

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego
–November 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, November 6, 2024.

- ♦ In November, we will participate in the Escondido Veterans Festival Parade. The Packards are the hit of the show.
- ♦ Christmas party at the Lazy H in the John Wayne room. The club is subsidizing a portion the cost.
- ♦ We are celebrating the New Year on January 5, 2025 at Pehoe's in Coronado
- ♦ Submit a story about your Packard or other automobile experience, and you will be awarded a Chicken Dinner.
- ♦ Standby for the exciting December issue of the Predictor where the 2025 schedule of events will be presented.

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



LOAD YOUR TURKEY IN THE PACKARD AND ENJOY A THANKSGIVING DINNER

It seems as though the Fall has been a quiet time for our club. We had the all-important planning meeting in September and a gem of an event in October with the Halloween luncheon.

We thank Marjo and Diana

Kruse (and other volunteers) for arranging and setting up this fantastic luncheon. Peoples' costumes were a hoot. Food is always excellent at the yacht club and with service to match

What have you done with your Packard since last we saw one another? I have a victory to share. The fuel pump on my '34 has been gradually degrading. Specifically, the cap on my Delco pump, which is pot metal, has been warping at the junction where the glass fuel bowl attaches. This comes from tightening and perhaps over tightening. Warpage resulted in drips initially, then dribbles, and then ultimately free flow of fuel...bad news. Mr. Ballerini saved the day for me twice by fashioning a custom gasket which he carefully shaved to allow for the curvature of the mating surface of the pot metal. This Band-Aid worked for a time, but gradually the condition returned. A company called Straight Eight LLC in Troy, Michigan, a restoration house that also fabricates rare parts, agreed to fabricate a new cap for the Type F Delco fuel pump. They already sell a cap for the Type E. I sent them mine nearly one year ago, and they reverse engineered it. It took nearly ten months but at long last the new alloy cap was completed and I have one ready to install on my Packard! This will be done in time for the November 11 Vetfest in Escondido. Many 30's Packard models use this same fuel pump and/or cap. Due to this effort parts are now available at Straight Eight for others who come up against my same problem. Do you have something to share or brag about regarding your own Packard? We'd love to hear about it.

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The year is winding down, but there are still opportunities to bring out your Packard. There is still time to sign up for the veteran's day parade in Escondido. Last year's parade was a wild success and the organizers are working to attract more citizens to pay tribute to our veterans. Paul Santy is the point of contact for this event. Please plan to come out. After the parade we are invited to lunch with the veterans (see flier). There is also a flier in this issue for our annual Christmas luncheon at the Lazy-H. The final vote will be taken on the two board positions (see below) and of course the event always features the Chinese gift exchange which is always a riot.

Soon our calendar of events for 2025 will be revealed. It is not a secretive thing at all. Planners need time to lock in some of the events. As 2025 dawns some of the events will still be up in the air, but we hope to have the majority with firm dates. Right off the bat we will enjoy a New Years Brunch at Peohe's on Coronado, back by popular demand.

Enjoy our fine Fall San Diego weather. Get out there on the road with your Packard... and tell us about it.

Regional Director's Message Supplement Election of 2025 Club Officers

Have you contacted Tom O'Hara with your vote for the two board positions? If not, there is still time. What I forgot to mention in last month's election message: if you wish **you can vote at the December 7 Christmas luncheon**. And then you will be on-hand to see installation of the new officers.

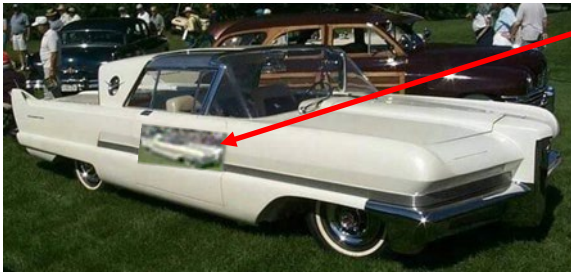
Member Sam Judd has come forward to submit his name for the office of Assistant Regional Director. Sam is a long-time member and brings considerable experience to the position as a result of his involvement in leadership positions in other car clubs. Sam brings a lot to the table and will be leading several events/tours in 2025.

