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President's Message

I am pleased to announce the San Diego Region 2007 Event Calendar. The Board met on Sunday January 21 in a planning session to develop a calendar of events that we believe to be exciting and responsive to the needs of the region's members. In developing this calendar we paid particular attention to the results of the survey that you filled out and returned along with your membership renewal for 2007.

Here's what the survey told us:

- 1) More than half of the respondents said you want more emphasis on technical training and education on the subject of Packard maintenance, repair and restoration.
Result: The 2007 calendar contains 3 Tech Sessions to be held during the year.
- 2) Two-thirds said that Cruisin' Grand is the favorite event held each year. **Result:** We have planned a 4-day National Tour to be held in San Diego which will be based around Cruisin' Grand. All Regions of Packards International (worldwide) will be invited to attend.
- 3) Other popular events are: swap meets, garage tours, and winery tours. **Result:** There are 3 swap meet events on the calendar, as well as a garage tour and a winery tour.

Without further adieu, then, is our Calendar of Events for 2007:

February: 2 & 3 – Packards International Membership Meet in Orange, CA
4 – Swap Meet on day 3 of Membership Meet in Orange, CA

March: 18 – Brunch at Humphrey's by the Bay on Shelter Island, San Diego, CA

April: 28 – Tech Session #1, location TBA

May: 12 – Winery Tour, North County

June: 10 – SoCal Swap Meet in La Palma, CA
24 – Day at the Fair, Del Mar Fairgrounds

July: Date TBA – Collector Tour with SoCal Region, Orange County, CA

August: 18 – Tech Session #2, location TBA

September: 13-16 – P.I. National Tour in San Diego
14 – Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand in Escondido

October: 20 – Tech Session #3, location TBA

November: 10 – Garage Tour, location TBA

December: 2- Annual Region Holiday Party, Pauma Valley, CA

We hope you to be rewarded with your participation at the above events during the year. Please mark your calendars. Do note there are many classic car related events that we will add to the above calendar over the next few months. They may not be officially sponsored events or tours, and as such, will not have a tour director assigned, or club initiated publicity for the event. The entire Board will be attending the P.I. Membership Meet in Orange, February 2-4, we hope to see you there.

Happy Tours,

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PACKARD HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE LAZY H

The San Diego Region Packard members and guests gathered at the Lazy H Steak House for a fantastic Holiday party. We filled up the "John Wayne" room. If we keep growing we will have to add on or find another place for our party. The Packards started arriving at 12:30 PM and the last one pulled in just past 1:00 PM.

Word had preceded the delayed arrival of Todd and Debbie Schoenberg in their 1939 Touring Sedan. Guests arriving at the restaurant informed everyone that a blue Packard was down the road with a flat tire. We were told that other cars were stopped providing assistance so we waited patiently for Todd's arrival. The first car on scene to assist was Karl and Peggy Ramsing, followed by Phil and Heather Pizzuto then Mark Burnside. Apparently it took all seven of them to get the tire changed. Two jacks were required, fingers were caught in the spare tire cover, a tire rim was misplaced and a used driveshaft was found along side the road? I have not figured that one out. A dental pick came into play during the tire change but I have no details and it is probably best to just let it go. If not for Peggy Ramsing and her tool kit the tire change would have never happened. Here are four Packard car guys and who has the foresight to have a tool kit?-the wife of course. Like I said in a previous article only sissies carry a tool kit. Who says our events are not adventuresome and FUN!

Upon arrival the guests were greeted by classic Carols of the season, some sung by Bing Crosby, a roaring fire in the fireplace and our cheerful bartender and host, Lesley, who was dressed as one of Santa's elves.

The party got under way on time with drinks of choice and our club providing the wine. There was a lot of socializing, reminiscing, making new friends and rejuvenating old friendships. Everyone agreed that the prime rib of beef was as good as or better than they had ever experienced. Those who chose the salmon gave it two thumbs up.

After dinner there was a traditional gift exchange and some gifts were "stolen" a few times before ending their journey with someone who really appreciated them. After the gift exchange prizes were awarded to those who drove their Packard to the party. Everyone was given a raffle ticket when arriving and door prizes were awarded to many lucky winners. In spite of the large attendance everyone went home a winner, even old Scrooge!!

Unless you are adamantly opposed to having fun with your fellow Packardites or are against holidays all together, put this event on your calendar for December 2, 2007.

