



La Jolla Concours d'Elegance

by Richard Schauer



Those who attended the 2015 La Jolla Concours got their money's worth. Notwithstanding the outstanding display of Packard automobiles, the field included some rare, valuable, and outstanding examples of iron and steel from around the world. The bar keeps getting raised year after year at this fine event.

For Packard enthusiasts it was a day of triumph, surprise, and great disappointment. An unprecedented five awards were issued to Packard cars, four belonging to San Diego Region members.

Sunday dawned clear, cool, and beautiful. Weather could not have been better for a car show, or just about anything. The usual caravan left from North County at 6:30 including Steve Ross, Mark Burnside, Brian Wagner, and Richard and Karen Schauer.

Meeting us on the field were Tim Pestotnik, debuting his beautiful 1934 standard 8 convertible, which had just completed a two year teardown and restoration, making his first appearance at a serious competition, Tom O'Hara with his always stunning 1934 Dietrich standard 8 convertible sedan, making his second appearance at La Jolla, Jim and Catherine Woolsey with their well known and loved 1935 12-cylinder seven passenger limo, Marjo Miller and Dion Dyer bringing their original condition 1948 Woodie to La Jolla for the first time, entering the preservation class, and Chuck Spielman with his Pebble Beach quality 1937 Convertible Coupe Roadster. One of the fine surprises was Larry Nannini from Daly City, Ca. who brought his stunning 1934 1104 Dual Cowl Phaeton. Another surprise was a huge 1912 Packard on display from the San Diego Automotive Museum with right hand drive and twin spare tires! Finally the Petersen Museum brought down a wildly colored 1930 Packard convertible sedan. In all there was an impressive representation of Packard automobiles on the field.



Jim and Catherine Woolsey's Grand lady, a "35" Limo that saw service in WWII while in captivity in France

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While the field of cars steadily improves, the caliber and experience levels of the judges also is quite impressive. They did their job quickly and thoroughly. On my '34 they quickly picked out my two main flaws, but helped me out when they saw a spark plug wire disconnected. I shut down the engine, reconnected it, checked the remaining seven for tightness, and then restarted with no penalty. Some surprises included the decision to move Mark Burnside's '49 limo out onto the street, removing it from competition on the main field. This was a decision by the selection committee, who rejected Mark's car because of the tinted windows which places the automobile in the modified category. Mark took it in stride and enjoyed the day in spite of this curve ball. There was also some confusion regarding reorganization of the Preservation Class. That caught several members by surprise including our president, the Woolseys, Brian Wagner, and Marjo Miller. Deflating to be sure, but everyone maintained high spirits in spite of these turns of events. It was a moot point as it turned out as two of the three were winners anyway.



Steve and Jim ended up in A-2, Pre-war American Closed, while Marjo and Brian ended up in a catch-all dumping ground called "other". And then the awards came out. Tom O'Hara was so convinced he was out of the running for an award that he did not walk over to the stage to watch the festivities. Wasn't he shocked to hear his name called over the loudspeaker to come get the third place award for Pre-war American Open, arguably the toughest category of the day?

Tom O'Hara, his Packard, and trophy

Marjo Miller similarly was surprised and delighted to hear her name called for the special award for top Preservation automobile, and richly deserved, too. Then Jim Woolsey heard his name called for second place in Pre-war American Closed. He, too, was caught unprepared and hustled over to the stage to receive his trophy. Richard Schauer's '34 standard 8 sedan took top prize in the Pre-war Closed category. Finally, Mr. Nannini from San Francisco won top Open class. Its honor for Pre-war American was a very good day for Packard enthusiasts everywhere! The greatest disappointment was no doubt felt by Tim Pestotnik. Three years ago (plus or minus), he bought his '34 convertible, and like yours truly, he fell in love with the styling of that model year. Soon he discovered the engine was tired and needed an overhaul. Tim contracted Jim Woolsey to rebuild the engine, and Jim helped with the car's restoration in a hundred ways. Tim set his sights on the La Jolla show with hopes of placing, and did not. With some more effort here and a tuck there the car will be a serious competitor. As his friends and Co-PI club members, we will enjoy watching this unfold.



Richard and Karen Schauer's 1934 takes first place in class.

Marjo and Dion departing the field with a big trophy, Cuddles and goodies.





Marjo holding her well deserved award. I believe it weighed at least 20 pounds and made of solid marble.



