

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego

–February 2026–

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Board Meetings for Wednesday February 4, 2026, will be a lunch meeting. The location will be announced by email.

MOTOR CARS ON MAIN STREET IN CORONADO IS MAY 3, 2026

Don't forget the trip to the Reagan Library. This is an excellent event to bring your children, or grandchildren along. See page 12.

Did you order a name badge? If so, see page 3.

SPECKLE ROCK WINERY TOUR SUNDAY MARCH 15. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EVENT TO DRIVE THE PACKARD.

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



Our 2026 events agenda is under way! Whilst the rest of the nation hunkers down with severe cold and snow we enjoy sunshine and warm days...PERFECT weather to take our Packards out for a drive! We are SO fortunate!

January started off with a repeat performance at Pehoe's on Coronado. They love having us come and the warm feeling is mutual: great food, excellent service, wonderful friends in both clubs, and a view that can't be beat!

February is here. Soon we go on a long sojourn, specifically a trip to Simi Valley to the Reagan Library. If you have never been there, this is the time to go! Time still remains to reserve a room at the Fairfield Inn (see flier).

Before we know it, March will be here and our Spring wine tasting tour followed by lunch. Many of our members enjoy touring, and tours nearly always end with good food!

April 11 is the date for our trip to Balboa Park. Some details are still taking form, such as collaboration with the Automotive Museum and if the city intends to stick with charging parking fees for cars. This is a picnic, so plan to bring the meal of your choice.

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Keep your eyes on our club calendar...so many excellent events coming and soon, with registrations that should be submitted in coming days.

Membership renewal is marching along. Thank you to all members who have renewed and if you have not, please do so right away. We love having you in our club and do not wish to lose anyone. Send your \$15 check to Catherine Woolsey at 2052 Cima Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009. You don't want to miss our exciting events and award-winning Predictor magazine.

Happy Packarding!!!!



HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF



Sam Judd was the first to locate the Hidden Predictor on page 6. Kelly Snipes and Tom O'Hara also found the Packard.

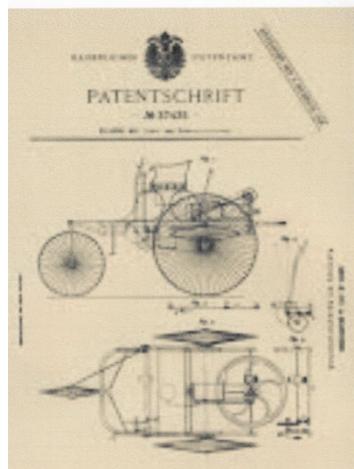
NAME BADGES



Name badges are available for the following members.

Terry Kaplan Karen Kaplan Leigh Johnson Ed Whitney Dion dyer
Dight Sherman Lynn Fauth Scott Melcer Damian Melcher

Badges are available for pick up at club events.



January 29, 1886, Karl Benz patented the worlds first automobile.

1888; A Frenchman, Emile Rogers became the first person to purchase an automobile. He bought a Benz.



NEW YEARS BRUNCH AT PEHOE'S

People who grew up in the Mid-west and the East can appreciate this January scene. Native SOCAL residents view it as another day at the beach.



The crowd is arriving, selecting seats in preparation for food, drinks and socializing



A representative of the Coronado Motor Cars on Main Street event came with Bob Gunthorp to invite our clubs to the car show on Sunday May 3, 2026.





Amber, Radu and Elizabeth Alexandru.



Mary Lou and Leigh Johnson.



Looking at the camera Joey Costa, Debra and Debra's guest Vian Yakou. At table end are Janette Hay, Bob Gunthorp, Radu Elizabeth and Amber Alexandru.



Carol Ross and Bob Gunthorp.



From end of table Rudy Wokoek, Rose Bolton, Victoria Mazelli, Diana Kruse, Susan and Pete Haviar.



Lynn Carlson, Jen Lobner, Pete Lobner and Rick Carlson.



Rudy Wokoek and Rose Bolton.



Patricia and Fred Adler



Karen and Richard Schauer



Richard Schauer and Mark Rothermich.



Mike and Tana Campana.



Mateo Antonio and Steve Ross. Mateo is celebrating becoming a United States Citizen.

Ann Kinner, Mile and Tana Campana. the tables were decorated by Carol Ross, assisted by Joey, Debra, and others.



Events at Pehoe's are always popular and this was no exception. A record number of members joined us. 2026 is going to be an exciting year if this is an indication.

SAN DIEGO EXCURSION HISTORIC DRIVE

Paul Santy and Steve Ross. Photos, Paul Santy and Pete Lobner

The annual San Diego Excursion (held in Jan. 2025 and 2026) features a historic, 6-mile reenactment drive of the 1915 Exposition Road Race through Point Loma, featuring over 100 pre-1942 automobiles. Some of our Packards joined in the drive along with some other Packards and two were celebrities.