Brian Wagner, Secretary, is up for re-election this year. Brian has done an outstanding job as secretary, a natural for the position given his lifelong background as a journalist and writer. Brian has decided to run again for his current position.

See everyone at the Christmas luncheon!



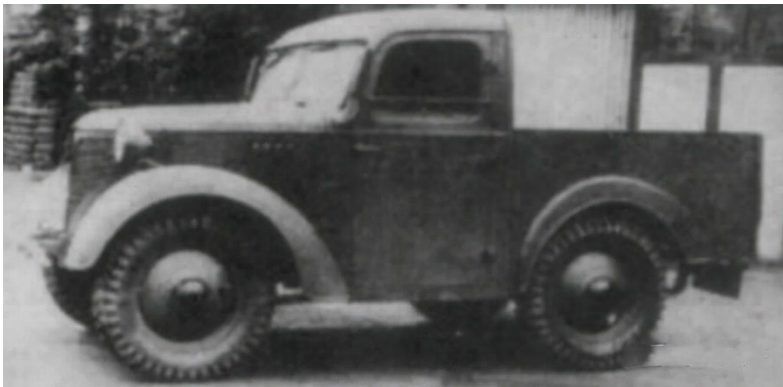
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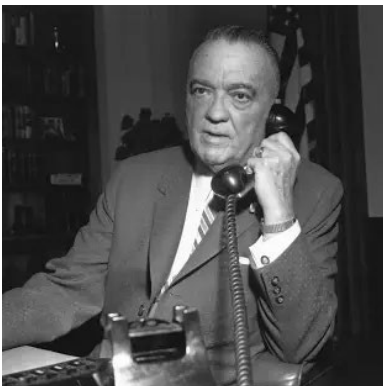
Sam Judd found the Hidden Predictor the Hidden Predictor



1939: Ford company of Germany begins making trucks for the Wehrmacht. Germany begins making trucks for the Wehrmacht.



1939: Also in 1939, attempts by GM to merge with Nissan or Toyota failed. The Japanese Military forces Ford and GM to close their factories, which had already built 250,000 trucks for the Japanese Army. This a Type 95 Chevrolet.



1939: FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover denounces motels as "Camouflaged Brothels". J. Edgar was chauffeured around in Cadillacs so he didn't know about Packards. He was in an accident making a left turn and from then on forbid his driver to make left turns.

1939: New York City survey shows that 33 percent of pedestrians killed in traffic accidents were drunk.

HALLOWEEN



Mercedes-Benz and Packard people gathered at the Southwestern Yacht Club for a Halloween celebration and most were unrecognizable. We had Hippies, astronauts, witches, undertaker, Mary Poppins and Bert, a Hook'em Horns man, a German Chef, Skeletons, a Navaho Cowboy, an Italian Spice girl a giant Pumpkin and Cher and Captain Picard of the Starship Enterprise.



Three of the attendees, The Evil Witch, Diana, Carol the Terrible, and our Country Punkin Marjo.



Mary Poppins, Bert and Hook'em Horns Lobner



Digger "O" Gunthorp the Friendly Undertaker. On Digger's left is Hook'em Horns Lobner.



Our Yacht Club Hostess Lauren. She is steering clear of Digger.



Amish Bishop Yoder in the glasses, the Italian Spice Girl, Chef Weiner Schnitzel, Mary Poppins, Bert, Pete Lobner, Free and Easy Jen, and Mrs Yoder.



Captain Ann facing the camera next to Digger "O" Gunthorp, Digger's assistant The Italian Spice Girl Janet, the Evil Witch Diana, the Naabaahii Cowboy and Carol the Terrible



Our Astronauts, Ah Shucks aka Mach 20 Stewart, Fly Me to the Moon Patty, The Punkin Girl, Herr Dyer, Cher, Captain Picard, and the X-Rayed Pisano's.



