an identity crisis. We're not sure if we are a woody that happens to be a Packard or a Packard that happens to be a woody. To cover my bases, I joined both the Packard and Woody Car Clubs. We are an anomaly in both clubs, but that is okay.

As we near the end of Phase I and purr down the road in my Packard, enjoying my car, what do I think about?

- 1) Old cars are just better than new cars;
- 2) Nothing has changed about the cost, time or challenge of restoring an old car;
- 3) Membership in antique car clubs is both helpful and enjoyable;
- 4) I will be eternally thankful to Jim Woolsey for making my dream come true; and
- 5) There will be a Phase II

Ask the Woman Who Owns One,  
Marjo Miller



Marjo looks mighty happy and comfortable at the wheel of her classic Packard Station Sedan



*Ain't no mountain high enough*



*We are invited to join the Mercedes-Benz Club for a Picnic and Wash & Shine Show  
Sunday, 19 May 2013*

**Steve Ross**



*Lazy H Ranch the site of our big show*

If you are an active member, an inactive member, have a show-winning Packard or Mercedes, or a beater trapped in your garage covered in dust. Or if you just purchased your car and want to show it off, or have a car you have been working on that you just want to see another one like it, then this is the event for you! This year we have combined a few events in to one. That's right, a little something for everybody!

It's the 2013 New Member, Old Member, Show and Shine, New Owner Original Owner, Clean Car or Dirtiest Car and to give it a twist we have invited our sister club (The Packard Club) to join us. I know, I know, so what does the Packard Club have to do with the Mercedes-Benz Club? A lot! In the early days of automotive dealerships, Mercedes-Benz partnered up with the Studebaker-Packard dealerships for distribution. Yep that's right. You had your choice of a Studebaker Lark or a 300SL on the same showroom floor. How's that for covering your bases. We are looking for a large fulfilled turnout for this event. So dust off that ol' car of yours, or the new one, and bring it to the Pic-A-Nic. For more info on these two events you can give a call to Steve Ross 619-508-3925.

We have another **NEW** and we think exciting program. Bring a friend who has a Mercedes-Benz and is **not** a member of the MBCA and your cost for the event is one half price. **Yes you Packard folks can get this credit as well**

***The winner for the cleanest car and the dirtiest car as determined by the judges will receive \$10.00 toward the cost of their lunch, both Packards and Mercedes-Benz may win***



**What:** Picnic and Wash and Shine Show

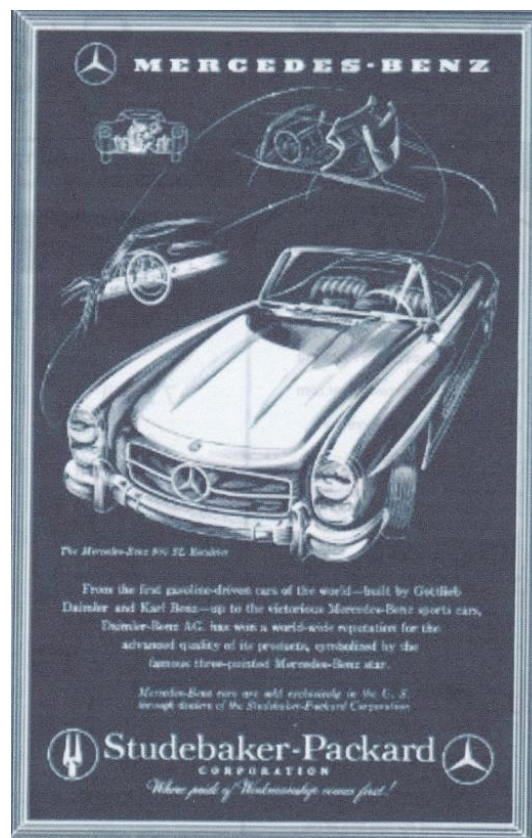
**Where:** Lazy H Ranch 16787 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, California

**When:** Sunday May 18, 2013 at 10:00AM

**Cost:** \$10.00 per car.

You may purchase your lunch from the Lazy H Restaurant. Prices are very reasonable ranging from a sandwich @\$4.50, a burger @\$6.50 OR a Prime Rib dinner for \$23.95. A wide assortment of beverages is also available at modest cost.

