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President's Message

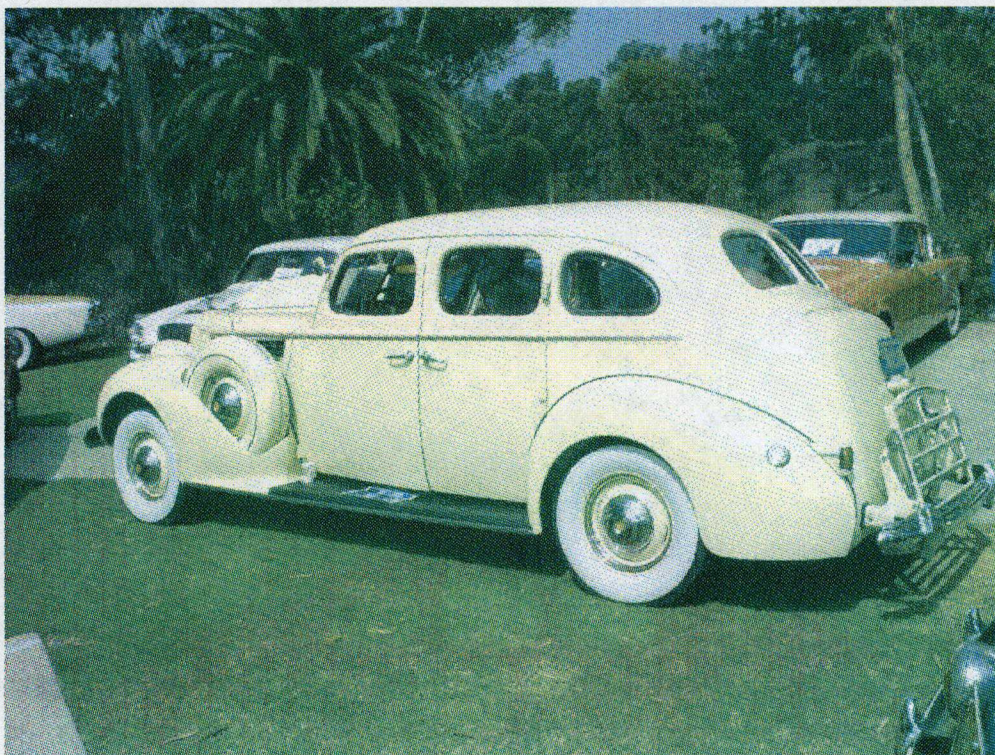
Steve Ross

August was a busy month and a bit warm in some areas, my house for sure. Crusin' Grand, our premier event of the year is happening this month. I sincerely hope that most of you will join us for a great afternoon and evening of Packard fun and camaraderie. Dust off the Packard and bring it to the show. If you can't bring the Packard come in your other car. Whatever the case, please be there. Mark Burnside is the chair again this year, so you know it will be a first class show. Saturday morning we are having a rallye that will take you through the scenic areas of San Diego County ending at a nice location for refreshments. There is a significant twist to the event this year - there is no charge. Yep as in **FREE**. Mark and his crew have put a tremendous amount of effort into this so come to Escondido and show your support and see how your money is being spent.

The National City Heritage Days car show had some nice vintage cars to show on a very nice day. There were not many Packard's attending. There was a 1937 120 coupe in the show which I had not seen before.

The Ole Highway 395 First Sunday Drive was a huge success. Four Packard's, three Classics, one T-Bird and two Mercedes-Benz joined us for a nice drive to Rainbow CA.

Until next time, **HAPPY PACKARDING**



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FOR SALE – CARS AND PARTS

'38 Opera CPE Model 110. In running condition, was restored about 40 years ago \$15,000
Tony Paradowski
619-267-4096 9/11

Losing garage space, must sell:
'55 Super Clipper Constellation
'55 Super Clipper Constellation
'56 Clipper Deluxe (not complete)
'57 "57L-P8 Clipper

Donald Smith, 619-281-4733
3510 33rd St., San Diego, CA 92104

For P.I. – San Diego Members:

Do you have a collector car or parts for sale? To place an ad in our newsletter, send an e-mail to Kira Campana at kcampana9192@gmail.com

If you have an e-mail address at home or work, but get your newsletter by regular mail, e-mail Kira Campana to be placed on our email list.

