



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. Our annual Holiday Party at the Lazy H is now history, and this concludes our 2008 program year. I believe I can say with confidence that this event was a real winner – a full room, great conversation, and a lot of fun. Thanks to all that brought additional items for the silent auction – they complemented the items from the Packard Museum nicely.

Let's go over some highlights – Our website is a real asset. Webmaster Mark Burnside has done a great job with this, and many of you contributed to the new recommended vendors feature that was added this year. The member's cars section is also great. Our parts business under Paul Santy was very successful, with some profits funneled back to you in subsidizing the Holiday Party. We have also added some new parts and inventory, so this success should continue through 2009. Paul also got his car on the road this year. Congratulations! Karl Ramsing ran membership and the elections. Brian Wagner kept us all straight with the minutes, and had to keep up with me during the meetings. A great sense of humor and a good addition to our team. VP Richard Schauer planned the Evans Garage tour – what a collection! He also lead the Bylaws revision committee. Richard Mills planned the tour of the Auto Museum restoration facility and their archival section that was very interesting. If only I had a bigger garage to buy one of their excess cars... and Gary Wysong got the Predictor out on time every month to keep you apprised of our most recent events and informed you on the upcoming events in a timely manner. What a team!

As for shows, we had good individual turnouts at La Jolla, and great club turnouts at Coronado, and for the Cruisin' Grand Weekend. Karl led for Coronado, and Mark and Steve for the Cruisin' Grand/RB Winery Concours. We concluded the year with the Ramona Ramble, visiting the Animal Rescue facility and the Helicopter Museum at the Ramona Airport, and of course, the Holiday Party. Deb helped me with these.

So what about next year? We're still early in the planning process, but here are some events that we are working on. Hawk Watch in Ramona and Packard Membership meet in January, and an annual meeting/dinner probably in early February. We are working with the Studebaker Club and Pierce Arrow on a joint function in Balboa Park, and Packard will be the featured marque at the National City Auto Show on August 2. We are also planning a father & son or daughter event, and also a potential function with the AACA or CCCA. The rest of the schedule will fill out soon. We are always looking for good ideas, if you have one, please let us know.

Todd Schonenberg
President
San Diego Region

EVENT CALENDAR

January 11, 2009: La Jolla Motor Car Classic at La Jolla Cove
Other 2009 Events: TBA

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FOR SALE – CARS AND PARTS

Packard

For Trade or Sale:

I have just acquired many Packard parts, some are: 1948 Parts: Front fenders, inner-fenders, springs, gas tank, front and rear bumpers (come with splash-guards & over-riders), wheels and rear window (all good); hood (fair); 1947 Hood (good); 1940 110 (4-dr) with no engine, rear fenders or trunk lid. (Street rod project?) I need back-up parts for my 1951 200 & 1953 8 Pass Executive. Bob Huntoon 858-344-6535

robert.huntoon@gmail.com

Wanted: '46 or '47 Clipper Club Sedan with 8 cylinder engine. Email Fred Puhn at fredpuhn@cox.net or call 619-475-1155

For Sale:

4 fenders for a senior '36, Right front not in good condition, but other 3 easily prepped for paint/install.

Call Rick Hagen
619-401-3027

R_Hagen@cox.net

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 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.

1922 Packard Touring Car

6 cyl, in good shape when put in storage 7 years ago. Price TBD, Yuma, AZ. Owner has health issues. Contact Sherrie or Judy for more info at 928-783-72429 or faithyuma@roadrunner.com

1938 Parts for Junior Six: radiator, used 3-speed Transmission, gas tank (cleaned/sealed). Pictures thru email. Dave Green in Tucson 520-747-2901 after 7pm. Email alpdavegre@msn.com

'56 Clipper Custom, red & white, recent paint and interior, \$6,000 Joice in Peoria, AZ
623-566-5999, *Seen for Sale in Craigslist.com*

'54 Super Clipper straight eight, automatic, power steering, factory air. 52,597 miles \$16,997
Stan in Gilbert, AZ. 602-300-2363

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

For Sale: '52 Packard Ultramatic Sedan, new paint – white, very good chrome. In outdoor storage for a few years. Car supposedly runs great. Body shop will repaint car any color. \$8,000
Contact: Triple A Auto Body & Paint, Angel Felix at 619-276-8378.

1939 Packard 4 door sedan, 1700 series, Model 110, Midnight blue, full on frame restoration, flying lady, mint orig interior condition.
Price: \$19,200 Send email for 4 photos, ext and int. Sylvia Valenzuela, Cedar City, UT 1812sylvia@infowest.com 435-463-0999

Check these two websites for Packard Information:

Packardinfo.com yesterdays-cars.com/Packard_clubs.htm

Buy Packard parts at the packardsandiego.org website

Have you done any work on your Packard?
Send Gary Wysong a note about any improvements you have made.

1956 Packard Executive 2Dr Hardtop, 99.9% complete, some rust, project car, only 1,018 made.
Dan Brumbaugh www.slorides.com

From a '47 Packard Custom Super Touring Sedan:
2 front brakes, complete, with fresh linings, cylinders and drums cleaned. Asking \$300
FOB Oceanside, CA, Jerry Coburn, 760-639-2924

1949 Packard Custom 8, unrestored.
Contact: Beth Popa, Poway, CA
858-748-8359

Best of Show
by Scott Melcer

When I relayed to Gary that we won Best of Show at the So Cal Region Grand Salon Post-War he asked me to write a brief recount of our experience and feelings attending the show.

