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President's Message

I can't start off this message without first extending our heartfelt gratitude to Dale and Debbi Costanzo for hosting our June event - a BBQ in the backyard of their wonderful home. Together they *put on a real feed* as my grandfather would say about such occasions. Dale did an outstanding job of grilling Tri-tip roast and Debbi was the "hostess with the mostest" taking care of every little detail for the event. All the club members had to do was show up and eat. It was great. Free too. We were pleased to have joining us at the event new members Ron & Cherri Steffey and Harry Clark. Welcome! Also worthy of mention attending the event was founder Tony Paradowski and his wife Helen. It was a great day. Thank you Dale and Debbi.

Moving on to our July calendar, we have our Packards in the Park Grand Salon at Bernardo Winery on Saturday July 10. An email blast went out recently (to all of you with email) with all the details and registration form. I encourage every member with a roadworthy Packard to enter in the judged category. You may think that because your Packard's paint isn't perfect, or the interior needs work, or there's a pit or two the chrome that it isn't worth entering in judged competition. Not true. While you may not win, you'll learn a lot about your car - what the judges liked and what they didn't. You'll get a head start on what to fix for the SoCal Region Grand Salon in October. Speaking of judges, our judging panel this year is the 2010 Board of Directors of our region, and they'll be using the same judging rules as used every year at the National Membership Meet.

This tour offers the wives a wonderful morning and afternoon that offers something besides "car stuff". The winery has a wide selection of boutiques and shops that offer a nice way to spend time (and maybe a few \$\$). Also, the Cafe Merlot is right next to Vito's Park, with a choice of indoor or outdoor dining for lunch.

Last, if you haven't marked the new date on your calendar for our overnight tour to Borrego Springs on October 30 & 31, do it now. It's a real don't-miss-this-one kind of tour as we caravan out to Borrego Springs Resort for relaxing Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Looking forward to seeing you at Bernardo Winery on the 10th.

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

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.

'38 Packard 110 Sedan, new chrome, blue, \$25,200, 310-941-3202,
autotraderclassics.com 5/10

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

'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

'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

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

'49 Packard Deluxe Sedan, original, blue, runs and drives great, 760-252-2041, autotraderclassics.com, 5/10

'58 Packard Hawk Coupe, restored, red and white, \$35,900, 866-942-6849, autotraderclassics.com 5/10

'41 Packard 1603, 160 Convertible Coupe, fully restored, silver and blue, \$69,900, 866-942-6849,
autotraderclassics.com 5/10

'34 Packard Standard 8, brown & tan, very nice car, location: Smithfield, RI, \$64,500 401-651-2295
tom@gen33.com 6/10

'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

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

'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

'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

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

'38 Packard 120 Sedan, blue, rebuilt '40 engine & brakes, location: Coquille, OR 541-297-1999 \$12,500
hemmings.com/classifieds 6/10

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

TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

Packards International Motor Car Club - San Diego Region Presents

Packards in the Park Grand Salon

Bernardo Winery - Rancho Bernardo

Saturday July 10, 2010

10:00AM to 3:00 PM



You and your magnificent Packard Motor Car are cordially invited to attend the second Packard Concours event hosted by the San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club on Saturday the 10th of July. We shall convene in Vito's Park of the picturesque Bernardo Winery in Rancho Bernardo by ten o'clock in the morning.

This is a judged car event and we encourage every participant to take ad-

vantage of a unique opportunity to present their fine motor car to the judges and to the public in the spirit of friendly on-turf competition. In support of the true camaraderie of this notable event, we have pulled out all of the stops and enlisted the highest quality panel of judges available this side of Amelia Island: The 2010 Board of Directors of Packards International San Diego Region. The rules shall be the Official Judging Rules of Packards International Motor Car Club (250 point scale).

While we have established a display-only (non-judged) category, we encourage you to take advantage of the judged feature of this event: You will learn much about your car, its strengths and weaknesses alike. If your Packard can be driven to the event, it is worthy of entry in the judged category. The entry cost is the same, judged or display-only, so why not go for the ducks? Trophies will be presented for Best in Show, Best Pre-War, Best Post-War and People's Choice (as voted by spectators).

The Bernardo Winery is the perfect setting for our event as it offers something for everyone, particularly the gentleladies present for the day. Located on the winery grounds are these fine boutiques and eateries Tasting Room, Cafe Merlot, Sweet Pea Coffee Shop, The Bag Cellar, Brant Bender Photography, Cabernet Jewelers, Childrens Cottage, Clay Artists, Cotton Cottage, Hummingbird Florists, Icarus Art Studio & Gallery, Miss Ellie's Country Lace, Natures Perfect Scents, RB Historical Society, The Salon at the Vineyard, Soulscape Movement Center, Stone and Glass, Su Vida Home Furnishings, The Clothes Horse, and The Vine. For more info please browse to <http://www.bernardowinery.com/>.

Please complete the form on the next page and drop it in the mail by July 3rd. We look forward to seeing you and your fine motor car at the Packards in the Park Grand Salon on July 10.

