

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego

– July 2026 –

ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Board Meeting is Wednesday July 1, 2026, @ Elijah's Restaurant
7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. Meeting starts at
12:00 noon.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA

June was a very active month for the club, so there are a lot of fun things to read about in this issue. If you like Packard automobiles and fun loving, nice people, then join the gang for one of our events. This month we are going to the Nautical Museum, which will be a first for the club. Lunch at the Southwest Yacht Club. Please join us.

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer

Celebrate Independence Day



Here is something that will never happen again: **Happy 250th anniversary** to the good ol' USA! Long may our beloved

country stand as a beacon for the world! Wouldn't it be fun to be in D.C. on the 4th to watch what is being advertised as the most fantastic fireworks display ever!? God bless America, land that we love!

As I write this, the month of June is just half over. Once again, we are departing for far off places, so this message is being prepared early. Already one very fine event has been chalked up for the month, namely the car race and luncheon at the home of Pete and Jen Lobner. Pete and Jen are Mercedes club members, but it must be said that they are like family... we hold no distinction, no division because we are Packard people and they are M-B folks. It is recognized how much work goes into preparing for a gathering such as this. See the article in this issue. We thank Pete and Jen for hosting everyone. They are so kind, generous, and gracious. The other June event was the Main Street America car show at the Embarcadero Park North (Seaport Village area). Our club has supported this fine event for about seven years now, and it is a truly great event. Tom O'Hara took **Best of Show**; his second time taking home the top trophy. Congratulations, Tom!!!! By the time you read this Packard/Pierce-Arrow night at Cruisin' Grand will be a thing of the past. In my absence Mark Rothermich kindly volunteered to take charge of the event. I have no doubt it was a wild success once again!

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There is still time to sign up for the July 11 Nautical Museum tour at Liberty Station. All these years I have lived here and never been to the museum, so I am looking forward to it (see flier). We thank Marjo for organizing this event.

Right around the corner is the August membership meet and BBQ, once again hosted by Jim and Catherine Woolsey. Cardiff crack tri-tip at the hands of our skilled chef Paul Santy, this is an event that simply cannot be missed... and it is free (see flier).

It is time to look toward Fall. Our election cycle is coming up. We always encourage members to join our board...new ideas flow from new people and there is plenty of work to go around. This election cycle decides who will serve as Assistant Regional Director and Secretary.

September means our 2027 planning meeting is coming up. A date has yet to be set, so look to your Predictor for information on that. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting (at Tom O'Hara's house) or send your ideas to any board member.

October 9-11 is our Fall get-away to Idyllwild. Rooms are set aside for the Packard Club at the Strawberry Creek Inn. This is a must-attend event, as it coincides with the Fall Art & Wine Festival. There will be some surprises for participants (teaser is intentional).

November 11 is the Escondido VetFest. The Packard Club has proudly supported this event for years, and the tradition is continuing. Paul Santy is the point of contact, so please contact Paul if you plan to support the Veterans Day Parade.

One more note: Some events require money, albeit not that much. Most people know this, but there are still some folks who are confused as to how to make out the check. All checks for club events should be made payable to the Packard Club of San Diego. Any other language on the check will result in the bank rejecting the check. We want everyone to come, so please sign up ASAP.

HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF



Sam Judd spotted the hidden Predictor. Sam took home all the awards in June, getting the mystery car correct and finding the elusive Hidden Predictor

MAIN STREET AMERICA SHOW

The number of Packard automobiles attending this year was less than previous years, but the enthusiasm was not dampened whatsoever. The awards ceremony opened with the Packard Club being honored for supporting the show for several years.



The Packard Club automobiles. Richard Schauer's 1934 Touring Sedan and Tom O'Hara's 1934 Dietrich Convertible Sedan.



Tom is demonstrating how to win in car shows. He is polishing the exhaust pipe, rear bumper and the trunk rack. He also polished the trunk lid fasteners.

I believe that Tom has won more trophies than any car in our club. If anyone knows of a Packard that has more, let the editor know.



Non-member Rick with his 1939 Model 120.



Richard starting his grandson Oliver off as a "Car Nut" early.

