

PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR CLUB

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SAN DIEGO REGION





SPECIAL PROGRAM

General Meeting
November 4, 1992
"Burma Shave Giggles"
Jackpot \$10

BOARD FOR 1992

President:	B.J. Hill	530-1414(B) 451-0670
Secretary:	Mignon Gantert	747-7448
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New Member Rep:	James Dahmann	743-1395
Tours/Activities:	Gene Gantert	747-7448

EVENTS AND TOURS

Nov. 4	Regular meeting, Marie Callender's, I-15 and Miramar Road, Holiday Inn, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6-8	Fall Concours d'Elegance, featuring PACKARD, Palm Springs
Nov. 14	Old Town tour, Tour Leader Casey Groenendal
Dec. 5	Christmas party, home of Joe & Pauline Whitaker
Jan. 17	Region membership meet, Stoneridge Country Club, Poway

LAST CALL FOR JACKETS

*Please call Mark Rothermich if you want a satin embroidered jacket. Deadline: November 15.
Phone: 583-2369.*

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

Fellow Members,

The end of the 1992 Packard year is coming to a close with still some exciting events.

Don't miss the November 4 meeting. The 1993 election of officers will take place. Our thanks to the nominating committee's fine work and our appreciation to those who have consented to serve our Region next year. Some "new faces" give rise to new ideas.

Those of you who are old enough to remember the Burma Shave signs along the road will have a ball! Don't miss the meeting.

At the October 26 Board meeting, a permanent address for the Region was chosen to be 9030 Carroll Way #1, San Diego, CA 92121. This way all correspondence will have a home.

Please take special time to read the "thank you" note from Nellie and Ralph Rapp. It points out the power of the Region's team to move to action quickly when there is a problem. The Rapps had car trouble during the first part of the National Tour. The "chase truck" was there immediately. Fred Perkins and John Bryan of the Packard Garage quickly retrieved the car from the road and began searching the problem. John Bryan worked the rest of the day and Saturday, while we were in Mexico. Steve McNicol "squired" the Rapps while their car was in the garage, and on Sunday morning their car was presented to them at La Costa at NO CHARGE to continue the tour. Nellie says that the flowers we presented even made it home to Las Vegas. **THAT'S WHAT THE CARING OF THE SAN DIEGO REGION IS ALL ABOUT!** Congratulations!

The Christmas Party this year is at Joe and Pauline Whitaker's house at 7:00 p.m. In former years, there has been a rousing disagreement about two piles of gifts which were "segregated." So the Board decided to try this plan:

All gifts \$10.00
All gifts car-related
All gifts in one pile

So, please, everyone bring a gift. Our hostess asks that everyone bring desserts if you want to bring something. I've heard that Santa Claus might even make an appearance!

Have a safe, happy holiday.

B.J. HILL

The Board accepted the resignation of Casey Groenendal at the October 26 meeting.

Old Town Tour Set for November 14

For our final tour, we are going to Old Town to look at the quaint old stores, schoolhouse, and the old museums. There will be plenty of time for shopping and sightseeing. We'll meet at Focus at 9:15 for coffee and donuts, then leave for Old Town at 9:45. Afterwards we will have a picnic at Presidio Park. Please bring a dish along to pass around. In case of rain, we will have lunch at my house. Let's make this last outing for 1992 a good one. See you at Focus at 9:15, November 14.

Thanks,

Casey Groenendal
Tour Master

CRITICAL ISSUES

NATIONAL DUES INCREASE

Due to the ever-increasing cost of printing and stamps, the National Board has decided to increase the national membership dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00 effective January 1, 1993. The National Board is pleased that it has been able to hold the dues for so many years. YOU MAY SAVE \$5.00 IF YOU PAY YOUR NATIONAL DUES FOR 1993 NOW. Until December 31, 1992, those paying their dues early will pay the \$25.00 amount.

