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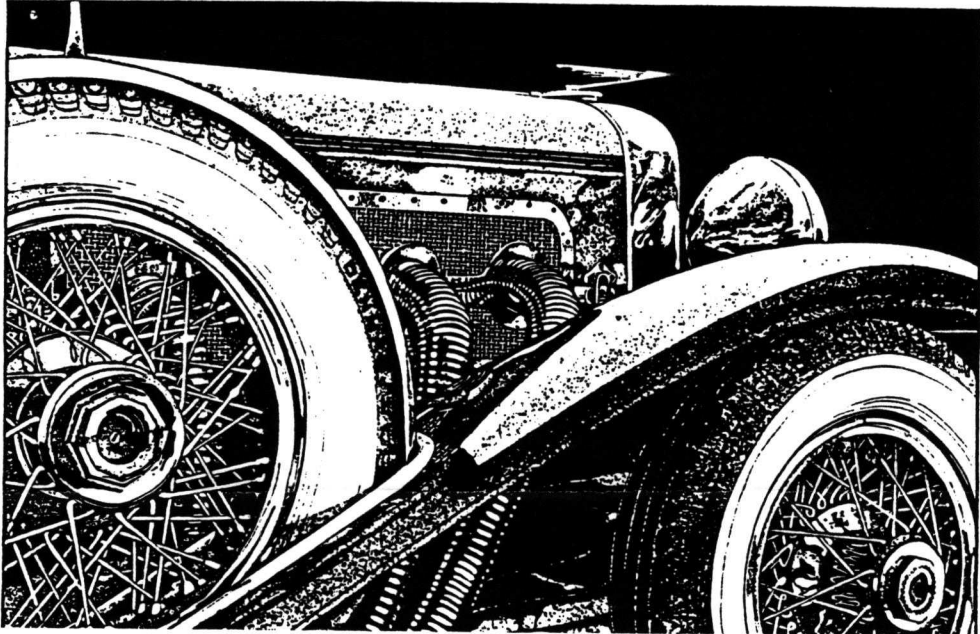
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VOLUME 17 SEPTEMBER 1992 SAN DIEGO REGION

Get Ready...Get Set...

MARK THE DATE!

PACKARD IS THE FEATURED CAR



The 13th Annual

San Diego Concours d'Elegance

is scheduled for:

Sunday, September 27, 1992

Held on the bay side of Seaport Village at the Embarcadero Marina Park.

This year's Concours promises to produce an even higher quality of classic and collectible automobiles than ever before.

For Car Entry Information call Lee Adams at 283-4221.

For an invitation to the Concours Circle Luncheon, call
The American Cancer Society at 299-4200



Happy Motoring,

San Diego Concours d'Elegance Car Selection Committee

SAN DIEGO REGION TOUR
MEET AT FOCUS 8:40 A.M.
FOR ORANGE JUICE AND COFFEE
LEAVE FOR SEAPORT VILLAGE
9:00 A.M.

WE TOUR THRU
THE MIDDLE OF THE
CONCOURS AT 9:30 A.M.
SPECIAL PARKING SPOT FOR
OUR CARS.
\$10.00 PER CAR
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WISH TO AMERICAN
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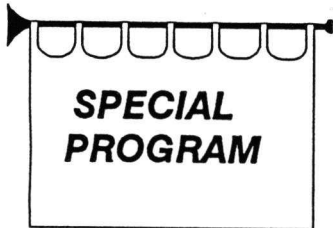
BRING PICNIC OR PLAN SEAPORT VILLAGE
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General Meeting
October 7, 1992
"Automobile
Literature"
Mark Chandler

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

DEAR FELLOW PACKARD MEMBERS:

The National Tour is upon us September 10-13. We have all worked very hard for 1½ years to prepare for this event. It is jam-packed with activities, new cars, the cruise, music, free drawings, art presentations, and a visit to an Oriental sculpture garden. **GET TO SOME OF IT TO HELP SUPPORT THE TOUR COMMITTEE!** You don't need to attend everything. We need your participation.

WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER BECAUSE OF NATIONAL TOUR. Nominations for 1993 officers will be presented in the next *Predictor*. October will be the election of officers. If you could serve on the board in a committee chair, please call Casey at 465-6742 after August 26. (He'll be back from his Alaska trip by then, if all goes well.)