'56 Packard Patrician sedan, ext. blue, int. blue, good condition, \$8,500;
217-443-0014, 4/11
michael.dogpack.dubois@gmail.com

'22 Packard Touring, ext. deep royal blue, int. black, straight six, easily started, #30396, \$45,990; 800-600-2262, specialtysales.com 4/11

'40 Packard Super 8 160 Coupe, maroon, o.d., sidemounts, trunk rack, restored CA car, \$58,500
Tom at 253-941-3454 6/11

'29 Packard 626 Sedan, ext. green, body in good shape, mechanically sound, last driven 2003, \$15,000; #27618, 250-598-7242, antiquecar.com 4/11

Members: Your Board needs your Recommended Services/Parts persons or firms that you have had favorable dealings with during restoration and preservation of your Packards. Please send person/firm (name/address/phone number) to Mark Burnside at markburnside@cox.net where he will post this on our updated website. We are also accumulating a list to publish for your use – Karl Ramsing

'51 Packard Patrician 400, black, rust free, good chrome, original headliner & upholstery, recent mechanical repairs, \$17,000; 925-743-9897, rjmatthews@comcast.net 5/11

'49 Packard Custom 8, Sednet. repainted Packard Blue, 3 speed with Overdrive, renewed gas tank, new battery. Original interior \$20,500 Irvine, California, Tel: (949) 246-1413. 7/11

'48 Packard Patrician . Interior has been re-done
619-546-4778 7/11

'55 Packard 400 Hardtop, engine runs, excellent sheet metal, torsion suspension works, located in SoCal; Gil at 951-272-3351 5/11

'55 Packard Patrician, light green, A/C works perfectly, \$9,500; msgs967@live.com 5/11

'49 Packard Super Eight, 23rd Series, blue, engine runs, excellent sheet metal, will not part out, make offer, 951-272-3351, ask for Gil 5/11

'55-'56 Packard parts for sale: parting out a '56 Patrician, including rebuilt engine, overdrive transmission, etc. Also parts from '55 Patrician, '56 Executive, and '56 Clipper; trunk lock assembly, two 352 c.i. engines, one 374 c.i. engine, rebuilt Chrysler 727 transmission-fits Ultra-torque for V-8's, V-8 senior tail lights, load leveling motors, 4-barrel carb, instrument panel with gauges-probably from Executive, third member for '55 Patrician-missing left axle, plus other misc. parts. Robert Dougherty, 858-748-2228, P.O. Box 337, Poway, CA 92074

'53 Packard Convertible, black ext., white top, black/red int., chrome wires, restored southwest car, new hydraulics, top, drive-line, asking \$38,500
Tom at 253-941-3454 6/11

'39 Packard 110 Touring Sedan, side mounts, fender skirts, visor, garaged since '85, contact: msgs967@live.com 3/11

'41 Packard Rollson 180 All Weather Cabriolet, CCA National Winner, Frank Childs at 561-578-0319; P.I. Website 3/11

Buy Packard parts at the packardsandiego.org website

'20 Packard Touring, great running and driving with no rust! With a 3 speed transmission \$34,950
Beverly Hills Motor Cars 619-232-6864 9/11

See McLellan's Automotive History for Packard Sales Literature, Dealer Literature, Magazines, Out-of-Print Books, Manuals & Memorabilia. 713-772-3285 or mclellansautomotive.com

'37 Packard 120 Convertible Coupe, trunk rack, fender skirts, recent tune-up, service and drive-line, \$73,500
Tom at 253-941-3454 6/11

4 WWW L78-15 tires, rims & wheel covers, quite nice, All: \$400
Pair fender skirts for 30's Juniors, aftermarket, never used: \$100
'48-'50 Packard radio, don't know if it works: \$40; 4 hexagon bumper bolts, w/lock washers and nuts, beautiful chrome – make offer;
Hilarious sounding horn supposedly from 1912 Packard: \$100
Call Albert 619-563-5988 or e-mail albertpurcell@cox.net

Check these two websites for Packard Information:
Packardinfo.com yesterdays-cars.com/Packard_clubs.htm

PACKARD TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

PACKARD/ PIERCE ARROW NIGHT @ CRUISIN' GRAND
Escondido, CA – Friday September 16, 2011 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

ROAD RALLYE – North County Mall to Valley Center – Saturday Sep 17, 2011 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

The San Diego Region of *Packards International Motorcar Club* is pleased to invite you, your family, and your classic Packard or Pierce Arrow to attend the 8th Annual *Packard Night* at Cruisin' Grand on Friday September 16th, followed by our annual Road Rallye the next day on Saturday September 17th. This year, we are pleased to have the Southern California Region of the *Pierce Arrow Society* joining us at Cruisin' Grand and we extend a warm invitation to join us Saturday for the Road Rallye. Also, the tradition continues as we are very pleased to again invite our PI Neighbors to the North – the SoCal Region of Packards International Motorcar Club – to join us for our annual flagship weekend.