ACTION: Send your 1993 dues to National now. Pay only \$25.00. \$30.00 after December 31, 1992.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1993

President: George Cataline
VicePresident: Bruce Newton
Secretary: Denise Newton
Treasurer: Linda Bittner

Election to be held at the November 4 regular meeting.

Committee: Joe Whitaker
George Cataline
Fred Spector

P.S. George, as President, will appoint the remainder of the Board. Surprise him and volunteer, 480-8108.

NEWS FOR YOUR CAR

☛ Motor oil drained from just one car's crankcase can form an oil slick nearly eight acres across. *Better:* recycle used motor oil by taking it to a certified waste oil collection site or service station. For information from the Environmental Protection Administration on recycling used motor oil, call 800-424-9346.

The Solution to Pollution: 101 Things you Can Do to Clean Up Your Environment by Laurence Sombke, MasterMedia Limited, 17 E. 89 St., New York 10128. \$7.95.

☛ New-car model guarantees allow dissatisfied Oldsmobile and Saturn buyers to return cars within 30 days—or 1,500 miles—and receive credit toward another new vehicle. West Coast buyers can opt for a cash refund. *Batting average:* only 2.7% of Oldsmobiles bought under the plan have been returned—just 1%-2% of Saturns.

Automotive News, 1400 Woodbridge Ave., Detroit 48207. Weekly. \$75/yr.

Thanks and Appreciation from National Tour Leader

October 5, 1992

Paskards International
San Diego Region
9030 Carroll Way #1
San Diego, CA 92121

Members of the Region Board and Members,

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Region as National Tour Leader of the 1992 National Tour. The members of the Region were courageous to "take on" the first Region-sponsored National Tour, and it was outstanding.

A 20-person committee is a "wild adventure" but everyone was there every minute for 1½ years planning, and it was a privilege to serve with every one of the members.

The Region can be very proud of a nearly flawless event!

Very much appreciated and not necessary was the gift of a lovely oriental umbrella stand that I had been looking for for several years. Thank you to our members for that gift. It already has nine umbrellas in it, and is gracing my entry at home. Look for it the next time you come to the house.

Thank you again. This kind of participation is what has increased the membership from 30 when I first came to the Region to well over 80 members now.

Sincerely,

BJ Hill

P.S. The fact that over half of the members attended National is an additional tribute to our Region.

Ask the man



who owns one

October, 1992

Dear Member,

1993 will be PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL'S 30th year of operation. When an organization undertakes the responsibilities of preserving a portion of American heritage, it often becomes a dull routine type of operation. Not so in the case of PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL'S performance!

In 30 years P.I.'s projects have gone from a few jewelry items to over a thousand items to help keep the Packards on the road and to help restore their pride. The magazine has grown to an award winning color publication and the NEWS COUNSELOR is seldom less than twenty pages.

Yes, 30 years has placed us in good shape and we have survived inflation, gas shortages, earthquakes and even a volcano that didn't stop one National Tour to the Pacific Northwest area.

So what does the future hold for us at PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL? Things change faster than they used to, but we are in a fine position.

The National Board reviewed our plans for the next five years and even though we know expenses have and will go up we want to give our members a reward for their past years of membership in our organization. The National Board of Directors voted to raise the dues for 1993 to \$30.00; however, for the U.S., Canada and Mexico members we are offering you a chance to save \$5. If you send in your renewal before December 31st, 1992 you will pay only \$25.00 for your 1993 dues. If they are received after December 31st, your 1993 dues will be \$30. Overseas membership will remain at \$40.00 for surface mail and \$50.00 for Air Mail.

Membership is from January to January, if you joined the club prior to October 1st you were a member for 1992 receiving all of the 1992 publications. This is always confusing to some, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the club office at (714) 541-8431 between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

A reminder of the up-coming events in 1993. The 30th anniversary celebration will be at the Doubletree Hotel, Orange, California February 5, 6 & 7. A regionally hosted National Tour by the Arizona Region will be April 15 to 18th and the Midwest Region will host Packard Fest '93 in the Cleveland, Ohio area August 24 to 29, 1993. Detailed information on all of these events will be sent in the near future. A special invitation is extended to each and every one of you to attend one or all of the above events. Remember these events are planned for you, the member, to enable you to enjoy your Packard to the full!

