



PREDICTOR

The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego
- January 2021 -

Welcome 2021, nice to see you!, You are coming in at a good time, as you have nowhere to go but up. It couldn't possibility get any worse, could it?

GOOD NEWS! THE ISLAND PALMS HOTEL HAS REDUCED OUR ROOM RATE FOR THE PACKARDS BY THE BAY FROM \$140.00 TO \$129.00 PER NIGHT.



We have a full year of Packard fun planned and we are adept, flexible and turn lemons into lemonade routinely, so get those Packards ready. Y'all hear me!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBESHIP? IF NOT PLEASE DO.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Richard Schauer



At last, we bid adieu to 2020. I doubt many will mourn its passing. I raise my morning cup of tea in a toast to 2021: May this be a substantially improved year for everyone! Meantime I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and heartfelt Christmas holiday season with friends and family.

The plan this year is to hit the floor running, one of my father's favorite expressions. He had others, too, such as "meathead" and "dull tool", which he used when my brother and I did dumb things (a common

occurrence). Starting the year off right is the New Year's Day tour, organized and arranged by Catherine Woolsey. This marries lessons learned from 2020 to our desire to get our Packards out of the garage for some fun, enjoying each other into the bargain. Then if February is the Wash & Shine BBQ, which is more shine than wash (see flier). March 16-17 is the P. I. national membership meet. Although, a scaled down affair this year it is going forward. My personal favorite part of that event is the Sunday all-Packard swap meet. The swap meet always presents a great opportunity to shake hands with old friends (well, okay, bump elbows this time probably), make new ones, establish new connections/sources, and maybe sell a few parts. Then March 26-7 features the Mercedes-Benz sponsored Tequila Rose weekend getaway at the Borrego Springs Resort. Cancelled last year due to COVID-19 it is proceeding this year. In 2020 we learned that weekend events can be conducted safely, without compromising the wonderful times we share together. There is much, much more.

Speaking of that please focus attention on the information in this Predictor issue on the May 12-16 PAC Western Regions Tour. Catherine and Marjo are doing a great job organizing this whopper event. We want San Diego Region members to turn out in force to welcome fellow Packard enthusiasts who are devoting time and treasury to make the trek here. I urge regional members to call the Island palms without delay to reserve one of the block of rooms set aside for the Packard Club of San Diego.

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We are also looking for volunteers who would be willing to give a ride to out of towners during our tours, folks who, because of the great distance traveled, chose to fly here rather than bring their Packard. Interested members are asked to submit their names to Richard Schauer. As registrations come in from out-of-town guests we will be assigning people to locally owned and driven Packards. We also need members to volunteer for a variety of tasks to support the WRT.

I have been remiss in reminding everyone of the importance of sending your favorite photo of your Packard to Catherine Woolsey, our webmaster. She is lacking so many car photos, too many to name. I hope this reminder will result in a flood of pictures flowing to Catherine...she hopes so, too.

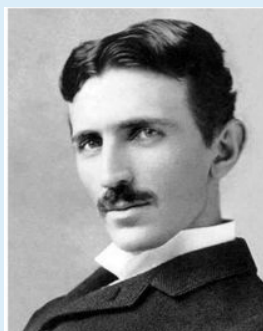
Another important reminder is membership renewal. Many of you have already received your renewal request from PAC for 2021. Please add your favorite region's dues to that list. The clock is ticking. An exciting year of activities is before us. We don't want you to miss a single one of them!

Without further ado let's get launched into our new year!



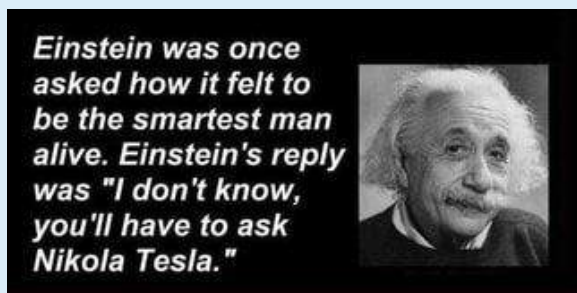
THE HIDDEN PREDICTOR. Discovered by Sam Judd, Esq.

