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President's Message

We are now past the half-way point this year and I am very pleased with the high quality events and tours that the Board has planned and carried out so far. To date, we have had the Installation Brunch, the Botanic Garden Tour, the Foundry Tour, Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand, the Packard Road Rally, the BBQ picnic at the Costanzo's, and (most recently) our second Packard Grand Salon at the Bernardo Winery. If you missed any one of them, it's unfortunate. If you missed all of them, it's a tragedy. They were all great tours and most worthy of your participation.

Speaking of the Grand Salon, I'd like to congratulate both the judging team and the participants on a perfect day. The judges (**Steve Ross, Paul Santy, Gary Wysong, Scott Napora, Richard Schauer**, and Mark Burnside) did a top-notch job of judging the Packards. Best of Show went to Scott & Damian Melcer for their 1953 Caribbean Convertible, Best Pre-war went to **Leigh & Mary Lou Johnson** for their 1941 LeBaron Sport Brougham, and Best Post-war went to Mark Burnside & **Sydney Kirkland** for their 1949 Super Eight Limousine. The People's Choice Award went to **Mark & Evonne Morton** for their 1934 Club Sedan. We had 5 of the judged cars achieve Circle of Champions status with more than 222 points earned by their cars. They were: **Phil Pizutto, Rick Miller, Scott Melcer, Leigh Johnson**, and Mark Burnside. Congratulations to all! Also, I'd like to recognize and thank new member **Jim Briggerman** for bringing **TWO** Packards to the event: his 1939 Model 110 and his 1955 Patrician. Thank you, Jim! Also, special thanks go out to PI National President **Don Hull** who drove his 1955 Patrician down from Costa Mesa to spend the day with us. Thank you, Don!

Next up on our activities calendar is the can't-miss-this-one tour of the Olympic Training Center on August 14th. Tour Director Gary Wysong has arranged for a rare tour of this facility. Do note that this is one of those special tours where you can't just walk up and buy a ticket. Rather, this is a unique, behind-the-scenes, up-close-and-personal tour that Gary has been working on since the beginning of the year. Look for more info in this edition of the Predictor.

September 17-24 is the PI National Driving Tour to Lone Pine, CA. Syd and I will be driving Miss Daisy on this tour, and we encourage all of you (and your Packard, of course) to join us. There will be a special caravan from San Diego to meet up with the SoCal caravan on I-15. Registration information is available in the latest PI Magazine, the News Counselor, and on the PI website at www.packardsinternational.com. We'll all be home just in time to take in the SD Region September tour at the Coronado Speed Festival.

And just about 90 days away is our overnight tour to Borrego Springs Resort. Since this is Halloween weekend, Borrego Springs will be putting on their Harvest Festival – another “can't-miss-this” weekend. Contact Tour Director Steve Ross to make sure you get a hotel reservation and a spot in the Road Rally on the way to Borrego Springs. This tour is expected to sell out quickly.

In summary, if you haven't made it to any or many of our tours so far this year, all is not lost. The good news is that balance of 2010 is still chocked full of great tours. C'mon out and join us.

Happy Tours,

Mark Burnside

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FOR SALE – CARS AND PARTS



'41 Packard Clipper, Saratoga Beige, restored, location: Mentor, OH
\$37,900 440-350-1480
bestofshowautomotive.com 6/10

'55 Packard Clipper 2Door Hardtop Coupe, blue/white ext, 54,200 orig miles, new brakes. Steven 619-501-3414 8/10

'41 Packard 110 Coupe, excellent condition, \$22,990, 866-940-6214, autotraderclassics.com 5/10

Losing garage space, must sell:
'55 Super Clipper Constellation
'55 Super Clipper Constellation
'56 Clipper Deluxe (not complete)
'57 "57L-P8 Clipper

Donald Smith, 619-281-4733
3510 33rd St., San Diego, CA 92104

For P.I. – San Diego Members:

Do you have a collector car or parts for sale? To place an ad in our newsletter, email Gary Wysong at gwysong@cox.net or call 619-267-8879.

