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Scott & Irma Cusac's 1940 Packard 120 Touring Sedan



The engine is a 282 cu. in with 125 hp. The wheel-base is 127. There were 28, 138 120s made this year. List price for a 120 could be as high as \$1166. 1940 is the first year for sealed beam headlights and the last year for the headlights to be mounted on top the fender.



What a great view of a 1940 Packard.

Currently this Packard has been seen at the Palmcroft Baptist Church Auto extravaganza Show and will be seen in future upcoming shows and Packard functions.



This is the year of the plastic dashbaord.



The interior is roomy and inviting.



Just look at another happy Packard owner!

August Swim Party at the Jacques

by Duane Gunn

The Swim Party started on a hot August afternoon as it is always hot in Phoenix in the summer. We all headed to Raoul & Tutsie Jacques home for the swim party, even though no Packardites or Packardettes went swimming just the guests we brought went swimming. Most all came in Packards, William Spragins in his 1929 Limo, Roy & Trish Crowe in their 1956 Executive, Robert McAtee in his 1954 Patrician and Duane & Debi Gunn in their 1955 Clipper. There were a few modern cars with their AC That did not brave driving a Packard in the heat. Those who came got to talk Packard to each other and then came the surprise

for dinner. It seems that someone thought they would treat us not to a hamburger and hotdog meal but decided to pull out all stops and treat us to prime rib and Salmon. While this surprise caught us off guard, everyone gladly thanked those who thought of the tasty idea of Prime Rib and Salmon instead of hamburgers and hotdogs. It made this swim party one to remember, not only for the company we keep but the wonderful surprises that keep us coming back. In all about 40 people came to the swim party and if you did not you were missed and we thank you for saving us more Prime Rib and Salmon for us to eat. So what a treat, just the kind of meal for a Packard outing. Thanks to all those who helped and especially all the other fixings that was brought to our Prime Rib an Salmon potluck dinner at the Jacques Swim Party. See you next time.



William Spragin's 29 633 Sedan Limo



Roy & Trish Crowe's 56 Executive



Robert McAtee's 54 Patrician



Duane & Debi Gunn's 55 Clipper



Kerry Warrick serves the Prime Rib and Fish to the hungry crowd that came to the swim party.



Tom Ferran and Gil Lenger have a serious discussion over looking the pool.



Gracie & Art Butler and Roy & Trish Crowe



Just to let you see what you were missing and what those who braved the heat were rewarded with. Maybe more of us will be there next time!



This was definitely the before picture, there was not much left for the after and no one went away hungry after the feast that was served potluck style.



The patio was packed with those who came to enjoy each other's company and the food and the cars that came. It was a good time to relax and catch up with what has been going on with each other since the long summer began.



Packard in Paradise Sep 13th thru 22nd 2007 National Tour

By John Marks

Thursday evening started off the tour at Morgan Run Resort at Rancho Santa Fe, Ca with a no hosts cocktail bar and a fine Dinner. Renewing old friendships and making new ones. Friday morning saw some arising at 5:00 AM to go to KUSI TV Station for the morning show. Giving coverage of the Packards and our local tour. I saw the coverage later in the day and it covered our cars very well. Considering I stayed in bed, I don't need to get up that early on vacation, at about 10:00 AM we all caravanned to the National Association of Music Merchants. This is one of the oldest museums dealing with the history of professional music located in Carlsbad CA. It was a very interesting tour compromising from early development of music in the USA to the present and many instruments that were,



also designed here. On the way over I blew a power steering hose so as everyone left for Escondido City Hall Park for lunch and display their cars, I drove up to Santa Ana to Custom Auto to get my power steering hoses replaced. I got the hoses ordered and rented a car a drove back down to the Escondido City Park to still see the cars on display before heading over the Cruisin' Grand a Friday night tradition in down town Escondido. This night



Two Packards enjoying the shade of the day.



What a great display of Packards!

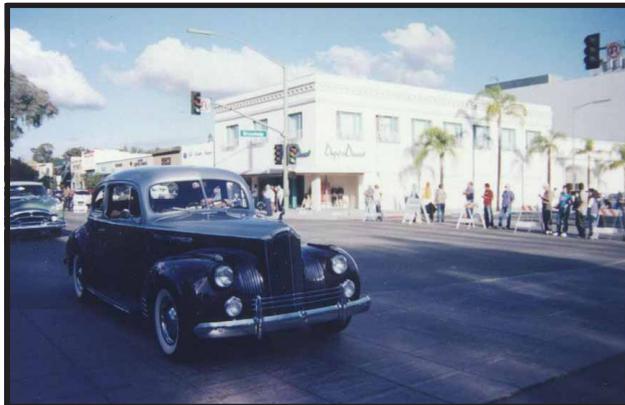


Some of the cars on the Grand Ave Cruise.

More cars on the Gand Ave Packard Cruise.



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was devoted to Packards only and what a great turn out the club had. The cars cruised down Grand Ave at 6:00 PM sharp. And were parked on a roped off side street for display. Trophies were handed out at 8:30 PM and then everyone headed back to Morgan Run after a long tiring day, but enjoyable day.

Saturday found arising early to caravan to downtown San Diego for a harbor tour and Lunch and tour of the USS Midway Carrier that served the US Navy from 1945 to 1992 when it was decommissioned. In 2004 it was opened as a museum in the San Diego Harbor for everyone to tour and see how our navy operated and lived in those times. It was a fun day, also getting to see the air races from the deck of the USS Midway. That is what causes our 2-hour harbor tour to cut down to only one hour the 1-hour was worth seeing all the city of San Diego from off shore and many other military installations fro World War II. It is also informational in there is a continued explanation of various places and history of the harbor. Then it was back to



More cars on the Gand Ave Packard Cruise.

