

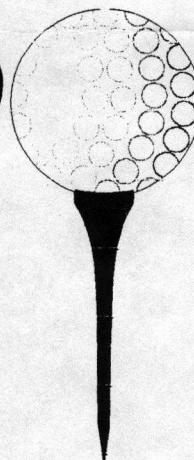
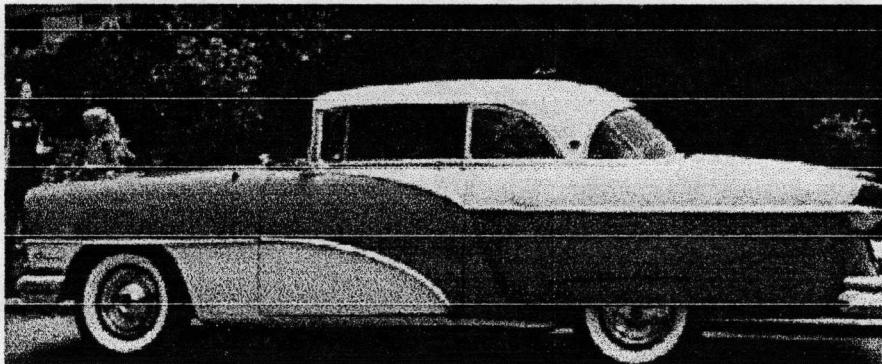
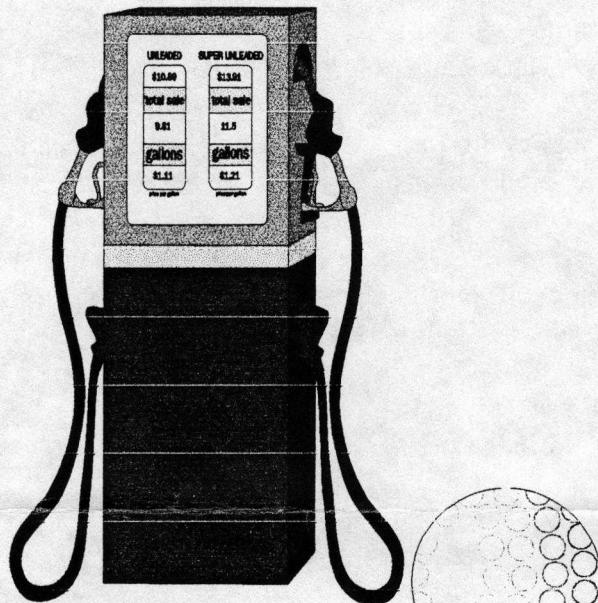
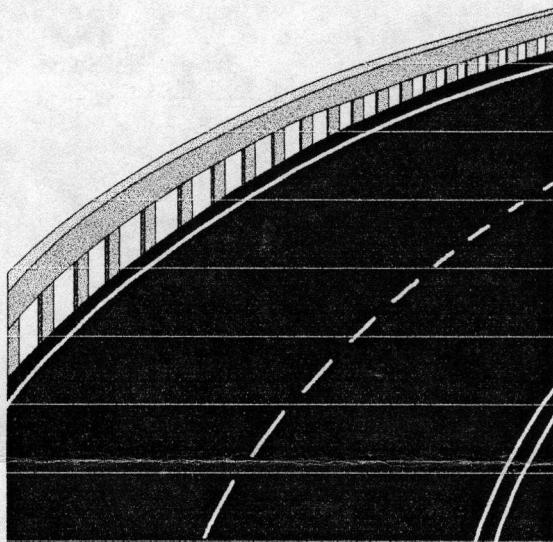
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**A HIGHWAY, GASOLINE, A CAR  
AND A GOLF TEE. WHAT DO  
THESE 4 THINGS HAVE IN COM-  
MON? CHECK OUT PAGE 4 FOR  
THE STORY BEHIND THEM.**

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## Oct 7th

Carrows Restaurant  
 9152 Mira Mesa Blvd.

