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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had two very successful events in August, and I want to personally thank all of you who participated in the National City and Balboa Park events. Our volunteer journalists will provide you with the details on who won awards later in the newsletter. New club member Fred Puhn was instrumental in putting together the National City show. At Balboa, we filled the lot along with the Studebaker Club – only one Pierce-Arrow showed up. These were both fun events, and they gave us a great opportunity to make new friends in the car hobby. I'm also seeing a refreshing mix of attendees including not only the regulars who show up at most events, but also a number of members and cars that have not regularly participated. Thanks again.

I had some minor work done on my '39 earlier this month – basically a good once over by club member Jim Woolsey. He tightened up my steering box, fixed a partially stuck choke, got rid of suspension rattles, and adjusted the valves. The car definitely starts and steers easier. Please consider Jim as well as the recommended vendors on our website for your repairs.

Please keep checking the website at [packardsandiego.org](http://packardsandiego.org) for the latest news. Mark Burnside has made a number of updates recently and is keeping the site quite current. If you haven't checked it out in awhile – please do so.

Todd

## EVENT CALENDAR

Sep 20: Automobile Driving Museum, El Segundo, joint function with SoCal Region  
Oct 10: Shelter Island Picnic with Studebaker Club (tentative date)  
Oct 17-18: Packard Grand Salon, Island Hotel, Fashion Island  
Nov 8: San Diego Region Family Picnic at the McNeil's Ranch.  
Dec: Holiday Party

## TUNE UP YOUR PACKARD FOR A CARAVAN TOUR OF THE EAST COUNTY

by Karl Ramsing

Steve Ross is organizing a caravan tour on Highway 80 to east of Alpine, then south to arrive at the McNeil's Ranch east of Jamul for Lunch (potluck). The party location is near Lawson Peak, then we'll drive on old Highway 94 back to the Rancho San Diego area to find our highways home. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, NOVEMBER 8.**

## A REALLY SPECIAL OCCASION – ELECTION TIME

by Steve Ross

As a member of your board and election committee, I encourage you to vote in the election for your board and officers. Even if the election is uncontested, sending back your ballot is a vote of confidence for the volunteers who take the time to run your club. I know you have all heard the plea to think about volunteering and all the promises of no work or little work, great fun, etc. Well, you are going to hear it again. We can use your assistance and yes, there is a bit of work involved BUT, many of us are ready and eager to help you and it is fun unless you are a grouch. If you are not inclined to be on the board, then why not organize an event or send us an idea for something you would like to do. We are considering an overnight event next year, perhaps a drive on Old Highway 80. What do you think fellow Packardites?

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Find P.I. San Diego information,  
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](mailto:robert.huntoon@gmail.com)

'46 Clipper Deluxe Sedan  
Rebuilt 288 engine, new wiring harness, looks & runs good, no rust.  
\$10,000 Duane Gunn 480-917-2111

### 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](mailto: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](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 120 4 Door Sedan Project Car  
For Sale or Trade, Newly chromed grille, stored indoors, no rust, engine runs. 559-441-7424  
[losangeles.craigslist.org/lgb/cto/1231681965.html](http://losangeles.craigslist.org/lgb/cto/1231681965.html)

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

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 619-231-2886 x2238.

Losing garage space, must sell:  
'55 Super Clipper Constellation  
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'56 Clipper Deluxe (not complete)  
'57 "57L-P8 Clipper

Donald Smith, 619-281-4733  
3510 33<sup>rd</sup> St., San Diego, CA 92104

'51 Packard 300, runs great, drive home, Mike Blair 480-354-3877  
Mesa, AZ

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)

A box of Packard parts was donated to the club by new member, Dave Baker. Here is an edited summary of Mark Rothermich's description: '51 & '52, 2 sets of front bumper guards, rusty; 3 tail light housings, 416314; 3 wheel covers for '48, '49 or '50; 4 wheel covers for a '54 Panama, good condition; 2 wheel covers for a '51 or '52 Packard. Reasonable cost for San Diego Region members. Email [gwysong@cox.net](mailto:gwysong@cox.net) to receive a "forward" of the original email with detailed descriptions and photos.