Marjo, Dion and their puppy named Cuddles.



Our duty scribe and frequent Predictor contributor resting on his 1940 Packard.



Here we have Miss Daisy with her tinted windows. Mae West probably didn't know this was a concours issue and I am sure did not care.



Steve Halluska, Brian Wagner and Karl Ramsing giving Steve's 1941 Packard 110 Convertible a thorough inspection. One must wonder what Steve is pointing to.



Buttercup takes in the show un-judged next to Chuck Spielman's Pebble Beach quality 1937 V-12 Convertible Coupe Roadster. Since there was no judging involved, the "Yellow Peril" did not manifest itself.

Tim Pestotnik strikes a more relaxing pose after the judging is over. As Richard said we will be seeing Tim and this Packard in many more car shows. It takes awhile to get all the "stuff" sorted out.



The 1912 Packard on display from the San Diego Automotive Museum



Oddities included a remarkable re-bodied 1925 Rolls Royce Phantom I with a 1932 body, called an Aerodynamic Coupe. What a monster car, on display from the Petersen Museum, appearing to be a mile long, low windshield, unique 90 degree swing-down windows, a huge central fin in the back, and trunk with four custom fit pieces of luggage.



Petersen museum 1930 convertible Sedan



Larry Nannini's 1934 Dual Cowl Phaeton



Karl Ramsing answers a Packard question.



Richard Schauer receiving his award



Catherine and Jim Woolsey in the Winner's Circle



1917 La Bestioni with a 900 Cu in American La France motor, I think. I am sure it is a "one off" creation.



PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

by Steve Ross

A 1942 Packard Darrin purchased new by Gene Autry in Dallas, Texas in 1942. Base price for this automobile was \$4,995. Gene's cost a bit more than that I am sure. This was one of several "Cowboy" Automobiles on display at Amelia Island this year.

Speaking of Concours d'Elegance car shows, as you have already read, our Packard Club Members did quite well at the La Jolla Concours last month. We went out and played with the

big boys and did very well. I am extremely proud of our winners for more than one reason and the most important reason being none of our Packards are "Trailer Queens"! By golly all of our Packards went to the show under their own power! I have long been of the opinion that "Trailer Queens" should be judged in a class all to themselves. If one has driven to the show then of course the undercarriage is going to be soiled to some degree. One club that I am a member of has a special class for "Trailer Queens". Over heard at the La Jolla show from an entrant when asked if he drove his Packard, the response was "I start it up at least once a month". Really, what a great way to enjoy a rolling piece of history and art work. I am sure everyone is aware of my feelings about this so I shan't rant on about it.

I am told there are a few spots left for the Lincoln Highway Association's Henry B. Joy Tour from Detroit to San Fran. Check your Club's Facebook page to keep up with fast breaking news about Packards from around the world. I bet this tour will be covered on Facebook to some degree.

This month we are going to the Veterans Home and we want to have the allotted number of Packards there. We have been allotted eight parking place at the home. The senior veterans there enjoy seeing these vintage Packards and our visit is greatly appreciated.



I have looked at the photo to the left for quite sometime and and I can't decide if that is a Packard in the background. It looks like a 1937 or 1938 120 to me. Isn't a double valve fire hydrant a bit unusual as well?

Cruisin' Grand is rapidly approaching so if the Packard is not roadworthy please "get 'er done" Mark Burnside and his staff have already begun preparations and I do believe we might have a parade again this year. No other car club has ever been permitted to have a parade. Packards have one because we are "Special". If your Packard is not ready for prime time come, on out and see the Packards and Pierce-Arrows and have some fun. There are those other cars to see

as well.

Check out the annul schedule on page 18 and see what we have coming up. In July we are having a tour/rallye in the South San Diego County. That is in the planning stages right now. We hope to have the route finialized for the June issue.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CRUISIN' GRAND

MOTOR CARS ON MAIN STREET 2015

by Steve Ross

The Packards made their usual appearance at this annual event and, as is becoming a tradition, we had trophy winners. Tom O'Hara's 1934 "1101" Convertible Sedan was parked on the grass in a place of honor as the winner of Best in show last year. All of the Packards at the event were on the grass under the shade trees. The shirt presented to all the entrants this year had a picture of Tom's Packard on the front. The 2014 Best in Show Packard parked one Packard over from Tom was Richard and Karen Schauer's 1934 5-passenger Sedan. They were joined by Fred Puhn's 1950 "2302" Deluxe Sedan and Dick Walworth's 1931 "833" 5 passenger Coupe.