TRIVIA



I don't care if they stole my idea...I care that they don't have any ideas of their own
Nikola Tesla

Ask the man who owns one
James Ward Packard



CHRISTMAS AND DETERMINATION



Santa, a time honored symbol of the holidays has been delivering joy for many centuries and numerous plagues, like the black death, wars, and other pestilences but, has never failed to show at Christmas time.

The Packard Club decided to give the old guy some help. As the year progressed our Christmas party appeared to be in jeopardy. As December approached, the party was still a go, and reservations were coming in at a good clip.

Then at the eleventh hour ***the fickle finger of fate*** points its finger. Two days before the party date, the power is shut off in Pauma Valley and was supposed to be off all weekend. Not to panic we held off cancelling; then the state talked about stricter rules for COVID. Not knowing when this was going into effect, we stuck to our guns. On Friday, December 4 at around 5pm the power came on. The Lazy H had about nineteen hours to prepare for our party. We were determined to have a party safely and we did. Was it fun, yep, one of our best.

Carol Ross and her elf helpers arrived well before the festivities and began to decorate our outdoor setting.



As usual Santa had the way well marked to get to the party.



Turn right on Santa Claus Ave, turn left on Reindeer Road and you have arrived.



The tables are set and the gift table is loaded, awaiting the Packards arrival. I eagerly waited for sleigh bells but, a smooth running Packard is all I heard.



Santa's decorating crew, Carol Ross and Karen Schauer, masked and unmasked.



Rick Carlson listens to the trombone playing Santa, held by Carol, play *When Saints Go Marching In*. Brian Wagner with back to camera, explains it to Tom.



Sandy Ruminer, Peggy Ramsing, Ken Ruminer, and Richard Schauer discuss the reason Richard is still sporting his Santa look.



Carol listens intently as Jim Woolsey tells her, "I felt the pain right here in my arm".



Rick, literally "the man black", as he wore nothing but black including the mask; chatting with Karl Ramsing. I know it is Karl because he is wearing his name tag.



Facing the camera is Lynn Strobel and across from Lynn is Rick Carlson, aka Senorita Lynn and Senor Don Riccardo, the Flamingo Team. Behind Lynn with the big smile is Susan Nadeau and in the red Christmas shirt, is Mike Nadeau. Karen, one of the elf team members, and Richard our Regional Director. If Richard had a black straw hat he could pass for an Ausbund Fater.



Lynn Strobel and Catherine Woolsey, behind those Foster Grants.



Voted the most sophisticated table. Sandy and Ken Ruminer, Karl and Peggy Ramsing and our resident scribe and keeper of the proceedings, Mr. Brian Wagner.



Carol Ross having a beverage as Henry delivers Tom his "big Orange Drink", while Jim Woolsey keeps an eye on the proceedings, along with Catherine and our newest member, Mr. Mateo Antonio.



Facing the camera with a big smile is Tom O'Hara, on his right is Carol and Steve Ross, Mateo, Catherine and Jim Woolsey.



The exchange went well and I believe only one person was unhappy and took someone else's gift. The times may have made us kinder. Nah, I don't think so, just the way we roll. The highlight had to be the gifting of a 1965 Cobra and a fresh out of the box, 1934 Packard Dual Cowl Phaeton.

Proudly displaying their gifts are Mike with his genuine Pearl Beer sign, Susan holding her Packard Lane sign, Lynn is not reveling, Rick has some car polish, Karen is very delicately holding a small white bag of ??

Richard has a BIG bottle of Grand Marnier, a befitting drink, and Karen is very delicately holding a small white bag of ??



Tom is happily smiling and enjoying his digital thermometer, while Jim helps Catherine unwrap her patio lights. The black box is Carol's Jim Beam Whisky with serving glasses.



