THE PREDICTOR



The monthly newsletter of the Packard Club of San Diego

– November 2026 –

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Board Meeting is Wednesday November 4, 2026, @ Elijah's Restaurant 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. Meeting starts at 12:00 noon.

Photos in this edition were provided by Pete Lobner, Carol Ross, Diana Kruse, and Michael Cooper.

Please check out our club's website. It has Predictor Newsletters, upcoming events, photos of past events, photos of Packards and much, much more. Our Webmistress, Catherine Woolsey, has developed a great Car Website. To access go to:
www.sandiegopackard.com.

How to join or renew your membership in Packard Automobile Classics Inc. (PAC). You will need your membership number which can be found on the address label of the Cormorant News Bulletin, then log on pac@cornerstonereg.com. The cost of membership is $58.00 for one year. **You must be a member of the PAC** to join the San Diego Region. You may also renew by logging on the PAC website at Packardclub.org. Check out the website, it has some interesting info.

Regional Director's Message

By Richard Schauer



On behalf of the board of the Packard Club of San Diego, I wish everyone a very pleasant Thanksgiving. May you all bask in the love of family and friends.

Our election cycle for 2026 is 50% complete. For the board position of Assistant Regional Director Sam Judd has been re-elected. He will be installed at the December 5 Christmas luncheon party at Lazy H. For the position of Secretary, served for so many years faithfully by our dear friend Brian Wagner, is vacant. We are searching for a member who would be interested in serving our club in that capacity. If anyone is interested in learning more, please contact any board member.

October featured two fine events. The Fall weekend getaway at Idyllwild was a great success (see article). It was a perfect blending of the Packard Club and Mercedes-Benz club. This year the trip was punctuated by the first serious rain of the season, which did not dampen anyone's spirits. Next was the visit to the Whaley Haunted Mansion in San Diego. We thank Marjo for taking the lead on this unique event. Having lived in the San Diego area for 47 years I am ashamed to say I never visited the Whaley House before. It is very entertaining, not to mention the house's historical significance. I figured we didn't have a ghost of a chance of encountering an apparition, but…well, you must read the article to find out the answer to that one.

November is here, and that means it is time to honor our veterans once again. Paul Santy is taking the lead on this wonderful Escondido VetFest event honoring our veterans.

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There is still time to sign up. It is free, and will be held on Wednesday November 11, Armistice Day (as it was known for many years), so please get in touch with Paul to let him know you are coming

with your Packard… or perhaps in your beautiful Brand-X car if your Packard is not running.

It is time to turn attention to December, and our final events of 2026. December 5 is our annual Christmas luncheon at the Lazy-H (see flier). This is our signature year's end event, so please sign up. Next day, December 6 is the La Jolla Christmas parade. Packards always lead off the parade, as we have done in fine fashion for more years than I can remember (see flier). Please plan to bring your Packard (or non-Packard). Last year the La Jolla crowd was the biggest ever. Everyone loves our decorated Packards, and the kids get a special thrill from seeing our cars.

This issue of the Predictor features your first look at our 2027 events schedule. Once again, we have a busy schedule including boiler plate events and some completely new events. We get our money's worth for being club members.

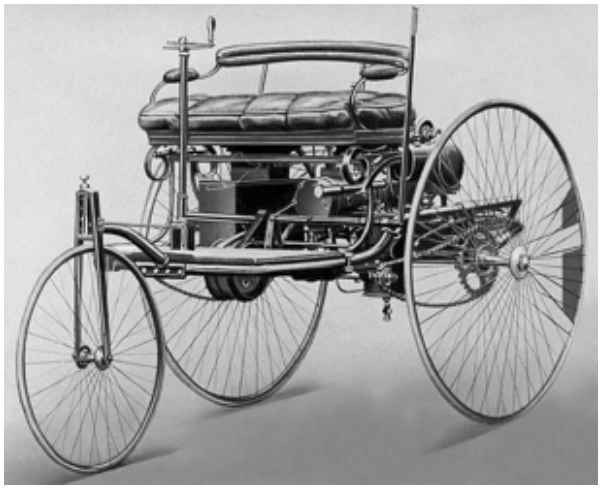
Speaking of that, it is not too early to let everyone know that membership renewal is right around the corner. There is no penalty for sending a check for $15 to membership chair Catherine Woolsey for the 2027 calendar year.