The arrival of Mach 20 Stewart and Fly Me to the Moon Patty, who had just landed after completing their arduous space flight. This is significant because the three astronauts who were trapped in space have received all the publicity, while these two heroes have never been mentioned in the media. Mach 20 and Fly me to the Moon launched during the Trump administration on a secret mission to the Moon. Well, Fly Me mistook Uranus for the Moon. The Naabaahii Cowboy commented "it be plenty far Away"! They arrived dripping wet and the story is they had landed in the San Diego Bay, close to the Yacht Harbor. They made their way into the club house and they were more surprised than we were! After flying past

Jupiter, they lost communication with Houston and Fly Me did some re-calculations and realized they had missed the Moon. The Astronauts were confused, but starving for real food so they joined us for lunch and a welcome home. Just as we had finished dining and visiting, four black SUVs arrived and after a line up of the participants the Men in Black spotted the Astronauts. Can you imagine how many hours it will take to debrief these two? Mach and Fly me had a lot of question, as did we all. The most riveting question ask by Mach 7 was, "**Is my Mercedes-Benz OK**"?! We told him we would find out and get back to him. The car has been located and we are pleased to let him know it is now a valuable collector Mercedes-Benz. I am sure there will be a major news item hailing these two brave souls.

*Side note, while in space Mach and fly Me made a pair of shoes with flashing neon lights so Fly Me could keep a visual on Mach 20 during his space walks. It seems he was working on the GPS system.



Our Witch Diana presented Mach 20 with the Grand Champion Award and a wad of cash for the races he won at the Lobner raceway just prior to his blast off



The Grand Champion Award



Captain Ann and our Free and Easy Hippie



Bert, Hook'em Horns and Chef Weiner Schnitzel



Cher and Captain Picard



Diana the Evil Witch. Look at the eyes! I believe She is casting a spell over the crowd.



Digger "O" Gunthorp and his assistant Italian Spice brought their hearse trying to drum up business. It appears a body is already in the casket.



Hook'em Horns had no fear of Digger and his Stinkin' Hearse.



Our Astronauts smiling happily to be back home.



Chef Weiner Schnitzel explaining to Cow Boy Naabaahii why his belly is so big

THE AWARDS



The best carved pumpkin is won by who else but the Country Punkin lady Marjo. She had the power to inflate or deflate herself! Here she is deflated.



First place ladies went to Carol The Terrible



Chef Weiner Schnitzel congratulates the men's winner, Mach 20. Hook'em ain't happy about this and seems to be ready to Hook someone.

THE LINE UP
CAN YOU SPOT THE Astronauts?





Yes, this is our Evil Witch looking all sweet and innocent but we are pretty certain she cast a spell on us and I for one am not sure any of this even happened.



This was found in the parking lot after the party. Maybe it was real.



Marjo is thanked for organizing a fantastically fun Halloween party

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 5, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BILL OF FARE: Coconut Crunchy Shrimp, Thai Chili Sauce, Coconut Ginger

OR, Grilled Chicken Sandwich with Swiss cheese and French Fries

OR, Sesame Crusted Salmon, Szechwan Vegetables, Thai Peanut and Ginger Sauce

Double Chocolate Mousse Cake OR Fresh Berries

COST: \$40 per person

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

Number attending: _____ Names: _____

Please select your menu choice: Chicken _____, Salmon _____ OR

Crusted shrimp _____

Fresh Berries _____ OR Chocolate Mousse Cake _____

Send reservations to Steve Ross @ 16151 Fruitvale Rd, Valley Center CA. 92082 by January 2 ,2025



MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2024



The Packard Club of San Diego is participating in the VetFest in Escondido, honoring those who served in our military during our nation's history. There will be several attractions to enjoy after the parade for those who wish to stay. The Packard Motor Car Company played a major role in supporting the Armed Forces in both WWI and WWII. We want as many Packards as possible to join us in this patriotic event. Participants are at liberty to decorate the vehicle with patriotic flags, banners, streamers, etc.

The Packards need to be in the staging area by 8:30 am and the parade starts at 9:30 am. The staging area has not been announced; however, participants will be notified as soon as we are given that information.

Paul Santy is the point of contact to register and enter in the parade. Please provide Paul at pjsanty@sbcglobal.net, phone 619-990-9668 by October 31, 2024 with the following:

Vehicle information: Year, model etc.

Owner/driver: _____

This information will be used by the parade announcer

After the parade, Packard owners are invited to attend a BBQ lunch at the American Legion Post 149, 320 E Park Ave, Escondido. There will be a reserved parking area for the Packards to show their cars.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LAZY H



WOW, can you believe it is Christmas already? This is our premiere event for the year when we see our Packard friends, brag about our cars, relive the fun we had this year, praise and recognize those who did great, and most of all, have a really good time. The gift exchange is always a hoot!

