

THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego

– August 2026 –

ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Board Meeting is Wednesday August 5, 2026, @ Elijah's Restaurant
7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. Meeting starts at 12:00
noon.**

No one has found the hidden Predictor for two months. I have a backlog of Starbuck cards. There will be a special reward for that observant soul who finds the Packard.

Some of our Packard club members are going to Monterey Week this month, and there will be some Packard folks from NORCAL Region joining us. I am hoping to see some rare Packards.

I plan to have brief report on the PAC National meet in Rhode Island in the September issue of the Predictor.

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



The dog days of summer are here, or some have said. So what? Does that mean we shouldn't take our Packards out in public? The dog days have not stopped me. What have you done with your Packard lately? July was not an especially busy

month but included a gem: The Nautical Museum tour (see article). One more event popped in on July 3 at Cruisin' Grand, where Jim and Catherine Woolsey had the honor of escorting Korean War medal of honor recipient Royce Williams, US Navy fighter pilot (see article). Honoring our veterans is top of the list of special things our club gets involved in! It was a great evening at CG, with seemingly hundreds of people walking up to Mr. Williams and honoring him.

August 22 is our annual membership meeting and BBQ at the home of Catherine and Jim Woolsey. It is free to members, so please plan to come (see flier). The Pebble Beach Concours is Sunday August 16. Some of you will be going. Please let us know what Packards are on display.

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 Associate Regional Director and Secretary

September means our 2027 planning meeting is coming up. Saturday Sept. 19 is the date at Tom O'Hara's house. Please plan to come and bring your ideas or send your ideas to a board member.

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October 9-11 is our Fall getaway to Idyllwild. If you want to go, please call the Strawberry Creek Inn right away to secure a room at 951-659-2552 and ask for Lisa. 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). October 24 is our haunted mansion tour...we might see some ghosts?!!

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.

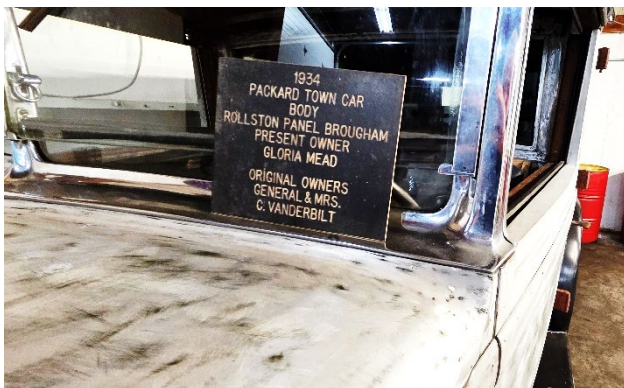
Our annual election cycle is officially commenced. Two board positions are up for election, Assistant Regional Director and Secretary, currently chaired by Sam Judd and Brian Wagner respectively. Anyone interested in applying for one of these positions please contact the election chair Tom O'Hara by the end of August.

Do not let the August heat deter you from getting behind the wheel of your Packard.



HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF

No one has found the hidden Predictor in awhile. Let's sweeten the pot. I will personally reward the person who finds it with a \$2.00 bill and maybe something else. If you peruse the entire Predictor you will see it.



This 1934 PACKARD TOWN Car, Body by Rollston, Panel Brougham was originally owned by General Cornelius Vanderbilt III

Escorting Medal of Honor Recipient Royce Williams at Cruisin' Grand

By Catherine Woolsey



Jim and Catherine Woolsey

Jim and I had the incredible honor of serving as the lead car in our 1935 Packard limousine, escorting 101-year-old Medal of Honor recipient Royce Williams, who served as Grand Marshal at Cruisin' Grand in Escondido on July 3, 2026.

Captain Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism during the Korean War. On November 18, 1952, he engaged in a remarkable 35-minute dogfight against Soviet MiG-15 fighter jets, shooting down four enemy aircraft despite overwhelming odds.

Following our limousine was Mr. Williams' son and several friends riding in Richard Schauer's beautiful 1934



Captain Royce Williams, USN Ret.

Packard Sedan. We gathered at the Escondido Police Department, where six motorcycle officers were waiting to escort our small procession. Also joining us were a 1964 Corvair and a 1958 Cadillac, the latter driven by someone whose father had a personal connection to Mr. Williams.

Our motorcade traveled to Hidden Meadows to pick up Mr. Williams at his home

where he greeted us with his warm smile. After taking group photographs together, we began our journey to Cruisin' Grand under police escort. As we traveled west along Grand Avenue toward Broadway, crowds lined the streets waving American flags, applauding Mr. Williams, and thanking him for his service and heroism. It was a deeply moving sight. As we approached the intersection of Grand Avenue and Broadway, Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." began playing. At that moment, I was overwhelmed with pride, gratitude, and patriotism. It is a memory I will never forget.



