

CCCA'S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION AT THE ART DECO SOCIETY'S GALA AT THE QUEEN MARY

The Art Deco Society of Los Angeles had its Annual Gala at the Queen Mary on August 19th and 20th. The Society uses the ship as the backdrop for various activities, including seminars and the sale of Art Deco related objects and clothing. If any members have an interest in purchasing period clothing to go with their Classic cars, the Gala provides an excellent opportunity to do so. Since the Art Deco period spans the 1920s to the late 1940s, most of our cars fit within this period and provide a great example of period engineering and styling.

The Queen Mary and Art Deco people requested period autos for the display this year and Dana Graham and Terry Kaplan each provided one car on August 19th (Dana showed his 1929 Packard 645 Dietrich Dual-Cowl Phaeton and Terry displayed his 1937 Packard 1507 Sport Phaeton). John Milliken, Gary Severns and Earl Rubenstein each provided a car on the 20th (John showed his 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible Sedan, Gary showed his 1934 Packard 1101 Convertible Sedan and Earl showed his 1935 Packard

1204 Dual-Cowl Phaeton). The Queen Mary reciprocated with free passes to the ship to each person who provided a car, including parking passes and access to the various portions of the ship, and the various Art Deco Society activities, with the exception of the Tea Dance, which was by invitation only.

The cars were a big hit with both the participants in the Art Deco Society and persons seeking general admission to the ship. The Queen Mary people were very appreciative of our participation and would like to

see more cars next year. They provided stanchions and roping to prevent people from getting too close to the autos.

I suggest that we attempt to schedule a day tour to participate in the Gala next year as an impetus for more car owners to participate, and to use this method of getting the Club known to the general public. I was told that the Queen Mary would have no objection to our setting up a table with the cars to popularize the Club, and to seek new members. If interested, contact Terry Kaplan at tkaplan@bkdlaw.net, or call him at 310-551-1700.



*John Milliken and Gary Severns
at the Queen Mary*