

THE PREDICTOR



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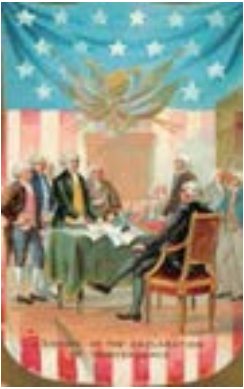
UPCOMING ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 July 2, 2025.

- ◆ The Packard and Mercedes-Benz clubs are going on a cruise and you are invited to join this Merry Band of Buccaneers for an adventure. See page 17 for details.
- ◆ Kelly Snipes found Buttercup, and no one else did report seeing her. Look for her again this month. Only one winner may win the coveted Chicken Dinner. Good luck!
- ◆ We have three car shows this month so why not come out and have some fun with the gang? You are guaranteed to see some exceptionally fine automobiles. Bring your Packard if you can. If not, come and enjoy the cars, people, and scenery.
- ◆ The Mystery Car this month is an icon of US cars and had strong association with the American West. There is one at Pebble Beach occasionally.

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



June did not work out as we had planned. It is important to recognize that our schedule has been and still is in a state of flux. Two events we had planned for June were cancelled or moved. This resulted in a prime month passing without a single club organized event. Phil Pizzuto came to the rescue last minute with a Veterans Car

Show in Oceanside on June 14th. Hopefully, some of you were able to go and show support for our veterans.

However, never fear, for July makes up for June. Many of you have already signed up for the Main Street America Show on July 13 in Seaport Village. This is a fine show in a beautiful location, and the organizers love our Packards. As you read this, please send in your registration right away; rumor has it the quota may already be filled, so act quickly, please. July 11th is Packard/Pierce-Arrow Night at Cruisin' Grand. A placard will be made up for your Packard. Then let's not forget Leo Carrillo on Saturday July 12th. The hosts love our Packards and advertise the event. This brings in more visitors to the Ranch, so everyone wins. There will be a very nice Peoples' Choice award! Please contact Phil Pizzuto if you plan to come (see flier). Cost is \$20 and that covers lunch.

Beyond July is the annual membership meeting and BBQ at Catherine and Jim Woolsey's house in Carlsbad on August 9. This has always been a very popular event. Don't forget to bring your ideas for things our club can do in 2026. We appreciate your ideas and always incorporate many into our annual schedule. Then August 16 offers a free car show at the VFW hall in Oceanside...details to follow. Then in September we have a garage tour at Gary Marchetti's house in Vista, followed by lunch after. The date is still not firm, so please stay tuned for updated information on that. Our busy year is marching right along. Hopefully you have taken your Packard out for a spin or two in this unseasonably warm weather...so lucky we are to live in a place where we can drive our Packards year-round!

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HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF



Kelly Snipes found Buttercup.



1905 Model N Limousine



1905 Model N Coupe



Sam Judd provided photos of the 1905 Packard Models which were the first closed Packard. The body of the cars were made of aluminum as well as the three speed transmission. Due to their light weight the cars could achieve 50 mph.



1905 Model N Limousine

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Packard at the 1905 fifth annual New York Auto Show. The 1900 show was Americas' first National Auto Show. Of the 4,200 new automobiles sold in the United States at the turn of the century, gasoline powered sold less than 1,000. The majority were electric.

One early critic complained that the internal combustion engine was, "Noxious, noisy, unreliable, and elephantine". It vibrates so violently as to loosen one's dentures. The automobile industry will surely burgeon in America, but this motor will not be a factor.



1925, Packard continued its dominance as a top luxury car manufacturer, introducing the "Goddess of Speed" hood ornament on the Packard Eight and other models, and experiencing strong export sales. The year also saw the introduction of the Packard Eight with a straight-eight engine.

THE PACKARD CLUB NATIONAL MEET

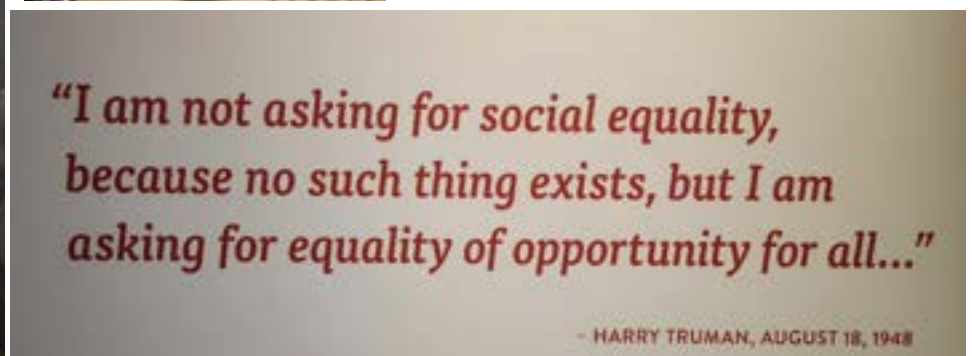
Carol and I attended the Packard Club's National Meet last month in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas. Since I grew up on a farm in that area and have family there it was ol' home week, and no I didn't ride with Jesse James. There were a lot of Heartland folks there and some nice Packards. Russ Bees of Indianola, Iowa, the man who restored Buttercup was there with a Packard. I met up with Russ and his wife on a Lincoln Highway tour a few years ago. His wife was looking at the car and she "Said I loved this car". I found out from Russ at the meet that she was very upset about him selling the car. Russ is 90 and is still restoring cars.



