

THE PREDICTOR



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

UPCOMING ITEMS OF INTEREST

Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the IHOP restaurant in Rancho Bernardo, CA at 16759 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, CA. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm. Please arrive early if you plan to dine. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. *The meeting this month is on Wednesday July 10, 2024*

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE PACKARD CLUB OF SAN DIEGO? IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO. WE NEED YOU.

- ◆ **Main Street America Car Show, July 20, 2024**
- ◆ **Our annual event planning meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2024. Something you would like to do? Let anyone on the board know. We are up for just about anything.**
- ◆ **Photos provided by Diana Kruse, Pete Lobner, and Carol Ross.**

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
THE USA**

The year 2024 is half over. What message is important that you read here today? Here it is. There are many Packard automobiles in our San Diego Region. Few are seen in public. Those that are generally are the same ones. Lest that come across as "ho-hum" or a criticism, that is not my meaning. I am deeply appreciative of those members who take the time and make the effort to come to events and bring their Packards. It is not an easy task, but it is greatly rewarding. Our Packards are a piece of history and are beautiful works of art. They are fun to drive. Many have stories connected to them. The general public rubber-necks as we drive by. Pedestrians stop, wave, and smile, giving thumbs up as we pass. When we park, strangers approach, smiles on their faces, with many questions (which most of us are happy to answer). It is a particular thrill to see young people gazing at our cars, looks of curiosity and wonder on their faces. These are the Packard owners of the future. As you read this, it is the middle of summer, and it is time to get out there with your Packard. Create an event of your own, even if it only includes one car...yours! You will not be sorry you did. Let's enjoy these wonderful cars we own. Come to club events. Mingling with fellow Packard owners instills pride, enthusiasm, and confidence. Events are coming, and you and your Packard will be welcome.

June 12 fell on a Wednesday. The club's assistant regional director, Phil Pizzuto, arranged a community outreach event at the Brookdale Senior Living Center in San Marcos (see article). I personally get a lot out of visiting senior centers because we meet the most incredible people. The next community outreach event for 2024 is the November 11 Veterans Day parade in Escondido, which was a huge success last year. Hopefully, even more members will sign up this year. As I write this, we are on the threshold of Packard/Pierce-Arrow night at the Escondido Cruisin' Grand car show. Plans are in place. We meet at Charlie's and caravan to the Broadway display point on Friday. The general public throngs to this fine event with enthusiastic admirers. Bring your Packard. Get involved with enthusiastic admirers. You will be so happy you did!

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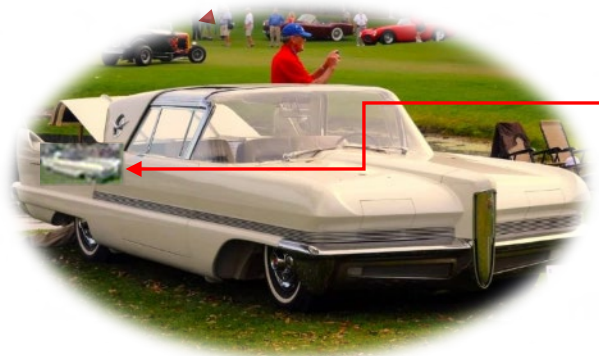
It is July now. Soon it will be time to hold elections for 2025. The kick-off is next month. Our club and board need new blood. Please consider running for a board position. We are all friends and have a great time working together. Our club is operating at a very high level...please consider being a part of it. Look for more information in the August newsletter.

Time is getting very short to sign up for the Main Street America car show at Seaport Village. Run by the Corvette Club of San Diego and benefiting the Center for the Blind, more than 300 cars of all classes and descriptions attend. Sign up and plan to come July 20. Registration fills up. Please do not plan to drive down on July 20 planning to register the day of the event...you will likely be turned away. Tom O'Hara and Tim Pestotnik have won best of show honors, quite a feat considering the fine quality of cars in attendance.

August 10 is our annual membership meeting and BBQ (see flier), this time to be held at the home of Catherine and Jim Woolsey in Carlsbad. It is free to members. Food is excellent and the event is free (see flyer).

Please do not let the summer of 2024 pass without dusting off the Packard and taking it out for a spin. You will be so glad you did.

HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING FACTS



The hidden Predictor on page one with the masthead Predictor was found By Tom O'Hara.



On July 3, 1886, Karl Benz unveiled the world's first automobile, which cost \$1000, or \$33,411.61 today.



On July 16, 1935, the world's first parking meter was installed in Oklahoma City, OK. The cost for one hour was five cents. Fine for not paying: \$20 for each offense. In today's \$\$ that is \$458.49!

