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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We all have a couple of things to do in the coming month, and I'll start off with a few reminders – please vote in the Packard Club election! Ballots will be going out shortly. Also, please pay your club dues, and don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Party.

We have a new event added to our schedule, the Ramona Ramble on November 9. Please consider signing up for this caravan type event. I've consciously kept it down to a ½ day event so that we can enjoy the Chargers game later in the day. This newsletter edition also has a good article Mark Burnside wrote on Cruisin' Grand that the missed the last edition so we are including it here.

I received a very nice thank you note from Les Hill, one of our club's founding members, for the "special treatment my daughter and I experienced at Cruisin Grand". Les, you're welcome and thank you for being there at the start of our club.

We also have a new member – Steve Scott recently acquired a 1949 7 passenger sedan and has joined the club. He already has Jim Woolsey helping him out a bit – I'm sure that with his help it will be running great in no time at all. Steve, we look forward to seeing you and your car at an upcoming event. Your car will be a great addition to our club inventory of post war Packards.

When mailing in your ballot, feel free to comment on something that you'd like to see the club do next year – we have a couple of tentative events already, including being the featured marque at the National City show in August, and a joint picnic type event with the Studebaker club.

I hope to see a number of you on the 9th, and don't forget to vote before November 15 or to send in your club dues.

Todd Schonenberg
President
San Diego Region

EVENT CALENDAR

November 9: Ramona Ramble, Tour Director – Todd Schonenberg

November 14-16: Arizona Region 35th Anniversary Celebration at Lake Havasu, AZ

December 13: Annual Holiday Party at the Lazy H Restaurant in Pauma Valley

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

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links to P.I. Chapters & P.I. National
Events



FOR SALE – CARS AND PARTS

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
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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.

For Sale: '30 Packard 745 Sedan. Reasonable offers considered. Phil Boncer at phil@boncer.com

For Sale
1940 Ford
Tudor Sedan Deluxe
\$25,000 or best offer
(760) 468-6397

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

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 automobiles 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.

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.

'56 Executive Parts For Sale:
F/R bumpers, front grille and doors, steering wheel, rear brakes, HL buckets, rear window, windshield, body trim, some script trim. Tony Castillo, 619-339-1364
tonyandsierra@msn.com

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Packard Night @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand

If you weren't in Escondido last Friday night, you missed a real show. The 5th *Annual Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand*TM on Friday September 12th was another smash hit with both the PI-SD and SoCal Region members - as well as thousands the admiring public.

The evening began at the conclusion of the tour at Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens Restaurant when we caravanned to our reserved Packard-only parking at the corner of Broadway & Grand Avenue in Escondido - arriving well ahead of the 5:00 start time for the evening festivity. As we do every year, we parked our fine motorcars diagonally on Broadway with those big, recognize-them-anywhere grilles facing the center of activity. Once we had all 30 pristine Packards properly positioned and parked, it was time to pursue dinner.

Due to the popularity of the grilled hamburger dinner served up 4 years ago at this event, the decision to bring it back was long overdue. So we brought it back. Packardites and Packardettes had to walk less than a block to pick up dinner in a carry-out box consisting of a grilled (cheese) burger, chips, pickle, cookies, and last but not least – a selection of wonderful desserts prepared for, and brought to the occasion, by Carol Mauck, Secretary and Treasurer of Packards International Motorcar Club. Our caterers for dinner were Carrie and Jack Button. Thank you Carol, Carrie, and Jack!

At 7:00 we formed up and started out on our 3rd Annual ***Parade of Packards***. This year, it was especially memorable as Escondido's Downtown Business Association blocked off six blocks of Grand Avenue – admitting only pre-1974 vehicles. The first 7 Packards in our first-ever twilight parade were:

Ralph and Connie McNeil (San Diego) in their 1927 Model 336 Dual Cowl Phaeton with Grand Marshall Scott McCaw from Kragen Auto Parts (Title Sponsor of Cruisin' Grand for 2008)

Dale and Debbie Costanzo (San Diego) in their 1928 Model 526 Phaeton with Escondido City Councilman Sam Abed

Karl Ramsing (San Diego) in his 1929 626 Convertible Coupe with Escondido City Councilman Ed Gallo

Gil Lopez (SoCal) driving Glenn Johnson's (SoCal) 1935 Model 1502 Convertible Sedan with Escondido City Councilwoman Marie Waldron

Art and Linda Wesselman (SoCal) in their 1938 Model 1600 Station Sedan with Escondido City Councilman Dick Daniels

Jay and Dee Johnson (SoCal President) in their 1954 Caribbean Convertible with representatives of Truly Nolen Pest Control Company (2008 Cruisin' Grand sponsor)

David Grice (San Diego) in his 1929 Model 5236 Sedan with representatives of Philippi's Pizza Grotto (2008 Cruisin' Grand sponsor)

As darkness began to fall, we roared up and down Grand Avenue at the blistering pace of 3 mph, making 2 round trips with enthusiastic crowds lining the street – cheering us and giving us thumbs-up all the way. It was good old-fashioned Americana in action.

