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Director's Report

Greetings Nor-Cal Packard Club members! I hope 2015 is treating you well so far and since we seemed to have essentially skipped winter in the Bay Area this year, I hope you've been finding time to get your Packard ready for the spring tour season.

Few things are more fun than getting a "new" Packard. I recently helped a friend pick up his first Packard—a 1948 22nd series Custom Eight sedan. This car is a bit reminiscent of my first Packard that I bought in 1987, as a high school senior: a 1949 23rd series Eight sedan. The 22nd series Custom Eight is a wonderful car that I had the pleasure of driving from Sonoma to my home in San Leandro. I even got to baby sit it for a few days before its new owner took it home to get it ready for some touring. While it was here, it sure drew lots of attention from my neighbors. You all should be seeing it soon!

Your board has been working hard to plan new events for the touring season of 2015. We began with a trip to Salinas and Spreckels, including a stop to Scott Henningsen's shop there (more on that outing in this issue). Coming up March 22nd is the tour to Napa to see the *Just Packards* shop of Steve Messenger, have lunch, and visit the residents of the Yountville Veterans Home. We hope to bring a bit of Packard cheer to the residents there who knew our cars when they were newer. Then there's the Tesla factory, that Phil Sherman was somehow able to secure a tour for us, in very limited numbers. Thanks Phil for this very rare treat. The Western Regions Tour is May 15-17 and this year, is being led by the Earle C. Anthony region in Southern California. Look for more information on an upcoming email about this event.

Our board recently discussed the possibility of featuring members' cars in our *Pious Pelican* newsletter and we are hoping to begin doing that later this year or next year. So, you may be getting a call . . . We're also looking for articles of successes you've had with solving problems on your car or moving a restoration along. I find such stories to be energizing and perhaps you do also. If you have something to contribute, please contact our editor Bud Juneau or me.

Hope to see you and your Packard on the road!

Jeff Mihaly

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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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2015 EVENTS

- Mar 22 Napa /Yountville Veterans' Hospital
- Apr 19 Board Meeting - Auto Vino
- Apr 23 Tesla Tour (Thursday)
- May 15-17 Western Regions Tour
- Jun 28 John Muir House-Martinez
- Jul 8 Lincoln Highway tour arrives at Blackhawk
- Jul 12 Board Meeting-Blackhawk Automotive Museum
- Jul 12-18 2015 Packard Club National Meet - Reading, PA
- Jul 26 Annual Picnic, Portal Park, Cupertino
- Aug 11-16 Pebble Beach Concours events
- Sep 6 Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet - Vallejo
- Sep 26 Ironstone Concours at Murphys
- Oct 17-18 Mt. Lassen Overnighter
- Oct 25 Board Meeting (TBA)
- Nov 8 Marin county cheese tour
- Dec 6 Annual Holiday Luncheon - Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo



Where We've Been

A Day at the Movies

January 11, 2015

Text and Photos by Tourmaster George Beck



Nor-Cal Packards presents...

The first Nor-Cal Packards tour of 2015 was held at the Blackhawk Museum on Sunday, January 11th. A Day at the Movies, including popcorn and movie candies, featured Red Skelton, Sally Forrest and Macdonald Carey starring in MGM's "Excuse My Dust." Set in a small 1895 America town, Red Skelton was a young inventor with a grand vision of the future and how his invention, a "gas-o-mobile," would displace the horse. In spite of all the challenges it came to a happy ending, winning both the girl of his dreams and the big race.

After our lunch, the latest edition of "The Packard Proving Grounds," narrated by Edward Herrmann, provided some history and an update on the Packard Motor Car Foundation

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Chip Flor's '37 120-C convertible coupe.



The Barchas' '36 120 convertible coupe at left .

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rehabilitation project.

Steve Weir, Assistant Director, introduced the new members attending their first Nor-Cal event: Chip Flor, Coy and Leoine Jordon with Coy Jr. and Evonna, Peter and Carol Phelps and Ladd and Maggi Stephenson. It was nice to have some young future Packard owners in attendance. Attendees also enjoyed the European Train Enthusiasts operating model train display and the automobiles on display throughout the museum.

Attendees:

Mark and Kay Barchas	1936 120 999 convertible coupe
George and Eddie Beck	1937 Super Eight 1500 touring sedan
Ron Carpenter	
Irina D'Amato and children	
Pete and Marion Danna	
Chip Flor	1937 1099 120C convertible coupe
Fred Hill	1939 1701 1295 Eight coupe
Chuck and Alma Holmes	
Jack Holmes	
Coy and Leoine Jordon, Coy Jr. and Evonna	
Bob McCoy and guest Dan Foster	
Peter and Carol Phelps	
Phil and Susan Sherman	
Steve Soldavini and brother Tony	
Ladd and Maggi Stephenson	1937 115-C sedan retro rod
Steve Weir and John Hemm	
Jerry and Linda Wuichet	
Bill Young and Ellie Power	1954 5401 5492 Clipper Deluxe

Tour co-hosts: Bob McCoy with George and Eddie Beck.



