



PREDICTOR

The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego
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Amelia Island winner for most Elegant Packard is this 1932 Convertible, from the Ralph Marano Collection.

- **As noted in our schedule on page 18 we are dark in June and July. If you have any suggestions or know of a car function happening, give any board member a call.**
- **Cruisin' Grand may be back after June 15th.**

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Richard Schauer



**Happy
Father's Day!
Let's go for
a ride in the
Packard**

This month's Director's message is dedicated primarily to the many people who gave of their time to make the Western Regions Tour the huge success that it was. Mere words do not serve. Tour co-leaders Catherine Woolsey and Marjo Miller put in countless hours negotiating, preparing, directing, and coaching. A large team of volunteers stepped forward, everyone contributing time, energy, and their own special talents, resulting in a sparkling, positive event. Responses from guests overflowed with superlatives throughout the tour and long afterward.

This is as close as I will go to shaming our own members, but here goes: This was one of the biggest event we have ever sponsored, with guests that traveled here at great expense from five states, so why didn't more of you turn out to show your support? One shakes the head in wonderment. A great and unique opportunity has passed you by. For members who did attend, I feel certain you walked away with many wonderful memories. Let it be said and remembered that a core group of dedicated club members took time out of their busy lives to make the WRT a wild success. It is one for the history books.

Without a doubt exhaustion has set in. Everyone involved in the WRT needs a break, a rest, time to turn attention to other things. As a result, June is now an "open" month, with no events scheduled. The July Leatherneck tour is cancelled, as the museum is closed, maybe permanently. Our next scheduled event is the August 8 membership Summer Social, which is always such a great hit. Planning is in work for our fall weekend getaway in partnership with our sister club, the San Diego Mercedes-Benz Club, at Palm Springs. The event is scheduled for Friday-Sunday October 15-17. Look for the flier soon. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Palm Desert.

We welcome two new members to our region. First is Art and Robin Rosen, whom we met at the WRT. They drove down from Orange County in their stunningly beautiful 1954 Packard Panama 2-door hardtop. It was a pleasure getting to know them at the meet and we look forward to welcoming them at future tours. Next, we welcome Robert Irving and Julie Greenberg of San Diego. Robert just bought a 1930 model 733 coupe. We are eager to meet Robert and Julie and see their "new" Packard.

Happy Packarding to you all. Cruisin' Grand is scheduled to resume after June 15. We just might have to go! See you there.

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The hidden Predictor

The hidden Predictor was found by Bruce Duncan.

The hidden Predictor

HIGHWAY TO THE STARS DRIVE

S. Ross



Departing from the Welk Resort, we followed the Highway to the Stars to the mountain top. When the Palomar Observatory was built in 1947 the road built to transport the large lens was named the Highway to the Stars. Climbing from an elevation of approximately 800 feet, we climbed nearly 6000 feet before returning to the valley floor. It was a fun work out for the old ladies like Buttercup, and the Mercedes-Benz got to exercise their horses and test their suspension.



Before departing, we gathered for a photo of most of our adventurous party.

The Palomar Mountain Observatory was first conceived and went into service in 1928, and when the large lens, which at that time was the largest one in the world, was installed in 1947 and 1948, the observatory became the world's showpiece of astronomy.



**Janette and Bob
with Buttercup**



**Larry and Mary Lou
Johnson arriving
from Idyllwild in
their 1941 LeBaron
Brougham. A very
nice ride.**



**Terry Kaplan, who drove down from
Northridge in his E320 Class Cabriolet,
is standing next to Richard's Packard
observing the Kruse arrival in their red
SL500.**



**Steve is holding a thermometer to check
temperatures, but no one took it seriously and
he was laughed at. Like Rodney Dangerfield,
he gets no respect. One unnamed individual
even suggested it was a sex toy. I am
pleased to note, they were not in the Packard
Club.**



**Joey is
even
covering
his face in
shock.**



Mercedes-Benz President Diana and Joey C



The Ross' 560SL and Bob's S500



Patty and Diana



Time to climb the mountain. Richard Schauer's '34 Packard can be seen leading the pack followed by Lynn Stroble, and in front of Buttercup is Joanne Barnard in her SLK.



Joey, in his Mercedes-Benz, trying to catch Buttercup going up the grade.



Arriving at the Palomar Mountain General Store, L to R Pete Lobner in his BMW, Joanne Barnard's SLK, Miguel Koenig's AMG GTC roadster, Bob's S500, and Leigh's 1941 180 Packard.



The Post Office. Rather quaint, rustic, and small.





Lynn Strobel's E420 next to Richard's 1934 Packard Touring Sedan.

The haze you may notice in the photos is clouds as we were at about 5700 feet altitude.

