

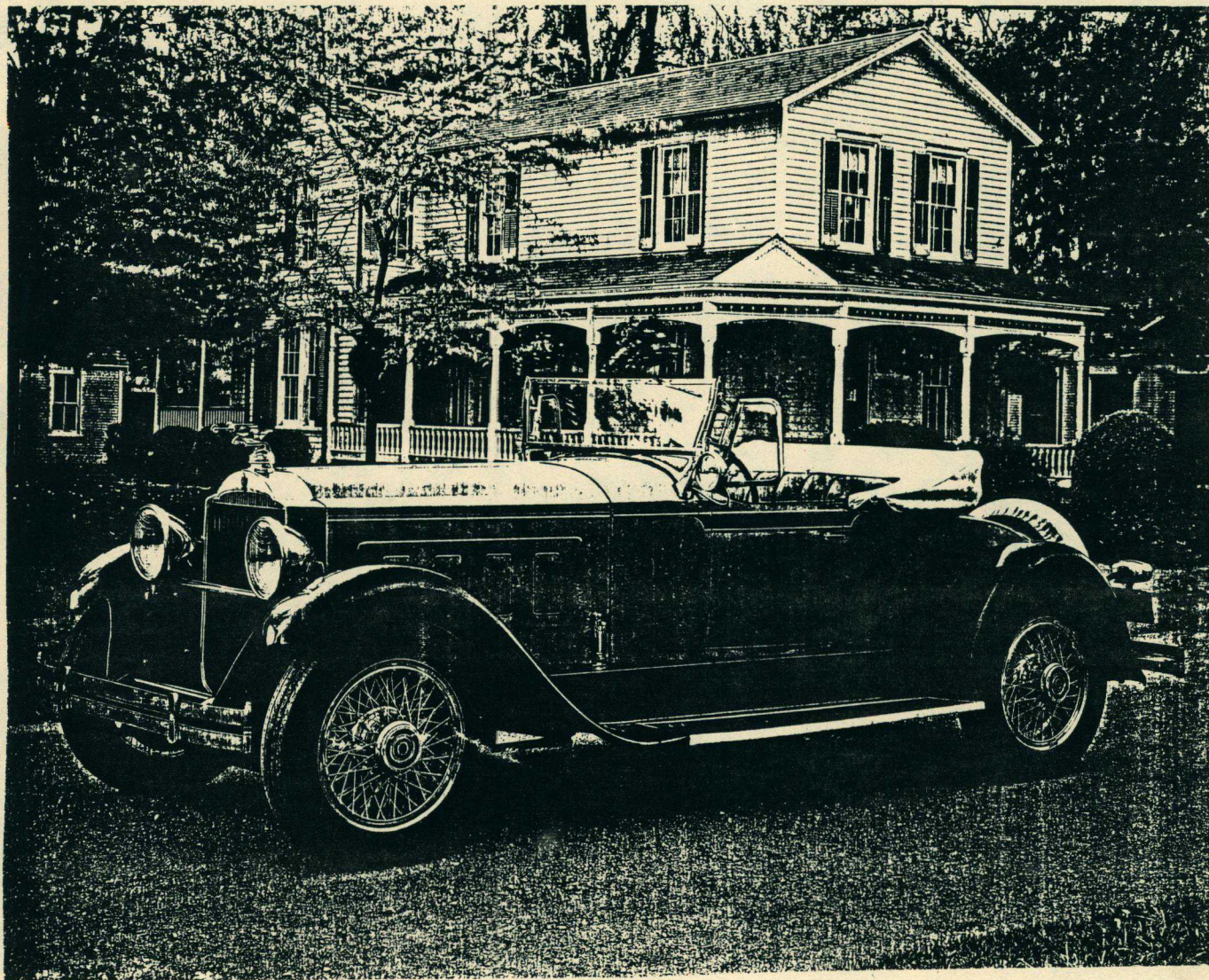
# PREDICTOR

PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL  
MOTOR CAR CLUB

SAN DIEGO REGION

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## **PACKARD THE PRIDE**

1929 Speedster Model 626

"Only 1 in existence"



