

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego
– February 2025 –

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 February 5th.

- ◆ **Have you renewed your membership in the best Packard Club on the planet? You have? Great! You haven't? There is still time. We ain't cheap, but a great value.**
- ◆ **The Packard Automobile Club is conducting the National Meet May 31 through June 6 in Kansas City, MO. I am planning to go and would love to have some company.**
- ◆ **Submit a story about your Packard or other automobile experience, and you will be awarded a Chicken Dinner.**
- ◆ **OUR MOTTO THIS YEAR IS: GET OUT AND DRIVE IN '25!**

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



2025 has blown in rapidly, quite literally in some instances, bringing unexpected challenges to all. We grieve for those in LA who have suffered unimaginable tragedy, but

are grateful our region has largely been spared. Our brave firemen have jumped on the little fires that have broken out and squashed them...Heroes all. Having lived here 45 years I have never seen a winter like this. The good news: our October-like weather has given us many opportunities to take our Packards out for a spin. Okay okay, everyone knows I won't take my '34 out even if there is a threat of rain, while many of you will brave the elements rain or shine. Such a glorious occasion happened Sunday January 5 at Pehoe's restaurant on Coronado. Once again, we thank Steve Ross for arranging our 2025 New Year's Luncheon. The staff at Pehoe's sent a very nice thank you letter to us saying how glad they are the Packard and Mercedes-Benz clubs came once again. Nice. Everyone had such a good time; opinions were expressed why we don't get together as a combined group more often during the year. Good point! We will consider that.

I am remiss in my duties. In the January message I should have reminded everyone that a new year has arrived and that means it is time to renew membership. Many members have already done so. Many have yet to send a check to Catherine Woolsey.

Speaking of activities, a tour is now scheduled for February (see flier) in tandem with the Mercedes-Benz Club. Weather being so excellent it would be a shame to miss out. Also, in January we received notification from Joe Munsch announcing the 2025 Western Regions Tour May 15-18, which is being hosted by Packards of Oregon.

A flyer will soon be coming out and will be forwarded to our membership.

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It will be important to book a room at the Running Y Resort in Klamath Falls, OR soon. NorCal is planning a Packard caravan from the Bay Area to Oregon. Please always check the club's calendar. There are updates and more coming.

As you all know I enjoy sharing victories. A victory is defined as the moment when a project of repairing a Packard (often extensive in terms of time AND expense) is completed, putting another Packard back on the road. This time it is our wonderful friend Brian Wagner who is recognized. A lengthy project on the motor and cooling system is complete. Brian's beautiful 1940 Packard 120 is back in service again. We look forward to seeing Brian behind the wheel...smiling!

So, please brush off the dust (off the Packard), tune it up, change the oil, and take that baby out into the sunshine!



HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF



Tom O'Hara spotted the hidden Predictor



Film star Grace Valentine with a 1920 Packard Twin Six



1925: The first appearance of the **Packard "Goddess of Speed" hood ornament** was in 1925 on the Packard Eight and soon adorned all models.



Motor Car Clubs consisting of the two most prestigious automobiles ever built, Mercedes-Benz and Packard, gathered at Pehoe's on San Diego Bay celebrating and kicking off the new 2025. The photo says it all!



Nick Pisano, and his mother, Raisa Pisano, Nick had to stay home and work, Catherine and Jim Woolsey. On the table is a Packard sedan and a Mercedes-Benz convertible. The tables were decorated with model cars, representing our clubs.



Mikea and Susan Nadeau. It was good to see Susan back enjoying the fun, the love birds Richard and Karen Schauer, and Nick Pisano looks the other way.



The happy crowd waiting for the food to arrive.



A happy group of car enthusiasts, from the left: Tom O'Hara, Steve and Carol Ross, Rudy Wokoek, Rose Bolton, Jim Stewart, Patty Arnold, Heather and Phil Pizzuto.

Facing camera: Victoria Mazzelli, Jen Lobner, Ann Kinner, Joanne Barnard Gary and Dian Gelman and Diana Kruse.



Rudy, Rose, Jim, Heather and Phil, Tom, and Carol. You were introduced to everyone in this report on the New Year lunch. The hidden Predictor might be one of them



Phill Pizzuto holding his 1930 Packard Convertible Sedan table center piece.



This early 70's 280SE Convertible decorated the table of honor.

Is it possible the hidden predictor was on the table?

It was a beautiful fun day, and I hope we do it again next year.

Drive and Dine

When: Sunday, February 16, 10:30 am

Where: Meet in the Target parking lot at North County Mall in Escondido.