If you have an email address at home or work, but get your newsletter by regular mail, email Gary Wysong to be placed on our email list.

'40 Packard 120 Convertible Coupe, runs smooth and strong, burgundy, 866-942-6849, autotraderclassics.com 5/10

'35-'37 Packard Parts For Sale trim and interiors, body and chassis
ken-thornton.com 7/10

Members: Your Board needs your Recommended Services/Parts persons or firms that you have had favorable dealings with during restoration and preservation of your Packards. Please send person/firm (name/address/phone number) to Mark Burnside at markburnside@cox.net where he will post this on our updated website. We are also accumulating a list to publish for your use – Karl Ramsing

'56 Packard Executive Sedan, sea foam/teal green, rebuilt motor & trans, \$9,900
815-227-4502 oldride.com ID 248200 7/10

'36 Packard 120 Business Coupe, frame off resto, crème exterior, like new condition, \$42,500
carsonline.com 401-944-9495 8/10

'54 Packard Panama, Antique White ext, red/white int, excellent paint/chrome/trim, run and drives good, \$13,500 815-385-3644 oldride.com I.D. 357141 8/10

'55 Packard Constellation, ext. white/red, drives & stops fine, \$11,500 collectorcarsforsale.com ID 12640 7/10

'50 Packard Convertible Victoria Coupe, Super 8 Model 2332, cream exterior, burgundy interior, restored, \$65,000
619-972-7073 or email at askus@classiccarmarketing.net 7/10

'39 Packard 120 Convertible Coupe, red with white top \$44,500 305-754-2323 info@tedvernon.com 8/10

'32 Packard 902 Club Sedan former AACA 1st place, location: Smithfield, RI
\$64,500 401-651-2295
tom@gen33.com 6/10

'41 Packard 120 Convertible Coupe chocolate brown & tan, CA car, location: Sebastopol, CA
209-531-3095 hemmings.com/classified 6/10

'55 Packard Clipper Deluxe, Jamaica Yellow and Black ext, runs and drives very well, \$9,200 203-266-5206
woodburyoldcars@msn.com 8/10

'32 Packard 900 Shovel Nose, original, black, runs smooth and tight, ready to drive anywhere, \$29,500
215-598-3347 cars-on-line.com I.D. 47212 8/10

'55-'56 Packard parts for sale: parting out a '56 Patrician, including rebuilt engine, overdrive transmission, etc. Also parts from '55 Patrician, '56 Executive, and '56 Clipper; trunk lock assembly, two 352 c.i. engines, one 374 c.i. engine, rebuilt Chrysler 727 transmission-fits Ultra-torque for V-8's, V-8 senior tail lights, load leveling motors, 4-barrel carb, instrument panel with gauges-probably from Executive, third member for '55 Patrician-missing left axle, plus other misc. parts. Robert Dougherty, 858-748-2228, P.O. Box 337, Poway, CA 92074

'37 Packard 115C Touring Sedan, burgundy, restored, \$24,900
708-388-5277 or mcecars.com ID 614 7/10

Buy Packard parts at the packardsandiego.org website

See McLellan's Automotive History for Packard Sales Literature, Dealer Literature, Magazines, Out-of-Print Books, Manuals & Memorabilia.
713-772-3285 or mclellansautomotive.com

4 WWW L78-15 tires, rims & wheel covers, quite nice, All: \$400
Pair fender skirts for 30's Juniors, aftermarket, never used: \$100
'48-'50 Packard radio, don't know if it works: \$40; 4 hexagon bumper bolts, w/lock washers and nuts, beautiful chrome – make offer; Hilarious sounding horn supposedly from 1912 Packard: \$100
Call Albert 619-563-5988 or e-mail albertpurcell@cox.net

Check these two websites for Packard Information:
Packardinfo.com yesterdays-cars.com/Packard_clubs.htm

