

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego

—January 2026—

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The next board meeting is Wednesday January 7, 2026. 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.

New year begins to find the hidden Packard and identify the mystery car, so be a player.

See you at Pehoe's Sunday January 18, 2026

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

The 2026 schedule of events is in this issue (page 23). The Board focused on what was fun and well attended last year, as well as feedback from the membership. The result is the board has come up with some very exciting, fun events for 2026.

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer

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PACKARD NEW STYLE PRO BOLD

A new day has dawned, and a new year, sesquicentennial of our beloved country. If you are reading this, you survived the holiday season once more. A few pounds heavier you say? Well, there are more reasons to inspect your Packard, clean it, crawl beneath it, pump up the tires, and get behind the wheel for a spin. As I write this, the day is sunny and cool, perfect weather for taking the '34 out (our Packards DO prefer tooling around in cooler weather).

December featured two wonderful events, the 67th annual La Jolla Christmas parade and our Christmas luncheon at the Lazy-H (see articles). Attendance was great at both. The La Jolla committee was delighted to see three heretofore never seen Packards at the parade (Paul, Phil, and Lynn). Our fearless Predictor editor Steve was unable to attend the Christmas luncheon, but Carol filled in superbly!

I call your attention to the 2026 calendar of events. Our traditional January luncheon at Pehoe's is coming fast. Please download the flier and register for the January 18 event!

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Then in February Marjo has made arrangements for us to visit the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, CA on Feb. 25-6 with an overnight stay. This is a special event and promises to be worth the trip. March 15 features an event closer to home, namely wine tasting at Rasholica, which features beautiful and unusual sculptures on the property. And our 2026 events do not slow down one bit after that.

Please renew your membership right away by sending your \$15 check to Catherine Woolsey at 2052 Cima Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009. If you came to the Christmas luncheon you have already come out ahead on your annual dues. You don't want to miss our exciting events and award-winning Predictor magazine.

Happy Packarding!!!!

HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF



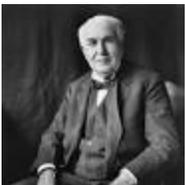
No one reported finding the hidden Predictor on the cover page.



The ROMEO'S had their final meeting for 2025. In attendance were from the Left, Mark Rothermich, Mark Ballerini, Brian Wagner, Karl Ramsing, Randy Carlson, Phil Pizzuto and Paul Santy. No report was made on results of the meeting.



January 26, 1929: Scottish inventor John Logie Baird gives the first public demonstration of television in his London laboratory.



September 23, 1926: Thomas Edison declares the radio a commercial failure



November 17, 1926: NBC launches twenty-four radio stations across the United States. Evidently they didn't get the word from Edison

La Jolla *Christmas* Parade

Sunday, December 7, 2025

By Richard Schauer



PACKARDS LED THE PARADE

We (meaning our club) are considered "legacy participants" in this fine event. Our reward is our Packards lead the parade, this year being the 67th annual Christmas parade. I must express my appreciation to members who made the commitment to come, some for the first time. There is a core group of members who quite literally keep our club viable, indeed successful in the public eye. These committed members seek no recognition for this, they do it for the reasons we all cherish: Love of the Packard marque, a desire to give back to the community, our mutual friendships, and for the sheer enjoyment of being behind the wheel of a Packard. We can thank Tom O'Hara, for he is the one who got us involved in the La Jolla parade in the first place, so many years ago. Once again weather was textbook San Diego perfect.

Our plan came together almost perfectly. Paul Santy and Phil Pizzuto drove caravan from Carlsbad. Lynn Fauth with friend Kim and Karen and I caravanned from Escondido. The four Packards met on La Jolla Village Drive near Torrey Pines Road. Of course, I am claiming bragging rights that the rendezvous was all "planned". It worked out in our favor a short time later when we encountered the roadblock on Silverado at Herschel. No problems at all were encountered getting our cars in position on Gerrard Avenue. Tim Pestotnik arrived a short time later, making a total of five cars in the Parade of Packards. Cars once again were in date sequence, with



Tim leading the parade driving his 1934 Convertible, followed by Richard, Paul, Phil, and Lynn in his 1953 Deluxe Clipper.

Tom O'Hara Arrived momentarily, as did Mike Nadeau in his 1990 Jaguar, taking positions in the US Bank parking lot alongside Carol Ross in her Mercedes SL. The Grey Goose belonging to the Bill Kellog Family came once again to escort Santa.

The place was buzzing with volunteers, VIP's, cars with their drivers, and spectators. New Year was a nice, canopied hospitality area for dignitaries. Navy rear admiral Rich Jarrett was Grand Marshal this year in honor of it being the 84th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Time prior to parade commencement was spent decorating our cars. Gazing down the row of Packards I was struck by the fact that everyone is a proven award-winning car, some with many such recognitions. What an impressive, beautiful display! It is much like Cruisin' Grand, with an increasing throng of onlookers admiring our cars and asking questions. And the sandwiches provided by a local deli were delicious. The Parade of Packards led the parade to the delight of onlookers. The most popular person in my Packard was Snowy Bear, stuffed polar bear in Christmas garb who waved at all the kids on the sidelines.



Richard's 1934 Touring Sedan



Paul's 1936 Club Coupe.



Phil's 1939 120 Touring Sedan.



Lynn Fauth's 1953 Deluxe Clipper.

CLUB MEMBERS DRIVING NON-PACKARDS IN THE PARADE



Carol Ross driving her Mercedes-Benz 560SL with San Diego City Council President, Joe Lacava and his wife.



