

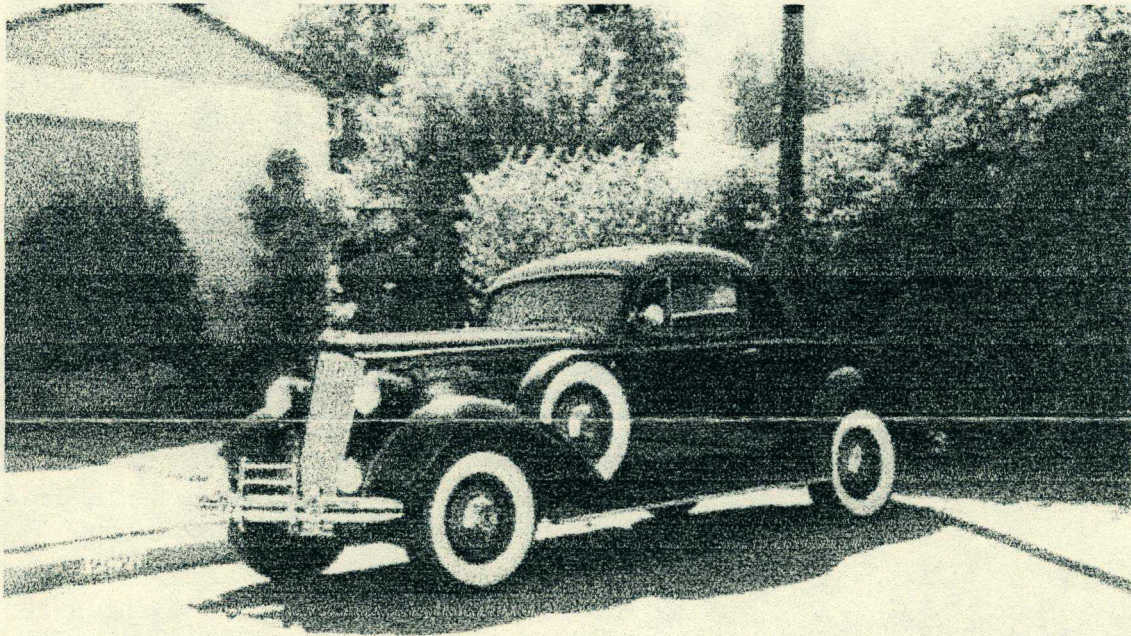
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS !

**Jeff and Linda Stevens
of Fallbrook with their
1936 120 Business Coupe**

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Dear Fellow Packardites,

The Forever Plaid boys sang their hearts out and if you missed it, I'm sorry! A great Sunday afternoon was had by all with laughs and great fun.

Next up is the Garage Tour on August 23rd. The difference this time is that you will be given out maps for the next stop, so don't be late at the 1st stop. We will have a picnic lunch. Look at the directions in this issue.

By now your reservations for the International Tour in Arizona should be in. We are beginning to get a small group to go together to make the trip. This is also a fun trip to be on. We will be busy, not to leave out even a train trip. Make your reservations and let us know that you will be touring with us.

Welcome 2 more members....

Jeff and Linda Stevens with a 95% restored 1936 120 Business Coupe. They are from Fallbrook and are semi-retired. The car came from San Francisco, CA. They are looking to tour, in showing their Packard and in finding some touring companions. They came to the right place.

R.L. Dougherty, Jr. M.D. from Poway, has joined our ranks and will provide us with pictures and information for the next Predictor issue.

Those of you who missed the last meeting missed meeting and hearing Jerry Fisher, author of The Pacesetter, The Story of Carl G. Fisher and the Lincoln Highway. He presented some very interesting information about the Packard Automobiles and their part in the creation of the first Transcontinental Highway.

Don't miss the August 5th meeting and the August 23rd Garage Tour.

B.J.

August 5th

Carrows Restaurant
9152 Mira Mesa Blvd.
Dinner at 6:00pm
Meeting at 7:00pm

Come see what's happening in the club, say "hi" to old friends, meet new ones and bring along a friend to join the fun.

PACKARDS INTERNATIONAL

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GARAGE TOUR

August 23, 1998

Tour Leader
Club + BJ Hill

- 9:15 a.m. MEET AT THE WEST END OF THE PARKING LOT OF FOCUS IN MISSION VALLEY. Receive your map for the next stop - Garage #1 David Weisbrod.
- 10:15 a.m. LV for Garage #2. Receive your map for the next stop.
- 11:35 a.m. LV for Garage #3. We have been invited to have lunch at this stop.

BRING UTENSLS. BRING A PICNIC DISH WITH ENOUGH FOR 8 TO SHARE.

A - E dessert
F - L salad
M - Z entree

Club will furnish lemonade and coffee. Bring other drinks if you like



**LONG BEACH
AQUARIUM
OF THE PACIFIC**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1988

NOTE: Prior to tour, coffee, cappuccino and pastries may be purchased near entrance.