## BOARD

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.....	James Dahmann
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## EVENTS AND TOURS

February 2                      Regular Meeting  
Denny's Restaurant  
Miramar Rd. 7:00 pm

February 4th & 5th              National Membership Meeting, Doubletree Hotel, Santa Ana

February 19th & 20th              Big Three Swap Meet

March 2                      Regular Meeting  
Denny's Restaurant  
Miramar Rd. 7:00 pm

March 12                      Palomar Airport Tour

April 6                      Regular Meeting  
Denny's Restaurant  
Miramar Rd 7:00 pm

April 24                      Mission Inns/Riverside  
Joint tour/So Cal



### Technical Tip from Tap!!

Starting this year our Technical Advisory Panel will write answers to your questions concerning Packards maintenance service or parts.

Send your questions the more specific the better to  
Technical Advisory Panel  
P I San Diego Region  
9303 Carrol Way #1  
San Diego, CA 92121

Answers will appear in the Predictor!

SOMETHING NEW FOR 1994



## PRESIDENT'S FORUM

I am happy to report that the regions board is off to a flying start this year. New ideas, programs and procedures are being implemented as quickly as possible. Some are designed to make regional operations easier, others are to aggressively promote ourselves to the car collecting public in San Diego.

The most visible promotional effort we will be making will be at the Big 3 Meet at Jack Murphy Stadium on feb. 19th & 20th. Displays of Packard automobiles, club literature and projects will be available to tempt prospective members into joining our club. Your help & assistance is needed. Members are asked to be present to talk to people about our club, what they can gain by joining the club & Packards in general. Please call B.J. Hill at 530-1414 if you can help during the meet. In any case stop by Space GD6-7 for a cup of coffee or a hot dog.

Finally a reminder that National Membership Meet is Feb. 4,5 & 6th at the double Tree Hotel in Orange. Packard parts & literature exchange on Saturday in the hotel parking lot. Now is your chance to find that elusive part to complete your restoration. Saturday Evening is a dinner dance & casino nite at the hotel. Sunday morning, Packards on display followed by brunch and guest speakers. See you there!

Mark



VINTAGE AIRPLANE TOUR  
MARCH 12TH

PALOMAR AIRPORT - CARLSBAD  
FRED AND CAROL YUNT - TOUR LEADERS

Join us for an interesting day viewing vintage airplanes of yesteryear in the "CINEMA AIR COLLECTION" at Palomar airport in Carlsbad. The business got it's name by furnishing aircraft for the movies. They have aircraft from World War I to present day and they all fly! They're in showroom condition and are housed in a beautiful 40,000 square foot hangar.

- \* **DATE:** Saturday, March 12th
- \* **TIME:** 9:45 A.M.
- \* **PLACE:** PALOMAR AIRPORT - CINEMA AIR JET HANGAR

**DIRECTIONS:** I-5 to Palomar road (Anderson's Pea Soup) Go East to McClellan. Which is the entrance to the airport. Turn left and left again. Look for the large cinema air jet center hangar.