The Captain's, ride this 1935 V-12 Packard Limo, owned by the Woolsey family

Our official escort concluded when we arrived at the roundabout at Grand Avenue and Broadway, where we parked the Packards. The evening's festivities continued as Boy Scouts distributed American flags to attendees, and Mr. Williams enjoyed dinner at Filippi's Italian Restaurant. After dinner, he climbed into a beautiful 1948 Lincoln Continental convertible and cruised Grand Avenue, taking in the hundreds of classic cars and the enthusiastic crowds.



The Packard Club was proudly represented throughout the event, and we are sincerely grateful to Steve Waldron, founder and organizer of Cruisin' Grand, for giving us the privilege of participating in such a historic and memorable occasion. It was truly an honor to help celebrate an American hero whose courage and service will never be forgotten.



Captain Williams Escondido Police escorts.

MORE ABOUT CAPTAIN WILLIAMS

Steve Ross



Capt. Williams was flying a F9F Panther jet fighter when he was jumped by six Soviet MIG-15's, and after a 35-minute dog fight, four Mig-15's were downed. He returned to the U.S.S Oriskany, with a badly damaged plane.

Shooting down four planes in one dog fight is amazing but what is even more amazing is the MIG-15 was far superior

to the Grumman F9F Panther. It was 100mph faster, could climb 10,000 ft higher, and was more maneuverable than the F9F. This fight was won by superior flying skill! One advantage Capt. Williams had was that Grumman Aircraft built very durable naval aircraft before and after WWII. The damage to his aircraft was very severe, flight controls required he maintain 170 knots to stay airborne. He landed safely on the ship which proves he is a good stick and one hell of a fighter pilot. Oh, and by the way, his 35 minute dog fight is the longest in Naval history,



CORONADO INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The crowd this year was largest I experienced. It was standing room only on both sides of Orange Avenue. I saw on social media that it was over 50,000. I believe there was a bit more. The downside is there was only one Packard there. I am not sure who owned it, it may be Al Smithsons Packard. I am sure Al will let me know.



1951 Packard Convertible, a well sorted out Packard.



1958 DeSoto Adventurer

Our Nautical museum Tour

Marjo Miller

Saturday, July 11th was a perfect day to visit the Nautical History Gallery and Museum located within Liberty Station, Point Loma. Joining the fun was Phil Pizzuto, Deborah and Sam Judd, Catherine and Jim Woolsey, Mark Rothermich and Marjo Miller.

Before entering the Museum, we were amazed and moved at artist Joe Pisano's "*The Art of Immortalizing Heroes*" which consists of seven very large panels depicting our nation's various conflicts. Most of these pieces are made almost entirely of screws, adorned with dog tags and other military artifacts. A replica Vietnam Memorial Wall has also been erected as part of this exhibit and it lists 17,000 names of the nearly 60,000 military heroes whose lives were lost in this conflict.



Catherine and Jim Woolsey



Mark Rothermitch, admiring the USMC Flag

The museum itself offers a panoramic history of the US Navy and its evolution from the 1760's Revolutionary War through the 1940's WWII. Hats, swords, uniforms, engines, navigation equipment, rifles, banners, cannonballs, medals, and anything else you can image is in this museum. There are also many intricate hand-made Naval vessels on display. Phil Pizzuto especially enjoyed these models as he is a member of the San Diego Ship Modeler's Guild and has made miniature boat models himself (see picture below.)

After visiting the Gallery and Museum, we drove past the USS Recruit that is the Navy's only remaining training structure in existence and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The USS Recruit earned its nickname "USS Neversail" from the more than 50,000 recruits/year who trained there. In the near future, the eight hundred square foot Nautical History Gallery and Museum will expand with its move to the USS Recruit. The Recruit is now managed by the USS Midway organization.

At this point, the group had worked up an appetite, and the day ended on the front deck of the San Diego Yacht Club. It was a very pleasant day spent with our Packard friends. There is still time this summer to come out and join one of our upcoming events- check our Club calendar at www.sandiegopackardclub.com.



MARJO Miller, our Tour Director



Sam Judd



Phil Pizzuto in the hat and Joe Frangiosa Jr., the Museum Creator



From left, Sam Judd, Catherine Woolsey, Phil Pizzuto, Mark Rothermich, Marjo Miller, and Jim Woolsey



Model of a 74 Gun Two Decker Sailing Ship



A model of a Paddle Wheel U.S. Navy Hospital Ship



The USS Constitution, a 44-gun Frigate, is a historic wooden warship known as **Old Ironsides**, famous for being the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat, earning its nickname in the War of 1812 when British cannon balls bounced off its oak wood hull. The ship was launched in 1797 in Boston harbor. She was undefeated in 33 at-sea engagements during her active career and sank four British Frigates. Ship is homeported in Boston, and gets under way once a year for a ceremonial tour of Boston Harbor



Captain Crystal L. Schaefer is the 78th commander of the USS Constitution and is the second woman to command the ship. The ship is manned by active-duty Naval personnel consisting of 3 commissioned officers and 75 Sailors.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BBQ and MEETING PACKARD Club of San Diego

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Come one, come all. Once again, our club is sponsoring the annual tri-tip fest BBQ and membership meeting. Mark your calendar. Everyone always has such a great time, and NO ONE goes home hungry. This year the gathering is at the home of Catherine and Jim Woolsey, and we appreciate them opening their home to us.

