# THE PREDICTOR







The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego
-JANUARY 2024-

**UPCOMING ITEMS OF INTEREST** 

Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the IHOP restaurant located in Rancho Bernardo, CA at 16759 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, CA. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Please arrive early if you plan to dine. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Have you renewed your membership with PAC and Packard Club of San Diego? If not, please do. We need you.

- Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, we are having brunch at Pehoe's in Coronado. Perhaps a walk on the beach after dining to get the blood flowing.
- Mardi Gras is happening in February. This was a BLAST a couple of years ago.
- Our Hidden Predictor and Identify the Mystery Car games start anew this year. We think you can still buy one Chicken Dinner for \$25.00, but maybe not for long
- For our Packard automobiles, to modify the slogan "Keep 'em Flyin'" to "Keep 'em Runnin'".

# RING IN THE NEW YEAR With a Brand Spankin' New Luxury Automobile Featuring the top of the line in innovation and quality you have come to expect over the years. Discover the satisfaction thousands of proud owners already have, in the brand new Packard Eight Super-Eight Twelve. Just telephone your local Packard dealer. PACKARD NEW STYLE PRO BOLD

2024 is here and wishes go to everyone to have a Happy New Year. It is a leap year and an election year. I am proud to once again be named Regional Director of this fine club. Every member deserves the very best from their leaders and I'm here to tell you that we have perhaps the finest board ever! Many of you know and are friends with our board members, but many more of you have never met most of our leadership. The skill, experience, and commitment of our board is the best bar none.

If you have not already reviewed our 2024 calendar of events, please do so. Ideas were solicited from members and we have listened once again. Some exciting things are in store for us this year as we continue to have the busiest schedule of any car club in the San Diego area. Come join us. Bring your Packard. If your Packard is not running drive your Brand-X car, but please come. First out of the gate is the January 14 New Years Brunch at Peohe's on Coronado. The food, location, and friends gathered there simply cannot be beat! See the application in this Predictor and get your reservation sent off to Steve Ross right away!

A number of members have ailing Packards. This is not uncommon occurrence, to which most of us can attest. I am aware of just some of the issues people are having. Nearly all of us can say "Been there, done that". You know how we like to "brag" when a lengthy project is completed resulting in a Packard being back on the road. It is a big deal. Everyone enduring the time, expense, work, and frustrations that come from a big repair project needs to be recognized. Our Packard cars are not getting any younger (hmmm, neither are we). So, look for good news in coming Predictor newsletters.

I conclude with this: Have a great year, and get that Packard of yours out on the road!

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Sam Judd spotted the hidden Predictor.

Beware, the hidden Predictor could be anywhere.



### PRESIDENTS AND THEIR AUTOMOBILES

**FDR (truth or myth?):** First president to use an armored car. December 8, 1941 FDR was going to congress to deliver the declaration of war address. Fearing for his safety, a vehicle equipped with protective armor was deemed necessary. Since the Secret Service had no armored vehicles, they borrowed Al Capone's 1928 Packard from the Treasury Department. There is compelling evidence that this never happened. Reports from that era refer to the car as a 1928 Packard and others as a 1928 Cadillac. Photos from that time show both Packard, Cadillac, of different model years. One photo depicts FDR in Al's armored Cadillac. Problem is, it is a 1939 Cadillac and Al was in Alcatraz at that time and he had no need for a late model armored car.

For claimed factual data, go to <a href="https://www.myalcaponemuseum.com/id196.htm">https://www.myalcaponemuseum.com/id196.htm</a>. Oh, all this Information was obtained on the internet and Facebook so, just sayin'.



**1921:** President Warren G. Harding, the first president to ride to the inauguration in an automobile. The automobile was a 1921 Packard Twin Six, on loan for the occasion from the Republican National convention. Harding was the first president who could drive a car, and he was reportedly a Packard man.

The semi-official ride for the president was the Pierce-Arrow, as that is the automobile often photographed when he was being transported in an official Presidential affair.

## **CHRISTMAS GALA REPORT**

Fun loving, happy Packard Club members and family arrived in a festive mood at the Lazy H Ranch for our annual Christmas end of year celebration. As usual we filled up the John Wayne room to dine on Prime Rib of Beef, Sea Bass, and culinary vegetable selections. John

would have been proud.

