

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego
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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. Our next meeting is Wednesday May 7th, 2025.

- ◆ *Shout out to Nick Pisano for photos.*
- ◆ *I recently heard a respected car enthusiast say that "LeBaron was a respected name in the automotive world until it was used to name the K car."*
- ◆ *The date for our Cruisin' Grand event has not been announced. As soon as we have a date, you will be informed.*

show up that Sunday morning and register on site

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



Take Mom for a ride in the Packard. This 1908 model was equipped with a Mother-in-Law seat.

I hope everyone enjoyed a fine Easter

and Passover, filled with quality family time and perhaps a little too much eating (not me, though...no, not much). April was a quiet month for our club, featuring only one event. Once again, we thank Sam Judd for setting up and directing another great tour (see article). May is now here and that's when things get busy. May 4th is Motorcars on Main Street in Coronado. It may be too late to sign up, but you can probably show up that Sunday morning and register on site. There are lots of wonderful cars, lots of prizes, and Packard automobiles routinely take home trophies. May 10th is the Carlsbad show, Hot Rods & Cool Treats. This will be my first time attending this very nice show. Packards have taken best of show every year of this show's existence, so far (with Paul Santy leading the way). Cruisin' Grand: Unfortunately, Escondido is behind schedule on Grand Avenue construction (is this a surprise?). The latest guess is June is when CG will at long last commence. Catherine is at the ready to negotiate a date for Packard night.

So, you can see the summer is heating up. July 12th is Leo Carrillo redux. A flier will be coming out soon. We had a great time in 2024, and the staff is very happy our club is returning. There will be a small fee for lunch sandwiches from Board & Brew, but otherwise the event is free. Then Sunday July 13 is the Main Street America car show at Seaport Village on the Peninsula. Sponsored by the Corvette Club of San Diego proceeds benefit the center for the blind (see flier). Skipping ahead, I must mention the fall Roar & Snore at the Safari Park. A letter was sent to the membership a short time ago!

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I remind everyone to give that unique event special consideration. Please contact Marjo Miller to let her know you are interested. She is working with the SD Zoo folks on a date for the event, so please stay tuned for that. Are you dizzy yet trying to keep all of this in your head? Do we aim to please, or what? By now your Packard should be polished and ready to roll. We look forward always to seeing you! A week ago, I took the '34 out to stretch its legs on errands here in Escondido. The final stop was at Jimbo's health food store. When I came out with my groceries a crowd had gathered by the Packard. I spent the next hour and a half chatting with many excited people including four from Jimbo's who just had to come out to admire the car. You, too, could inadvertently set up your own mini-Cruisin' Grand...just jump in and take your Packard out for a drive and see what happens!

HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF



No one found the hidden Predictor which was on page one.

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S 1941 PACAKARD



The car was MacArthur's until 1948, when he gave it to his driver who had served the general. The car sat, forgotten in barn in Texas, for 30 years.

MacArthur made arrangements through a Navy friend to ship the car on the aircraft carrier USS Princeton to San Diego. Then on a

military flatbed it was shipped to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It was released to the driver in his home city of Dallas. He planned to have military hardware removed and painted a bright post war color. However, before he could get it done, he parked the car in his small, dirt floor garage. He died in his sleep, and it remained there untouched for years. The car still had MacArthur's old army helmet and corn cob pipe in the back seat. It is thought to be in Golden, Colorado now.

THE WANDERLUST TOUR

A small but enthusiastic band of Packard fanatics went for a Wanderlust Tour of Old Highway 80 and other back roads to Descanso for lunch. The most critical requirement for this outing was a Packard but, alas there were none! I know you are asking how could this be? Well, as we all know sometimes kaka happens. Only one vintage automobile was present, a 1938 Buick Century and it was joined by a Ford and Mercedes-Benz. The Mercedes is a qualified antique by the AACA, but certainly is not vintage. Sam Judd provided us with excellent directions, and the Buick led the way.

I must defend Buttercup. She was prepped and ready to roll when a low tire was discovered and there was no time to fix it. The Golden Eagle had to take her place.



We are on the road with Jim and Catherine Woolsey leading the way. Mark Rothermich was my navigator. Mark was familiar with much of the drive, and he related a lot of interesting history on the area.



Before I-8 was built, Descanso was on the main road East on Highway 80, and as was the case with many small towns it began to fade away when interstates were built.



Jim and Catherine's Buick Century



Having lunch at Descanso Junction, Sam Judd, Steve Ross, Mark Rothermich, Jim and Catherine Woolsey and Deborah Judd

AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS HIGHLIGHTS



CHIEF JUDGE AWARD: This 1936 Packard 120B was the official Pace car at the 1936 Indy 500. Owned by Ralph Marano



BEST IN CLASS: 1956 Caribbean Convertible.



PHIL HILL RESTORERS AWARD: 1934 Packard LeBaron Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton.

