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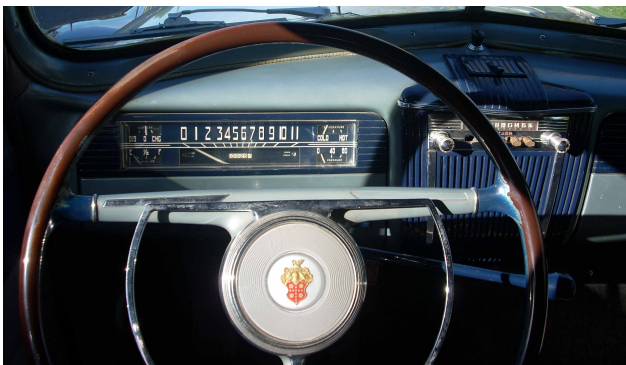
# PACKARDGRAM

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Art Butler's 1941 110 Sedan



Clockwise from the left, the dashboard is simple and nicely laid out. The Back seat is very inviting. It just looks like it's ready to go. From the back you can tell it has style. Even though it is a 6 cylinder, it has enough power to get this car moving around town.

## The Annual Auction Breakfast

by Duane Gunn

What a time of year it is. The weather is perfect and the Auction fever is at it's highest point. There are many auctions this time year, of course I'm talking about January in Phoenix. This is the time we get together and meet and talk of the auctions that have taken place and that are still going on. We met at Marie Calendars and what a showing we had. This is a familiar place, we have been here before and we'll be coming back because of the facilities and of course the food. We can't hold a Packard meeting without food can we? The owners and Packards that were there are: Short 39 Darin, Price 1948 Sedan, Marks 1956 Patrician, Lauer 54 Cavalier, Wise 33 Coupe Roadster, Wise 37 Super 8 conv. Sedan Limo, Gunn 55 Clipper, McAtee 54 Patrician, Wagnon 39 Super 8, Marks 56 Patrician, Warrick 56 400, and Amiss 54 Cavalier. Others there were Art Butler, Roy Crowe and others that I'm sorry I've missed. After we ate most of us went to Leo Gepharts showroom to look at some more cars and maybe glimpse another



Just one of the many scenes at Marie Calendar's in Phoenix, a lot of talking and visiting and of course Packard is part of the conversation, is it not?

Packard. When arriving we did meet Leo and he showed us his new car, a 1936 Stainless Steel Ford 2 door sedan. Only 6 of these were made and Leo finally got his. There were a couple of Packards in the show area and many walked around all cars thinking and hoping that there was more room in the wallet and garage for some of the pretty cars. The talk of the auction was still going on and will always be going on as long as we have the auctions and as long as we have auctions we'll have our Auction breakfast to show our cars and discuss the Auctions. See you next time.



Not seen at the breakfast, nor is it a Packard, but it's not every day you get to see a 1936 Stainless Steel Ford 2 door Sedan unless you are Leo Gephart, Then you get to see it as often as you'd like. And I do like it.

# National Membership Tour 2010

by Duane Gunn

It was a long drive to Orange, CA from Chandler on a Thursday night. I was hoping the 55 Clipper was up to the task. After a couple episodes of bucking the car pulled into Orange and I quickly found where I was staying. On Friday morning I woke early in anticipation of going to my first national membership meet. I pulled up to the Hotel and noticed I was too early as there were not any Packards there yet. I began to feel much more at ease when the next Packard to come was Joe Howe in his 1941 Club Coupe from Sedona, AZ. There were 2 busses that took us to the Peterson Museum where we got a tour of the basement where there are more great cars that are not on display upstairs. The displays of automobiles were great and is a must see if you are in Los Angeles. We did have lunch at the museum and after more walking around it was time to go. On Friday night we had the Membership business meeting where our club got an award for our Newsletter for 'Diversity of Coverage'. On Satur



1910 Packard, oldest Packard there.



1941 180 Limo.



Joe Howe's 41 Coupe and Duane Gunn 55 Clipper both made it to Orange, CA all by themselves.



A couple of nice 41 Coupes



A 30 Packard 745 conv. Dietrich in Petersen Museum



One of the many Darrins at the Meet

day morning was the Judging and display. I had my car in for display only as there were many very nice cars there. My car did stand out because of its color combination. I had one couple from New Mexico come up to me and asked if I drove out from Phoenix. I said I did and they said that I passed them twice on the I-10, they were doing 60 mph and I was doing 70 mph (I had to stop for gas) and couldn't believe that a 55 Clipper was going to drive to Los Angeles from Phoenix so they had to meet the driver. I got a lot of compliments on the color combination and just to have a junior car at the meet. The cars that were on display inside the Hotel were beautiful as one would expect. The dinner that night presented the awards for the cars that day and I knew my car wasn't one of them because it was a display only, not judged. On Sunday morning there was a swap meet and many said that due to the internet there weren't as many vendors as last year. I found a few things and found a few more and I had wished I had parked closer because of the many trips I made back and forth buying and storing the new parts. Some of the parts I would not have bought on the internet because I did not know they were available and I had to see them to know that I needed them. The drive home was uneventful which made the meet much more enjoyable. It was a good time, one I hope to repeat next year.