Carol Ross and the crew of eager helpers decorated the entire area with appropriate holiday decorations. Tom O'Hara, Richard and Karen Schauer and others assisted in decorating.



Snoopy and friends waiting to greet.



The table loaded with presents to be claimed and perhaps reclaimed.



Ken and Sandy Ruminer drove from Lakewood to join the party.



Amy and Gary Marchetti.



Hiroko and Mark Ballerini.

### **GUYS AND GAL**



L to R: Tom O'Hara, Rick Carlson, Tim Pestotnik, Richard Schauer, Brian Wagner, and Gary Marchetti.



L to R: Kathy Santy, Peggy Ramsing, Lynn Strobel and Sandy Ruminer.



Jamie Woolsey and her boys, L to R Mason, Everett, and Jameson.



Catherine and Jim Woolsey and their grandsons, Everett and Jameson.



Susan and Mike Nadeau.

# **SOCIALIZING ON THE PATIO**





Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson with Ken Ruminer, Leigh and Mary Lou came down from Idyllwild in their 1956, 400 Packard.



Paul Santy and Phil Pizzuto.



Hiroko Ballarini, Brian Wagner and Amy Marchetti.

# **READY TO DINE ON PRIME RIB OF BEEF**







Woolsey grandchildren; Everett, Jameson, Jamie (the Mom), Everett and Mason.



The best smile award, Phil Pizzuto, Brian Wagner and Mary Lou Johnson.



Cuties couple award goes to Mike and Susan Nadeau.



Most happy and loving award, Tom O'Hara, Karen and Richard Schauer,



Karl and Peggy Ramsing.



Catherine and Jim Woolsey.



Hiroko and Mark Ballerini.

#### THE HIGH LIGHT OF THE PARTY-THE GIFT EXCHANGE



A lot of activity here, Tom is unwrapping, Paul standing, wearing reindeer antlers, is looking, and Brian Wagner is headed for the gift table. In the background Lynn and Rick are making a plan?



Tom contemplating his next move. The perfumed lotion may not be his scent.





Mike rises to pick up gift

Susan says hold up, I want Amy's candle holder.



Susan steals candle holder and Amy heads for the table. Mark Ballerini closes eyes and sees nothing. Please don't get the impression that this was an isolated incident. It was common place but, this was the one that got filmed. I got a really nice soft down blanket that I figured would not last but, it did! I think this crowd may have taken pity on a poor old man just days away for his birthday. You believe that? Don't, this bunch would steal from their Mother!



The Packard folk had a fun, heart warming party, and we are looking forward to the New Year and next year's Christmas, Holiday, Year-end Party.

Dessert

Menu prices when the Duke dined at the Lazy H:





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# THE LA JOLLA CHRISTMAS PARADE



In what is becoming a tradition, the Packard Club of San Diego led the La Jolla Christmas Parade. And guess what, yep you guessed it, Buttercup led the parade. She muscled her rear right in there. Actually, we got up really early and got there before anyone else and took a spot, making sure no one could get in front of us.





We were followed by Richard and Karen in their 1934 Touring Sedan.



The lineup. You may be wondering where are the other Packards?? Well, they are busy hauling dignitaries. Buttercup refused to go topless so we didn't get the nod.



Tom, wearing the Green VIP 2023 cap and Karen Schauer.



Mike
Nadeau
reluctantly
agreed to
leave his
Packard at
home and
provide his
British car
to carry a
VIP. The
Brit has no
top!



Carol provided a German brand, aka the Golden Eagle, for a VIP. Not the Eagles first parade, she has toted the San Diego Chief of Police on occasion.

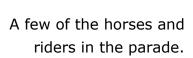


VIP area, Mike
Nadeau confers
with Carol Ross as
Richard, in Santa
hat looks at a
fellow car guy's
collection of
Lincoln
automobiles.
Gentleman in
shorts is hoping to
be noticed by the
VIPs.



Bently.