CALLING ALL PACKARDS & PIERCE ARROWS

for

PACKARD / PIERCE ARROW NIGHT @ CRUISIN' GRAND – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

As in past years, we will again feature our traditional *Parade of Packards* down Grand Avenue - starting at 4:45pm. This year's parade is extra-special as we will be joined by members of the *Pierce Arrow Society*.

Upon completion of the Parade, a closed-off section of South Broadway will be waiting for us to park our fine motorcars where they will be on display to the admiring public until 9:00 pm. During the first 2 hours of the evening, ballots will be available to the public to vote their pick for the People's Choice Award. The Award will be presented to the proud owner by Steve Waldron, Cruisin' Grand Chairperson, during the Cruisin' Grand Awards Ceremony starting at 7:45 pm.

Once again, the *PI San Diego Region Board of Directors* is planning all the niceties that add to the evening: People's Choice Award voting by the public, windshield placards for all pre-registered cars, parking in year order, a staffed information booth, and more. This year, we want to fill South Broadway with Packards and Pierce Arrows, so fill out and send in the Event Registration Form today - and get ready for a truly enjoyable evening. The schedule:

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Arrive at Cruisin' Grand™ meet-up location: corner of East 3rd Avenue & South Ivy Street
4:45 to 5:00 pm: Parade of Packards and Pierce Arrows in year order down Grand Avenue
5:00 to 5:15 pm: Parking of Packards and Pierce Arrows in year order on South Broadway
7:45 pm: Awards Ceremony (on North Broadway at Grand Ave)
9:00 pm: Event concludes

ROAD RALLYE – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER, 2011

Saturday September 17 is our famous Road Rallye driving event. It will begin at the North County Mall in Escondido and end in Valley Center. You are invited and encouraged to participate in the Rallye - regardless of the car you drive. While we are encouraging as many classics as possible to enter, we realize that some just can't make it that day. (Also, some of our members are presently "between classic cars".) We will therefore award trophies for best rallye scores in these categories: 1) Best score turned by a Packard or Pierce Arrow, 2) Best score turned in by a non-Packard, non-Pierce Arrow classic (pre-1974) car, and 3) Best score by a modern day (post 1974) car. The rallye course is approximately 35 miles and takes about two hours to complete. The Rallye will not be difficult and is designed for everyone to enjoy their car as well as the scenery. It is strongly recommended that the driver be accompanied by a co-pilot/navigator as the rallye requires keen observation skills and ability to follow detailed written instructions. The schedule:

8:30-9:00 am: Arrive at Macaroni Grill restaurant in Escondido's North County Mall; enjoy coffee & donuts
9:00-9:15 am: Instructions from Rallye Master
9:15-11:30 am: Run rallye; time with scheduled stops is 2 hrs, 15 min
12:00 noon-1:00 pm: FREE Catered Lunch by Wrangler BBQ of Escondido (compliments of PI San Diego Region Treasury)
1:00-1:30 pm: Award ceremony
1:30 pm: Event concludes

NEARBY HOTELS WITH REASONABLE RATES:

Motel Mediteran 2336 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. From \$50/night. Phone: 1-800-741-5072

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 1250 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. From \$89.95/night. Phone: 1-800-315-2621

America's Best Value Inn & Suites 555 North Center City Parkway, Escondido. From \$49/night. Phone: 1-760-743-3700

Escondido Inn 420 West Washington Avenue, Escondido. From \$55/night. Phone: 1-760-745-6566

QUESTIONS? Contact Mark Burnside: Email markburnside@cox.net | Mobile 619-322-9340

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

September 16 & 17, 2011

Complete and return this form by September 10, 2011 to:
Mark Burnside | 2379 Royal Oak Drive | Escondido, CA 92027-4942

Please make reservations for my group as follows:

Registration for *Packard / Pierce Arrow Night @ Cruisin' Grand* – September 17, 2011

Name(s) of person(s) attending: _____

Cars(s) Entered:

<u>Car</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Body Style (Coupe, Convertible, etc)</u>	<u>Model (ie; Super 8)</u>	<u>Body Number</u>
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____

Email address (for any last minute instructions & updates): _____ @ _____

Check here if you plan to trailer your classic to Cruisin' Grand and will require special parking for your tow vehicle and trailer.