There is still plenty of time to take your Packard out for a spin in 2026.

HIDDEN PREDICTOR LOCATION AND OTHER INTERESTING STUFF



Tom O'Hara spotted the hidden Predictor.



1882: German police arrest Karl Benz for operating a motor vehicle on the street.



The 'Time of Trip' was a chronograph developed for the automobile and patented by Heuer in 1911. It indicated the time of day on the main dial, while two hands measured out the length of journey on the other two dials. Prior to clocks designed for cars, drivers tied a string or strap to their Pocket watch and hung it on the dash.

Idyllwild Fall Getaway Weekend

Friday-Sunday, October 9-11, 2026

By Richard Schauer



It is no secret that I am a strong proponent of weekend getaways. They give everyone a chance to enjoy a relaxing time, do and see interesting things, and bond as friends. Over the years members of the Packard Club and Mercedes-Benz Club have enjoyed numerous joint gatherings, including weekend trips together. Time passes, and lines/borders separating our two clubs blur and fade, until it hardly matters which club we belong to. What matters is the bonds of friendship, and, oh yes, of course we do love our cars. Such is the wonderful dynamic at work with these two groups of car enthusiasts.

The annual Fall Art & Wine Festival drew us back once again. We have been there before for this very same event. We stayed at the Strawberry Creek Inn, our first time staying there. It was a huge success. The stay was very pleasing, as rooms are spacious and sharply decorated.



Eight rooms form a quadrangle, in the middle of which is a large deck adorned with furniture and umbrellas. Our group pretty much took over this outdoor space. Guests brought snacks and munchies, a bar was set up, and everyone met on Friday October 9 for a joyful reunion. Food items were so plentiful that no one felt the need to go into town that evening for dinner!

Guests included a pretty much 50/50 balance of club members. Steve and Carol Ross were there, Steve having recently returned from another overseas trip and nursing an ailing back. Rudy Woekeck and Rose Bolton drove up from Fallbrook, Rose bringing delicious meatballs in her special sauce. Rick and Lynn Carlson also drove from Fallbrook, Lynn coming with her world-famous brownies…to die for they are so good. Rudy Hradecky and lovely wife Cheryl came from San Diego. Todd and Debby Schonenberg came from Carlsbad, their first time enjoying one of our weekend getaways. We hope they enjoyed their experience, in spite of the fact that they had to search the town of Idyllwild for a charging station for their Tesla. Diana Kruse drove the farthest, from San Diego east county, Diana bringing two containers filled with deviled eggs, one of my favorite foods. Mike and Susan Nadeau came from Tierrasanta with their two small dogs, very cute (the dogs, not Mike), who about stole the show. Michael Cooper, former M-B club president came from Vista. Pete and Jen Lobner drove up from Point Loma, Jen bringing shrimp and cocktail sauce, which I dearly love. Finally, Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson, who live in Idyllwild, joined the party. It was a great group!

After suffering from intense heat for such a long time it was a delight to be in the mountains, where the climate was extremely pleasant. Friday was a perfect day, with a cool evening, perfect for sitting outside after dark chatting until the wee hours (for us that's 10:00). Saturday dawned a lazy morning with folks getting up late and drifting into Idyllwild for breakfast. The

festival got rolling later on in the morning, with vendors setting up in various plazas around town, offering a wide variety of craft items, drawings/paintings, clothing, trinkets, and of course wine. Live music was played in several locations around town. I set up a fun "scavenger hunt" sort of thing, a 19-question list of interesting facts about Idyllwild that participants needed to find answers while wandering the town. The idea is not original from me. Credit goes to Rose Bolton, who is a high-energy and creative lady. There was a tie for winner, so at the Saturday gala dinner at the Gastronome Steve and Rose each drew a card from a fresh deck... the high card was Steve Ross, who won a $100 gift card for the Cohn Family Restaurant chain. Saturday afternoon a storm blew in, bringing the first real rain in six months. Street vendors had to scramble for cover. We all fled to the Schauer suite, which had a large living room space, where the party continued unabated, if not a tad damp. The good news was how very nice it was to sleep with the sound of rain hitting the roof all night.
It must be said that dinner at the Gastronome was outstanding. Food is always excellent there, and the service was perfect!