REGISTRATION FORM
PACKARDS IN THE PARK GRAND SALON
Saturday, July 10, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Packards in party:

Judged Display-Only Entry Fee
(\$25.00 per car)

Year: _____ Model _____ Body Number: _____ ☐ ☐ \$ _____

Year: _____ Model _____ Body Number: _____ ☐ ☐ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Official Release

I agree to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage and liability, I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless Packards International Motor Car Club, its regions and any and all of the officers, agents, employees and assigns for negligent acts which may result in the theft, damage, or destruction of my property or injury to one or others occurring during or as a consequence of this meet, wherever located.

Entrants Acknowledgement

I have read the foregoing Release and I agree to be bound by same.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to P.I. - San Diego Region.

Mail Form and Payment **NO LATER THAN** July 3rd to:

P. I. San Diego Region * PO Box 803605 * San Diego, CA 92150-3605

Driving directions to the event will be emailed to you before the event. Call Mark Burnside at 619-322-9340 with any questions.

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

Picnic at the Costanzo's

by Scott Napora

For those of you that didn't make it to Dale and Debbi Costanzo's home, you missed a great opportunity for some first rate Packard camaraderie. The afternoon of the 19th of June was flawless with a perfect blue sky which was complimented by Phil and Heather Pizzuto's blue 1939 1701 and Karl and Peggy Ramsing's blue 1929 626 convertible, both of which were prominently displayed in the driveway of the Costanzo's beautiful home. Did I mention that Dale is a standout cook with an outdoor kitchen to die for. Dale used his industrial strength BBQ to cook up some stellar tri-tip that was served with all of the trimmings.

Among the crowd of about 30 hungry diners who shared that memorable meal was Charter member Tony Paradowski; it's always a pleasure to see our charter members in attendance at any event. I was fortunate enough to dine with new members Ron & Cherrie Steffey who's 1932 902 convertible is nearing completion. I also met new member Harry Clark who has a 1947 2106 club sedan. All in all, it couldn't have been a better time. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Costanzo's for their hospitality and a most memorable afternoon.



Newsletter Chairperson

by Gary Wysong

The newsletter of the Packards International Motor Car Club, San Diego Region, has been known as the Predictor since the chapter was formed in 1975. At least five people have been responsible for putting this publication out each month since 1975, and oh, what changes we've seen. Some of our oldest editions were produced on a school mimeograph machine, with the text in a pale purple color. Other copies were produced on a typewriter, of all things. When we reached the computer and internet age, endless possibilities arrived to search for information, insert photographs, and build a template to produce the Predictor each month. We send out about 85% of our newsletters as attachments to e-mails, which saves the club money and the newsletter editor a lot of time and materials. The most recent improvement has been to change from sending individual pages of the newsletter in Word format, to converting them to one continuous document in pdf format to be opened in Adobe Reader.

Steve Griger, a college instructor, was the Predictor Editor about seven years ago. Because he was so busy with teaching at different locations, an appeal was made at a monthly general membership meeting for someone to volunteer to be the new Predictor Editor. Like most situations needing a volunteer, there was absolute silence for about 30 seconds. It seemed everyone was cautiously looking around the room to see who was more qualified than they were, and who would be so foolish to raise their hand, not knowing what peril and responsibility would rain down upon their shoulders.

I thought about it very quickly, and knew it was something I could learn to do to help the club. I didn't have any real newsletter or publishing experience, but, I was willing to learn. Yes, I raised my hand to the relief of many people in the room. This is a job that requires deadlines, a little imagination, and a commitment to put out a publication our members may look forward to reading each month. I went to Steve's home twice to learn the details, and went from Microsoft Publisher to Word format on my own. Sadly, Steve Griger passed away a few years ago.

I believe a newsletter editor can have a profound effect on an organization. The newsletter and website are symbols, and the pulse of a club's board of directors and membership. The 20th of each month is the arbitrary deadline to submit the Presidents Message, tour flyers, stories, photographs and advertisements for cars and parts. This allows some time over the next few days to put the newsletter together and publish it by about the 24th of the month. The previous month's Predictor is edited by deleting certain text and pages, leaving a template to build upon for the next month's edition. The Presidents Message is inserted on page 1 and text on each line is adjusted to fit the available space. About five different cars for sale are listed each month, by doing an internet search for private sellers, used car dealers and auction websites. Notice a date at the end of each car for sale ad to show the month it was listed. Upcoming event flyers are being placed next. Tour stories, including photos, come next to show you how much fun we had or how much fun you missed. Miscellaneous articles follow, with the calendar appearing on the last page. After the newsletter is put together and adjusted, the "In this issue" table of contents is updated and the month and issue are changed. The spelling and grammar check is performed, but often, no changes are made in word choice or grammar from those that send in their work. It would destroy the flavor, intent and humor if some of the words were changed. For snail-mail newsletters, mailing address labels are updated, printed and applied, pages collated and folded, stamps attached and finally dropped off at a post office. For the e-mail newsletter, membership changes and address books are updated, the Word format version is converted to pdf format, and the Predictor attachment is sent by e-mail.