WINNER BEST IN SHOW, TOM O'HARA'S 1934 DIETRICH CONVERTIBLE SEDAN



Richard had the winning ticket for a bottle of fine wine.



Tom's Trophy

Tom may agree with the President, he's been winning so much he is tired of winning. He may need a "Go Fund Me" drive to build a trophy room.

On the right is a 1956 Caribbean Convertible that was at the show last year and is claimed to be 1 of 250 built . This is a beautiful automobile. Maybe we can get the owner to join our merry band.



A couple of power projectors, tied up across the bay. I have been to a few port cities, and San Diego is by far the best.

THE PATIO CAR RACES



The view from the race track

The Mercedes and Packard drivers arrived at high noon in preparation for the races. The Grand Champion from the prior races was present hoping to retain his crown. It was a beautiful sunny day perfect for racing. There was only one issue with the track, and that was oil on one of the turns. Several of the cars spun out.

A cornucopia of food was available throughout the race for specators and drivers.



From the left, Ann Kinner, President of the Mercedes Club, Victoria Mazelli, Cheryl Hradecky, and Susan Haviar.



Patty Arnold, Jimmie Stewart and Rudy Hradecky.



Note the Aircraft Carrier in the background over Rick Carlson's shoulder. Joey Costa, Debra Lopez, Deborah Judd, Janette Haye, Bob Gunthorp, and behind them is Mike Campana.



The Track Steward and boss of everything, same as a Rallye Master, Mr. Pete Lobner.



Rudy Wokoek, Rick Carlson, Amber Alexandru, Elizabeth Alexandru and Deborah Judd. Rick Just finished winning race one.



Elizabeth, Amber and Rose Bolton



Victoria, Diana, Pete and Susan Havair



Jen Lobner, Amber Pete Lobner and Rick Carlson



Rick Carlson, Joey Costa and Debra Lopez



Sam Judd



Lynn Carlson, Diana Kruse and Victoria Mazelli



Lynn Carlson and Tana campana



Rudy Hradecky, Jen Lobner and Steve Ross



The opening race, Deboran Judd on the left, Radu, Jimmie Stewart, Rudy Wokoek, and Lynn Carlson. Rick Carlson, the winner, had just flashed past the camera.



Race 1, Radu number 3, Lynn Carlson number 2, and Rick Carlson the winner.



Race 2, Amber Alexandru winner, Rudy Wokoek second and Joey Costa third.



Race 3, Catherine Woolsey winner, Victoria second, and Steve third.



Race 4, Rose Bolton winner. Radu third and Carol Ross second.

The first-place winners of the four races will race for the Grand Championship. The winner of this race receives recognition, monetary reward and a beautiful trophy.



During the line up for the championship race Catherine, Amber and Rick have an issue with pole position, as Elizabeth and Ann Kinner look on. Elizabeth is covering against the wall. The issue was quickly resolved by Mr. Lobner.



Amber Alexandru is our 2026 Champion as well as Rookie of the Year. Rose Bolton finished second, and Catherine Woolsey third. Amber was driving a 1939 Packard Coupe beating two Mercedes-Benz. We assume the Packard was modified.

The 2026 Champion and Rookie of the Year, Amber Alexandru.



The San Diego Chapter of the MBCA extends heartfelt thanks to Pete and Jen Lobner for so generously opening their home and making this wonderful event possible.

CRUISIN' GRAND

Our keynote event was a huge success as usual. We were disappointed that no Pierce-Arrows joined us.



In position, ready for the big show, and waiting for the crowd to arrive.



The crowd has arrived



Brian Wagner, Rick Carlson and Mark Rothermitch manning the information table.



Paul Santy and Catherine Woolsey.



Brian Wagner's 1940 120 Touring Sedan. Brian is the third owner of this Packard.



Todd Schonenber's 1939 Super 8 Touring Sedan.



John Woolsey, Charlie Hylton, and Jim Woolsey.



Karl Ramsing's 1929 Convertible Coupe.