Carol and Richard pose in front of a nice









# **NEW YEARS BRUNCH**



By popular demand we are returning to Pehoe's for a New Year's brunch on the bay. The scenery is spectacular, the ambience is great and the food is excellent, so we said: "Why Not?" Some people pay a lot of money to come see this view, but for us it is just another Ho-hum day in Paradise.

# THE PARTICULARS

WHERE: PEHOE'S IN CORONADO, 1201 1ST ST, CORONADO, CA

WHEN: Sunday January 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM

BILL OF FARE: Slow Roasted Chicken, mushroom merlot sauce Garlic mashed

potatoes

**Seafood Cobb Salad OR Sesame Crusted Salmon** 

**Key Lime Pie OR Chocolate Mousse Cake** 

COST: \$40 per person

Entrée includes choice of soup or one small salad, dessert and coffee/iced tea

Number attending:	Names:		
Please select your menu ch	oice: Chicken	, Salmon	OR
Seafood Cobb Salad			
Key lime pie	OR Chocolate Mou	ısse Cake	
Send reservations to Steve	Ross @ 16151 Fruitvale	e Rd, Valley Center CA	. 92082 by

# MARDI GRAS IS HERE! BROUGHT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

YES, BOYS AND GIRLS WE ARE
HAVING A PACKARD /MERCEDES-BENZ MARDI GRAS
RIGHT HERE IN SAN DIEGO







WHERE'S IT GONNA BE?
SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB

2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, CA

Here are the particulars. This here is a JEN-U-WINE Mardi Gras so there's gotta be costumes. Awards will be presented to the best traditionally dressed Mardi Gras lady and gentleman. Not looking for skimpy or a lota skin but, if you think it takes that to win, go for it. The prizes will be to die for. There will also be a gift for the lucky guest who gets the "baby" in the King Cake. IF YA AIN'T GOT BEADS THERE WILL BE A HEFTY FINE. Maybe some kind soul will bring extra beads for us. There will be instructors for those of us who have never been to a Mardi Gras. Oh, if you ain't got a costume or ain't into it, come in whatever. Just don't laugh at the dressed-up folk.

DATE: Sunday, February 4, 2024

TIME: 11:30AM BUT YOU MAY START ANYTIME

(Lunch served at 12:15pm)

<u>COST:</u> \$50/person (you can order/pay for liquor separately)







# Please complete this form and send with your payment (checks payable in the name of your Club) by January 29,2024 to:

Marjo Miller
1220 Rosecrans St. #304
San Diego, CA 92106
miller.marjo@gmail.com
619.922.3754

Choice of:	Quantity
• Cobb Salad	
<ul> <li>Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Grilled Reuben Sandwich</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Fish Tacos</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Yacht Club Burger</li> </ul>	

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_







# **Selected Shorts**

# The Packard Club Goes to Scotland

By Richard Schauer

The Packard Club of San Diego went on the road, representing the best of our club in the process. Lynn Strobel and Rick Carlson joined with Karen and me to go on this adventure. This was an October trip to the British Isles which touched upon many Celtic highlights including pre-history (Druids), history, culture, food, and natural features. We saw no Packards however, in spite of our attempts to do so, but everyone on the tour received an education on the Packard automobile complete with (photos courtesy of Rick).

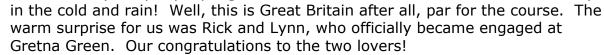


We paid respect to what may very well be the ancestral home of our illustrious erstwhile regional director Steve Ross. Ross Castle is in need of a bit or renovation, but it is nonetheless an impressive pile of stone. The spirits who inhabit the ruin keep a sharp eye on their American son, keeping him from harm.



One of the stops on the tour was the picturesque town of Gretna Green in the south of Scotland. This is a major focal point for lovers wanting someplace special to be married. More than 5,000 couples per year tie the knot there. Folks in our tour group barely had time to snap

photos beneath the joined hands before a wedding party arrived to tie the knot...on a cold, drizzly day! We were there on a Thursday, so yes people go there to be married in October, on a week day,







A major marketplace in Edinburgh became the site of public hangings in the seventeenth century. Condemned men were allowed one last pint before facing the rope, and the pub that was

the focal point of that is still in operation, The Last Drop. The pun is too good not to pass along. If you look carefully in the windows, you will see hangman's nooses. Time was short so we were unable to enjoy our own "last drop" at this famous pub.