The 1993 Tour Calendar is already under way. We need tour leaders for Fallbrook in May, the Great American Picnic in July, and the Palomar Mountain Climb/Winter Picnic in October. If you have a good idea for a November tour or a place to hold our Christmas party, please call me at 530-1414.

It is important that all new members have their name tags. (It is a free benefit to new members.) If you haven't received yours, please call Fred Spector right away at 438-2365. We want you to be recognized.

My personal thanks to everyone who has helped me in the office of Prexy Pro Tem in Casey's absence. We may not have done all of the things he would have wished, but we had a good time and I appreciated the help! Not one of you turned me down when I needed you! That is exactly why I continue to be a member of this Region.

Casey will be back for National and the September 16 board meeting.

Prexy Pro Tem,

BJ

BOARD FOR 1992

President:	Casey Groenendal	465-6742
Vice-President:	B.J. Hill	530-1414(B) 451-0670
Secretary:	Mignon Gantert	747-7448
Treasurer:	Ken Yankee	277-5659
Historian:	Linda Bittner	566-8618 597-2627(B)
Membership:	Fred Spector	438-2365
National Bd. Rep:	Joe Whitaker	263-1229
Projects:	Mark Rothermich	583-2369
<i>The Predictor:</i>	Bobbie McNicol	693-8000
New Member Rep:	James Dahmann	743-1395
Tours/Activities:	Gene Gantert	747-7448

EVENTS AND TOURS

- Sept. 2 NO REGULAR MEETING
Sept. 10-13 National Tour: Shoen, Artists, Grand Tradition, Cruise to Mexico, La Costa Spa!
Sept. 16 Board meeting, home of Theresa and Casey Groenendal, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27 San Diego Concours d'Elegance, Seaport Village. Packard—featured car. "We will be touring."
Oct. 3 Orphan tour/Joint tour with Studebaker Club
Oct. 7 Regular meeting, Marie Callender's, I-15 and Miramar Road, Holiday Inn, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6-8 Fall Concours d'Elegance, featuring PACKARD, Palm Springs

ALASKA HIGHWAY: IS IT A WILDERNESS ESCAPE ROUTE?



to see the hidden, self-absorbed, strangely beautiful world of those who, in their own way, have reached their destination. Soon those drivers develop what I call Highway Hypnosis. They call it Highway Hallucination here. Whatever... The results are the same.

If you let your mind wander, the road will jump up and bite you. The road's hazards aren't only on the surface, but in your attitude. You better treat the Highway with respect. Acci-

dents galore. "The thing about those accidents, there's never any witnesses," says a police investigator. Besides Highway Hypnosis or Hallucination, it can be just plain tiredness, people trying to go too far too fast.

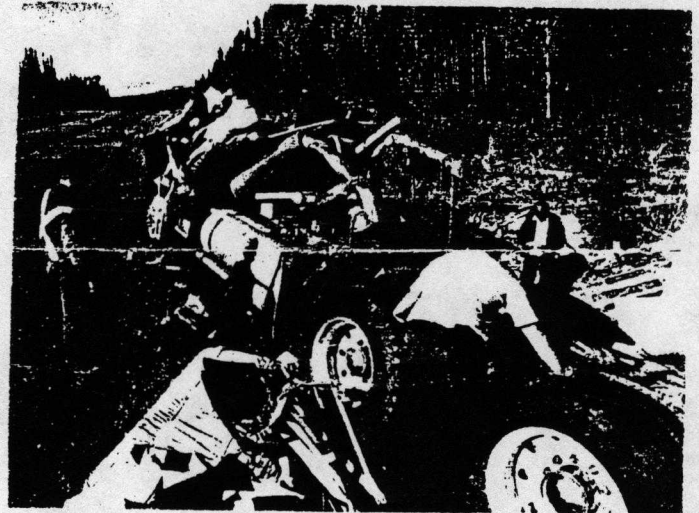
clusion:

The magnetic north latitude 66°33' draws dreamers, settlers, and tourists on a pilgrimage along the Alaska Highway. At times, reality and hopes collide head-on.

