

Predictor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Ross

To our valued members: If you have not renewed your membership with Packards International for 2013, this will be your last issue of the Predictor. Please do not let this happen to you.



Yep, this is a Packard Pickup. Albeit a conversion it looks like it could have come from Grand Ave in Detroit. As evidenced by the hoist in the back, it is a working pickup.

Have you ever noticed how a verb can make a description or statement more exciting? We could say the Packard pickup above is owned by Elmer Fudd. In my opinion it is more exciting to say that this is a Packard sedan converted to a pickup by Elmer Fudd. Elmer drives it weekly and it serves as a rescue wagon for many tours, both locally and nationally.



talked the to Packard man who did the conversion on this pickup and it turned into quite a task. Does that sound familiar? According to him, the cost went out of control within the first six months. The frame had to be strengthened, after

much cutting of metal and removal of doors and other unnecessary parts. Then there was the painting. The gentleman did a large amount of the work himself. He drives it extensively and loves it.

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Back to the verbs DO YOU DRIVE YOUR PACKARD, OR JUST LOOK AT IT OCCASIONALLY?

A DREVIEW TO A FUN-FILLED YEAR

So that everyone may plan their Packard Year, below is a preview of what's coming in 2013

We are kicking off 2013 with the Packard Membership Meet at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange, CA February 15-17, 2013. I am sure most of us have signed up for this annual gathering of Packards.



March 16 and 17 we are going on an overnight road trip the **Borrego Desert Springs** and view the wild flowers in full spring bloom. Hopefully we will catch sight



of the prehistoric animals in parts of the desert. Accommodations will be at

the Borrego Springs Resort and Spa. Steve Ross and Richard Schauer, Tour Directors

April 27 Ron and Cherrie Steffy are co-hosting the club on a tour of their garage and a tour of the finer vinyards in We will have lunch at one of the wineries. Temecula. There will be wine tasting for those that are so inclined. This is always a popular tour so get it on your calendar now. This is a beautiful, fun drive for both you and your Packard.





May 18 we man the Packards for a sortie up old Highway 395 to the March Air Force Base Museum. The March AFB Museum is one of the finest air museums in the U.S with a wide

variety of U.S. Air Force aircraft used from WWII to the post-Vietnam era. The aircraft seen here are the famous B-17 Flying Fortress of WWII fame and an F-4 Phantom used by both the U.S Navy and Air Force. This aircraft was one the main fighters used in Vietnam.



This is a U.S. Navy A-4 Skyhawk. The museum has both Navy and Air Force aircraft. The Skyhawk was a workhorse during Vietnam and this is the type aircraft that John McCain was flying when he was shot down and taken prisoner of war.

Tour Director Steve Ross





June 14 and 15 The Premier event of the year! Our annual CRUISIN' GRAND Parade and big show on Broadway in Escondido. This is an excellent venue to show off our Packards to the world. Cruisin' Grand always draws a large crowd and Packard Night always has a lot of people eager to see the Packards and interact with us about our classic beauties.

Tour Director Mark Burnside

The next day, Sat June 15, we have been invited to attend the Wooden Boat Festival at the San Diego Yacht Club. Marjo Miller is our tour



master for the second half of the Cruisin' Grand party.

Also in June is the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Highway tour from San Francisco to Kearney, Nebraska for us west coast Packardites, and Times Square New York to Kearney for the east coast folks. There will be continuing articles on this tour in your Predictor and you may go to the Lincoln Highway Association website 2013 Lincoln Highway 100th Anniversary Tour for more information on the tour.



Tour Directors Mark Burnside, Steve Ross and the Lincoln Highway Association



JULY 7 Cops and Rodders; our club is invited to participate in the annual Cops and Rodders car show again this year. The San Diego Region made a huge impression on the organizers last year Pictured here are some of the Packards that attended last year and two came away winners. Richard Schauer won best in show with this 1934 Touring Sedan.





Mr. John Richard's 1958 "A58L-K8" Hawk Hardtop and Phil Pizzuto and the Blue Bomb are proudly displaying their Sponsor Choice Award at the 2012 Cops & Rodders Show.



Above we have Miss Daisy cared for Mark Burnside and Sydney Kirkland.



Tour Director Scott Napora

August 25; Plan on a Picnic in Balboa Park, one of the most beautiful settings in the U.S. and certainly California. We must stop once in awhile and remind ourselves of all the spectacular sites we have here in San Diego County to enjoy. Scott Napora is the Tour Director for this outing.