Directions: Maps will be provided at the Target starting point.



Please join us for a casual drive through some of San Diego's most beautiful backroads. We will make one stop at The Vegetable Shop at Chino Farm, a family-owned market selling unique organic fruits & vegetables in Rancho Santa Fe.

Lunch will be at The Fish Market - 640 Via De La Valle, Solana Beach around 12:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Diana by Feb. 13th via text at 619-851-8067 or email at dianakruse@gmail.com so that we can provide the restaurant with an accurate count for lunch.

March 15

2025

Grizzly Bear Tour



The Packard Club of San Diego loves touring. Come join us for an enjoyable drive through the north county on Saturday March 15, 2025. Why is it called the **Grizzly Bear Tour**? Simple: along the route drivers and guests will be treated to a totem of a grizzly bear, the California symbol. Bring your Packard. If the Packard is not running come anyway with your Brand-X car. The tour begins at Kit Carson Park in Escondido and ends at the Rainbow Oaks Restaurant near Fallbrook.

Tour Details:

- **Date: Saturday March 15, 2025**
 - **Meeting place and time:** Please meet at **Kit Carson Park**, Escondido, CA on Bear Valley Road (how fitting) no later than **8:45 am** for the drivers meeting. Launch time will be at **9:00 am** sharp. Guests are welcome.
 - Maps will be distributed at the drivers meeting
 - The tour will cover backroads and sights covering approximately 50 miles, ending in the town of Rainbow, adjacent to I-15.
 - Lunch will be at the Rainbow Oaks Restaurant at 4815 5th Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
 - **RSVP:** Please contact tour leader Sam Judd at **619-232-220** or email Sam at: samjudd@cox.net. Give Sam your name and number of guests coming with you. If you are bringing your Packard please let us know year and model. We hope for a splendid turnout!
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- Last, **don't forget Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand** in May. Come join the signature summer launch event of the year. This is the #2 Cruisin' Grand event of the year in popularity. **And it is FREE!!!!** Lets show off our cars to an adoring public.

Time is short, so SIGN UP soon!!!!

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



Jon Bernardi correctly identified this 1938 Lincoln K-12 La Baron Five Passenger Convertible Sedan.

This Lincoln is owned by Ralph Marano from Westfield, New Jersey. Ralph is well known in the Packard world, and he has had a car entered in just about every show I have attended.

The Mystery Car for December 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 ****

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? GOTO
<http://www.sandiegopackard.com/packard-parts-for-sale/> AND CHECK THE
INVENTORY

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



1935-39 Junior Hood End Anchors



Horn Damper



1948 327 Packard engine for sale. Complete re-build, nothing left untouched. Call for details, Mark Ballerini 760.473.422



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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



Gary Wysong is selling his 1941 Packard 120 Touring Sedan. His desire is to sell it to a member of our Region and is giving them first opportunity to assume the custody and care for this nice Packard. . Contact Gary at gwysong@cox.net for more information.

Asking price is \$14,000

I have some history for the car, memorabilia, books, collectibles and some spare parts, including NOS water pump, clear glass turn signal lenses and red glass tail light lenses. They're all included in the sale.

I bought a new 6 volt battery and ran the engine to normal operating temperature today. The oil pressure was at mid point, 40 psi. The brake pedal operates just like it should.

The car can be driven and the engine runs well with no engine knocks, as you might hear with a bad main bearing. The piston rings are probably worn because the car smokes from the tail pipe when going downhill.

There are mechanical things to be fixed. The speedometer cable is broken and the odometer reads about 18,000 miles, 118,000 miles is more likely. The fuel gauge and the windshield wipers don't work. It's just a partial list, but the things I remember being an issue.

The front shocks were rebuilt and a rebuilt transmission with overdrive was installed by Jim Woolsey.



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 "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 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 - "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 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

We have been attending the Coronado Car show for several years and we are going again this year. When you register using the link below, indicate you are with the Packard Club. We will have lunch at the Brigantine in Coronado. Please sign up with Steve Ross at inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925. The club meets up in Coronado at the Marriott Hotel on 2000 Second Street early in the morning and proceed to the show as a group to ensure we park together on the grass.