THE PATIO WELCOME SOCIAL



Carol Ross, Jen Lobner, and Debbie Schonenberg



Lynn Carlson Cheryl Hradecky and Diana Kruse







Michael Cooper shots a selfie from left, Rick Carlson, Rudy Wokoek, Pete Lobner, and Steve Ross

THE LADIES



L to R, Jen Lobner, Carol Ross, Debbie Schonenberg, Diana Kruse, Rose Bolton Lynn Carlson and Mary Lou Johnson,

THE GENTELMAN



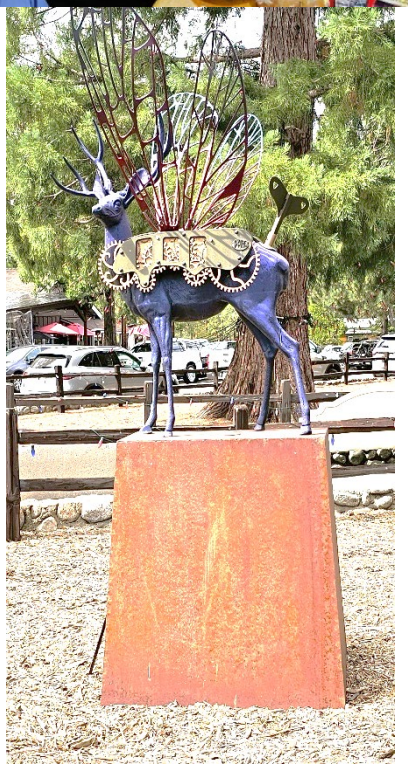
L to R, Michael Cooper, Pete Lobner, Rudy Hradecky Leigh Johnson, Rick Carlson, Richard Schauer, Todd Schonenberg, Mike Naduau, Rudy Wokoek, and Steve Ross

BREAKFAST AT THE RED KETTLE IN DOWNTOWN IDYLLWILD









The are two of the many works of art in Idyllwild. The display on the left contained clues for the Rallye.

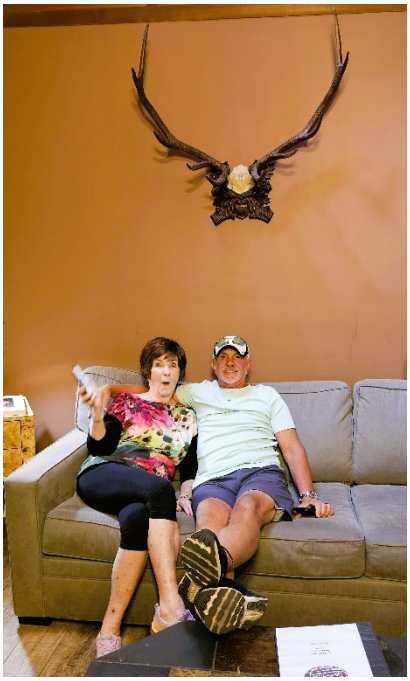


AND THE RAIN CAME

The rain began in earnest just after lunch, which put a dampener on many of the festival activities, as most were outdoors. Some paid for the wine testing and that was spoiled. The gang retreated to the hospitality suite in Richard's quarters.



Our leader points out that the bar is open.



Cheryl Hrdackey and Michael ham it up under the Elk Antlers.



Lynn Carlson has spotted something.



Lynn and Carol happy to be out of the rain.



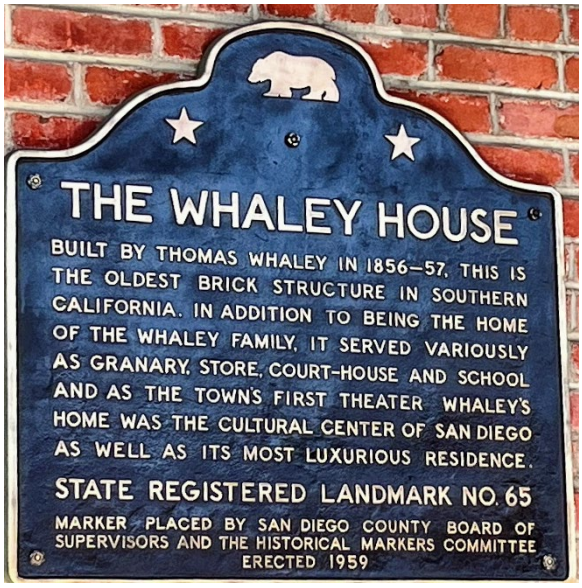
Before the rains came.