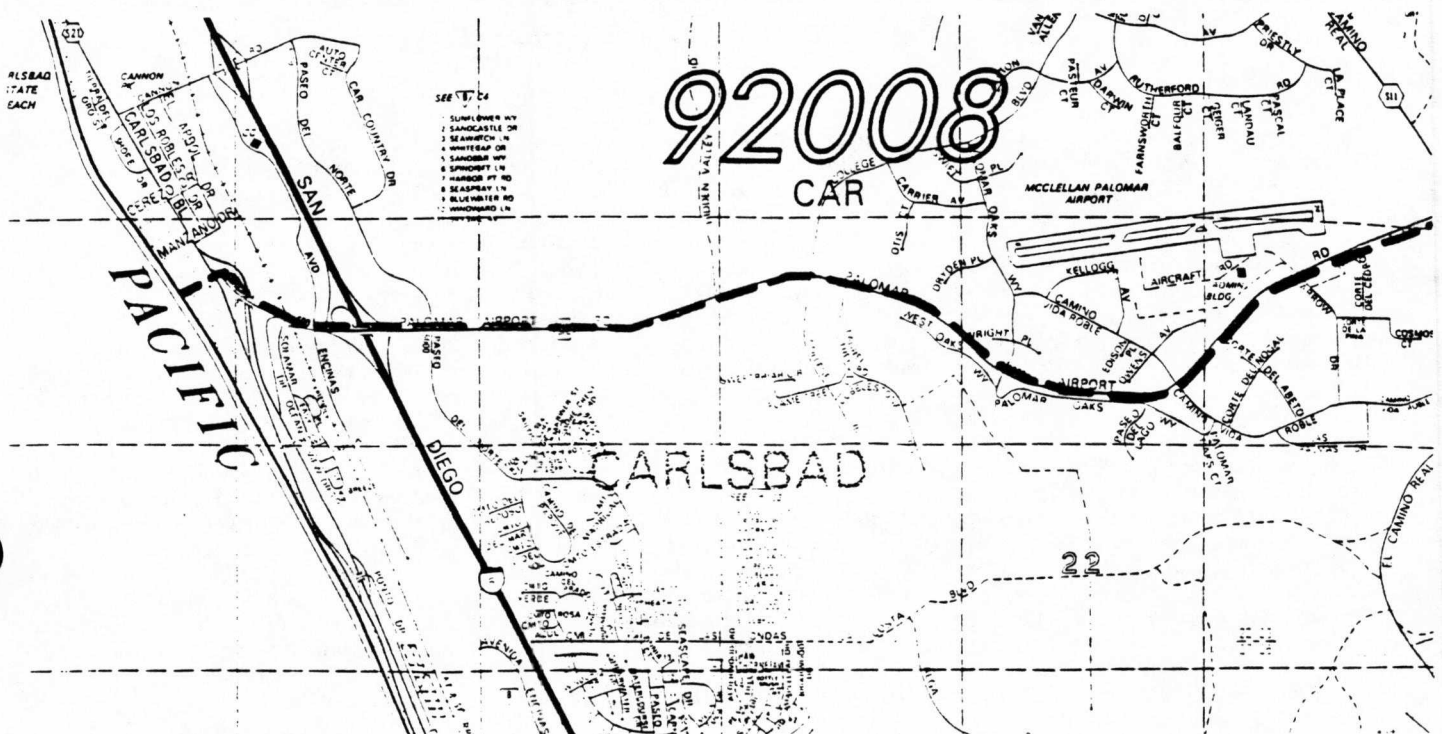
From I-15

Take I-78 west to El Camino Real. Turn south to Palomar Rd, right to McClellan and then same as above.

We will then caravan to Fred and Carol Yunt's home at 2348 Foothill Drive, Vista for a potluck in the barn. Barbecued burgers and sodas and all the trimmings will be furnished.

Let's show these vintage aircraft people what vintage Packards look like.

