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President's Message

This month's message has a theme of participation and involvement. A viable club has involved members and an involved Board of Directors. As you may know, we often struggle to fill open positions on our Board. We were, however, very lucky last year to have a full complement of Board members for the first time in several years. Our bylaws specify that our Board members serve 1 year terms and may be reelected as many times as they wish to run. Fortunately, this year, 7 of our 8 Board members have agreed to serve for another year in their current capacity on your Board. Unfortunately, for the 2007 Board, we were unsuccessful in recruiting any region members to run for any Board member position – either open or filled by an incumbent. This means two things:

- 1) Unless a current member steps forward by October 10th and indicates interest in running for the open Tours & Events Committee Chair on the Board, we will enter 2007 with a Board vacancy. The function of tour and event planning and execution will be split among the 7 remaining Board members.
- 2) Because there were no challenges to the 7 Board members who agreed to stay on through 2007, the nominating slate is uncontested. Accordingly, there will be no need for elections in October. Please see an article on this subject by Karl Ramsing later in this Predictor.

Lastly, we the Board of Directors of Packards International San Diego Region are often times frustrated by the limited turnout we have at many of our tours and events. We need to know more about why you joined the Region, what you expect from us as your Board, what tours and events are most attractive to you, how you feel about monthly meetings, and on and on. In order to gain this kind of insight into what our membership is really thinking, the Board is preparing a survey which will be mailed out with the annual membership renewal package in October. We hope that every member will answer the survey questions with thoughtful consideration and return it with the renewal form and payment. Our entire 2007 calendar planning meeting in January will be based on the response to the survey. The survey will be your opportunity to tell the Board what you want to see more of in 2007, and what you want to see less of in the same period. Please help us plan a popular and exciting calendar of events for 2007 by filling out and returning the survey.

**Happy Tours,
Mark Burnside**

The nominating committee for the 2007 Board of Directors polled the current officers holding their respective positions asking if they would continue in their respective elected offices. All agreed to do so with the exception of Sydney Kirkland who will step down as Events/Tours Chairperson. The Nominating Committee polled a number of current members asking them to take this position, none accepted. Therefore, the Nominating Committee recommends the current slate of officers (on this page) for 2007. If there is anyone who would like to pursue the open position of Events/Tours Director to plan approximately six (6) tours in 2007, please call Karl Ramsing 760-726-5955 by October 10, 2006. Otherwise, the uncontested slate of officers will be formally submitted to the membership as Officers for The San Diego Region of Packards International for the year 2007. Unless contested by a Region member by October 10, 2006, this slate shall become the 2007 Board of Directors without elections. Respectfully submitted: Karl Ramsing, Chairman.

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Featured Members for September – Jim and Catherine Woolsey



In the 1950's, my father bought property North of Escondido near the Lawrence Welk Resort. He sold it in 1959 when I was 12. At that time, I asked him if he could tow a 1938 Buick Century home that had been abandoned on the land. With some hesitation from my father, it was hitched up to the family car and dragged to our home in Escondido. Around the same time, a friend of my father introduced me to a 1934 Buick, 1915 Model T, and a 1921 Reo Roadster. After taking us for a drive in his cars, I was hooked. My passion became cars of 1930 vintage and older.

After restoring my Buick in 2000, I decided I would like a true classic that did not have to be restored and possibly have engine trouble. After a great deal of research I decided that I would like a V-12 Packard. The actual year and model was not a concern. I found one in Arizona on the Internet and took a trip to look at it. The pictures on the net made this car look far better than the actual condition it was in. I wasn't discouraged as I knew I would eventually get a V-12 Packard. One day while looking on-line for Barrett Jackson auctions, I noticed a 1935 V-12 Limo was going to be auctioned at the Peterson Museum in Los Angeles. I was all set to go until noticing it had been taken off of the auction list. Out of curiosity I e-mailed the museum to see why it was no longer available and was advised that the engine did not run. The most appropriate statement I could think of is "It was meant to be". I wrote to the museum and asked if it would be possible to come and look at the car. Arrangements were made and I went up, with my brother, who is also a mechanic, to check the car out.