The bottom line: Everyone had a wonderful time despite the rain, and that's what it is all about: Making lasting memories. We shall return to the Strawberry Creek Inn again.

WE VIST THE WHALEY HOUSE

Marjo Miller





It was a scary Saturday night in Old Town when the Packard Club met to tour the Whaley House. The Whaley House is a historic two-story Greek Revival brick home in Old Town, San Diego, built in 1857 by businessman Thomas Whaley. It is recognized as the first two-story brick structure in Southern California and operates as a historic house museum.

For the pre-Halloween fun, the Woolsey clan (Catherine, Jim, daughters Rachel and Jamie, and three grandsons) came out as well as Heather and Phil Pizzuto, Carol and Steve Ross, Richard Schauer, Mark Rothermich, and Marjo and Dion Dyer. And yes, we did see a ghost (check our Carol Ross's photo for yourself.) Inside the Whaley House there are countless family mementos and history which have been well preserved by one of the Whaley daughters who worked as a librarian.

After the 50-minute tour, we crossed the street for dinner at the Old Town Mexican Café in the heart of California's historic birthplace. The Café is famed for its street-facing windows where tortilla makers, "tortillerias", manually pat and press their fresh corn and flour tortillas by hand.



Phil and Heather Pizzuto with Marjo Miller preparing to meet the Whaley family.



It is said the Whaley's love visitors.



We were greeted by Maud, our Guide for the tour. After Maud assured us there was no proof the home was haunted, she proceeded to give us the procedures to follow if we did encounter one of the Whaley family. As I recall screaming was not one of the procedures.





The lighting replicated that of the 1850s, so it was rather dark. The photos have been modified so we can see those who are still with us.

Entering the dining room are from the left unknown, Mason Sandfer, Jamieson and Evertt Woolsey, unknown, Catherine and Jim Woolse, Marjo Miller and Dion Dyer.

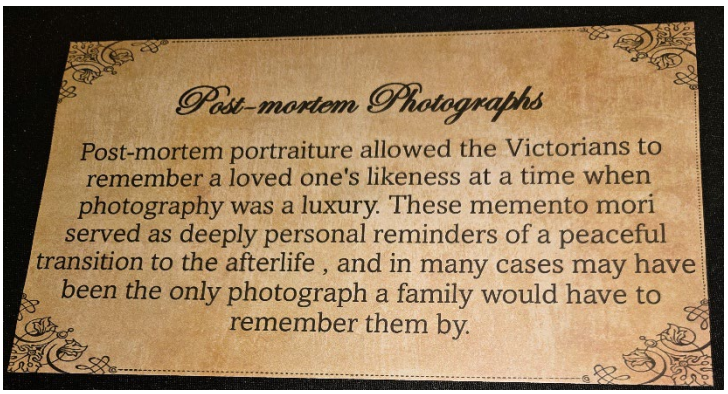


The dining room table looks small because it is. Back in that day the average height was 5’7’’ for men. One member of the Whaley family was 4’7” tall.