**It doesn't get any better than this so start your engines and come out to the country, enjoy some sunshine visit with friends, make new friends and admire some vintage as well as new automobiles.**



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## PACKARD BICYCLE FOR SALE

Manufactured by: THE BEAN & SON COMPANY

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

### SERIAL NUMBER 743185

**Completely restored late 1930's - early 1940's PACKARD bicycle. Black paint with fine gold and olive pin striping. Chrome plating as original.**

**Tires:** SEMPERIT 40-635 (28 X 1 1/2 700 X 38B) SUPER ELITE white wall 55 lbs inflation pressure. Made in Austria.

**Seat:** Leather covering with "L" shaped seat post.

**Goose Neck:** Made from aluminum, which was a precious metal in the pre WW 2 era, and simulating cormorant feathers figure head showing its status.

**Chain:** Skip tooth, roller type.

**Crank:** One-piece type.

**Fork:** Chromed with axle holes & no drop out slots.

**Fenders:** Front with breakaway stay.

**Rear Hub:** THE MUSSLEMAN HUB-BRAKE CO. CLEVELAND, OHIO U.S.A. PATS.-1.911.461-2.167.551 MODEL M with triangle stamping.

**Spokes:** Re laced with stainless steel spokes.

**Rims:** Raised centers & pinstriped to match fenders.

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# 2013 Activities Calendar

Listed below are all tours and events officially sponsored by the San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club for 2013. 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 the events listed.

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

Month	Date	Event Description	Location	Tour Director
April	20	<a href="#">Wine Tasting</a>	Temecula	Ron Steffey
May	18	<a href="#">March Field Air Museum</a>	March AFB	Steve Ross
June	14	<a href="#">Packard Night @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand</a>	Escondido	Mark Burnside
	15	<a href="#">Wooden Boat Festival @ San Diego Yacht Club</a>	San Diego	Marjo Miller
	21-30	<a href="#">2013 Lincoln Highway 100th Anniversary Tour to Kearney, Nebraska</a>	San Francisco to Kearney, NE	Lincoln Highway Association
July	7	<a href="#">Cops &amp; Rodders Car Show @ Liberty Station</a>	San Diego	Scott Napora
August	25	<a href="#">Picnic - Balboa Park</a>	San Diego	Scott Napora
September	15	Outreach Tour (details TBA)	San Diego	Richard Schauer
October	5-6	<a href="#">Fall Colors Overnight Driving Tour</a>	Idyllwild	Richard Schauer
	13	<a href="#">SoCal Region Grand Salon</a>	Newport Beach	PI SoCal Region
	23-26	<a href="#">PI National Driving Tour</a>	Arizona	PI Arizona Region
November	9	<a href="#">Mercedes Benz Classic Center</a>	Irvine	Steve Ross
December	7	<a href="#">Christmas Party @ Lazy H Ranch</a>	Valley Center	Steve Ross
Jan (2014)	1	<a href="#">Brunch at Hotel del Coronado</a>	San Diego	Steve Ross



## Webmaster's Corner

by Mark Burnside

Our own regional website, [www.PackardSanDiego.com](http://www.PackardSanDiego.com) is always being updated and improved. This month I am pleased to announce that the LINKS section of the site has been completely redone and upgraded. To check it out, click here: [www.PackardSanDiego.com/Links.html](http://www.PackardSanDiego.com/Links.html)

The intent of this page is to provide a complete and easy directory of websites featuring information, parts or services that our members (ie; YOU) would find helpful or of interest in caring for their (your) Packard. Among the subjects you can peruse there are:

- Other PI Region Websites
- Packard Restoration Specialists
- Packard Factory Information and Photographs
- Packard Parts Vendors
- Packards for Sale
- Classic Car Clubs
- Classic Car Museums
- Antique Highway Associations

If you are aware of website(s) not listed on the LINKS page that you believe to be of general interest to our members, please email me at [MarkBurnside@cox.net](mailto:MarkBurnside@cox.net) with the link information. I will promptly check it out and add to the LINKS page.

