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The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego - July 2020 -

- → If your Packard is the mystery car it is OK to say so and win the prize. Have some fun.
- → Go to page 8 and read all about an exciting cross country tour we plan for July 26, 2020. Hours of planning have been devoted to a safe, healthy, driving tour, and a picnic for those who want to join us.
- August 8, 2020 is our annual Membership Social. It will be an outside affair. Stay tuned for the specifics.







REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Richard Schauer

HAPPY, BIRTHDAY, USA



July Fourth AD from twenties offering a Fourth of July six year lease. Depression initiatives?

The monster called Covid-19 continues to sweep everything aside. Or has it. May 29 a spontaneous, quickly organized gathering of cars was organized and carried out in Escondido (see article), in honor of what was supposed to be the Packard/Pierce-Arrow night at Cruisin' Grand. Four car clubs showed up, and everyone was so excited to be there. Social distancing was practiced and no one got sick! It is hard to keep car enthusiasts down.

Speaking of the devil there are Packard club events still on our calendar. As our world opens back up we plan on moving forward with club events. June 30 was the deadline to call the Bluebird to reserve a room for the October 9-10 Art/Wine Walk weekend. The good news is rooms are still available, so please call (see flier). There is no cost to you until you check in in October. Our Fall Getaway promises to be even better than last year. Aren't we all ready to simply break loose? August 8 is our annual membership welcome party, which this year will be held at a park in Point Loma or near the harbor. Attendees can bring their favorite chair. Menu is unchanged, and the tri-tip alone makes the trip worth the effort. A flier will be coming out soon. Please RSVP to Tim so there is enough food. The event is free to members. Our July tour of the Leatherneck Museum has been cancelled, as the museum is closed due to the virus. Please note that the Fallbrook Car Show, postponed to August 23, has now been cancelled for 2020. All who have registered for the August event are automatically registered for the May 2021 car show.

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The 2021 PAC Western Regions Tour, to be hosted by our region here in San Diego, is making progress in terms of planning. A hearty thanks goes out to all who are helping organize this huge event. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. If interested, please contact me, Catherine Woolsey, or Marjo Miller for more information on how you can help.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Ole Böök on June 14 at the age of 81. For many years Ole was PAC vice-president over membership, and it was in that capacity that I first spoke with him and got to know him. Ole was a committed Packard enthusiast who traveled to Sweden for many years to tour with Nordic Packards. More importantly, Ole was a fine man and consummate gentleman. Our condolences go to his family. He will be missed.

There is so much coming in the fall. Please stay tuned for announcements. Have your Packard at the ready. Summer is here, the days are pleasant, and our Packards are crying to get out.

| | Here it is, in plain s | ight, on pa | ge 19 in June Predict | or |
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| La Jolla Councours D'El | legance | 19-20 Sep | Rescheduled from April | |
| Studebaker-Packard-Pi | ierce Arrow @ Spanish Landing | 26 Sep | Colin Fort | |
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The most expensive automobile in the 1930s

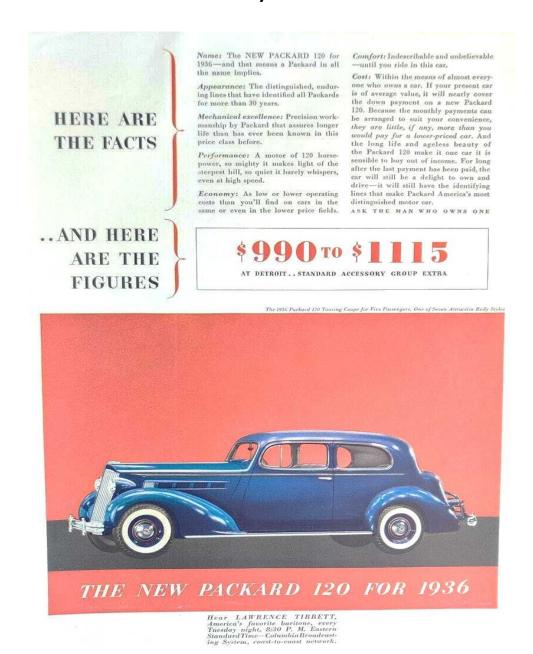
During the "lock down" with nothing better to do I decided to find out what the most expensive car was in the 1930's. Not surprisingly it seems to be the Bugatti Royal. The going price was in the \$43,000 range which equates to \$686,328 in 2020 dollars. Only seven were built and Mr. Bugatti had trouble selling them. Not even the kings were buying them, thus