TOUR: Our tour begins at approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall which features preview tanks of the three major exhibits: Southern California/Baja, Tropical Pacific, and Northern Pacific. The 190 Seat Easy Chair Honda Theater shows a short film on the aquarium. Each exhibit has docents and visual aids to identify the hundreds of creatures that you will see. Viewing is at your own pace. Enjoy and stay as long as you wish! You are on your own for lunch. A food court and restaurant are available (no reservations accepted). A free shuttle will also be available to Shoreline Village (less than a five minute trip), which has a variety of unique shops and places to eat.

DIRECTIONS: Take the 710 Freeway south all the way to the end, which turns into Shoreline Drive, and turn right on Aquarium Way.

PARKING: The parking complex is operated by the City of Long Beach. P.I. members have been given a reserved area and will be directed by parking lot personnel. We have been asked to have all of our vehicles absolutely in place no later than 9:00 a.m. "Brand X" vehicles please identify yourself as a Packard tour member as you enter the parking complex. All P.I. parking tickets will be validated as you enter parking complex. Packards International (So Cal) Region will be billed \$6.00 per vehicle.

PRICE: Adult \$16.00
 Child under 12 \$7.00
 Parking \$6.00

QUESTIONS: Call Joel Patterson (562)423-2546.

Make checks payable to the Southern California (So Cal) Region of Packard's International and mail to:

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1053 E. 45th Way
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Please make _____ reservations at \$16.00 per person plus \$6.00 per vehicle.

In the Name of _____ *Children under 12 \$7.00

My check for _____ is enclosed.

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Please send reservations in by
August 8, 1988

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Carl G. Fisher did not live the
 “American Dream”
 — he built the “American Dream”

Jerry Fisher's

The Pacemaker:
The Untold Story of Carl G. Fisher

Overlooked and forgotten by America's Who's Who, Fisher was the man who built their paradises. He was the “Practical Visionary” of the century, the creator of the first Transcontinental Highway, the Indy 500, Miami Beach, and Montauk, New York, the “Miami Beach of the North.”

At age 12, he supported his mother and two younger brothers. At seventeen, he was building one of many vast fortunes in a woodshed turned bicycle shop. At thirty-seven, he sold his shares in the Prest-O-Lite Company, the first company to create automobile head lights, to Union Carbide for \$5.6 million in 1911, an insurmountable amount of money for the time. Presidents called him friend, the Gasoline Alley Gang of Ford, Chev-rolet, and Firestone called him a pacesetter. Al Capone considered him a nuisance.

The subject of a recent PBS Special, Carl Fisher built what he dreamed. The city he carved from a jungle, Miami Beach, continues to attract tourists. A fashionable place to live, Montauk, New York is called “the Miami Beach of the North.” Fisher Island, two miles off Miami Beach, is the home for many of the international elite. The Indianapolis 500 remains the world's premier racing event. The Lincoln and Dixie highways, awesome accomplishments for their time or any, helped liberate the nation from regionalism. Carl Fisher's accomplishments are monumental.

When he drove the pace car for the first Indy 500 in 1911, Carl Fisher set the pace for all Americans who venture the highways on vacation. Now, for the first time, his complete story is told for the American people, and the world.

A book for the holidays about a man for the ages

The Pacemaker: The Untold Story of Carl G. Fisher

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<http://www.members.home.com/thepacesetter>

LHA CONFERENCES

National conferences are held annually in June at sites along the Lincoln Highway.

These conferences feature conducted tours of the historic road in the area, and seminars when research papers and slide programs are presented.

Time is also provided for attendees to explore the host city.



Leona C. Schenk

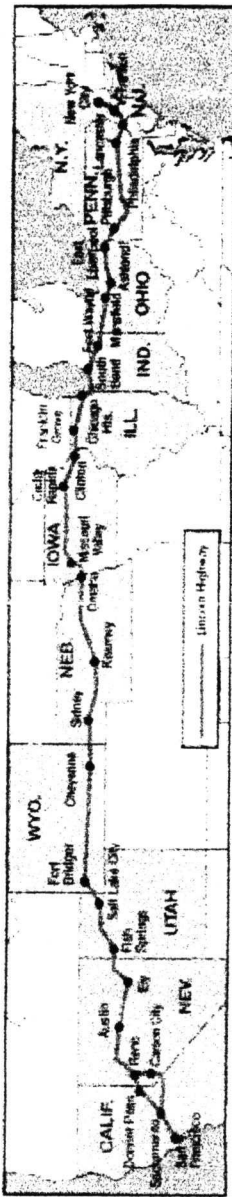
The Rainbow Bridge on the old Lincoln Highway in California. Donner Lake is in the background.