Phil Hill was an accomplished race car driver, and the only American born Formula 1 driver to win the F1 world Championship. He was also a Packard enthusiast.



YOUTH JUDGING AWARD: 1927 Packard Six Runabout. The age range of the youth judges ranged from 8 to 13 years old. A young lady explained why they picked this car, and gave very good reasons. There was also a judging team of teenagers. They picked a pre-war Rolls-Royce

BEST IN CLASS 1935-1948: 1937 Packard Twelve Convertible Coupe.



1916 Packard Twin Six. This was the first twelve-cylinder engine produced for an automobile in the US. Only four of this model are known to exist today.



The Ford company award went to this 1956 Continental. 2550 were produced in 1956, and only 444 in 1957. It was the most expensive car made in the US at that time, priced at \$10,000.

PACKARDS SCORE WINS AT THE LA JOLLA CONCOURS.

What a pleasure it was to join so many Packard Club members and other car friends at the La Jolla show this year, and they did quite well, based on the judges' selections. I chatted with a judge who has been judging at Pebble for over 30 years. The La Jolla concours we knew in the beginning has now matured into a respected shall we say "high end" concours. Many of the names announced at the awards presentation were ones I have been hearing at Pebble Beach over the years.

TOM O'HARA TAKES FIRST PLACE IN CLASS



Tom and his 1934 Dietrich Convertible Sedan won out over some stiff competition.



SECOND PLACE IN CLASS:

Steve and Lynn Wheeler's 1930 "726" Touring Sedan another club winner. Steve and Lynn were dressed in period attire for which the Master of Ceremony's awarded them a verbal award for best dressed in show.



Nick Pisano's 1931 "840" Roadster. Nick drove his car to the concours, which is not common.



FIRST PLACE IN CLASS: 1931 Packard Deluxe Eight Limo owned by Robert Escalante



FIRST PLACE IN CLASS:

1935 One Off Gentleman's Tailback Speedster. This was the last car designed by Dutch Darrin while he was in Paris. The car has an interesting history, and some claim Dutch copied the LeBaron Boat Tail. If you want to learn more, Google it.



1934 Packard Twelve from the General Lyon's Collection. Is this the LeBaron Boattail?

OTHER CARS OF INTEREST



This 1938 Lincoln Zephyr V-12 is from the Nethercutt Collection; being driven by Cameron Richards Nethercutt, curator of the Nethercutt Collection. The operative words in the last sentence is, Being Driven. The curator of the collection is driving the car, as Leno might say, "that's unusual". Cameron not only drives the cars, he works on them! He is also learning how to maintain the music machines in the museum. Cameron is young, a car enthusiast, friendly and outgoing. He always has a few buddies along as well as his fiancé. Cameron is one of the future leaders in the Car Guys and Girls world.



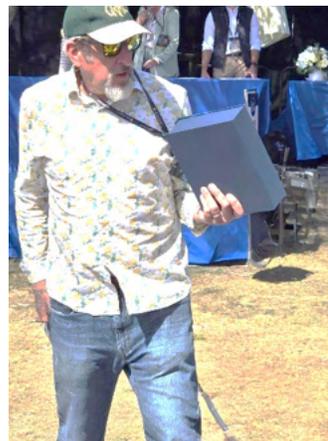
Robrt Escalante and Gary Marchetti discussing restoration. Gary is still restoring his Duesenberg



This 1903 Oldsmobile Curved Dash was the oldest car in the show



The Citroen 2CV Spirit of San Diego flying car.



Randy Carlson with second place award for his Model A Ford Hotrod. Randy recently appeared on the Jay Leno show with his 1966 230 Mercedes-Benz Fin Back.



1936 120 business Coupe won the preservation award. It was described as having just over 30,000 miles on the odometer.



Other than being a beautifully designed automobile, what is special about this one? It is one hundred years old! This Rolls Royce was built in 1925, and as you may have guessed it is the famous Round Door Phantom 1 Rolls-Royce Jonckheere Coupe. In 1925, virtually all cars had the same styling as a saltine cracker box with wheels. The car was originally built for Mrs. Anna Thompson Dodge, the heiress to the Dodge Automobile Company. She never took delivery of the car, and it was sold to the Raja of Nanpara, India. The car was found in a junk yard in New Jersey in the mid-1950s by Max Obie. The car is now in the Petersen Museum



This is a 1925 Packard Model 236 LeBaron, the top of line design for 1925.

