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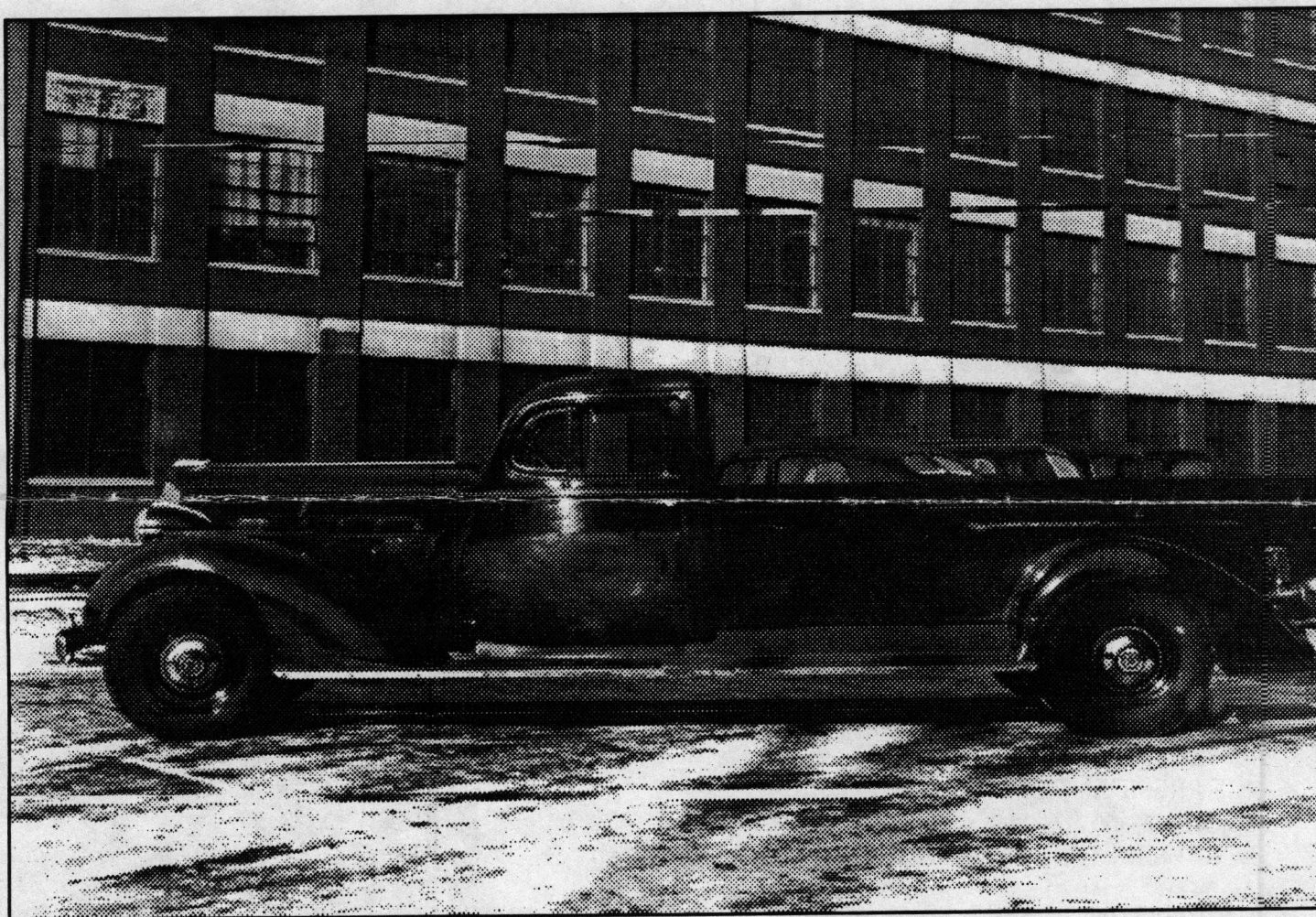
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Phantom Packard Pick Up

The cover photo this month is certainly a very unique vehicle (for a Packard!) This 1937 120c Pickup truck was photographed in the Packard factory yard sometime around 1938.

