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President's Message

As I write this message, the rain is coming down in buckets. Lets all hope that Mother Nature is moving the rainy season along and clearing the skies for our upcoming events on April 24 and May 14 & 15. A number of our Packards are allergic to the rain, and we're counting on her to take good care of our fine motorcars.

In the event that you haven't heard, we have a tour of the National City Foundry coming up this Saturday. See the information on this tour later in this Predictor issue. The National City Foundry is owned by John Rickards, a new member who brought his '58 Hawk hardtop to the joint Studebaker/Packard show held at the San Diego Auto Museum last October. We sincerely appreciate John's hospitality in having us tour his facility. He will be going all-out on Saturday by actually pouring molten metal for us to see in process. While notice is short, we do sincerely hope that you can join us for this very rare and fascinating tour.

Next up on the tour calendar is our annual flagship event: *Packard Night* at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand on May 14, followed by our first-ever Road Rally on May 15. Once again, we will have our *Parade of Packards* down Grand Avenue. This year our Grand Marshal is retiring Escondido Mayor Lori Holt-Pfeiler. On the next day, we will hold our Road Rally - laid out by our veteran "Rallye" Expert Steve Ross. Please note that for the parade we will need convertibles (and lots of 'em) for the dignitaries riding in the lead cars. (If you are the owner of a convertible, please know that we are very hopeful of your participation in the parade.) Included in this Predictor is all the information you'll need to register for both activities. A printed version will arrive in your snail-mail box shortly. Please be sure to send in your completed form with payment ASAP, but certainly no later than May 10.

At our last meeting, the Board unanimously agreed on a suggestion by Board Member Karl Ramsing to have each of us "adopt" one page of the roster for purposes of staying in contact with our Region's members. Many of you may have already received a call from "your" Board Member. When you receive such a call, please know that the call is expected to be a 2-way exchange of information: The Board Member will be calling you about upcoming tours and calendar events, and you will have an opportunity to convey your thoughts and requests about the club in general. Please feel free to use these calls to ask questions, comment on the calendar, the last tour, etc. We want to provide tours, activities, and events that have the widest possible appeal and interest among our Region's members. Your input will ensure that we do the best possible job.

Happy Tours,

Mark Burnside

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links to P.I. Chapters & P.I. National
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FOR SALE – CARS AND PARTS



'37 Packard 120 Sedan, original, maroon, \$27,000, 818-419-0660, jbp9845@yahoo.com

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

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

'41 Packard 110
\$22,900, specialtysales.com,
650-326-1000

'54 Packard Clipper Model 5462, 4 door sedan, recently restored, \$24,000, specialtysales.com, 800-600-2262

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

'53 Packard Cavalier, unrestored, unbelievable condition, \$18,500, 760-390-4220, jackheacock@yahoo.com

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

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

'41 Packard 110 Sedan, blue and silver, 11K miles on rebuilt motor, \$17,900 obo, 1-877-572-5714, thebiglot.com, ID # 5289511494

'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

'56 Packard 400 Hardtop, 45K miles, wire wheels, \$30,000 firm, 717-935-2748, americandreamcars.com

'53 Packard Cavalier, \$11,500, good driver, driven regularly on tours, new www tires, Bob Williams, 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

'48 Packard Super Deluxe 8, mint condition, maroon and silver, \$23,700 obo, 1-877-572-5714, thebiglot.com, ID# 7469514648

Buy Packard parts at the packardsandiego.org website

Check these two websites for Packard Information:
Packardinfo.com 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.



Ok, let's see a show of hands... How many of you have actually visited a foundry?

How many of you have seen a foundry at work turning raw metal into beautiful shapes?

And finally; how many members have seen a foundry converting raw material into beautiful CAR parts?

I thought so! Well, here is your chance.

