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President's Message

This month's tour to Ramona, Julian, and Eagle Gold Mine was delightful. We were few in number, but mighty nonetheless. Special thanks go to Bill & Mary Rawlings for bringing their 1937 115C Coupe and to Robert Buchanan for bringing his 1953 Patrician Sedan. Both cars are absolutely gorgeous. Other attendees (sans Packard) were Karl & Peggy Ramsing, Fred Ramsing, Tony & Helen Paradowski, Ken Yankee, Chuck Goode, Ron Crampton, Sydney Kirkland, and Mark Burnside. The tour of the Eagle Gold Mine was fascinating. Although none of us came away any richer, we certainly have a thorough understanding of the rich history of the Julian area some 100 years ago. The mine tour was followed by lunch at the Rongbranch restaurant on an afternoon that could not have provided better weather.

As summer wanes and fall approaches, I am reminded that the holidays are approaching and club plans are now turning toward holiday festivities and next year's calendar. As your president, I am keenly interested in ensuring that both meet the needs of the club members. It is vital that we plan events, tours, and meetings that capture the interest of club members in such a manner they (you) feel compelled to attend and participate. Accordingly, I would like to invite each of you to voice your opinion about your own preferences regarding club activities. The best forum to do that would be to attend our next P.I. of S.D. meeting at the Boll Weevil Restaurant on October 6th. At that meeting, I would like to hear suggestions and ideas from the general membership as to the following:

- 1) Ideas for Holiday Party, best date & time, location, menu preferences, etc.
- 2) Suggestions for our tour calendar for 2005
- 3) Comments on meeting date, time, and location (i.e. would more people attend if we change the location? time? meeting place? frequency?)
- 4) Meeting content: comments on type of meeting desired, guest speaker preferences, information exchanged/presented at meetings, etc.

Please mark your calendars for our participation in the Thanksgiving Mother Goose parade in El Cajon on November 21 this year. We will be joining the Studebaker club in this event this year.

If you are unable to attend the October meeting, please feel free to contact me directly to share your thoughts. My email address is MarkRBurnside@aol.com and my home phone is (760) 747-6001. I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Tours to You

Mark Burnside

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1928 Packard 526



Dale and Debbi Costanzo of San Marcos are among the newest members of PI- San Diego Region. They recently took part in the Packard assembly at Cruisin' Grand in Escondido. Their auto was the oldest of the Packards assembled that night.

The 1928 Packard 526 convertible became a part of Dale and Debbi's family on March 7, 1979. They remember this date, because it is the day their first child, Chad, was born. Debbi's father, Joseph Kowalski, purchased the Packard early in the day prior to meeting his first grandchild! He said that the baby would be there in a few hours but the car might not. Joe purchased the car from a family in Escondido that had owned it for years. The owner in Escondido completed most of the restoration that has been done to date. Joe completed some minor restoration to the car and was often assisted by his son-in-law, Dale. The car was often driven in a local Fourth of July Parade filled with family members, including Chad and his little sister, Kari Joy.

Dale plans to continue to restore the Packard as needed. His next projects include some carburetor work and the addition of white wall tires. He is looking forward to networking with other Packard owners for suggestions, part hunting and car meets. Currently, the car is driven in close proximity to home, but Dale hopes to have it in shape for longer drives in the near future.

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

Oct 6 – Monthly Meeting
Oct 30 – San Diego Collection, time TBA

Nov 6 – Stein Farm/RR Museum
Nov 21 – Mother Goose Parade, El Cajon

Monthly Meetings on first Wed of each month
6pm at the Boll Weevil Restaurant south of Balboa on Convoy in Kearny Mesa

More Events

Oct 9-10, Chrysler Classic Speed Festival at NAS North Island – Classic Car Races. \$25/day; Gary Wysong has 5 Car Club Corral Passes. You may show your classic car in a special area, but still pay \$25 admission. Passes will be at Oct 6 Meeting

Oct 23 – San Marcos High School Car Show
9am-2pm, Fundraiser \$20 for school newspaper.

Oct 23 – “Family Day at Vista Palomar Park”
Classic Car Show, 2pm-6pm, corner of Palomar Airport Rd. and Business Park Dr., no fee, contact Nikki Haritatos at 858-454-7661 x2.

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

Speaker for October Meeting:

Larry Larkin, Trouble Shooter, AACA member,
Early Ford V8 Club member

Packard of the Month

We would like to feature any new member(s) within the last two years 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