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President's Message

As President for 2008, I am both excited and hopeful that this year will be a great year for our club.

First, the board and I have a hard act to follow. We should all be grateful for the extraordinary services provided by Mark Burnside and his boards over the past four years. They have provided us with a great legacy of good memories and a club in good shape for the future.

Our major planning meeting was held on January 12. Check out the calendar both here in the newsletter and on the updated web site at Packardsandiego.org. If you have any other ideas, please send them in.

I hope to see many of you at the National Membership meet this weekend, Feb 1-3. We will be putting out more information soon on upcoming events.

As always, the newsletter and web site are looking for good articles. Please consider doing a brief write up on any repair or service that you had in the last year or so and send it to Mark for the web site. I would like to see us develop a good reference listing of who to go to for various repairs and services that we can all use.

Finally, for our new members, congratulations on your Packard and welcome to the club. That's it for now. Remember we are in the Packard club because of our cars – we will stay in if we find it rewarding and are having fun. I am looking forward to '08, and a successful year of good fellowship with our fellow Packardites.

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Todd Schonenberg

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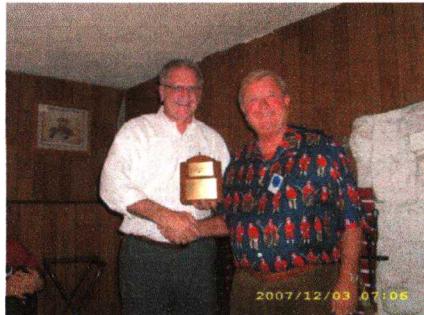
Packards Gather in Pauma Valley for a Holiday
Party and Annual Capstone Event
By Steve Ross

On a crisp, cool afternoon in Pauma Valley, California, Packards, the historic Kings and Queens of the American road began arriving for a gala party. The guests were greeted to the festively decorated John Wayne room adorned with Christmas lights, poinsettias, and fresh pine wreaths. A cheery warm fire was burning brightly in the big stone fireplace adding to the holiday ambience. The gift tables were soon laden with presents for the traditional gift exchange and prizes for deserving Packard owners. Very quickly the room was abuzz with Packardites greeting each other and becoming acquainted with new Packard owners and catching up on the past years events with other members of our great club. By the time dinner was served, there was room for no more as the PI's San Diego Region had filled up the tables!

We sat down to a mouth-watering choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Salmon, with a vegetarian menu also in the offering. Both red and white wines were served with the meal, water, ice tea and coffee were also offered. When dinner was over and toasts had gone round, a happier group was not to be found. Before moving on to the gift giving, some significant awards had to be made to those who keep the club bells ringing. Mark Burnside, our outgoing president, was recognized for his hard work and dedication in leading us for the past five years. Syd Kirkland was given a special recognition for her key role in organizing the national event, Packards in Paradise. Past president, Phil Pizzuto, was given an award for his leadership as our past president and his continuing contributions in making Packards International – San Diego Region, an exciting car club. Our newest members, Rick and Lucy Miller (owners of a 1941 Clipper Limou) were introduced to founders of the San Diego Region, Tony Paradowski, Mark Rothermich and Colin Fort. It was heart warming to have these people together and know that we are still growing and keeping the Packard tradition alive and well. As a wise man once pointed out, we are more than a car club, but a keeper of automobile history and more specifically the American Automobile heritage. Some have said that we are the maintainers and restorers of works of art. I agree with that assessment and hope you do too.

After the pomp and circumstance, we jumped onto the famous gift exchange where a gift can be stolen. It is my opinion that the only person who understands the rules for the gift exchange is Mark Rothermich. The party came to a close with the presentation of awards to the oldest Packard and the Packard that traveled the greatest distance, those awards went to Robert Buchanan and his 1933 1003, 5 Passenger Coupe and Ken Yankee with a 1941 120 1801 Business Coupe.

Before sunset, everyone departed with a smile, satisfied appetite and a Christmas gift. Hope to see you all next year.

Holiday Party Photos**Mark Burnside and Steve Ross****Steve Ross and Phil Pizzuto****Paul Santy and Todd Schonenberg****Group Table****Elegant Packard Motor Cars****La Jolla Motor Car Classic at the Cove**

The fourth annual show was held on January 13, and Packard was well represented with nine cars listed in the program. Over 140 cars were in attendance on a beautiful day on the green overlooking La Jolla cove. Phil Pizzuto and his '39 were in the Winners Circle from last year's event.

