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President's Message

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I announce the San Diego Region Board of Directors for 2006. Effective immediately, our new Board for this year is as follows:

President – Mark Burnside
Vice-President – Phil Pizzuto
Secretary/Treasurer – Steve Ross
Membership Chairperson – Karl Ramsing
Publications Chairperson – Gary Wysong
Events Chairperson – Sydney Kirkland
Projects Chairperson – Paul Santy
Historian – Catherine Woolsey

Please join with me in extending our heartfelt gratitude to the new Board members for volunteering to serve in roles that are so very important to the survival and well-being of the club. I am very pleased that the “Just Say No” philosophy failed to prevail this year – giving us an energized and enthusiastic Board for 2006. A fully staffed Board means that the Region will enjoy an exciting, fun-filled 2006. Your new Board Members are as follows:

- 1) **Paul Santy** has joined the Board as Projects Chair for the Region and Project Sales will continue under his capable leadership. Paul recently purchased a 1936 1401 sedan from SD Region member Dutch Parker and joined the Region at the same time. He is finishing the restoration of the vehicle and is interested in accelerating his knowledge of Packard parts by serving as Projects Chair for the Region. Thank you, Paul!
- 2) **Phil Pizzuto** has re-joined the Board after taking a 2 year sabbatical following his 3 year tenure as the Region's President. His experience is valued by all on the Board. Thank you, Phil!
- 3) **Sydney Kirkland** has joined the Board as Events Chairperson after updating the club's by-laws in her capacity as attorney-at-law in the State of California. Thank you, Syd!
- 4) **Catherine Woolsey** has joined the Board as Historian. The Region has an impressive 30 year history that is very well documented. Catherine is excited about organizing the files and sharing the Region's rich history with current members. Thank you, Catherine!

At this point I want to acknowledge the 2005 Board Members that are staying on through 2006:

- 1) **Karl Ramsing**, Membership Chairperson. Karl joined the Region in 1987 and has capably performed as membership chair during many of those years. Thank you, Karl!
- 2) **Gary Wysong**, Publications Chairperson, joined the Region in 1999 and has done a stellar job of editing the Predictor. Thank you, Gary!
- 3) **Steve Ross**, Region Secretary for 2005 has volunteered to stay on and add the title of Treasurer to his title of Secretary for 2006. He brings to the Region extensive Board member experience with the Mercedes Club. Thank you, Steve!

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And last, but not least, I want to extend our sincerest appreciation for the valuable contribution made by Board members who left the Board in 2005. They are:

- 1) **Mark Rothermich**, a Region Founder that has served in almost every Board position there is over the past 31 years. Most recently, he served as Treasurer and Projects Co-Chair. The Region is truly indebted to Mark for his many years of dedicated service. Thank you, Mark!
- 2) **Ken Yankee**, a Region Member since 1976, most recently served as Projects Chair. He has faithfully packaged and shipped many a project part for many years and for that we are grateful. Thank you, Ken!
- 3) **Robert Buchanan**, member since 1995, has served most recently in the roles of Vice-President and Secretary (both positions concurrently during 2004). Thank you, Robert!

In order to maximize participation at the tours and events the Board at its January meeting voted unanimously to discontinue regular monthly meetings of the general membership. It was felt that our membership headcount (slightly less than 60) cannot support both a Tour and a Meeting every month. The Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month through 2006. Board meetings are open to attendance by any member. Please feel free to contact any Board member if you wish to attend.

Additionally, at its January meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously updated the Region's by-laws (which were last updated in January of 1993). Over the years, the Club and the by-laws had diverged significantly. The new by-laws ensure that the Club operates in accordance with its by-laws. Thank you to Syd Kirkland for her effort in bringing the Club and it's by-laws back together.

Our 2006 calendar is shaping up very nicely. Below is a listing of events being planned as of this writing. Some tours are our own Region (**red**), some are joint with SoCal (**green**), and some are P.I. National Events (**orange**).

February 3-5: Packards International Membership Meet in Orange, CA

http://www.packardsinternational.com/pdf/February_Membership_Meet.pdf

February 25-26: Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium Parking Lot, San Diego, CA

Call Mark Rothermich at 619-463-2722 to ask about a pass to drive your Packard into the Swap Meet to the PI location

<http://big3partsexchange.com/>

April 8: Midway Tour, San Diego, CA

<http://midway.org/site/>

May: P.I. Swap Meet, La Palma, CA

June 23 -24: Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand on Friday, <http://cruisinggrand.com/> overnight and Lunch/Show at Escondido's Wild Animal Park on Saturday, <http://wildanimalpark.com/wap/index.html>

July: Day at the San Diego County Fair, Del Mar, CA

July: Horseless Carriage Tour, San Diego County, CA

August: Collector Tour (joint with P.I. SoCal and CCCA)

September 17-23: P.I. National Tour to North Rim Grand Canyon, AZ

November: Joint Tour with SoCal Region to Palm Springs

December 2: SD Region Holiday Party

Other San Diego Region tours under consideration are: Scripps Aquarium & Luncheon (March), San Diego Padres Game (May), Auto Heritage Day (August), Rancho Penasquitos Ranch (September), and the Flying Leatherneck Museum (October). In closing, 2006 promises to be an exciting year for the Region. I am very encouraged by the strength and capability of the new Board as we plan and carry out an action packed calendar. I hope the level of participation by Region members is commensurate with the effort that is going into the planning and execution. Happy Tours, Mark Burnside