Contact Paul Santy [pjsanty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pjsanty@sbcglobal.net) to purchase any of these parts

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)

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

1948 Packard for sale  
Contact Darrell Quessenberry  
San Diego at 858-279-7689



## NATIONAL CITY HERITAGE DAYS CAR SHOW by Steve Ross

The Packards International Automobile Club San Diego Region joined over 185 other automobiles on the lawn at Kimball Park in National City for a beautiful day of automobile enjoyment. We had a fantastic collection of Packard Automobiles ranging from a 1929 Dietrich Convertible Coupe to a 1954 Pacific Hardtop. Packard was the featured Marquee this year and there were thirteen Packards on the field. It was a beautiful sight. We missed Karl Ramsing and his stunning 1929 convertible coupe but it was still in recovery from an unfortunate encounter with an inferior piece of Detroit iron. Phil Pizzuto and his Blue Bomb were unable to join us due to a family vacation. Some of us participated in the parade through the crowds and early morning mist of National City. The parade was long but moved pretty fast.

When the judging was complete we had three winners and of course some disappointed Packardites. Judging is always tough as well as the competition. BUT it is fun! When the judges tallied up the score there were three winners in the Packard class.

- First place went to Diane Feddersohn and her beautiful a 1954 Pacific hardtop. This was not Diane's first time to the winners circle. She has won in this show before.
- Second place went Scott Melcher and his 1953 Caribbean Convertible. Scott and his family were there to enjoy the show.
- Third place was awarded to Larry Johnson and his freshly restored 1949 sedan Deluxe Eight Touring Sedan. This is a beautiful car.

I am very glad I did not have to decide the order of awards for these fine Packards. They were all well prepared with outstanding form, fit and finish.

AND NOW FOR THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT, drum roll please, our very own Gary Wysong's 1941 Silver 120 Touring Sedan won People's Choice!! WOW what an accomplishment. I think this is more prestigious than the best in show personally. Gary was surprised but he should not have been. He has a nice well maintained Packard. I think it is called the Silver Ghost. Well it is now.

*(Editor's note: Surprise is too underwhelming a word for the shock of having a judge approach you to line up your car in the winners line. The car was brought for display only, and wasn't even judged. The first thought was they had made a mistake in counting the votes, there were many more deserving cars on the field. This was a very fine compliment for a Packard from all the people attending this show, and I didn't vote for my own car!)*

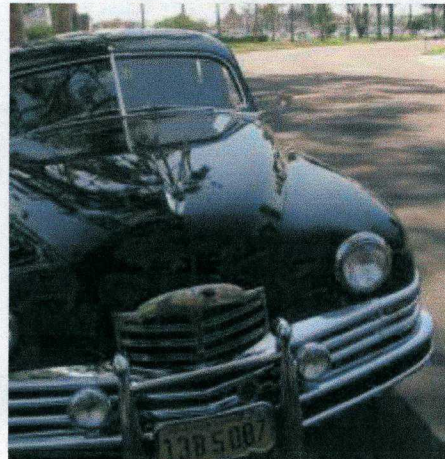
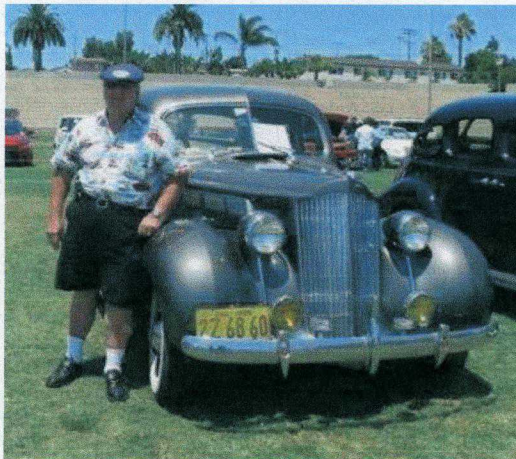
Bob Gunthorp, Tom Richards and Steve Ross, all members, of the Packard and/or the Mercedes Benz Club were asked and volunteered to be judges at the event. Bob Gunthorp has been a judge for several years at this and other car shows so he provided guidance to us less experienced judges. Judging is fun but also a bit hard as all of the cars are so nice! I noted that in this show, as in the past, some truly deserving cars were not winners because of missing owners manual, jacks, tools etc. This car show, as well as some others require these items to be checked off. Carol's (my wife) Mercedes Benz was not a winner because she did not have these items. And I was judging the Mercedes Benz automobiles!

