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President's Message

My message this month is mostly devoted to a report on the fabulous time that Syd and I had at the Packards International Meet in Orange, CA. (The past 2 years we were completely unable to attend the event, and as your President I am appropriately chagrined for having failed you so). This year our resolve was high and our schedule compatible allowing us to attend the Meet from Friday dinner though the Swap meet on Sunday. It was a grand weekend!

We arrived just at the end of the cocktail hour on Friday night and renewed acquaintances with many of the SoCal members that we knew from Cruisin' Grand, the SoCal Holiday Party, and national Board of Directors meetings. Right after the fabulous dinner, Don Hull serenaded the audience with a special "Medley to the Regions" that he wrote and sang. During the performance, he had all representatives from each region stand as he sang hilarious lyrics (in our case the tune was "South of the Border"). Worthy of note was the fact that all regions except for Australia and Tennessee were represented. Syd and I were proud to represent the San Diego Region, although we were outnumbered in representation by each and every other region there. Note this fact was not lost on some attendees who wondered out loud why the turnout from the closest regional neighbor (us) was dwarfed by the number of folks from the Mid-West Region.

Nonetheless, a good time was had by all. Saturday was devoted to seeing the cars on display and watching judges meticulously go over each car. The quality of Packards entered for judging was extraordinary. Judges I spoke with said this year had the largest Circle of Champions ever for the Meet. Again, the San Diego Region was barely represented as we had only one Packard there for display. Thank you, **Phil Pizzuto**. During daytime hours on Saturday and Sunday we spotted a number of San Diego Region Packardites and Packardettes in attendance, including **Dale & Debi Costanzo, Karl & Peggy Ramsing, Jim & Catherine Woolsey, Phil Pizzuto, Steve Ross, Mark Rothermich, John Kernan, Gary Wysong, Phil Tarr, Ron Crampton and Bill Rawlings**. Special thanks to our new Project Chairperson, **Paul Santy**, and our retiring Project Chairperson, **Ken Yankee** for staffing our Projects Table on Sunday.

The Awards Banquet on Saturday night again featured Don Hull at the microphone, this time with an encore performance of his infamous "Restoration Blues". As you would expect, this was the right audience for a tune of this name and you guessed – we went wild. After the awards, the Big Band played tunes from the 40's & 50's and we all danced well into the night.

Bottom line. The National Meet has a lot to offer to members of our Region, both at dinner events as well as daytime events. It is my fervent hope that next year (in January 2007) we can increase participation in numbers of members and Packards from our Region.

Our Spring 2006 calendar is listed below. I hope to see many of you in the upcoming months.

February 25 – Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium parking lot

March 12 – "Return of the Garage Tour", We will meet Sunday morning for brunch in San Diego (location TBA), then caravan up the coast, stopping at various members' "garages" to view their vehicles for about 30 minutes, then caravan to the next location, and so on until we get to the end of the line, sometime in the mid afternoon. This tour schedule will be finalized at the March 1st Board Meeting, so if you want to be one of our stops, please contact me to get on the list! (markburnside@cox.net)

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FOR SALE – Cars and Parts

1957 Packard Country Sedan 57L Station Wagon
Rare model, just finished partial restoration. New paint,
new interior, newly overhauled transmission,
New battery, new tires, runs great. \$8,900

1947 Clipper 6, runs and ready to restore. \$3,700

Steve Griger (619) 261-9920

Packard Parts For Sale Dale, 858-278-2086 ...

Two 7:00-15 tires with wheels and hubcaps, black wall,
Silverstone, excellent condition, \$100 for both



Lance “Dutch” Parker has cars and Packard
Parts For Sale. Contact him “before they’re gone”
At 760-758-0159

PI-SD Roster Changes:

Burnside	cell	619 322-0340
	e-mail	markburnside@cox.net
Collins	e-mail	twopackards@earthlink.net
Hagen	auto	1936 “1403” Super Eight Sedan
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1951-1956 Door Handle Retaining Clips
(Rear ONLY - Front available soon)

The San Diego Region has an inventory of Door
Retaining Clips. This is a limited production run
with prompt deliveries.

Pre-paid orders are now being taken by Mark
Rothermich. Specify body style and be sure to list
the exact door the clip will be used on. The clips
are all different. Order your clips now.

The price is \$30.00 for a single clip and \$27.00 each
for 2 or more clips. Checks must accompany orders.

Make payable to Packards International, San Diego
Region, P.O. Box 503605, San Diego, CA 92150

For PI-San Diego Region Members:

Do you have a collector car or parts for sale?
To place an ad in our newsletter, email Gary
Wysong at mawysong@sdcoe.k12.ca.us 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

Send your preferred Packard parts, supplies and
services vendors information to Gary Wysong for us
to update our Parts, Supplies and Vendors list

Packard of the Month

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

April 8 -Midway Tour, San Diego, CA Karl Ramsing and Steve Ross are the Tour Directors for this exciting event
www.midway/org/site/pp

April 23 – Motor Cars on Main Street, Coronado, CA (Not one of our “formal tours” but being promoted by Karl Ramsing as the debut of his now-running-longest-restoration-project!) You won’t want to miss it!

May 7 - PI Swap Meet, La Palma, CA

June 23 -24: Packard Night at Cruisin’ Grand on Friday overnight, www.cruisingrand.com/ and Lunch/Show at Escondido’s Wild Animal Park on Saturday. This event continues to grow in popularity and interest – please mark your calendars now to make sure you don’t miss it! Volunteers: start your engines! Were gonna need lots of help this year.
www.wildanimalpark.com/wap/index.html

Lastly, I want to say that in 2006 I will endeavor to provide the club with a selection of tours and events that will get our members and their Packards out and on the road. Expect to see tours, caravans, rallies, and other events that will compel every member to get the oil changed, the brakes bled, and the fuel filter changed for the upcoming calendar of fun Packard activities.

Happy Tours,
Mark Burnside

From Karl Ramsing... Packard Tour to the USS MIDWAY, Saturday April 8. Meet at the Midway Parking lot (cost \$7.00) at 9:30AM for a group rate of \$13.00 Adult, \$10.00 Senior. Tour to last about 2-2½ hours with a caravan of Packards to a LUNCH on Harbor Island or Shelter Island. BRING YOUR PACKARD. Fliers to be sent to all very soon.

AUTO SHOW AT CORONADO: Sunday April 23. You are invited to attend this show with your PACKARD. Entries are limited to the first 300. For an application to be sent to you, call Karl Ramsing at 760 726-5955. Several Packards are already signed up and to be grouped together (for the greatest showmanship) we would meet first, caravan to the show in mass, thus be able to park together. Meeting time and location details to follow.

Packard needed for a May Wedding, an email received from Laurel Levels:

“My fiancé and I are getting married in San Diego in May and were wondering if anyone in the Packard Club rents their vehicles for weddings. If not, do you know a reliable classic car company that may rent Packards? We are members of the MoPar Club San Diego, but currently live in Philadelphia. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and best regards.
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