Tom O'Hara



Dick Walworth



Richard and Karen doing some final prep.



Fred Puhn and Mateo Gonzales



First place in class Dick Walworth and runner up for Best in show. Is that a smile or what?

In the past five years, the San Diego Region has taken Best in Show three times! Karl Ramsing, Richard Schauer and Tom O'Hara were the past winners of this award. Dick Walworth was beaten this year by Paul Hemple's Bugatti. In my opinion, it was a toss-up but I might not be objective.

2015 Armed Forces Day The San Diego Packard Car Club Needs You!!!



**Saturday, May 16, 2015
10:30am-2:00pm**

**Veterans Home of California- Chula Vista
700 East Naples Court
Chula Vista, CA**

Come bring your car and honor our veterans living at the VA Home on the occasion of their Founders Day on Armed Forces Day, May 16th. There will be more than 1,000 in attendance and reserved parking for our cars will add to the day's cheer. Limited to first 10 cars that are signed up.

RSVP: Marjo Dyer miller.marjo@gmail.com 619.226.2747

Complete the information below and send to Marjo along with the insurance waiver.

Name:

Car- Make, Model Year: _____

Driving Directions to Veteran's Home of California-Chula Vista
Founders Day Celebration
Saturday, May 16, 2015 (10:30am-2:00pm)
MEET AT 10:00a.m. at Assembly Area

(PLEASE BRING YOUR PACKARD NAME TAG SO WE CAN BE FRIENDLY)

Via I-805

I-805 South (to Chula Vista)
Exit Telegraph Canyon Road
Go 1.7 mile and turn right onto Medical Center Drive
Left on Palomar Street
Take 1st left into Ralphs Shopping Center
Park by Ralphs until all Packards assemble

Via I-5

I-5 south to "L" Street exit (Chula Vista)
East on "L" Street (after 3 miles goes under I-805 and becomes Telegraph Canyon Rd.)
Continue on Telegraph Canyon Rd. for further 1.7 miles (total 4.7 miles)
Right on Medical Center Drive
Left on Palomar Street
Take 1st left into Ralphs Shopping Center
Park by Ralphs until all Packards assemble

Once assembled, depart **to arrive at the VA Home at 10:30a.m.** by:

Exit to Palomar Street
Right on Medical Center Drive
Right onto Naples Court (1/2 mile)
Continue 1/4 mile to Veteran's Home

PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW DAY @ ESCONDIDO'S CRUISIN' GRAND™

Friday June. 19 2015

by Mark Burnside

Our annual flagship event, [Packard/Pierce-Arrow Day @ Cruisin' Grand](#) is right around the corner. Once again, we have secured the Friday closest to the Summer Solstice in order to maximize the amount of daylight we have before heading home while lighting the road with our 6-volt headlights. The date is June 19th. You and your Packard or Pierce-Arrow are invited and encouraged to attend this FREE event.

As we do every year, we are extending a cordial invitation to our neighbors to the north, the [SoCal Region of PI](#) as well as to the Southern California Region of the [Pierce-Arrow Society](#).



This year we have a another day's worth of exciting stuff for you to do with your Packard or Pierce-Arrow. Here's the schedule:

6:00 am - Be at TV station KUSI, 4575 Viewridge Avenue, San Diego, with your classic ride for Dave Stall's morning car segment on the [Good Morning San Diego](#) Program. Dave will choose and interview several owners about their cars and their history. One never knows who he will pick to talk to.

7:00 am - We all head to the nearby [Studio Diner](#) at 4701 Ruffin Road, San Diego for a group breakfast.

3:00 pm - We meet up at [Japaleño Grill & Cantina](#) at 503 West Grand Avenue, Escondido for a free beverage and appetizer. The Board of Directors of the Packards International San Diego Region has agreed that our club's treasury will sponsor this event of the day. Expect to spend a leisurely late afternoon swapping stories and talking Packard stuff. Then we'll leave by 4:30 to go form up for the parade.