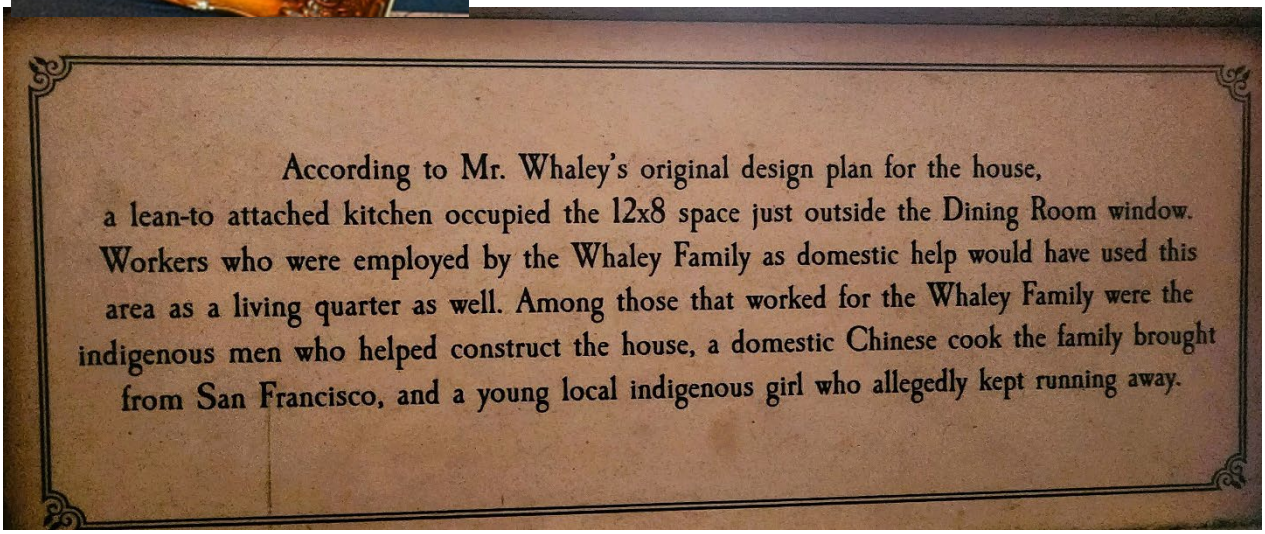


The black cloth across the table and the black veiled mirrors are used during Halloween and All Souls Day. It was the custom in the 1800’s to follow this ritual after the death of a family member.





The kitchen was outside in those days and is described below. One reason this was the custom, if the kitchen caught on fire, it wouldn't burn the house down





Sitting room view from the dining room

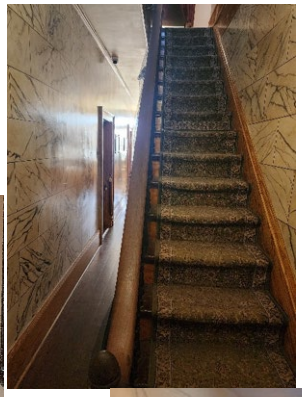






On the left and above are family photos and a description of the postmortem process of that time. The white shoes are burial slippers

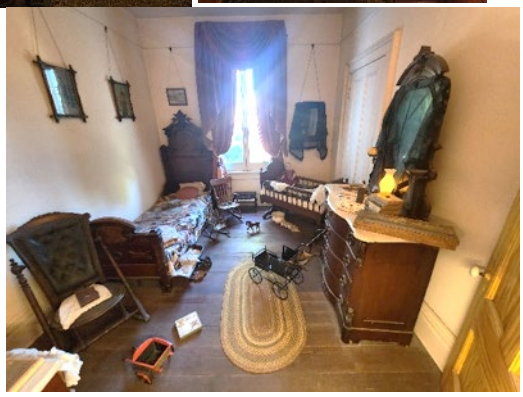
The stairway to the bedrooms







Note the white chamber pot at foot of bed.



Children’s bedroom



Whaley home backyard



This wagon is from the 1850’s.



Dinner at the Old Town Mexican Café



Carol Ross took this photo with her cell phone and was not using flash. Photos taken on second floor at a small stage, and the background is not a window.

At dinner we were looking at photos and saw this. Was it a ghost of a Whaley or---??

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2026

The Packard Club of San Diego is participating in the VetFest in Escondido, honoring those who served in our military during our nation's history. There will be several attractions to enjoy after the parade for those who wish to stay. The Packard Motor Car Company played a major role in supporting the Armed Forces in both WWI and WWII. We want as many Packards as possible to join us in this patriotic event. Participants are at liberty to decorate the vehicle with patriotic flags, banners, streamers, etc.

The Packards need to be in the staging area by 8:30 am and the parade starts at 9:30 am. The staging area has not been announced; however, participants will be notified as soon as we are given that information.