When we got there the Packard was down in the dark basement of the museum. My first impression was that this was a pretty nice car. I crawled under it and looked inside. The Packard was in its original condition. I knew this was the car I had to have even though the engine had bad rod bearings. I made an offer, which was accepted, and the car was mine. Delivery was made. The first thing I did was remove the oil pan to see just how bad a condition the engine was in. I was pleasantly surprised to see the oil pan had no sign of major engine damage. My brother and I took the engine apart, made a list of what we needed to make the engine complete, and totally rebuilt it. We were on the road in six months.

I found the name of the previous owner in the glove box and decided to give him a call. After speaking with him I learned this car was built for someone in Paris and shipped there in 1935. It is possible that it was taken over by the Germans in 1940, as there is a German inventory tag under the front seat. It was in a museum in Paris until 1961 when it was bought and shipped to someone in Huntington Beach. It was in this family until 1995 when the engine went bad. According to him, the only thing they did to it was chrome the bumpers. Since this car had been in a museum the majority of time, I decided there was no need to restore it. The Packard had 11,000 kilometers on the engine when I bought it, and looking at the condition of the engine parts, it would be a safe guess that those are the original miles.

Two interesting features on the car is a Roller hydraulic cam and an electric oil level gauge hooked to the gas gauge. By pressing a button on the gas gauge it activates the oil level. Other features include power brakes, power assist clutch, automatic chassis lubricator, ride control (soft or stiff) and bumper dampers to make a smooth ride. My wife and I find the Packard an enjoyable addition for our leisure hours. We have driven 6,000 miles and plan on taking some caravans in the future. Until then we will continue our car club events and Sunday drives.

FOR SALE – Cars and Parts

1957 Packard Country Sedan 57L Station Wagon
Rare model, just finished partial restoration. New paint,
new interior, newly overhauled transmission,
New battery, new tires, runs great. \$8,900

1947 Clipper 6, runs and ready to restore. \$3,700

Steve Griger (619) 261-9920

Fred Puhn is looking for a '32 – '36 Packard senior model,
Club Sedan preferred, email fredpuhn@cox.net or call
619-475-1155

For PI-San Diego Region Members:

Do you have a collector car or parts for sale?
To place an ad in our newsletter, email Gary
Wysong at gwysong@cox.net or call
(619) 267-8879

If you have an email address at home or work, but
get your newsletter by regular mail, email Gary
Wysong to be placed on our email list

Send your preferred Packard parts, supplies and
services vendors information to Gary Wysong for us
to update our Parts, Supplies and Vendors list

Lance “Dutch” Parker has cars and Packard
Parts For Sale. Contact him “before they’re gone”
At 760-758-0159

Welcome to new members David & Linda Grice,
davidgrice@cox.net

'53 Clipper 4-door sedan, light blue paint,
all original, runs great, new carb and brakes,
minor rust on body, needs radiator work, must
sell by Aug 2, \$3,000 or best offer, Mr. Seitz,
619-823-2601

Calendar

October 28: Flying Leatherneck Museum, Miramar MCAS, meet there at 10AM, lunch at noon

November 19: Joint Tour with P.I. SoCal Region to Homeland Security Regional Headquarters, March A.F.B.

December 10: Holiday Party

January 14, 2007: La Jolla Car Show

Other Events:

Old Hiway 80 Rededication Tour, **October 21**, 2006, from El Cajon to Viejas Casino near Alpine.
Contact Lance Haynes at lancedurant@san.rr.com

“Thanks and Giving” Carnival, **November 4**, 2006 from 11AM-4PM, Temecula, to benefit St. Jude
Children’s Research Hospital. Packard owners and cars have been requested to participate. Arrive by 9AM.
Contact Robert Lamb (760)805-3866 or email RDL_Blacksheep@yahoo.com or Robert.Lamb@USMC.mil

Packard of the Month

We would like to feature **ANY** member(s) and their Packard. Please write a brief article about yourself, how you
acquired your Packard, restoration progress, and anything else you would like to share about your Packard. Email
one or two photos and your story to Gary Wysong