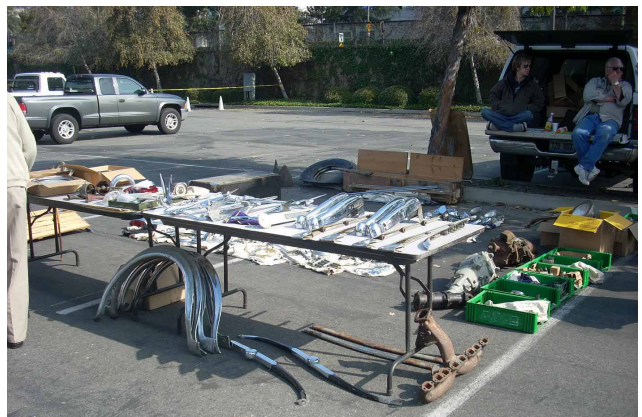
There were lots of nice Packards there and above are only 2 of them.



Not all cars were show cars, some needed help and were for sale.



John Ball (left), Roy Crowe, Ron Erpelding and Art Butler also came to Orange for the meet.



There is always something at the swap meet that you really need. I had to make 5 trips back to my car to unload to get more parts!

## Sanderson Ford Museum Tour

By Duane Gunn

On an unusually cool Saturday morning that was dark and overcast, 6 Packards braved the overcast day that even turned into rain! We met at 8 am at a restaurant that is called 'Kiss the cook'. After getting our meals some of the guys wanted to see who the cook was so they might decide if they wanted to kiss the cook, of which some said they get to do every day anyway. As we were leaving the restaurant, it started to rain. Our trusty Packards braved the rain and made it to Sanderson Ford just a couple miles away as it was raining heavily which is unusual for this time of year and on our Packard weekend as well. After a few missed turns all made it to the Museum of Sanderson Ford. The founder's son-in-law, Dave Kimmerle, collected cars and put them in a building on the grounds of one of his dealerships and called it a museum. Inside the Mu

seum were plenty of cars and memorabilia. Alas there were no Packards, but the museum provided a trip down memory lane. A lot of pictures on the walls were of local history. All the cars in the museum were registered and road worthy and ready to go except for one, that is the Shelby that was built for racing and it is not street legal. Those who drove their Packards were: Kent Ridgeway in a 29 Packard Limo, John Marks in a 56 Patrician, Mark & Ardi Kociemba in a 51 Sedan, Gil & Pat Lenger in a 52 Patrician, Ed & Melba Phillips in a 40 110 Sedan and Duane & Debi Gunn and guests Theresa and daughter Katherine Niemeyer in a 55 Clipper. At the Sanderson Dealership there was a car show going on at the same time. Some members drove their car early to put it in the car show. Mark Joy was one of them with his 56 400 hardtop. He missed breakfast but came on down to see the museum and to get out of the rain. Everyone who attended enjoyed the museum tour. When I asked some members if we should come here again all answered most assuredly with a "yes!" Hopefully when we do come back it will be on normal beautiful Phoenix sunny day. See you then.



This is one event even the Ladies came out for.



John Marks 56 Patrician, Ed Philipps 40 110 Sedan, Duane Gunns 55 Clipper.



Mark Kociembas 1951 sedan is being photographed by Kent Ridgeway who happens to be taking a picture of the Packard with a 55 Studebaker and a 69 GTO.



Kent Ridgeway's 29 Limo wsa hanging out with the common folk cars.



The Restaraunt was 'cozy'.



Kerry Warrick's 56 400.



Gil Lenger's 52 Patrician does not shrink in the rain.



One picture of Sanderson Ford Museum cannot do it justice. The next time we get to visit this private museum, you need to come see it for yourself.



Standing from the left: Shiela & John Marks, Ruth Pike, Debi Gunn, Marilyn Comensky, Leo Cullen, Ardi & Mark Kociemba, Marjorie Edwards, Robert McAtee, Gil & Pat Lenger. Kneeling from the left: Terry Tang, Willard Pike, Duane Gunn, Ron Plattner, Kerry Warrick, Melba & Ed Philipps.

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## 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!!

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## Cover Notes

The car on the cover belong's to Art Butler. It is a 1940 110 Sedan. Here's what Art had to say about the car

First, the car was sold new at Mountain Motors in Denver, Colorado on August 5, 1941. The number on the data plate is DE 1482-5167 The present mileage is 61,069 and is actual.

About 5 years ago, Carol Hagen was walking her dog in her neighborhood and saw the car in an open garage. So she stopped and talked to the guy and he said he was looking for a place to store it, and she suggested my shop. As the story goes, this fellow bought the car in the mid 1960's from the original owner.

Evidently, he went to a yard sale in Golden, Colorado, and he didn't find anything that interested him, so as he started to leave, the guy said to wait a minute because he had something in the garage which turned out to be the

1941 Packard in its original condition that you see today. His dad was supposedly looking for a Packard, so he asked how much, and was told it would take \$500 to buy the car. Well, he took a quick inventory and discovered he only had \$9 in his pocket, so he called his Dad in Bird City, Kansas and told him that he found him a car and to put \$500 in his bank account, and the deal was made. His Dad used the car to go to town and to car shows over the years until he passed away. Then, the mother inherited the car, and she gave it to this fellow because his sisters didn't want anything to do with it. He later shipped the car to Phoenix. I guess he got tired of paying for storage and never using the car, so he sold it to me, and now the car is in the right place!

So it's ok to go for walks and talk to your neighbor, you never know what you'll find. And you may run across a Packard in your neighborhood, (I found a tank, but I'm still looking, ed.).