

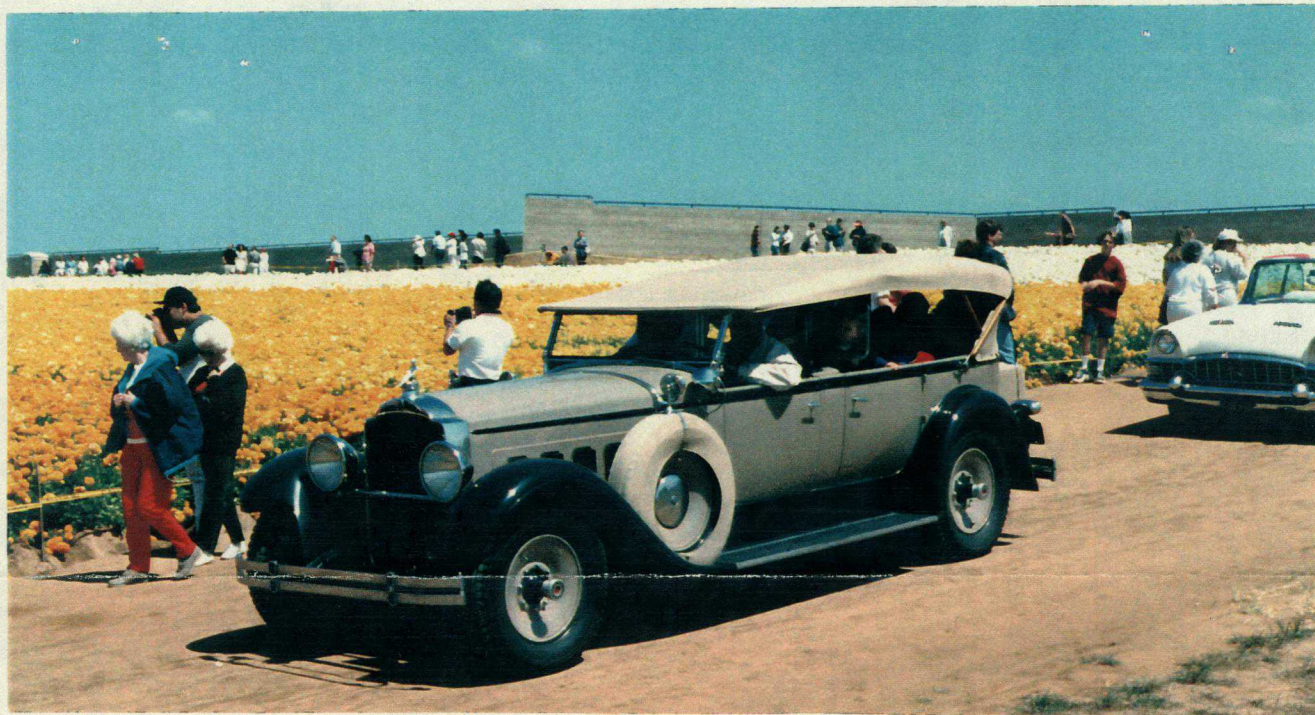
# PREDICTOR

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## IN MEMORIUM

DOROTHY DOUGLAS HAGEN

April 15, 1932 - September 12, 1997

Remember me with laughter and joy or don't remember me at all. We will be together as we had planned. God bless you all in your journey and your search for understanding.

## Service

Southbay Banquet Center  
Chula Vista Golf Course  
4475 Bonita Road  
Bonita, California  
1:00 p.m.

*November 1*

Parade of Classic Cars (parking)

Dixieland Band



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NO NOVEMBER MEETING

HOLIDAY PARTY

November 8, 1997

Scott Johnson &  
Ferne Coomes Home  
(see flyer)  
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Dear Fellow Packardites,

Our Dorothy Hagen made her transition on September 12, 1997 peacefully. She had family around her and made her trip to New York as she had promised herself.

She always said the party must be joyous with a dixieland band and so Dick has arranged just that. Take note of the time and date on the front cover and drive your Packard in her memory if you can. She would just love it.

We said our goodby's to Eileen Ambrose former member of our Packard Club. Joe is on a lengthy trip to family over the United States. We miss her.

