



President's Message

Richard Schauer

Wow! Easter and Valentines Day all in the same month. Irish Catholics must be going crazy.

I hope February was a safe and productive month for everyone and their Packards. Living in San Diego gives us the luxury of not having to store our Packards for six months out of each year like folks do in the Great Frozen North.

I was recently reminded of how cars and things automotive are a big part of our lives, woven into the very fabric of our lives including our language. Aren't we all at our best when we are zipping along in high gear? Don't we hate it when we are outta gas or running on empty or on fumes? Everyone in their life at least once has stripped a gear, most certainly. I recall many times not firing on all 8 cylinders, or just plain missing some spark in my life. If you are not on top of your game you are considered "flat", or just plain tired. Aren't most of us re-tired? At times in our lives we must shift gears and turn a corner. We all like to take two steps forward but hate going in reverse. At my age the ol' chassis is creaking and needs lubrication. Don't we all get a bit rusty now and then? When we get ready to go out to a fancy place Mama still tells me I shine like a new car. We love to have spring in our step and be humming along. Don't we all grumble at our Congressmen because they spoil themselves with their Cadillac health plan while we struggle to pay high premiums for ours? Americans abhor the idea of taking a back seat to anyone. Back when we were young you never want to bring a pickup home to meet your mother (ahem). No trailer trash allowed, definitely! How many more disgusting puns can YOU think of that are car related?

The 53rd annual PI National Membership Meet is now history, "Dancing with the Cars"...clever title indeed. Our congratulations go out to Tom O'Hara and Dick Walworth who made a big impact with their Pacards, Tom taking first place and Circle of Champions with his '34 Dietrich, and Dick first place with his '31 business coupe and second '48 custom limo. While Karen and I did not take advantage of the dancing part the Friday trip to the Petersen Automotive Museum was a hoot. The place shows magnificently after its renovation. While there were only two Packard cars present there was a plethora of racing machines on hand and collectibles, including Fred Astaire's '31 Rolls Royce Town Car complete with massive trunk fitted with spaces for champagne bottles, crystal glasses, plus his characteristic top hat and white gloves. On the main floor was the 1925/1934 Rolls Royce Aerodynamic Coupe, shown at the 2015 La Jolla Concours d'Elegance. The trip to the famous Vault was interesting. Everyone could have spent a lot more time there poking around to appreciate the many varied cars. Of great interest was the 1952 Ferrari Super Leggera open 2-seater presented to Henry Ford by Enzo himself. On Sunday was the all Packard swap meet, definitely one of my favorite annual events. If I sell one part I am happy...I sold one part...a pair actually. Paul Santy did pretty well selling club parts as well. It is always interesting to greet people we have not seen since the last swap meet and catch up on news. New acquaintances always take place, and networking at its finest can be seen. Folks looking for mechanical advice and someone to rebuild their engine were in abundance, and on hand to discuss those important subjects were Mark Ballerini and Jim Woolsey. It is great fun, if not for the part where one must get up at 3:00 a.m. in order to arrive at the Doubletree at 6:00. An afternoon nap was definitely in order!

Later in this issue readers can enjoy a report on the outreach event at La Vista Memorial Park in National City, our first of 2016. The ladies of the National City Historical Society

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went all out, as always, and our thanks go to Janice Martinelli and her staff for welcoming us to share in their event.

Our 2016 season is under way with scheduled events arriving with regularity and new, spontaneous events popping up all the time! El Niño seems to have fled our poor, parched region, but it is good for those of us wishing to take our Packard cars out for a ride. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

HAVE A WILD BUT SAFE ST. PATTY'S DAY

PACKARD INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS MEET

Steve Ross

Several of our club members attended all or part of the membership meet February 12, 13 and 14 February. The tour of the Petersen Automobile Museum was a real treat for car guys as well the non automobile enthusiasts. Most if not all of the cars displayed are works of art, according to the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, at the Museum of fine arts in Boston to name a few. Ralph Lauren's automobile collection has been honored by many of the fine art museums in the world. Some of the automobiles at the Petersen are similar if not identical the Ralph Lauren collection.



Entering the show room we were greeted by this 1938 Delahey V-12 designed by Figoni et Falaschi. It is rumored that this automobile was built to beat Hitler. It was not successful as Mercedes-Benz and Auto Union were dominating the racing world in that era.



The 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Autobahn-Kurier, competitor of the Delahey. Only two of this model was built.



1936 Bugatti type 57SC Atlantic. These models are very pricey. A 1935 was purchased a few years ago by the Mullen collection for over 40million U.S dollars.



JOURNEY TO THE VAULT



John Wayne's 1947 Chevy



Steve McQueen's 1952 Hudson Hornet.