only three were sold. Bugatti refused to sell one to the King of Bulgaria because he had bad table manners. Sold in 1932 to German obstetrician Josef Fuchs, who specified coach builder Ludwig Weinberger of Munich to build him an open cabriolet. Painted black with yellow, the car was delivered to Dr. Fuchs in May, 1932. As political tensions rose in pre-war Germany, Fuchs relocated to Switzerland, then Shanghai; before permanently relocating to New York around 1937, bringing the Royale with him. Admired in Dr Fuchs ownership by Charles Chayne, later vice-president of Corporate Engineering at General Motors. Chayne later found the car in a scrap yard in New York, buying it in 1946 for US \$75.00. Chayne would amass an impressive collection of classic cars in the 1940's and 1950's. Chayne first had the car running again, then he modified the car to make it more road usable and is said to have spent over US \$10,000 doing so, with the completed car featuring from 1947 onwards: a brand-new intake manifold with four carburetors, instead of the original single carb setup; a new paint scheme of oyster white with a dark green trim and convertible roof. In 1957, after running the car for ten years, Chayne donated the car to the Henry Ford Museum, located in Dearborn, Michigan where it is still located. Six of this model still exist as one was destroyed in a fire.

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THIS AD WAS IN THE NOVEMBER 4, 1935 ISSUE OF THE <u>TIME MAGAZINE</u> AND PACKARD PRESIDENT ALVIN MACAULEY WAS ON THE COVER

THE 1936 PACKARD 120, THE FIRST MODERN CAR



The November 2012 issue of the <u>Classic Motorsports Magazine</u> did an article on 100 years of handling which focused on tires and suspension. For the 1930's, the 1936 Packard 120 Sedan was chosen as the best handling car. Quoting the article, "The advancements in suspension with the independent front suspension make the 120 dramatically different from prior cars. It's the first in our group that doesn't feel like a crude horseless carriage. The ride is incredibly smooth; its steering is less sloppy and requires reasonable effort. Unlike the muscle-straining tractor tillers of older cars. Gone are the glaringly bad brakes and miserable ergonomics. This car is the oldest one we would want to drive 1000 miles at a time. We're starting to make progress".

ESCONDIDO GRAND AVENUE SOCIAL DISTANCING CRUISE

S.Ross



Friday afternoon, in spite of the challenges of the times we are experiencing, a bunch of car folks got together and had a cruise and yes, we stayed within the spirit of the law. Was it fun, HELL YES! In fact, after the cruise everyone hung around and visited wearing masks and and/or maintaining a six foot distance.

Bill Horn debuted his 1936 Packard touring Sedan with fresh upholstery.



Catherine Woolsey brought her 1930 Pierce-Arrow 8, B Model Sedan, "Brown Betty".



This is a really nice 1950
Oldsmobile 88
Coupe, owned by Ruth
Collins. My first car was a 1951
Oldsmobile, so I am a bit partial to the car. -ed



Here is very nice 1940 Model 120 Touring Sedan owned by Brian Wagner. Parked behind Brian is a 1934 Roadster.

On the right is Paul Santy's 1936 "1400" Sedan. A very nice example of this model Packard. Paul is tweaking his baby and it shows.

As you can see, these are some very nice vintage automobiles. Could have easily had a car show.







Alex Watt's Aston Martin. Alex is the AACA San Diego Region President.



Above Bill Horn taking a look at Jim Woolsey's 1935 Limo.

On the left is Schauer's 1934 Touring Sedan.



Evelyn, Phil Pizzuto's '39 Model 120 Touring Sedan



Tim Pestotnik's 1934 Roadster.



The Mercedes-Benz lineup.



THE PARADE



Paul Santy's 1936 "1400" Sedan.



Phil and Heather Pizzuto followed by Alex Watt.



Mercedes-Benz lineup, behind the S Class is Carol Ross, followed by an AMG.



Joey and Debra followed by Bill Horn



Alex Watt gives a wave from his Aston Martin.



Ruth Collins followed by Brian Wagner.



Rick Carlson and Lynn Strobel.



Jim Woolsey, Richard Schauer sporting his new beard, and Tim Pestotnik - no face masks for this group!



ARE YOU UP FOR A
TOUR THROUGH
SOME BACKROADS OF
SAN DIEGO
COUNTY??
IF SO, READ THIS!