Congratulations to David France of Palm Springs and his 1940 Darrin 4 door convertible and our Rick Miller in his 1941 Custom Super 8 LeBaron Limou, both of which were award winners this year.

Other owners and cars present were Dr. Steve Wheeler (1930 726 Sedan), Steve Ross (1939 Super 8 Touring Sedan), Todd & Debbie Schonenberg (1939 Super 8 Touring Sedan), Rex Ryan (1936 12 Cyl. Town Sedan) and Scott and Damian Melcer (1953 Caribbean Convertible).

Let's see if we can't beat this number at the Coronado show coming up on April 20 – sign up now! We plan to meet early, drive into the show together, and be able to park as a group on one of the greens. More details on this show to follow.

Preliminary 2008 Tour Schedule**January 27:** Bus Tour to Automobile Driving Museum – Los Angeles – Tour Director: Colin Fort**February 1-3:** Packards International National Meet – Orange, CA**March 1:** Big 3 Swap Meet – Qualcomm Stadium Parking Lot – San Diego

15: Bill Evans Auto Collection – San Diego – Tour Director: Richard Schauer

30: Join SoCal Region for Sierra Madre Wisteria Celebration

April 20: Motor Cars on Main Street – Coronado – Tour Directors: Karl Ramsing and Steve Ross

19 &20: Join SoCal Region for Tour of Movie Star Mansions – Palm Springs

May 2 or 17: Camp Pendleton Tour – Tour Director: Phil Pizzuto

26: Fallbrook Car Show

June 8: SoCal Swap Meet – La Palma, CA

23-27: P.I. National Driving Tour through Oregon – Tour Directors: Dave Charvet (Oregon) and Mark Burnside (San Diego)

July 13: Join SoCal Region for Long Beach Collectors Tour**August 3:** Automobile Heritage Day – National City, CA

17: Pebble Beach

September 12-13: Cruisin' Grand Events

Friday afternoon: Tour of General Atomics Predator Manufacturing Facility – Tour Director: Todd Schonenberg

Friday evening: Cruisin' Grand

Saturday: Brunch and driving tour

27-28: Coronado Speed Festival – Car Show, Car Corral and Vintage Car Races – North Island N.A.S. Coronado

October 11: Allen Airways Collection Tour – Gillespie Field, El Cajon – Tour Director: Todd Schonenberg

18 or 25: Packards International Grand Salon – Newport Beach CA

November 14-16: Join Arizona Region for their 25th Anniversary celebration**December 7:** Annual Holiday Party – Lazy H Restaurant – Pauma Valley, CA

FOR SALE – Cars and Parts

Cars & Parts For Sale - P.I. Arizona:

'24 Phaeton, '29 633 Victoria Coupe, '39 110 Sedan, '41 120 Sedan, '46 Clipper Deluxe (show quality), '51, '53 Clipper & Patrician, '56 Clipper and Patrician.

Lots of '55/'56 Clipper parts for sale

PI Arizona: 3008 E. Cheery Lynn Road
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Fred Puhn is looking for a '32 – '36 Packard senior model, Club Sedan preferred, email fredpuhn@cox.net or call 619-475-1155

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 the 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

1956 Packard Executive parts car available for free – no rear end, you will need a flat bed trailer to negotiate around some trees.
Call Joe Kotcher 760-787-1089 or email at joe-barb@hotmail.com

For PI-San Diego Region Members:

Do you have a collector car or parts for sale? To place an ad in our newsletter, email Gary Wysong at gwyson@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

Send your preferred Packard parts, supplies and services vendors information to Gary Wysong for us to update our Parts, Supplies and Vendors list

Bruce Welsh has '53 Packard Parts, Call 858.490.1234

For Sale (To Settle Probate Estate):
1953 Packard Caribbean Convertible
Best cash offer over US \$57,500
95% all there, clear title, 25-year California car, now located in Phoenix, AZ offered "As Is"
Serious inquiries only, please:
P.O. Box 36465, Phoenix, AZ 85067

San Diego Automotive Museum needs Volunteers

"We need dedicated men and women to assist us as docents, restoration workers, library assistants, and automotive detailers".

Join a fun team of people who enjoy the culture of the automobile and the culture of Balboa Park. No experience necessary! We will train!

If you have any questions, call Dean Endres at 619-231-2886 x2238.

Packard Member of the Month We would like to feature **ANY** member(s) and their Packard. Please write a brief article about yourself, how you acquired your Packard, restoration progress, and anything else you would like to share about your Packard. Email one or two photos and your story to Gary Wysong