

# FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR SHOW

By Steve Ross



**Mark Burnside's '55 Clipper, Tom O'Hara's '34 Dietrich, Karl Ramsing's '29 Roadster, Phil Pizzuto's '39 Model 120, and Todd Shonenberg's '39 Super Eight**

I thought golfers were crazy but, apparently so are Packard people. I played golf once in the driving rain, still haven't figured out why I did that. Today I was standing with six Packard drivers in the rain, behind our cars, huddled under umbrellas, at the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show.

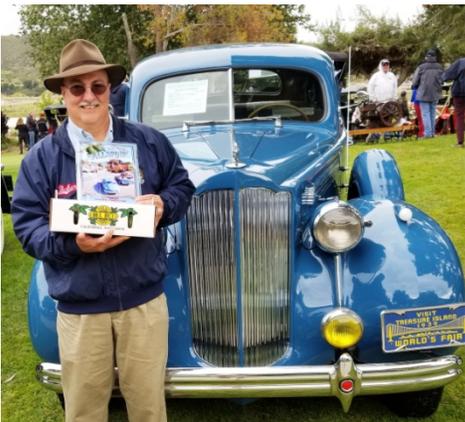
That day playing golf for some reason flashed through my head and brought a smile for a moment



There were three Veterans under the umbrella and had we still been on active duty we would have been bitching up a storm about being out in the rain for no apparent reason. These Packard guys are the diehards that will outdo the mail delivery person (I think I got that nomenclature correct) in performing their car show duties. The not-so-dedicated guys showed up sans Packards much later (some of us had rolled out at 0700) well after the rain had stopped. The first to arrive in his Brand X was our loyal projects guy and winner of Best in Show at Carlsbad, Mr. Paul Santy. Since winning Best in Show, the Santy Packard can never be driven in the rain. Following along a bit later was our leader, our Regional Director and the guy we look to for guidance. He arrives all smiley-faced and dry with a bright, cheerio greeting of "How's it going?" We looked like drowned rats but we grinned and said "Great!" From what I could gather, Richard's Packard can't be exposed to moisture either. Isn't that sad? Those poor Packards will never get to enjoy the spring showers. Tim Pestotnik arrived for lunch just as he had promised, without Packard. Tim and Steve had a

reason for not driving a Packard. Tim's car is in the hospital awaiting a heart transplant, Buttercup is seriously down with a yet to be determined diagnosis. And we mustn't forget my wife, Carol, who is recovering from a broken axle of her own.

In spite of how it may sound, we all had a great time. There wasn't that much rain, more like a really heavy dew, actually. We had the usual number of people *oohing* and *aahing* at the Packards. The weather dampened the attendance a bit. We broke for lunch at 1200 and headed to the café, which had been arranged by Tour Director Karl Ramsing. Our gang was ushered to our semi private room.



The judging was done by the Fallbrook Judging team but, the Packard gentleman selected their own judge. They picked some guy out of the crowd who is a Prius collector to judge the Packards? Mr. O'Hara pointed out that the judge had been drinking most of the day and was known in the Fallbrook area as "Blind Bart" Oh Well, on the upside there can't be any bias then, right? Judging anything for a friend is difficult, but one should avoid at all cost judging their choice in mates or automobiles. There just ain't no right - or should I say safe - answer. It's the old "is she prettier than me question?"

In any case, Mr. Phil Pizzuto's 1939 120 Touring Sedan (Evelyn) was awarded Best Packard.

I know I gave some folks a bad time for not driving their Packard, but that is my job.



**From the left, our Regional Director Richard Schauer, Assistant Director Tim Pestotnik, Past President Mark Burnside, Membership Director Karl Ramsing, (Mark and Karl are conferring with Tom O'Hara who is hidden by Past President Phil Pizzuto), Projects Chair extraordinaire Paul Santy smiling for the camera, and Todd Schonenberg.**



Phil ran into a few of his current and former students during the day.

It was a great car show and we met some nice people and recruited a new member for our great Packard Club.