October 5 & 6 The Road to Idyllwild



Our Tour Director Richard Schauer leads us on a journey to Idyllwild for an overnight stay to see the fall colors. Idyllwild is a beautiful mountain community lush with pine trees and trees that change color in the fall. There are

many unique shops as well as antique shops filled with treasures.

Their rummage sales on the weekends are interesting and you

never know what bargains you'll find





November 9 Mercedes Benz Classic Center. Tour Director Steve Ross. We will visit the Mercedes Benz Classic Center in Irvine. The purpose of the Classic Center is to service, restore, provide parts and sell vintage classic Mercedes-Benz of ALL years. You may purchase an 1886 Patent wagon if you want one. The Center provides services only for Mercedes-Benz over 15 years old. Mercedes-Benz has two centers in the world, one in Irvine and the other is in Fellbach, Germany. They always have a large selection of vintage Mercedes-Benz and a shop full of Mercedes-Benz in various stages of restoration. It is not uncommon to see an automobile here that is not often seen by the general public.











December 7: Christmas Party in The John Wayne Room of the Lazy H Hotel & Restaurant. The world



menu again this year. Hopefully Santa will will come not down the ladder again with his scruffy helper, but use the chimney like he is supposed to.





January 2014 Brunch at the Hotel Coronado start off the new year Packard in true fashion. Our Packards are well known at the "Del" and always are welcome. We have almost an entire year to plan this one and we are working on it now Your **Tour** Director is Steve Ross

The above summary is a preview of what is planned for your enjoyment this year. Looking forward to seeing those beautiful vintage Packards at all of these events. Please mark your calendar, update your Outlook, add to your i-Phone, or whatever it takes to ensure that you don't miss a single one of these fabulous tours!.

PACKARDS IN THE ROSE PARADE

Steve Ross



It is not unusual for Packards to appear In the Rose Parade and this year was no exception. Two classic Packards played a key role in the Grand Daddy of all parades. This very nice Cabriolet carried the Rose Parade President.



The open sedan above is carrying the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame players. I am sure these Packards are owned by members of the Packards International Automobile Club. I wish there was a way to measure interest and publicity gained when our Packards participate in events such as the Rose Parade. I think there are still many Packards out there looking for owners.

Selected Shorts

(A continuing article including short stories and articles from our members)

By Richard Schauer



It started as an email from me to Scott Napora asking how his engine is running and whether the car is back on the road. I knew he locked in one victory with a successful drive prior to Christmas, but I was eager to learn if he had the car all buttoned up and ready for some serious touring. Scott responded by saying yes, the car was in fact running well and driving - that he was very nearly complete with the final assembly details. How about we get together New Years Day with our cars and celebrate? Well, how many of us need our arms twisted to take our Packard cars out? I replied: a wonderful idea, Scott. He replied (raising the bar) why don't we invite the entire club? Time being very short we had no idea if the idea could be floated to the membership rapidly enough and whether or not anyone would be able to attend.

A stalwart bunch, Packard owners are. Thirteen people came out to celebrate Packard motor cars and each other on this first day of 2013. What a grand way to begin the New Year. Steve and Carol Ross traveled the farthest followed close by Jack and Lynne Heacock. Paul Erlich came from San Marcos, and Dean and Patti Beavers drove up from Spring Valley. Marjo Miller and her husband Dion rounded out the lunch bunch. We drove to Kearny Mesa to the 94th Aero Squadron, which put on a very nice brunch. Naturally our cars drew large crowds of admiring people. It's our job to do that and we do it so well!!!!!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN READY TO TOUR



INSPECTION COMPLETE AND ALL IS WELL



A LOOK INSIDE THE NAPORA PACKARD. LOOKS LIKE IT JUST CAME FROM THE FACTORY



The day saw not one but TWO "firsts". Scott and Kris Napora brought their beautiful 1930 model 726 sedans, seldom seen and never seen in operating condition by club members. With the engine re-installed and running very nicely they made the trip from Lemon Grove in fine fashion. Kris looked very elegant in her period costume. Scott, every bit the proud papa, reaped some well deserved reward after years of pain. Mario Miller brought her original "barn find" 1948 Woodie, carefully brought up to fine operating condition by Jim Woolsey. Marjo's car is in amazing original condition, with even the wood showing little wear after 64 years. Without a doubt her car will turn heads and win honors at car shows in the Preservation Class category



MARJO'S 48 WOODIE ALONG SIDE THE 39 YELLOW PERIL

Of course we now have a dilemma. Two cars now have the name: Miss Daisy. Can this be allowed to stand? Shall the owners, Mark Burnside and Scott Napora, duke it out? A duel at ten paces? An arm wrestling match, best two out of three? Only time will tell how this real life Packard drama will play out...stay glued to your Predictor for further information on this important story!!!!