*The Hills' '39 Eight coupe, the Becks' '37 Super 8 sedan,
and Bill Young's '54 Clipper DeLuxe sedan.*



The Stephensons' '37 115-C sedan.

Where We've Been

Salinas Valley Tour

February 7, 2015

Text & Photos by Joe Munsch



Jo Ann Martindale visiting their '30 740 being worked on in Scott Henningsen's Machine Shop.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, the webbed-feet division of Nor-Cal Packards met at Starbucks (where else?) in Morgan Hill. We exercised the windshield wipers, but we had a great tour anyway. After all, it's the group that makes the party. There were no actual Packards, but that's OK. The Martindale's had a good excuse as their '30 was torn down in the shop at Henningsen's. Mine was home saying thanks for not soaking my carpet, again.

We got some rain leaving Morgan Hill, going out Watsonville Road towards Hwy152. When I moved to the Bay Area, ummm, a couple of years ago, there were mostly farms and a vineyard or two there. It's changed. Some impressive abodes down there now. At 152 we headed back into Gilroy, the way we usually jog over to Hwy 5, but this time we turned right on Monterey Road, and went through downtown Gilroy. Charming. Really. Even in the rain.

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Pat Lovejoy, Tom Estrada, Lynda Carpenter, and Clint Moore by an early Pierce-Arrow at Henningsen's.

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It's always fun, when planning these tours to find neat places I've never been, right in our back yard. We continued out of Gilroy, along 101 on Bolsa Road. These are places you blast by when you're headed back to Silly Valley. Bolsa Rd turns back into the farm lands, east of 101 where we turned down Bloomfield Ave to Hwy 25 and back to 101, thoroughly confusing Clint Moore, and his guest, Jeff. There we ran a quick 5 miles down to the Hwy 129 exit, but rather than west to Watsonville, east goes to Chittenden Road, and more farm fields, waiting for spring.

The rain cleared up by the time we were heading into San Juan Bautista on San Juan Hwy. On through the center of town, this one more rustic than Gilroy. One could easily imagine a Packard parked by the hitch rail, in front of one of those buildings 70 years ago. it was beautiful running past farm labor housing, horse farms and cow pasture, through the vibrant green hills, over San Juan Grade Road. San Juan Grade is an old, one lane, tar over dirt, not too twisty, not too steep drive that gets you high enough for some spectacular views of the hills and the Salinas Valley.

We followed San Juan Grade into the outskirts of Salinas, and on to

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Packard News: Looking for a Packard to buy? Here is an interesting one-off made up by an unknown custom shop in recent years. It started life as a 1947 Custom Super Clipper sedan (2122) and wound up as this boat-tail speedster. It has electromatic clutch and overdrive, with Edmunds heads and dual-carburetor setup. It is for sale at the Chicago Vintage Motor Carriage store for an asking price of \$75,000.



*Mary Carpenter, Kathie Toland, & Pam Hill
at Henningsen's shop.*

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Boronda Road, back across 101 to west Salinas and down Davis Road to Foster Road and a quick jump on Hwy 68 to Spreckels Blvd and our star destination, Henningsen Machine Shop.

Any shop tour is a winner and Henningsen's was no exception. The owner, Scott Henningsen met us there, and had some of his employees available to tell stories, er, explain what we were seeing. This is a full service restoration shop, including mechanical, upholstery, paint and body work, and part fabrication. In addition to the Martindale's '30 Packard touring, there were Pierce Arrow, Lincoln, Auburn, Cadillac, and Model T Ford, to name a few. Scott's dad had a collection of hit-or-miss stationary gas engines that were pretty cool too.

There were several guests from AACA. I met Al Abbot, as in Abbot Street, Salinas, whose family has been in the area for centuries (literally). Jim Campbell and his wife, Lynda have a Packard that is almost on the road. Glad they could join us. Also Tom Estrada and Pat Lovejoy came down from Santa Cruz.

Lunch was excellent at the Monterey Coast Brewery. They have lots

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*Scott Henningsen and his son by a player
piano in his shop..*

of experience with groups like ours so service was really snappy. The food was great too. All in all we had a great time playing in the rain.