Carole Lombard's 41 Cadillac given to her by Clark Gable shortly before her death



Fred Astaire's Rolls Royce



Louis Vuitton trunk with Fred Astaire's top hat, cane, shoes, tennis racket, Cricket bat, flask and assorted items. The trunk alone is probably worth more than Buttercup.



One of two Packards at the museum.

This Packard Ivory Convertible Sedan was once owned by the Peron family of Argentina fame.

SATURDAY, THE PACKARD CAR SHOW

The San Diego Region although not well represented most came home with an award. Buttercup is still limited to daylight driving and not ready for a prime time close up.



Steve Halluska's 1941 110 Convertible



Miss Daisy being admired while Mark Burnside is taking photos of all Packards and preparing a slide show for the awards banquet Saturday evening.

Art Wessleman's 1938 Sedan Station

In my opinion any of these cars are winners and Miss Daisy has been in the Circle of Champions for quite some time now. As if you didn't already know, we have some very nice Packards in our region.





Tom O'Hara continues to win trophies with his 1934 Dietrich Convertible Sedan. Tom was awarded first place in the Pre-war senior open Category with 236.5 points. CONGRATULATIONS, TOM!



Richard Walworth's 1948 Super Eight Deluxe Limousine Second Place winner in the Pre-War Closed with 213 points. This Packard was purchased new from the Earl C. Anthony dealership in Los Angeles and modified by the owner, a lady, who was confined to a wheelchair. Richard is the gentleman in the hat in the photo on the left. This car was formerly owned by San Deigo Region Charter Members Les & Alice Hill.



Mr. Walworth was a double winner taking first place with his 1931 Five Passenger Coupe with 230 points.



Most elegant pre-war award winning 1938 Twelve Brunn Cabriolet Packard was once owned by Phil Hill who was a renowned race driver in the 1960ies. He was the first and only American born driver and one of only two Americans to ever win the formula 1 world Championship. The second being Mario Andretti. After his racing career Mr. Hill built up an award winning classic car restoration business. That looks like Dion Dyer in the background admiring Dick Walworth's Packard. I bet his wife is out shopping with Carol Ross.



1937 Sport Phaeton



**1941 Deluxe Station Sedan Second Place Pre-War Junior
224.5 Points**



1934 Convertible Coupe Third Place Pre-War open



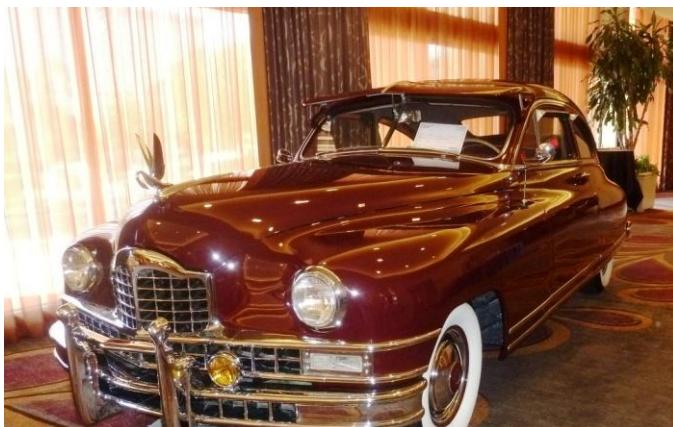
1948 Super Eight Convertible



Best Sports Motif 1954 Caribbean



1948 Station Sedan First Place Post War Closed



**1948 Custom Fast back Best in Show Post War
236.5 points**



**Best in Show Pre War 1936 Dual Cowl Phaeton 245 points.
This Packard was a first place winner at the 2015 La Jolla
concours**



1953 Caribbean



1939 Four Door Convertible Sedan

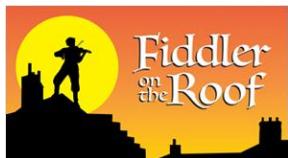
It has been noted by some of our members who attended this membership meet that most of the Packards at the show this year were more the "common man" enthusiasts automobiles that had been maintained and restored by the owner. The major museums in the area and well known collectors did not have Packards in the show this year. The quality the cars were just as good especially in the eyes of us "car guys and gals". In my opinion this gave the typical Packard owner more of an opportunity to win an award. It appeared to me that there were more open cars this year than in the past. The convertibles were really nice eye candy.

Paul Santy, Karl Ramsing, Richard Schauer, and Mark Bellerini were on scene Sunday morning, joining the other vendors with parts and other things of interest to the Packard owner. My hat is off to these guys who arise bright and early, like before daylight, Sunday morning, drive up to Orange, CA and set up our display of goods to peddle. Where do we find such people? They do this to support our club and make it possible for the club to provide reasonably priced events for us to enjoy. If you see one of the guys buy them a beverage!