Al Smihson brought his 1936 1400, and 1937 120.



Paul Santy and Phil Pizzuto, in the colorful shirt, standing by Evelyn, a 1939 120, and behind the guys is Paul's 1936 Club Sedan.



Robert Fuentes' and his 1941 110.



Believe this is a 1914 touring Sedan.



1933 Packard V-12 Body by Detrich from the Singleton Collection in Orange County, CA. Singleton has a collection of rare Brass era cars as well as American cars from the Muscle Car era. A Packard identical to this one was a class winner at Pebble Beach in 2009. Very few of the elite, costly and beautiful "Vee-Windshield" Dietrich Individual Custom bodies were built on Packard's short-lived 1933 Tenth Series Twelve chassis. This same model sold at R&M Auction for \$3,305,000 00.00 in 2023. *The Editor believes this is the same car.*



This 1912 Packard Runabout Racer is a celebrity in both the Packard and racing history. The owner is Brian Blain, a noted collector of vintage and historic race cars. Brian has his back to the car wearing his Packard racing suit. Brian raced this Packard at Laguna Seca Mazda Racetrack in 2014. He has other vintage race cars including the National Brand racers that were winners in the early Indy 500 races.



This is a photo of Brian at the Mazda Laguna Seca track in 2014. Powered by a 432 Cu in engine developing 55-60hp coupled to three speed transmission has a top speed of 80mph and can cruise at 55 to 60 mph. This is believed to be the only surviving Packard Runabout Racer.



PACKARDS LEADING THE PARADE. Al smithson's 1937 120 followed by Phils' 1939 120, and the 1914 open Sedan.



Robert Fuentes' 1941 110.



A bike rider admiring the 1933 Packard



Al Smithson's 1937 120 and the 1914 Packard



The third celebrity Packard was Phil Pizzuto's 1939 120 Touring Sedan that debuted at the 1939 San Francisco Worlds Fair.

Packard Club of San Diego Presents

SPECKLE ROCK WINERY TOUR



The Packard Club of San Diego has invited the CCCA and Pierce Arrow Society to a winery tour at Speckle Rock Winery.

- Join us on March 15, 2026
- Meet at Kit Carson Park at 10:00 am to take a scenic leisurely drive up to the winery. There is plenty of parking and we will be situated high on Highland Valley Road in Escondido overlooking Safari Park. Those not wanting to take a drive may meet us at the winery at 11:00 am.

Address of winery: 16138 Highland Valley Road. RSVP:

Packard Club/Pierce Arrow: Catherine Woolsey - Text or Call 760.525.1931
email:packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com

CCCA: Charlie Hylton – Text or Call 619.548.7060. email: hyltonbrostrees@sbcglobal.net



Figure 1

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



No one identified this 1947 Daimler Limo.

This is King George the VI's 1947 Daimler limo located in a museum in Matjiesfontein, South Africa. There are two of the Kings Daimlers in the museum along with some other unusual cars. The king and the royal family used this Daimler to tour South Africa in 1947. The future Queen Elizabeth II was on the tour.



THE MYSTERY CAR FOR FEBRUARY IS THIS BEAUTY

IDENTIFY THIS CAR AND WIN THE COVETED CHICKEN DINNER

To win this prestigious award, send Steve Ross the manufacturer, model, and year of this car. By winning the Chicken Dinner Award, you may 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

1956 Packard 400 for sale \$20,000 obo



We purchased this car in March of 2021 from an automobile consignment in Palm Springs. The paperwork revealed the mileage was 104,808, that the owner, Ross Klein, purchased the car from Joseph Malta in San Francisco, CA in 2020 and Joe Malta had purchased it in 2010 and it was listed in the PAC roster under his name.

At the time we purchased the car, a prior owner had converted the radio to AM/FM, the clock had also been converted, the original 374 ci engine had been replaced with a 374 ci Patrician engine, and the windshield wipers had been converted to single speed electric. The interior is mostly original; however, the carpet and the material on the seats have been changed.

There were several things that were done immediately:

- adjust the brakes
- replace the generator (which was not working)
- repair the broken frame of front seat
- repair both wind wings and replace the glass
- repair the power windows, and
- restore the door panels using the original material
- replace interior rear-view mirror and both side mirrors

The power windows work, the power seat works, the power antenna works and the gauges, lights and torsion bar suspension all work, and we recently changed the bushings in the Watts stabilizer. The speedometer was repaired in 2023 and the odometer was set to reflect the mileage at the time of the repair. In 2023 we purchased a new battery and Vogue white wall radial tires. It comes with a spare rear window.

