



San Diego Region

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## President's Message

On January 29-31, the annual membership meet of Packards International Motorcar Club was held in Orange, CA. On Friday, the featured tour was of the Peterson Museum with "The Vault" open for viewing. At dinner that night, President Don Hull presented the San Diego Region with the 2009 Newsletter Award. Congratulations to our Predictor editor, Gary Wysong, for his outstanding efforts in earning this award. (Thank you, Gary!) Saturday featured an array of gorgeous Packards entered in the judging and display-only categories. Packards from the San Diego Region included Jack & Lynne Heacock's 1953 Cavalier Sedan, Dutch Parker's 1956 Caribbean Hardtop, Jim & Catherine Woolsey's 1935 Twelve Limousine, and Mark Burnside & Sydney Kirkland's (1949 Super Eight Limousine). At the swap meet on Sunday many San Diego members were seen wandering the aisles of Packards parts & products, including **Mark Burnside & Sydney Kirkland, Ron & Karen Crampton, Colin & Suzanne Fort, Jack & Lynne Heacock, Leigh & Mary Lou Johnson, Ralph & Connie McNeil, Dutch Parker, Phil Pizzuto, Karl & Peggy Ramsing, Steve & Carol Ross, Mark Rothermich, Paul Santy, Richard & Karen Schauer, Todd Schonenberg, Al Smithson, and Jim & Catherine Woolsey.** Our San Diego Region Projects were on display at the Swap Meet under the very capable guidance of Paul Santy. (Thank you, Paul!)

Next up on our 2010 calendar is the March 13 "Packards in the Garden" tour of the San Diego Botanic Garden. Tour Director Richard Schauer has assembled a top-drawer event consisting of a caravan to The Garden with dedicated free parking and free admission - followed by lunch in our private room at Garcia's Mexican Cuisine Restaurant. This is definitely a "can't-miss" tour that is guaranteed to please members, spouses, and invited friends. You received a tour flyer via snail-mail recently (along with the 2010 membership roster). If not, there is a copy of the flyer included in this issue of the Predictor.

Our April tour will be a tour of SD Region member garages on the 24th. In past years, this has been one of our most popular tours with a record turnout. This one promises to be every bit as good (not to mention delicious) and is definitely worthy of a special entry on your calendar.

On Friday May 14th we have our annual Packard Night @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand™, followed by a road rally on Saturday that ends at Deer Springs Park. On Friday evening at Cruisin' Grand™, we will be conducting our always-popular *Parade Of Packards* down Grand Avenue with a very special Grand Marshal this year - Escondido's retiring Mayor Lori Holt-Pfeiler. Another weekend worthy of special note on your calendar.

On a different and more general note, I have asked each Board member to write an article for the Predictor during the course of 2010. In these articles, each Board Member will write about his or her job as a Board Member, giving members insight as to the type and amount of effort put forth by each member. Also, Historian Brian Wagner has agreed to begin publishing a series of articles regarding the 35+ year history of the region. He will interview each of the 6 Region members that are founders and write about the early days of the Club. It should be very interesting reading. (Thank you, Brian!)

In summary, Syd and I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming tour of the Botanical Gardens. Please RSVP to Richard at your earliest opportunity.

Happy Tours,  
Mark Burnside

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Find P.I. San Diego information,  
links to P.I. Chapters & P.I. National  
Events





## FOR SALE – CARS AND PARTS

'29 Packard 633 Victoria Coupe  
Complete and drivable, \$22,500  
David Keith, Sun City, AZ  
623-974-6459

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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

'37 Packard 115C, \$31,990  
800-409-0199 [specialtiesales.com](http://specialtiesales.com)

'38 Packard Super 8, Long wheelbase sedan,  
Dual side mounts, rebuilt 356 straight 8,  
\$49,900 Art 602-295-7651

'48 Packard Station Wagon, \$29,900  
903-520-7356

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](mailto: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

'41 Packard 110  
\$22,900, [specialtiesales.com](http://specialtiesales.com),  
650-326-1000

'54 Packard Clipper Model 5462,  
4 door sedan, recently restored,  
\$24,000, [specialtiesales.com](http://specialtiesales.com),  
800-600-2262

'36 Packard Business Coupe, complete frame off  
restoration, like new condition, \$42,500, [prewarcar.com](http://prewarcar.com),  
ID 53875, 401-944-9495