After the parade, we returned to our parking spaces in time for the presentation of awards at 8:00. One of the five Cruisin' Grand awards that night was the President's award made by Todd Schonenberg, President of the San Diego Region. Todd's choice for this award was the 1941 Model 1907 LeBaron Sport Brougham owned by Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson of Idylwild, CA. In addition to having an extraordinary car that is very deserving of the award, Leigh and Mary Lou are members of both the San Diego and SoCal Regions of Packards International. That evening, members of both Regions left ***Packard Night @ Cruisin Grand*** pleased that "their" member had won the only trophy presented to a Packard that night.

THE 2008 PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL SAN DIEGO REGION CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

Steve Ross

On Saturday December 13, 2008 the Packards International Club, San Diego Region is again having it's holiday blow out at the Lazy H Steak Ranch in Pauma Valley. We can take this occasion to remember our fun times this past year with our Packards, make new friends in our club and visit with your Packardite friends.

We have completed another fantastic year of Packard events with our annual Crusin Grand weekend and our CON-COURS D'ELEGANCE at the Bernardo Winery. We had a 2006 Pebble Beach entry at the show, a 1940 Darrin four door convertible, one of 9 left in the world. Our very own Karl Ramsing won first his class as well as best in show!! If we are lucky Karl will have the "Great Gatsby" at the party. You owe it to yourself to take a day and enjoy your Packard automobile and friends.

We are having the party early in the afternoon so that those of you who are not comfortable driving the Packard after dark can make it home before you turn into a pumpkin. I encourage, beg, plead, beseech and will whine if necessary to get you to drive the Packard to this event. I will give a prize to the oldest Packard and the Packard that traveled the furthest to get to the party.

Please do not forget to tell us your menu selection when you send your reservation.

ANNOUNCING OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHERE: LAZY H STEAK HOUSE IN PAUMA VALLEY

WHEN: DECEMBER 13, 2008

MENU: PRIME RIB, BROASTED CHICKEN OR SALMON, SALAD, BEVERAGE (SOFT), BREAD, BAKED POTATO OR VEGGIES. NO HOST BAR (PAY FOR YOUR OWN DRINKS)

COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON

TIME: 1:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR, DINNER AT 2:00 PM.

EACH ATTENDEE BRING A GIFT COSTING UNDER \$15.00 FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE.

DIRECTIONS: FROM I-15 TAKE THE CA STATE ROUTE 76 EAST TOWARD THE PALA CASINO. APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES FROM I-15 AND ABOUT 9 MILES PAST PALA CASINO. LAZY H ON THE RIGHT AND HAS A LARGE SIGN.

SEND YOUR CHECK WITH **MENU SELECTION** TO: STEVE ROSS, 16151 FRUITVALE ROAD, VALLEY CENTER, CA 92082 BY December 9, 2008.

CONTACT STEVE AT: 619-508-3925 OR E-MAIL, INNEWSX@SBCGLOBAL.NET

DRIVE YOUR PACKARD'S IF YA GOT EM!

In late September 2008, Gary & Ann Wysong found two Packards while driving in New England. A glance to the left on Highway 7A between Bennington and Manchester, VT revealed a 1940 110 Four Door Sedan parked in a field near a half-burned barn. The car was very rough but still had air in the tires. It could have been rescued during the fire. The grass had been recently mowed under the car.



An early '50s Packard was parked in the driveway of a rural home between Holderness and Center Sandwich, NH on Highway 113. It was in good shape and appeared to be a daily driver.



Karl Ramsing requests you renew your membership right away. Please check the data card for correctness and return with your payment of \$15.00 by November 15.

Both Colin and Suzanne Fort have both had some recent health issues. Colin can be reached at 619-985-3012.

New member: Steven Scott, San Diego, 1949 "2271-9" Deluxe Touring Sedan, villaross@aol.com