It appears this pickup utilizes the 120c front clip and passenger compartment from the B pillar forward, mounted on an extended wheel base chassis. The box was probably fabricated at Packards own body shop.

And what was it used for? Probably to move mail, packages and small quantities of parts and material around the 50 plus acres of the Packard factory.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It may only August but preparations for 1995 are already underway. Officer nominations will commence next month when the Nominating Committee meets. Those of you who would like to participate at the Board level this next year can let your wishes be known at the September General Meeting. The tour and activity calender for 1995 is also being put together. Your ideas, comments and suggestions on what to do and what to see in 1995 are needed.

Finally one event that hasn't yet appeared on the Events and Tours calender is the San Diego Concours d'Elegance sponsored by the American Cancer Society. IF you haven't received an invitation and you would like to enter your car, contact B.J. Hill at 530-1414 or see her at the September Meeting.

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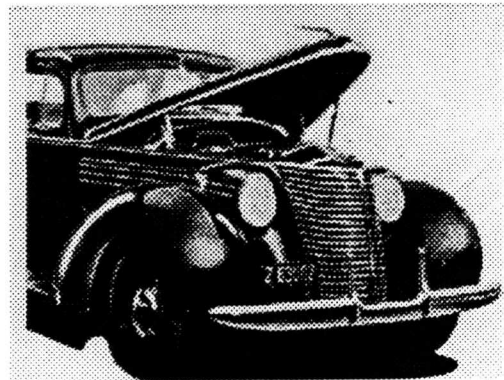
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EVENTS AND TOURS

SEPTEMBER 7	Regular Meeting Denny's Restaurant - 6908 Miramar Rd. - 7 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 10	Guy Woodward
Museum/Ramona	TL Joan King
OCTOBER 2	San Diego Auto Swap
OCTOBER 5	Regular Meeting Denny's Restaurant - 6908 Miramar Rd. - 7 p.m.
OCTOBER 8	Orphan Car Show/Studebaker TL Colin Fort
OCTOBER 13	Board Meeting
OCTOBER 16	Grand Salon/So. Cal. TL Steve Vegh
OCTOBER 29	Costume Halloween Party TL Carol Yunt
NOVEMBER 2	Regular Meeting Denny's Restaurant - 6908 Miramar Rd. - 7 p.m.
NOVEMBER 6	San Diego Auto Swap
NOVEMBER 5-9-NATIONAL TOUR TO DEATH VALLEY	
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS YET?	
ALREADY 18 ROOMS ARE GONE	
DECEMBER 4	San Diego Auto Swap



Mystery Car

Can you identify the above car? Come to our next monthly meeting for the answer.

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Peterson Museum

A preview of the all-new Peterson Museum in Los Angeles as well as interview with Carroll Shelby, Parnelli Jones and Wally Parks.

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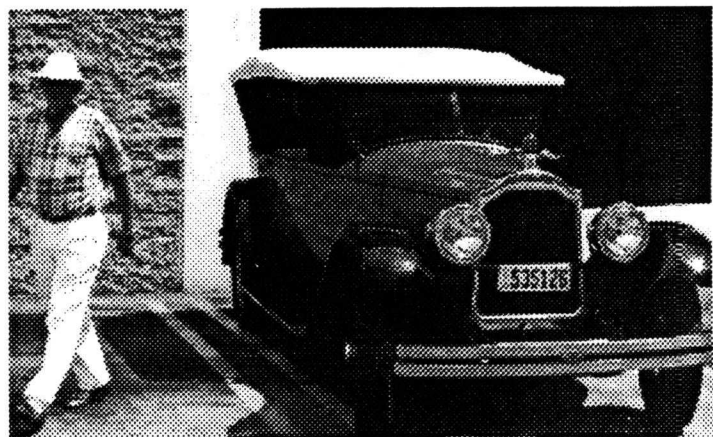


Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 children
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available.

Admission includes all day
complimentary parking.
free shuttle service.

Packards...

*out in force for the
museum tour.*



Orphan Car Show

October 23, 1994

Costa Verde Shopping Center UTC area - Genesee Ave.

Show: Next to Souplantation Restaurant

Starts at 9 a.m. Trophies will be awarded early afternoon.