HAPPY PACKARDING,

Fred Mauck, President

Packard's
INTERNATIONAL

302 FRENCH STREET, SANTA ANA, CA. 92701

Have you ever been looking forward to something that it takes up every thought that you have? Sounds silly, I know, but that's just what was going on about two weeks ago. You see, my Packard was coming home. My good friend Gary Holcombe called and said it's on the way, and that's when I guess time started to stand still. I will admit that I wasn't blessed with a lot of patience, and for those who know me, they would call that an understatement.

Old GREENFENDERS was making its way from San Diego to the Mile-High City. First reports said that it would be in on that next Monday. No word. I called the shippers and they said there was a problem. They didn't know what was wrong, but the truck hadn't checked in and they were waiting word. They promised they would call when they heard something. In other words, we will call you, don't call us.

That night I had nothing but nightmares about everything from runaway trucks in the mountains to some kid thinking that my coupe would make a great hotrod with a 350 Chevy in it.

I managed to stay somewhat sane for two days. My wife wasn't talking to me, and the guys at work were giving me a wide berth.

I will cut the story short. GREENFENDERS is home. It seems the truck broke down in New Mexico, and the parts took some time getting there.

When my beeper went off at work and it was my wife saying that the car would be home in about one hour, the guys at work let out a cheer. My boss said to take all the time I needed, but come back in a better mood or I was fired.

She showed up dirty, but a real sight for sore, bloodshot, tired eyes. I was thankful she was all right.

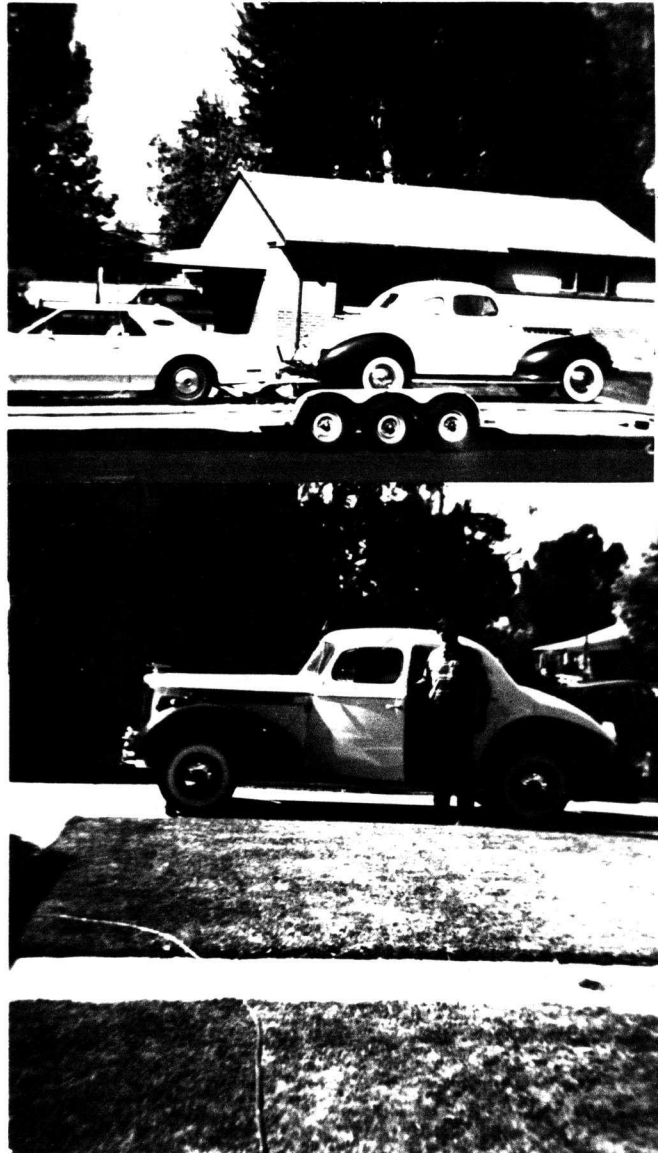
I know to some all this is a little nuts, but she's my baby.