Mike Nadeau displaying their Packard Place sign.



Ken Ruminer holding up his Mobil Flying A sign, Karl and his Cobra, Mateo with his 34 Packard and Mr. Woolsey, happy with his bottle of Patron Tequila.

Although this was a Packard party. there weren't many Packards there but, it was interesting to see what other cars the Packard folks drove.



Mike and Susan Nadeau drove their Jaguar badged as a V-12 but is no longer a V-12, as the Lucas curse has been removed.



Carol Ross drove her 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280SE coupe



Mateo arrived in his 1984 Mercedes-Benz 300SDL. The bird on Mateo's car remained with the car the entire time.



Mr. Brian Wagner drove his Packard, a 1941 120 Touring Sedan. This Packard has been in the San Diego Packard Club since the club's founding. Brian was rewarded for his efforts with a one-year membership in our club.

COVID WAS NOT ALLOWED



LA JOLLA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Richard Schauer

The fact that the La Jolla organizers were able to pull off anything at all is nothing short of a miracle. Obstacles were many, and the playing field was constantly changing. It is a tribute to Ann Kerr and Bill Kellogg that they persevered, kept the faith, and pulled it off.

Another important thing to mention is that community service is an important part of who we are...giving back. In past years this has taken many forms and shapes, but always rewarding. 2020 was not a good year for doing community service work with our Packards. As 2021 unfolds we will be vigilant, and if opportunities arise you will be notified.

The La Jolla Christmas parade started late, unfolded quickly, and underwent numerous changes. The biggest change was that this became my first ever "reverse parade". I had no idea what that term meant. What it meant was the exhibits in the parade were stationary and the spectators drove by to appreciate them. Starting it off at 1:30 was a true parade of sorts.



Santa Claus was escorted through The Village in Mr. Bill Kellogg's famous 1915 Packard Twin Six "Old Black Goose". An original condition car, the Packard has been in the Kellogg family since it arrived at San Pedro after traveling through the (then) new Panama Canal.

Seven Packard and vintage Mercedes-Benz automobiles fell into line behind Santa in his trek through the Village. Santa then split off and the rest of us parked on Silverado Street, nose out so spectators could obtain the best viewing vantage point as they drove by.

Brian and Diana Kruse in the bright red 190SL next to Carol Ross's 1969 280SE Coupe and Tom O'Hara's 1934 Dietrich Convertible Sedan.



Tim Pestotnik and his 1934 Convertible Coupe. Junior member, Jake Findley rode shotgun



Richard and Karen Schauer's 1934 Touring Sedan



Tom O'Hara's 1934 Dietrich Convertible Sedan



Mile Nadeau's 1936 120B Touring sedan

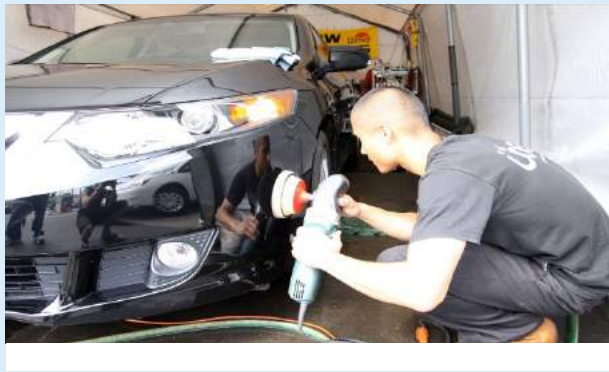


Steve and Tom discussing how to coordinate the mask with wardrobe selection



Oskar Kirsten and wife in their 190SL

Following up at the end was Don Williams of the Pierce-Arrow club driving his 1947 Lincoln convertible coupe. All the cars were top-notch and presented well. This makes four times in the last five years we have proudly supported the La Jolla civic organization that has organized this fine event.