Olympic Training Center Tour

Saturday - August 14, 2010



Save this date for a walking tour of the **U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista at 10:30 a.m.** We'll gather in the parking area for snacks before we walk to the Copley Visitor Center (pictured) and see a 12 minute video in the theater. You'll have a chance to buy official USOC and Olympic merchandise and memorabilia in the Olympic Spirit Store. We'll walk on the mile-long Conrad Hilton Olympic Path to see training venues and elite athletes training in different sports. Golf cart rides may be available for people with disabilities. Bring comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, mid-walk snack and water. **Arrive at 10:30 a.m.** and plan to **return to the cars about 1:00 p.m.**

The **OTC** has the following facilities on the campus we may see or visit:

Athlete Center – Athlete check-in building, administrative offices, medical facilities, Boswell dining hall, and 34 two-bedroom suites for their home-away-from-home. (View from a distance)

Easton Aluminum Archery Range – the 50 lane archery range has movable targets allowing for training at distances up to 90 meters.

Emily Hunte Black Athletics Complex – 400 meter, 8-lane running track, separate 6-acre throwing area, support building and tower.

Alex Spanos Field Hockey Complex – artificial surface facility with support building and observation tower.

Kyocera Soccer Complex – four grass soccer fields measuring 115 by 75 meters with two support buildings and locker rooms.

Lane/Kuhn Tennis Complex – four hard-surfaced tennis courts, support building and observation tower.

Douglas Manchester Family Cycling Criterium – criterium course nine-tenths of a mile in distance provides a venue for speed work.

The Boathouse – 3,000 meter rowing course on Otay Lake with submersible lane markers for sweeps, sculls, rowers, and canoe/kayak athletes. Olympic Trials have been held at this facility. (View from a distance)

Softball – main playing field, practice infield, batting and pitching cages, and an equipment storage unit.

We will caravan to the California Pizza Kitchen restaurant at the Otay Ranch Shopping Center, after the tour and on the return route to the I-805 freeway.

Directions to OTC: Drive south on I-805 into Chula Vista, exit at Olympic Parkway, drive EAST approximately 8 miles and turn right into the Copley Visitor Center.

Tour Leader: Gary Wysong, (619) 267-8879 or gwysong@cox.net

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

By Karl Ramsing

As Membership Chairman, over the year I maintain the San Diego Region ROSTER, adding and correcting member information as necessary. As new members join our Chapter, I send them a welcome note and a copy of the current roster plus two name badges to use at our functions.

The biggest update comes in the last quarter of the year when I send out membership renewals. **YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A NOTICE IN OCTOBER.** Membership is for one calendar year (JAN - DEC). In the renewal request, I enclose a request for payment of annual dues (currently only \$ 15.00 - that's low!) payable to: *P. I. San Diego Region*. I also enclose data from the current year Roster for verification and correction and a return envelope for your convenience. NOTE: You must also be a member of Packards International.

The majority of renewals are returned within two weeks - THANK YOU. The remainder require my follow up: a second, sometimes three, reminders for you to remit, and more for just a few. It helps me tremendously if you remit quickly. You may be calling me "GUIDO" if you have received additional reminders. I get tough. I also ask you for your input on our Chapter activities and request suggestions for new adventures.

Updating your DATA is very important; E-Mail addresses (confidential) are necessary so as to send you the monthly "PREDICTOR". It keeps our postal expenses to a minimum.

Once I have received your payment and your corrected member DATA, I send the checks to Steve Ross, our Treasurer, and update the data, have printed commercially, and send the new year's ROSTER to you. It is for your use and information.

Another task I perform is to pick up the Chapter's mail weekly at the Mt. Carmel's Post Office. I distribute incoming parts orders to Paul Santy, and other correspondence to our President, Mark Burnside and to the Board.