Gregory M. Pearson

The famous Lincoln Highway bridge in Tama, Iowa

THE "COAST TO COAST" LINCOLN HIGHWAY



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. The Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) shall identify, preserve, interpret and improve access to the Lincoln Highway and its associated sites.
2. The LHA shall pursue the appropriate measures to prevent further deterioration, destruction or alteration of the remaining sections of the Lincoln Highway.
3. The LHA shall publicize and seek public awareness of its goals and activities for preserving, promoting and developing the Lincoln Highway.
4. The LHA shall facilitate research about the Lincoln Highway, and publish a magazine for articles and news of activity relevant to the LHA.
5. The LHA shall work with local communities and businesses to promote the Lincoln Highway as a tourism destination.
6. The LHA shall be exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

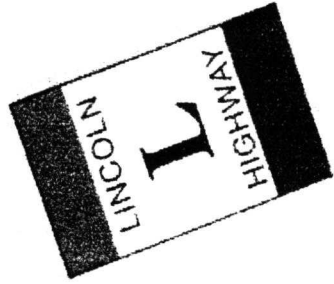
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION WILL...

- Help preserve the variants of the old Lincoln Highway - dirt, gravel, brick, and concrete - and identify it with replicas of the original signs and concrete marker posts.
- Enable you to share the thrills of traveling the historic highway with other Americans and foreign visitors through an international publicity program.
- Help gain state and federal funding for the establishment of Lincoln Highway heritage corridors in the states where the highway passes.
- Bring you four issues a year of The Lincoln Highway Forum, which contains articles, news, travel features, and both new and historic photographs - all contributed by members like you.
- Help install informational signs at historic sites along the old highway.
- Give you a membership card, a windshield decal, a pin, and an annual membership directory.
- Let you participate in organized tours of the old Lincoln Highway in historic vehicles.



Editor M. Dwyer

An early gas station in Bedford, Pennsylvania



REPAIRING HOLLOW

MOULDING

Here are two methods of removing dents from brass, stainless and light chrome trim. The first utilizes hardwood molds, the second, lead molds.

The Jewellers Method.

The jeweller's dent removal principle is to remove dents without scratching the finished surface. To do this, they make a hardwood base the shape of the outer side. This is done by cutting into the hardwood with a saw or router to shape a depression in the hardwood close to the original shape of the piece to be repaired.

Then place the metal piece in the jig and work the dent out with hardwood pestles. The pestles should be made from 3/8 hardwood dowels in the shapes shown. Make these long enough so that 2" sticks outside of your hand to work the metal.

If your trim is not too badly damaged, it can be straightened out with the aid of easily made lead forms.

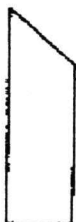
Select an undamaged part of the moulding and make a dam from modelling clay on each side of the good area. This should be from 1 1/2 to 2 inches wide, to cover most dents and scratches. When the lead is hard, remove the clay and slide the lead to another part of the moulding. Turn the moulding over and in the same good spot make another lead form as before. Now you have both male and female molds and can straighten any damaged spot on the trim by sliding the inner form to the spot and gently hammering the outer form upon it. When the job is completed, the lead is easily melted out without damage to the chrome finish, or it can be left in place if desired.



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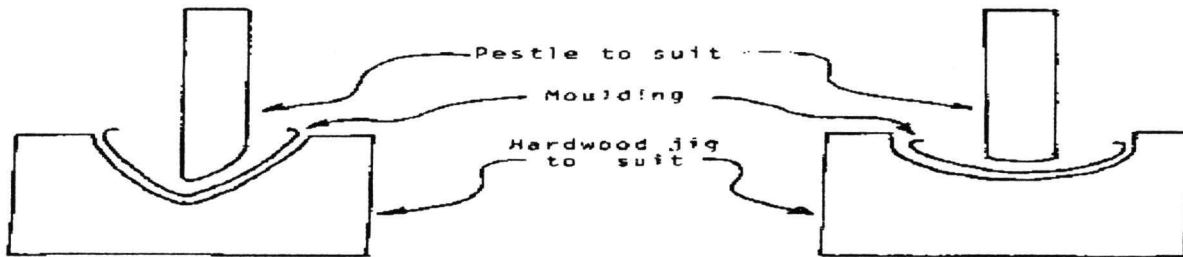
single chisel



double chisel



1/4 round



FOR SALE: 1947 Custom Super 8 5 Passenger Sedan, Loaded! Asking \$16,000.00 Contact Frank Stopela 208/336-1020

WANTED: 1954 "359" cu. in. straight eight engine and 1954 Caribbean wheelwell chrome moldings, front & rear. Contact Pat McGill 760/630-0725

FOR SALE: 56 Ultramatic electric shift transmission (less torque converter). Includes shift motor, harness, relays & push button assembly, \$175.00 H. Hedcock 619/679-7084

FOR SALE: 1956 Packard hardtop, new paint (blue/white), 2 dr., 44,000 miles on engine. Asking \$8,800 or OBO. Contact Anthony Kotcher at, 619/584-7100

For Sale: Original 51-54 factory service manual, (2) Packard wall thermometers, 8x27", one a repo, one represented as an original. All for \$50. Chet Owen 619/444-7354