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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The message this month is a simple one – please get your registrations in for the Cruisin' Grand weekend for September 12-14. It will save us some time calling you to get final numbers and in making the final arrangements.

The club volunteers for this weekend have done a super job in putting together a fun weekend. I'm looking forward to the SDG&E power plant tour on Friday afternoon. Also, I've been to Stone Brewing – its fun and a good place to gather prior to heading over to Cruisin' Grand.

The Saturday Concours will be a first. I've been to the Bernardo Winery before, and it's a very nice setting for this event. And on Sunday we get to give back a bit in showing our appreciation to the Marines. Please check out the website at www.PackardSanDiego.org for additional details.

If we haven't seen you in awhile, please think seriously about attending all or part of the weekend events.

Hope to see you and your Packard in Escondido and/or in Rancho Bernardo.

Happy Polishing and Waxing,

Todd Schonenberg
President
San Diego Region

EVENT CALENDAR

September 12: Cruisin' Grand in Escondido

September 13: Concours d'Elegance at Bernardo Winery in Rancho Bernardo

September 14: Patriotic Rally and Car Show at Camp Pendleton

October 11: Allen Airways Collection Tour at Gillespie Field in El Cajon

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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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

1928 Packard Hearse – original condition; grille & front end in good shape; rust under driver floor board. \$1,000. 928-753-1704

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 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.

Fred Puhn is looking for a '32-'36 Packard senior model, Club Sedan preferred, email fredpuhn@cox.net or call 619-475-1155.

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.

1940 Packard Business Coupe, Model 1801; ivory cream/tan interior; no rust ever; original CA car purchased from Earl C. Anthony, Inc. Packard in Los Angeles, stamped I.D. plate on cowl; new glass, rubber weatherstrips; all chrome show-quality replated; complete new wiring harness; rebuilt 288 cu. in. engine; professionally-restored woodgraining; electric fuel pump; auxiliary radiator cooling fan; new tires; new suspension; new upholstery (not correct); authentic 1940 CA license plates; 90,750 miles. \$28,000. Call Kenneth Yankee 858-277-5659

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

Cruisin' Grand / Concours Weekend Update

We have some exciting news to announce regarding our upcoming 5th annual *Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand*™ weekend on September 12 – 14: **For the third year in a row, we have been asked by the City of Escondido to stage our *Parade of Packards* down Grand Avenue at the start of the Cruisin' Grand evening.**

This year's parade will be particularly impressive as the Escondido Downtown Business Association has decided to close Grand Avenue to modern-day cars and allow only pre-1974 classics on the street from 4:00 to 9:00. Our Grand Marshall will be retiring Fire Chief Victor Reed, who will be riding in the lead car of the parade. Riding in the Packards following Chief Reed will be Mayor Lori Holt-Pfeiler and the members of the Escondido City Council. The parade line-up will begin forming at the corner of Ivy & 3rd streets at 4:15. The parade itself starts at 5:00 PM sharp.

We have also had a change in Friday afternoon events before Cruisin' Grand: At 1:00 PM we will tour the new SDG&E power plant in Escondido. The power plant is a state of the art gas turbine combined cycle generator which provides 540 Megawatts of electricity. Thanks to SD Region member Paul Santy, we will be granted a behind the scenes tour of this new facility. It's a rare opportunity, as plant tours of this facility are not open to the public.

After the power plant tour, we will go next door for a tour of the Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens. This is a fascinating new brewery and restaurant with impressive gardens behind the structure. At the conclusion of the tour, we will be treated to a sampling of the many beers brewed at the facility. (Note that there will also be an optional, informal gathering of early arrivals for lunch at the Brewery at 11:30.)

Our Saturday *Packards in the Park* Concours d'Elegance at Bernardo Winery promises to offer something for everyone: We'll have Packards on the green amongst the winery's many shops and boutiques. And, of course, there will be tasting available of the many wines made at the winery. It's important to note that our first-ever Concours is made possible by generous sponsorships from Bernardo Winery, Alan Taylor Restoration, Restoration Supply, and Yesterday's Radio. All will be represented at the Concours. We are truly grateful for their enthusiastic support of this event. Thank you sponsors! (Note: It's because of these great sponsorships that the total price for this weekend tour is only \$15.00.)

