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## President's Message

The **100 Packard Event at Escondido's Cruisin' Grand** is almost here! It's hard to believe that nearly a year has already flown by since our first very successful Crusin' Grand event last year. Well folks, fasten your seat belts (if you have them) because this year's event will dwarf that of last year- in both numbers and fun. We have planned an extraordinary Friday night and Saturday morning that you won't want to miss. Here's what's on the agenda for July 29 and 30:

- Packards arrive and park in reserved Packard-only parking between 3:45 and 5:00 (as we did last year, we will again arrange parking by model year)
- Upon check-in everyone receives Goodie Bags from Meguiar's with \$50 of car care items
- Buffet dinner at 150 Grand Café, 5:00 to 7:15
- Judging of Packards by Alan Taylor
- Voting on Packards by Packards International Attendees
- Packards Cruise down Grand Avenue at 7:30
- Award ceremony at 8:15 – This year Escondido's Downtown Business Association has decided to award all 7 weekly Cruisin' Grand Trophies to Packards
- Award of 10 special \$100 Meguiar's Goodie Bags to Packard Owners
- Packard Caravan to Harrah's Casino at 9:00
- Open bar at Harrah's upon arrival – sponsored by Kirkland \$ McGreevey, Attorneys-at-Law
- Guided tour of Harrah's casino at 10:00 on Saturday morning
- Banquet luncheon in private room at Harrah's at noon on Saturday

Our PR team of Pizzuto & Ramsing has done an outstanding job of promoting this event to the public. We have already received newspaper coverage in the Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the North County Times. Coming up soon is a nice article in the San Diego Union Tribune and a special live segment on KUSI Channel 9 at 7:00 the morning of the event. Dave Stahl at KUSI has invited as many Packards as we can provide to participate in the segment. Please call Karl Ramsing at (760) 726-5955 if you would like to get yourself & your Packard on TV. The advance event publicity and public's interest in the Packard motorcar promises to set an all-time attendance record for Cruisin' Grand.

Last year we had 26 Packards. This year our goal is 100 Packards (as if it wasn't obvious by now). Given the magnitude of this year's event we hope that every P.I.S.D. member will want to participate. It's a good opportunity to show your car to the public, and to meet other Packard owners of the same year models. This will also be a rare opportunity to talk car-to-car with members of the SoCal Region – our cosponsor for the event. If you can't make it that night, but would like to have your Packard displayed that evening please call me at (760) 747-6001 and I will provide a capable chauffeur for your vehicle that evening. Also, if you own more than one Packard, please consider bringing 2 cars by enlisting a spouse, relative or friend to drive the other car (there is no extra charge to display 2 Packards).

Sooooo, please let this be your **call to action** to find those registration forms that you've been kicking around, fill them out and get them in the mail. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up, as we're hoping for a completely sold out event. As we learned last year, participation is the key ingredient to fun and success. Also, feel free to call me with any questions you may have. I promise my best effort to assist in any way I can. Syd & I look forward with eager anticipation to seeing you on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us for a truly memorable evening.