This is Mary Ann Porinchak, Executive Director of the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio. The Packard Museum is making significant contributions to the Packard Heritage and the Packard Automobile Clubs. Under Mary Ann's leadership and the Museum's Board of Directors the museum has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years. Mary Ann attends all of the meetings for Packards International as well as the Packard Automobile Classic (PAC) club. The Packard Motor Car Company made invaluable contributions to the American Automobile revolution as well as the war effort in WWI, WWII and the Korean War. Preserving this history and heritage is worthy of our support. Check them out at <http://www.packardmuseum.org>.

**WELK THEATRE
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**



Where: 8860 Lawrence Welk Dr, Escondido, CA 92026

Time: Gather at the Canyon Grill at 11:00 am. The brunch buffet, held at the Canyon Grille, 10:30 am until 11:45 am. The performance seating begins at 12:45 pm and curtain at 1:00 pm. Showtime; 1:00 pm

Cost: \$60.00 per person. This includes brunch and show tickets. Our seats are center stage row G and H. These are good seats. Actually there are no bad seats at the Welk Theatre. The productions at the Welk Theatre in Escondido have been excellent and I have never been disappointed.

IT IS NO TOO LATE TO SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US

Call Steve Ross 619-508-3925 or inewsx@sbcglobal.net

MOTORCARS ON MAIN STREET

S. Ross

Although not a scheduled club event over the past few years club members have attended this car show in Coronado and we have gone over to the Del Coronado for lunch. There has always been a good turnout for this show and we all enjoyed the day. For those who have not attended this show it is a low key fun event with a lot of interesting cars. Several of our Packards have been winners at this show. Vital information is:

DATE: Sunday, April 24. TIME: Stage cars 7:00 am to 9:30 am. WHERE: Isabella & Orange Ave, Coronado, CA. Below is the registration form.

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

If you are interested in attending this show and going to lunch please let Steve Ross know at 619-508-3925 or inewsx@sbcglobal.net

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.

S M L XL 2X 3X

Please read and sign: As a participant in Motorcars on MainStreet 2016, the undersigned agrees to hold harmless Coronado MainStreet Ltd., the City of Coronado and/or any representative associated with Motorcars on MainStreet 2016 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.

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LA VISTA MEMORIAL PARK VISIT

Richard Schauer

Our first community outreach event of 2016 snuck up on us pretty fast, but it was well worth the time and effort to attend. It came courtesy of our newest members, the ladies of the National City Historical Society, chaired by Lady Janice Martinelli. The luncheon benefitted residents of the Paradise Village Resort, National City. Ladies Janice, Margaret, Luisa, and the other fine ladies went all out setting up this event and making sure everything came out just right. Running hard but looking like it was all in stride takes talent! And all that while dressed in Victorian costumes including spectacular handmade hats! Amazing.



With the short notice only three Packard cars showed up to add atmosphere, Schauer's '34 sedan, Gary and Ann Wysong's '41 sedan, and Fred Puhn with his 1950 23rd series deluxe sedan. But the cars were a hit with the old folks (Old folks? HEY, I resemble that remark). We arrived and parked prior to the arrival of the bus from Paradise Village. Timing was perfect. Lady Janice wasted no time in getting everyone seated for the Victorian style luncheon. The menu included scone with homemade lemon curd sauce, followed by a fruit and yogurt plate, a croissant sandwich w/broccoli cheese soup, and finally dessert comprising homemade cookies, cake, and lemon cake, everything excellently prepared by Lady Margaret!

L to R, Karen Schauer, Ann and Gary Wysong

It is important to remember that La Vista plays an important role in the history of San Diego. Shortly after the Kimball brothers settled on land that once belonged to a Spanish land grant named Ranch of the Nations, he searched for and found a 40 acre piece of land on a hilltop, declared it the Silent City on the Hill and it became the first cemetery in the new city.



The first resident was Francis Winkapaw, a part Indian woman of 70 years of age who accompanied the new settlers when they sailed around the Cape to live in California. In 1868 the cemetery was dedicated, and Ms. Wickapaw became the first resident when she died in 1870. When the cemetery fell into ruin in the 20th century her grave was lost. But, thanks to the efforts of the new owner Mica Polanco and the National City Historical Society original burial records have been uncovered and her burial plot rediscovered. A new headstone is being prepared and will soon come to rest on Ms. Wickapaw's grave. Frank and Warren Kimball are buried there as are many other founding fathers, plus 32 recently discovered Civil War veterans. Efforts are under way to obtain funding to provide them military style grave markers. In the 8 years since her family purchased La Vista Ms. Polanco has totally renovated the site. It is once again a place where people would want to visit, pay their respects, and appreciate the historical significance of the site.