Member John Rickards, owner/operator of the National City Foundry has graciously, no, enthusiastically volunteered to welcome the San Diego Packard club to his shop in Point Loma. John and his employees have selflessly scheduled to "pour" on a Saturday, allowing us to watch a foundry in action. Be sure not to miss this "once in a lifetime" opportunity to see up close how parts for our classic cars are made. This is guaranteed to be an exciting and informative visit. And now a teaser: there will be a couple of antique surprises on hand at the Foundry. Come and see for yourself what those might be! Our thanks are offered in advance to John Rickards for arranging this visit for us. Sure to be a memorable experience!!

Date: Saturday April 24, 2010

Place: National City Foundry
3452 Hancock Street
San Diego, Ca. 92110
619 683-2300 (bus)

Time: 10:00 arrival time is planned at the Foundry.
Note: ample off-street parking is provided in the rear of the shop

Refreshments: Will be available for members and guests

Caravan: North county members who wish to caravan shall meet at the Macaroni Grill @ North County Fair Mall, Via Rancho Pkwy, Escondido at 9:00. Departure for San Diego will be promptly at 9:15.

Cabrillo Monument, Point Loma: At the conclusion of the National City Foundry visit, the plan is to take a leisurely drive to the tip of Point Loma. Always a beautiful spot to view the city and ocean, our Packard cars will bring an extra measure of beauty to the monument. No doubt an adoring public will come take pictures and drool on our cars. What better place to give our wonderful cars public exposure on a grand scale?

Lunch (optional): Eager members recommend Point Loma Seafood for a great lunch stop at reasonable prices. Located at 2805 Emerson Street, San Diego, 92106 on Point Loma, it is the perfect place to stop on the way back from Cabrillo to quench the appetite. Interested parties will caravan from the Cabrillo Monument to Point Loma Seafood. The time is flexible, but would be at approximately 1:30 for lunch.

TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

PACKARD NIGHT @ CRUISIN' GRAND – Escondido, CA – Friday May 14, 2010 5:00pm – 9:00pm
ROAD RALLY – San Marcos to Deer Park – Saturday May 15, 2010 10:00am – 2:30pm

The San Diego Region of Packards International Motorcar Club is pleased to invite you, your family, and your Packard to attend our 7th Annual Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand on Friday May 14th, followed by our first-ever road rally the next day - Saturday May 15th. The tradition continues, as we are very pleased to extend to our "Neighbors to the North" – the SoCal Region of Packards International – an invitation to join us for our annual flagship weekend event.

CALLING ALL PACKARDS

for

PACKARD NIGHT @ CRUISIN' GRAND – FRIDAY MAY 14, 2010

As in past years, *Packard Night* will again feature our traditional police-escort *Parade of Packards* down Grand Avenue - starting at 5:00PM. This year's parade is extra-special as our Grand Marshal is retiring Escondido Mayor Lori Holt-Pfeiler who will ride in the lead Packard – a pre-war convertible. In the Packard convertibles following Mayor Pfeiler will be the members of Escondido's City Council: Marie Waldron, Sam Abed, Dick Daniels, and Olga Diaz. Also being honored in the parade this year is retiring Escondido Planning Chief Jon Brindle. Escondido Police Chief Jim Maher has promised a police-escort for the parade starting at 5:00 sharp. (NOTE: Because we need a number of convertibles for the lead procession in the parade, the registration fee is waived for all convertibles.)

Immediately after the *Parade of Packards*, a section of South Broadway will be closed off for Packard-only parking where our fine motorcars will be on display to the public until 9:00. During the first 2 hours of the evening, ballots will be available to the public to vote their pick for the People's Choice Packard. The award will be presented to the proud owner during the Cruisin' Grand Awards Ceremony starting at 7:45.

Once again, the *Packard Night* committee is planning all the niceties that add to the evening: People's Choice Award voting by the public, box dinner from a nearby restaurant, "Packard Placards" for all pre-registered Packards, parking in year order, a staffed information booth to recruit new members, and more. Our best turnout to date was 46 Packards. This year, we want to set a new record with more than 50 Packards in attendance, so fill out and send in the Event Registration Form today - and get ready for a truly enjoyable evening. The schedule:

4:00 to 4:45: Packards arrive at Cruisin' Grand™ – check in at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Ivy Street in Escondido.

