

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego

–March 2026–

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Board Meeting for Wednesday March 4, 2026, will be a lunch meeting. The location will be announced by email.

Effective March 1, 2026, the cost for non-Packard Club members to run an ad in the Predictor is \$50.00 for three months.

SPECKLE ROCK WINERY TOUR SUNDAY MARCH 15. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EVENT TO DRIVE THE PACKARD.

MOTOR CARS ON MAIN STREET IN CORONADO IS MAY 3, 2026



Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer

The days are longer now, giving us more daylight and warm temperatures to drive our Packards. Spring is nearly here! It is almost irresistible, so please don't fight it...take your Packard out for a spin. Every time we do, people come, crowds gather, so a short trip out becomes a venture. Isn't it wonderful? Where have you gone in your Packard lately? If you have an exciting story, please submit it to our editor Steve Ross.

February featured an event that was truly unique in my experience with both our club and region. Marjo Miller arranged a visit to the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley on February 26. This was quite an adventure for our region, given the distance and strain of surviving the LA traffic. But make no mistake, this was a wonderful adventure (see article), and completely worth our time to go there. Marjo arranged lodging and Wednesday evening dinner at a great burger/BBQ place nearby. If you have not visited the Reagan Library, I urge you to do so. There is so much information there, so well presented, with such friendly and helpful docents, that you will wonder why you have not been there before. And for me personally the group of people who committed their time, energy, and resources to go are absolutely the best of friends from our club and the Mercedes-Benz Club of San Diego. To me car club affiliation is of minor importance. First and foremost, these are wonderful, dear friends. More is planned with them in 2026...please stay tuned.

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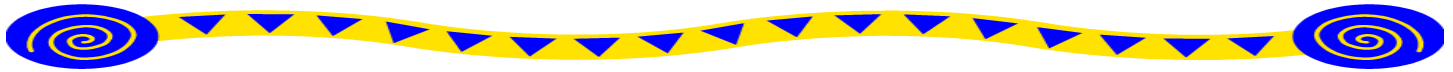
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I urge anyone who has not yet renewed their membership for 2026 to please do so without delay. It is March and the clock is striking midnight in terms of the deadline. Please do not miss out on the exciting things we have planned (and are already moving ahead on) for this year AND our monthly award-winning magazine, thanks to Mr. Steve Ross. Send your \$15 check to Catherine Woolsey at 2052 Cima Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Please check the calendar. The winery tour on March 15 has us going to the Speckle Rock Winery, which is a change. The prior winery Rashonika we discovered is closed. Also, please note the email Steve sent out on the Ortega Highway tour, set for Tuesday March 24. The clock is ticking on registration for Motorcars on Main Coronado, set for May 3, and the Fallbrook car show May 24. Another calendar update involves the Main Street America car show, now scheduled for Saturday July 25 at the Embarcadero Park North. Our schedule is dynamic and should be checked each month, so you don't miss out on our adventures.

April 11 is the date for our trip to Balboa Park. Look for details soon! In the meantime, please get behind the wheel off your Packard and drive it out into the spring sunshine!



HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF

No one found the hidden Predictor in February because there wasn't one. It was the computer's fault. There is one in this issue - somewhere.

Key 1926 Packard historical events



• **Hood Ornament:** The original "Goddess of Speed" mascot was introduced during the 1926 model year, used through 1937.

- **Model Lineup:** 1926 featured the "Single Six" (Third Series), recognized for its elegance and engineering during the Gilded Age.
- **Market Position:** Between 1924 and 1930, Packard was the top-selling luxury brand in the U.S.
- **Production:** The company, under Alvan Macauley, was highly successful, exporting to 61 countries.
- **Slogan:** The enduring "Ask the Man Who Owns One" tagline was actively used, reinforcing its reputation for quality.

THE REAGAN LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

We rendezvoused at the Fairfield Inn in Moorpark, CA on Wednesday evening in preparation for our tour of the Reagan Library the next day.



We gathered at the Cork and Batter Roadhouse for Happy Hour and Dinner



Catherine and Rose check out the menu while Rudy and Rick watch sports on the TV. Lynn and Richard are listening.



