

# CHRISTMAS AT THE LAZY H

By Steve Ross

Yep, it was Christmas time at the Lazy H and we had the largest bunch of fun seekers filled with the spirit of the season in modern history. We also had the opportunity to meet and greet some of our newest members. (No **Tom O'Hara** is not passed out; he is just meditating)

**Larry French and Mary Lankamp**



**Ken and Sandy Ruminer drove down from Lakewood, CA to party with us!**



**Pat and Ron Prentice**

A few of our partygoers drove their Packards and were rewarded with a beverage of their choice for braving the elements. Tim Pestotnik, our honorable Assistant Regional Director drove his recently acquired Facel Vega. It shares quarters with a Packard so acceptance was not a problem. The treasurer went off the deep end and treated too many guests with free beverages! It was Christmas and a beautiful day and the folks were dressed up so nice and kept telling the treasurer what a nice guy he was. Evidently, he is subject to flattery. Reportedly, rewards were given to people who just rode in a Packard and there is ample evidence that it was not even verified that the person even drove a Packard. This will undoubtedly be a topic of discussion at the Board planning meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, at the San Diego Yacht Club. It will be well worth the drive to attend the meeting to see how high they hang the individual for this very irresponsible behavior.



The curmudgeon holding the Grinch, and trying to look un-Christmassy, is the one who gave away the store with the encouragement of our resident Scribe, Mr. **Brian Wagner**.



Santa and his helpers were on hand and the table was laden with gifts to be chosen, taken away, or exchanged for a better deal. Although the value of said gifts is set at \$25.00 or less, the value seems to have crept up over the years. There may have been some re-gifting; can you imagine that? Spirited beverages seem to be gaining in popularity as well. It has been recommended that gifts for a lady be so designated as most have no use for a grease gun or a box-end wrench. The Regional Director is taking this under advisement.



Two passes to the Balboa Park attractions were raffled off and the winner was Past President **Mark Burnside!**



**Ron Steffey with his lovely daughter Jennifer.**



**Jim and Catherine Woolsey**



**The "Guys" not talking about romance anymore, but cars or latest medical procedure. Karl on the left is making a point as Brian and Tim listen intently**



L to R: Tim is our ARD, Mark our Webmaster and Predictor co-editor, Richard our Regional Director and Ken Ruminer, the most important guy - a member of our region.



Pictured above from the left: Paul Santy our Projects Director with Ron and Pat Prentice and Karl standing. Picture two, Dion and Marjo, our Technical Director. Picture three, Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson who drove down from Idyllwild for the party, and last is Karl and Peggy Ramsing. Karl is our Membership Director



From the left Ann and Gary Marchetti, Suzanne and Past President/HLM Colin Fort, Jim and Catherine Woolsey, Jack Hall the proprietor of the Lazy H with Jennifer Steffy and Tim Pestotnik, and Jennifer and Ron Steffy



Roast Prime Rib of Beef, and Red Snapper with all the trimmings were served to the starving Packard people. The food as usual was fit for the occasion and worthy of the Packard palate. As you may know, we hold our event in the John Wayne room at the Lazy H. John Wayne was a land owner in the area and is said to have frequented the Lazy H back in the day. The Lazy H was once a private club for the LA and Hollywood crowd. They often flew in to what is now the Pauma airport for a weekend of fun and games.



What's my number?



A smiling Gary, Patti and Mike ready to draw a number



You talkin to me??



Wow, a barn find. Hope I get to keep it. Mike and Tom having a close look



Mike goes for the big box



Karl has a sinister look about making his selection



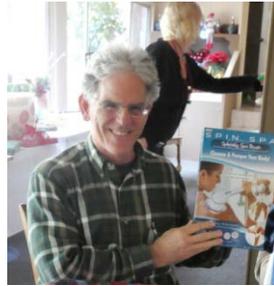
Whatever Karl got looks like Mark might want it



Colin gets a genuine Packard clock



Tim, ever the connoisseur, checks out the label on this one



Gee, a back scrubber!



Now Mary can vacuum! Will she vacuum my Packard?



Ron gets a bottle of wine. Wonder how long he got to keep it



Jim gets a shirt. It says 'No I'm Not the Original Owner'

It was fun having new members join us for the first time and we sincerely hope to see everyone again next time.



The "boys" gathered for a group photo. The ladies asked that we do this, so here ya are. You may note that not all the "boys" are in the photo. Getting a group photo is like rounding up cats.

L-R: Karl Ramsing, Tom O'Hara, Brian Wagner, Steve Ross, Tim Pestotnik, Gary Marchetti, Richard Schauer, Paul Santy.