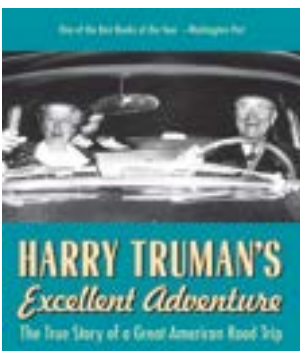
We visited the Harry Truman Library, which was quite interesting from a historical viewpoint as well as a look into Truman's life and rise to the Presidency. Harry is greeting us at the entrance.



This small plug was the triggering device for the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki. It is about the size of an aspirin bottle.

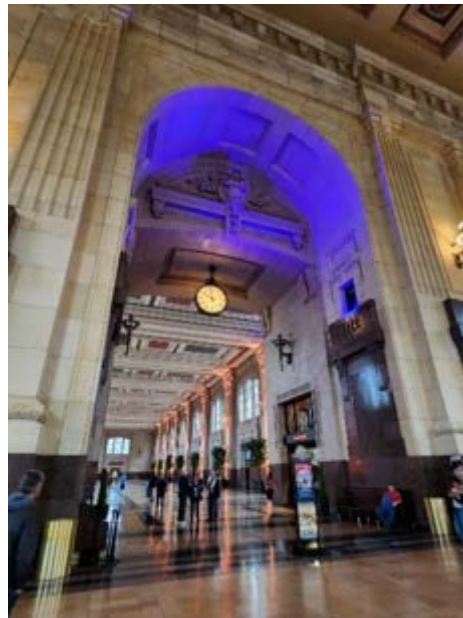


This was the message Harry sent to General Eisenhower when he was leaving office in 1952.



Harry's choice of automobiles was all Chrysler products. In the summer of 1953, they drove their newly purchased 1953 Chrysler New Yorker from their home in Missouri to the East Coast and back. This was before secret service protection was provided for former presidents. They stayed in the George Washington Hotel in Pennsylvania after being pulled over by a state trooper for a traffic violation.

The Kansas City Union Station opened on October 30, 1914 and was the third largest in the U.S. serving sixteen railroads. At the beginning of the twentieth century 180 trains a day were passing through the station. The building encompasses 850,000 square feet and the ceiling in the Grand Hall is 95 feet high. There are three chandeliers weighing 3,500 pounds (1600 kg) each, and the Grand Hall clock face is 6 feet in diameter. The only trains now served are AMTRAK and averages 421 passengers daily.



THE NATIONAL WWI WAR MEMORIAL



The Liberty World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri was opened in 1926 as the Liberty Memorial. In 2004, it was designated by the United States Congress as the country's official war memorial and museum dedicated to World War I



Belgium Gen. Jaques, Italian Gen. Diaz, French Marshall Foch, U.S. Gen. Pershing and Great Britian Admiral of the Fleet Load Beatty were at the 1921 groundbreaking. The local veteran chosen to present flags to the commanders was a Kansas City haberdasher, Harry S. Truman.



There is still live ordinance being plowed up and some fields are still off limits. It is estimated that it will be another century before all the ordinance is cleared.



There are 1,000 poppies on the floor beneath the glass walkway, each one representing 9,000 servicemen who died in the war, or 6,000 dead soldiers per day.

While we were at the memorial there were two tornado warnings, and we all had to rush the shelter in the basement. It was ironic with over 100 people huddling in the basement, especially when we had to go down there again.

THE STEAM BOAT ARABIA



The Steamboat Arabia was built in West Brownsville, Pennsylvania, at the boatyard of John S. Pringle in 1853. At 171 feet long, the Arabia traveled the Missouri river and transported passengers as well as carried up to 222 tons of cargo, including tools for the frontier, merchandise for general stores and federal mail. The most treacherous of the many hazards were fallen trees lying hidden from sight just under the river's surface. These "snags" crippled and sank hundreds of steamboats from the 1820s to the 1870s. On September 5, 1856, just outside of Kansas City, the Arabia hit one of these snags and sank in a matter of minutes. Thankfully, the 150 passengers and crew made it off the boat safely. But the 200 tons of cargo were lost to the muddy river, not to be seen again for over 130 years. Included in the cargo was fifty barrels of whiskey.

In the winter of 1988, local A/C and furnace repair company owner Bob Hawley, along with his sons David and Greg, learned of the Arabia's story and discovered the boat's location. The sunken paddleboat was 45 feet underground and a half-mile away from the present channel of the Missouri River. Bob, his sons and some friends decided to dig up the Arabia. The four-and-a-half-month excavation resulted in the discovery of the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world. Beautiful glass bottles illustrate the care taken in producing containers for ordinary contents such as liquor or ketchup. Small-mouthed bottles contained preserved fruits for pies, as well as bright green sweet pickles. (They were still edible!) These, along with buttons, beads, clothing, tools, weaponry, and more were found aboard the sunken ship.