5:00 to 5:15: Parade of Packards down Grand Avenue with police escort.

5:30 to 6:30: After arriving & getting parked, walk only a block up Grand Avenue, present your dinner tickets and pick up dinner – all packaged in a box and ready to eat. Return to your Packard and enjoy dinner in your favorite folding chair.

7:45: Awards Ceremony on North Broadway at Grand Ave

9:00: Event over - SoCal members depart for Hampton Inn, 123 East Carmel Street, San Marcos, CA 92078.

ROAD RALLY – SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010

Saturday May 15 is our first-ever Packard Road Rally. It will begin at the Hampton Inn in San Marcos and end at Deer Park Winery & Automotive Museum in Escondido. This family-owned gallery is a tribute to the bygone eras of American society, featuring distinct collections of classic automobiles and San Diego wines. Vintage vehicles such as Packard, Cadillac, Studebaker, and Buick are featured in the main showroom. Meanwhile, the Barbie Bridal room features a fascinating collection of America's favorite doll. Inside the barrel-aging room, oak barrels house the wines until they are perfect. Check out the bountiful vineyards, where grapes are harvested yearly during August and September.

You are invited and encouraged to participate in the Road Rally - regardless of the car you drive. While we are encouraging as many Packards as possible to enter, we realize that some Packards just can't make it that day. (Also, some of our members are presently "between Packards".) We will therefore award trophies for best rally scores in these categories: 1) Best score turned by a Packard, 2) Best score turned in by a non-Packard classic (pre-1974) car, and 3) Best score by a modern day (post 1974) car. The rally course is 33 miles and takes about an hour and a half to complete. We are planning a 15-minute stop at the fruit stand in Escondido - just before going up the hill to Valley Center. There is also a 30-minute stop at the Bates Nut Farm. The Road Rally will not be difficult and is designed for everyone to enjoy their car as well as the scenery. The schedule:

10:00: Depart the Hampton Inn at 10:00

10:00-12:30: Run rally; time with scheduled stops is 2 hrs, 15 min

1:00: Awards

1:15: Catered lunch (by Wrangler BBQ of Escondido)

2:30: Event concludes

For detailed info on Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum go to: www.jeffreysward.com/tributes/deerpark.htm

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

May 14 & 15, 2010

Complete and return this form by May 10, 2010 with payment to:
PI San Diego Region * PO Box 503605 * San Diego, CA 92150-3605

Please make reservations for my group as follows:

Registration - *Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand*

Name(s) of person(s) attending: _____

Packard(s) Entered:

Car	Year	Body Style (Coupe, Convertible, etc)	Model (ie Super 8) (Body number)
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____

Please send confirmation to my email address: _____

☐ Check here if you plan to trailer your Packard to Cruisin' Grand and will require special parking for your tow vehicle and trailer.

PAYMENT

Packard Night: Registration fee for Cruisin' Grand (fee waived for convertibles): **\$10.00**

Packard Night: Box Dinner from Bistro 221 @ \$17.50/ea X _____ people = \$_____

Road Rally: Per person fee (includes lunch & entry to Deer Park) @ \$25.00/ea X _____ people = \$_____

Enclosed is my check for (TOTAL): \$_____

Please make check payable to Packards International, San Diego Region

☐ Please send confirmation to my email address: _____

Phone number to call if we have questions: (_____) _____ - _____ ext _____

In consideration of the acceptance of the undersigned participant's entry into *Packard Night @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand* and Road Rally (May 14 & 15, 2010), the undersigned for himself/herself and his/her heirs, executors and administrators does hereby expressly waive, release and discharge any and all rights, claims, and damages against Packards International Motorcar Club, its regions and any and all of the officers, agents, servants, employees, and successors, for any and all injuries to such participants arising out of his/her traveling to, participating in and/or returning from said event and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the above for any loss or liability by them by reason of such participation by participant.