Civilization is only intermittent. Sometimes you drive for three hours and never once see another car. I regard the people with awe in this harsh environment. But I can't make up my mind whether they're crazy or I.

This crazy twisting two-lane road lets you go as fast as 45 miles per hour, if you're lucky! (My average speed on the ALCAN Highway was 32 mph.) This tortuous stretch was 1,500 miles long, with hardly any guardrails. And alongside the road is muskeg (wet, mossy, poorly drained ground, that, when you get off the road by mistake, can take and suck your vehicle down to its axles and keep it there till kingdom come).

Sometimes under gritty mud you can find a defiant bumper sticker: "We drive the Alaska Highway; yes, dammit, both ways." Many people just drive grimly on, pausing only for the briefest necessary stops. That's too bad, for they never look to the people there, or glimpse beyond the gas pumps



Sunup near Liard River reveals a rolled-over truck—and a dead driver,

ALASKA HIGHWAY . . .

Fifty miles east of Beavercreek, one guy passed me up three times in one hour like I was standing still. The roads were bad and I was going 25 mph. His trailer was bouncing up and down like a yoyo, throwing sand and gravel all over the place. I told Theresa that he wouldn't last long. Sure enough, about one hour later, he stood along the road. His rear wheel had snapped off from the axle. I smiled and waved as I went by. He deserved it!

Even though you can rarely go fast (45 mph), concentration is crucial, though difficult to sustain. It takes all the driving skill you can muster. When you talk to professional truck drivers, they will tell you that it's a challenge to drive this highway, but they would rather meet a big truck than a tourist. They say fervently that it's just the highway you have to negotiate with. "Those other clowns are not tourists, they're terrorists." But with common sense and taking it easy, anybody can do it.

I have put some 500,000 highway miles under my belt over the last 40 years, but I must say that these roads are truly the worst I have experienced. The locals, however, call them good roads.

If you are sincere and gain the natives' confidence, they will talk your ear off. They will tell you that during the winter months their favorite pastime is wife-swapping and drinking booze. Well, up here they have five seasons: winter, June, July, August, and winter! One out of three attempts suicide, and one out of four commits suicide.

People from the lower 48 states move up here to make a new beginning, to get away from it all. They want to get rid of their problems. They want to escape it all. I am not a shrink doctor, but I would like to give you my perspective on this; but Casey Stengel said this years ago: "It's better to be quiet and appear a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

As always,

Casey

San Diego Auto Museum Offers New Program

✓ Always on the lookout to provide new incentives to boost membership the SDAM has expanded benefits and lowered the membership price in an effort to attract new members. There has never been a better time to join and now they are giving rebates to the car clubs when their members join. Annual benefits for members include: unlimited museum visitation; two free guest passes; 10% gift shop discount; car insurance package with the lowest rates in the country for qualified cars; auto parts club membership (a \$10 value) and the Grand Garage Car Care Product Package (\$19 value). There are additional benefits such as access to the museum's below market rate vehicle storage and light restoration/maintenance facility, a travel and entertainment package, golf discount card and tour package of museums in the U.S.

✓ A generous new feature is the rebate to car clubs. When 1-10 members join the SDAM, clubs get \$5 per member and on up to \$9 when more than 41 members join.

TRAVTEK HELPS YOU NAVIGATE

by Richard Truett of the *Orlando Sentinel*

A Ford wagon has a built-in computerized navigational and traffic information system. TravTek gets information from Orlando's Traffic Management Center. It is collected by electronic sensors in the road pavement, cameras on the freeway, law enforcement agencies, and other cars. Each car has sensors in the wheels and a magnetic compass to help NASA's network of Global Positioning Satellites pinpoint the car's location. A screen on the dash warns the driver of upcoming traffic hazards, congestions and accidents, plus it has the ability to give directions to any address within 1,200 square miles of Central Florida.