Rancho Santa Fe for dinner on your own. Sunday found us all boarding a bus for a ride to Campo, CA to take a train ride to Tecate, Mexico. After a long ride on the bus then another ride on a train are we all nuts, but anyhow we had a very interesting time, ever been locked out of Mexico? We were. Let me explain: After using the facilities, checking out the museum and picking snacks it was all aboard for Tecate. The train heads south. We cross over the US Border into Mexico then all of a sudden the train rolls to a stop. Inspectors walk around the train. OK fine now we can go. No, there's a gate in front of the train blocking the tracks a little mud in your eye from the Federal Republic of Mexico installed some 6 months earlier in retaliation that we don't let illegals in. That's another story, the final result is after waiting almost 2 hours the Federalies had ignored a notice the train coming down on Sunday and didn't have a man in place to unlock the gate. Tempers were getting hot, but most cooled off after the train finally started to move south again. Finally we arrived in Tecate, but on Sunday the brewery is closed do not tour, but we can tour the town and buy lunch. Now where shall we decide to go eat a small local restaurant, café tavern perhaps, no I'm no much on Mexican food but I did spy a McDonald's on the way in so off we go to my amazement because of corporate standards the food was better there than back in the states. After the assistance of a local lass that spoke excellent English and Spanish we received our order and chowed down and took in the further observations of the town. It was a quaint little based off tourism and the brewery. Then there was



the little dog 'Pepe' who dressed in a little outfit and did all kinds of tricks. So all aboard and back to the good ole US of A arriving back almost 3 hours late the buses were still there waiting on us. So now for a long ride back to Rancho Santa Fe to Morgan Run. Dinner was on your own and anything that served food and was open on Sunday evening looked good.

Monday found everyone lining up to tour to Coronado Island (its really an Isthmus) to the Hotel Del Coronado for reserved parking and tour of the world famous hotel with it's wealth of history most people recognize it from the movie "Some Like it Hot". There have been many well known people that have stayed there including Presidents. After a very interesting tour we had much served out on the lawn quiet and experience and the food was great, just as one would expect. It was an enjoyable day.

Tuesday was the farewell for tour with a final stop at the Antique Gas & Steam Museum in Vista, CA. This is quite an interesting place with 1840's to 1960's farm equipment. I had been there several



years before, so I head back up to Santa Ana to retrieve my 1956 Patrician with new power steering hose and front brakes, fluid blew on the brakes Friday morning also, but I did not realize it at the time. So it was an experience for me. The others from the Arizona Region were Bill Lauer and his '51 Packard and Robert McAtee. It was a good tour and happy Packarding to all.



Some of the entertainment in Mexico was Pepe the dog who did some neat tricks.



Part of the waiting on the train for the one with the keys to let them into a tunnel in Mexico



Guest engineer of the day was none other than our own Shielah Marks.

Club Library

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Any member in good standing may borrow Packard materials from the Club Library. Call Mark to reserve it or pick it up from Mark, or meet him at a Membership Meeting. Materials are loaned with the understanding that a replacement will be purchased for the Club if materials are lost or severely damaged while on loan. A list of library contents is printed on the inside back cover of the Club's 2004 Roster.

General Membership & Board Meetings

Monthly membership and board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - excepting July - at 7:00 P.M. Club matters are determined and all members are invited to attend and be heard in the making of club decisions and policy, although only officers can vote.

We enjoy a separate-check dinner at Jerry's Restaurant, 2323 E. Thomas Road preceding the meeting at 6:00 P.M. A program of general interest follows each meeting

You can accumulate points towards winning the annual activity trophy donated by Win Scott. It's YOUR club! YOU help run it! Come to ALL the meetings!!

Cover Notes

This quarter's car cover is owned by Scott & Irma Cusac, it is a 1940 Packard 120 Sedan. Irma says: I inherited my 1940 Packard from my father before he passed away in May 2007. I asked my mother what had encouraged Dad to purchase a Packard and was told that a Judge in town owned one; a 1940 White Packard. Dad was about 16 or 17; the Judge had to travel to near by cities and didn't trust his son to drive him to these appointments and hired Dad to drive. He especially loved it when he had to drive long distances and always said "One day I'll own one." Finally in 1982 he bought one from a lawyer in Austin. Dad and a friend drove to San Antonio to meet with the owner and ended up hauling the car back, he couldn't resist. While he has owned it, the car has been to several of Mitch Van Horn's car shows, Ruidoso and Silver City New Mexico Car Shows

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with the Horseless Carriage Club of El Paso.

The Packard has been in the Annual Sun Bowl Parades, 4th of July Parades and Toys for Tots where dignitaries were driven such as the Deputy Commander at Ft. Bliss. The El Paso Community College had a Rodeo tour and competition for cars that were 1940 and older. There were lots of challenges and the Packard took first prize beating out Fords and Buicks. This competition was filmed and has been shown in the classroom for safety use. One of the final drives the Packard had the pleasure of performing was for Mr. Strader. Mr. Strader owned the last Packard Showroom in Aurora, Illinois. While in the retirement home in El Paso, Texas; Mr. Strader drew Packard's from memory and gave them to Dad in thanks for the rides he received while at the retirement home.