Participant Parent or Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Note: We expect that this tour will be very popular and will fill up quickly.

Guarantee yourself a reserved Packard parking space at Cruisin' Grand and a spot in the Road Rally by returning this form with payment as soon as possible.

Projects Committee

Hello, my name is Paul Santy and I am the P.I. San Diego Region 2010 Projects Committee Chairperson. I have been asked to write a short article about the duties and tasks of the Projects Chair. The By-Laws state the Project Chair has the oversight for all fundraising for the Region. This includes the sale of parts, accessories, and other items pertaining to Packard. The Chair maintains the parts sales and purchase records, submits reports at the Board meetings, receives and provides suggestions for any project.

When I joined the club in 2005, Ken Yankee was stepping down as the Project Chair after eight years of dedicated service. Having recently purchased a 1936 1400, still in need of repair and restoration, I realized I had a lot to learn. Seeking the knowledge to locate parts and services I decided to volunteer as the Project Chair to broaden my knowledge about the exquisitely fine Packard automobile. I knew volunteering would be a great way to meet new people, locate the parts and resources to complete my restoration project, and have fun.

Many of the Project parts were originally fabricated by long time club member Tony Collins. Although, Tony no longer owns the machine shop business, the parts are still made by the EMF machinists. These fabricated parts include the pre-war battery boxes, fuel pump heat shield, hood support brackets, the '35-37 Junior hood end anchors, the 1932 horn vibration dampers, and the 1951-56 door handle retainers. The license plate frames, windshield wipers, battery disconnect switches and other parts are purchased from wholesale suppliers. On occasion, parts are donated to the club to sell outright or on consignment. The '35-37 defrost/damper and '37-39 bumper guards were provided by Dave Lousek and have generated very good sales revenue for the club. Robert Dougherty provided some 1950's hubcaps for sale at the 2010 PI swap meet. Also, Tony Collins has donated various size chrome acorn bolts and door lock latch springs to the club. The club now sells a '35-36 straight 8 coil mounting base. If you have any parts to donate or have any project parts suggestions, please give me call. Check out the San Diego Region website for photos and descriptions of the Project parts.

Prior to 2005, the Project parts were primarily sold by mail order through publication advertisements, and at swap meet events. The San Diego Region Project parts are advertised in each issue of the P.I. quarterly magazine and News Counselor, and sold each year at the PI National Convention in Orange, the Big 3 at Qualcomm stadium, and the SoCal swap meet in Orange County. I always get great support from the club members to help transport, setup, man, and disassemble the parts canopy and tables. Please feel free to volunteer if you'd like to help out.

In 2006, an eBay and Paypal account were established to list the project parts for sale on the Internet. Ebay has been a great marketplace for selling the Project parts and generating revenue for the club. The Paypal account expedites payment and allows shipping parts the following day. To date, there are over 100 positive feedback responses on our eBay account.

Being the Project parts Chairperson has proven to be a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. I can easily say I've met many new people, who quickly became great friends, have found many restoration parts and service providers, and I am definitely having fun!

What Is It? The Answer

Steve Ross



The winner of the mystery challenge is Karl Ramsing. Karl obviously did a lot of research to get the answer to this riddle. Congratulations Karl, you have won a one year's membership in the San Diego Region of the Packards International Motor Car Club.

This is a 1910 Packard Model 30. It was called a model 30 because the 431.9 cubic inch four cylinder water cooled engine produced 30 horsepower. It was driven by a three speed forward and one reverse gear mounted transmission. It came fitted with rear brakes and a brake on the drive system as well, according to the owner. The claim was made that this Packard could achieve 60 MPH in 30 seconds! You could expect to pay around \$5200 for this Packard in 1910.

CALENDAR

- Apr 24: Foundry Tour, Caravan to Cabrillo Monument, Lunch at Point Loma Seafood
- 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
- Dec 4: Holiday Party