WHAT: “Shine & Burgers”
WHERE: The Pestotnik/Woolsey Warehouse
120 N. Pacific - Unit G2
San Marcos, CA 92069
WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 12:00 pm

OK, no excuses.... You’ve got plenty of time on your hands to shine up that old Packard and show off the true beauty of your baby. Come join us as we talk about how to keep our cars in top shape and share information about products that truly are “the best.”

Please arrive with a clean car as there will be no water hoses available. You also need to bring your polish products, polish cloths, and a lawn chair to relax in after you’ve completed your exhausting polishing job. We will have some fun detailing our cars together.

After you have buffed up your doll, sit down outside and enjoy a burger cooked to perfection by Chef de Cuisine, Paul Santy, or bring your own lunch. During lunch, our judges will be carefully examining the blinding shine on each car. Yes, there is going to be a trophy for “THE MOST BUFF PACKARD.” Can you believe it!!! All cars will be judged together, but the owner must be present to win.



There is no charge for this fun event but please RSVP by Wednesday February 22, 2021 to our first Junior Member, Jacob Findley, at jcbfindley@gmail.com or 619.885.2134 so we know how many burgers, beverages, and ice cream bars to buy.





Mercedes-Benz Club



Packard Club of
San Diego



BACK TO THE ROARING TWENTIES



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 26

- 6:00 pm Reception

Saturday, March 27

- 10 am Gymkhana
- 11 am Rallye
- **6:00 pm Awards Banquet**

Sunday, March 28

- Auf Wiedersehen

WHAT YOU MAY SEE & DO

- See the Salton Sea - America's answer to the Dead Sea.
- Have the opportunity to seek & perhaps find the American version of the Dead Sea Scrolls, unlocking the mystery of the world's most informative Rallye.
- Hone your driving skills in the famous San Diego Section Gymkhana.
- Win Amazing Prizes.

• HERE'S THE SCOOP

- 2 Nights per couple: \$468.00 • Stay an extra night for \$182.89
- 2 Nights per single: \$426.00
 - Wonderful accommodations at the Borrego Springs Resort & Spa, all rooms are suites
 - Reception hosted the Packard and Mercedes Club Directors of Spirits*
- ***Since the Roaring Twenties was during probation and dry, Bring Your Own Bottle.**
 - Awards Banquet Dinner
- Great Prizes and Awards • Gift Bag • 50/50 Raffle

MAYBE NOT NEEDED BUT, YOU MAY STILL WANT TO WEAR YOUR MASK

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR RESERVATION FORM



Tequila Rose



MARCH 26-27, 2021

The theme for the weekend is

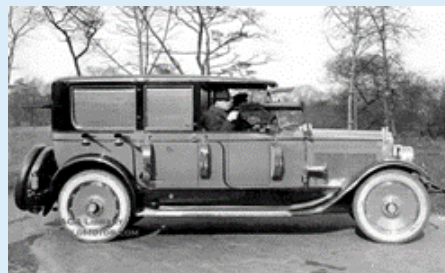
BACK TO THE ROARING TWENTIES

Cost

* Per Couple: \$468.00

* Per Single: \$426.00

*Stay Thursday or Sunday for
\$182.89 per night*



Cost includes a welcome basket
with priceless mementos of the Weekend

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: _____

AUTOMOBILE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF NIGHTS BOOKING: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

MENU SELECTION: Petite Steak ☐ Grilled Salmon ☐ Veggie ☐

Meal includes, mashed potatoes, Vegetable sauté, bread service and dinner salad.

Send your reservation desires to Steve Ross at 16151 Fruitvale
Road, Valley Center, CA 92082. Questions? Contact Steve at
inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925.

Please sign up soon as the accommodations are limited. The desert is
in bloom and very popular this time of the year

We need your reservations by February 25, 2021.