Lastly, in accordance with our By-Laws, I head up the Nominating Committee, publish and send a ballot to each member, with a return envelope for expediency. Last year's Election return was 36%. This year's may be higher as it is a National Election Year. I encourage ALL of you to become active in your Club, not just to vote but to attend our many fine activities and functions. You don't have to drive a functioning Packard to enjoy the activities. The association with other members can help you in restoring your Packard with exchange of information or helping you in other ways. Come join us on the next activity: Saturday, August 14, at the Olympic Training Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the membership in these tasks.

Karl Ramsing

**Grand Salon Awards
Bernardo Winery - July 10, 2010**



Head Judge, Steve Ross, presents Mark Burnside the Best Post-War Packard Trophy



Mark Burnside presents Mary Lou Johnson the Best Pre-War Packard Award



Mark Burnside presents the Melcer family the Best Of Show Trophy



Mark Burnside presents Mark Morton the People's Choice Trophy



Circle of Champions Award Winners

America's Packard Museum™ – Dayton, Ohio

by Gary Wysong

A visit to America's Packard Museum was one special afternoon during a June vacation in Ohio. My wife, Ann, and I arrived at the museum to find a big, blue Packard sign gracing the front corner of the building. It was our pleasure to meet Jim Pugh, a knowledgeable employee, and Rich Evans, Director of Operations. They spent a couple of hours giving us a personal tour of the building and details about fifty Packards on display. The museum was founded in 1992 and showcases the world's largest collection of Packard automobiles, artwork and artifacts. Besides being a great historical location, the museum is one of the top five event venues in the city of Dayton for hosting group tours, corporate meetings, wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, fundraisers, anniversary parties and family reunions. A choice of seven Packard limousines may be rented with a driver for special occasions.

The collection is housed in the original building of a Packard dealership, *The Citizens Motorcar Company*, which opened in 1917. Rich Evans explained that a new "Junior" wing of the building was built in 1936 for the introduction of the Junior product line. The Senior Packard clientele could continue to patronize the original dealership building and wouldn't need to associate with Junior Packard customers. The front of the main museum was the new car showroom floor in Art Deco style complete with wood accents, 15 feet ceilings and a beautiful black and crème color tile floor. The Robert Turnquist Packard Library is a great resource for Packard literature. The back portion of the museum was the new car service area, and includes a parts department display. This museum is well worth visiting if your travel plans take you to Dayton, Ohio. Please visit americaspackardmuseum.org for additional photos and information.



The Citizens Motor Car Company



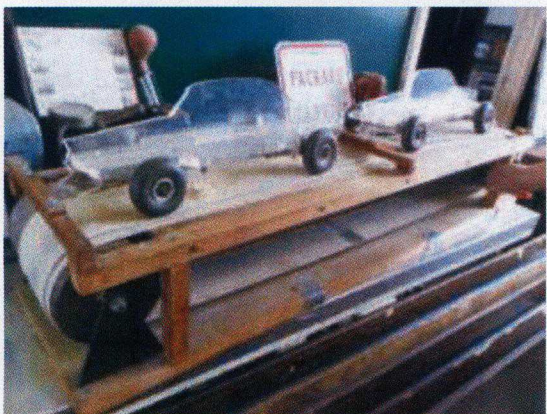
'18Twin Six, Model 3-35



'19 Packard Model E, Five Ton Truck



'41Darrin Convertible



'55 torsion bar suspension, belt drive demonstrator



'35 Twelve Convertible Sedan, Model 1208



Packard Vacuum Cleaner



NEW Packard SUPER EIGHT neon sign

CALENDAR

- Aug 1: Automobile Heritage Day, National City Car Show, 9 a.m., Kimball Park
- Aug 14: Olympic Training Center, Chula Vista, meet at 10:30 a.m. in the parking area
- Sep 17-24 P.I. National Driving Tour to Lone Pine, CA
- Sep 26: Coronado Speed Festival
- Oct 30-31 Overnight Driving Tour and Road Rally, Borrego Springs
- Nov 13: Visit to California Veterans Home, Chula Vista 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,
complimentary lunch in dining hall with veterans
- Dec 4: Holiday Party