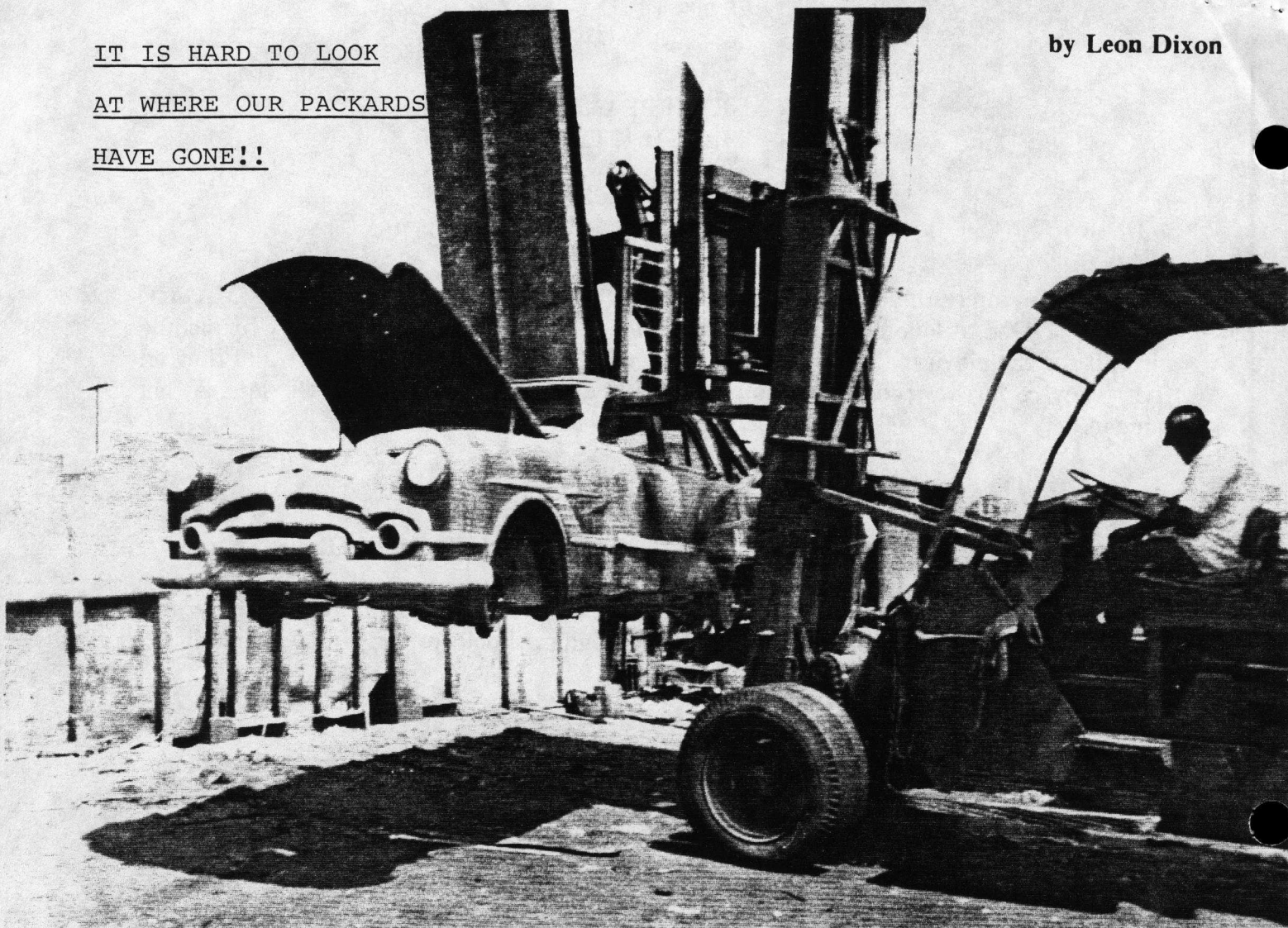
For further information call Fred or Carol Yunt at 940-8150.





IT IS HARD TO LOOK  
AT WHERE OUR PACKARDS  
HAVE GONE!!

by Leon Dixon



# Packard Crushathon, 1977

*Because of club rivalries in Southern California, some 50 postwar Packards got needlessly crushed.*

**B**ILL HUFFMAN collected Packards for 30 years, buying them at low prices and hauling them one by one to a storage area in the Mojave desert east of Los Angeles.

Then one day several years ago he sold the whole kit and caboodle to another collector who hauled them back to his wrecking yard in the Los Angeles area and began selling them off.

The classic V-12s and Super 8s went without much effort, and so did the 120s and even some postwar models. But with big-city rents, storage problems, and the board of supervisors breathing down his neck, this collector decided the time had come to get rid of the remainder of his cars—some 100 Packards, including 18 or so Caribbeans.