Registration for *Road Rallye* – September 17, 2011

Cars(s) Entered (if you will be driving the same car you bring to Cruisin' Grand, write "SAME" under Make):

<u>Car</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Rallye Team Member Names</u>
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total number of people in your party that will be joining us for lunch after the Rallye: _____

Phone number to call if we have questions: (_____) _____ - _____ ext _____

In consideration of the acceptance of the undersigned participant's entry into *Packard / Pierce Arrow Night @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand* and *Road Rallye* (September 16 & 17, 2011), the undersigned for himself/herself and his/her heirs, executors and administrators does hereby expressly waive, release and discharge any and all rights, claims, and damages against Packards International Motorcar Club, its regions and any and all of the officers, agents, servants, employees, and successors, for any and all injuries to such participants arising out of his/her traveling to, participating in and/or returning from said event and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the above for any loss or liability by them by reason of such participation by participant.

Participant (Parent or Legal Guardian if under 18)

**Note: We expect that this tour will be very popular and will fill up quickly.
Return this form ASAP to guarantee yourself a reserved parking space at Cruisin' Grand and an entry in the Rallye.**

TEN REASONS WHY I DON'T DRIVE MY PACKARD

Steve Ross

Who wants to have some fun and maybe a laugh two, at our expense of course? Below are listed ten (10) reasons why we don't drive our Packard. These reasons assume that you have a Packard. Just select those items that apply to you and send them to me and I will award a prize for the one I think is best. The winner will receive a free pass for one to the Christmas Party.

1. It doesn't run and hasn't for the past 2__5__ 10__ or (fill in the blank) _____ Years
2. Runs, but not well _____
3. I procrastinate_____
4. I have so many Packard's I can't decide which one to drive.____
5. I am ashamed of my Packard, _____
6. I am just not sure I can depend on it and I don't have AAA Premium _____
7. My wife she _____
8. It is too far, traffic bad, too much trouble etc _____
9. It is not quite finished,_____
10. I like driving a modern car, air-conditioning, power everything, radio, CD. Come to think of it, I really don't why I have the Packard _____

For a Reason not listed above write in here:

J.B. Nethercutt Museum Visit-August 13, 2011

By Richard Schauer

In August Karen and I drove up to the Sylmar Museum of the late J. B. Nethercutt. Known as the Tower of Beauty the 4-story building is easily identifiable if one drives north on I-5 through the north end of the San Fernando Valley. The last time I visited was more than 25 years ago... how the time flies!

It is too bad the museum (s) are so far from our San Diego Region, just a little bit too far for a Saturday tour. Traffic is a mother-bear and I am reluctant to drive it in my NON-Packard much less the Real Deal. To my surprise a new building has been added (years ago as it turns out) directly across the street from the main building, and greater than 140 exquisite cars are on display there. Pictures are permitted in this building, but are forbidden in the Tower of Beauty. As automobile lovers we understand the reason, but it is still disappointing to walk away without tangible proof of what we saw.

For those who have never visited the Nethercutt museum it is free to the public. Interested parties have but to make a reservation for the day and time. Tours take about 2 hours and are guided by Merle Normal personnel. One tour guide was thoroughly versed in the automobile collection and the other was curator of the music box and organ collectibles. It is impossible to take in the sights in 2 hours. All day might do it, possibly... maybe, and that does not include the 2nd museum on the north side of the street. I believe Nethercutt has one of every hood ornament ever produced. I snapped pictures of the Packard hood ornament exhibit in the second museum, which features a gaggle of representatives, including a Cormorant feeding its young... simply amazing. Another ornament has the radio antenna built into the Cormorant wings. Incredible. Oh, yes, in the way back was a 1912 Pullman personal rail car belonging to the daughter of one of the 4 founders of the Virginia City Comstock silver mine. Purchased in 1999 it has been restored with the same painstaking attention to detail as all of the Nethercutt collectibles.

So, following are some of the pictures of Mr. Nethercutt's Packard cars. Sorry if some of them are dark; they keep the lights low intentionally and the humble flash on my camera simply was not up to the task. We must all plan to visit there some day and see the cars in person. It will be a day never to forget.



