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President's Message

As I write this month's message, I am impressed by the amount of truly exciting tour activity to report for the upcoming year. The paragraphs below cover the Holiday Party, nomination of new officers, the Installation Brunch, a new meeting place, and the calendar for 2005. Needless to say, this will be a lengthy message, so you might want to pull up a chair while you read.

Holiday Party

I believe I speak for the entire club in extending our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Ann and Gary Wysong for graciously opening their beautiful home (for the second year in a row) to the club for a fabulous Holiday Party on December 4. The food was to die for – what a spread we had! The gift exchange was the usual hoot with the car polisher, the workbench, and the framed Goddess of Flight mascot being the most sought after gifts.

Nomination of New Officers

As of this writing, the current board members have volunteered to stay on and serve the club for another year. During 2004, we were short 2 board members. As a result, Robert Buchanan was both Vice President and Secretary for the year. Robert has indicated that he will be relinquishing the Secretary title. Accordingly, we are very much in need of a volunteer to serve as Club Secretary for 2005. Please call me or Karl Ramsing if you would like to know more about serving the club in this most essential capacity. We had no Club Historian for the entire year. The good news here is that Katherine Woolsey has volunteered to fill this position in the near future. Also, Ken Yankee has done a very credible job heading up Club Projects for the past several years. He would very much like to step down from this assignment if a new volunteer could step forward. Please call Ken or Mark Rothermich if you would like to know more about serving the club as the Projects Board Member. The Board for 2005 is slated as follows:

- President – Mark Burnside
- Vice-President – Robert Buchanan
- Treasurer – Mark Rothermich
- Secretary – Vacant
- Membership Chair for Life – Karl Ramsing
- Projects – Ken Yankee
- Predictor Editor – Gary Wysong
- Historian – Katherine Woolsey

While not a board member, it is important to recognize Lance Haynes has agreed to stay on as Program Chair during 2005. He has done an outstanding job to date and we look forward to more quality speakers during the upcoming year.

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Installation Brunch – Sunday, January 9, 2005

Our annual installation of officers should be on your calendar for Sunday, January 9, 2005 at 11:00AM. It will held at the 94th Aero Squadron, 8885 Balboa Ave. San Diego. Please RSVP to me via email (MarkRBurnside@aol.com) or telephone 760-747-6001 no later than Thursday, January 6, 2005 in order to ensure that we give the restaurant an accurate headcount for this event. Please make every effort to attend, as this is the kick-off event for the New Year.

New Meeting Place

Effective Wednesday, February 2, 2005 our monthly meetings will be held at the San Diego Collection Auto Museum, 7215 El Cajon Blvd. (exit 70th Street from Interstate 8). We will begin promptly at 7:00PM and finish around 8:30PM. Light dessert and coffee served at each meeting. The club held a special Saturday meeting on October 30 at the museum where a majority of the attendees indicated interest in moving our meetings to this most appropriate venue for Packards International – San Diego Region to convene monthly. For the non-meeting goers out there, you're not going to be able to stay away much longer – this is one fantastic collection. Chuck Swimmer, the owner, makes it a point to change cars on display regularly so we won't see most of the same cars from month to month. Good-bye, Boll Weevil. Hello, San Diego Collection!

Calendar for 2005

There's no moss growing under our feet. We are going to be one active club in 2005. Here's what the 2005 tour calendar includes:

January 9	Installation Brunch at the 94 th Aero Squadron
February	Packards International Membership Meet at the Doubletree Hotel, Orange, CA 2/4-2/6; Big3 Swapmeet
March	Simpson Nursery Tour (date TBA)
April	TBD
May	National City Railroad & Stein Farm Tour (date TBA)
June	SoCal Region Swap Meet (date TBA); Del Mar Fair
July 29-30	Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand, Escondido, CA; expanded joint 2-day event with SoCal
August	New York to Paris Tour, Horseless Carriage Club w/ Bob Meigs (date TBA)
September	Picnic at San Diego Automotive Museum (date TBA)
October	TBD
November 19	Mother Goose Parade, El Cajon
December 3	Annual Holiday Party

I can't sign off without a comment on the fantastic articles that Don Hull wrote for the Packards International Magazine and Packards Today. Thanks to Don, the San Diego Region really got some incredible coverage in both publications. For 2005, we are working closely with SoCal Region's President Jay Johnson to coordinate club calendars. Cruisin' Grand will be the premier joint event of the year with major participation promised by SoCal. This year it will be expanded to a 2-day event with an exciting tour on Saturday being planned. Mark your calendars now for Friday and Saturday, July 29th and 30th for the "Grandest" Packard event ever in San Diego county. We have told the Cruisin' Grand folks that we will have 75 Packards there that night – get your reservation in early as SoCal could easily show up with 75 cars from their region alone!

Don Hull from SoCal said there will be three Packards in the 2005 Rose Parade. The first car, 11th in order of march, is a 1936 Super 8 – 7 passenger Phaeton owned and driven by Fred Mauck. The second car, 15th in order of march, is a 1941 Super 8 Convertible Limousine, custom built for the Rockefeller family. This car will carry the Grand Marshal and is owned and driven by Robert Herron. The third car, 49th in order of march, is a 1932 Model 903 convertible sedan, owned and driven by Robert Newlands.

The La Jolla Motor Classic At The Cove is on Sunday, January 16, 2005. Free admission to the public, 11am to 3pm. Juried show, registration \$40 (space available), set up at 8:30am, breakdown at 3:30pm. Contact Bob Meigs at 619.742.1499 for more information. Classic cars will be shown in the park at La Jolla Cove.

In closing, Syd and I want to take this opportunity to extend to all of our members and their families our best wishes for a safe Holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Happy Tours to You,

President Mark Burnside

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

Club Events

January 9, Installation Brunch at the 94th Aero Squadron

Monthly Meetings resume in February 2005
First Wed of the month, San Diego Collection, 7215 El Cajon Blvd. at 7:00PM

Packard Parts For Sale

Send in your information - Packard Parts for sale!

Packard Parts Needed

Send in your information - Packard Parts needed!

Packard Assist Team

No requests or offers of help to get Packards back on the road

Have you renewed your membership for 2005?
Mail check and renewal form to Karl Ramsing

1955-1956 Door Handle Retaining Clips

The San Diego Region has an inventory of Door Retaining Clips. This is a limited production run with prompt deliveries.

Pre-paid orders are now being taken by Mark Rothermich. Specify body style and be sure to list the exact door the clip will be used on. The clips are all different. Order your clips now.

The price is \$30.00 for a single clip and \$27.00 each for 2 or more clips. Checks must accompany orders.

Make payable to Packards International, San Diego Region, P.O. Box 503605, San Diego, CA 92150

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 mawysong@sdcoe.k12.ca.us 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

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