'53 Packard Cavalier, unrestored, unbeliev-  
able condition, \$18,500, 760-390-4220,  
[jackheacock@yahoo.com](mailto:jackheacock@yahoo.com)

'38 Packard 12, 5 passenger coupe, recently restored, royal  
blue exterior, \$55,000 on ebay, Chicago car auction

'55 Packard 400, Turquoise/White, \$26,900  
314-291-7000 [oldride.com](http://oldride.com)

'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 120 CD, 58,000 miles, blue, dual  
side mount spares, 2,000 miles on engine rebuild,  
high compression head, trunk rack, \$35,000  
Dave Louzek 858-682-8585 [dml48@aol.com](mailto:dml48@aol.com)

'33 Packard Super Eight Club Sedan Model 1004,  
142" wheelbase, in nice condition, runs great, \$69,500,  
[prewar.com](http://prewar.com), ID 54322, 401-651-2295

'53 Packard Cavalier, \$11,500, good driver, driven regularly on  
tours, new www tires, Bob Williams, [pckrdbob@internet49.com](mailto:pckrdbob@internet49.com),  
916-483-2003, Nor Cal Region

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

'36 Packard V-12 1408 7 passenger sedan, runs  
perfect, \$43,000, [prewarcar.com](http://prewarcar.com), ID 54307,  
401-651-2295

Buy Packard parts at the [packardsandiego.org](http://packardsandiego.org) website

Check these two websites for Packard Information:  
[Packardinfo.com](http://Packardinfo.com) [yesterdays-cars.com/Packard\\_clubs.htm](http://yesterdays-cars.com/Packard_clubs.htm)

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





# **The San Diego Region of Packards International Presents its March Tour**



## **“Packards in the Garden”**

**Join us starting at 10:00 a.m. on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for gourmet coffee  
and pastries at  
Milton's Delicatessen Restaurant, Flower Hill Mall**

**Then caravan with us to the world famous  
San Diego Botanic Garden**

**We will work up an appetite touring the gardens and taking advantage of all the photo ops  
to be had when you combine the most majestic automobiles ever made with one of the most  
beautiful places in San Diego County. Hungry members may opt to make a short caravan  
to eat lunch in our private room at**

**Garcia's Mexican Cuisine Restaurant**

**Please RSVP... No later than Wednesday, March 10, 2010 to:  
Richard Schauer: 760 740-9188, or email at: [packard1934@sbcglobal.net](mailto:packard1934@sbcglobal.net)**

**Remember, friends are welcome, too!**

North County members who wish to caravan will meet at the **Macaroni Grill** at North County Fair shopping Mall at **8:00 a.m.** Departure will be promptly at **8:15 a.m.** for Del Mar.

**Leg one directions:** The beautiful travel route is Del Dios Highway (County S6) southwest to Via de la Valle, past the golf courses of Whispering Palms to Flower Hill shopping center, east of I-5 to Milton's. ETA would be NLT **9:00 a.m.**, allowing plenty of time for visiting, sipping coffee, and munching pastries. Members driving north on I-5 from San Diego should exit at Via de la Valle, turn right (east) and immediately left into the Flower Hill center.

**10:00 a.m. departure for Botanic Gardens:** Phil Tarr will lead the way in his Rolls Royce (non-Packard) using the following circuitous route: West on Via de la Valle to

Jimmy Durante Drive. Left turn on Jimmy Durante Drive into Del Mar past Powerhouse Park, and then north on Coast Highway to Leucadia Blvd, right on Leucadia to Quail Gardens Drive, right again onto QG Dr. to Ecke Ranch Road, right again, and then immediately left into the new parking lot of the Hamilton Children's Garden. The drive should take about 30 minutes. The club has the lower lot to ourselves, and can enter the Botanic Garden via the lower gate. The Botanic garden web site is <http://www.sdbgarden.org>

**Note:** Due to the diligence and enthusiastic support of Mr. Bill Rawlings parking and admission to the Garden is **FREE!!!!** Our tremendous appreciation is expressed to Mr. Rawlings!

**Lunch directions:** Drive south on Quail Gardens Drive to Encinitas Blvd., left turn (east) past El Camino Real to Garcia's, at 1486 Encinitas Blvd. To get to the restaurant turn left at Village Garden Drive and left into the parking lot.