On the left is the younger Miss Daisy (1949) and on the right we have the elder Miss Daisy (1930).



(EDITOR'S NOTE: WHY CAN'T WE HAVE TWO MISS DAISYS? THE ELDER AND YONGER SOUNDS CATCHY TO ME. Heck maybe even three or four)

HISTORIC LINCOLN HIGHWAY TOUR

June 21 -June 30

Steve Ross



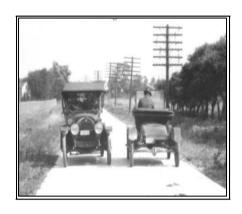
The original path of the Lincoln Highway route. Original name of this road was the Overland Trail



Of Joyous Zest and Muddy slory Testing the Packard Twin six

Mr. Joy checks the road sign for Laramie Wyoming. I wonder what brand of cigar he smoked as he nearly always has one in hand. Sign says road is **all right** and one must wonder how often it is updated?

If you have not checked out the Lincoln Highway website please do as it is well worth the key strokes 2013 Lincoln Highway 100th Anniversary Tour. If you have the desire to take this exciting, educational tour I recommended not waiting too long as there are only 100 entries available going west to east. For a car guy this has got to be on someone's bucket list. Remember, you may drive a modern car or a vintage Packard.





The current Lincoln Highway party Not to be confused with the Donner Party

I have been thinking about making a football type pool to raffle off slots as to where the Yellow Peril will fail to proceed. Grand prize winner would the person who picked the choice of no break downs at all. I talked to the Packard man who restored the Peril and he told me that any spare part or tool I took with me I would not need. His last piece of advice was—"Have faith and you will make it. Don't push the old cars too hard. Oh...and I forgot: DUCT TAPE!"



Donner Summit Bridge as seen in the late 1920's

Note the two cars approaching the bridge. The tour from the west will pass this point. It is assumed that the road has been improved since this photo was taken. I was on a tour with another club last November and we passed very near this spot. It is a beautiful drive.

This is a quote taken from the 1916 travelers guide for the Lincoln highway. Firearms were not necessary, but west of Omaha full camping equipment was recommended, and the guide warned against drinking alkali water that could cause serious cramps. In certain areas, advice was offered on getting help, for example near Fish Springs, Utah, "If trouble is experienced, build a sagebrush fire. Mr. Thomas will come with a team. He can see you 20 miles off." Later editions omitted Mr. Thomas, but westbound travelers were advised to stop at the Orr's Ranch for advice, and eastbound motorists were to check with Mr. K.C. Davis of Gold Hill, Nevada." I particularly like the part about building a sage brush fire! I wonder how many times that turned into a disaster. I think this a 1923 to 1925 Packard in the photo. Anyone else have a guess?



Gael S. Hoag and Austin F. Bement consult map while touring the Midland Trail south of Goldfield, Nevada. "OK, did we pass it back there? Or is it ahead?" It appears that they have some sort of a map which would have been one of the very early maps and was undoubtedly compiled by AAA. AAA was the leader in maps and most other automobile related information and assistance. Here is an example of what the first road maps contained 64.6 mi.0.2 Mystic; Monument at 4 corners, turn left with trolley.64.7 mi.0.1 Irregular 4 corners; straight thru with tracks across bridge 64.9 mi. 0.2 4 corners; turn left with trolley. The directions of those days was probably worse than going on a rallye today and the results of missing a turn were much more critical.

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 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
February	15-17	Packards International Annual Membership Meet	Orange	PI National Board
March	16-17	Desert Flower Overnight Driving Tour	Borrego Springs	Steve Ross
April	27	Wine Tasting	Temecula	Ron Steffey
May	18	March Field Air Museum	March AFB	Steve Ross
June	14 15 21-30	Packard Night @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand Wooden Boat Festival @ San Diego Yacht Club 2013 Lincoln Highway 100th Anniversary Tour to Kearney, Nebraska	Escondido San Diego San Francisco to Kearney, NB	Mark Burnside Marjo Miller Lincoln Highway Association
July	7	Cops & Rodders Car Show @ Liberty Station	San Diego	Scott Napora
August	25	Picnic - Balboa Park	San Diego	Scott Napora
September	15	Outreach Tour (details TBA)	San Diego	Richard Schauer
October	5-6 13 23-26	Fall Colors Overnight Driving Tour SoCal Region Grand Salon PI National Driving Tour	Idyllwild Newport Beach Arizona	Richard Schauer PI SoCal Region PI Arizona Region
November	9	Mercedes Benz Classic Center	Irvine	Steve Ross
December	7	Christmas Party @ Lazy H Ranch	Valley Center	Steve Ross
Jan (2014)	1	Brunch at Hotel del Coronado	San Diego	Steve Ross

