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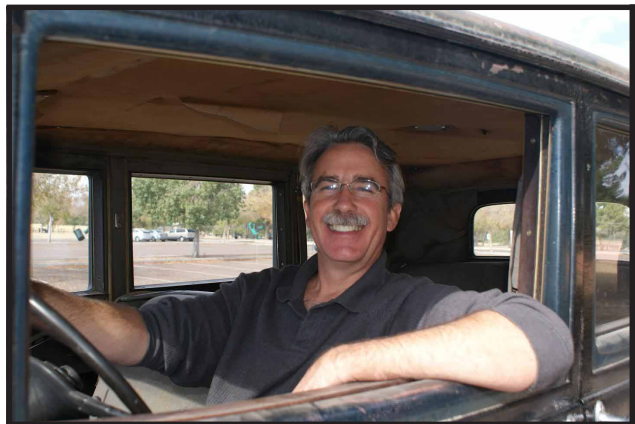
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Kerry Warrick's 1932 902 Sedan



Starting from the lower left and going clockwise. From the grill is the Packard * medallion. Then there is the simple dashboard that shows all you need to know about the car while driving. Terry holds the rear door inviting you inside. The upper left shows the left front view. The upper right shows the grill. Above is a view of the engine. And why is Kerry Warrick smiling in the Packard? Just 'Ask the man who owns one!'



The 46th Annual Membership Meet in Orange, California, Jan 30-Feb 1, 2009

This years event had more people come to it than last year, about 250 people came. It seems the event is getting bigger.

On Friday morning there were the seminars one in the morning was about judging and it was led by the Head Judge, Fred Mauck. The seminar in the afternoon was devoted to detailing our Packards. The afternoon seminar was led by a detailing expert from Mother's Waxes and Polishes.

Friday night was the 'Business Meeting' with the presentations sung by National President Don Hull, backed up by the Piecemakers Country Band. During the business meeting our President Robert McAtee accepted the Heil trophy for the Best Newsletter for Duane Gunn who couldn't make the trip.

Saturday was the Big Day - the Grand Concours of Packards, with judging. There were over 64 Packards there. 21 were being judged and 19 of them won the coveted Circle of Champions Award. The competition was pretty stiff and the level of restoration has been taken to a very high level. There were also something that had not happened before, there were 5 1940's Packard Darrins at the meet. They were lined up for a photo shoot because this just does not happen very often, we hope we'll see more of this in the future.

Saturday night was the Awards Banquet. At the Banquet, 21 cars won placement trophies and 19 won Circle of Champions certificates.



The event was just a normal National Membership Meet but they did have 5 Darrins show up at one place. This is something that does not happen every day, but it was nice to see so many.

Sunday is the famous Parts Exchange and Swap Meet, said to be the largest Packard event of its kind west of the Mississippi River. If you wanted or needed a part for your Packard, it was probably there at the meet.



Not all Packards came with their own chauffeur, but this one did..



Paul Rydning's 1937 1502 Limousine was one of the Circle of Champion award winners.



Not all Packards present were show cars, some were in the stages to become a show car when they were done. It's nice to see them as they are being restored.

All the information in this article was taken from the PI magazine Vol 46, No. 1, Thanks to Don Hull.



One of the nice coupes that were displayed inside.



Of course there were nice coupes and sedans on display outside as well.



What would the National Membership Meet be without the swap meet. If you wanted it or needed it, or if the wife said sell it, you could do it here.

Packard/HCCA Wickenburg/Salome Tour

by Kent Ridgeway

Altogether about 25 people enjoyed all or parts of this unusual tour. Terry Dunlap helped me prep the 39 LaSalle and the first caravan was about to depart Friday morning when Duane Gunn called with a broken down Packard. With assistance from Art Butler for most of the afternoon, the Packard was pronounced “dead without a new carburetor” so Duane & Debi Gunn met us later at Best Western in Wickenburg with their modern car. Ken Kennewell came in his beautiful yellow Mustang with Shirley. Really great Mexican food was devoured at Anita’s Cocina (highly recommended if you’re in Wickenburg).



First stop was where some spent the night in Wickenburg. Not all cars were Packards as we went with another car club, the HCCA.



Then we met at Doc Hyslip’s garage where he keeps the running cars.

Saturday morning added John & Shiela Marks in their Packard, as well as Willard & Ruth Pike. In modern cars were Kerry Warrick and Terry, Don Kline, Thom & Martha Ferran along with 2 guests. El Presidente Robert McAtee drove his Packard also and we all took off to Doc Hyslip’s shop. There we met up with Mark Kociemba, Kline Barker, Morrie Shaw, David Bodwell and Jim Ripke. Jim was especially appreciative as he had been trying to get into Doc’s place for a long time and this event allowed him to finally get in. All the really nice cars are at Doc’s shop in Wenden. Some are restored or else they are the ones very worth of restoration.



There was lots to see and talk about as you see in the above and below photos.



While not a Packard, this Chevy did get a little attention.



The above four cars were just some of the cars we saw at Doc's garage and these were indoors!



These cars were also at the garage but in a different part, some were covered and some were not.



Next stop was the Salome Chile Cookoff next to the airpark. It was a trip highlight as there was a car show, lots of good food to eat and entertainment as well.



The cars were parked across a street from the car show at the Chili cook off.



Just one of the cars at the car show and there were all kinds from this model A to an Avanti and muscle cars.