Brookdale Senior Living Outreach

June 12, 2024

By Richard Schauer

Anyone who has been reading the Predictor for any length of time knows how passionate I am about community outreach. Phil Pizzuto knows Soon-Gill Schnellinger, the Activities Director for Brookdale Senior Living in San Marcos. Ms. Schnellinger reached out to Phil to bring some friends to a car show for Brookdale, and he presented the idea to the board. Yeppers, great idea...approved!

Billed as a Father's Day event, it was a few days early, but no one complained. Quite the contrary. Soon-Gill arranged for an early dinner for residents, a barbeque featuring two kinds of fantastic hot dogs, chili, macaroni salad, pickles, chips, sodas, and beer! Let's not forget the ice cream for dessert. We were treated to a fine meal from the chefs at Brookdale. Residents flocked outside to enjoy the perfect late spring weather and fine cars.



Three Packards were presented. Phil brought Evelyn, who is always in fine form. Honorary Lifetime Member, Karl Ramsing drove his always beautiful 1929 Runabout. I arrived in my '34 sedan. The Model T club came as well, bringing four beautiful examples of early Ford products from 1926 through 1932. One fellow came in his replica 427 AC Cobra. Another brought a WWII-era Willys Jeep in fine condition. All in all, it was a perfect presentation of automobiles.



Tables and canopies were set up for the residents, and dinner was served. Residents began to arrive slowly, but soon, there was quite a crowd viewing the cars. Many came on foot, but others used walkers, and some were in wheelchairs. They really wanted to inspect the cars closely!

Karl Ramsing showing a fellow his trunk

As always happens at these events we receive smiles, greetings, courtesy, conversation, and stories. Without question this is my favorite part of an outreach program, meeting these wonderful people and seeing how our cars have brightened their day. Nearly everyone expressed heart-felt appreciation to us for bringing the cars for them to see. Everyone showed the utmost courtesy toward us.



My favorites, and there were many, were Gail and Linda. Gail used a walker but wanted a closer inspection of the Packard's interior. With her bright smile, sparkling eyes, and sharp wit, we hit it off immediately. After a while, they moved on to inspect the other cars, but they returned to look again at the '34. I invited them both to sit in the car if they wished.

Yes, they wished. Gail had no trouble climbing into the right front seat, but Linda found it difficult to sit behind the wheel, so she easily climbed in back. Soon-Gill saw what was happening and stepped in to take photos (for their news magazine).



We had a great time getting acquainted, talking cars, families, and how good life is. These are times that simply cannot be passed up. God bless them all! And oh yes, most expressed their hope that we will return in 2025.

Phil Pizzuto with our hostess Soon-Gill. (*Ed, our Regional Director, Richard, is looking forlorn.*)

LOCAL ROOTS FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

PHIL PIZZUTO WINS BEST IN SHOW WITH HIS 1939 TOURING SEDAN AKA EVELYN



The local Roots Pizza & Tap organized a Father's Day Car Show. A lady who saw the Packards at Leo Carillo knows Phil Pizzuto and reached out to Phil to get some Packards to this show. Phil brought Evelyn, and Buttercup fell ill at the last minute, so she sent the Golden Eagle in her place. They are roommates with Ms. M. The only foreign cars there were two VW's and a Mercedes-Benz. The rest were American cars from the muscle car era and a new Corvette. I was going to take some photos of them, but my battery died.

Every time this Packard club attends an event, one of its Packards wins an award, and Best-in-Show is common. I can't wait to see the stately Packards at Cruisin' Grand. Buttercup is having some work done and may miss it. She wants to give Evelyn a shot at another Best-in-Show.

Evelyn is between her two German friends, a VW convertible with a surfboard and a Mercedes-Benz.



Phil, with the host and organizer, accepted his Best-in-Show award.



THE LOBNER PATIO RACES



The Lobner racetrack is located on Point Loma, overlooking the San Diego skyline. Mercedes-Benz and Packard drivers began arriving at 12:00 noon with various food and drink items. The weather was perfect, and track conditions were ideal.



Patty Arnold making her menu selection.



Michael Cooper, and Pete's neighbor, Bruce Perretti, came over to watch the races, Stacy Paton, Doug, Joanne Barnard,



Peter and Susan Haviar



Marjo and Dion



Bruce Perretti., Bob Gunthorp, Janette Hay, Karen Schauer, Steve Ross talking to Jim Stewart, Patty Arnold chatting with Richard Schauer and Joanne Barnard.



Sam Judd, Bob Gunthorp, and Janette Hay.

THE RACES BEGIN



Race number one drivers, Bob Gunthorp, Randy Carlson, Jim Stewart, Rudy Wokoek, Janette Hay, and Rose Bolton. Race winner Jim Stewart, Bob second and Rudy third.