As a personal note it was so good to spend time with Gary and Ann Wysong, longtime San Diego Region members and former board member in charge of the Predictor. Gary and Ann are very much enjoying retirement and told us of travels to Europe and Africa! As my 97 year old Aunt Hazel used to say, "Good on 'em!"

Lady in purple is Lady Janice Martinelli and friends looking at the Francis Winkapaw burial site

Kerstin and Linnea Shoberg would like to invite you to this very special tour planned by their father, Wendell Shoberg, before he passed away. Please come celebrate his last tour with us!

**Pierce-Arrow Society
Spring Tour
April 16-17th, 2016**

The Southern California Region of the Pierce-Arrow Society invites you to enjoy Borrego Springs in the Spring...Enjoy a scenic drive in your classic car and fellowship with members of different car clubs.

Spring

We will leave the Shoberg's at 1345 Keyser Road in Ramona at 11am and tour up to Wynola for lunch at Jeremy's-on-the-Hill. We will then take a beautiful drive down to the Borrego Springs Resort. Room Prices include Dinner (choice of beef, chicken, fish or vegetarian) in the Fireside Lounge at 6pm Saturday night. Cocktails at 5:30pm. Single \$172.58, Double \$210.16, Two Adults-Two Kids \$285.32. Please call (760) 767-5700 to make your reservations by March 25, 2016- Don't forget to mention "Pierce-Arrow Society" when making your reservations! Please RSVP with Kerstin Shoberg (858) 271-6299



Photo courtesy of photoplay

SATURDAY MAY 14. 2016



Ron Steffey has invited us to his home for the kick off tour of the wineries of Temecula Valley. We will visit a few vineyards and have lunch at one the wineries selected by Ron. The drive is relaxing and the scenery is great.

The particulars are: WHEN: Saturday May 14, 2016

TIME: 10:00 am

WHERE: 11876 Rancho Heights Rd., Pala, Ca.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND BY CONTACTING STEVE ROSS BY MAY 11, 2016 AT inewsx@sbcglobal.net OR 619-508-3925

Car Chatter

By: Fred Puhn

When I was a young teenager my friend Charlie and I were into cars. One of the things we liked to do is drive a car stupidly to get attention and hopefully scare people without killing ourselves. One summer afternoon I visited Charlie and he wanted to take a ride in his mid-30s Ford sedan. This old ratty car was probably worth \$20 when he got it, but it was in 'might run,' 'should run' or 'could run' condition. He managed to make it run, so then he modified it by stripping off all un-needed equipment. The car now had a straight through exhaust (muffler rusted off), not much upholstery (it rotted off), and the soft panel on the roof was open for a permanent sunroof. Glass was mostly missing. It looked like an early NASCAR. We had to try it out.

A perfect destination was the Lindo Lake Park in Lakeside, the nearest town to our homes. We hopped in and took off for Lakeside with an un-muffled roar and a cloud of oil smoke. We had no license, no insurance, no seatbelts, no roll cage, but lots of ignorant excitement. At that time the water in the lake was quite low. The grassy lakebed was pretty dry except for a few low spots that were filled with a few inches of water and some mud. The entry road led to the lakebed so here is where we went full blast. We passed some men who were working on the side of the lake and blasted out into the lakebed. Charlie did his best version of dirt tracking as he cut the wheel left and then right as we hit the wet spots. The Ford skidded sideways. The water and mud flew into the air and lots of it entered the open top and covered us.

Now we were pointed at the exit so we needed to quickly leave before the cops came for us. As we headed out one of the men working nearby hollered at us loud enough so we could hear above the exhaust. He said "Hey! Could you do that again? We didn't all get a look at it." We then left because we were a little scared that maybe they might have called someone.

The old Ford was then put in use as an off-road car in the hills around Lakeside. Charlie loved blasting though the weeds and knocking down young trees. That did not last long however. The last tree he mowed down was a small sapling growing from a large stump hidden in the grass. The damage to the front axle and suspension sealed the fate and the Ford was sent to the crusher. The 50s were a very different time. I am amazed we all survived.



(editor note) This could be the modern day version of Fred and his Buddies 30 something Ford. The young feller who owned this vehicle said he paid \$50 for it.