2013 PI Annual Membership Meet

Packards International Motor Car Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Membership Meet on February 15 - 17, 2013. This is PI's grand annual event and promises to be particularly memorable this year.

The deadline for registration is very close: February 5, so there is no time for delay. Fill out and return your registration form TODAY and to ensure that you make the deadline. In case you misplaced the one that came to you via snail-mail, another copy of the registration form is attached to this Predictor.

We are truly fortunate to live less than 100 miles from the site of the Meet in Orange, CA so getting there is an easy drive - even in your Packard. The Mid-West Region always has a good turnout, so let's not be out represented by a region that's 2,000 miles away!

NOTE: Steve Ross and Mark Burnside will lead a caravan to the Meet on Thursday February 14, 2013. We will meet at the Park 'n Ride lot at the corner of I-5 and State Route 78 at 4:00 pm, and depart by 4:15. We are looking forward to a true "Pack of Packards" joining us on the drive north.

Packard Rescue



THE DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE BUT THE OWNER IS NOT AWARE OF THE SERIOUNESS-YET!

This photo was taken on the show field in Williamsburg, VA shortly after the fellow on his knees, Mr. Edsel Dodson, had run over a stump leaving the field. At the time, he and I assumed there was no damage. Later that proved to be a wrong assumption and evaluation.

As Mark Burnside, Carol and I were returning to the hotel we spotted this car on the side of the road bleeding fluids from under the passenger side door, pretty close to where the man is kneeling in the picture above. A water line runs from the engine bay alongside the frame to an under-seat heater. The stump had severed the hose and coolant was being lost rapidly. We stopped to offer assistance and Mark immediately took charge of the situation and began to assess the damage. Broken hose was easy to find but guess what? Tools, what tools? We don't need no stinkin' tools!! Edsel said "I usually have tools in the trunk BUT..." Boy, does that sound familiar! Armed with a pocket knife, vice grips, and determination, repairs were initiated. There was just enough slack in the rubber hose to maybe reach if the broken piece under the car were cut. Cut was made and things were going well until Mark announced from under the car "Guys, the hose has another tear in it." OMG, do we have enough slack left to make it The top-side crew (who up to this point had made no significant contribution except to look knowingly concerned) pulled and yanked until more slack was found and Mark said he thought we just barley had enough. There was enough spare hose to make the fix and within minutes the mighty Packard was ready to proceed. Since Edsel had pulled over right next to an apartment complex we had access to a water hose to fill the radiator and away they went. Such is the spirit, determination, and helping hand of Packard folk and especially the San Diego Region of Packards International.

When Mark arrived home from the tour, he found the email below in his inbox: Thursday, September 27, 2012 7:08 AM

Mr. Mark Burnside.

A special THANK YOU!! for repairing the lower heater hose on my 55 400 on the way home from the show field. Your kindness will long be remembered and I will certainly pass on the favor to someone in need.

Thanks Again, Edsel Dotson Richwood Ohio.43344

NOTE: Edsel is a member of the Mid-West Region of PI and the Buckeye Packards Region of PAC.



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Hotel Accommodations:

The Doubletree Hotel (100 The City Drive, Orange, California, located between the 22 and I-5 freeways at the intersection of State College/ City Drive and Chapman Avenues) will once again play host to our weekend celebration. A block of rooms at the special rate of \$113.00 per night (not incl. taxes), single or double, has been reserved in the name of Packards International until Feb 10, 2013 or until the block is fully subscribed. Subsequent reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, space available basis. Reservations can be made either by phone at the number listed below or by internet (URL listed above).

If calling be sure to identify yourself as being a part of the Packards International group.

Note: Hotel policy states that departures before your original scheduled/ reserved departure date may be subject to penalty. Consult with hotel for further information and restrictions.