Paul Santy is the point of contact to register and enter the parade. Please provide Paul at pjsanty@sbcglobal.net, phone 619-990-9668 by October 31, 2025 with the following:

-Vehicle information: Year, model etc.

-Owner/driver:___This information will be used by the parade announcer

After the parade, Packard owners are invited to attend a BBQ lunch at the American Legion Post 149, 320 E Park Ave, Escondido. There will be a reserved parking area for the Packards.





CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE LAZY H



Wow can you believe it is Christmas already? This is our premiere event for the year when we see our Packard friends, brag about our cars, relive the fun we had this year, praise and recognize those who did great, and most of all, have a really good time. The gift exchange is always a hoot!

The Holiday party is scheduled for December 5, 2026,There will be a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift for each member of your party who wants to participate and try to keep your present at $25 or less.

Date and Time: December 5, 2026 at 12:00 Noon





Place: The Lazy H in Pauma Valley. 16787 Hwy 76, Pauma Valley, CA

Menu: Prime Rib, Fish, or Vegetarian, dessert, coffee, and tea.

Cost: Prime Rib $50.00 per person, Red Snapper $32.00 per person, Vegan $15.00

MAKE YOU RESERVATIONS NOW

NAMES:_____

MENU: PRIME RIB #_____**, FISH #**_____**, VEGETARIAN #**_____**.**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ($50.00 per person X # people) = $_____ **AMOUNT**

ENCLOSED: ($32.00 per person X # people) = $_____ **AMOUNT**

ENCLOSED ($15.00 per person X # people) = $_____

SEND YOUR CHECK, made out to Packard Club of San Diego, TO STEVE ROSS, 16151 FRUITVALE ROAD, VALLEY CENTER, CA 92082 by December 8, 2026.



WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



No one identified this 1930 Jorden Speedway Ace roadster.

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.**

AUTOMOBILE FOR NOVEMBER IS THIS BEAUTY



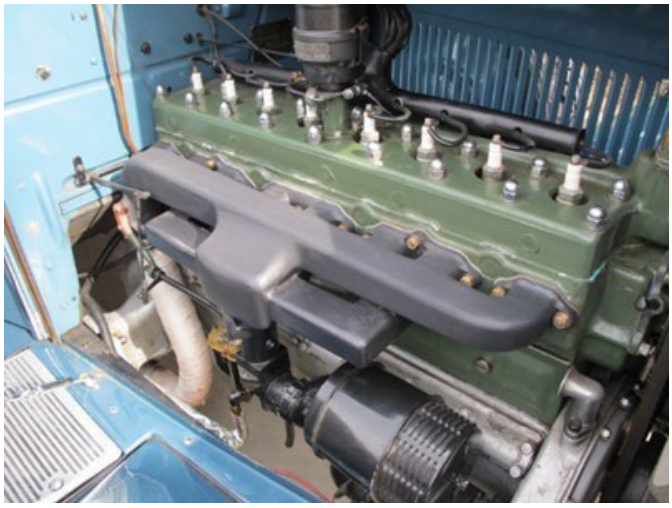
Even if you have won your allotted limit, please guess anyway…and if you're correct, the editor will buy you a big orange drink at our next event.

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

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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? □ **Y**es □ **N**o 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

2027 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

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



1935-39 Junior Hood End Anchors



Horn Damper



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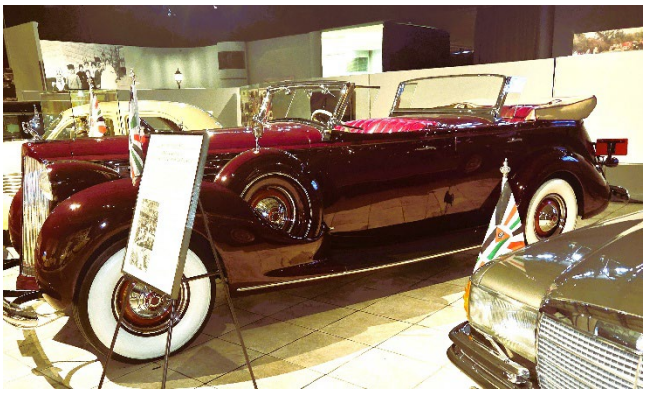
PROJECTS FOR SALE