The Holiday party is scheduled for December 7, 2024, at the Lazy H in Pauma Valley. There will be a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift for each member of your party who wants to participate and try to keep your present at \$25 or less.

Date and time: December 7, 2024 at 12:00 Noon



Place: The Lazy H in Pauma Valley. 16787 Hwy 76, Pauma Valley, CA

Menu: Prime Rib, Fish, or Vegetarian, dessert, coffee, and tea.

Cost: Prime Rib \$50.00 per person, Red Snapper \$32.00 per person, Vegan \$15.00

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

NAMES: _____

MENU: PRIME RIB # _____ **FISH #** _____ **VEGETARIAN #** _____.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (\$50.00 per person X # people) = \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (\$32.00 per person X # people) = \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$15.00 per person X # people) = \$ _____

SEND YOUR CHECK, made out to Packard Club of San Diego, TO STEVE ROSS, 16151 FRUITVALE ROAD, VALLEY CENTER, CA 92082 by November 28, 2024.



DRIVE YOUR PACKARD AND RECEIVE A FREE DRINK

Selected Shorts, Pilgrimage to Idyllwild

By Richard Schauer

Those of you who have never met and/or gotten to know Leigh Johnson are urged to do so. You will be so glad you did. Leigh has been a huge part of the Packard world most of his life, as was his father before him. Leigh's father was a founder of Packards International, an officer of the club, and very active for many years. He bought his first Packard in 1954, a 1932 model 902 sedan, which he drove across the country in 1962 to visit relatives...a trip fraught with challenges. Following in his father's footsteps Leigh was also a big part of PI before jumping ship and joining PAC and the San Diego Region (and we are so glad he did). It is a personal honor for me to know Leigh and his wife Mary Lou. They are great people.

Leigh and Mary Lou routinely attend San Diego Region events, driving down the mountain in their beautiful 1956 tri-color Packard. It was time the club came to them. Karen and I spent a couple days in Idyllwild celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary and were fortunate enough to spend a wonderful and entertaining lunch with the Johnsons at the newly renovated Tahquitz Pines Retreat. Talk naturally was filled with Packard stories and news (regarding Leigh's 1941 LeBaron). The fall day was mild and perfect for sitting outdoor sharing a meal with friends. And the Tahquitz Pines looks like a great place for the Packard Club to spend a weekend in Idyllwild in the future... just maybe. Karen and I thank Leigh and Mary Lou for taking time out of their busy schedules so we could spend some time together.



This not Leigh's Packard but his is very similar.

BONSALL HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW

Phil Pizzuto

Todd Schonenberg and I attended the 3rd annual Bonsall High School Car Show. This was Todd's first outing with his Packard since Mark Ballerini rebuilt the engine and she performed beautifully. Both Packards were a hit with the crowd and Evelyn won one of the judges "Top Pick" awards.

This was a nice show with a good variety of cars, The show was partnered by the 5150 Rat Rod Car Club that offered to help out the high school with this fundraiser for their Career Tech Education program. Several of their members drove their rat rods from Las Vegas. The trophies were made by Rat Rod Club members and each was a unique work of art constructed from engine parts.



Todd Schonenberg and Phil Pizzuto



Phil's blue 1939 120 Touring Sedan and Todd's 1939 Super eight touring Sedan



Phil holding his trophy



The Trophy.

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



Sam Judd identified this 1903 Model F Rear Entrance Tonneau. The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn has this car on display. Tom Fetch drove a Model F across the USA in 1903.

The Mystery Car for October 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.



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

2025 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 ****

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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 Pads List	Unit Cos
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 "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
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 firewall 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 - "My Other Car Is a Packard" Red Field OUT OF STOCK	
License Plate Frame - "My Other Cars Is a Packard" 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

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

<i>November 11</i>	<i>VetFest</i>	<i>Escondido</i>	<i>Paul</i>
December 7	Christmas Party	Lazy H Pauma Valley	Steve

SEE YA ON THE ROAD