"Ask The Man Who Owns One"

Brian Wagner

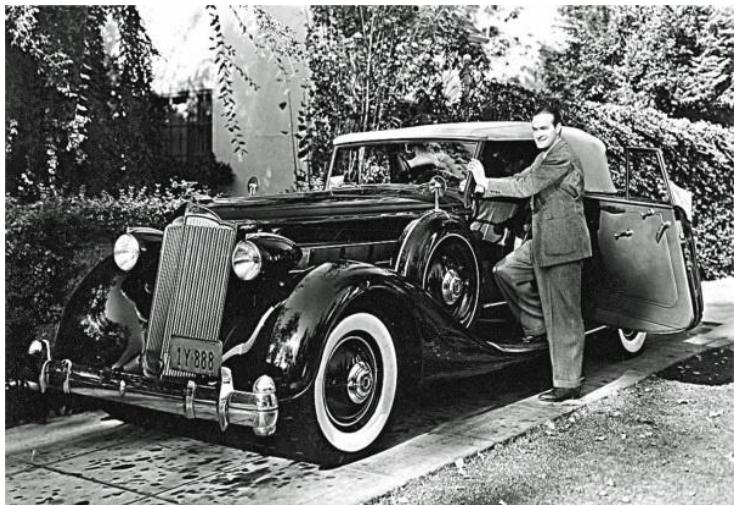
The Packard Motor Car Company was founded in 1899 in Warren, Ohio as the New York & Ohio Automobile Company. James Ward Packer founded the company after purchasing a Winton in 1898, which left him very dissatisfied. When he brought the car back to Winton, they told him that if he was so smart, he could build a car himself.

James Ward Packer built the first Packard car with his brother in their electric bell and lamp factory. The first car was completed in November of 1899.

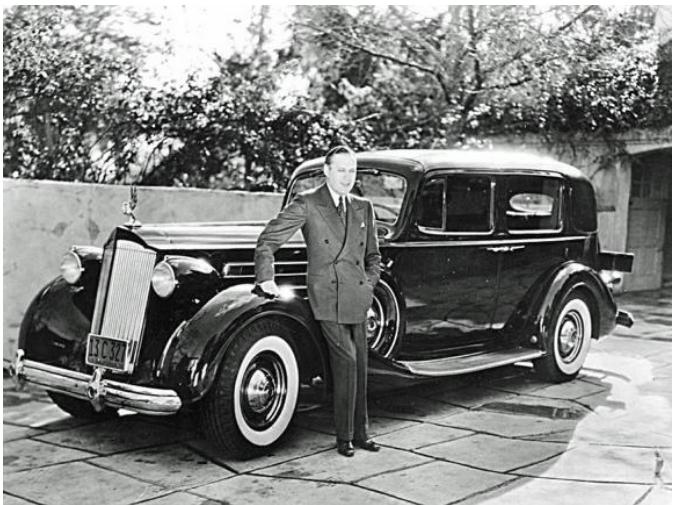
The first advertisement to use the slogan, "Ask The Man Who Owns One," came in October of 1901. At that time, Packard already had a prestigious owner with New York millionaire William D. Rockefeller who used to previously drive Winton cars.

The origin of how the slogan came about has coalesced around the story of the secretary of J.W. Packard saying to him, "Here's a letter from a man who wants information about the dependability of Packard cars." Mr. Packard replied, "Since we have no sales literature yet, tell him to just "ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE."

Here are some other well-known men and women who have "owned one":



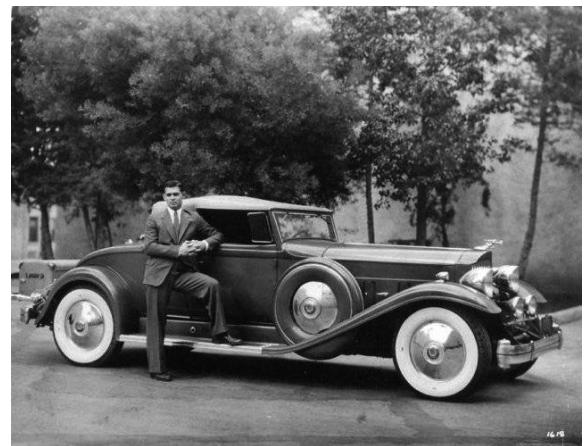
Bob Hope 1936 401



Jack Benny 1937 1507



Richard E. Byrd NY Parade 1927 343



Clark Gable 1932 Twelve Convertible



**Eleanor Powell and her Mother with
Eleanor's 1936 120 convertible**



Albert Einstein



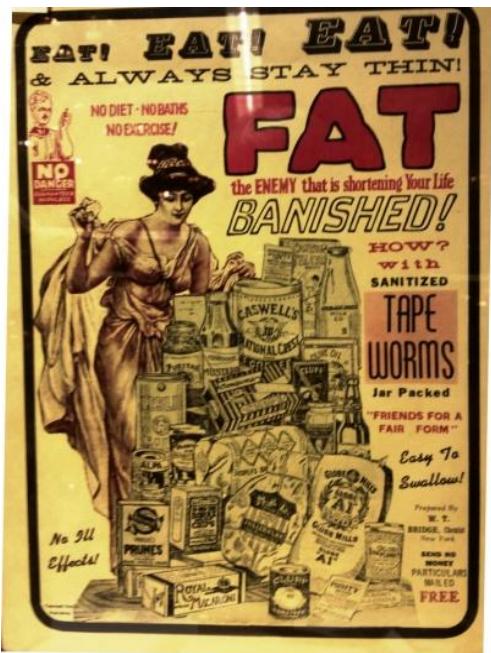
Bettie Davis and her Packard 12



Billie Burke's 1913 Packard. Looks to be a model 48

GOOD OL' DAYS?