FULL REFUND IF EVENT CANCELLED



Packards by the Bay

2021 PAC Western Regions Tour May 12-16, 2021

Hosted by the Packard Automobile Classics San Diego Region

www.sandiegopackard.com

When lists of America's favorite cities are compiled, San Diego is always right at the top. It has sun, beaches, mountains, deserts, and the ocean right at its doorstep. And you can't beat the weather!

We would love for you to join us on the 2021 PAC Western Regions Tour in San Diego, lovingly referred to as "America's Finest City." This tour was carefully-crafted by San Diego natives and aficionados and offers a specially designed fun-filled week tailor-made to showcase the unique and diverse "San Diego Lifestyle." Each day will provide a rare insider's view. The \$25 tour registration fee is waived for out of town attendees bringing their Packards to the event.

The host hotel this year will be the waterfront Best Western Island Palms Hotel & Marina on Shelter Island (2051 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106), on the San Diego Bay. To book your room, please call the hotel directly at (619) 222-0561 and mention the "PAC Western Regions Tour." All reservations are first-come, first-served. Check in: Wednesday, May 12, check out: Sunday, May 16. Island Palms is extending their special tour hotel rates for pre- and post-stays.

Itinerary Overview

Wednesday, May 12

12:00 PM- 5:30 PM

1:30 PM- 2:30 PM

3:00 PM- 4:30 PM

6:30 PM- 7:00 PM

7:00 PM- 8:30 PM

Arrival & Early Bird Lighthouse Drive

Welcome and Registration at hotel

Technical Session: "Horrors of Brake Fade"

Early Bird driving tour to the Pt. Loma Lighthouse with panoramic bay views to Mexico

Welcome Reception at the Southwestern Yacht Club

Welcome Dinner at the Southwestern Yacht Club

Thursday, May 13

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

12:00 PM- 1:30 PM

1:30 PM- 4:00 PM

4:00 PM

Salute to America Drive

Breakfast on your own

Driver's meeting in hotel parking garage

Depart to the USS Midway Museum

Lunch on the USS Midway at Café 41 (lunch on your own) or return to hotel

Optional afternoon tour: Hornblower boat cruise: "Best of San Diego Bay Tour"

Return to hotel and dinner on your own

Friday, May 14

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

1:00 PM- 2:00 PM Lunch at the Encinitas Café, home of California's surf culture; return to hotel

2:00 PM- 4:00 PM Optional afternoon tour: Complete day's drive to line up for Packard Night at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand car show (dinner on your own in Escondido)

8:00 PM

Blue Pacific Coast Drive

Breakfast on your own

Driver's meeting in hotel parking garage

Depart for the Pacific Coast Highway tour, a special drive through quintessential California beach towns and exclusive Rancho Santa Fe. Coffee and cookie stop late morning

Lunch at the Encinitas Café, home of California's surf culture; return to hotel

Optional afternoon tour: Complete day's drive to line up for Packard Night at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand car show (dinner on your own in Escondido)

Return to hotel

Saturday, May 15

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM- 1:00 PM

1:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Centennial San Diego Drive

Breakfast on your own

Driver's meeting in parking garage

Depart for the San Diego Automotive Museum in Spanish Colonial Balboa Park

Lunch at the Brigantine in Coronado (on your own)

Optional afternoon tours:

Visit America's architectural gem, the Hotel del Coronado, site of Marilyn Monroe's 1958 hit "Some Like it Hot" and shop or stroll in Victorian seaside Coronado

Continue the day's drive along the coastline and return to hotel.