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me of spouse/joint member: if a spouse or joint member is listed, the club roster will show both names and each will eceive a membership name badge. For all regional elections and ballot issues, each
nembership [or household] is allowed one vote.)  LEASE COMPLETE ONLY IF INFORMATION HAS CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR:
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elephone: (Res)(Bus):(Mobile) -Mail Address:@_
OK to list your email and phone numbers in the local region (San Diego) roster?   Yes  No  ackards Owned (Not required for membership) OK to list your Packard in the local region (San Diego) roster?   Yes   No Please refer to reference articles in the club handbook (or consult) ttp://packardinfo.com/xoops/html/modules/modelinfo/) for correct Chassis and Body umbers. Year Chassis # Body # Body type description
2024 Local Dues \$15.00
am no longer interested in renewing with the Packard Club (Please check if appropriate)

Use this link to join PAC online

https://pac.cornerstonereg.com/Member/Renewgift

\*\* REMINDER: MUST RENEW WITH PAC NATIONAL\*\*

# Mail completed form with payment to:

Packard Club of San Diego c/o Catherine Woolsey 2052 Cima Court Carlsbad, CA 92009

# **MEMBERS' CORNER**

# LOOKING FOR PARTS FOR YOUR PACKARD? GO TO <a href="http://www.sandiegopackard.com/packard-parts-for-sale/">http://www.sandiegopackard.com/packard-parts-for-sale/</a> AND CHECK THE INVENTORY

# A sample of what we have to offer, plus much more



Fuel pump heat shield. May help prevent vapor lock.



Windshield wiper blades. Nice to have on a rainy day







1948 327 Packard engine for sale. Complete re-build, nothing left untouched. Call for details, Mark Ballerini 760.473.422

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Projects Chairperson: Paul Santy 619-990-9668, email: pjsanty@sbcglobal.net		
Address: Packard Projects, P.O. Box 503605, San Diego, CA. 92150-3605		
Website: www.sandiegopackard.com		
Make Checks Payable To: "Packard Club of San Diego"		
Shipping & Handling Costs in Continental US:		
Battery Boxes: \$22.00 each. All other items: \$15.00 or 10% whichever is greater.		
Project Parts List	Unit Cost	
Acorn Bolts, chrome, 1/4" x 28 x 5/8"	\$2.00	
Acorn Bolts, chrome, 5/16" x 24 x 1-1/8"	\$2.25	
Acorn Bolts, chrome, 3/8" x 24 x 3/4"	\$2.50	
Acorn Bolts, chrome, 3/8" x 24 x 1-1/4"	\$2.75	
Battery Box (large) - all pre-war Seniors (except Clipper), underseat, unfinished		
7"H x 8"W x 10-1/2"D OUT OF STOCK		
Battery Disconnect Switch (large) - 6 volt & 12 volt	\$35.00	
Battery Disconnect Switch (small) - 6 volt & 12 volt	\$9.00	
Bonnet Hood Seal 1932 (901,902) 3 feet OUT OF STOCK		
Bonnet Hood Seal 1932 (903,904,905,906) 4 feet OUT OF STOCK		
Bumper Guard, 1937-39, unfinished yellow brass rough casting OUT OF STOCK		
Bumper Sticker "My Other Car Is A Packard"	\$1.00	
Coil Mounting Base, 1935-36 straight 8 engines, aluminum	\$195.00	
Defroster/Deflector 1935-37 Junior, unfinished yellow brass rough casting	\$55.00	
Door Handle Retaining Clip, Left Front, 1951-56	\$100.00	
Door Handle Retaining Clip, Right Front, 1951-56	\$100.00 \$100.00	
Door Handle Retaining Clip, Left Rear, 1951-56		
Door Handle Retaining Clip, Right Rear, 1951-56	\$100.00	
Door Lock Latch spring, pre-war automobiles OUT OF STOCK		
Foot Rest Pivot Bolts (2/set) 1932 900 Series	\$100.00	
Fuel Pump Heat Shield - unfinished, fits most 1935-42, 6 & 8 cylinder engines,	\$25.00	
Gear Cover Retainer Washer - 100% Wool for 320 & 385 cid, straight 8 engines	\$8.00	
Hood Support Brackets, generic, mounts on firewall of many pre-war automobiles	\$50.00	
Hood End Anchors - unfinished, fits all 35-37 Juniors, one pair (front & rear)	\$100.00	
Hom Vibration Damper Bracket - 1932-1934, one pair	\$70.00	
License Plate Frame - "My Other Car Is A Packard" Red Field OUT OF STOCK		
License Plate Frame - "My Other Car Is A Packard" Blue Field OUT OF STOCK		
Lube Charts - '41-48 Clippers, and '48-57 models, 10 pages	\$6.00	
Oil Strainer Screen - 1926-36 8-cyl, Packard #163276	\$75.00	
Poster Display - blank radiator & scroll, 11"x17" OUT OF STOCK	\$15.00	
Wiper Blade - 7-1/2" Trico replacement for most 1929-1950		
Wiper Blade - 8-1/4" Trico replacement for most 1929-1950		
Wiper Blade - 9" Trico replacement for most 1929-1950	\$15.00	