Happy Tours,  
Mark Burnside

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## Calendar for 2005

**July 29-30 – Packard Night at Cruisin' Grand in Escondido**

-----August (No regular meeting) -----

**August 5 – Automobile Heritage Day Parade & Show in National City**

**September 1 – Simpson Nursery Car Collection Tour in Jamul**

September 7 – *Meeting at San Diego Collection* 7:00 – 8:30

October 5 – *Meeting at San Diego Collection* 7:00 – 8:30

**October 9 – Picnic at San Diego Auto Museum in Balboa Park**

November 2 – *Meeting at San Diego Collection* 7:00 – 8:30

**November 19 – Mother Goose Parade, El Cajon**

**December 3 – Annual Holiday Party 5:00 – 8:00**

## June Tour

**Heather Pizzuto reports:** “Visitors at the San Diego County Fair were treated to an extra-special exhibit at the Del Mar fairgrounds on Sunday, June 26. They were given an opportunity to view a sample of our fine Packard automobiles at no extra charge. What a treat for those who did not expect to see a car show. PI members who attended and showed their cars enjoyed driving in an escorted parade of cars along Via De La Valle and into the fairgrounds on the racetrack. But no one was racing, for fear of kicking up the dust! Anyone driving a car into the Fair enjoyed free admission. Not bad for a Sunday Outing. Who could ask for anything more than free entrance into the Fair and, best of all, preferred parking at no expense? Among the four Packards in the show were a few Fords and Mazda Miatas. However, the Packards outshined the others. Robert Buchanan led the group with his '33 Super 8 coupe. Dianne Feddersohn brought her lovely '54 Pacific hardtop along with her husband, Chris. Steve and Michelle Ross arrived in their '39 Super 8 sedan, and Phil and Heather Pizzuto packed their two children and Phil's parents in their '39 120 sedan. Six in a Packard, how can that be? This was Phil's first outing since he had his grille re-chromed. What a difference a little chrome can make. Once we arrived at the Fair we all exchanged greetings, swapped a few stories and then went about our way and enjoyed the Fair. Everyone had a great time and we are not sure but a few Miatas were missing by the end of the day. Perhaps they stowed away in the Packards trunks.”

## Back To The Future

No, it wasn't a trip to see the movie starring the futuristic DeLorean with Michael J. Fox, but PI members Phil Pizzuto and Steve Ross drove their Packards “Back to the Future.” Sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club and organized by Bob Meigs, this tour was indeed quite a driving experience. Over sixty cars ranging from early Model T and Model A Fords, Pierce Arrows, Auburns, Studebakers and the like lined up early Sunday morning on July 11 at the World War II Air Museum at Gillespie Field. After a brief breakfast of donuts, coffee and juice, drivers were given their instructions and a *flex capacitor* (aka kazoo) and sent into time travel simply by blowing into their flex capacitor. First stop was the 1930's and drivers roamed the streets until they arrived at The Car Collection in El Cajon. Celebrating the end of Prohibition the drivers were given legal booze in the guise of sparkling lemonade and refreshments. Unfortunately, the second attempt at time travel stopped on February 14, 1929. Soon police arrived and one officer, who looked strikingly like Bob Meigs, rounded up a few of the Moran gang members and dealt with them accordingly. Other drivers were escorted outside the building only to hear the roar of machine gun fire. After a brief tune on the flex capacitor, drivers were again on their way, this time to the 1950's. We arrived at the VFW hall in Lakeside and found ourselves in the presence of no other than the King himself, Elvis Presley. Interestingly, he too looked a lot like Bob Meigs. A few volunteers with the help of a karaoke machine formed a makeshift band and sang to the tune of “You Ain't Nothin' But A Hound Dog”. Just shy of a standing ovation the audience was overwhelmed and soon drivers were again blowing on their flex capacitors and were sent back to the 1920's. Drivers followed their detailed instructions and arrived at Simpson's Nursery in Jamul where we participated in an old fashioned ice cream social. And to top off the festivities financier Charles Ponzi was there to help us invest our hard earned money with the promise of a hefty return on our investment. Ponzi looked a little familiar. Some say he looked like Bob Meigs. After some time eating ice cream, swapping car stories and looking at the collection of cars at Simpson's we again used our flex capacitors and were on our way back to the 1940's where we found ourselves at the Air Museum once more. Along with some '40's entertainment we were given quite a feast of barbecue sausage and hamburgers and fixings. Needless to say this was an excellent car tour filled with fun, food, laughter, and camaraderie with people who enjoy old cars. We saw one side of Bob Meigs that we rarely see and it is clear that this man is dedicated to the old car hobby. Bob organized the whole affair and what an event it was for us, especially for no charge. We thank Bob for a great day filled with fun memories. I hope more PI members can join us next year when we meet for a run from New York to Paris.

## 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

### Packard Parts For Sale

Dale, 858-278-2086 ...  
Two 7:00-15 tires with  
wheels and hubcaps,  
black wall, Silvertone,  
excellent condition, \$100  
for both

Lance “Dutch” Parker has cars and Packard  
Parts For Sale. Contact him “before they’re gone”  
At 760-758-0159

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	auto	<b>1947 “2106” Custom Super Clipper Sedan</b>

## 1951-1956 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.

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For PI-San Diego Region Members:

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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