By the way, my wife is talking to me and I brought the guys at work a case of beer. The Packard got a nice bath and she runs like a top.

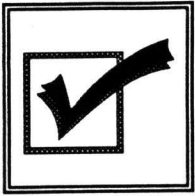
Hope to hear from you guys in San Diego. We miss you all. Stay in touch.

Love,

Tony and Claudia Acierno (GREENFENDERS)



Great news from Denver, Colorado!



LEGISLATION

A MESSAGE TO ACCC MEMBERS

From Jack Passey, ACCC President

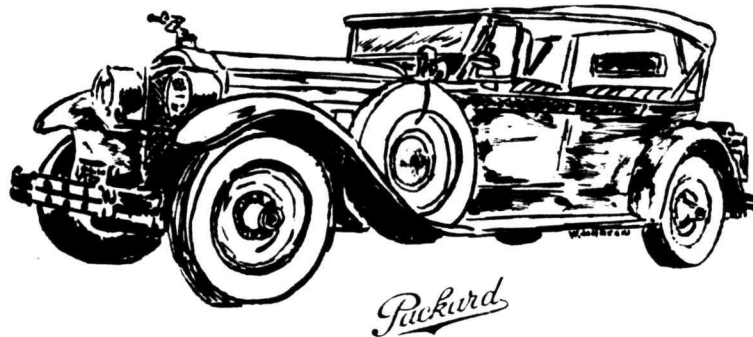
Here is a brief summary of where we stand with the DMV:

1. Collector cars 25 years old or older do not require a \$5 Planned Non-Operation Certificate and you may use a Certificate of Non-Operation to register (license) the car without penalty. If the car is not licensed for four or more years it will have to be "verified" as to serial numbers by a licensed verifier before it can be registered. To prevent this necessity a \$5 Planned Non-Operation Certificate may be submitted before the four years expire, thus keeping the car in the computer. ...and this will have to be repeated again before each fourth-year deadline until the car is ready to be licensed for use. Some DMV offices are still trying to collect penalties on late applications for registration and have told collectors that this law applies only if the car carries Horseless Carriage or Historical Vehicle plates. This is not true. In a special DMV meeting before Christmas it was determined that cars 25 years old and older are exempt.
2. All cars with regular, Year-of-Manufacture or Environmental plates have higher registration renewal fees than they did prior to last September. If your car carries the red Horseless Carriage or the white Historical Vehicle plate the fees remain at the old (before AB758) minimum rate. Special plates, of course, mean restricted use which is generally interpreted to mean for club functions, car shows, occasional Sunday drives or maybe a trip to the repair shop. If special plates are used for work cars or daily drivers it will cause a problem and will probably get the offender a citation and the loss of the special plates.
3. Collector cars presently using Year-of-Manufacture plates are not exempt from the higher fees. DMV has told us that some of these plates are being used by people on their everyday cars, so this plate may be difficult to put into the "exempt from higher fees" status. It may require a type of petition or vote from owners of YOM plates as to their preference on status of the plate. If most YOM plate owners come forward and specify that they prefer restricted use to higher fees it will be easier to get DMV to re-categorize the plate.

If any of you have been overcharged on license fees by some uninformed DMV person you can ask for an application for refund and submit it at your local office. Several people I know have done so and have received refunds. It takes four to six weeks.

If you have a special problem call me at 408/728-4738.