Mike Nadeau driving his 1990 Jaguar



CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE JOHN WAYNE ROOM

Returning Lazy H our year end party was held in the John Wayne Room. We hopefully made Duke proud. Did you know one of our members was the engineer on John's yacht? He was at the party, not John, the engineer. We had members from Idyllwild and Lakewood, CA. One does not drive the freeways in SOCAL during the holiday season to attend a boring party. These folks keep coming back every year. If you haven't attended your club's year end event, why not give it a try. OK, on with the show.

Thank you, Carol Ross, for arranging the party, taking photos and decorating the room with the help of Santa's Elves, Tom O'Hara, Amy, Richard and Karen Schauer, and Jim And Catherine Woolsey. Thank you, Richard Schauer, for taking photos. Check out the background in the photos, this was the work of Mrs. Santa Clause and her elves.



Tom O'Hara and Amy



Phil and Heather Pizzuto



Kathy and Paul Santy



Phil Pizzuto and Brian Wagner



Tom O'Hara, Todd Schonenberg, and Jim Woolsey



Karl Ramsing, Sandy and Ken Ruminer

LET THE FEAST BEGIN



From the left. Phil and Heather Pizzuto, Mike and Susan Nadeau, Amy and Tom O'Hara, Paul Santy waving and Kathey is wondering what he is waving at, Todd Schoninberg, Jim and Catherine Woolsey, Jamie Woolsey and Ian Sandefer, Mary Lou and Leigh Johnson, Mark Rothermich, and Brian Wagner.



From the left, Jamie Woolsey, Ian Sandefer, Mary Lou and Leigh Johnson, Mark Rothermich, Brian Wagner, Karl Ramsing, Karen and Richard Schauer, Sany and Ken Ruminer, Mike and Susan Nadeau, Amy and Tom.

THE WORLD-FAMOUS PACKARDS of SAN DIEGO GIFT EXCHANGE

What everyone has been waiting for, their journey to the gift table to make a selection.



Amy chooses from the array of choices.



Susan Nadeau's number has been called to make her selection.

Is that a box of Godiva chocolates that Susan selected?



Karl Ramsing has a vintage beverage as Brian and Karen look on. What is Carol showing Mark?





Heather has a candle set?



Kathy was overcome with wonderment and emotion when she opened her vintage tire gauge. Paul is in awe. Todd has that "what's the big deal" look.



Don't go there Paul. Todd and Jim are sending you signals as you foolishly press on.



Carol Ross makes a selection and is trying to figure out what it is, Kinda like the tire gauge thing.





Is Phil thinking of taking Heather's gift or are they collaborating on their next move.

Photo one: Tom is looking at Amy's selection. In photo 2 Phil appears to be thinking of a steal. As the exchange progresses the drama and excitement begin earnest.



Karl watches Karen open her gift.



Grandmother Catherine watches Jameson and Everett make their choices. Jamie and Ian (Mom and Dad) also watch the fun.



Mary Lou Johnson has selected something really small, and she is holding it as if it were yucky!

Meanwhile the saga of the Packard Flag is beginning. Was magic involved? You decide.



Mike Nadeau opens his selection and immediately recognizes it as the coveted Packard flag. He immediately pulls his disappearing act, which has never worked, but who should appear but Catherine Woolsey, and there's Mike holding a Packard brochure. Magic or???



Enough of this nonsense there were Packards patiently waiting outside for their servants to carefully take them home.



Schauer's Master a "34" Touring Sedan.



The Jim Woolsey family cares for this 1954 Pacific.



Leigh Johnson's new ride. I think it is a 1964 or 65.

If you drove your Packard to this event you were supposed to receive a Free drink, if you did not, notify the editor.



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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

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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)

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PAC Packard Club of San Diego

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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>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tour Director</u>
February	Reagan Library, "Reagan Day" overnight visit Travels with Ronnie: from Illinois to California to Washington DC	25-26 Feb	Marjo Catherine
March	Wine Tasting, Rasholica, Ramona w/lunch An Artistic Treat for both the Palate and Visual Senses	15-Mar	Catherine Richard
April	S.D. Auto Museum, Balboa Park w/picnic after Cars and Food...nothing better! Motorcars on Main, Coronado, w/lunch at Brigantine What's not to like: 400 Antique Cars in Crown City	11-Apr 26-Apr	Richard Steve Marjo
May	Lakeside Historical Society tour A memorable Step Back in Time Fallbrook Car Show, Memorial Day Remembering the "Good Ole Days"	16-May 24-May	Sam Phil
June	Cruisin' Grand, Packard/Pierce-Arrow night, Escondido The North County version of American Graffiti	TBD	Catherine Richard
July	<i>PAC National Tour, R. I.</i> Tour to Nautical Museum, Liberty Station, lunch at Yacht Club Ships Ahoy: Our History as the Gibraltar of the Pacific	<i>12-16 Jul</i> 11-Jul	Lets all go, road trip <i>Steve</i> Cath/Marjo
August	Annual Membership Meeting @ Woolsey's Breaking Bread with Friends Main Street America Car Show The Embarcadero Never Looked So Good <i>Pebble Beach Concours</i>	22-Aug TBD <i>16-Aug</i>	Cath/Richard Ricard <i>Steve</i>
September	Idyllwild Weekend Getaway w/2027 planning meeting Who can't use a weekend get-a-way?	25-27 Sep	Richard
October	Whaley House Haunted Mansion w/costume dinner You be the Judge: America's Most Haunted Mansion?	24-Oct	Marjo
November	Vetfest Escondido Eternal Gratitude	11-Nov	Paul
December	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 5-Dec	Richard Steve