6:00 PM- 9:00 PM Farewell cocktail party, dinner, and awards at the Island Palms Hotel

Sunday, May 16

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

12:30 PM

1:30 PM

Hotel Check out and South Bay Waterfront Drive

Breakfast on your own and hotel checkout

Driver's meeting in parking garage

Depart for a tour of the Living Coast Discovery Center with its marine and wildlife encounters

Lunch at the Waterfront Grill at Pier 32 Marina (on your own)

Return to hotel

Registration form and checks are due April 15, 2021

Questions? Contact Marjo Miller: (619) 922-3754



Packards by the Bay

2021 Western Regions Tour May 12-16, 2021 Registration Form

Please return the completed form with your check by April 15, 2021

With the current pandemic of concern in planning our event, we have concentrated on selecting events that will both be safe and fun. We are staying on top of all applicable public health guidelines and will make any necessary adjustments to comply with these regulations. As there is some uncertainty as we currently organize our event, we are making the registration fee for The Western Regions Tour fully refundable if the tour must be cancelled. In that same vein, Island Palms hotel reservations are fully cancellable by attendees with 48 hours advance notice to the hotel.

Name: _____

Number in party: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list first & last names of any others in your party: _____

Packard Club Region: _____

Are you bringing your Packard? If so, please list year and model: _____

If not bringing a Packard, do you wish to drive in a San Diego Packard Club member's car? YES NO

2021 Western Regions Tour
May 12-16, 2021
Registration Form
(cont.)

	Lunch/Dinner Entrée Item No. and Count (e.g. A-1, D-2)	Cost/ Person	Number of Attendees	Total Amt.
Wednesday, May 12				
Welcome Dinner at Southwestern Yacht Club		\$65		
Thursday, May 13				
USS Midway Museum Ticket-Veteran		\$10		
USS Midway Museum Ticket- Senor 62+		\$22		
(Parking fee at the USS Midway is \$10 a car to be paid by drivers at time of entry)				
Hornblower Harbor Cruise		\$30		
Friday, May 14				
Lunch at Encinitas Cafe		\$20		
Saturday, May 15				
San Diego Automotive Museum Ticket (Senor 62+ or Veteran)		\$8		
Farewell Dinner at Island Palms Hotel & Marina		\$75		
Sunday, May 16				
Living Coast Discovery Center Tour Ticket		\$16		
2021 Tour Poster		\$15		
2021 Tour Polo Shirt (Specify M/F and S, M, L, XL or XXL)		\$25/ea		
Tour Registration Fee (for entire party)		\$25		
FEE WAIVED FOR OUT OF TOWN ATTENDEES BRINGING PACKARDS				
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE "San Diego PAC"				

Please make checks payable to: **San Diego PAC**
Mail signed registration form and payment by April 15, 2021 to:
Marjo Miller
1220 Rosecrans St., Suite 304
San Diego, CA 92106

By signing below, I hereby release Packard Automobile Classics and the San Diego PAC Region, as well as the officers and members of these organizations, from any liability arising out of my participation in the 2021 PAC WESTERN REGIONS TOUR.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Southwestern Yacht Club Welcome Dinner Menu

No-Host Bar

Note your choice and mark the item and quantity desired on the registration form

Served with SWYC House Salad with white vinaigrette, Chef's seasonal vegetables, assorted rolls, dessert, coffee and iced tea

- A. Chicken Marsala-** with rice pilaf
- B. 9oz. Roasted Pork Chop-** with apple chutney and roasted red potatoes
- C. Vegetarian-** Penne pasta primavera with marinara sauce and garlic toast, seasonal risotto

Encinitas Lunch Menu

Note your choice and mark the item and quantity desired on the registration form

Served with French fries and drink

- D. Hamburger**
- E. Turkey Sandwich**
- F. Vegetarian Plate**

Island Palms Farewell Dinner Menu

No-Host Bar

Note your choice and mark the item and quantity desired on the registration form

Served with mixed green salad, assorted rolls, dessert, coffee and iced tea

- G. USDA Prime Roast Beef-** medium rare casino roast with herb au jus and horseradish crème, garlic mashed potatoes, and seasonal vegetables
- H. Herb Grilled Salmon-** flame grilled Atlantic salmon with dijon and dill cream sauce, wild rice pilaf, and seasonal vegetables
- I. Vegetable Napoleon-** portobello, zucchini, spinach, roasted peppers, mozzarella, soft polenta and tomato coulis. Served with rice pilaf

2021 PAC Western Regions Tour List of Volunteers

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	Catherine Woolsey	760.525.1931	packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com
Saturday Event Coordinator	Catherine Woolsey	760.525.1931	packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com
Sunday Event Coordinator	Catherine Woolsey	760.525.1931	packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com

Half the fun of an event is the planning so we invite all members to join us in making the 2021 PAC Western Regions Tour the best tour ever. Please contact Catherine Woolsey at packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com or 760.525.1931 to volunteer.