Dinner at 6:00pm  
 Meeting at 7:00pm

The speaker will be Rick Wilson. After high school, Rick worked for Ken Vaughn and Phil Hill. Building a good reputation, he was soon involved in restoring many classics, including senior Packards. Today he is a partner in Xtreme Wheelz, a local international company that makes "skateboards" with large, rugged wheels and luge vehicles for competition. He was also a stuntman in Hollywood, good friends with Steve McQueen. He now resides in the Poway area with wife and children.



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Dear Fellow Packard Owners

The end of this year is upon us! The J. Paul Getty Tour is the last tour we will make this year. Only 4 seats left. First come, first serve and MONEY TALKS! \$25.00 each.

The Harvest Party is Nov 7th and we have a line on a beautiful place in Del Mar. Keep watching for detail Charlie and Linda were kind enough to invite us but events have changed in their household and we will go there next time. Thankx kids, it helps to have people who volunteer.

Checked with Dick Hagen and he is venturing out in Bonita but not going too far yet. He sounds good and will be with us as soon as he can.

Tony and I were in Denver Co on a ship's re-union and we stayed an extra day to see Tony and Claudia Acierno. They both say hi and of course, they would rather be here with us. They don't like Denver at all but duty calls. We watched Tony race in his Go-Kart. He came in third for an awa He says it is the only thing that makes him look forward to getting up in the morning except for Claudia. I think we will see them move back here some day. He sold "Green Fenders". He just wasn't driving it and he couldn't bear just looking at it sitting there. Claudia's sister is having a baby here in La Mesa in November. She says she will give us a call.

We are facing a critical time for the club. Some of us have served for many years and it is time for us to step down. Tony and I now live in Julian and when Thursday afternoon comes around we are gone to the beautiful country on the hill.

*Gas are due & payable!*  
 Check out the story on Colin Fort in this issue. What a story. Be sure to put some wooden golf tees in your glove compartment. It may save your life!

Stay Happy and Healthy and above all Love Each Other



# PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR CLUB, SAN DIEGO

proudly presents the

## G. Paul Getty Museum Tour

*On Sunday, October the 18th, we will board a Sundance Bus and visit the new, beautiful G. Paul Getty Museum. There are only 47 seats available and 6 are already sold, so don't be left off the bus by not reserving you seat early. Only 41 left!! The only way to reserve is cash or check, no phone-in's. Adults are \$25 and children 10 under are \$18. Mail your reservation and check/cash to BJ Hill right away. When the bus is full, "that's all she wrote"!*

### SCHEDULE:

- 8:00 a.m. Leave Park n' Ride at Hwy 5 & Gillman  
(wear comfortable walking shoes)
- 8:20 a.m. Leave Park n' Ride at Hwy 78 & Hwy 5 in O'side  
(fruit, juice and muffins on the bus)
- 10:30 a.m. Arrive G. Paul Getty Museum  
(ready to enter the front door/reservations)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own at the museum  
(several places to buy or bring your own)
- 4:30 p.m. Leave G. Paul Getty Museum  
(apples, cookies and juice on the bus)
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at Park n' Ride at Hwy's 78 & 5
- 6:50 p.m. Arrive at Park n' Ride at Hwy 78 & Gillman

**ONLY 4 SEATS LEFT!!**

The proceeds from this Regions tour will go to sponsor an entry of the Boys & Girls Club, Soap Box Derby for 1999.



## MY DAY by COLIN FORT

Last week on my way home in the Packard, a heart-rending sound of snap, crackle & pop developed. Amid 5 o'clock traffic I finally pulled over into a large shoulder area. Lifting the hood, I found the fan belt wrapped around the fan and "water" was pouring from a severed line.

Calling the Auto Club on my cellular phone, the operator insisted that the Panama was too heavy for the regular auto tow source insisted they had towed me previously and they agreed to send a truck in 20 min.. A half hour later, their towman discovered the "water" was gasoline flowing from a severed fuel line and he would have to notify the Fire Department, Hazmat etc. As he drove off, a Highway Patrolman radioed the Fire Department who entertained me during the 35 minute wait, by describing the classic car he was restoring.