KEEP THIS INFO IN YOUR GLOVE COMPARTMENT



WANT ADS

ANYONE INTERESTED in a 1955-56 Clipper 2-door "that is rusting away in Burbank?" Contact David J. Hanna, (818) 792-9155, office (213) 469-6000

FOR SALE. Upright Packard piano, completely restored. \$1999. Decades Antique Mall, 4873 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, (619) 226-6711

FOR SALE. One left door for '36 120 business coupe. Four perfect, rust-free, dent-free, California doors for '36 120 touring or club sedan. Also four same as above for '37 115 touring or club sedan. \$250 each plus shipping. 1935-36 120 left front fender, excellent, straight, no rust. \$250 plus shipping. Wallace Walmsley, (619) 283-3063.

1929 SUPER BLOCK AND CRANKCASE W/SHAFT. Some rods and cams are missing. Asking \$700. (702) 267-2559, Les Harris

WANTED TO BUY. 1932, 1933, or 1934. (805) 822-6504, Gerry Northcutt

FOR SALE. 1952 Packard Mayfair. Complete except for one emblem on grill, \$2000 negotiable/best offer. Runs. Some rust. Wife's grandmother bought in Colorado home. 272-0851, work 565-6571, ask for Emmet

WANTED. Windshield, 1953 Mayfair. (619) 271-8434, Laddie Zika, leave message

FOR SALE. 1936 120 4-door sedan with suicide doors, 99% parts there. No upholstery, paint original, only one dent in right fender. (714) 962-0644, Mike Petrovich

FOR SALE. Two 1955 Constellations, \$1000/ea, run. 1956 Clipper Super, runs. Missing windshield, \$750. 1957 Packard Baker Town Sedan, \$1200 Ron Smith, (619) 281-4733

FOR SALE. 1948 Custom 8, four-door sedan. Exceptionally clean, runs fine, everything is there. \$7000, Matt Giacalone, (619) 296-4693

WANT ADS

FOR SALE. 1955 Packard Clipper, Original blue/white exterior, original two-tone blue interior. Asking \$3,500. Also have 1956 Chrysler 300B, 90% restored. Asking \$12,500. (619) 267-4096, Tony Paradowski

FOR SALE. 1947 Packard Custom Super Touring Sedan Series 2106. Overdrive, electromatic clutch device, radio, heater deluxe & defroster. 90% restored. Serviceable original interior which should mostly be redone for show. Few miles on recent extensive mechanical rebuild. Recent quality paint refinished and chrome redone by Duncan Emmons, Rancho Mirage, CA. Stunning 2-tone coral blue with pewter grey top. 150,000 orig dry miles. Calif. car. No rust. Always stored inside. I'm 3rd owner for 14 years. Runs strong (flies). \$14,500. Max Fields, (602) 778-6055. Car in Palm Springs until end of November.

FOR SALE. 1946 Packard Custom Super 2106, restorable, running parts car. \$2,500. Max Fields, (602) 778-6055.

FOR SALE. 1952 Packard "400". Super clean, close to show. Low, low miles on rebuilt engine and running gear. New paint, chrome, and upholstery. Runs great. Call Dick Roach, (619) 433-8791

FOR SALE. 1939 Packard 120 Touring Sedan Series 1701. Packard blue lacquer. Econodrive, radio. Older restoration. Mostly orig interior, very presentable. Calif. car, black plates, orig. sold in Monrovia by Hill Motors. 103,000 orig. miles. I'm 3rd owner for 10 years. Rebuilt '41 short block engine. Excellent. New highest efficiency radiator core. New tires. Some extra parts including orig. engine still running. Great tour car, veteran of quite a few. Runs very strong. Well maintained. Has proper cormorant. Looks magnificent. \$12,500. Max Fields, (602) 778-6055. Car in Prescott, AZ.

HAVE A SOURCE for key blanks going back as far as the '30s if anybody need some. Call BJ Hill, 530-1414

MORE WANT ADS...