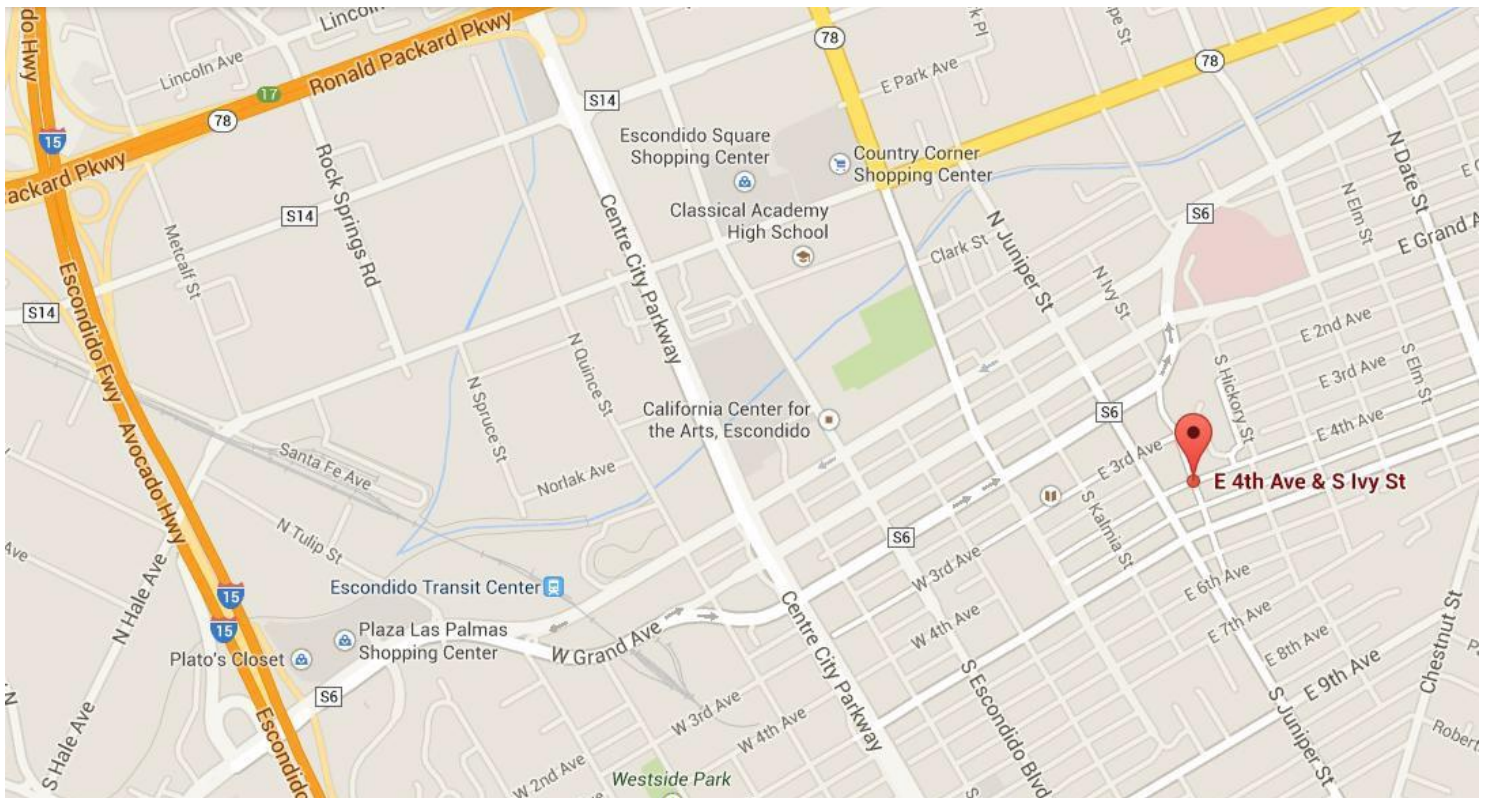
By 4:45 pm - Have your classic at the corner of East 4th Avenue & South Ivy Street, Escondido to form up for the **Parade of Packards & Pierce-Arrows** down Grand Avenue

5:00 pm - The **Parade of Packards and Pierce-Arrows** begins. Parade cars will be single file in year order. Oldest car leads the parade. Of the 26 Cruisin' Grands held every year, this is the only parade of cars prior to the start of the event. In past years we have had a motorcycle police escort courtesy of the [Escondido Police Department](#). We have requested the escort again this year and hope to have confirmation soon.