The Doubletree Hotel: (714) 634-4500, FAX Number: (714) 978-2370. Note: Use only the number listed above if making phone reservations.





2013 EVENTS

Friday - Feb 15 — Tour to Gen Lyon's personal Classic Car collection

9:00 AM: Meet in hotel lobby for bus tour to Gen. William Lyon collection at Coto de Caza. Mediterranean

Buffet Lunch included at Coto de Caza Country Club.

9:30 AM: Busses depart the Doubletree.

10:30 AM: Busses arrive. Enjoy the Lyon collection.12 Noon: Lunch at Coto de Caza Country Club1:30 PM: Busses Return to hotel, arrive by 3.

See this car in the flesh.



6:00 PM: No host cocktails in foyer.

7:00 PM: Dinner in Grand Ballroom. Dinner music by the Piecemakers Band with music from 1949.

8:00 PM: Business Meeting - Financial report, Packard celebrity speakers, reports of future events such as National Tour in Arizona and Lincoln Highway tour.

9:00 PM: End to business meeting. Hospitality music continues for one more hour by the Piecemakers Band. Hang out and enjoy the music, groove and dance to the melodies of '49. Lights out at 10.

Saturday - Feb 16 — All-Packard Concours d'Elegance

7-9 AM: Arrival of Packards for the Concours d'Elegance with judging. Cars on display til 3 PM.

9:00 AM: Judging begins.

Note: Only pre-registered vehicles will be included in judging. On-site registration for "display" only.

12 Noon: Lunch on your own at the Doubletree coffee shop or nearby restaurant.

6:00 PM: No host Cocktails in foyer.

7:00 PM: Awards Banquet. Presentation of trophies.

8:30 PM: Dancing to the Chris Davis Band til after bedtime.

"Big Band" sounds to modern day "rock."

Silent Auction: You can donate Packard related artifacts and memorabilia for a Silent Auction benefiting the National Packard Museum. Get a tax deduction for the fair market value. Contact club headquarters for details: (714) 541-8431 or email: **info@packardsinternational.com**



Sunday - Feb 17 — Largest All-Packard Swap Meet in the West

7-9:00 AM: Vendor arrival and set-up. \$20 per space. Note: overnight set-ups **not permitted** in consideration of the hotel guests. Vendors must provide own tables, tents, chairs, etc.

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Swap Meet and Parts Exchange open to the public. Bring your shopping list and your best tall tales. This is the major league for swappers' stories. Hershey was just a warm-up. Say final goodbyes to fellow Packardites til next year and leave for home. Lights out.

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Email: Info@packardsinternational.com

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Saturday Night Awards Banquet Dinner/Dance: \$50/plate Classic Beef Pot RoastSavory pork chopBaked Salmon							
Friday and Saturday dinners are Special Chef's creations from vintage 1949 recipies Vegetarian and child's plates available. Just ask. All owners of judged cars are encouraged to attend the Awards Banquet to enjoy the thrill of winning a trophy. However, it is not mandatory to be "present" to win. In that case, the trophy will be held at Club Hq until the winner picks it up or makes his own shipping arrangements.	_						
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REGISTRATION FOR VENDOR SPACES at SWAP MEET, PARTS & LITERATURE EXCHANGE

(If not buying vendor space, skip down to "Grand Totals" line.)

Buyers admitted free. Sellers pay for space.

6-9:00 AM: Vendor arrival and set-up, rain or shine. No overnight set-ups are permitted in consideration of hotel guests.

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RETURN THIS FORM by Feb 5, with check or credit card info to: Packards International, Dept MM, 302 French St., Santa Ana, CA 92701 USA

Hold Harmless Agreement (please read and sign)

The undersigned desiring to enter and participate in the Packards International Membership Meet to be held February 15, 16, 17, 2013 at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange, California, 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,

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employees, agents, servants, invitees, and assigns from and against any and all liabilities arising from said event. The undersigned holds the aforementioned harmless and indemnifies them against judgments whatsoever arising, directly or indirectly, out of, or in connection with, participation in said event.

Agreed and Signed by (guardian if under 18)
Date_____

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You must send in your application no later than
January 21, 2013. If special arrangements are
necessary, email info@packardsinternational.
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cancellations after deadline will be made on
a best effort basis depending upon the club's
ability to reduce our guaranteed number of
participants with the Doubletree Hotel. Refunds,
either full or partial, for cancellations after the
deadline are not guaranteed. Cancellation of
hotel rooms must be made directly through the
hotel and prevailing hotel policies apply.