WE HAVE PLANNED AN EXCITING TOUR THROUGH PARTS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY THAT WE BELIEVE FEW OF US HAVE SEEN BEFORE, ALL PAVED OF COURSE. THE DRIVE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT RULES IN PLACE FOR COVID-19.

THE PARTICULARS

WHEN: SUNDAY JULY 26, 2020

WHERE: KIT CARSON PARK IN ESCONDIDO CA, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido

TIME: 10:00 AM. Driving time, approximately 2 hours of sightseeing and laughing.

WHERE WE GOIN'? FOR A DRIVE, TERMINATE AT THE BATES NUT FARM FOR A PICNIC FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE.

THERE WILL BE TABLES AND SEATING FOR ABOUT 40 PEOPLE IF WE SEAT FOUR TO A TABLE, OR 60 IF WE GO WITH SIX PEOPLE PER TABLE. ALL TABLES ARE OUTSIDE ON THE GRASS AND THERE WILL BE PARKING. BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH AND DRINKS. IF YOU WANT, BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS.

This pretty much a "Do-as-you-want drive". Directions will be provided at the meeting place and you may take it from there.

All we need to know is whether you will join the gang for the picnic.

If you are joining us for the picnic please let Steve Ross know at

inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925 by Thursday July 23, 2020.

What you might see:



The Hideout Saloon, one of the best biker restaurant and bar in SOCAL. I have been there and it is safe. Beer is cold.





The old Mesa Grande store.



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Fall Weekend Getaway Packard Club of San Diego and the Mercedes-Benz Club Idyllwild, CA - October 9, 10, 11, 2020



Aren't we all tired of this "shelter in place" order? Don't we all simply want to cut loose?

Join the **Fall Tour** and weekend stay at the Mile High Community of **Idyllwild, CA**. Friday Oct. 9 through Sunday October 11, 2020. Accommodations are at the **Bluebird Cottage Inn** one mile from downtown Idyllwild. We have nearly the entire Inn reserved for our two clubs, which are combining again for a fun filled weekend. October 10 is the 23rd Annual Art & Wine Walk in Idyllwild. Because this is such a high demand weekend for lodging it is imperative to lock in your room/cabin NLT June 30, 2020. Make your reservation NOW in order to guarantee your room and enjoy your pick of accommodations!

Friday & Saturday October 9 &10, departing Sunday October 11 WHEN:

WHERE: Bluebird Cottage Inn, 26620 Saddle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549

HOW: Call 951-659-2696. Ask for Beth and the Packard Club block of rooms.

Rooms: See web site www.bluebirdcottageinn.com and view cottages/property map. Every room/cabin on the

upper part (east side of Hwy 243) is reserved for our group. Prices are very affordable but vary

depending on size and number of bedrooms.

Important:

- The Conference Room is reserved for us as a hospitality/welcome gathering place. Hours are 4:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Come relax, enjoy snacks and cocktails, visit with friends, and make new ones.
- Check-in time is 2:00 pm and all parking is on-site, off the highway.
- Dinner is arranged on Saturday at 6:30 pm.
- Special gifts will be awarded Saturday at the banquet! This year includes a Halloween theme, so best man's and lady's costume will be voted on.

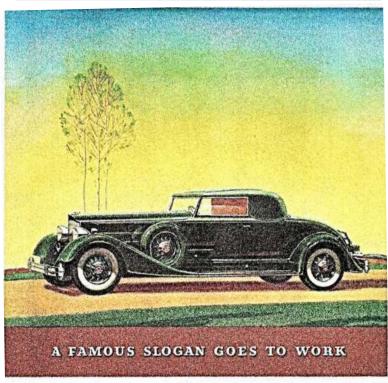
Sign up soon so you do not miss out!!!

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Phil Pizzuto came across these two vintage advertisements which blatantly make use of the famous Packard motto







Fak more than 30 years, Packerd advertising has carried the alagan-Ask the mon who over one.

- More this slagan has gone to work. If is wholn a materials select their next fine car.
- This is how if coo help you. We have prepared a book which your Packard dealer will gladly send you. This book contains the nonces of people in your community who have parchased Pachards. The book contains, too, a list of questions.
- covering every phose of motor car performance and uphrep.
- From this book, chance any number of those "who own one." Ask them the questions given, and any others you may think of. Then follow their verdict.
- at it's what we're sure it will be, phone your Packard dealer and have him bring one of the new Packards to your door. Drive ite-see how thatlingly it lives up to what its ewners say about it. Notice,

too, that in appearance, this car is unmireleably a Puckard . . . one fine car that has maintained its individuality.