As a reminder, on Sunday we will be participating in the 4th Annual Patriotic Rally & Car Show at Camp Pendleton from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. (Reservations for this particular event are now closed.)

In order to allow as many people as possible to participate in what promises to be a spectacular weekend, we have extended the registration deadline by 1 week to September 1st. For those of you that haven't yet signed up for this tour, included on the next page is a registration form for the weekend events. Please fill it out and drop in the mail by Monday, September 1, 2008.

During the past 4 years, the Cruisin' Grand weekend has become our Region's hallmark event. This is our only joint event with the SoCal Region of P.I. and they are excited about joining us. If you could only attend one San Diego Region event per year, this would be THE event to attend!

Last, remember that the most current up-to-date information for all tours and events is always available on our web site at www.packardsandiego.org.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 12th.

Mark Burnside
Tour Director

Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Power Plant & Stone Brewery Tour Friday, September 12

Number attending SDG&E power plant tour at 1:00: _____

Number attending Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens at 3:00: _____

Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand™ Friday, September 12

Packards in party:

Year: _____ Model _____ Body Number: _____

Year: _____ Model _____ Body Number: _____

Packards in the Park Concours Saturday, September 13

Packards in party:

Judged **Display
Only**

Year: _____ Model _____ Body Number: _____

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Year: _____

_____ Model _____ Body Number: _____

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☐ I am driving a Packard and enclose \$15 per Packard as registration for Friday and Saturday

☐ I am driving a Brand-X car and will be attending the Power Plant & Brewery Tours

☐ I will attend the optional Camp Pendleton Tour on Sunday and I have mailed payment and form directly to the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce.

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.

Entrant's Acknowledgement

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail Form and Payment **NO LATER THAN** September 1st to:
P. I. San Diego Region * PO Box 503605 * San Diego, CA 92150-3605 Attn: Mark Burnside

Packards at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance 2008 (by Richard Schauer)

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance of August 18, 2008 went off with its usual high precision and exquisite taste. Despite overcast skies and light drizzle in the morning hours attendees were treated to the usual spectacle of world class automobiles. It can be argued that Pebble Beach is the finest automobile Concours in the country if not the world. Therefore, to be invited is considered an honor.

Karen and I went with the expectation of seeing the usual fine representation of Packard automobile, and we were not disappointed. Our custom is to arrive early and bee-line it straight to the American Pre-war Open and American Pre-war Closed classes, which include our favorite cars. This year those classes were made particularly competitive because Duesenberg was included. Typically there is a separate class for Duesenberg at PB. Nevertheless, Packard represented itself extremely well:

1931 Packard Twin Six, owner Robert & Sandra Bahre, Alton, New Hampshire.

This car is unique in 2 ways: it contained the L-Head 12 cylinder engine that would become the standard from 1932-1939 and it is *front wheel drive*. This is the only Packard known to have a front transaxle. Ignorant as I am I had no idea the Packard Motor Car Co., Inc. experimented with front wheel drive. This car was sent away as scrap in 1935, but some enterprising fellow instead saved the car. It was bought by Bill Harrah and was part of his collection until sold to Mr. Bahre in 1981. Notice styling features that differ from what we might consider typical Packard identifiers.



1925 Packard 136 Pullman, owner Mark Smith, Melvin Village, New Hampshire.

This first series open car is one of 6 custom bodied standard 8 cars made by the Pullman Company, normally known for its rail cars. This is the only one known to exist today, and incredibly it is in unrestored condition! I wish every one of you could have seen this finely preserved car.



1929 Packard 645 Dietrich Sport Phaeton, owner Michael Fiori, Brunswick, Maine.

New England was well represented at PB this year. Here is another fine example of an unrestored car. Unbelievably the interior, leather, top, and window side curtains although somewhat weathered are in extremely fine condition.



Following are excellent examples of fully restored Packard cars that would make any one of us proud. First is a 1930 Model 734 Phaeton Speedster owned by Don Sears of Thuribon, Ca. followed by a 1931 840 Dietrich Convertible Victoria owned by Nelson & Mimi Jones of San Marino, Ca.