...selling some cars to buy a Packard Twelve and Twin-six:

1941 Lincoln Cont Coupe, 60% thru body off rest, CA car, incomplete, \$6,500

1947 Packard Custom 7-pass (2126) sedan, blue/blue, correct rest, new wool, paint, chrome, woodgrain, wiring, glass, etc., etc., ready for tour or light show, \$30,000 invested, \$25,000 OBO

1950 Packard Custom Conv. (2359) RARE, only about 70 produced, rebuilt eng., Ultramatic. Needs restoration. ALSO 1950 Packard Super Eight Conv. (2379), needs restoration. Both cars for \$15,000

1951 Packard 200 Deluxe. Only 9,200 unmolested miles. Orig. tires, plug wires, whale oil trans fluid, etc. Jack still in box. This car has ALL factory inspection marks throughout and is incredible. \$15,000 OBO

1947 Cadillac Fleetwood 60 Special Fleetwood, 60K miles and beautiful. Black/tan int, all orig. \$9,500 OBO

1964 Rolls Royce SCIII, black with creme leather w/black piping. New chrome, paint, wood, leather, mouton rugs, CD 10-speaker hidden stereo, AC, pwr windows. Ready for tour. \$35,000 OBO

1980 Triumph TR8 conv. All original w/33,000 CA miles. Fuel inj w/tonneau, cover, alarm, stereo, etc. Car looks and drives excellent. Silver/blue. \$10,000 OBO

Call Harry, (home) (714) 699-6559, (work) (714) 699-3990, CA



7036 Hinson St.
Las Vegas, NV 89118
September 18, 1992

Dear Members of the San Diego Region of Packards International:

Ralph and I want to convey our thanks for your outstanding and phenomenal help in our first mechanical breakdown on National Tour. Your help was there within minutes after we were stopped "dead in our tracks."

Our emotions ran the gamut of helplessness, frustration, and disappointment, but that soon turned into relief and gratitude after your team jumped into positive action.

Special thanks to BJ Hill for her excellent administrative ability and personal concern. To Fred Perkins, who gave his expertise, time and attention to our situation, also his generosity. To Steve McNicol, for his willingness in giving his time chauffeuring us around. Also, to all for a very successful and varied National Tour.

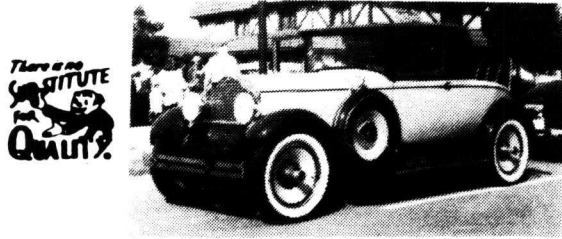
With best wishes and warmest personal Regards, I am,

*Sincerely yours,
Nellie E. Rapp*

P.S. The bouquet of flowers travelled across the desert to Las Vegas in our water jug and arrived fresh and beautiful. We enjoyed them for several more days.

LEMON GROVE PLATING

1400 CLEVELAND
NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA 92050



To Packards International Members:

Over the years we have established a reputation for quality plating, and a quality car deserves quality plating. I own a 1928 PACKARD Roadster and know the value you place on your parts. If you have a plating need, come in and . . .

Ask The Man Who Owns One

Mrs. Billie Rhodes

President

(619) 474 - 4424

Looking for a new home
for your PACKARDS?
(p.s. and yourself?)

As a PACKARD owner and Realtor, I understand your needs both for good affordable housing and ample garage space for your car(s). My real estate background extends back to 1964, and for over 12 years now I have been a full time realtor serving all of San Diego County. If you need to sell your present home, and/or purchase another, please call me. I can help you in an honest and professional way with all your real estate needs. My computer has the ability to pinpoint your exact requirements.

Ask the woman who owns one

Ginger McLean (619) 560-5114
Regatta Better Homes pager: 536-6882
and Gardens Real Estate office 224-2736



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Address Correction Requested