5:15 pm to 9:00 pm - Your classic buggy is on display on South Broadway for the public to see, appreciate, and admire. Once again, the *PI San Diego Region Board of Directors* is planning all the niceties that add to the evening: People's Choice Award voting by the public, windshield placards for all pre-registered cars, parking in year order, a staffed information booth, and more. The presentation of the People's Choice Award will be made by Steve Waldron, Cruisin' Grand Founder and Organizer, at the 8:00 pm Awards Ceremony. Expect LOTS of questions from the admiring public. (Like: Who made Packards? Is this a hearse? Are you the original owner? When did Mercedes stop making Packards? How do you shift it? etc.)

Other fun facts and items of note about this year's event:

- 1) All Packards and Pierce Arrows are invited to any and all of the day's activities. There is no charge or registration fee. Membership in PI (or any region of PI) is NOT required. Please forward this to ANYONE you know who owns a Packard or Pierce Arrow. Also note that **ONLY Packards and Pierce-Arrows** can be accommodated at KUSI, in the parade, and at Cruisin' Grand. We do, however, ask every Packard and Pierce- Arrow owner to register ahead of them by completing and returning the registration form on the next page. Questions: Call Mark Burnside at 619-322-9340.
- 2) We will be parked in a special roped-off area of South Broadway. We need to have at least 25 Packards and Pierce-Arrows at the event to maintain this area exclusive to our makes. Fewer than 25 cars means that Cruisin' Grand event organizers can allow non-Packards and non-Pierce-Arrows to park in our space. We fervently want to avoid the shame and indignity associated with such an undesirable outcome.
- 3) You will be on your own for dinner. There are many nice restaurants along Grand Avenue - from \$ to \$\$\$\$.
- 4) **Cruisin' Grand™** is a weekly cruise-in sponsored by the City of Escondido - held every Friday night from the first Friday in April to the last Friday in September. On each Friday a classic vehicle organization is invited to display their vehicles in a special roped-off area for the evening. This event is special: It's an incredible outreach opportunity for us to present our classic motorcars to a (very) interested public. Out of the 26 Cruisin' Grand events held each year, *Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night* ranks a solid #3 in public interest (behind *Nitro Night* and *Fire Truck Night*). Attendance for Packard Night in previous years has been estimated at 5,000+. With this kind of interest and enthusiasm from the public, it only makes sense for us to mobilize every roadworthy Packard and Pierce-Arrow for the event. We sincerely hope that you will join us.



EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Packard / Pierce Arrow Day @ Cruisin' Grand – June 19, 2015
Complete and return this form NO LATER THAN June 15th. Here's how:
Snail-mail to: Mark Burnside | 2379 Royal Oak Drive | Escondido, CA
92027-4942 or fax to 760-747-6002, or scan & email to
markburnside@cox.net

Please make reservations for my group as follows:

Name(s) of person(s) attending: _____

Cars(s) Entered:

| <u>Car</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Make</u> | <u>Body Style (Coupe, Convertible, etc)</u> | <u>Model</u> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Email address: _____ @ _____ Phone number: (_____) _____ - _____

SIGN ME UP FOR (check all that apply):

- ☐ KUSI Channel 9 TV appearance on Dave Stahl's Show (arrive by 6:00 am)
- ☐ Breakfast at The Studio Diner (right after KUSI appearance): # of persons attending: _____
- ☐ Beverage and appetizer at Japaleño Grill & Cantina (arrive 3:00 pm - depart by 4:30 pm)
of persons attending: _____
- ☐ Parade of Packards and Pierce-Arrows down Grand Avenue (arrive at corner of 4th Ave & Ivy Street by 4:45 pm)
- ☐ Reserved Cruisin' Grand display parking space on South Broadway from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

NOTE 1: Please register in advance by returning this form. We need this information to make restaurant reservations and windshield placards. If you know of anybody that is planning on attending one or more of the events, but does not have this form, please forward a copy. Except for the breakfast at the Studio Diner (Dutch treat), there is no charge for any of the activities.

NOTE 2: Signature below is required for participation.