The simplest, most economical way, he concluded, was to call in the scrapper, but before he did that, he had the foresight to hold an auction. Trouble was, with two

Packard clubs and his allegiance to only one, he gave notice of the auction in Club X's bulletin but not in Club Y's.

By the time Club Y heard about it, the auction was already in progress, with a postscript that all cars not sold would be scrapped; and high bidders had only five days to remove their vehicles. Club Y pleaded for more time and even had pledges of money to save the unsold cars, but time ran out and negotiations fell through.

Leon Dixon, editor of the Southern California *Packard News*, snapped the photos you see here and wrote in his account of the auction's aftermath: "I got to the wrecking yard just in time to see this 1953 Patrician get squished. Right after I snapped this flick, the red-faced junk guy came huffing over and made a grab for my camera. He asked me who the hell I thought I was."

His grab missed but brushed open

Dixon's camera and ruined some of his photos. Nevertheless, he kept shooting.

"No sooner were the cars crushed," he continues, "than they were hauled off to an even uglier fate. The shredder. Somewhere in there is a 1956 Clipper sedan and a 1953 convertible, a 1955 Patrician in full dress that needed only a battery to start, and a '55 Clipper; all low-mileage, all rustfree."

What's the point of this gory display of pulverized Packards? Simply this. The 2-club system—or in some instances the 3- or 4-club system—works to no one's advantage. Just the opposite, in fact. Club rivalries kept most of these Packards from being saved. The owner might also have advertised in non-club publications, because plenty of Packard faithful don't belong to any club. But when time's short, a marque needs all the club support it can get; otherwise we end up, as in this instance, with a lot of heavy-gauge shredded metal. □



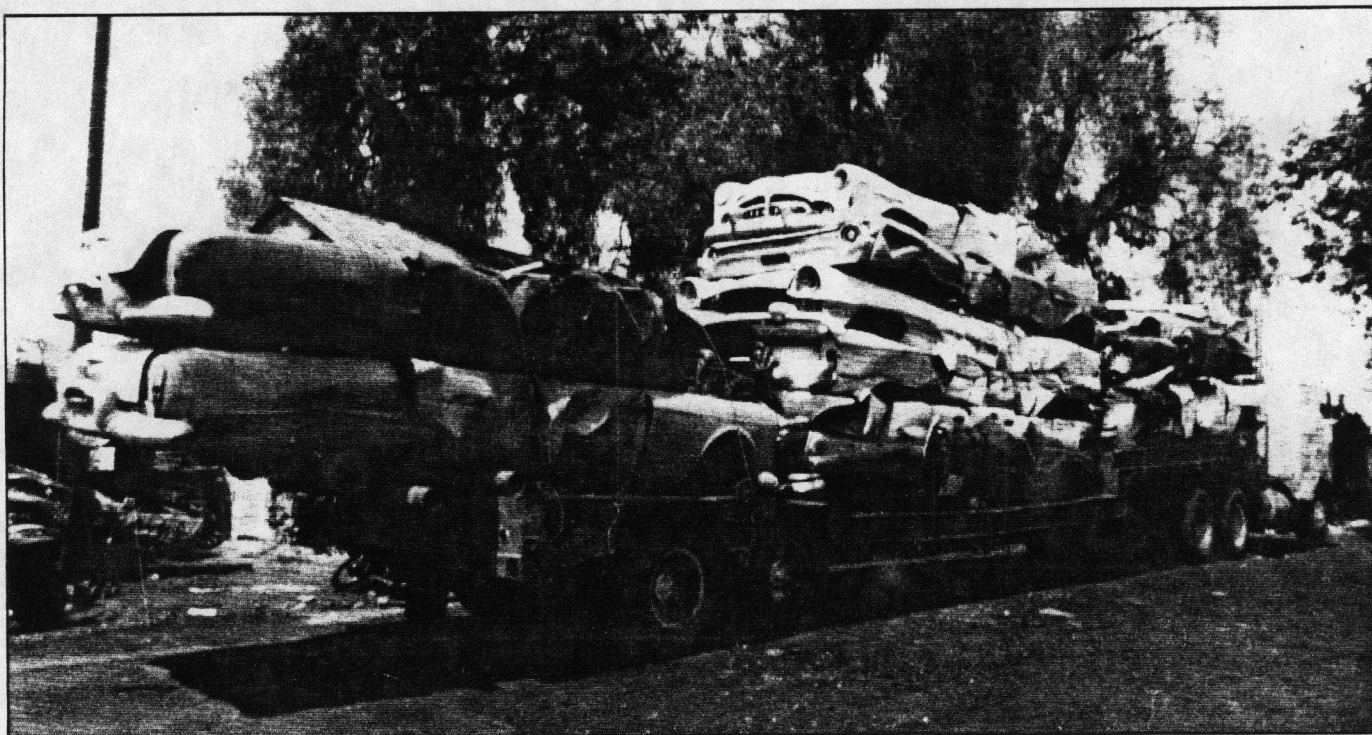
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR



**Above:** Auction was held under short notice, with bulletin going to only one of the two rival Southern California Packard clubs. Only a small percentage of cars was sold, and no notice was given beforehand that unsold cars would be crushed. **Below:** Eighteen Caribbeans did manage to get sold during the auction. Of the 100 or so cars involved, about half went to the crusher. Some needed only a battery to run, and all were virtually rustfree California autos.



**Above:** Author Leon Dixon snapped this photo just before a workman tried to snatch away his camera. And while Leon managed to hang onto it, the back of his camera was flung open, ruining several shots. **Below:** Crushed Packards, including several convertibles, were ignominiously hauled off to the shredder.



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## NEW MEMBERS FOR 1993

Marie Graver	10-01-92
Gerald G. & Linda Loehr	10-01-92
Wayne & Jo Barker	10-06-92
Joseph & Eileen Ambrose	10-14-92
Terry Mettam	11-04-92
Nathan (Nate) & Sue Goode	11-17-92
Robert D. & Betty Ortenburger	11-21-92
Mark Chandler	12-17-92
Milton Miller	02-18-93
Wallace Goldie	05-05-93
Lance Parker	05-25-93
Dr. W. Irwin Gullette, D.D.S.	06-01-93
Richard & Jincie Williams	06-28-93
George & Betty Gerrodette	07-07-93
David Baker	07-07-93
Terry J. Knoepp	07-14-93
Michael & Michele Lee	07-14-93
Richart T. & Gwendolyn Schafer	09-17-93

## NATIONAL TOUR NOVEMBER 5-9-1994

NOW IS NOT TOO EARLY TO MAKE YOUR  
RESERVATIONS FOR NATIONAL TOUR  
DEATH VALLEY - CALIFORNIA

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So-Cal is hosting this tour.

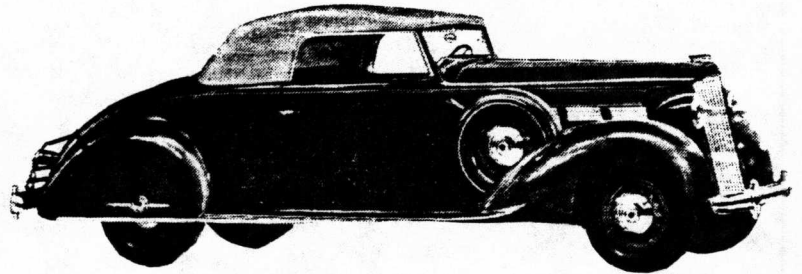
\*\*\*\* November 5 - 9 th \*\*\*\*

Furnace Creek Inn \$89.38 2 double Beds

The Ranch Cabins \$7.30

Reservations 619-786-2362

THIS WILL BE OUR NOVEMBER TOUR



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## SAN DIEGO REGION PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL

### 1994 Budget

#### Income

Dues 85 Memberships, 10.00	850.00
Project Sales	2000.00
Advertising	150.00
Interest/Bank	50.00
Tour Override	400.00
Auction	400.00
Donations	28.00
Funds from existing bank account	502.00

Total	4380.00
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#### Expenses

Tours/Activity Chr (Vice President)	50.00
All American Picnic	50.00
December Social	300.00
Fallbrook	100.00
Membership Chairman (Roster incld)	160.00
Historian	50.00
Delegate to Packards Intl	275.00
Awards, trophies, gifts	400.00
Entrance Fees Swap Meet	75.00
Predictor	1320.00
Projects Costs	1500.00
Advertising	100.00

Total	4380.00
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## WONDERING ABOUT PROPER LICENSE PLATES?????

§ 5004.5

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Div. 3

### Model Year Date License Plates

5004.1. (a) An owner of any vehicle eligible for registration pursuant to Section 5004 may, after the requirements for the registration of the vehicle have been complied with and with the approval of the department, utilize license plates of this state with the date of year corresponding to the model year date when the vehicle was manufactured, if the model year date license plate is legible and serviceable, as determined by the department, in lieu of the license plates otherwise required by this code. The department may consult with an organization of old car hobbyists in determining whether the date of year of the license plate to be used corresponds to the model year date when the vehicle was manufactured.

(b) A fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be charged for the application for use of the special plates.

(c) In addition to the regular renewal fee for the vehicle for which the plates are authorized, the applicant for a renewal of the plates shall be charged an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10). When payment of a regular vehicle renewal fee is not required by this code, the holder of any license plates with a date corresponding to the model year may retain the plates upon payment of an annual fee of twenty dollars (\$20), which shall be due at the expiration of the registration year of the vehicle to which the plate was last assigned under this section.

(d) Whenever any person who has been authorized to utilize the special license plates applies to the department for transfer of the plates to another vehicle, a transfer fee of twelve dollars (\$12) shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

Added Ch. 721, Stats. 1982. Effective January 1, 1983.

Amended Ch. 918, Stats. 1984. Effective January 1, 1985.

Amended Ch. 280, Stats. 1987. Effective January 1, 1988.

Amended Ch. 645, Stats. 1988. Operative July 1, 1989.

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FOR SALE 1951 200 4-door sedan-yellow  
Runs Great! Call Linda Bittner  
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FOR SALE 1956 Caribbean hardtop, well  
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## WANT ADS

FOR SALE 1951 '300 Maroon Packard  
All Original 74000 Miles  
No rust. \$7800  
Don Gladhill 460-6321 (12-93)

FOR SALE 1953 Packard semi restored  
conditon. Straight 8, nice interior.  
Runs & drives. \$5,000.00 973-0503  
(12-93)

**NOTICE: ALL WANT ADS WILL RUN THREE MONTHS AND NEED TO  
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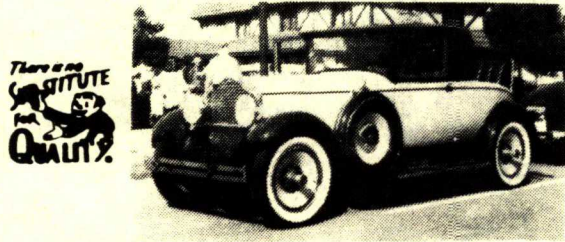
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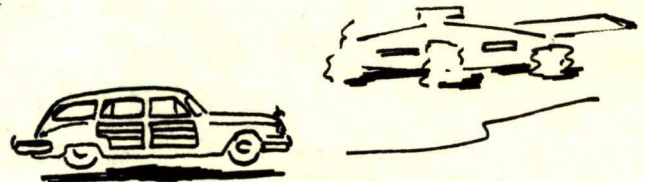
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for your PACKARDS?  
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