Race number 2 line up from left: Michael Cooper, Steve Ross, returning Grand champion and driving for Packard, Diana Kruse, veteran of the last race, Joanne Barnard, and Doug.



Race number 2 Winner Doug first, Diana second and Steve third



Race number 3 in lane 6: Steve Ross, Lynn Stroble, aka Mrs. Carlson, Rose Bolton, Karen Schauer, Sam Judd, and Bob Gunthorp.



Race 3 winner Lynn Stroble, Sam Judd second, and Ross second.



Race 4 winners Rudy Wokoek, Richard Schauer Second, and Ross Third.

Packard spent a fortune on their car, and Ross, but their best result in the races was second place. He spun out in race 2 on turn 11, costing him the race and a shot at Grand champion



Jim Stewart won the Champion Ship, Doug came in second, and Rudy Wokoek captured the number three spot. Mercedes-Benz won the manufacturer's trophy.



Championship winner and second-place surrogates revealed.

THANK YOU, Pete and Jen, for hosting us on your track and providing your home for us to dine and have a really good time. The Packard and Mercedes clubs got along well, and proper etiquette was followed during the races.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GRAND CHAMPION, MR. JAMES STEWART



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BBQ and MEETING PACKARD Club of San Diego

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Come one, come all. Once again, our club is sponsoring the annual tri-tip fest bbq and membership meeting. Mark your calendar. Everyone always has such a great time, and **NO ONE** goes home hungry. This year the gathering is at the home of Catherine and Jim Woolsey, and we appreciate them opening their home to us.

Bring your Packard and your appetite. Prepare to smile and laugh a lot catching up on goings-on with members you may not have seen since last year.

There is one difference this year. There is **no cost** to members as always, but guests are asked to bring a food item to share (see below).

- **WHERE:** Home of Catherine and Jim Woolsey, 2052 Cima Court, Carlsbad, CA 92009
- **Time:** 11:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Cost:** Zero, zip, nada...
- **What to bring:** Tri-tip will be provided as well as beverages. Guests are asked to bring food items **alphabetically** by their **last name** as follows:

A-H: Salad or appetizer

I-P Main dish

Q-Z Dessert

- We are hoping for a BIG turnout of Packards!

NOTE: RSVP to Catherine Woolsey at: packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com or phone 760-943-1338. The event is **FREE** but we need a count so we can have enough food!!!!

Master Chef Paul Santy at work!





Ask the man who owns one

Name: _____

Name of spouse/joint member: _____

(If a spouse or joint member is listed, the club roster will show both names and each will receive a membership name badge. For all regional elections and ballot issues, each membership [or household] is allowed one vote.)

PLEASE COMPLETE ONLY IF INFORMATION HAS CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR:

Street Address: _____

City State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (Res) _____ (Bus): _____ (Mobile) _____

E-Mail Address: _____@_____

OK to list your email and phone numbers in the local region (San Diego) roster? Yes
 No

Packards 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) <http://packardinfo.com/xoops/html/modules/modelinfo/>) for correct Chassis and Body numbers. Year Chassis # Body # Body type description

2024 Local Dues \$15.00

I am no longer interested in renewing with the Packard Club (Please check if appropriate)

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

Use this link to join PAC online

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

Mail completed form with payment to:

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

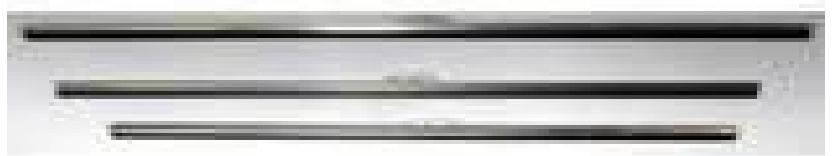
MEMBERS' CORNER

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

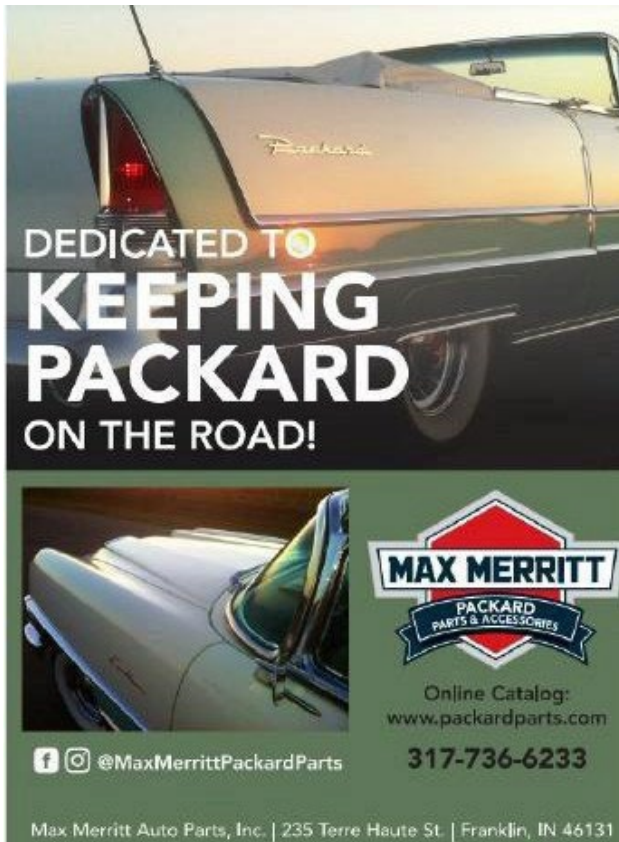
A sample of what we have to offer, plus much more