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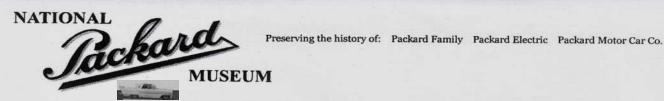
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PARK AVENUE PACEARD, Inc.: 6 East 1/10. St.



THE REAL DEAL PACKARD LOGO

THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL PACKARD MUSEUM



Packard Club of San Diego c/o Steve Ross 16151 Fruitvale Road San Diego, CA 92082

June 4, 2020

Dear Steve and Packards of San Diego,

I am so blessed to be part of this wonderful organization and serve so many kind and generous people. I want to sincerely thank you for your generous donation of Five hundred (\$500) dollars. Since I last wrote we have moved mountains. We cried out and you responded!!

We resolved to stay the course and do everything in our power to keep this important facility alive and you came to our aid. There is no gift that went unnoticed and we are truly grateful.

Here is what has happened since I last wrote to you.

Financially:

- The mailing we sent to our supporters was met with overwhelming support in donations as well as notes
 of encouragement which we desperately needed and appreciated. To date we have received \$19,625 in
 donations. That is enough to keep the museum going through the month of June and part of July. In
 addition, we received the Paycheck Protection Program Loan this month which will enable us to bring
 back staff to help cultivate funding opportunities.
- · We have not heard from the Ohio Humanities Council yet, so we are hopeful.
- We have applied for two additional grants which will provide an additional \$13,000 if we are successful.

Reopening:

- As of this writing we are preparing a "Safe reopening plan" that we will ask the Warren Health
 Department to approve so that we can reopen on June 2. The plan will define and describe our Covid-19
 plan to manage daily cleaning and maintain social distancing during guest interaction that will keep both
 staff and visitors safe.
- We will be keeping the Annual Motorcycle Exhibit intact throughout the month of June and expect many motorcycle enthusiasts will visit.
- We are installing the "Lampville USA" exhibit with a digital recording in lieu of signage. (We have the
 equipment to present it in that fashion until we can fabricate visual components and interpretive
 signage.)
- In the coming months we will be offering a couple creative revenue generating opportunities that we believe will help to support operations.
- The Mustangs and Camaros have gone out and we have scrubbed the entire 7500 sq. foot Legacy Gallery and a very dedicated volunteer has been busy painting the walls and doors.
- We are continuing to process the Terry Martin Collection and it is going very well.

While we have no idea what the future holds, we resolve to stay the course. No matter what we may face in the coming poonths we will sqrvive—thanks to you our dedicated and devoted supporters and friends.

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Sincerely

Mary Ann Porinchak

In accordance with our tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, your contribution of \$500 dollars is deductible for tax purposes for 2020. This letter serves to confirm that no goods or services were received in lieu of your donation. Please retain this letter for your tax records.

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ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF INTERST

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1919: German police kill 17 striking auto workers in Stuttgart. Worker dissatisfaction is a key reason in Daimler's decision to abandon Ford production methods.



1920: Dodge becomes the second bestselling American car. Both Dodge brothers die.



1920: U.S auto manufacturers to begin offering heaters as an option. The car heater was invented by a lady named Margaret Wilcox and she was awarded a patent in November 28, 1893. This is interesting as the car was not invented until 1896.



1920: Auto accidents are the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, surpassing suicide, measles and cirrhosis. There were 12,155 fatalities.



In 1939, <u>Popular Mechanics Magazine</u> chose the 1939 Packard 120 as the best car of the year. As has been pointed out many times the 120 saved the Packard Motor company. By 1939, Packard's competition in the luxury car market was all but gone. Of the three P's (Packard, Pierce-Arrow and Peerless) only Packard was left standing. In 1939, 28,133 Packards of this model were produced.

MEMBERS' CORNER

FOR SALE





1948 327 Packard engine for sale, complete rebuild, nothing left untouched. Call for details, Mark Ballerini 760.473.4224.

1938 Packard 6-Cylinder Engine and 3-Speed Transmission for Sale.

The engine was in running condition when it was removed from the car. It developed a knock which is probably a loose connecting rod. The engine has well under 10K miles on it since being overhauled about 4 years ago. The cylinder head was resurfaced and the cylinders were bored. Then, all new valves & guides and new pistons & rings were installed. The engine rebuild work was performed by Kenyon Machine Shop. The flywheel was resurfaced, and a new clutch & pressure plate and a new throw out bearing were also installed.