Pete Lobner's BMW, Joanne's SLK and Miguel Koenig's AMG GTC Roadster Miguel and Jim Stewart are comparing their AMG GTC Roadsters. I bet it was fun coming up the mountain in those machines



More arrivals are Joanne Barnard, Miguel, Jim, Janette and Mary Lou. The General Store had interesting souvenirs knick knacks, and food for those who were in need of nourishment. I was famished so bought a bag of potato chips, sea salt no less, and they were tasty

After exploring and talking to some senior motorcycle riders we proceeded back down the mountain for lunch.



Our photographer, Carol, was posted on one of the curves taking photos of the Packards and Mercedes-Benz coming down the mountain. Some brand-X cars got in the photos, but most were photo-shopped out.



Joanne and her SLK



Terry Kaplan driving his E320 Cabriolet



Jim and Patti give a wave followed by Miguel, both driving their AMG GTS Roadsters



Bob and Janette in turn seven



Gary Kies takes the curve in his SLK350



Jim Stewart approaching the apex



Diana Kruse finishing the first part of the curve



Jim and Catherine Woolsey in their Packard V-12 Limo, no stranger to mountain roads



Rudy and Rose in their ML pass by Carol's 560SL



Here come Richard and Karen. The Motorhome pulled over to give them the road, at least that is what I believe.



Rick Carlson left the family Packard home and drove his Lotus. Our tours seem to attract drivers who like to drive their non-family cars

There was plenty of majestic scenery to enjoy on the drive



Our journey ended at the Lazy H Ranch in Pauma Valley, where lunch was ordered off the menu. Prime rib was available for those who were hungry. Perhaps not appropriate but, I must say this establishment is noted for its prime rib, served only on weekends. However what the Lazy H is famous for are the Margaritas.

The man who makes them is Henry and he has been doing it for close to fifty years. They are premixed by the gallon and as far as I can determine no one has his recipe. Even if you don't like Margaritas, give them a shot. I did and am hopelessly hooked.



Finally found a happy group laughing and having fun.

Smiling like the Cheshire cat that drank the milk is Mr. Mateo, along with Ms. Carol, and Ms. Lynn. Interesting note, all three belong to both the Packard Club and the Mercedes-Benz Club. Behind them are more of our happy group and we will hear about them later.



Here is a happy couple for sure: Mary Lou and Leigh Johnson. They drove down from Idyllwild to join us and that makes us feel like we are "gettin' 'er done"



Happy couples seem to be in abundance. This happy pair is Pete and Jen Lobner.



Joanne appears to be smiling all alone, but she is not alone. She always brings cheer to the party!



Mary Lou, Leigh, Janette, and Bob



Miguel, Jim and Patti wearing a big smile. Sometimes we catch people between smiles



Joey and Debra are definitely having fun. The grumpy ol' guy with arms crossed, holding his left elbow is having a hard time being happy. The reason: while attempting to get a photo of the Lotus, I tripped over a tree root and fell, skinning my left elbow. I am doing my best to keep the other guests from seeing the awful wound. Oh, by the way, I did not spill my Margarita!



At this table are leaders of our clubs. Typically the two leaders are never seated together; if a calamity struck the leadership of the Packard Club of San Diego and the San Diego M-B Section would be wiped out and well who knows.....

The hands belong to Jim Woolsey. Next to the hands are Richard Schauer, Regional Director of the Packard Club of San Diego, Brian Kruse, Diana Kruse, President of the San Diego Mercedes-Benz Section, Rudy Wokoek and Rose Bolton.



Rose Bolton, Catherine and Jim Woolsey and Richard Schauer.



After lunch, everyone lingered outside discussing the event. Jim Stewart is talking with Richard Schauer, Debra and Joey have a to-go box as does Lynn Stroble.



Patti is probably waiting on Jim.

Joey taking close-up inspection of the Lotus. Yours truly received his wound taking this photo.



Leigh and Mary Lou head for Idyllwild. There were four Packards on the drive in case you weren't counting.

This was very nice drive up the mountain according to the people who joined us. I sincerely wish more of our club was able to join us. As you all must know, I am an advocate of driving these wonderful cars.



THE END OF SUMMER BBQ

We are invited to join the Mercedes-Benz Club and others for a Barbeque at the home of Bob Gunthorp.

WHERE: 2176 Leon Ave, San Diego, CA

WHEN: Saturday September 18, 2021

TIME: 10:30, lunch will be served at noon

COST: \$30.00 per person

MENU: Smoked Beef Brisket, and Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Green Salad with Dressing, Cornbread, and Chocolate Chip Cookies.

Drinks: Water and Iced Tea. Wine is encouraged, bring your own.

Please RSVP to Bob at badwrench7@cox.net or, 619-552-3311 by September 13, 2021

As many of you know Bob has an extensive collection of Mercedes-Benz automobiles. Many are rare models.