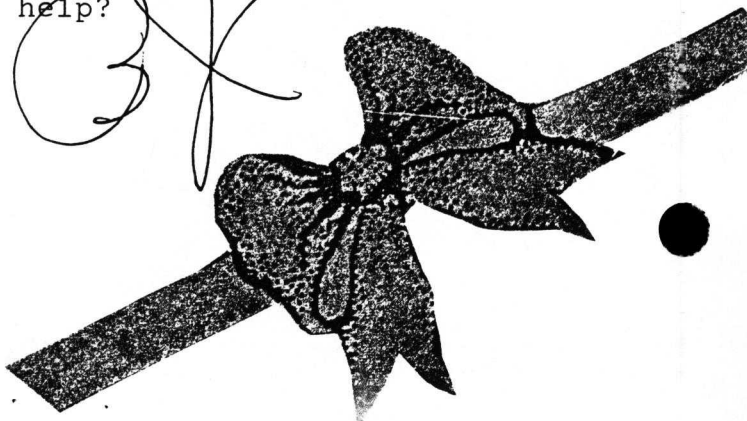
THE CHRISTMAS PARTY HAS BEEN CHANGED AT YOUR REQUEST. THIS YEAR IT IS A HOLIDAY PARTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 1997 AT THE HOME OF SCOTT JOHNSON AND FERNE COOMES. SEE THE FLYER IN THIS ISSUE OF THE PREDICTOR. DON'T FORGET YOUR WRAPPED CAR RELATED GIFT.

News about Craig Pearson. HE IS A WORLD CHAMPION BIKE RIDER. CONGRATULATIONS Another first for Chris Rinker in Palmdale Springs. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. THAT PACKARD HAWK IS GORGEOUS and is worthy! (Good paint job Fred Perkins)

Chris Rinker scores AGAIN - BEST OF SHOW AT The Remington Club Octoberfest. Tony and BJ Collins took 1st in BEST INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR and made the front page (IN COLOR) of The Rancho Bernardo Journal. CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE.

The Holiday Celebration Party will be the last time we are together this year. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday. Call the office with 1998 Tour ideas. It makes the club much more fun if we have places to go.

We also need a Vice President and Treasurer for next year. Will someone volunteer to help?



# Plan now for the first Packard

## Centennial

July 5-10, 1999

Here's something that happens only once in a hundred years, so you may not want to wait around for the next one.

On July 5, 1999, Packard owners, devotees, and enthusiasts from all over the world will converge on Warren, Ohio, for the First Packard Centennial, celebrating the creation of the Packard car where it all started.

All the world's Packard clubs will be there, with events open to everybody. There will be swap meets, tours of points of interest, and excursions into the fascinating minutiae of Packard history.

Each club is organizing its own activities and will have its own program, but everyone is invited to mix and match events to suit his own level of interest in the restoration, ownership, and enjoyment of the Packard car.

For Packards International members, it will be our 1999 National Tour. There will be some organized events, as well as unorganized events, and open time for members to get better acquainted with other members from around the world. Meanwhile, be sure to brush up on your French, German, Scotch and soda.

Imagine a Packard County Fair—that's what it will be like. Hundreds of people just like you, who love history, appreciate achievement and venerate the Packard automobile. There will be so much to talk about, we won't want to go home.

It will even be better than Hershey,

because at Hershey, we have to tolerate much non-Packard stuff. Here, everything will be clean, pure, untainted Packard.

We will be able to visit the site where the first Packard car was built in 1899, the Packard family plot in the Warren cemetery, the J.W. Packard home in Warren, the Packard Museum and Packard Music Hall where the Packard Symphony Orchestra toots their own horns and plucks their strings even still today.

Yes, there really is a Packard Symphony Orchestra, endowed in 1923 by W. Doud Packard, and it performs free concerts regularly in the Music Hall and city park during the Summer.

There are likely to be modern day entertainments as well, such as an excursion boat ride on Lake Erie, a tour to the Amish country, and for those who simply cannot tolerate cold credit cards, shopping in the ivory palaces of Cleveland.

The city of Warren is co-incidentally celebrating its 200th anniversary at the same time and will hold a big parade through town. All Packard attendees will be invited to drive their cars in the parade. This is going to be one historical moment, covered by the electronic and non-electronic media, and you'll want to be a part of it. Be sure your cooling system is ready for it. You don't want your radiator cap to pop off on CNN.