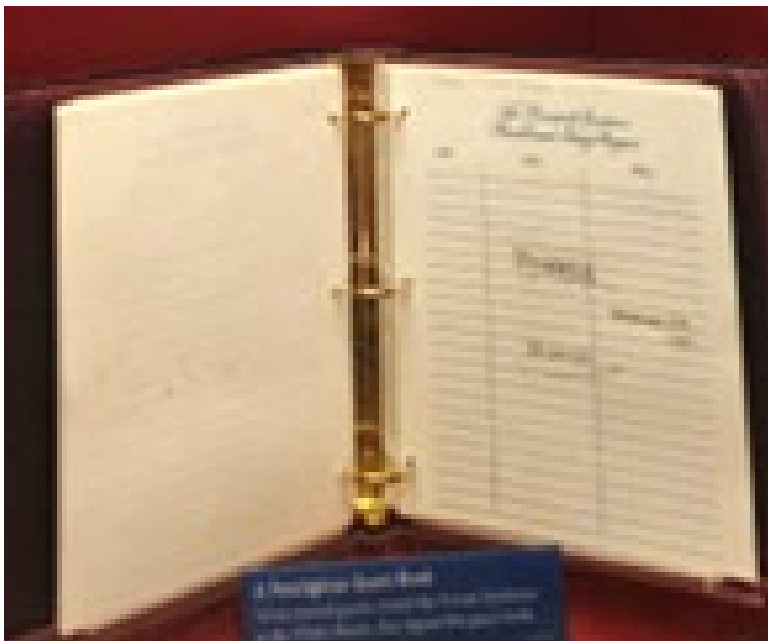
From left, Marjo Miller (our tour organizer), Dion Dyer, Steve and Carol Ross, Tana and Mike Campana, Karen and Richard Schauer, Rick and Lynn Carlson, Kathy and Paul Santy, and Jim and Catherine Woolsey.



The Reagan Library has the most visitors of all the Presidential Libraries. In addition to presenting the life of Reagan and his eight years as president, it describes in photos and documents the events that occurred during that time.



A flag from the American embassy in Iran when it was looted, the staff was taken prisoner, and 52 were held captive for over a year.



The guest book signed by Princess Diana of Wales at a white house ball, and the white house China selected by Mrs. Reagan. Princess Diana is pictured dancing with an American Gentleman. Diana told Nancy there was a gentleman there she wanted to dance with. Nancy went to the man and told him Diana wanted to dance with him and John Travolta said, "I can't do that." Nancy said yes you can, so he did. I was surprised to learn that the White House China, the land, and the Reagan Library was all paid for by private donations. An additional 300 acres was recently donated to the Library.



The Berlin Wall.



A section of the Berlin wall at the library depicting the paintings on the Western side of the wall



This brass clock was a gift to the president from Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.



The oval office. Many of the items used in this replica of the oval office are original artifacts and, because of this, the area is restricted and guarded. In the Nixon Library the office is open to visitors, and people can sit at the desk for photos.



The new blue suit the president was wearing when he was shot. Reagan's first words in the hospital when his suit was being cut off were "You have ruined my new suit." The small white spot is where the bullet entered. He and the others were wounded by a very small 22 caliber pistol.



AIRFORCE ONE

Aircraft Specifications: Passengers - 52 plus 18 aircrew, Range - 6,650 miles, Service ceiling - 42,000 feet, Cruising speed 665.944 mph.

The aircraft manufactured by Boeing entered service in August, 1972 and was used by Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, H.W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush.

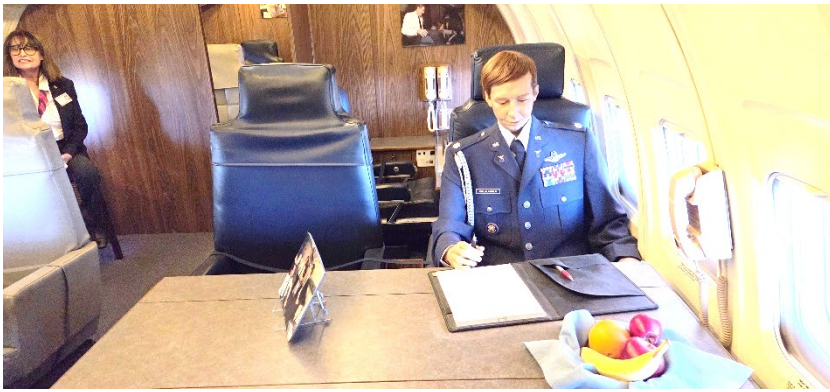
The aircraft was maintained, flown and crewed by the United States Airforce. The chef was a Chief Master Sargent, and the pilot is an Airforce Colonel.



The cockpit of Airforce one. Forward on the left is the Pilot in Command, right seat is the Co-Pilot, behind the Co-Pilot is the Flight Engineer, and across from the Flight Engineer is the Navigator. The seat directly behind the pilot is called the jump seat and is used by observers, guests - those who know the pilot or the president.



Aft of the flight deck is the communications officer where the football is kept next to the president's office and quarters. Note the jellybeans. The phone on the desk is for calls to anywhere in the world that are not encrypted. The tan phone is an encrypted device.



The president's staff and Doctors area.



The galley. All the chefs are specially trained Airforce personnel and gourmet meals are routinely prepared.



Left: Airforce One China.



The sergeants prepare a meal.