## **WIN A CHICKEN DINNER**



1939 Matford.

**Matford** was French automotive manufacturer established as a joint venture in 1934 by local firm Mathis and US-based Ford Motor Company. The name *Matford* derived from both companies' names. The company ceased activities in 1940.

No chicken dinner winner this month



# The Mystery Car for January is this beauty

If you can identify the manufacturer, year, and coach builder, you have won a Chicken dinner.

Win this prestigious award by sending Steve Ross the manufacturer, year, and coach builder of this car.

Become a respected authority on automobiles in your house and throughout the automotive world by winning the Chicken Dinner Award! Many play, but few win the coveted Chicken Dinner.

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

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

# **FOR SALE**



Gary Wysong is selling his 1941 Packard 120 Touring Sedan. His desire is to sell it to a member of our Region and is giving them first opportunity to assume the custody and care for this nice Packard. Asking price for the car is \$19,500 and it's not negotiable. Cash is preferred, a personal check will prevent the buyer from taking the car until the check has cleared.

# **FOR SALE**

**1928 Packard 526 Convertible, 5-Passenger.** Garaged car, amateur restoration in the 1970s, ready for full restoration. This vehicle features dual side-mounted spare tires and a rear-mounted trunk. Equipped with a straight 6-cylinder engine and 3-speed manual transmission. Has all dash instruments. Nice upholstery. The gas gauge does not work, all other gauges work. This car has been loved by our family for 44 years. Located in north San Diego County, CA. \$40,000 Contact Dale at earlyautos@gmail.com or 760-807-4461.







## **Activities Calendar**

Listed below is the 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*.

# 2024 Schedule

Jan 14	New Years Brunch	Peohe's in Coronado	Steve
Feb 4	Mardi Gras	South West Yacht Club	Marjo
March 21	Community Outreach	Site being selected	Marjo and Richard
April 13	Car show	Leo Carrillo Ranch	Phil
April 28	Motor Cars on Main Street	Coronado	Steve
May 19 <i>May TBD</i> <i>May 26</i>	Cinco De Mayo Tour Car show Fallbrook Car Chow	Bates Nut Farm  Carlsbad  TBD	Catherine/Steve Paul Steve/Richard
June 14 June 16	Cruisin' Grand Community outreach Father's Day	Escondido Carlsbad	Catherine and Richard Phil
July TBD	Nethercutt Collection	Sylmar, CA	Phil
August TBD August TBD	Pot luck and races Summer Grass Music Festival	Point Loma  Antique Steam and Gas  Museum. Vista	MBCA and Pete and Steve Paul
Sep	OPEN		
October 27	Halloween Costume party	South West Yacht Club	Marjo
<i>November 11</i> November 17	VetFest Annual Membership Meeting/election	Escondido Nadeau residence	Paul Richard and Mike
December 6	Christmas Party	Lazy H Pauma Valley	Steve

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# SEE YA ON THE ROAD



This is a 1948 Packard Woodie, driven by our Treasurer and Technical Chair, Marjo Miller. The Gymkhana course was set up for the more agile, later model Mercedes-Benz. The Packards did quite well!