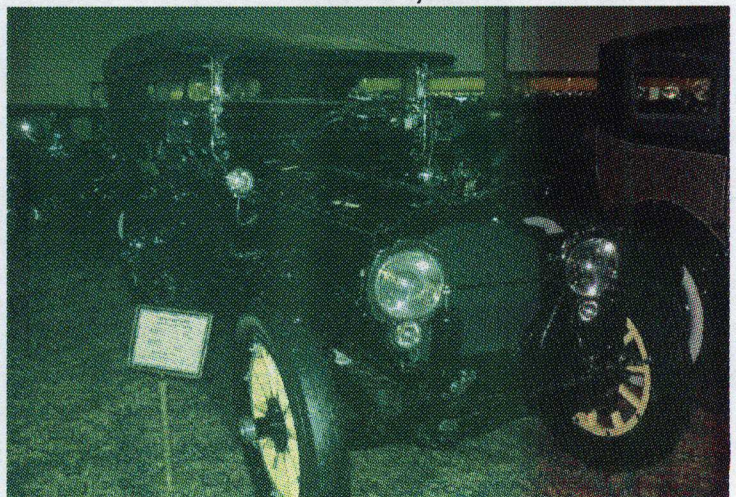
1931 845 Dietrich



1939 12 cylinder

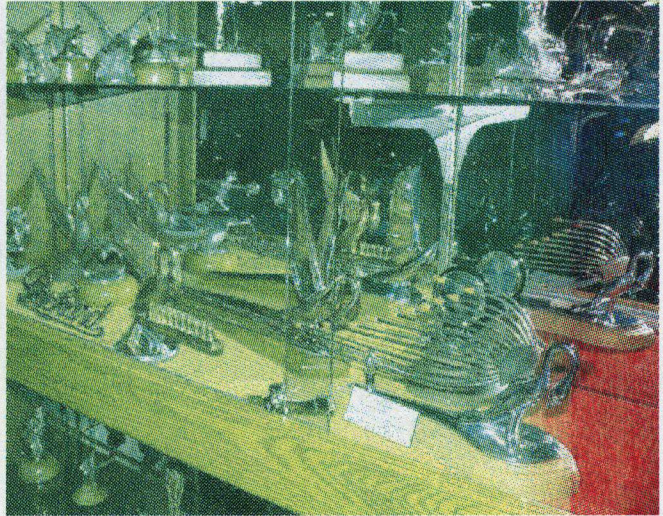
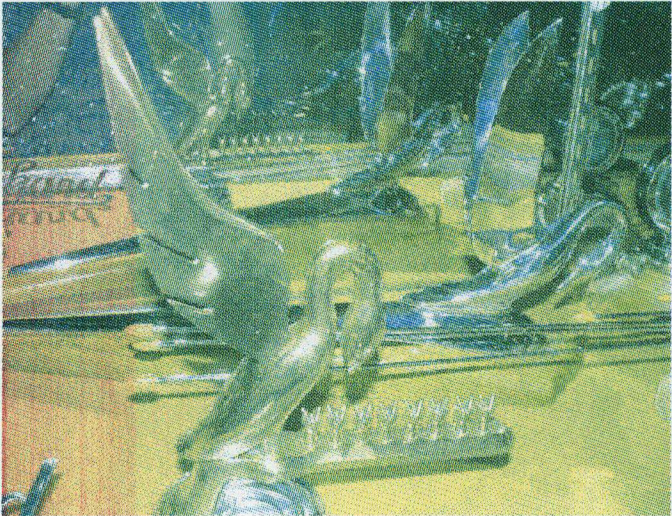