Following are two 1932 cars, the first a Model 903 Sport Phaeton owned by Jack & Mona Passey, Watsonville, Ca. followed by a 902 Dietrich Phaeton owned by John Groendyke, Enid, Oklahoma.



Next is a 1934 1107 Dietrich Convertible Victoria owned by Marvin & Vivian Zukor, San Rafael, Ca. Owned by Mr. Zukor since 1952 this is the 2nd showing of this car at PB, the first being 53 years ago. Mr. Zukor was interviewed, entertaining everyone with his stories of showing the car in 1955, the many tours he and his wife took the car on over the years, the job of restoring the Vic to today's standards, and his great pride in the car. Mr. Zukor is 87 and shows no signs of slowing down.



Next is a 1937 Model 1507 rumble seat coupe owned by Zach Brinkerhoff, Jr., Denver, Colorado. Notice the owner wiping morning mist off the fenders. What a job it is to prepare these fine cars for show. Wouldn't we all like to move in to that house on the 18th green shown in the background?



Although difficult to select a favorite (that always being tainted by one's own preferences and prejudice), if I could have any Packard at the show it would be the 1934 Model 1108 LeBaron Sport Phaeton owned by Jack & Helen Nethercutt of Sylmar, Ca. Yes, that is the son of the founder J. B. who passed on a couple years ago. The progeny are carrying on in the family tradition, which is a wonderful thing. Even if you disagree with my selection, it cannot be denied that this Packard is exquisite:



It should be noted this 1108 took Best of Class, beating out, yes, even the Duesenbergs. In closing I hope this has given the reader a glimpse into the wonderful Pebble Beach car show and in the process swelled our chests with pride for the Marque whose name we all share.

ASTOR Collection Auction Results

The June 27-29 Astor Collection Auction featured a large number of Packards, undoubtedly in superb condition. Even so, the prices were extremely high when compared to condition 1 pricing in the Old Cars Pride Guide. Also, sold were a Packard trunk for \$1,035 and a radio for a '54 for \$173. Here are some of the results from the RM Auctions web site:

'27 6 cyl 5 Pass Sedan	\$30,250
'28 Custom 8 Dietrich Conv. Coupe	\$77,000
'31 Standard 8 Dual Windshield Phaeton	\$154,000
'33 Eight 5 Pass Sedan	\$57,750
'34 Super Eight Sedan	\$71,500
'35 12 cyl Conv. Sedan	\$242,000
'36 120B Sedan	\$40,700
'37 6 cyl Coupe	\$45,100
'38 12 cyl Conv. Victoria	\$198,000
'39 Super 8 Town Car, Franay coachwork	\$209,000
'40 Super 8 Formal Sedan	\$57,750
'41 120 Touring Sedan	\$30,250
'41 120 Conv. Coupe	\$58,300
'46 Clipper Sedan	\$42,900
'48 Custom 8 Limou	\$39,600
'48 Custom 8 Conv. Coupe	\$79,750
'49 Super 8 Deluxe Sedan	\$29,700
'51 200 Sedan	\$18,700
'53 Caribbean Conv.	\$79,750
'54 Caribbean Conv	\$115,500
'55 Clipper Custom Sedan	\$24,750
'56 Caribbean Coupe	\$42,250
'57 Clipper Country Sedan	\$74,250
'58 Packard Hawk	\$55,000

Calling All Classic and Vintage Car Clubs:

Hospice of San Luis Obispo is launching its second annual **Avila Beach Concours d'Elegance** weekend from October 23-26 this year. Besides the Concours itself on the golf course (Sunday), the Central Coast Road Rally (Saturday) will take in the best of the Central Coast roads and venues. A Friday night Ranch Reception and a Saturday night Gala Dinner on the golf course round out the weekends festivities.

We would like to cordially invite your Club to attend our event this year, and add to the variety and elegance of our Concours field. You can attend for all the events, or just for the Sunday Concours depending on your schedule and interest.

All net proceeds benefit Hospice of San Luis Obispo County, and 80% of ticket prices are tax deductible.

If you or your club might be interested, please visit our event website at: www.avilabeachconcours.com

If you have any questions, please call Katie Manley at 805-544-2266 for details and special car club packages and hotels.