Those days of yore we are always talking about



This item was offered in the silent auction at the PI Membership meet. Ironic that there were pills to get rid of tape worms and this AD selling them to lose weight. But, these tape worms are sanitized and easy to swallow and no ill effects, right! What would the FDA say?

Circa 1880, this early switchboard operator hardware weighed 6 pounds. Telephone operator was one of the high tech jobs open to women in that era. Men probably did not want to carry this rig around for 8 hours or more.



Every car guys dream? Will maybe note very car guy. She isn't even using a creeper. I also question the tool selection. Is this a Chevy?



I am sorry! I could not resist. Not a lot of smilin' goin' on in this photo. How does one get selected to be Miss Polish Job or is it Miss Polish? I believe the automobile is a Plymouth. The gentleman kneeling in front have their buffers at the ready.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

**Packards International
San Diego Region
Membership Renewal**

New Procedures

You will be receiving your "PI" renewal form in with the Packards Magazine due early December from Packards International.

New procedures to help the San Diego Region:

1. Fill out the renewal form
2. Write a check to: **Packards Int'l – San Diego Region for \$ 60.00**
(Sorry no credit cards)
3. Mail both to:

Karl Ramsing – Membership
1024 Alta Vista Drive
Vista, CA 92084-5520

I will quickly send your renewal form and \$ 45.00 to Packards International for their processing and records.

The reason for this change: I can better track your membership within our club and produce the 2016 Roster earlier than this year (August), and also follow up on those who forget to renew or who misplace the form under other paperwork.

The "PI" office has volumes of work to do. This new method will ease their burden and make things more clear for the San Diego Region.

Your cooperation with this change will be very helpful.

Karl Ramsing, Membership

Pay attention to the announcement on your military left. Its time to re-up boys and girls.



Don't make me come lookin for you!

Please help Karl by renewing your membership in a timely manner



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I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU

In the most unlikely event you have not renewed your membership in our great club, the March 2016 issue (this one) will be the last issue of the Predictor you will ever receive. The thought of not being a part of this great group of Packard enthusiasts is frightening and depressing to me. Not only will you not get the Predictor you will not receive the Packards International Magazine nor will you be aware of the great tours and other events the club provides for you to enjoy with your Packard. In addition to all this you will miss by all of us and we will wonder how you and your vintage Packard are doing.

Let's help out our membership chairman Karl this year and renew on time so the poor guy doesn't have to call us 2 or 3 times.

For your convenience a membership renewal form is on the previous page.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, this is the last Predictor you will ever receive! You heard correctly EVER!

- TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT -

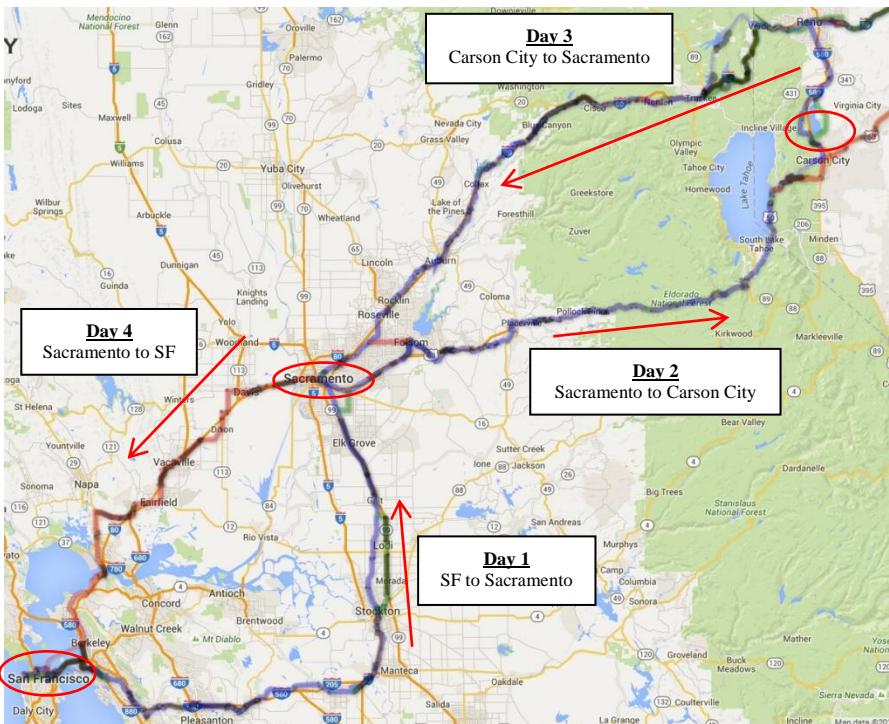
The 2016 California Lincoln Highway Classic Car Tour