BEING FOLLOWED HOME

S. Ross



Mr. Smithson, and a photo of this automobile appeared in a previous issue of The Predictor. New information has been learned about this Packard. It seems these rare vintage automobiles follow Al home, like a lost puppy. There may be some truth to that but, one must wonder how he gets away with it, and where does he keep all those cars? Being a gentleman, I would never ask him those questions. I think Al is a Packard guy but, he does keep close company with those other makes. Packard owners must, from-time-to-time, suffer the uninformed automotive masses that think it is a Pontiac, the second runner up was a Mercury. I have experienced the look on Mr. Smithson's face when he is asked

"What year is this Pontiac?"; an expression one could sell. I have to laugh, every time I think about it. Every fourth of July, remember that?; well It is COMING BACK!, Al served *Krispy Kreme Doughnuts* from the trunk of his Rolls-Royce, a Packard wannabe. I think he does that to show the King, who lost the war, is now serving sweets to the Rebel Colonists. I think it is only fitting that Al Smithson be named the, Adam Sanders of the **Krispy Kreme** name.

Oh yeah, the new information about the Packard depicts how the Pontiac tried to duplicate the advanced Packard styling. I also know the feeling when one makes a dumbass statement like "Was that a 300 Mercedes-Benz"?, and it was a Lexus! A mistake like that is taken to the grave.

These two Packards followed Al home a few years back. Not at the same time, however. Mercury copied the design and once in a while these Packards may be called a Mercury.



MEMBERS' CORNER

FOR SALE



1948 327 Packard engine for sale, complete rebuild, nothing left untouched. Call for details, Mark Ballerini 760.473.4224.

1938 Packard 6-Cylinder Engine and 3-Speed Transmission for Sale.

The engine was in running condition when it was removed from the car. It developed a knock which is probably a loose connecting rod. The engine has well under 10K miles on it since being overhauled about 4 years ago. The cylinder head was resurfaced and the cylinders were bored. Then, all new valves & guides and new pistons & rings were installed. The engine rebuild work was performed by Kenyon Machine Shop. The flywheel was resurfaced, and a new clutch & pressure plate and a new throwout bearing were also installed.

These parts are located in San Diego, CA. Best reasonable offer Contact: Jim Pardubsky
jampard@dslexreme.com 858.271.1929

OR Lance Haynes oldcars@lancedurant.com 858.560.573

LOOKING FOR PARTS FOR YOUR
PACKARD? GO TO sandiegopackard.com AND
CHECK OUR INVENTORY



Battery Box



Wiper blades

A sample of what have to offer
plus much more.



1941 Packard Clipper Bicycle

Unusual, restored.
Packard blue, with tan
pin striping.
New chrome &
tires. Packard
badge on steering
neck \$2,400/offer.
Jay Johnson

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jahjimp@yahoo.com



1952 Packard- 2 door Model 200-No rust,
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transmission. A project, but all the pieces
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WHAT HAPPENED? A PERSONAL OBSERVATION

S. Ross

It is understandable why automobile makers such as Peerless, Pierce-Arrow, and Duesenberg went out of business during the great depression. It was not because they weren't good cars, they were just too expensive, and refused to react to the market. But what happened after WWII? After the war, most, if not all, automobile manufacturers were in excellent financial condition. The public was eager to buy anything. My father paid more for a used 1947 Chevy than a new one would have cost. He had just returned from the South Pacific, with money, and he was not content to drive the 37 Ford nor was he willing to wait a month or so for a new car.