Firstly, I would like to express my deep appreciation and thanks to our dear friend Leigh Johnson whose support and assistance over the last 8 years in both restoring and maintaining our car has been invaluable. I also want to thank Gary Osko and Gil Lopez who both played a big role in the restoration of our car.

The preparation and detailing of our car started 3 weeks prior to the show. Leigh made the trip down from Idyllwild three Wednesdays in a row so we could work together to properly detail the car. We addressed everything from the underside of the car up to the convertible top. We crawled under the car to clean the chassis, detailed the engine compartment, and even removed each tire for thorough cleaning. On Thursday before the show we pulled the car into our trailer, hooked up the battery charger on the trailer and put everything to rest until Saturday morning.

On Saturday my wife Damian, my sons Sam & Harry, and I journeyed forth to beautiful Newport Beach by the Sea. We enjoyed a lovely overnight stay at the Island Hotel. On Sunday morning I was up before dawn to give our car a final wipe down in the trailer. At around 8:00 am Leigh arrived from his home in Idyllwild having driven there that morning in his 1941 LeBaron Sport Brougham. Leigh gave expert guidance to make sure I did not drive into the side of the trailer, and I proceeded to drive the car out of the trailer and into the early morning sunlight.

By the time our car was in place on the judging field I was already late for the Judges meeting, I was given the honor of judging floor coverings with Jerry Kill. Judging was a great way to keep my mind off of how the judges were evaluating my car so I did not even have a chance to be nervous until after all of the judging was completed. Upon completion of my judging assignments I walked the field and got a chance to size up the competition. There were two other Post war convertibles that were in excellent condition so I went into lunch a little anxious about how our car had placed in the judging.

We enjoyed a very nice meal and then the awards portion of the afternoon started. The first awards were recognition of all of those who achieved Circle of Champions; well no surprise there, we knew as in the past our car would achieve that honor. As the winners of the individual class awards were named and the 1948 Convertible took 1st place in Open Post War we knew that it was between us and a beautiful 1956 Caribbean. When it came time to name Most Elegant / Best Sport Motif for Post War cars I knew that was the moment of truth. This was the most nervous moment for me of the entire day. I waited with great anticipation, then it was announced that the 1956 Caribbean had won best Sport Motif. At that moment, since I am familiar with how the judging works, I realized that we had won Best of Show. Showing due respect to the other car owners in my class I kept calm, cool, and collected.

Upon the head judge announcing that our Caribbean had won best of show I swooped up my family and headed for the stage. I was presented with a very large crystal trophy and my wife Damian was presented with a beautiful pin which is of the Packard Cormorant which is set in diamonds. Our entire family was both delighted and very proud.

We greatly enjoyed the day and felt that the venue was lovely. I also want to Thank Robert Escalante and his team for all of their effort and hard work in staging a great show and making sure that everyone had a nice day.

We have attended this show about 5 times now both with and without our car and we always have a great time.

I hope that more members of our San Diego region club can attend this event next year as well as the National meet in February of 2009. Many cars attend these shows and not all are there to be judged; drivers as well as trailer queens are to be found in attendance.

PACKARDS BRACE INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Steve Ross

Once again the Packard club of San Diego filled up the John Wayne room at the Lazy H steak house in Pauma Valley. It was a cool crisp morning for Southern California adding to the holiday spirit. When the party began there was a light drizzle, which did not put a dampener on the hearty Packard folk, and before the party was over the sun was shining. We all took this as an omen of our good fortune. A nice fire was going in the big stone fire place making the room warm and cozy. The room and tables were decorated in the finest holiday décor including lights, pine garland. Poinsettias and retro fiber optic lighting wands (you would have had to have been there to appreciate this). Maybe there will be a photo of them.

Each Packard owner received a welcome gift from the club. A silent auction was held this year with gifts donated by the members and items provided by the club. There were some very nice Packard memorable to be bid on. A tip on silent auctions, be careful that you and your wife are not bidding against each other! This can lead to one buying "stuff" they might not have really wanted. President Schonenberg introduced the board members asking each attendee to describe the first car they owned and the Packard they currently own. First cars owned were very interesting and entertaining. Our VP Richard Schauer presented roses to various deserving couples. The couple most recently married received a yellow rose, that would be Carol and me. Since I was trying to figure out what items I had purchased from the silent auction; I missed what the other yellow roses were awarded for.

This was a fantastic holiday/Christmas party with delicious food and friendly folks enjoying time together sharing life and packard stories. *If you missed the party, don't miss it next year!*

Happy Holidays and have a safe happy prosperous New Year.

December 15, 2008

Dear Todd and Packard Club Members,

Thanks to you all so much for your generous donation to our animals. I will personally see that Tonka and Samson get Christmas steaks!!

I look forward to seeing you all again in 2009. Let's hope the sun is shining!!

Regards & respect,

**Cindy Trasi
The Fund for Animals**