Sponsored by: *The San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club*

Join fellow classic car owners on the California Lincoln Highway Classic Car Tour as we drive original alignments of the highway from San Francisco, CA to Carson City, NV and back to San Francisco September 23 to 26, 2016. Antique cars, classics, '50s & '60s cars, muscle cars, trucks, motorcycles, and street rods are welcome to participate. You will travel many miles of two-lane history as well as modern four-lane roads & highways of scenic beauty.



We'll gather the evening of Thursday, September 22, 2016 near the western terminus of the Lincoln Highway - for an opening banquet and a chance to get acquainted to those with whom you will be traveling, or possibly renew old friendships from previous tours. We will depart from the western terminus at 8:00 am the next morning. After traveling through the state's agricultural Central Valley you'll drive through historic gold country and the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountains before arriving in Carson City at the end of day 2. We then take an entirely different alignment back to San Francisco, driving over Donner Pass on day 3.



We are extremely fortunate to have as our Tour Guide, Mr. Paul Gilger, Chair of The Lincoln Highway Association's Mapping Committee. Paul was Tour Guide for a number of cross country tours on the Lincoln Highway – most recently for the Centennial Tour in 2013 and the Henry B. Joy Tour in 2015. His knowledge of the Lincoln Highway, particularly in California, is second to none.

The San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club will make all arrangements – from the tour kick-off dinner in San Francisco on the evening of September 22nd to the final farewell banquet on September 26th. Hotel reservations for the nights of September 22nd to 26th will be included. Specific details, including pricing, will be announced on or before April 1, 2016.

The idea of the Lincoln Highway came from the fertile mind of Carl Fisher, the man also responsible for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Miami Beach. With help from fellow industrialists Frank Seiberling and Henry Joy, an improved, hard-surfaced road was envisioned that would stretch almost 3400 miles from coast to coast, New York to San Francisco, over the shortest practical route. Henry Joy named it the Lincoln Highway and it opened in 1913. Americans' enthusiasm for good roads soon led to the involvement of the federal government in building roads and the creation of numbered U.S. routes in the 1920s. The Federal Highway Administration and the Interstate Highway System are the culmination of these efforts. This tour will follow the original 1913 alignment of the Lincoln Highway and a subsequent re-alignment made in the 1920s.

Below is a look at the (tentative) day-by-day schedule we've assembled so far. Note that the itinerary is subject to change as we are just beginning negotiations with restaurants, hotels, and museums for dates and rates. The route is firm; it's the stops and hotels along the way that may change. The final schedule of stops and hotels will be available at this URL on April 1st: www.packardsandiego.com/lincolnhighwaytour

Thursday September 22:

San Francisco, California Pre-tour Gathering & Dinner

Pre-tour dinner San Francisco, CA
Pre-tour hotel Holiday Inn Express · San Francisco, CA

Day 1 — Friday September 23:

San Francisco, California → Sacramento, California

Starting point	Lincoln Highway Western Terminus Marker in Lincoln Park
Morning Stop	Blackhawk Automotive Museum · Danville CA
Lunch Stop	Danville, CA
Afternoon stop #1	Duarte Garage & Lincoln Highway Museum · Livermore CA
Photo Stop #1	Summit Garage · Altamont Pass CA
Photo Stop #2	Lincoln Shopping Center Sign · Stockton CA
Afternoon stop #2	Elk Grove Hotel & Stagecoach Stop Museum · Elk Grove CA
Dinner stop	California Automobile Museum · Sacramento CA
Hotel stop	Holiday Inn · Sacramento CA

Day 2 — Saturday September 24:

Sacramento, California → Carson City, Nevada

Morning Stop #1	Rancho Cordova, CA
Lunch Stop	Placerville, CA
Afternoon Stop	Tallac Historic Site · South Lake Tahoe CA
Photo Stop #1	Bowers Mansion · Carson City NV
Photo Stop #2	Lincoln Highway Marker · Carson City, Nevada
Dinner Stop	Carson City, NV
Hotel Stop	Holiday Inn Express Carson City, NV

Day 3 — Sunday, September 25:

Carson City, Nevada to Sacramento, California

Morning Stop:	National Automobile Museum / Harrah Collection · Reno, NV
Photo Stop #1	Rainbow Bridge · Donner Pass, CA
Lunch Stop	Donner Ski Ranch · Donner Pass, CA
Photo Stop #2	Forest Gift Shop & Orange Juice Stand · Cisco Grove, CA
Photo Stop #3	Auburn City Hall / Original Lincoln Highway Marker · Auburn, CA
Photo Stop #4	Lincoln Highway Monument on Ophir Road · Auburn, CA
Dinner stop	Sacramento, CA
Hotel stop	Holiday Inn · Sacramento CA