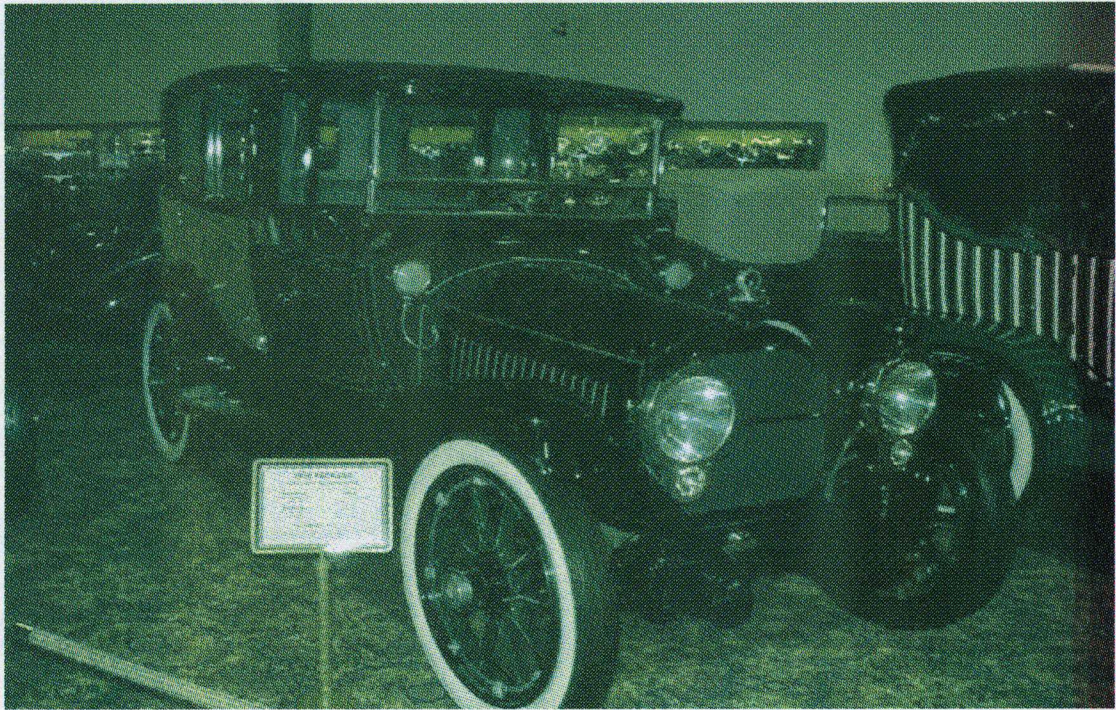
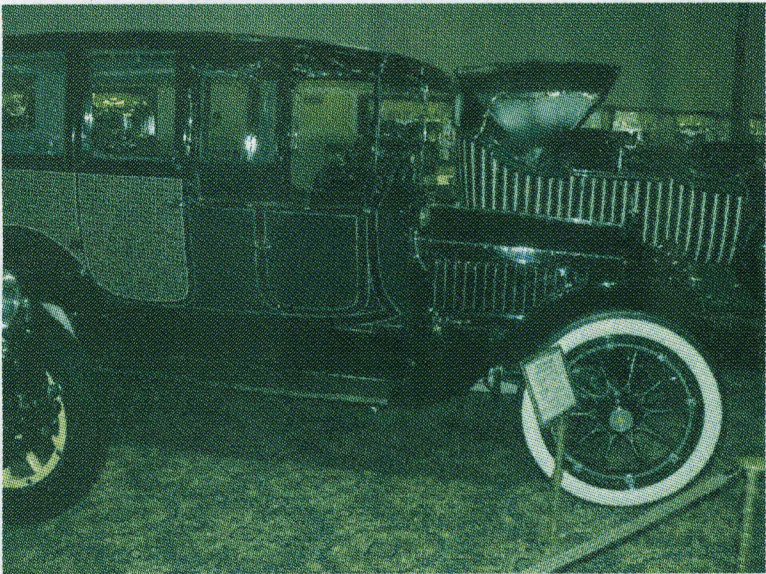


1941 LeBaron super 8



1915 6 cylinder

1916
12 Cylinder Limo
Side Shot!