PACKARD San Diego Region HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND. MAKE THE TOUR



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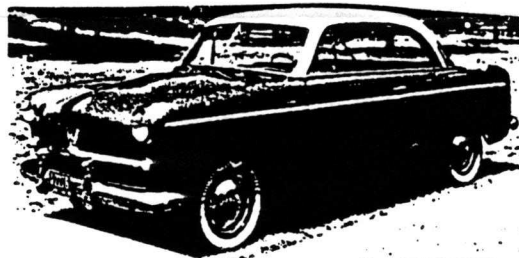
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___ Vendor Space(s) @ \$12

___ Show Car(s) @ \$8

Name _____

Address _____

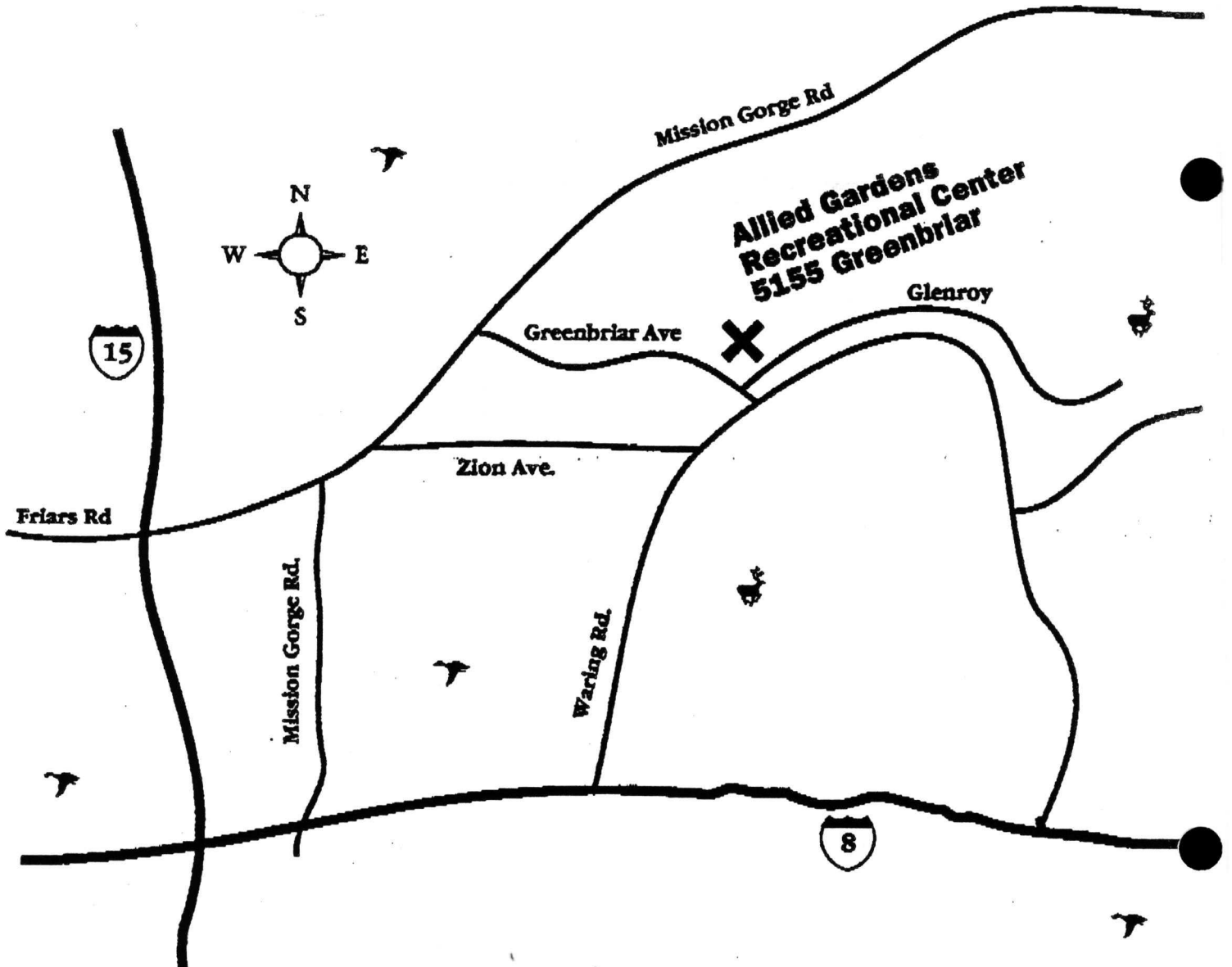
WHERE: Allied Gardens Recreational Center
5155 Greenbriar Ave. San Diego