Day 4 — Monday, September 26:

Sacramento, California to San Francisco, California

Morning Stop	TBD
Photo Stop	TBD
Lunch Stop	Dead Fish Restaurant · Crockett, CA
Afternoon Stop	USS <i>Hornet</i> Museum · Alameda, CA
Post Tour Wrap-Up	Dinner Party · Presidio Golf Course Clubhouse · San Francisco CA
Post Tour Hotel	Holiday Inn Express · San Francisco, CA

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE TOUR

Time will be available to allow you to visit antique shops, scenic vistas, and points of interest along the way that catch your eye. Tour fees are flexible to allow you to participate in all or part of the tour as your time permits. You can join us for as little as two days, for its entire length, or any amount in between. Mileage is less than 175 miles per day to allow time to be a tourist, and to enjoy the pace of some of the older cars. The tour will provide an experienced support team consisting of a Tour Guide, Tour Director, and a sweep truck on hand in the event of a breakdown or other problem you might encounter. Fees do not include lodging. Discounted rates will be secured for hotels in our overnight locations. Hotel reservations will be made by the tour staff after your registration is received.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- 1) For participants that live in Southern California, we will offer the following options if there is adequate interest:
 - a. Tour extension to cover driving from LA area to San Francisco and back
 - b. Pre-arranged transport of your car to San Francisco and back to southern Calif
 - c. Ability to leave at the half way point (Carson City) and drive home via U.S. 395
- 2) Payment will be required by September 1, 2016; cancellations with refund must also be made by September 1, 2016.
- 3) The fee for the tour includes all meals and museum stops for one person. There will be an additional per-person fee to cover meals and museum admission for additional riders in each car.
- 4) Specifically, the registration fee covers:
 - a. Ability to make host hotel reservations at discounted rates (with free continental breakfast every morning)
 - b. Lunch every noon
 - c. Dinner every evening
 - d. Discount entry fees for the museum stops
 - e. Name badge/events pass
 - f. Detailed driving instructions (required as staying on the original alignments isn't easy)
- 5) A sweep truck will be provided starting in San Francisco, accompanying the tour to Carson City, and returning to San Francisco.
- 6) Pre-1971 antique/classic cars, trucks and motorcycles are encouraged to participate. Vehicles made after 1971 will be accepted as well. There will be a discount for each pre-1971 vehicle entered. No other discounts (e.g. senior, group, etc.) will be offered.
- 7) Hotel reservations will be made for all participants, but it will be the responsibility of each participant to handle payment during check-in at the hotel. (Note: Tour participants are not required to stay at the host hotels, but we highly encourage that you do, to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie - and the free continental breakfasts).
- 8) Tour participation will be limited to a maximum of 50 cars (which will be roughly 100 people). It is very difficult to book hotel rooms and make restaurant reservations for groups larger than this.
- 9) Full details, including pricing and registration information will be available by April 1st at:
www.packardsandiego.com/lincolnhighwaytour
- 10) For more information:
 - a. Email: info@packardsandiego.com
 - b. Phone:
 - i. Mark Burnside, Tour Director, 619-322-9340
 - ii. Steve Ross, Assistant Tour Director, 619-508-3925

2016 Activities Calendar

Listed below is the 2016 calendar of officially sponsored events by the San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club. Also included are National PI events sponsored by PI headquarters or one of its regions. You must be a member of Packards International to attend officially sponsored events.

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

March	6	Fiddler on the Roof	Lawrence Welk Resort	Steve Ross
April	16-17	Driving Tour to Borrego Springs w/ Pierce Arrow Club	Borrego Springs	Richard Schauer
May	14	Winery Tour with Ron Steffey	Temecula	Richard Schauer
June	24	Parade of Packards @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand	Escondido	Mark Burnside
July	16	Rallye & Lunch with Mercedes-Benz Club	South County	Steve Ross
August	TBD	Gillespie Field Museum	El Cajon	Scott Napora
September	23-26	2016 Lincoln Highway California Classic Car Tour	Carson City, NV	Mark Burnside & Steve Ross
October	8	Harbor Cruise & Lunch at Yacht Club	San Diego	Marjo Miller
November	19	Wash & Shine Classic Car Show @ Leo Carrillo Ranch	Carlsbad	Phil Pizzuto
December	4	Annual Region Christmas Party @ Lazy H Ranch	Valley Center	Steve Ross
Jan (2017)	1	Brunch at Hotel del Coronado	Coronado	Steve Ross