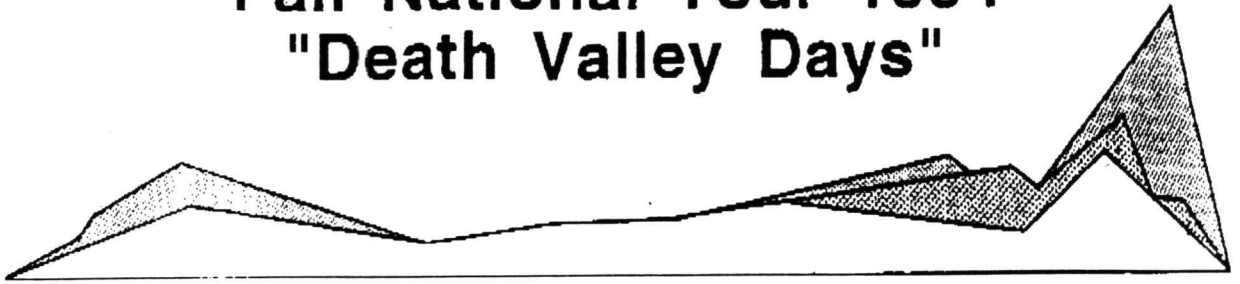
Vehicles: All orphan cars welcomed. Entry fee - \$10

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Fall National Tour 1994

"Death Valley Days"



The Southern California Region of Packards International proudly sponsors and announces the 1994 Fall National Tour for Packards International to:

Death Valley, California November 5-9, 1994

The primal beauty of Death Valley beckons Packard owners from around the world for the Fall National Tour 1994; five days of camaraderie, exploration, and fun in the grand, uncompromising Packards International tradition. The Furnace Creek Ranch will host what promises to be a unique experience not soon to be forgotten.

Death Valley! The name conjures images of vultures, bleached bones, seer and lifeless landscapes. To be sure, Death Valley can be a rugged and inhospitable place, especially in the summer. For many years, it held the record for the world's highest recorded temperature, 134 °F, and meteorologists still consider it to be "the hottest region in the world". Despite the summer extremes, November traditionally provides near ideal temperatures of 75 °F daytime and 48 °F night time.

But Death Valley is so much more than temperatures. There is a primeval and pristine elegance that cuts to the core of your emotions. Some visitors leave the valley having only seen the surface, wonder why all the fanfare, and long for civilization. Many more visitors look beyond the surface appearance and are changed forever by its mystical allure. They see the abundance of hidden life, the magnificent adaptability of nature, the uncompromising brutality and harshness tempered by an awe-inspiring appreciation of the forces continually at work and the fragility of man within these surroundings, the continually changing vistas without compare anywhere in the world. And they wonder how they can ever return to civilization.

There is no doubt that Death Valley is a place of extremes, from the physical (the lowest spot in the United States at 282 feet below sea level, the highest temperature ever recorded in the world) to the emotional (you either love it or hate it; there is nothing in between). Death Valley is truly a place that deserves to be experienced at least once in a lifetime. It is the sincere hope of the Southern California Regional Board that the planned activities will provide you with a view of the valley that is "below the surface", that you come to appreciate the special beauty of Death Valley, and that you come to this appreciation while having a "rip-roaring" good time with your Packard and your friends.

Most Californians will find Death Valley a day's drive or less away. "Out-of towners" can fly into Las Vegas and travel via rental car 120 miles to Furnace Creek. Fed by natural springs, Furnace Creek Ranch provides a extremely comfortable, amenity filled base from which to explore the valley; it also serves as an interesting destination in and of itself. While our itinerary will be an active one, there will be plenty of opportunity to visit the attractions at the Ranch and enjoy the spring fed swimming pool, the "lowest" 18-hole golf course in the world, the tennis courts, or the riding stables.

The planned activities for the "Death Valley Days" National Tour are outlined below on a day-to-day basis. Please note that this is a preliminary itinerary and subject to change. And rest assured that all of the roads to be travelled with your Packard are paved!!