Over the years, Warren, Ohio has not changed much. Devoid of covered shopping centers and strip malls, life in

Warren is much like it was in the thirties and forties. Tree-lined streets of brick, frame houses from the twenties, and a slower pace make Warren a fascinating return to our childhoods.

Nevertheless, outside of town, progress has been surging forward with a vengeance. There are 26 hotels and motels, with an aggregate of 1700 rooms, within a 12-mile radius of Warren. Our own PI headquarters hotel will be the Hilton at Cleveland-South, a modern, five-story suburban facility with all the amenities of the present day, so you can bring your laptop and fax.

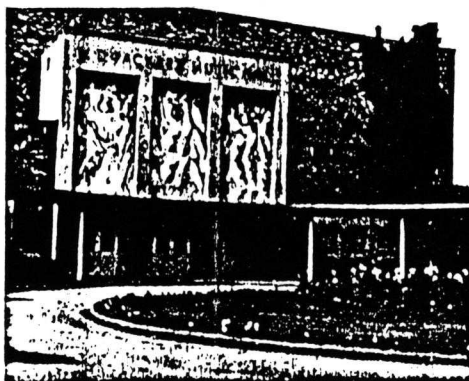
Our own Jerry and JoAnne Vinarcik of the PI Midwest Region, are making all arrangements and plans for us. And our PI HQ contact is ex-president Keith Alber, now devoting his time to volunteer work.

You could help them do their jobs by deciding early to be a part of this great event. Send a non-refundable \$15 with your name and number of people you expect in your party, to reserve space on the roster. This will ensure you have a hotel room and get you all the advance information for the event. No prices are firmed up yet for anything, but the \$15 early registration fee will be applicable to your final reservation.

And yes, the club does expect to earn interest on the float. But you may as well let that money work for PI as shrink daily in your pocket.

More information and final registration applications will be published in this magazine. Watch this space for further details.

How important is the early reservation? We're not sure, because we've never had a first centennial before. But the last time a Packard event close to this magnitude took place—300 Packards at the CCCA "Packard Experience" at Hickory Corners, Michigan, in 1994—some attendees wound up sleeping in a barn.



# H A R V E S T   F E S T I V A L

(replaces Christmas Party)

Saturday, November 8

6 P. M.

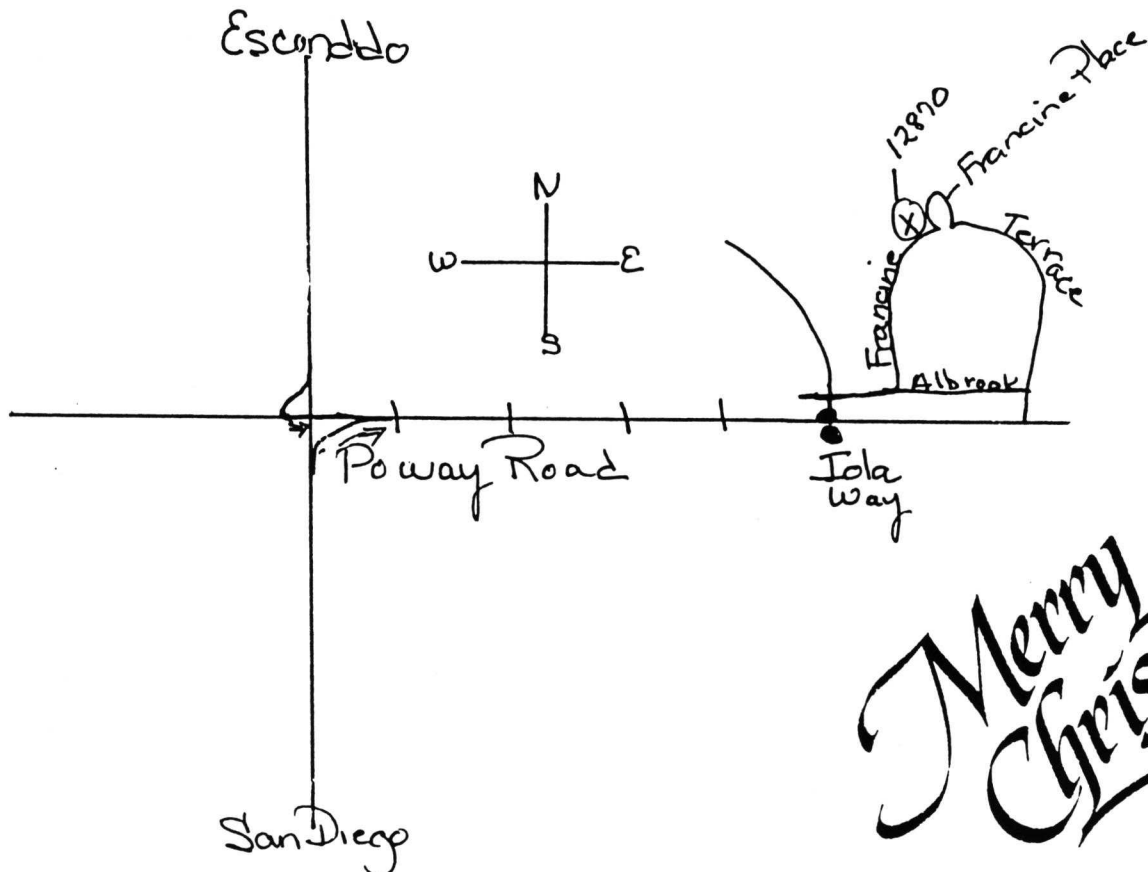
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Gift Exchsng: Bring a wrapped car related gift for the exchange.  
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Pot Luck: Last name of A-M -- Salad  
N-Z -- Dessert  
Remainder of dinner to be furnished by Club.