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 "*My Other Car Is A Packard*"	$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

THE KING OF JORDAN'S AMERICAN CARS IN HIS FLEET



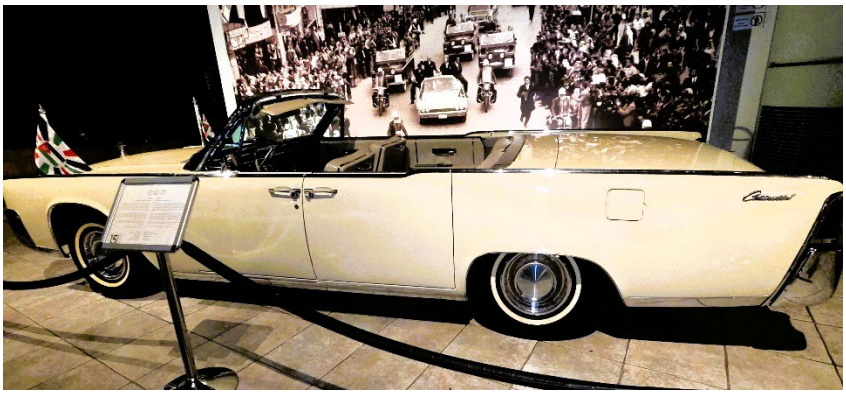


1938 Packard Twelve Dual Cowl-phaeton with custom body by Rollston



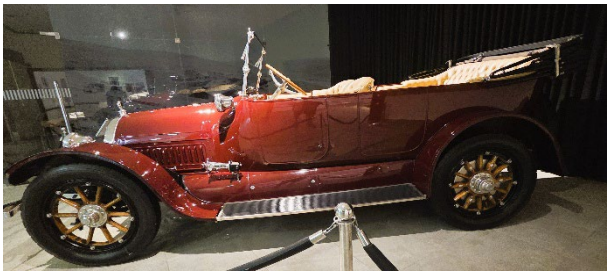


1949 Buick Model 70 Roadmaster Convertible





1961 Lincoln Continental used in the coronation of King Abdullah II.



1916 Cadillac Type 53 Touring Car

The museum was opened in 2003 by King Abdullah II as a trubute to his late father King Hussein, who was an accomplished race car driver. The collection has over 80 cars and 50 motorcycles. The cars date from the Arab revolt in 1916. All are operational and have been used in royal ceremonies.

Activities Calendar

2027 Schedule

Date	Event	Tour director
9-Jan	New Year's Brunch: Great food, fine friends	Steve
11-Jan	San Diego Excursion	Sam
21-Feb	Gillie's Auto Lounge, Pt. Loma: Cars & hot dogs	Marjo
	Brian Wagner Memorial Tour	
13-Mar	LeFevre Garage Tour/Gillespie Field Café: Cars and airplanes, great combination!	Paul
10-Apr	Mt. Woodson Castle, Ramona Tour: Who doesn't like castles?	Richard
1-May	Motorcars on Main Coronado: More than 20 years going, a fine show	Steve/Marjo
May 4-7	Western Regions Tour, San Diego: Hosting fellow Packard members North County	Richard/Paul/Phil/Mark
May 30-June 5	Alaska Cruise w/M-B Club: See glaciers, fiords, eagles, and bears	Rose/Steve
27-Jun	Cruisin' Grand Escondido, our signature event for the summer solstice	Catherine/Richard
	Garden of Innocence Car Show: Our turn to help the children	Marjo
21-22 Jul	Dana Point overnight tour, Pageant of the Masters Laguna Beach	
25-Sep	Whale watching and live fine art appreciation under the stars	Richard
9-Oct	Annual Membership Mtg and BBQ at Woolsey's: GREAT tri-tip and friends	Catherine
11-Nov	Planning Meeting for 2028 events at Tom's: Come with your ideas for great tours	Tom O'Hara
4-Dec	VetFest Escondido: Our 9th year celebrating our veterans	Paul
5-Dec	Annual Christmas Luncheon and installation of officers: Prime Rib anyone?	Steve
6-Dec	La Jolla Christmas parade: Decorate your Packard and lead the parade	Richard