In consideration of the acceptance of the undersigned participant's entry into *Packard / Pierce Arrow Day @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand* (June 19, 2015), the undersigned for himself/herself and his/her heirs, executors and administrators does hereby expressly waive, release and discharge any and all rights, claims, and damages against Packards International Motor Car Club, its regions and any and all of the officers, agents, servants, employees, and successors, for any and all injuries to such participants arising out of his/her traveling to, participating in and/or returning from said event and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the above for any loss or liability by them by reason of such participation by participant.

Participant (Parent or Legal Guardian if under

Richard Schauer is the tour director for this car show. Please notify Richard if you are going to participate. Phone 760-740-9188 e-mail packard1934@sbcglobal.net.

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REGISTER ONLINE at mcrdcarclassic.eventbrite.com

-OR- fill out the attached form and mail to the address provided below.

MCCSMCRD.com/carclassic/index.html

MCCS MCRD CAR CLASSIC ON THE BAY ENTRY FORM

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2015 MCRD Car Show Vehicle Entry
Save \$10 on your vehicle entry if you
purchase before June 25, 2015. After
June 25 entrants will need to register
at the event for \$35.
Sales End: June 25, 2015
Price: \$25

☐ **CAR CLUB TICKETS (20+)**

2015 MCRD Car Show Vehicle Entry
Save \$15 on your vehicle entry if you
purchase before June 25, 2015. After
June 25 entrants will need to register
at the event for \$35.
Sales End: June 25, 2015
Price: \$20

Please mail entry form to:
Auto Skills Center Car Show
MCRD/MCCS
3800 Chosin Avenue
San Diego, CA 92140

Please make checks payable to "MCCS Fund"
Deadline: June 24, 2015

☐ **VIP PREPAID BREAKFAST BUFFET TICKET 7 AM TO 10 AM**

Hand Crafted Omelet station, Breakfast Favorite's station, Pastries,
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Price: \$12.95

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Chef's Carvery, Premier Salad Bar, Chef's Choice Dessert station.
Price: \$16.95

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

License _____ Club Affiliation _____

Please mark competition category (one car per entry form)