These parts are located in San Diego, CA. Best reasonable offer.

Contact: Jim Pardubsky jampard@dslextreme.com 858.271.1929

OR

Lance Haynes oldcars@lancedurant.com 858.560.5737



A plethora of used Packard parts from the Bob Steiner collection, fitting '29 and '36 Super Eight models, and some 12-cylinder parts. For an inventory list, please contact Richard Schauer

at packard1934@sbcglobal.net or phone 760.740.9188. We also have many 1948-1955 Packard parts from the Dutch Parker collection.



1941 Packard Clipper Bicycle

Unusual, restored.
Packard blue, with tan
pin striping.
New chrome &
tires. Packard
badge on steering
neck \$2,400/offer.
Jay Johnson
626.780.6397,
jahjjmp@yahoo.com



1952 Packard- 2 door Model 200-No rust, very straight body. No engine or transmission. A project, but all the pieces are there. \$1,000. Jay Johnson. 626.780.6397. jahjjmp@yahoo.com

FOR SALE 1936 PACKARD MODEL 120 SEDAN



- * RESTORED IN 1999 * TRANSMISSION REBUILT BY JIM WOOLSEY IN 2019
- * RADIATOR REBUILT IN 2019 BY BUD'S RADIATOR IN LA JOLLA * HAS GOOD CHROME
 - * PEARL WHITE EXTERIOR * CAMEL INTERIOR
 - * SOME EXTRA PARTS INCLUDING LUGGAGE RACK THAT NEEDS TO BE RE-CHROMED

THIS PACKARD HAS 74,304 MILES ON IT

ASKING \$48,000 OR BEST OFFER CONTACT NANCY WERBER @ 619.887.9336

FOR SALE 1932 PACKARD "901" Sedan









1932 Packard "901" Five Passenger Sedan. 100 point show car, many trophies and awards, excellent condition, kept in outstanding condition, expertly maintained and driven often. Recent illness requires sale. Priced conservatively at \$50,000. B. J. Hill 760.271.7953. E-Mail: twoppackards@swcp.com.

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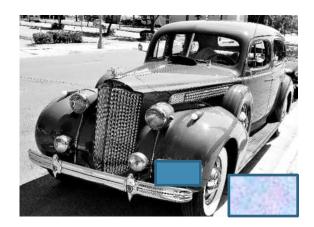
WIN A CHICKEN DINNER

ALAS, WE HAVE NO CHICKEN DINNER WINNER.

Unbelievable but true, no one in the San Diego Region, nor worldwide could identify this 1948 Packard "2293" Series Station Sedan. This Packard is original, unrestored and has won the preservation award at the La Jolla Concours. One of a kind, for sure.



The Chicken Dinner automobile for July is a?



Become a respected authority on automobiles in your house by winning the Chicken Dinner Award! Win this prestigious award by sending to Steve Ross the make, model and year of this automobile

**CHICKEN DINNER RULES: CONTESTANTS MAY ONLY WIN 2 CHICKEN DINNERS PER CALENDAR YEAR

Even if you have won your allotted limit, please guess anyway...and if you're correct, the editor will buy you a big orange drink at our next event.

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Packard Club of San Diego

2020 Activities Calendar

Listed below is the 2020 calendar of officially sponsored events by the Packard Club of San Diego.

Also included are National PAC events sponsored by PAC or one of its regions.

You must be a member of PAC to attend officially sponsored events.

Occasionally, this calendar will list events that are NOT sponsored by the club or PAC, but are deemed of interest to the membership. **Those events are listed in red** italics.

| Month | <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | Tour Director |
|-----------|---|-------------|---------------------------|
| | | | |
| July | Tour | 26 July | Steve Ross |
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| August | Membership Welcome Party | 8 Aug | Tim Pestotnik |
| | | | |
| September | Gondola Excursion, Coronado, lunch to follow | 12 Sep | Marjo Miller / Tom O'Hara |
| | Studebaker-Packard-Pierce Arrow @ Spanish Landing | 26 Sep | Colin Fort |
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| October | Fall Weekend Getaway, Idyllwild, Art Festival redux combined with M-B Club | 9-11 Oct | Richard/TBD |
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| November | Nick Fintzelberg Tour on Old Hwy 80 to desert overlook. Combined with CCCA | 7 Nov | Nick Fintzelberg |
| | | | |
| December | Christmas Holiday Luncheon, Lazy-H | 5 Dec | Steve Ross |