Bring your Packard and your appetite. Prepare to smile and laugh a lot catching up on goings-on with members you may not have seen since last year. There is one difference this year. There is no cost to members as always, but guests are asked to bring a food item to share (see below).

- **WHERE:** Home of Catherine and Jim Woolsey, 2052 Cima Court, Carlsbad, CA 92009
- **Time:** 11:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Cost Zero, zip, nada...**
- **What to bring:** Tri-tip will be provided as well as beverages. Guests are asked to bring food items

Alphabetically by their last name as follows:

A-H: Salad or Appetizer
I-P: Main dish
Q-Z: Dessert

- **We are hoping for a BIG turnout of Packards!**

NOTE: RSVP to Catherine Woolsey at:

packardclub.woolsey@gmail.com or phone 760-943-1338.

The event is **FREE, but we need a count so we can have enough food!!!!**



Master Chef Paul Santy at work!



PLANNING BOARD MEETING

When: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Where: Tom O'Hara's Casa, 5341 Jamestown Rd. San Diego, CA

Time: 10:00 am

Please join us in the planning of fun, exciting and educational events for the coming year. 2026 was a great year and we want a repeat in 2027. We had a variety of events in '26 and several car shows. We also joined forces with the Mercedes-Benz Club for several of our tours. Why not join the gang and help us kick around some ideas for some fun.

What makes the task easier is when the members tell us what they like and so, of course, the "planners" want to plan activities that car people like and the assumption is that they like to drive their Packards, and food is also very popular. No one likes surveys very much, so you are invited to join us in planning the fun. As an incentive there will be food AND if you have an idea, you will not be asked to be the organizer.



We hope to see you at our get-together to enjoy some refreshments, comradery, and provide ideas for a fun filled 2027 with our Packards and great Packard guys and gals.



WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



1927 Voisin C7 Sedan with a 1551 c.c. four-cylinder sleeve valve engine, a 3-speed gear box with a two-speed final overdrive, and servo assisted brakes



AUTOMOBILE FOR AUGUST 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

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

Scott Brownell 805- 698- 8685





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:

Packard Club of San Diego
c/o Catherine Woolsey
2052 Cima Court
Carlsbad, CA 92009

MEMBERS' CORNER

LOOKING FOR PARTS FOR YOUR PACKARD? GO TO
<http://www.sandiegopackard.com/packard-parts-for-sale/>
AND CHECK THE INVENTORY

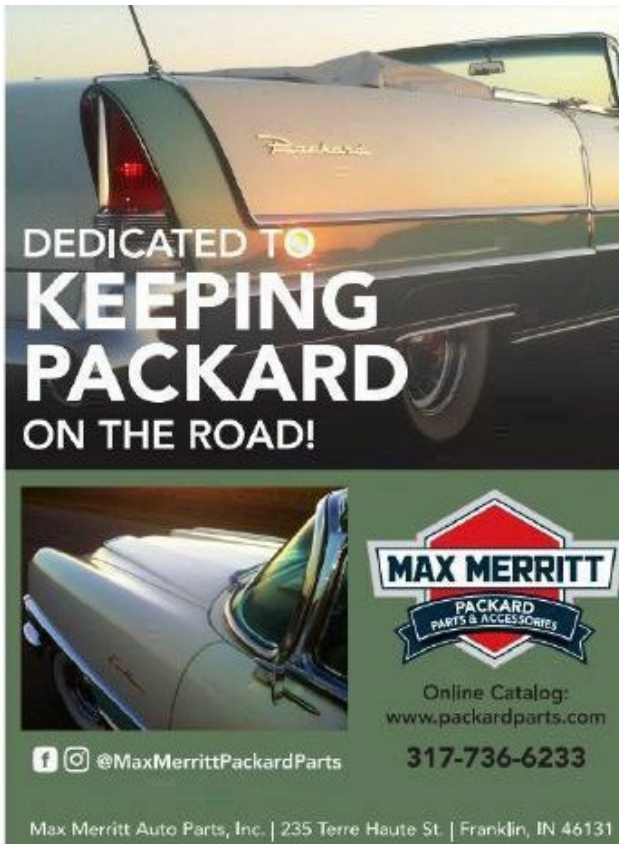
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PROJECTS FOR SALE

PAC Packard Club of San Diego

Projects Chairperson: 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: \$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
August	Annual Membership Meeting	22-Aug	Catherine/Richard
September	Annual Planning Meeting for 2027	19 Sept	Board
October	Idyllwild Weekend get away	9-11 Oct	Richard
	Whaley Haunted Mansion Tour & Costume Dinner		Marjo
November	Vetfest Escondido	11-Nov	Paul
December	Christmas Luncheon, Lazy H in John Wayne Room	5-Dec	Steve



SEE YA ON THE ROAD