# The Pious Pelican November - December 2013 Volume 52, No. 6 Director's Report

As 2013 is coming to an end, so is my time as your Director and Becky's time as your Tour Director. We have served on the board in various capacities for seven years. Becky was Treasurer, Health & Welfare Director, followed by Tour Director. I followed Becky as Treasurer, Assistant Director and subsequently as your Director.

While its' been a lot of work over the years, it's been rewarding as well. I could not have asked for a better Board. Quite frankly, our success is due to everyone working so well together.

#### Nor-Cal Packards Club is in great shape!

Financially, we are in excellent shape with money in reserve. We reduced membership dues by \$5.00 as the result of efficient operational expense controls. We utilize our website, publications, and e-mail to communicate. Membership is a record 139 families with over 255 Packards. Tour Attendance was 266 members attending 11 events. At least 36% of our membership attended at least one event. Our *Pious Pelican* was awarded the *Old Car Weekly* coveted Golden Quill award again this year.

At the Holiday Luncheon, Becky and I recognized all of our Board members and those folks who led a tour this year with a special crystal-type paperweight. These recognition awards were at no expense to the club.

Congratulations to the Becks and Hills for hosting this year's fabulous Holiday Luncheon. This event was voted the best outstanding Tour/ Event award for 2013!

Again, Becky and I want to thank our Board, all the tour leaders and club members for an outstanding 2013 year.

Best Regards!

Hal

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We thank the fellow club members listed below who have offered to try to help solve problems encountered by others when working on their Packards. If you can help with a certain area of expertise, please let Chairman, Bob McCoy know, so he can add your name to the list. Although they will do their best to help, neither the club nor the advisor can accept responsibility for or guarantee the accuracy of suggestions.

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#### **2014 EVENTS**

Jan 12, 2014 - Day at the Movies - Blackhawk Automotive Museum

Jan 19, 2014 - Board Meeting-Blackhawk Automotive Museum

Mar 30, 2014 - Jack Passey Collection

Apr 4-6, 2014 - Texas Packard Meet-Salado

Apr 13, 2014 - Board Meeting - Auto Vino

Apr 27, 2014 - Petaluma Garage Tour

May 16-18, 2014 - Annual Western Regions Tour

Jun 22, 2014 - Marin Headlands Tour

Jul 13, 2014 - Board Meeting-Blackhawk Automotive Museum

Jul 27, 2014 - Annual Membership Picnic-Portal Park Cupertino

August 12-17, 2014 - Pebble Beach Concours

Sep 7, 2014 - Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet - Vallejo

Oct 19, 2014 - Board Meeting - Auto Vino

Dec 7, 2014 - Annual Holiday Luncheon

#### Where We've Been Great Marin Cheese Tour

November 3, 2013
Text & Photos by Tourmaster, Bill Young



Lunch at the Wildfox restaurant.

This was an opportunity to drive our Packards to popular cheese factories in Marin County. The total Drive was 55 miles and took us from Larkspur Landing to Pt Reyes, Nicasio, and Novato.

The drive started on St Francis Drive, and continued until we reached Olema. After the "city" traffic of Greenbrae, Kentfield, Ross, San Anselmo, and Fairfax, we continued through the rural towns of Woodacre, San Geronimo, Forest Knolls, and the Redwoods of Samuel Taylor Park. One of my favorite drives.

At Olema, it was a short drive to Pt Reyes and The Cowgirl Creamery. We were treated to a very nice cheese tasting provided by Shelli Sue Gilkison. We were able to taste all the

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The Mihalys' '37 Super Eight.



The Hills' '55 400.



The Tolands' '40 110 convertible coupe.



Ron & Mary Carpenters' '41 120 station wagon.



Bill Young's '54 Clipper DeLuxe next to a row of Packards.



Milt Wheeler by his '48 Super Eight.



Packard talk next to Carpenters' station wagon.



Joe Munsch's '40 120 sedan followed by the Mihalys.

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for lunch.

cheese we wanted and still legally drive.

Next was a short stop at the Nicasio Cheese factory. We were a little late, so we skipped a stop at my favorite place – The French Cheese Factory, in order to keep our reservation at the Wildfox restaurant in Novato where we enjoyed a nice, leisurely lunch. There were eleven Packards on the tour, and twenty five members and friends.

#### Attendees

Allendees	
Roy Brett	Non-Packard
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1941 120 station wagon
Neal & Barbara Gapoff	1951 Mayfair
Milt Wheeler	1948 Super 8 convertible
Kathie and Tim Toland	1940 110 convertible
John Ulrich	1940 120 club coupe
Joe Munsch & Pat Shriver	1940 120 sedan
Jeff & Beth Mihaly	1937 Super 8
George & Edie Beck	1937 Super 8
Fred & Pam Hill	1956 400 hardtop
Dave Grundman (New member)	Non-Packard
Bob & Mary Jane McCoy	Non-Packard
Bill Young & Ellie Power	1954 Clipper Deluxe
Hal & Becky Schuette and Becky's mother were able to join us	



# Where We've Been Holiday Luncheon

December 8, 2013 Text by George Beck Photos by Bill Young & Steve Weir



This year's annual Holiday Luncheon was held at Zio Fraedo's on the harbor in Vallejo. Fifty-six members and guests enjoyed a beautiful display of Packards, Holiday camaraderie, delicious hors d'oeuvres and an extensive buffet. The tables were decorated with beautiful centerpieces done by Pam Hill. Chocolate-bar gifts were by each place setting in a miniature Christmas stocking provided by Eddie and George Beck. Each was a Hershey bar enclosed in an extra wrapper that had the Packard family crest on it with the Packard Script. Below the script it said: "A Quality Car and a Quality Candy Bar." Entertainment was provided by Milton Wheeler's Bay Area Men's Chorus, who sang songs of the season and brought back memories for many of us.