Catherine Woolsey, Raisa and Nick Pisano



Paul Santy's 1936 Club Sedan



Rick Carlson's 1953 Clipper Deluxe Sedan, with the Thunderbolt engine. Rick is answering questions about his Packard. People are always interested in learning about our Packards.





Catherine Woolseys' 1954 Pacific two door hardtop



Mark and Paul count the ballots to determine the Cruisin' Grand Award.



THE WINNER IS NICK PISANO'S 1931 ROADSTER



Nick and Raisa arrive in the winner's circle.



Nick accepting his award.



Steve Waldron, the Cruisin' Grand chairman, interviews Nick.



Nautical Museum Tour

JULY 11, 2026 10:00 AM

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Mark Rothermich

By Richard Schauer



Compared to Mark Rothermich I'm a relatively new member in the San Diego Region. There are members in our region I have never met, and many Packards I have never seen. Some old timers claim to have actually seen Mark's Packard, but no one of us "new" members have...until now.

Well, I can chalk one more Packard up. On June 15 I visited HLM Mark Rothermich to drop off "stuff" used to support Cruisin' Grand, since Mark was gracious enough to volunteer to lead the Packard night event. In so doing I had the pleasure of seeing his 1947 Packard Clipper. He calls her the Black Bomb, a very inglorious name in my humble opinion. The car is in excellent physical shape. This is due to the fact it was sold new in San Diego and has spent its entire life here...a zero-rust body. Some have teased Mark, speculating that he really does NOT own a Packard. Well, here's proof...with the proud owner standing beside BB. Mark promises the Clipper will be back on the road again before too long. Can't wait to see BB at club events!

TOM O'HARA WINS FIRST IN CLASS AT THE SAN MARINO CONCOURS



I have followed Tom and his Packard for about fifteen years in their progression from winning in the Wash 'n Shine shows to the major Concours shows. It takes time, money, disappointment, and most of all a passion to gain that achievement. Tom is a quiet modest guy and does not boast, he just gets the job done.



San Marino, First Place Main Street America Best-in-Show

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER

THE QUIET KNIGHT



Sam Judd correctly identified this 1928 Minerva AK

Transformable Town car. This Minerva features the 5.3-liter, six-cylinder Knight Sleeve Valve engine developing 150hp, with top end of 70mph. It weighed 5300 pounds.

Designed by Hibbard and Daren. Cost in 1925 was \$15,000 or in 2026 \$\$, \$292,122.



AUTOMOBILE FOR JULY 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

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

1955 Packard Clipper Custom for sale. It is all complete but has 2 broken rear taillights, 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 perfect as is the hood, trunk lid, doors, rear bumper is rusty but can be fixed. I am asking **\$2,000** 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

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 are included 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



FOR SALE

Parting out a 1956 Packard Clipper Super, 2-door, with lots of good parts left. Rear quarters and taillights are gone, no front bumper or rear bumper, all else is there. Seats down to the springs, bows all there, dash is excellent and complete, steering wheel, rear windows and cranks, hood is good, trunk lid is good with hinges, engine is complete, right and left doors are ok, under carriage is complete, front clip is good (left front fender has a repairable dent, all glass is there and good, most chrome is there and good, car has rims and tires and will roll. Prices vary so call if you have a question. Car will be at the Packard show in Newport Beach May 1 and 2. **\$1850 for whole car.**

Contact
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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:

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Carlsbad, CA 92009

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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*

Month	Event	Date	Tour Director
July	Tour of Nautical Museum, Lunch at SW Yacht Club	11-Jul	Catherine/Marjo
August	PAC National Meet	12-16 July	Steve
September	Annual Membership Meeting	22-Aug	Catherine/Richard
October	2027 Planning Meeting at Tom O'Hara's	19 Sept	Tom O'Hara
	Idyllwild Weekend get away	9-11 Oct	Richard
	Whaley Haunted Mansion Tour & Costume Dinner	24-Oct	Marjo
November	Vetfest Escondido	11-Nov	Paul
December	Christmas Luncheon, Lazy H in John Wayne Room	5-Dec	Steve
	<i>La Jolla Christmas Parade</i>	<i>6-Dec</i>	<i>Richard</i>

SEE YA ON THE ROAD