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To register go to

<https://www.coronadomainstreet.org/event-details-registration/motorcars-on-mainstreet-2024-1>

Installment two of the Johnson epic Journey

This story was submitted by Leigh
Johnson, written by his Father after he
drove across the USA in July 1966



Lunch in the Southwest

In Arkansas we wanted to have a look at a picturesque spot called Red Rock Canyon. The road approaching the canyon takes an abrupt, steep descent. The pilot, mindful of the clutch, wished to cancel Red Rock Canyon, but the navigator poo-hooed the danger. Pilot was right. In leaving the place we burned about five years' wear off the clutch facings and just barely made it, at that. On the other hand, the clutch did astonishingly well in the Great Smokies National Park. Here, on July 5, we found ourselves in extremely heavy traffic on a two-lane road, trying to climb a long and rather steep grade. Even in her weakened condition, Old 902 would have walked up those grades, and stop to pull a few stumps, just for good measure. As it was, the road was absolutely choked with modern Detroit iron suffering from boiling, vapor lock, and timid drivers. Going up the grade, our poor clutch had to stop and start the car literally scores of times, which it did without much complaining. (Incidentally, for those members plagued by vapor lock, I can not exaggerate the virtues of a tank-mounted electric fuel pump. This was a very warm day, and yet we had neither overheating nor a trace of vapor lock under these extreme conditions).

We started this trip with color film in the camera. For about the first five days, except for California, we hardly saw the sun at all. After that, we had intermittent rains. Therefore, our good intentions of providing a photographic record of the journey may have gone for naught.

For about the first 1000 miles (Tucumcari, New Mexico) we averaged 10.33 miles per gallon. This driving was a mixture of deserts, mountains, and flatlands. For the next 1000 miles (Huntingdon, Tennessee) the average was 10.8 mpg. The driving during that span was as near normal as it would be possible to find, so we do not expect to do better than that. Our cruising speed ranges between 50 and 55 miles per hour. On a four-lane highway we stay even with the big trucks on the level, pass them on the hills, and wait for them to whoosh by on the downhill run.

So far, we have not been able to keep our resolve to visit with members of Packard's International. We are seldom in the right place at the right time. However, we did have a good visit with Sam D. Mount, of Maryville, Tennessee, the owner of a fine 1939 Super 6 sedan. Actually, Sam was leaving to catch a plane as we arrived, and we chatted with his parents for about an hour.

Two of our fears before starting had to do with possible vandalism or theft of parts from the car. As yet, we have had no cause for alarm on either score. We have bugged plenty of eyeballs, and for some reason people like to honk their horns at us -- sometimes scaring us witless when caught unawares -- but it has been strictly hands off.

Ever since we got the Packard, 12 years ago, we have wanted to take a trip like this. Frankly, at this point, I am not sure I would do it again, even though it has been a lot of fun. Just on general principles, I could wish that my wife and I were 10 years younger, but for this trip it would be especially appropriate. A younger, more vigorous, more patient man -- and a better mechanic -- could cope with the countless small irritations more easily than I. We realized before we started that any major breakdown might force us to abandon a fine old Packard that has become a part of the family.

The above should not be taken to mean that we are about to throw in the towel. Old 902's crew is presently resting up in Silver Spring, Maryland, gathering strength and fortitude for the next leg of the journey, to New Canaan, Connecticut.

(Ted Johnson)



Somewhere West of Laramie

STAY TUNED FOR TED JOHNSON'S NEXT LEG OF THEIR JOURNEY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ARIZONA CONCOURS

Carol and I attended the Arizona Concours and saw some very rare Packards as well as other Brass era cars. I attended two seminars: One was moderated by Lyn St. James and 2 PanAm muscle-car drivers and, and other by Donald Osborne speaking with Peter Larsen, an expert on the coach builder Saoutchik.



1903 Packard Model F, Class 1 winner, Dawn of Innovation, Carriage and Brass Era



1906 Packard Model S



1940 Packard 180 Convertible
Coachwork by Darrin

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*.

March 15	Grizzly Bear Tour	North County	Sam Judd
April 19 April 25 April 27	Wanderlust Spring Fever Tour <i>La Jolla Concours</i> <i>Motor Cars on Main Street</i>	SD East County <i>La Jolla</i> <i>Coronado</i>	Sam Judd <i>Board</i> <i>Steve and Marjo</i>
May TBD May 10 May 25 May 31-June 6	Packard Night @ Cruisin' Grand <i>Carlsbad Car Show</i> <i>Fallbrook Car Show</i> PAC National Meet	Escondido <i>Carlsbad</i> <i>Fallbrook</i> Kansas City, MO	Catherine <i>Paul</i> <i>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 <i>TBD</i> <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 <i>Steve</i>
September 13 September 20	Behind the Scenes Garage Tour Annual Planning Meeting	Vista Clairemont	Richard Tom O'Hara
October 20	Roar and Snore Glamp Out	Escondido-Wild Animal 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**