☐ 1920s

☐ 1930s

☐ 1940s

☐ 1950s

☐ 1960s

☐ 1970s

☐ 1980s

☐ 1990s

☐ 2000s

☐ Motorcycle

Military Status if applicable

☐ Reservists

☐ Active Duty

☐ Retired Veteran

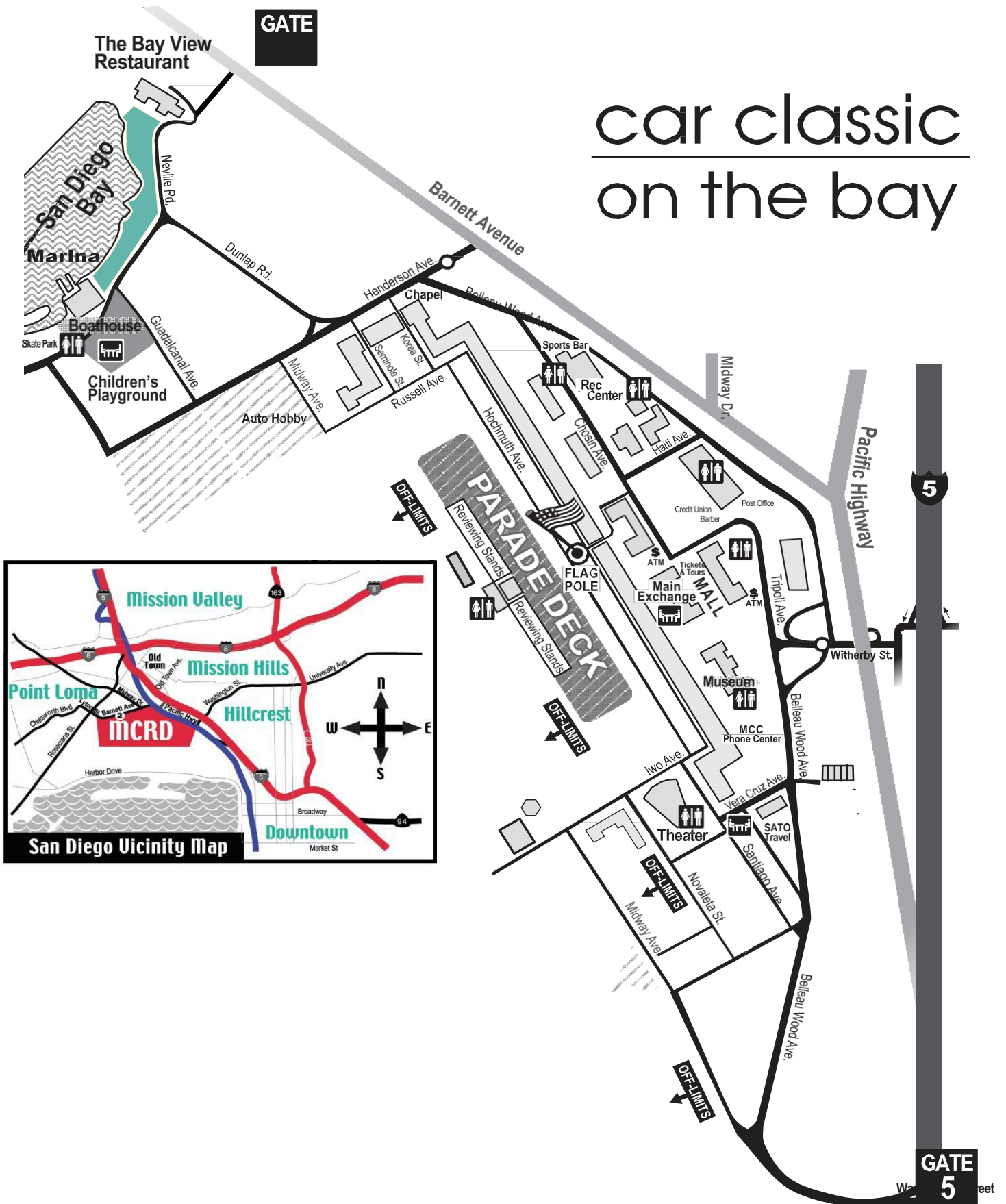
☐ Veteran

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I hereby hold harmless and save from financial the USA, MCRD, MCCS and anyone else connected with this event from any damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims that may suffer to property, self and guests participating in the MCCS Auto Skills Center Car Show, held on June 28, 2015.

Signature _____ Date _____

car classic on the bay



2013 LINCOLN HIGHWAY PHOTOS

Photos by Steve Natele Oakland Classic Car Examiner

These photos were taken during the 2013 Lincoln Highway tour. Some of the Packards will be recognized as belonging to our own PI San Diego Region members.