A quick list of those on the tour:

Joe Munsch, along with my brother Pat and his wife, Em. Pat Shriver and our son Jerry joined us at Henningsen's.

Tim and Kathie Toland.

Clint Moore and guest Jeff.

Fred Hill and Pam.

Keith Williams and Sue, our long distance winners from Paradise.

Markus Woehler and Kristi Ward.

Jim Laughlin and Nesly.

Ron and Mary Carpenter.

Salinas locals, Jim and Lynda Campbell joined us at Henningsen's as did Tom and Jo Ann Martindale.

Guests from Santa Cruz AACA included Tom Estrada and Pat Lovejoy, and Al and Coleen Abbot

Where We've Been

Half Moon Bay Tour

October 26, 2014

Text & Photos by Joe Munsch



Jo Ann & Tom Martindale welcomed the group to their garage.

Half Moon Bay to Santa Cruz – The Intimate Tour

Time flies when you're having fun. Last October 26 a small but merry band of Packards (with drivers) left the Starbucks (where else) in Half Moon Bay for a delightful trek down the coast to Santa Cruz. We originally had 20 signed up, but for one poor excuse or another... leaving Half Moon Bay were only the Tolands, in their '40 convertible, Milt Wheeler and Roy Brett in Milt's '34 coupe, Irina D'Amato with a friend and her young ones, and I was driving 'Smokey Joe', my '40 sedan. It was a gorgeous day on the coast, with a bright blue sky. Fall is a favorite time for touring there, as we often get these beautiful days when the day is pretty gray over in Silly Valley.

After miles of smiles, passing State Beaches such as San Gregorio, Pompano, Pescadero, Pigeon Point, Ano Nuevo, Scott Creek, the Big Creek

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lumber mill, and the town of Davenport, we stopped at Wilder Ranch for a quick look at the way it was, back in the day. We walked on the old Hwy 1 from the parking lot down to the old farm yard. Wilder ranch was a dairy farm that supplied dairy products to Santa Cruz for many years, starting at the turn of the 20th century. What now is a ten minute drive from town, was the better part of a day's ride with real horses for power. The farm was self sufficient, the family growing their own food and making their own power. Since time before memory, the area of the park was occupied by the Ohlone people, as evidenced by a great shell mound behind the milk house. The milk house is an adobe structure where the farms product was stored prior to be taken to town for sale. Also on the north side were the residences of the family. There were barns to explore, an equipment shed with a great variety of farm implements from a range of years, a garage with a Dodge touring from the teens and a Model A. This was a good place to put down roots because there was a year 'round stream for water flowing down the mountain. The stream also powered a water mill that generated electricity for the farm and powered the machine tools in the machine shop and blacksmith shop. The park does a lot of educational work with various Santa Cruz County schools, so there are chickens, sheep, goats, and horses stabled up the hill, on the other side of Hwy 1.

The group then headed on through Santa Cruz to fellow Pack-o-philes Tom and Jo Ann Martindale's shop. We were also joined by Markus Woehler and Kristi Ward in their '36 rumble seat coupe, on it's first run. Tom Martindale is a

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Tim Toland by the Martindales' '30 740.

lucky man, in addition to finding another car nut, Jo Ann to spend his life with, he was able to acquire an industrial building where he can keep their cool cars. Tom and Jo Ann told tales of their collection. It was a good sign, when back in college, Jo Ann provided a loan for Tom to get the Model A upholstered that he was restoring. Jo Ann's family, back in Iowa, had a Buick dealership (still in the family) and they have one of the dealer signs from the 30's on the wall. Their '30 Packard Touring was out sunning. It shares shop space with a Lincoln, Pierce Arrow, Mercer, Jeffrey (Rambler), Buick, and a '36 Ford, among others. Tom likes restored cars that he can actually drive. The '57 Corvette resto-mod is an example. It has C5 'Vette running gear, but maintains the appearance down to the 17" wheels machined to look like '57 'Vette hub caps. Way cool.

Before lunch, Irina took her children to the boardwalk and Pat Shriver joined us. We headed down Soquel Dr. to the town of Soquel, for lunch at one of our favorite eateries, *Tortilla Flats*. It's a small place with great Margaritas and Mole. The ten of us were accommodated on very short notice. Excellent food, drink, and great conversation were enjoyed by all. It was a small group, but for that reason, made a very enjoyable tour. Parking was easy. Everyone got to see all the cars and chat. The tone was conversational. What a fun day!



Tim Toland, Roy Brett, Milt Wheeler, Tom & Jo Ann Martindale, Markus Woehler, and Christi Ward in the Martindales' garage.