It is time for me to request a club member to step forward and volunteer to take over the role of Predictor Editor. Why? I've been doing it for about seven years, made some gradual improvements, but we need some fresh ideas to make it even better. I know, it doesn't sound like something you would like to do, but who is going to do it? Just like me a few years ago, please think about whether you can do something to help the club and raise your hand. Late in August, September, and October, I will go to your home to set up templates and show you how to produce the Predictor on your computer. In November, you will send me your version by e-mail attachment, suggestions may be offered to help you before you publish. You will be able to do it solo in December. Please call me so I can answer your questions. You are welcome to come to my home between August 21-24 to see how the next Predictor edition is done. The Predictor Chairperson attends monthly board meetings. Call or e-mail Mark Burnside if you can fill this role to help the club.

USF Packards

by Richard Schauer

A while back Karen and I went to San Francisco to visit her brother and sister-in-law. Mike is retired but owned and operated an auto repair business in SF. Knowing my passion for antique cars, especially Packards, and sharing that enthusiasm himself, Mike offered to take me into the downtown area, Van Ness Boulevard, where once upon a time was the San Francisco "mile of cars". I saw the Earl Anthony Packard building (no indicative markings on it anymore, sadly), and the Cadillac building, which is now an office building; engraved in the stone arches above the big doorways is the Cadillac name in the familiar font.

Our destination was a building on the north end of Van Ness, a former car dealership that is now operated by the University of San Francisco School of Fine Arts. Mike said the Fine Arts branch of USF has moved into a great many prime locations in the city. To my shock and amazement the main floor was crammed with exquisitely restored pre-war automobiles including at least a dozen Packard cars. The place was locked up tight, with signs indicating "Private Property, Keep Out" by authority of USF. What a teaser. We spent quite a while walking along the windows, noses pressed to the glass admiring the cars. There were also Pierce Arrow, Chord, Lincoln, and Cadillac collector cars on display. But, on display for who? Entry was prohibited. Mike did not know who to contact to inquire, but the USF Fine Arts department would be a great start.

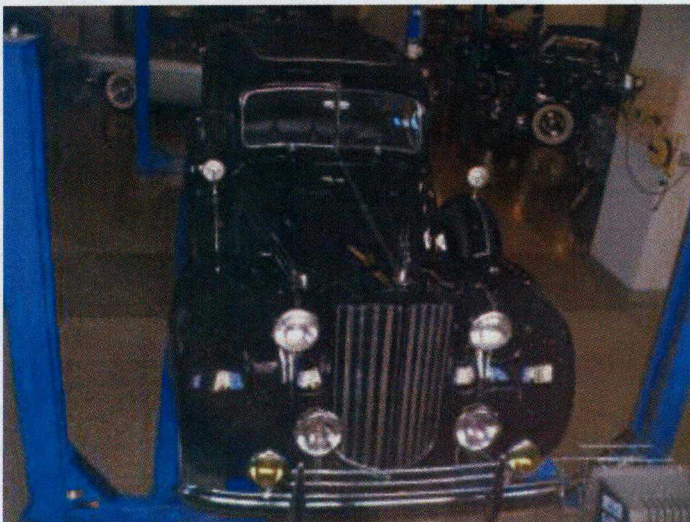
Following are just a few pictures. Sorry for the poor quality. Glare off the window glass spoiled the view a great deal. Have any of our members been to San Francisco and actually visited this find display of cars? If so, who is the contact? Before our next trip I really must do research and see about setting up a tour. The opportunity is tantalizing, isn't it?



1934 Convertible Victoria



1935 12 Cyl.



1939 Limo



A line of 4 Packard cars

Phil Pizzuto's 1939 Packard and a Flashback in Time

On Monday, May 3, two WWII airplanes arrived at Palomar Airport in Carlsbad for a two-day display. Both the B17 Flying Fortress and B24 Liberator were available for the public to view and flights were also available for those willing to pay the fee. When I found out that these planes were coming I made a phone call to a friend of mine, Olivier Brackett, who is the manager of Palomar Airport and asked if he could pull some strings and could I get a photograph with my '39 Packard next to one of the planes.

Well, not only did I get access to the planes, but I had them all to myself that evening. When I arrived the pilots were just as thrilled with my Packard as I was with their planes. They allowed me complete freedom to drive around the planes and take any picture I wanted. What a thrill it was to park my Packard next to these two monumental aircraft. It truly was a moment in time. Thanks to the photography skills of another good Friend, Jim Steiner, I can share a photo.



CALENDAR

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| July 10: | Packard Grand Salon at Bernardo Winery in Rancho Bernardo |
| Aug 1: | Automobile Heritage Day, National City Car Show, 9 a.m., Kimball Park |
| Aug 14: | Olympic Training Center, Chula Vista |
| 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 |