November 5, Saturday - "The Tour Begins". Packard enthusiasts will begin arriving at the Furnace Creek Ranch. An organized caravan will depart from Lone Pine, CA at approximately 1 pm for a picturesque drive across the Argus and Panamint Mountain Ranges before our final descent into Death Valley and arrival at the Furnace Creek Ranch at 4 pm. A welcoming "Tour Kick-off" cocktail party will mark the official beginning of the tour. In the evening, a presentation by the National Park Service will provide an overview of the valley, including its history, geology, and wildlife.

November 6, Sunday - "The South Valley". Our touring will begin with a trip to the south end of the valley. Included will be visits to Badwater (282 ft below sea level), Artist Drive (a multi-color geological canvas of mineral deposits), Harmony Borax Works, Dante's View (almost 6000 ft directly above Badwater and providing exceptional vistas), and Zabriski Point (one of "mystical" points within the valley). Our day will also include a Chuck Wagon Bar-B-Que lunch back at Furnace Creek Ranch.

November 7, Monday - "The North Valley". Our trip to the north valley will include a visit to Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater (an ancient collapsed volcano), and the Ghost town of Rhyolite, Nevada. To make things more interesting, a fuel economy run competition is planned. In the evening, you will have the option of traveling via bus to Marta Beckett's Amargosa Opera House in Death Valley Junction for a presentation of her unique program of Ballet -Pantomimes.

November 8, Tuesday - "Relaxation Day/Optional Tour Day". A chance to relax. A car show display of our Packards at the Ranch is planned for the day. You will also have the opportunity of participating in one a number of optional side trips into some of the less accessible extremes of Death Valley including Titus Canyon/Leadfield, Salt Creek, the Sand Dunes, "Nature walk" tours, and a sunset drive to Artist Drive and Zabriski Point. The evening will find us gathered at the Furnace Creek Inn for an elegant Banquet followed by music and dancing.

November 9, Wednesday - "Departure Day" A farewell breakfast/brunch followed by sad goodbyes will signal the end of the Fall National Tour 94.

A block of 50 rooms at Furnace Creek Ranch has been reserved for participants under the name of Packards International; room reservations are being accepted at this time (phone number 800-528-6367 or 619-786-2345, rate \$82 per night + tax). For those looking for extra deluxe treatment, the Furnace Creek Inn provides accommodations of timeless ambiance and pampered luxury at a commensurate price.

Please watch this publication for further information. Tour reservation forms will be printed in one or both of the National Publications (the color magazine or the NewsCounselor) during the summer

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"DENISE AND BRUCE CHECKING IN"

JUNE 3, 1994

Greetings, All,

Finally, a note to all of you in the San Diego region. We had a difficult time trying to remember when Packard meetings are up here. We always thought about it when it was too late to attend! But we did get to a meeting, and it was good to see some familiar faces — Bobbie and Steve McNichols.

You all would laugh at their meetings, however. Talk about a "loose Cannon." No one takes minutes, no one is in charge of tours, finances or anything else of importance. They do introduce all around and tell of their Packards but most of them don't even own one! It's really hilarious! They do enjoy getting together and having dinner, though. And they come from miles away.

We had planned on taking the Bomber on an excursion when Bruce discovered that the water pump was leaking. We thought surely that someone in the area was a mechanic, someone like Fred Perkins. Wrong!! Salem is the nearest Place for repairs. What you do if you can't get the car down there, I have no idea. But luckily for us, one of the fellows said that he could put on one, so he ordered it and make the adjustment.

When we went to pick it up, the car wouldn't start! Bruce thought that it might be the battery so we bought a new one. Bruce installed it and still the car wouldn't start. Then we discovered that the battery cable wasn't even attached! All is well now but how we miss Fred!!

We are settling in nicely in our new "digs." We have a corner lot so there is much space. What grass was here was in sad shape so Bruce turned it all over and made a mound in front of the house. We bought some rocks (that's really against my religion!), about seven small trees and have planted a number of colorful flowers. We just had a concrete slab poured from the entry to the garage and a sidewalk down the side, through the gate and around the deck in the rear. There is a dog run for the poodles in the back. There is still much to do outside before we will feel like it's what we want.