Nor-Cal Board Minutes

Blackhawk Museum

January 25, 2015

1:05 PM

Members Present: Fred Hill, Phil Sherman, Bill Young, George Beck, Jeff Mihaly, Mark Barchas, Bud Juneau, Bob McCoy and Milton Wheeler. **Members Absent:** Steve Weir, Joe Munsch and Irina D'Amato.

Voted - To approve the October Board Meeting Minutes.

Voted - George Beck moved that all the current Board Members stay on in their present positions. Seconded by Fred Hill.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Barchas said that our balance at the end of the year was the same as the beginning of the year. This is good news.

Voted - George Beck moved that the club give \$500.00 to the Packard Proving Ground. Seconded by Mark Barchas.

Membership Report - Bill Young reported that our current membership is at 143 members. Great! However, 83% of our members only belong to Nor-Cal Packards, not the National Club.

Projects - Phil Sherman said that in January we sold 2 Packard Caps. He counted our projects and found that we have 194 Packard Patches. The question was, what are we going to do with them? Many ideas were discussed but not finalized.

Technical - Bob McCoy has been checking on gasoline octane ratings and suggested that we should be using 92-octane gasoline in our Packards.

Tours – The March 22 tour has been changed because the Mercedes Benz 300 SL museum has been closed. Milton Wheeler will arrange a different venue for the March Tour. Also the April tour has been change to a tour of the Tesla Plant..

Web Site - George Beck stated that we had problems with our E-mail system. He said that he and Mark Wheeler are currently working on it and the problem will be resolved.

Historian- Fred Hill, our club historian, gave us a history of Packard Club regions in Northern California. We used to have Packards of Monterey Peninsula, Central Valley Packards, Redwood Region and Delta Sierra. We now just have Nor-Cal Packards and Delta Sierra which is not active.

Voted - Henry B. Joy Tour - After much discussion, George Beck moved that Nor-Cal Packards provide a small reception at the Blackhawk Museum for all Tour members. It was suggested that Milton Wheeler, Bud Juneau and George Beck do the planning.

New Business - Jeff Mihaly, suggested that we augment our *Pious Pelican* by having "Feature" articles about member's Packards. This idea was discussed greatly and from many angles. The conclusion was, is it possible to have a club member coordinate this and write the featured articles? Time will tell on this idea.

Adjournment - 3:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary



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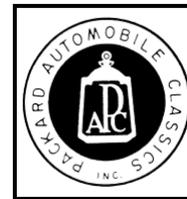
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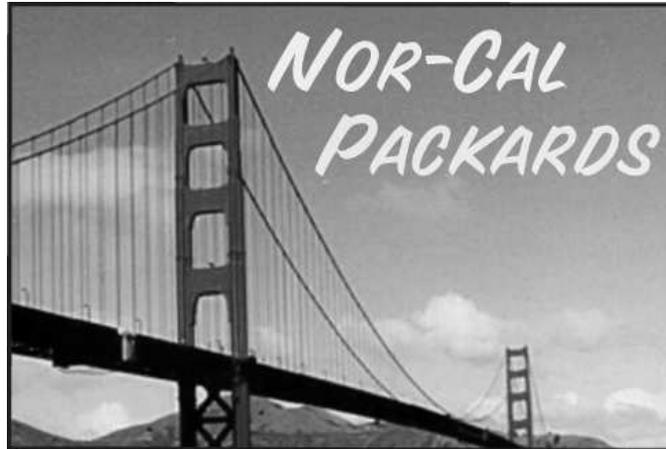
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Nor-Cal Packards



Early History

When the Packard Club was founded in 1953, in the San Francisco Bay area, it was a social club with members who owned older Packards. Keep in mind that the '54, '55, and '56 models were not even built yet. In fact, the Packard company in Detroit was contacted by the secretary to let them know of a club dedicated to the marque, and Packard wrote back to give their blessing to the new club.

There was no need for regional social clubs until 1960 when the club had become a national, even world-wide organization. At a meeting held at Morro Bay, California on October 1, 1960, the National Board approved the first two "Regions", the Northern California Region directed by John Algie of Oakland and the Southern California Region directed by Jim Hansen of Lake Arrowhead. There were no charters in those days, just approval by the board. The Southern California Region became inactive until Bill Lauer revitalized it in 1962, but it was dissolved by late 1963.

A new group, Packards - Los Angeles was formed by Bill Wilson and approved by the Board on May 8, 1970. In 1975 it became the Earle C. Anthony Region, serving southern California.

So, Nor-Cal Packards is PAC's first Region (that has been active since 1960.)



*Surprise snow on the June 1963 Sierra City tour.
Tom Goyne's '34 was lead car.*