Gloria and Steve Carey

By Richard Schauer

Here are a couple of members almost no one is even aware of. Gloria is the daughter of Les Hill of Fallbrook. I met Les decades ago when my '34 Packard was being "restored" by the notorious Fred Perkins of Oceanside. Fred serviced and maintained Les' Packard and on occasion Gloria would accompany her father to Bryan Packard Repair. This is where I met her. Les has been gone for a very long time, but Gloria and husband Steve live in the family home in Fallbrook...well, approximately six months of the year they live here in Southern California. The remainder of the year they live on the family wheat farm in Canada, located around 80 miles east of Calgary. Gloria and Steve no longer do active farming, but the land is worked by a sharecropper. When weather turns cold, they return to Fallbrook for the winter months. They have donated parts from her father's stash to our club, for which we will be eternally grateful. Recently they sold Les' 1950 Packard sedan to a fellow from Rainbow. Paul Santy and I have seen that Packard, sheltered more or less in an open (but covered) shed out behind the house. A complete car, it has not been started since her father's passing. The buyer hauled it home, lubed up the motor, got the crank turning, tuned it up, rebuilt the carb, and lo the Packard motor started! They built those power plants to last, eh?

I had the great pleasure of spending lunch with Gloria and Steve in April at a very nice restaurant in Fallbrook. We have many outstanding people in our club. I am so grateful and honored to know Gloria and Steve Carey, who certainly qualify in that category! They have expressed strong interest in attending the Roar & Snore in the fall! Let's hope they are back from Canada by then. It will be great to see them again.

This Super Eight Deluxe Limo was once owned by Les Hill.



THE HISTORY ON THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND PACKARD.

This black beauty was purchased from Earl C. Anthony's Packard Dealership, Los Angeles, CA, in 1948, by Mrs. Trask, the namesake of Trask Avenue in Garden Grove, California. The car was purchased for \$5,000 and sent to Rudy Stoessel of Coachcraft, Ltd. in Hollywood, CA for \$5,000 worth of customization to accommodate Mrs. Trask's wheel chair and extra luggage. Rudy built a handicap accessible interior with ramps, Lazy Susan, and heavy duty rear springs. Mrs. Trask, her family, and their butler then shipped the car to China and proceeded to tour the country.

By 1988, Mr. Leslie P. Hill of Fallbrook, CA had come to own the car and she was in need of restoration. Leslie and his son-in-law, Steve Carey, did most of the work themselves. Mr. Dutch Parker, an avid Packard man of Bonsall, CA, was brought in to help with some engine and body work. Leslie was very proud of his 1948 Packard and took her to many car shows around the country. A few highlights were the Cleveland, "100 Anniversary of the Packard Factory" show in 1999, and the St. Louis, "International Packard Show" in 2000. Leslie and his wife drove the car to a Packard show in Portland, then on to visit family in Alberta, Canada before completing their circuit back home to Fallbrook.

Her current owner, Mr. Richard Walworth, purchased this black beauty in 2012. After almost a quarter century of touring car shows, the paint was faded and the interior was worn. Richard restored her to the condition you see today. She now has her own garage in Pauma Valley, just north of San Deigo, California.

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



No one identified this 1918 Hudson Super Six Limo.



THE MYSTERY CAR FOR MARCH IS THIS AMERICAN BEAUTY

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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.



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)

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FOR SALE

1937 Packard 1507 Club Sedan barn-find original condition with two 12-cyl engines, located in San Diego, CA. Contact Barbie 760-716-0971 for information and more photos.



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

Packard Club of San Diego**Projects:** 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 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 " <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 Boss (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 Enclosure Anchors - unfinished, fits all 35-37 Juniors, one pair (front & rear)	\$100.00
Horn 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 Strainer 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 2025 Schedule

Listed below is the calendar 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*.

May 4 May TBD <i>May 10</i> May 25 May 31-June 6	MotorCars on Main Street Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand <i>Carlsbad Car Show</i> <i>Fallbrook Car Show</i> PAC National Meet	Coronado Escondido <i>Carlsbad</i> <i>Fallbrook</i> Kansas City, MO	Steve /Marjo Catherine <i>Paul Richard</i> Steve
June 11	Everest Senior Community Car Show	Oceanside	Phil Pizzuto
July 4 July TBD July 11 July 26	Wheels of Freedom Motor Show Leo Carrillo Historic Park Show <i>National Car Appreciation Day</i> <i>Main Street America Car Show</i>	Poway Carlsbad TBD <i>Embarcadero Marina Park North</i>	Board Phil <i>Board</i> <i>Richard</i>
August 9 August 26	Annual Membership Meeting <i>Pebble Beach</i>	Carlsbad <i>Monterey</i>	Catherine Steve
September 13 September 20	Behind the Scenes Garage Tour Annual Planning Meeting	Vista Clairemont	Richard Tom Tom O'Hara
October 20	Roar and Snore Camp Out	Escondido-Safari Park	Tom and Marjo
November 9 November 11	Streetcar Museum Tour Vet Fest Honor Parade	National City Escondido	Sam Judd Paul Santy
December 7 December 14	<i>La Jolla Christmas Parade</i> Lazy H Ranch Holiday Party	La Jolla Pauma Valley	Richard Steve

SEE YA ON THE ROAD