Directions: Take #15 to Poway Road east to light at Iola Way. Left  
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Terrace. Corner house at Francine Terrace and Francine  
Place.



*Merry  
Christmas*

RECIPES SUBMITTED BY JOAN KING

### STRAWBERRY SALSA

1 Pint fresh strawberries, diced  
4 plum tomatoes, seeded & diced  
1 small red onion, diced  
1 to 2 meddium jalapeno peppers, minced  
Juice of 1 lime  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil

In a bowl, combine strawberries, tomatoes, onion, & peppers. Stir in lime juice, garlic & oil. Cover & chill for 2 hours. Serve with cooked poultry or pork or as a dip for torrilla chips. Yields 4 cups.

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# PRESS BULLETIN

**CONTACT: Christopher Kersting**  
**PHONE: 202/783-6007**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**October 14, 1997**

*Note: Please do not publish phone number or address, unless specifically mentioned in release.*

## California Car Hobbyists Gain Ground on Smog Inspections

Diamond Bar, Calif.—Car hobbyists and related businesses scored a major victory when California Governor Pete Wilson signed SEMA-supported legislation into law last week. The new law (S.B. 42) will exempt older vehicles, including most "muscle cars," from the state's mandatory emission inspection program, moving the current 1965 exemption cutoff forward to include all pre-1974 vehicles.

Sponsored by Senator Quentin Kopp, the bill exempts all pre-1974 vehicles from the obligations of the biennial emissions inspection until the year 2003. After 2003, vehicles 30 years old and older will not require an inspection. The exemption applies to inspections required upon transfer of ownership and upon registration of a vehicle previously registered outside the state.

The legislation reflects the finding of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that most vehicles over 25 years old are driven few miles each year and represent a small segment of California's total registered vehicle population.

Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) President Chuck Blum commented, "We are pleased Governor Wilson has recognized the waste and inefficiency of inspecting older vehicles. S.B. 42 represents major relief for vehicle enthusiasts throughout California and should serve as a model for state legislatures around the country."

Other anxiously awaited legislation was turned back, however, when the Governor refused to sign a bill (S.B. 772) to reduce the burdens of Smog Check II inspection for vehicles equipped with specialty add-on and modified parts.

The SEMA-sponsored legislation—which passed unanimously in the legislature—sought to simplify certain aspects of the SMOG inspection procedure and end the common practice of referring aftermarket-equipped vehicles to special referee stations. The bill directed inspection technicians to inspect and test aftermarket-equipped vehicles before forcing them to undergo an inconvenient and unnecessary visual inspection. In a letter to the California Senate rejecting this legislation, Governor Wilson noted his agreement on the need to eliminate needless referral of vehicle owners to Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) referee facilities, but took issue with provisions that constrained BAR from conducting functional checks of the Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) and spark timing.