SOME PACKARDS AT AMELIA ISLAND



1932 903 DELUXE VICTORIA AMERICAN CLASSIC AWARD



WINNER OF AMERICAN LIMITED PRODUCTION.

In 1953 Packard developed the top of the line Caribbean in response to GM custom convertible cars....Cadillac, Eldorado, Buick Skylark, and

Oldsmobile Fiestas. Packard sent 750 standard convertibles to the firm of Mitchell-Bentley to be customized into Caribbeans. The hood was given a scoop, all wheel openings were enlarged, and the rear was lengthened. This Caribbean is the only one with a two-piece removable hard top.

Winner of American Limited production convertible, the 1954 Packard convertible.



This 1940 Darrin 180 Victoria winner American Classic 1933 to 1948. This Packard about made my my heart stop. It is really nice!

R&M AUCTION



This 1936 Packard V-12 sold for \$224,000.



1936 V-12 Sport Phaeton went to a new owner for \$600,000.



1941 Packard Darrin 180 Convertible Phaeton, estimated to sell for \$275,000 to \$325,000, was a no sale. Could it be the color? It was pretty bad in my opinion and I overheard a few comments about it.

The Amelia Island show this year was down about 25% in cars, in my opinion and I believe the R&M auction was down about the same in the number of cars at auction. Several vendors were also missing. The Ritz-Carlton Hotel was also very strict on COVID requirements, although the rest of Florida was pretty much back to normal.

MEMBERS' CORNER

FOR SALE



1948 327 cu. in. 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 throw out bearing were also installed.

These parts are located in San Diego, CA. Best reasonable offer. Contact: Jim Pardubsky jampard@dslexxtreme.com 858.271.1929
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AND CHECK OUR INVENTORY



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shield

Wiper blades



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plus much more.



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Unusual, restored. Packard blue,
with tan pin-striping.
New chrome & tires. Packard badge
on steering neck
\$2,400/offer. Jay Johnson
626.780.6397.



1952 Packard- 2 door Model 200-No
rust, very straight body. No engine or
transmission. 626.780.6397.

A project, but all the pieces are
there. \$1,000. Jay Johnson
jjmp@yahoo.com

FOR SALE **1936 PACKARD MODEL 120 SEDAN**



- * RESTORED IN 1999 * TRANSMISSION REBUILT BY JIM WOOLSEY IN 2019
- * RADIATOR REBUILT IN 2019 BY BUD'S RADIATOR IN LA JOLLA * HAS GOOD CHROME
- * PEARL WHITE EXTERIOR * CAMEL INTERIOR
- * SOME EXTRA PARTS INCLUDING LUGGAGE RACK THAT NEEDS TO BE RE-CHROMED

THIS PACKARD HAS 74,304 MILES ON IT

ASKING \$48,000 OR BEST OFFER

CONTACT NANCY WERBER @ 619.887.9336

FOR SALE 1932 PACKARD "901" Sedan



1932 Packard "901" Five Passenger Sedan. 100 point show car, many trophies and awards, excellent condition, kept in outstanding condition, expertly maintained and driven often. Recent illness requires sale. Priced conservatively at \$50,000. B. J. Hill 760.271.7953. E-Mail: twopackards@swcp.com.

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



The winner for identifying the 1932 Chevrolet Confederate first was Bruce Duncan. Bruce was followed closely by Larry Finch and Mark Burnside.

THE MYSTERY CAR FOR MAY IS THIS BEAUTY



This was one of the fastest cars made in the USA when it hit the market, capable of 100 mph.

Give us the manufacturer, year, and model to win the coveted Chicken Dinner. Name of this automobile is not politically incorrect.

Become a respected authority on automobiles in your house and throughout the automotive world by winning the Chicken Dinner Award! Win this prestigious award by sending to Steve Ross the make, model and year of this automobile.

****CHICKEN DINNER RULES: CONTESTANTS MAY ONLY WIN 2 CHICKEN DINNERS PER CALENDAR YEAR**

Even if you have won your allotted limit, please guess anyway...and if you're correct, the editor will buy you a big orange drink at our next event

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*.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tour Director</u>
June	<i>Possible Cruisin' Grand, stay tuned.</i>	After June 15	
July	DARK		
August	Membership Summer Social @ Tim's <i>Pebble Beach Concours Aug 15</i>	Aug 8 <i>Aug 15</i>	Tim
September	Garage tour Bob Gunthorp BBQ	Sep 25 Sep 18	Terry Knoepp
October	Palm Springs Fall Tour	Oct 15-17	Richard and Marjo
November	Garage Tour, Riverside	Nov 27-28	Bob Waner
December	Christmas Holiday Luncheon, Lazy-H	Dec 4	Steve



NorCal members Jay Hubbard and Christopher Slater, both Western Regions tour participants, next to the 1937 Hispano Suiza that Jay brought out from the National Automobile Museum in Reno, NV. Jay was also a judge.