Hood Ornaments

OUR FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE RESULTS

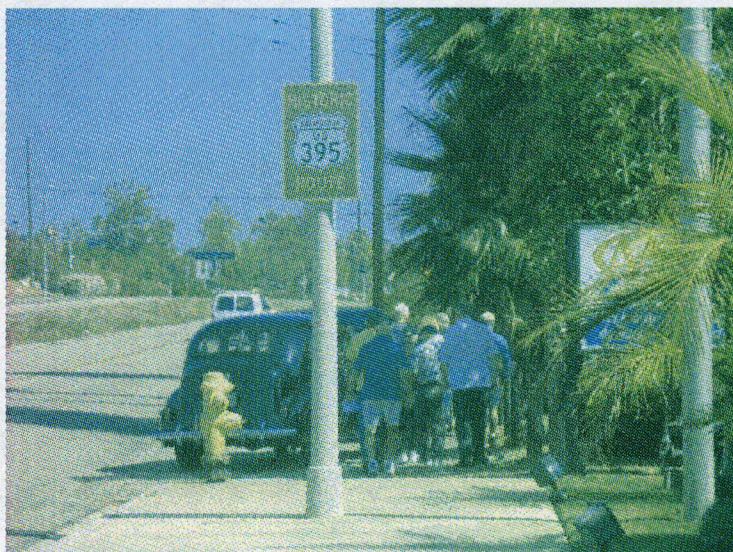
Steve Ross

According To those who participated in the First Sunday Drive, it was a huge success and we are going to do it again! We were joined by the Classic Car Club of America, San Diego Palm Springs Region. An MBCA Mercedes-Benz sneaked in on us and it was welcomed. Whose counting but we had four Packard's, a Buick, two Cadillac's, a 57 T-bird and a 1961 190SL Mercedes Benz. One member drove a modern car (Japanese) which will, of course, remain anonymous.

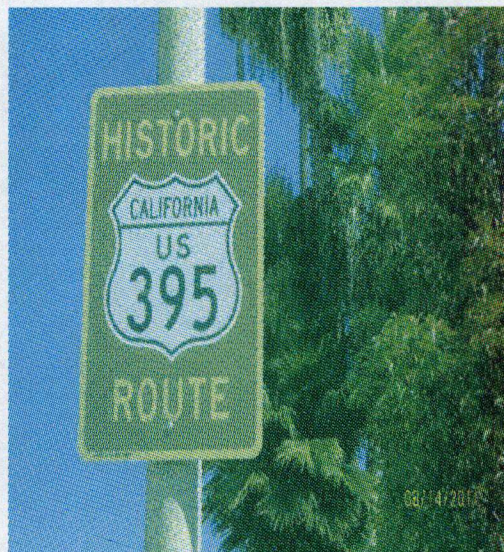
The day was perfect for a tour. Definitely top down weather for those who had an open car. We met up at the Centre City Café at 0930. Some of the Packard folks got there early and had breakfast. Tour routes and maps of Old Highway 395 depicting how it had evolved over the years were provided to the crews. At 1000 the crews manned up and set forth for the Rainbow Inn in Rainbow California. The drive was casual and took about an hour and a half to complete.

Arriving at Rainbow Inn the owner and his wife, Duke and Jonell, met us on arrival parking us in our reserved parking spots. They had seating set aside for us. Everyone settled in for a nice lunch with a wide variety of choices. The Rainbow Inn is highly recommended for you automobile and motorcycles members. They are very friendly and like to have clubs make the Rainbow Inn a stopping place.

It was a great tour and uneventful, meaning no one had any mechanical problems



PART OF THE GROUP GOING TO MAN UP



DRIVERS HAD TO WATCH FOR THIS SIGN



KARL RAMSING AND THE BLUE GOOSE HEAD FOR HOME ACCOMPANIED BY PAUL SANTY



RICK MILLER'S 41 LIMO, BRIAN WAGNER'S 1940 120 TOURING SEDAN AND PHIL'S BLUE BOMB.



IS THIS A GREAT LINE UP OR WHAT?



PHIL PIZZUTO AND THE BLUE BOMB. MR. PIZZUTO HAS GROWN A BEARD IN CASE YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM



THE WOOLSEY'S 1938 BUICK PEAKING OUT OF THE PALMS



PACKARD LINE UP, RILLER'S 1941 LIMO, BRFIAN WAGNER'S 1940
120 TOURING SEDAN, PHIL PUZZITO'S 1939, 120 TOURING SEDAN

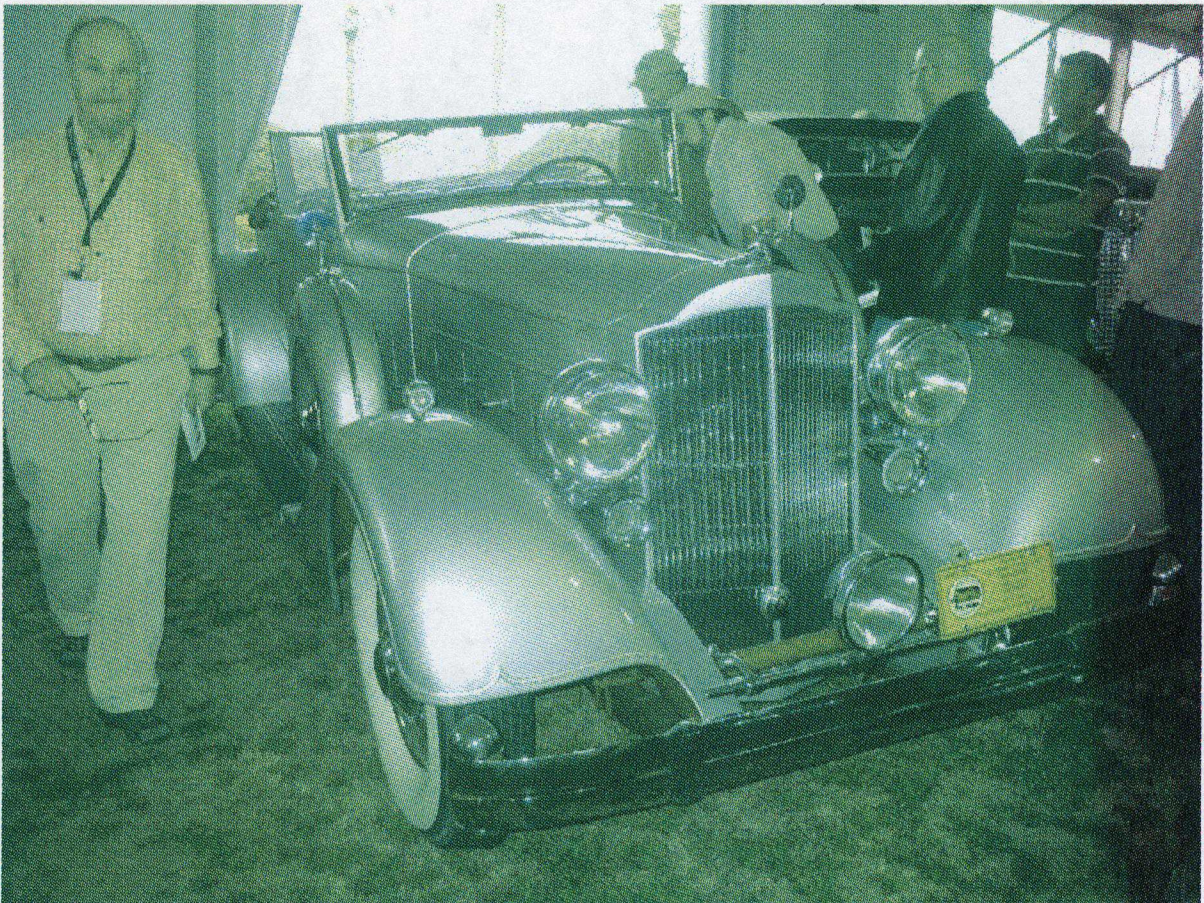


KARL'S 1929 629 CONVERTIBLE ROADSTER.
A ROSE BETWEEN TWO THORNS.

A WORD FROM THE PUBLISHER

Since I have been in the Packard Automobile Club the Predictor Editor has sent out pleas for articles about our members and their Packard Automobile. There have been a few responses but we need more. The history of our club and the Packard Automobile are important and interesting to our readers and the general public, at least I think this is true. Many Packard owners are reluctant to blow their own horn, so here is a thought. Would you be willing to have an article about you and your Packard if someone else wrote it? One of our reporters would interview you; take photos of your Packard and write an article. How does this grab you? If you are amenable to this, let us know and we shall proceed.

Since we are a proactive club if we don't hear from you, you may be hearing from us. Worse yet we could be like the tabloids and just make stuff up. Seriously we do want to hear from our members.



Anyone seen this car?

2011 Event Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tour Leader</u>
Sep 16	SD	Cruisin' Grand Packard Night	Escondido	Mark Burnside
Sep 17	SD	Rallye/Tour	Escondido	Steve Ross/Mark Burnside
Oct 22	SD	Highways 94 and 80 Tour	East County	Larry Johnson
Nov 12	SD	SD Police Museum Tour/Lunch	San Diego	Scott Napora/Richard Schauer
Dec 4	SD	Holiday Party	Lazy H	Steve Ross

2011 Dates For Optional Car Show Events That We Have Attended In The Past

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sep 24-25	Car Show/Race	Coronado Speed Festival	Coronado
Sep 30	Cruise-In	Cruisin' Grand – Final Night	Escondido
Nov 20	Parade	Mother Goose Parade	El Cajon