Director Hal Schuette provided an update on the club's status. The Schuettes provided tokens of appreciation in the form of engraved Lucite paper weights

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Eddie Beck greeted arriving guests with name place cards with a color photo of their Packard on it.



The "Packard" Hershey Bars were placed in cute little stockings by Eddie and George Beck. Ingredients listed on the back included steel, rubber, glass, fabric, leather, paint, and some wood, depending on model.



The Nortons' '40 160 touring sedan.



Long-time contributors to the success of Nor-Cal, (left to right) Becky & Hal Schuette, George Beck, and Pam Hill.

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for a number of members who had made significant contributions to the club during the year. Certificates were given to Tour Leaders for our 2013 events, with the traveling "Best Tour of the Year" trophy going to Pam and Fred Hill with Eddie and George Beck for the Holiday Luncheon.

Assistant Director, Jeff Mihaly presented plaques to the following outgoing board members:

Stephen Austin
Becky Schuette
Director 2006-2007, Health & Welfare
Director 2008-2013, & Tour Director 2010-2013,
Hal Schuette
Treasurer 2008-2009, Health & Welfare
Director 2010, Assistant Director 2011, & Director 2012-2013

A silent auction of items donated by members was conducted throughout the day with a live auction featuring auctioneer Pam Hill, filling in for her ill husband, Fred. The auctions resulted in \$900 for the benefit of the club's operations.

#### Members and Packards attending

Armand & Linda Annereau 1938 1601 convertible coupe

Stephen & Flo Austin Mark & Kay Barchas Robert and Nancy Barton

George & Eddie Beck 1937 1500 Super Eight touring sedan

Tom & Toni Bergeron

Ron Carpenter 1941 1901 120 convertible coupe

Neal & Barbara Gapoff

Pam Hill

Jack & Merna Holmes with Nancy Boraas

**Bud Juneau** 

John & Lorraine Kilkenny

David LeCount

Warren Lubich 1953 2601 Clipper sedan

Bob & Mary Jane McCoy Jeff Mihaly & Beth Eng Joe Munsch & Pat Shriver

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#### **Attendees Continued**

Bill & Carol Norton with Jim & Carol Mathis 1940 1803 160 Super Eight

Wayne Parsons & Alvin Hasin 1956 5680 400

David & Patricia Pava Hal & Becky Schuette

Don & Glenda Sears 1941 1907 Sport Brougham,

LeBaron

Phil & Susan Sherman

John Ulrich & Blanche Korfmacher

Milton & Carolee Wheeler 1947 2160 Custom Super Eight

Steve Weir & John Hemm

Paul Williams & Flo Schilling 1933 1002 club sedan
Jerry & Linda Wuichet 1948 Custom Eight sedan

Bill Young & Ellie Power 1954 5401 Clipper Deluxe sedan



Long-time National and Nor-Cal members, Bud Juneau, Wayne Parsons (One of the founders of the Packard club), Jack Holmes, and Merna Holmes.

#### **Minutes of Nor-Cal Packard Club Board Meeting**

October 20, 2013 1:20 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Barchas, Jeff Mihaly, Bill Young, Steven Austin, George Beck, Hal Schuette, Becky Schuette, Joe Munch and Milton Wheeler.

Voted: The Board approved the minutes of the July 14, 2013 Board Meeting.

Treasurers Report: Mark Barchas closed out the physical year this quarter. By doing so, this gave us a shorter year but we still had a financial increase of \$1,122 dollars. Our dues covered our yearly club expenses and the tours paid for themselves. Voted to accept the Treasurers report.

Tours: George Beck reported on the Packard Swap Meet. This year went well. Attendance was 150 with 55 of our club members attending and everyone had a great time. Thank you, George. Hal Schuette reported on the October overnight tour to Placerville. He said there were five Packards with twenty club members attending. Upcoming events will be the Cheese Tour in November and the Holiday Party in December. The Board approved a subsidy for each member attending the Holiday Party.

Membership: Bill Young reported that we currently have 137 members in our Packard Club. Thank you, Bill, for all your efforts to recruit new members. The Board recommends that we have all local club members join the National Club. Bill also gave the following report:

Total Membership - 137 Total Cars - 251

New Members - 12 PAC Members - 111

Members with at least one Packard - 122

Bill also gave a list of members by area code, then gave the Board a Membership Map showing where our members live. It showed one member in Eureka and one in the Los Angeles area.

Health and Welfare: Steven Austin reported that everyone is well and healthy.

Projects: We have sold all the Packard mugs and have only 4 Packard hats left. The question was raised, what to do about ordering more mugs? This was referred to the January Board Meeting.

Web Site: George Beck reported that the site is going well with lots of hits and E-mails.

New Business: Presented the names of the new board members.

The Board adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Milton Wheeler



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