At Doc's old car salvage yard Duane Gunn was seen removing a much needed carburetor to get his back on the road.

We left the cookoff and arrived at Doc's 500 car old salvage yard in Salome around 2pm. Some of us didn't get out till around 6pm as we were matching up car parts to the last minute. I bought half a dozen parts and installed them on my LaSalle. Duane found a carburetor for his Packard so it will soon be on the road again. I understand that Robert McAtee out spent the rest of us on parts and several others were buying parts as well. I personally was very pleased to fill in the missing items on my LaSalle that I've been trying to find for 10 years. It was nice to have it on site to match things up.



Just a few of the cars seen at Doc's salvage yard.



Some of these cars were not for the faint of heart. Most needed full restoration or might have some parts that could be used to save another car.

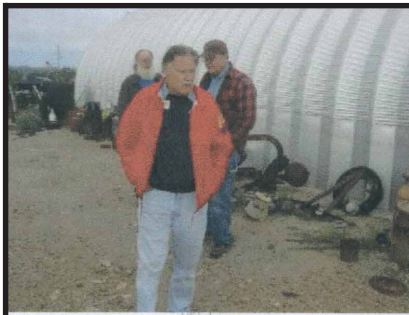


We had dinner at Kofa Café a few miles away and retired to Sheffler's Motel for the evening.

Sunday morning started out at Roger Hyatt's with home make cinnamon rolls, coffee and orange juice. The Hyatt's are long time friends of the Ridgeway's and only live about 3 miles up the road from Doc's parts yard. Roger has a unique collection of tired iron himself as he is more into tractors.

Your Editor would like to thank Kent Ridgeway for making all the arrangements for this tour and for this article.. It was a lot of leg work and pre-planning. All who went had a good time.

Pictures below were taken at the Hyatt's and shows some of the tired iron that Roger has collected.



Melrose on 7th Ave 2009

It was another great day in Phoenix for the annual Melrose on 7th Ave Car Show. Many vendors lined the streets and a few business peddled their food up and down the street. John Ball's 1953 Caribbean won

1st place in his class and Dennis Wise 1937 Super 8 Convertible Limo won Best of Show Antiques! This show was larger than last year and they hope it grows. You have to register early if you want to have your car in the show and it's free! The weather always cooperates and is beautiful and there's lots of shopping both on and off the streets.



What a line up of Packards. They put the pre war Packard in a different area and kept the post war Packards together at this end of the block.



Carol Hagen 1929 7 Passenger Touring Convertible



Dennis Wise 1937 Super 8 Convertible Limo



Ron Erpelding's 1949 2 door Sedan is next to John Ball's 1953 Caribbean



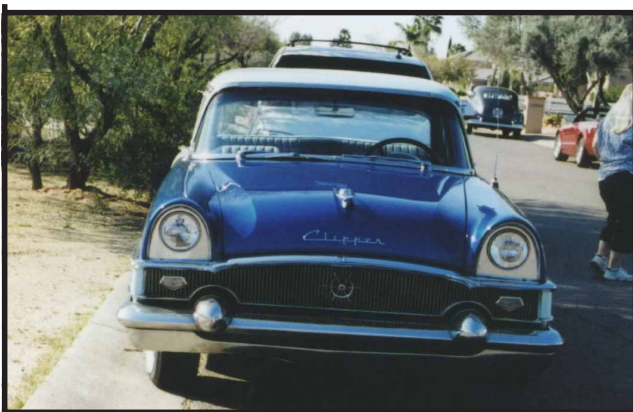
Jim Wagnon's 1939 Super 8 Sedan

The annual Pancake Breakfast

It was another beautiful day in Scottsdale as we met at Barry & Sharon Briskman's for our annual Packard Pancake Breakfast. Many people make sure they make this meeting and not just for the Pancakes that our cook, Kerry Warrick, makes! We had over 40 people come to this event and with them they brought 15 Packards and a couple older brand 'X's. As these 2 pages of pictures show that there was a lot to see and a lot to talk about. If you missed it, you missed a fun one. Of course all our Packard events are fun, come on out and see for yourself at the next Packard event!



Thanks to our cooks Kerry Warrick and Terry.





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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 1932 902 (543) Sedan on the front cover is owned by Kerry Warrick. He said he found it and bought it in Texas. Kerry gave me a little bit more about the car so this is what he told me:

It is an original Tucson delivered car !
The original owner had it until late 60's or early 70's - a person bought it and quickly sold it to my fellow Packard enthusiasts - Jeff & Beverly Podmers who had it until I purchased it in 2000 or so .

The car is original with the exception of the new front end chrome!

It looks bad - but still drives quite well !

OK the question is - do I restore ? if so how much - or just leave alone and keep it up mechanically ? would like feedback on that ! Right now - It will be kept original and I need to work on the Bijur lubrication system - it appears that several or most all lube points

are clogged.

The 1932 ninth series Eight had many improvements over it's predecessor: higher compression and horsepower, standard ride control and four-speed transmission but during the run Packard went back to a three-speed gearbox which was all the cars needed given their prodigious low-end torque.

It has a long 136 ½ in wheelbase. The straight 8 is a 319 cu in with 110 horsepower and it came with an air cleaner.

The car is a handful to drive says Kerry. But we have seen it at many events. The car posed with other 1932 and 1929 Packards at the 2008 President's Dinner. It was also used at a charity event we held called 'Pack the Packard' and Kerry's car was the car we were packing with canned food that was donated during the car show