The Fire Dept arrived with a supply of GOLF TEES, plugged the line, registered the details (to support extra budgeting in 1999) and a copy to Al Gore. I was patient since the car could have caught fire while my extinguisher was at home in the garage, I found a good spot off the freeway, and it wasn't raining.

The Highway Patrol called the Auto Club again and insisted they send adequate help. 40 min. later, a flat bed hauler arrived transporting my Packard to Bryan's Packard in Oceanside.

The purpose of my report was to indicate the fine help I received from other motorists. Several stopped (including one from my office and another a friend from a bank). Several offered use of cellular phones. Later in the week I met someone who inquired if the car was repaired and operational.

During our 40 minute haul; in heavy traffic, the towman told me about a 49 Packard his father wanted to sell. Using Bryan's business card, his father visited Fred Perkins to discuss his project.

Suzanne came to pick me up and 3 hrs. after the episode, I was home. The repaired car was ready for the Viejas Casino trip shortly later. While this is a fun hobby, it is not for the fainthearted but occurrences like this bring out the interest and support of many drivers and make it all worthwhile.

(Editors note- Please obtain several Golf Tees,(wooden ones preferred) and be sure to carry your fire extinguisher at all times- One in each and every car).



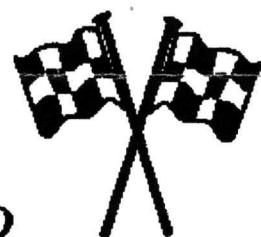


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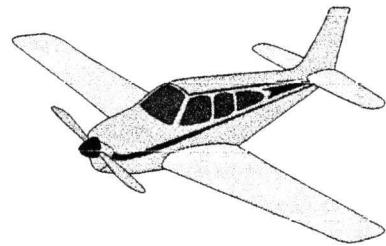
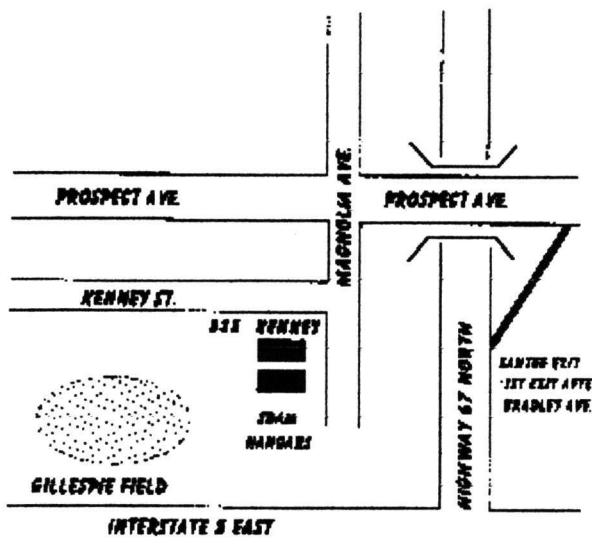
**CALL MIKE AT (619)545-4863 FOR DETAILS**

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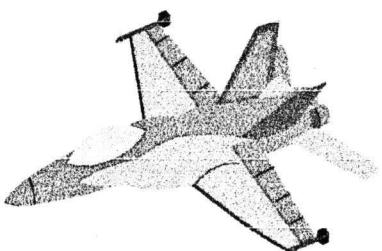
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A HARRIER, A-4 SKYHAWK, A-6 INTRUDER, A-7 CORSAIR II, F-14 TOMCAT,  
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 AND A KINNER BIRD

PLUS MANY, MANY, MANY MORE...

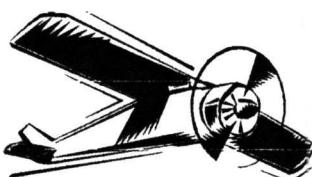


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