The Arabia Steamboat Museum in Kansas City where the artifacts from the Arabia are displayed is a collection that reveals details of frontier life seen nowhere else. The quantity and varieties of cargo is staggering. The artifacts are housed in a building I estimate to be 80,000 sq feet. There are on site restoration shops still working on various pieces including shoes. I was amazed to learn that they could restore boots that looked like one could wear

them. I asked the guide if there much left unrestored and said "no we only have 15% of the cargo here!! "



The excavation site



This is just a small sample of the artifacts on display at this museum.



The story of the Arabia and its excavation and artifacts preservation are on YouTube, and narrated by the guys who dug her up.

NOW FOR THE FUN STUFF!

Yep, now that we have toured the educational places we can get down to what we came for, and if you have forgotten...we are here to see Packards and talk to folks who drive them. We did go to places where there were other cars besides Packards, and we liked them too.



Buttercup's older sister, who has lived the life of luxury.



Some of the Packards have arrived at the hotel parking lot. I believe the oldest Packard was a 1922 Sport Phaeton and the newest was a 1956 Patrician.



Steve Ross and Steve Christy reminiscing about how much Elvira's younger sister looks like her. Christy is past National Present and was the host for this meeting. Both Steve's are Kansas City guys.



This Kit Packard has a fiber glass body and mounted on a modern chassis with a Chevy engine, a totally modern car with all the amenities.



Packard 12 all Weather Town car by La Baron



1953 Cavilar Convertible with a continental Kit.



1934 Packard 12 Club Sedan



1955 and 1956



1941 160 Convertible. This is the Packard I want to take home.



1950 Super Deluxe Eight. A golden anniversary addition owned by Russ Bees, the man who restored Buttercup. Russ is a retired schoolteacher and restoring cars is his hobby.



1922 Packard Single Six with body by Pullman



Russ on the left with Steve Ross.



Car show on the lake





This 1947 six-cylinder Clipper Taxi is an original taxi complete with the meter. It was used in Chicago and is still in Illinois. It was the first-place winner at a previous national meet. The owner was giving some people a ride to the banquet, and it vapor locked. They were late arriving and sat at our table when they arrived. I asked the owner if he had an electric fuel pump and he said no and he wasn't going to get one.



This 1937 coupe Convertible is modified with a Chevy engine, brakes etc. It came down from South Dakota.





This 1934 Packard 12 transported FDR for his third Inauguration in 1941. FDR is in the lead car followed by a Lincoln V-12 and a Cadillac V-16.





This 1956 Patrician was pulled out of a barn near Saint Joseph, Missouri where it sat for many years. It was found by a sixteen year old boy and his older brother. Both boys live on a farm about 80 miles away from Kansas city. The car is running and the Ultramatic is not working correctly, but he drove the car to the show. Body is in good shape, but the interior is pretty much destroyed. This young guy is restoring the car and he has experience in restoration. He has 22 lawn tractors that he has restored. He tried to explain to me what was wrong with the Ultramatic and all I understood was that it had something to do with the torque converter.

THS KANSAS CITY AUTOMTIVE MUSEUM



The Kansas Car Museum has some nice cars but not a large variety of models and the predominant make is Studebaker. Ww will open with a Studebaker.

The Speedway was named to commemorate the Studebaker that won the pole position in the 1931 Indy 500. It has a 337 cu engine and before modification and develops 115 hp. The Speedway set ten speed records. Only 100 of this model were built making them extremely rare, causing it to be called the Holy Grail of Studebaker, and the CCA has granted it full classic status. Finding an original one of these is difficult as many Studebakers with this body style have been restored to Speedway specifications. The speedway pictured here is not an original, but a Packard restored to Speedway specifications. David Armacost Jr of Stillwell, Kansas restored the car.



The Speedway hood ornament. I have never seen this ornament before and don't know what or who the figure might be.



What a Concourse engine bay looks like.



1927 Packard Coupe



When Mercedes-Benz was with Studebaker-Packard, Studebaker decided to build a car that looked like a Mercedes. Mother Daimler was very unhappy with this, and chastised Studebaker severely

THE MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET



The newsletter editors meeting with Craig Handley, the National President. Craig is the first gentleman on the right.



Steve Christy the Past National President and meeting host and VP of Regions.



The fashion show winners



The Snodgrass awardees.



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(6:00 am- 2:30 pm PST – Monday-Friday)

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



No one correctly identified this 1930 REO Flying Cloud.



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To win this prestigious award, send Steve Ross the manufacturer and the 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.



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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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, new tires. Powered by a Chevy straight six 250cu 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!

ASKING \$26,000

Contact Doug at DLCLARK47@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*.

June 11	TBD		Phil Pizzuto
July 4 July 12 July 11 July 26	Wheels of Freedom Motor Show Leo Carrillo Historic Park Show Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand <i>Main Street America</i>	Poway Carlsbad Escondido <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 Tom O'Hara
October 20	Roar 'n 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	<i>La Jolla</i> Pauma Valley	Richard Steve

SEE YA ON THE ROAD