List of Packards attending follows (hope I don't miss anyone): Mark Burnside, 1949 Limo, Jim Woolsey, 1935 V-12 Limo, Larry Johnson 1949 Deluxe eight, Todd Schonenberg 1939 Super Touring Sedan, Tony Paradowski 1938 Opera Coupe, Robert Buchanan 1933 Super 8 five passenger Coupe, Scott Melcher, 1953 Caribbean convertible, Diane Feddersohn 1954 Panama hardtop, Fred Puhn, 1950 Super 8, Steve Ross, 1939 super 8 Touring Sedan, Bob Steiner, 1929 Dietrich Convertible Coupe (non member), Jack Heacock, 1952 Cavalier Sedan, and Gary Wysong, 1941 120 Sedan.

Please see photos in your predictor or on our website.









## Cool Classic Cars of San Diego Show

by Steve Ross

The Studebaker and Packard clubs joined forces Saturday August 22, 2009 in Balboa Park behind the Automobile Museum for a fun filled day of enjoying beautiful cars, raffles, food, and a free pass to the Automobile Museum. Richard Mill's, a member of our Board of Directors, 1950 Eight Touring Sedan is on display in the Automotive Museum. I guess one might say we had nine Packards there.

The variety of Studebakers in the show was impressive and interesting. The oldest was a 1923 I believe and there was a 1927 Erskine. The Erskine was named for the CEO of Studebaker and built from 1926 to 1930. The model was not successful and I doubt there are many of these around. The Model A Ford spelled doom for the Erskine.

We had eight Packards on the field among thirty some Studebakers. Steve Ross, 39 Super 8, Mark Burnside, 49 Limo, Todd Schonenberg, 39 Super Eight, Robert Buchanan, 33 Super Eight Five Passenger Coupe, Phil Pizzuto, 1939 120 Touring Sedan, Jack Heacock, 1953 Cavalier, Jim Woolsey, 1935 Twelve Limo and John Richards, 1958 Hawk. Five of these beauties were winners, one taking two awards!

To say the Packards did well in the trophy department would be an understatement. The winners were;

**Peoples Choice and best grill award went to Robert Buchanan and his magnificent 1933 Super Eight five Passenger Coupe.**

**Best Engine Compartment, Jim Woolsey's 1938 Twelve Limo.**

**Car with the most accessories, Mark Burnside's 1949 Limo**

**Best original car, Jack Heacock's 1953 Cavalier**

**Best Dash, John Richard's 1958 Hawk. This is a stunning car fresh out of restoration.**

In the raffle drawings yours truly did quite well winning 8 raffle prizes and the grand prize drawing of \$200.00. One Studebaker owner was heard commenting "not another Packard winner".

This was an exceptionally well organized and well planned event. I have not attended a local car event this well organized and fun since our very own Packards in Paradise. I sincerely hope the Studebaker folks do this again next year and invite us. Check out our website for more photos and additional information. In case you don't know the address go to <http://www.packardsandiego.org/>.

If you like cars, people, food, raffles, fun, beautiful weather and meeting other Packardites you really should come out to our events. If it isn't fun call one of the board members and tell them about it.