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Battery .Boxes: \$22.00 each. All other items: \$15.00 or 10% whichever is greater.

Project Pads List	Unit Cost
Acom Bolts, chrome, 1/4" x 28 x 5/8"	\$2.00
Acom Bolts, chrome, 5/16" x 24 x 1-1/8"	\$2.25
Acom Bolts, chrome, 3/8" x 24 x 3/4"	\$2.50
Acom Bolts, chrome, 3/8" x 24 x 1-1/4"	\$2.75
Battery Box (large) – all pre-war Seniors (except Clype1) under seat unfinished 7"H x 8"W x 10-1/2") 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 rough yellow brass rough casting: OUT OF STOCK	
Bumper Sticker " <i>My Other Car is A Packard</i> "	\$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
Door Handle Retaining Clip, Left front, 1951-56	\$100.00
Door Handle Retaining Clip, Right Rear, 1951-56	\$100.00
Door Lock Latch spring, pre-war automobiles OUT OF STOCK	
Foot Rest Pivot Bois (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 fire wall many previous. model automobiles	\$50.00
Hood Encl 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 - " <i>My Other Car Is a Packard</i> " Red Field OUT OF STOCK	
License Plate Frame - " <i>My Other Cars Is a Packard</i> " Blue Field OUT OF STOCK	
Lube Charts - '41-48 Clippers, and '48-57 models, 10 pages	\$6.00
Oil Stainer Screen - 1926-36 8-cyl Packard #163276	\$75.00
Poster Display - blank radiator & scroll, 11"x17" OUT OF STOCK	
Wiper Blade - 7-1/2" Trico replacement for most 1929-1950	\$15.00
Wiper Blade - 8-1/4" Trico replacement for most 1929-1950	\$15.00
Wiper Blade - 9" Trico replacement for most 1929-1950	\$15.00

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



No one correctly identified this 1940 Cadillac 75 Series Town Car with coachwork by Inskip. The car was built for the singer and band leader Vaughn Monroe as the Racing with the Moon car. The story or perhaps a rumor was told that his mistress was the person who had the car built and designed for the singer and gave it to him as a present.

Bruce Duncan identified it as a Cadillac.

If you have never heard of Inskip, don't be surprised. From what I could learn, he was not a trained coach designer. He began his career as a luxury car salesman.

The Mystery Car for July is this, Beauty.



To Win this prestigious award, send Steve Ross the Manufacturer and the year of this car. By winning the Chicken Dinner Award, you can Become a respected authority on automobiles in your house and throughout the automotive world!

***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.

FOR SALE



Gary Wysong is selling his 1941 Packard 120 Touring Sedan and wants to offer it first to a member of our region. The asking price for the car is \$19,500, and it is not negotiable. Gary prefers cash, and a personal check will require the buyer to wait until the check clears before taking the car. You can contact Gary via text message at 619-322-6271 or by email at gwysong@cox.net.



This 1934 Packard Twelve Individual Custom Convertible Victoria designed by Dietrich sold at auction for \$4,130,000. The highest ever paid for a Packard.

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 NOT sponsored by the club or PAC but deemed of interest to the membership. Those events are listed in **red italics**.

2024 Schedule

July 20	Main Street America Car Show	Embarcadero, Seaport Village	Richard
August 18	Summer Grass Music Festival	Antique Steam and Gas Museum - Vista	Paul
September 21	Annual planning meeting	Tom's place	Board
October 20	Halloween Costume Party	Southwestern Yacht Club	Marjo
<i>November 11</i>	<i>VetFest</i>	<i>Escondido</i>	<i>Paul</i>
November 17	Annual Membership Meeting/election	Woolsey residence	<i>Jim and Catherine Woolsey</i>
December 7	Christmas Party	Lazy H Pauma Valley	Steve



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