We drove to PAC's National Meet in Rohnert Park from Idyllwild in 2023 with no mechanical issues. The speedometer currently reads 108,987.



Contact Leigh Johnson at marylou4159@gmail.com or 951-659-2800.

FOR SALE

1955 Packard Clipper Custom for sale. It is all complete but has 2 broken rear tail lights, everything else is there, motor, trans, glass is all good, seats, dash is very good and complete, all chrome inside and out is good and there, skirts, spare tire rim, grill is very perfect as is the hood, trunk lid, doors, rear bumper is rusty but can be fixed. I am asking \$4,000 for it. I pulled it out of a field near Paso Robles. It has been parked there since the mid 60's.

Contact

Scott Brownell 805- 698- 8685



FOR SALE

The award-winning Packard listed below is for sale.
This beauty is well known the San Diego area.



PACKARD 1929 626 Convertible coupe. First sold in San Diego. Found in 1960 in a Poway avocado orchard turned into a water wagon. The farmer kept everything, making ground up restoration easier. Two tone French blue, daily driver, always under cover. 320 ci Engine - straight 8. Golf club door (with wood shaft clubs), trunk, rumble seat, trip lights, cormorant radiator ornament, antique tools, nice leather upholstery and canvas top. Many awards, notably Best of Show over 350 other autos. California gasoline makes regular driving necessary. My age and medical condition make taking it out regularly difficult. Asking \$85,000. 760-726-5955. Leave message - will call back. Email: theramsings@gmail.com

FOR SALE

1938 Packard Club Coupe 1600



This car has been family owned since being purchased in San Diego in 1938. It was refurbished in the 90's with dark charcoal lacquer paint, new Bedford cord upholstery, new carpeting, new rubber throughout, new glass, and new tires. Powered by a Chevy straight six 250 cu in engine with a 700R4 tranny designed for modern driving. The original Packard six engine and 3-speed manual transmission will be sold with the car. Rewired with Kwik Wire numbered colored wire application including the fuse box. Many original documents come with the vehicle. This California car has always been garaged. It is in excellent condition inside and out! It is a trophy winner!

contact Doug at DLCLARK@gmail.com

PRICE REDUCTION ASKING \$21,000





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 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

2026 Local Dues \$15.00

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

****REMINDER: YOU 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

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PROJECTS

PAC Packard Club of San Diego

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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: \$15.00

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 Disconnect Switch (large) - 6 volt & 12 volt	\$35.00
Battery Disconnect Switch (small) - 6 volt & 12 volt	\$9.00
Bumper Sticker " <i>My Other Car Is A Packard</i> "	\$1.00
Coil Mounting Base, 1935-36 straight 8 engines, aluminum	\$185.00
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 Rear, 1951-56	\$100.00
Door Handle Retaining Clip, Right Rear, 1951-56	\$100.00
Foot Rest Pivot Bolts (2/set) 1932 900 Series	\$100.00
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	\$75.00
Hood End Anchors - unfinished, fits all 35-37 Juniors, one pair (front & rear)	\$120.00
Horn Vibration Damper Bracket - 1932-1934, one pair	\$75.00
Lube Charts - '41-48 Clippers, and '48-57 models, 10 pages	\$6.00
Oil Strainer Screen - 1926-36 8-cyl, Packard #163276	\$75.00
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 2026 Schedule

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*.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tour Director</u>
Wine Tasting at Speckles Rock Winery An Artistic Treat for both the Palate and Visual Senses	15-Mar	Catherine Richard
S.D. Auto Museum, Balboa Park w/picnic after Cars and Food...nothing better!	11-Apr	Richard
MotorCars on Main Street W/lunch at Brigantine. What's not like 400 Antique Cars in Crown City	May 3	Steve & Marjo
Lakeside Historical Society tour. A memorable Step Back in Time Remembering the "Good Ole Days"	16-May	Sam
The North County version of American Graffiti		Richard
Main Street America Car Show. The Embarcadero Never Looked So Good	TBD	Richard
<i>Pebble Beach Concours</i>	<i>16-Aug</i>	<i>Steve</i>
Idyllwild Weekend Getaway w/2027 planning meeting Who can't use a weekend get-a-way?	25-27 Sep	Richard
Whaley House Haunted Mansion w/costume dinner You be the Judge: America's Most Haunted Mansion?	24-Oct	Marjo
VetFest Escondido Eternal Gratitude	11-Nov	Paul
La Jolla Christmas Parade A San Diego Holiday Tradition for More than Sixty Years Christmas Holiday Luncheon, Lazy-H Holiday Cheer: Celebrate with Good Friends and Good Food in John Waynes Ol' Hideout!	6-Dec	Richard
	5-Dec	Steve



SEE YA ON THE ROAD