SEMA Vice President of Government Affairs Chris Kersting remarked, "The Governor's approval of S.B. 42 is cause for celebration. However, we are greatly disappointed that the commonsense approach of S.B. 772, supported by every member of the legislature, was rejected by the administration. We remain indebted to the bill's sponsor, Senator Maurice Johannessen, and the thousands of industry members and hobbyists for their letters and phone calls in support of the measure."

## Packard War Efforts for U.S.:

1. Packard Trucks in WWI -- first army truck-train in 1917  
(542 miles from Detroit to Baltimore)

12 deliveries to the Govt. in 1918

2. Aeronautical and Marine Engines

- a. airplane engines
- b. first 1000 hp aircraft engine
- c. first to build and fly a diesel aircraft engine
- d. PT Boat engines in WWII

3. Military transportation

Packard station wagon was wartime vehicle of  
General Dwight Eisenhower in London

Car of a Thousand Parades, i.e.: Charles Lindbergh NYC parade vehicle

## Famous Owners:

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Errol Flynn  
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Jay Leno



The Packard Motor Car, the American "Rolls Royce", was the largest (top) selling luxury automobile in the world in the years before WW II

The Packard was first built in Warren, Ohio, home of the Packard Brothers, James Ward Packard (5 Nov. 1863 - 20 March 1928) and William Doud Packard (3 Nov. 1861 - 11 Nov. 1923), whose leadership and inventive genius were instrumental in developing this automobile -- a true American Classic.

The Packard Family Coat of Arms adorned all Packards built after 1928.

Packard No. 1, the first car built, is still running and is displayed at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, where alumnus James Ward Packard endowed the university's Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Building.

The Packard Motor Car was in production from 1899 to 1958 -- sixty years -- (1899 - 1903 in Warren, Ohio and 1904 - 1958 in Detroit, Michigan).

Approximately a dozen of the Warren-built cars are still in existence. Classic Packards can be found in all major automobile museums in the United States.

Automotive Innovations association with the Packard Motor Car:

1. use of the steering wheel
2. H gear shift patent
3. automatic spark advance patent
4. production pioneer of four-wheel brakes
5. multi-color autos available -- "Special carriages upon request."
6. most famous car slogan -- "Ask the man who owns one"
7. first use of neon advertising signs by dealer (Earle C. Anthony)
8. a Packard dealer built the first filling station in L.A.
9. pioneer supporter of the Lincoln Highway national "good roads" movement

Packard Firsts:

1. exhibited at first US Auto Show at Madison Square Garden -- 1900
2. 1903 cross-country trip by "Old Pacific" (now at Henry Ford Museum)
3. 1908 first family trip from L.A. to N.Y.
4. 1904 speed record by Packard "Gray Wolf" -- first American car to exceed a mile a minute
5. 1909 first auto round trip from Berlin to Moscow
6. 1911-1913 first Packard Car round-the-world trip by Melvin Hall of Vermont
7. 1912 cross-country trip by Packard Motor Truck
8. 1919 first race car to travel 149.5 mph
9. Packard Cable Specials (Indianapolis) (1929 vehicle on display at the Smithsonian)
10. use as presidential limosine:  
Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, FDR (1938 armored car)  
Truman
11. only cars in the 1913 inaugural parade were six Packards
12. Harding was first president to ride to his inauguration in an auto (1921)



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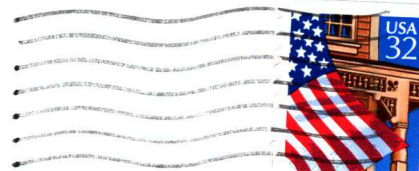
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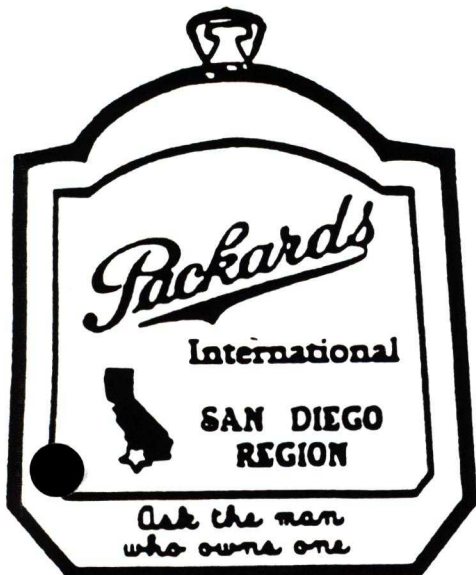
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## WANT ADS

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