

MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL OVERLOOKING THE BLUE PACIFIC

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Once again Tim Pestotnik rolled out the red carpet for fellow members, opening his beautiful home on an absolutely perfect August day in San Diego. And as always it came off with a team effort, something often mentioned but frequently overlooked. The highlight of the day's meal was unquestionably the tri-tip from Seaside Market in Cardiff. For meat lovers, something to die for.



CHEF PAUL



Paul Santy, the Super Chef, generously gave of his time and energy to barbeque seven of those babies on Tim's grill. Paul seared them quickly on high heat before cooling down the grill for roasting, resulting in a delightfully crunchy exterior that also sealed in the moisture. Nearly everyone brought food (does dessert count as food?). A spontaneous and deliciously fun competition came up comparing brownies prepared by the Ramsings with those made by Heather Pizzuto. As an unofficial judge, I went back and forth several times before deciding in favor of Heather's. They had this wonderful creamy, moist texture, which she said was due to heating up the chocolate prior to mixing and baking. But let's not take anything away from Karl and Peggy's creations...they were wonderful, too!



Catherine and Jim Woolsey were first to arrive, and Catherine put the finishing touches on the fresh summer salad. Mark Bellerini was inside and outside, making

Chef Paul and the roving assistant Mark Bellerini. Catherine takes a break from salad making and chats with Tom O'Hara. The other view of Catherine talking to Tom, yes that is Catherine's arm. Jim and Sam are probably talking about cars, just a guess.

sure Chef Paul was remaining focused on the job with the tri-tip. Unfortunately Hiroko was unable to come, as family business pulled her away. Paul Erlich rode down with Karen and me, his first time partaking in the annual Tri-Tip-Fest.



Bob Warner, Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson



Debbie and Dale Costanzo

Mike and Susan Nadeau had another commitment that took them away early but they did not want to miss this great event. Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson get the prize for driving the farthest, coming down the mountain from Idyllwild. It was great to spend time catching up with the Johnsons, and boy have they had a busy year...fixing the '41 Packard LeBaron, and moving to a new house in Idyllwild.

Dale and Debbie Costanzo came, and it always a joy to catch up with them on their travels. Dale had a health scare early this year, but is well now. It is always upsetting to learn of health challenges people are dealing with. And their forth grandchild is due next January, so the good news continues.



Steve and Lupita Halluska



Past President Phil and Heather Pizzuto

We are a social club with a Packard problem as I have often said. We are first and foremost friends. Tom O'Hara came, and in spite of all the business of the day we made time to chat a bit. Sam Judd and wife Deborah came again this year. Sam currently leads the pack (pack...or Packard?) in solving the riddles in the monthly Predictor. Phil and Heather Pizzuto made the trip down from Oceanside. Steve and Lupita Halluska arrived, Steve wondering if he was welcome after having sold his '41 Packard (and being Packard-less). Of course they are welcome! He is looking diligently for a replacement, so if anyone knows of a '55 or '56 for sale (hard top, but could be a convertible), please get in touch with Steve.



Jim and Tim discussing the art of barbeque and Packard maintenance.

Bob Waner, from Hemet, also attended. He is a committed Packard man, owning three models covering 4 decades. I hope Bob comes to more events so we can get to know him better.



Peggy Ramsing and Karen Schauer



Karl Ramsing and Heather Pizzuto enjoying the brisket



The Party is over, but the table waits for the return of the Packard folks.

One disappointment was that Ken Yankee was unable to attend. At age 91, he felt the day would tax him too much. Colin Fort also declined for health reasons, but sent his hearty greetings to everyone. All our Founders, Charter Members and HLMS were sorely missed, but are in our thoughts.

No business was conducted, no announcements were made, nothing earth shattering happened. Everyone had a very nice, happy, and relaxing time. Times like this are why we enjoy such a nice club...oh, yes, and let's not forget the Packards.