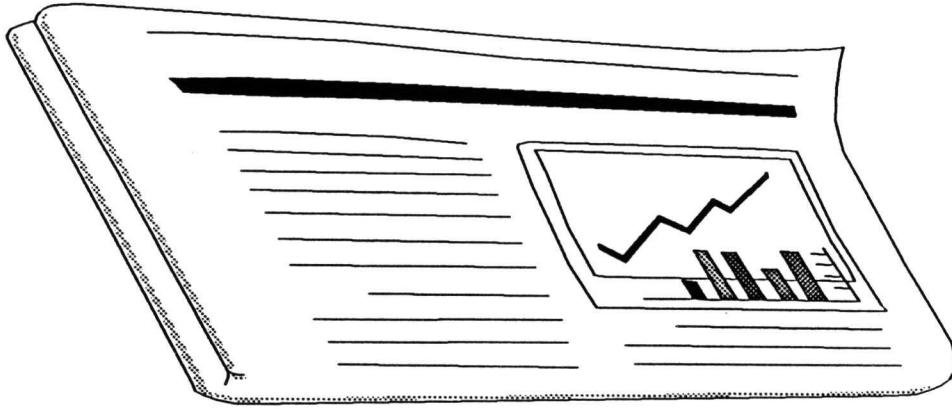
WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 1992 - Starting at 8 AM

WHO: Orphan Car Show - Hudson, Nash, Kaiser-Fraisers,
Willys, Studebaker, Packard, Etc.

WHY: Fun, Displays of Tools, Supplies, Cars for Sale

• Picnic Area - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sodas for Sale!





WANT ADS

FOR SALE. 1936 120 4-door sedan with suicide doors, 99% parts there. No upholstery, paint original, only one dent in right fender. (714) 962-0644, Mike Petrovich

ANYONE INTERESTED in a 1955-56 Clipper 2-door "that is rusting away in Burbank?" Contact David J. Hanna, (818) 792-9155, office (213) 469-6000

FOR SALE. Upright Packard piano, completely restored. \$1999. Decades Antique Mall, 4873 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, (619) 226-6711

FOR SALE. One left door for '36 120 business coupe. Four perfect, rust-free, dent-free, California doors for '36 120 touring or club sedan. Also four same as above for '37 115 touring or club sedan. \$250 each plus shipping. 1935-36 120 left front fender, excellent, straight, no rust. \$250 plus shipping. Wallace Walmsley, (619) 283-3063.

1929 SUPER BLOCK AND CRANKCASE W/SHAFT. Some rods and cams are missing. Asking \$700. (702) 267-2559, Les Harris

WANTED TO BUY. 1932, 1933, or 1934. (805) 822-6504, Gerry Northcutt

WANT ADS

WANTED. Windshield, 1953 Mayfair. (619) 271-8434, Laddie Zika, leave message

FOR SALE. 1955 Packard Clipper, Original blue/white exterior, original two-tone blue interior. Asking \$3,500. Also have 1956 Chrysler 300B, 90% restored. Asking \$12,500. (619) 267-4096, Tony Paradowski

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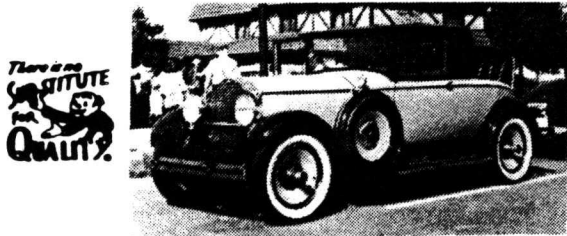
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Ask The Man Who Owns One

Mrs. Billie Rhodes

President

(619) 474 - 4424

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(p.s. and yourself?)

As a PACKARD owner and Realtor, I understand your needs both for good affordable housing and ample garage space for your car(s). My real estate background extends back to 1964, and for over 12 years now I have been a full time realtor serving all of San Diego County. If you need to sell your present home, and/or purchase another, please call me. I can help you in an honest and professional way with all your real estate needs. My computer has the ability to pinpoint your exact requirements.

Ask the woman who owns one

Ginger McLean (619) 560-5114
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