**1:00 p.m. Lunch at Garcia's Restaurant**

**Packard Club members:** They are expecting the Packard Club at **1:00 p.m.** Karen and I sampled their food and found it satisfied us very well indeed. The back room is set up us, and separate checks are welcome by the staff.

**Lunch ends the tour. Caravan home is encouraged.**

**Don't forget to RSVP with Richard Schauer: 760 740-9188, or email at:**  
[packard1934@sbcglobal.net](mailto:packard1934@sbcglobal.net)



# Miss Daisy and the Grand Salon

by Steve Ross

A 1949 Packard Super Eight Limousine, more commonly known as Miss Daisy, was honored to join three other special Packards in the Grand Salon at the recent Packard's International Membership Meet in Orange, CA. Only the best of the best are given the honor of being displayed in the Grand Salon. Miss Daisy was joined by a Concours 120 convertible, a pristine 120 and a 1938 twelve four door convertible sedan which was featured on the cover of the most recent Packards International Magazine. The Grand Salon Packards get to attend the parties and the awards dinner.

When the judging was complete, it was announced that Miss Daisy was being advanced to the Circle of Champions! What an honor, but no surprise. So, what does it mean to be in the Circle of Champions? 222 points must be achieved out of a possible 250. What does it take to make it into the Circle; a lot of hard work and perhaps a lot of money depending on the owner's ability to do much of the repairs and detailing themselves. The owner of Miss Daisy is quite talented and capable of performing many of these tasks. I would imagine that the thrill, appreciation and rewards are even greater when one has done most of the heavy lifting themselves.

Miss Daisy may be a queen, but she is no "Trailer Queen." Miss Daisy has never ridden to any event on or in a trailer, thank you! In fact, I don't think she has ever ridden on a trailer except in a medical emergency, which does not count. If she has, it will remain a secret. Some of her Packard friends have ridden on a trailer a lot. She says they have terrible owners.

The owners of Miss Daisy are Mark Burnside and Sydney Kirkland. In case you are new to the club or this is your first reading of the Predictor, Mark is our Regional President.





# What Is It?

by Steve Ross



OK Packard folks I am presenting you a challenge for which you shall be rewarded. Here is a photo of an automobile, a very old automobile. Your challenge should you accept it, is to identify the following about this automobile:

Make:

Model:

Year:

Number of cylinders:

Number of forward speeds:

Drive, shaft or chain driven:

How cooled, air or coolant:

Braking system, front, rear, or?:

The first person to answer these questions correctly will be awarded a one year membership in the PI Club, San Region. Send your answers to Steve Ross. [inewsx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net), or call 619-508-3925, or mail it to 16151 Fruitvale Road Valley Center, CA 92082. It is requested that those of you who attended the Packard International Membership Meet, disqualify yourselves as you may know all about the car. Honor system. You can still play for fun. For those of you, who think you have just been given a clue, be careful! Not all of the cars at the PI meet were Packards. In fact there was a Ford Darrin there, and a Hudson and a Nash and a ----. The rules for car judging and rallye masters applies here and that is the decision of the judge, me, is final and not open to debate.

# WHY I MOVED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNA!!

by Steve Ross

Photos taken on my recent trip to North Missouri. Every morning was a chore cleaning the ice and snow off the car. Brought back many not so fond memories. I had the foresight to rent a four wheel drive vehicle. I went with a Subaru Legacy. Nice car and worked well in the snow and ice.



'55 & '56 Patrician's in MinneSNOWda  
from Riki Hennenberg

## CALENDAR

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| Feb:          | No Tour Planned  |
| Mar 13:       | San Diego Botanical Gardens, Encinitas                 |
| Apr 24:       | Member Garage Tour and Progressive Brunch              |
| May 14:       | Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand, Escondido             |
| May 15:       | Road Rally ending at Deer Springs, Escondido           |
| June 19:      | BBQ at Dale and Debbi Costanzo's Home, San Marcos      |
| July 10:      | Packard Mini-Concours                                  |
| Aug 14:       | Olympic Training Center, Chula Vista                   |
| Sep 17-24     | P.I. National Driving Tour to Lone Pine, CA            |
| Sep 25 or 26: | Coronado Speed Festival                                |
| Oct 23-24:    | Overnight Driving Tour and Road Rally, Destination TBA |
| Nov 13:       | Visit to California Veterans Home, Chula Vista         |