The Henry Joy Packard and Mark Burnside's Elvira



Jay Johnson of SoCal Region followed by Buttercup



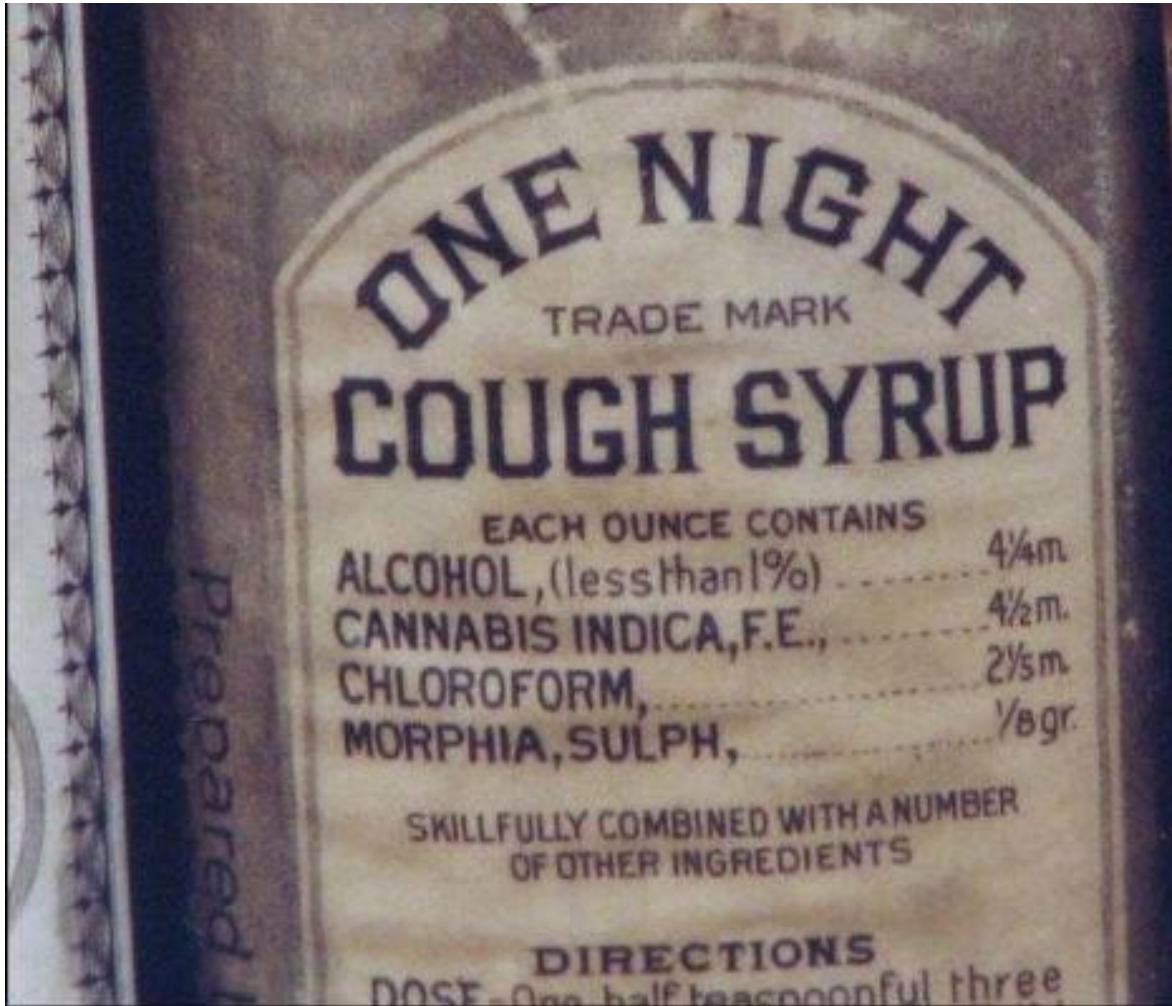
Buttercup



Two of the Packards displayed here will return for the Henry B Joy tour departing June 27, 2015 from Detroit bound for San Francisco: Buttercup and Elvira.

Curtis Buck

THE GOOD OL' DAYS?



Yes boys and girls, this should do the trick. You got yer alcohol, yer Cannabis (indicia, no less), yer chloroform and yer opiate plus some sulfur for any bugs that be hanging around. Plus these beneficial narcotics have been skillfully blended with several other ingredients. One must wonder what the hell those other ingredients were?! I bet one of them is cocaine as that was in Coca Cola back then. I seriously doubt a body would care what was wrong with them after half a teaspoon of this every three hours. I'll bet that some patients doubled up on the dosage.



In my youth, a potion called Hadacol was the rage for a few months. It was 12% alcohol which was listed as a preservative. It was a big hit in the dry counties of the south. When it was revealed that it had alcohol in it the ladies were aghast and threw it away, or most of them did. I think everyone in my community in rural Missouri was drinking it for health reasons, including the kids.

Stay healthy, my friend!

San Diego Region

2015 Activities Calendar

Listed below is the 2015 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.

| Month | Date | Event Description | Location | Tour Director(s) |
|------------|-------|--|--------------------------|---|
| May | 16 | Veteran's Home Event & Lunch | Chula Vista | Marjo Miller |
| June | 19 | Packard/Pierce-Arrow Day at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand | Escondido | Mark Burnside |
| Jun-Jul | 26-10 | Packards International National Tour: 2015 Lincoln Highway Henry B. Joy Tour | Detroit to San Francisco | Lincoln Highway Association (Mark Burnside is Tour Director for PI participants) |
| Jul | 26 | Rally in South Bay | Barrett Lake | Steve Ross & Marjo Miller |
| Aug | 9 | Balboa Park Picnic | Balboa Park | Scott & Kristine Napora |
| Sep | 19 | Old Highway 80 Tour to McNeil Ranch | McNeil Ranch | Richard Schauer |
| Oct | 23-25 | Overnight to Palm Springs | Palm Springs | Richard Schauer |
| Nov | 15 | Wash & Shine Show at Leo Carrillo Ranch | Carlsbad | Phil Pizutto |
| Dec | 13 | Christmas Party at Lazy H Ranch | Valley Center | Steve Ross |
| Jan (2016) | 1 | Brunch at Hotel del Coronado | Coronado | Steve Ross |