Nash, Hudson, Studebaker, Kaiser, Fraizer, and Packard are automobile manufacturers that are no longer with us. Did these companies go out of business because of low quality, unreliable, or perhaps public opinion? All of the cars were of excellent quality and had been around for many years. The Nash built a quality automobile; the six-cylinder engine was superior to the Chevy six in many respects. The Hudson, perhaps the best built of the lot, had a strong engine, handled well, and dominated the stock car circuit for several years. Studebaker was a dependable automobile. The Kaiser and Frazier were newcomers to the automotive world and were a good value for the money. Then we have Packard, and enough said about that. Most of these automobiles were in the same market as the Ford, Chevy, Buick, and perhaps Mercury.

In my opinion, these cars were "killed off" by styling and excellent competitors marketing, or as I like to call it, propaganda. Social perception played a role as well; what the Joneses drove played a significant role. General Motors, Ford, and to a lesser extent, Chrysler were the "in" crowd.

I recall the comments about non-big three cars, such as Nash, viewed as looking like a bathtub and not reliable and challenging to maintain. The public perceived Hudson as expensive, just too exotic and different, a nice car but not for the average man. The Studebaker was OK but underpowered and unremarkable body design. The most damning comment was, they were all oil burners, not as in diesel, but used a lot of oil, and they were all accused of using a lot of gas. When the Studebaker came out in 1953 with the new body style, the comments were, "Oh my God, have you seen the new Studebaker! Men could just not get their head around this American car looking like something from Europe. The Kaiser and Frazier were considered exciting, but most said, "I would not buy one." In rural America, where I grew up, men who drove one of these cars were referred to as John Smith, the guy who owns that Nash, Hudson, etc. Most still had flathead six-cylinder engines, which were considered obsolete, and the V-8 or overhead valve engine was the only way to go. A man in our community bought a Frazier. I am not exaggerating when I say that people spoke of Jake Clark and his Frazier as if he had a terminal disease. Everyone drove a Ford or Chevy, and if you didn't, well, you were not with the "in" crowd. A man in my community bought a 1953 Studebaker, which was the town's talk for several months. The conversation usually begins with: what was he thinking?! I must admit that I was influenced by styling; I did not like Nash or the Packard bathtub look.

It appears that marketing, media, and public opinion may have as much to do with a product's failure as does quality.



2021 Activities Calendar

Listed below is the 2021 calendar of officially sponsored events by the Packard Club of San Diego.

Also included are National PAC events sponsored by PAC or one of its regions.

You must be a member of PAC to attend officially sponsored events.

Occasionally, this calendar will list events that are NOT sponsored by the club or PAC, but are deemed of interest to the membership. **Those events are listed in *red italics*.**

Month	Event	Date	Tour Director
February	Wash & Shine with Burgers	Feb 27	Jake
March	Borrego Springs with Mercedes Benz Club	Mar 26-27	Steve
April	Highway 80 tour <i>Motorcars on Main Street Coronado</i>	Apr 10 <i>Apr 25</i>	Nick Fintzelberg
May	PAC Western tour	May 12 thru 16	Board
June	Gondola Excursion	June 12	Marjo
July	Leatherneck Museum Tour, Lunch at Torrey Pines Café	July 17	Paul Santy
August	Membership Welcome Party @ Tim's <i>Pebble Beach concours Aug 6</i>	Aug 8 <i>Aug 6</i>	Tim
September	Garage tour	Sep 25	Terry Knoepp
October	Palm Springs Fall Tour	Oct 8-9	Richard and Marjo
November	Garage Tour, Riverside	Nov 27-28	Bob Waner
December	Christmas Holiday Luncheon, Lazy-H	Dec 4	Steve



Are these Hollywood movie people? They are intent on something by the looks on their faces. What year is this Packard? Read all about it in your February Predictor