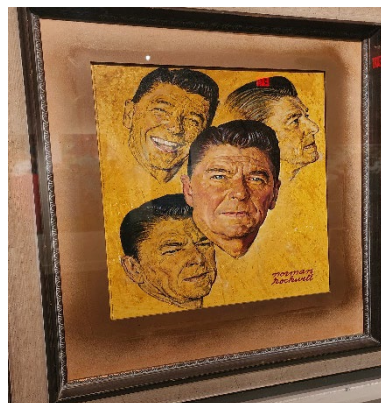
MARINE ONE

Marine One is maintained and flown by the U.S Marine Corps. This Marine One was delivered to the U.S. Army in 1962. It wore both Army and Navy markings early in its service since the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps flew executive transportation helicopters. It was assigned to HMX-1 for Presidential executive transportation duty from 1967 to 1968 and again from 1974 to 1976. It also served in Navy helicopter squadrons HC-6 and HC-2 from 1976 to 2002. Retiring from the Navy, the aircraft arrived at the Reagan library in 2004. On loan from the Naval Aviation Museum, this helicopter has been on display inside the Reagan Library since 2005.

This helicopter is modified with soundproofing, and armor plating. It has a crew of 2 pilots and 2 aircrew and can carry 15 passengers. It has a range of 625 miles, with a max speed of 166mph, and a ceiling of 14,700 ft.



The cockpit of the Helicopter is different from a fixed wing aircraft. The Command Pilot sits in the right seat versus the left and has two control sticks, one for turns and banking and another in the left-hand which controls altitude.



A picture of President Reagan painted by Norman Rockwell

Packard Club of San Diego Presents

SPECKLE ROCK WINERY TOUR



The Packard Club of San Diego has invited the CCCA and Pierce Arrow Society to a winery tour at Speckle Rock Winery.

- Join us on March 15, 2026
- Meet at Kit Carson Park at 10:00 am to take a scenic leisurely drive up to the winery. There is plenty of parking and we will be situated high on Highland Valley Road in Escondido overlooking Safari Park. Those not wanting to take a drive may meet us at the winery at 11:00 am.

Address of winery: 16138 Highland Valley Road.

RSVP: Packard Club/Pierce Arrow:Catherine Woolsey

Text or Call 760.525.1931

email:packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com

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No one identified this 1936 International Hearse



MYSTERY CAR FOR MARCH IS THIS BEAUTY



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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

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 odometer 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.

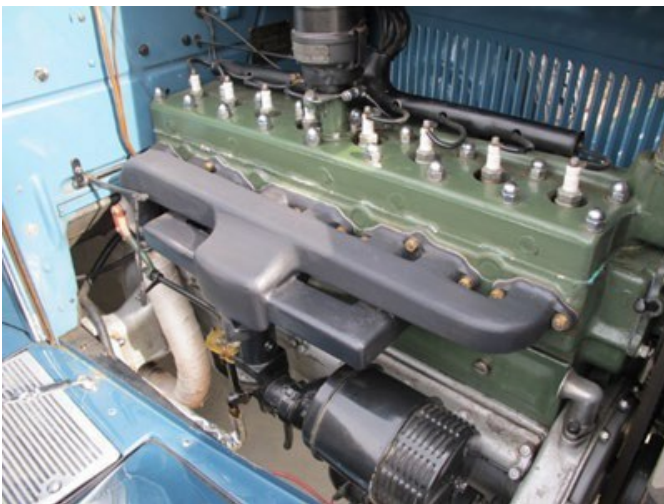
Contact

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

PRICE REDUCTION ASKING \$21,000





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>

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Carlsbad, CA 92009

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PROJECTS

PAC Packard Club of San Diego

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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: \$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
March	Wine Tasting, Speckle Rock Ramona w/lunch. An Artistic Treat for both the Palate and Visual Senses	15-Mar
April	S.D. Auto Museum, Balboa Park w/picnic after Cars and Food...nothing better!	11-Apr
	Motorcars on Main, Coronado, w/lunch at Brigantine What's not to like: 400 Antique Cars in Crown City	26-Apr
May	Lakeside Historical Society tour A memorable Step Back in Time	16-May
	Fallbrook Car Show, Memorial Day Remembering the "Good Ole Days"	24-May
June	Cruisin' Grand, Packard/Pierce-Arrow night, Escondido The North County version of American Graffiti	TBD
July	<i>PAC National Tour, R. I.</i>	<i>12-16 Jul</i>
	Tour to Nautical Museum, Liberty Station, lunch at Yacht Club Ships Ahoy: Our History as the Gibraltar of the Pacific	11-Jul
August	Annual Membership Meeting @ Woolsey's Breaking Bread with Friends	22-Aug
	Main Street America Car Show The Embarcadero Never Looked So Good	TBD
	<i>Pebble Beach Concours</i>	<i>16-Aug</i>
September	Idyllwild Weekend Getaway w/2027 planning meeting Who can't use a weekend get-a-way?	25-27 Sep
October	Whaley House Haunted Mansion w/costume dinner You be the Judge: America's Most Haunted Mansion?	24-Oct
November	VetFest Escondido Eternal Gratitude	11-Nov
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 Wayne's Ol' Hideout!	6-Dec 5-Dec

SEE YA ON THE ROAD