We have three bedrooms, den, living, dining and family rooms, two baths and an indoor laundry. There's a built-in vacuum, security system (which we still haven't mastered), and air conditioning. There's a jacuzzi tub in the master bath which is good for sore muscles!

The season change was beautiful with all of the colorful leaves. It snowed a couple of times but it didn't last. We are way behind in our rain but everything is still green. It's marvelous to see so many pines.

We have made contact with several long-time friends when I used to live in Portland. The boss of my first husband and his wife and the widow of a fellow employee of Glen's, then a gal who used to work in my office lives in Vancouver so we have had fun getting re-acquainted after all these years. We are making new friends in our church, too.

Our daughter, Diane, has moved down from Seattle and has a darling Condo in Portland so we see her often. I really miss my grandchildren in Downey, especially the youngest one who is seven months old.

Bruce is working at the Riverview Abbey funeral home. It really cuts into my social life!! They offer good benefits until Bruce can go in Medicare. We both "worked" there last weekend to help people find their loved ones. It is a mausoleum only and has beautiful stained glass windows.

Didn't intend to make this so long — everyone will fall asleep if read at a meeting. We miss all of you, stop to see us if ever in the Portland area.

Love to all,
Denise & Bruce.

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The San Diego Auto Swap is asking that your club include our dates for newsletter, calendar listings, and/or run listings. We hope to have you and some of your friends to the next event.

Here's a few reminders:

- Any car club member may bring their car FREE
- Bring 6 or more cars and get a FREE vendor space
"Clean out the ol' garage"
OR
Have a RAFFLE at the show
to bring in extra money for
club.
- Got an event coming? Call we'll give your club
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Our FUTURE DATES ARE:

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Thank You

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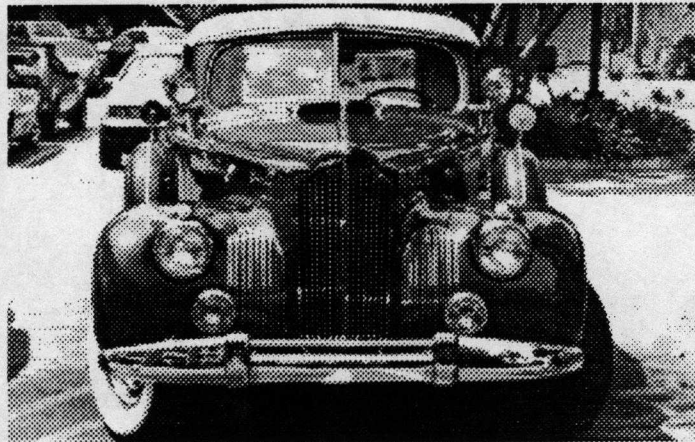
I would print a copy of my calendar for the last six weeks, but why waste the space. I've had meetings and appointments that have covered most of Arizona and as far north as San Francisco in California. Unexpected deaths of employees families members and one of my wife's students murdered, employees on vacation, and others that didn't come back from sick leave on time. One press broken one week and another down the next week all at the end of the month. Trips and personal vacations that have been canceled.... started working on a local slick cover magazine that is going to press as you read this.

Unfortunately, the paying jobs have to get done before my favorite charity...The Predictor!

The time needed to scan in all these photos, type the copy, layout and typeset the pages, and try to fit together a group of flyers and faxes into a professionally prepared newsletter seems to be greater than some may think. It just happens that the Predictor deadlines clash with my end of month closing dates. Since none of these deadlines can be changed, I won't be able to meet the publication dates requested for the Predictor. This will be my last issue as Editor. Thanks

SAVE A PACKARD TODAY!

David



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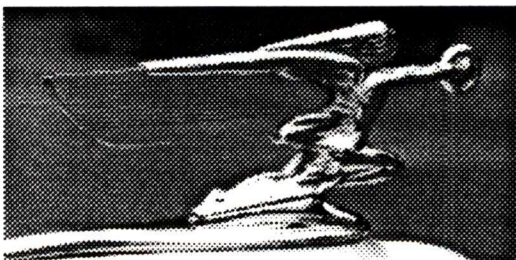
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