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## **Director's Report**

Thank goodness the price of gas has come down a bit because our busy summer continues with an extremely full September! I'm afraid by the time this is in your hands, our first event of the month will already be behind us. Many thanks to Ron Carpenter for putting together our annual swap meet in Vallejo that is scheduled for Sunday, September 11. I know many people will be attending and then perhaps continuing on to the Gatsby Picnic in Oakland.

Later in the month we have Antique Autos in San Jose History Park, which is always great day—and please be aware it is on Saturday this year! Then, of course, September finishes with the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, a show that is tirelessly organized by our own Chris Bock. I can't wait for another fun weekend in the Gold Country!

Be sure to note our October event in Redwood City with our friends from CCCA and other clubs! Another Saturday event!

Looking back, I really enjoyed attending the national meet in Virginia. I was not only pleased to see so many NorCal faces there, but I was also elated to finally be able to visit with friends from across the nation that I haven't seen since before COVID. I truly believe this club is primarily about making connections and friendships that last a lifetime, and secondarily about the cars. Next year it will be our turn to host these friends, and I know we are up to the task!

We also had a wonderful visit to Blackhawk thanks to event organizer Mike Hayward, and I had a great time running into people from many car clubs while traipsing around the Monterey Peninsula during Car Week.

Happy Motoring!





- September 11 Annual Vallejo Swap Meet
- September 17 Antique Autos in San Jose History Park
- September 24 Ironstone Concours d'Elegance
- October 8 CCCA "Cars & Coffee"—RWC
- October 9 NorCal Board Meeting—Blackhawk
- November 11 Veterans Day Visit to Yountville  
(tentative)
- December 4 Holiday Luncheon
- June 26-July 1 PAC National Meet—SF Bay Area

For a complete list of events, please visit our website at  
[www.norcalpackards.org/calendar.php](http://www.norcalpackards.org/calendar.php)

### **Calling All Derhams!**

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance will feature a special class for Derham bodied cars this year, Packard and otherwise. If you have a Derham or know someone who does, we encourage you to bring it to participate in this rare occasion!

***Upcoming Event***  
**Annual Swap Meet**  
**Sunday, September 11**



*Tony Butay picks through the myriad parts available at a past swap meet.*  
*(Photo: Christopher Slater)*

Join Nor Cal Packards, CCCA and Pacific Packards Classics for a chance to buy, sell, or trade Packard and Classic Car parts, memorabilia and more! Donuts and coffee will be available!

Vendors will be set up at the USA World Classics Event Center in Vallejo and Buck Kamphausen's adjoining antique automobile museum will be open as well.

When: Sunday, Sept. 11 from 8am—1pm

Where: USA World Classics Event Center parking lot  
1525 Sonoma Boulevard  
Vallejo, CA 94590

Cost: No admission fee for buyers!

Questions: Call Ron Carpenter at 925-980-0208 or email [rcarp1940@aol.com](mailto:rcarp1940@aol.com)

**Upcoming Event**  
**Antique Autos in History Park**  
**Saturday, September 17**



*A 1934 1101 Sedan now owned by Leslie Beidleman heads a row of Packards displayed at the 2021 event. (Photo: Clint Moore)*

The 22nd annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José, will take place on **Saturday**, September 17, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park with period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles. In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, and Kids Activities.

Packards will have a reserved parking area! Please RSVP so we can let the event organizers know how many spots to secure.

When:           **Saturday, September 17.**  
**Display vehicles must be in place by 10:30am!**

Where:          San Jose History Park  
635 Phelan Ave., San Jose 95112

Cost:           Free for car entrants

RSVP:           Clint Moore 408-426-0741 or batbuick@yahoo.com

## **Upcoming Event**

### **Classic Cars & Coffee**

### **Saturday, October 8**

The Northern California Region of the Classic Car Club of America has invited all local "pre-1949" car clubs to come together on **Saturday, October 8th** for a unique Cars & Coffee event in the secured parking lot of W.L. Butler Company, right across the street from Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City.

This event will not be announced to the public, and priority secured parking will be available to the first 52 cars that arrive. Coffee and donuts will be provided with optional lunch at Harry's Hofbrau. If enough people are interested, a private dining room may be reserved.

Invited clubs include, Nor Cal Packards, Nor Cal CCCA, Antique Auto Club of America, Horseless Carriage Club, Pierce-Arrow Club, Rolls Royce Auto Club and more.

When: **Saturday, October 8** at 8:30am until the parking lot fills

Where: W.L. Butler & Co.  
1629 Main Street, Redwood City, CA 94063

Cost: Free to park. Lunch on your own.

RSVP: **by September 22** to Johnny Crowell 925-963-5835 or  
[jcrow22006@aol.com](mailto:jcrow22006@aol.com)



*Clint Moore's 1932 903 Convertible Sedan at a past multi-make event that brought together an amazing display of Classics! (Photo: Clint Moore)*

## **Where We've Been 2022 PAC National Meet**

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



*A very diplomatic 1941 120 Rollson Formal Town Car graces the curb in front of our host hotel, The Westin Alexandria Old Town.*

For the first time since 2019, The Packard Club held its national meet on July 4-9, and it was a resounding success! Our nation's capital was the backdrop for a convergence of nearly 200 Packard enthusiasts from across the United States. Northern Californians were in no short supply either, as we had 7 members who made the trek. Packards in attendance ranged from 1930—1958, many of which were local cars, but one 1956 Patrician came all the way from Palm Springs, CA (after its trip to Western Regions in May)!

Activities for the week included a Washington Nationals baseball game on the 4th of July, a visit to the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Center, a scenic drive through the Virginia countryside, a (hasty) day at the Smithsonian and National Mall, and an incredible display of music and marching at Marine Barracks One, home of the US Marine Drum & Bugle Corps and the US Marine Band.

The threat of rain was ever present during the entire week, but rarely did we get caught in a deluge... until show day! At first it seemed the entire day would be rained out, but the drops were held at bay for at least the morning so that judging could be completed. After lunch,

however the light drizzle began to turn heavier bringing a hasty conclusion to the display of about 40 Packards. Of particular note were both a beautifully restored 1957 Packard Clipper sedan and an all original 1958 Packard Model L sedan. Both were a welcome site considering they are rarely seen at meets and often frowned upon for their heavy Studebaker influence.

The closing banquet was a wonderful evening with class and special awards presented and raffle prizes given away, including the grand prize: a custom Packard neon sign. Clint Moore and Christopher Slater gave a compelling presentation for next year's meet in Rohrert Park, declaring "California Calls" all members to attend!

We truly owe a debt of gratitude to our hosts from Packards Virginia for their Herculean efforts in putting together a meet where commitments couldn't be made with venues until the last minute due to COVID uncertainties!

And now, it's our turn to plan for next June!

#### NorCal Members in Attendance:

Henry Hopkins  
Orin Kerr  
Jeff Mihaly  
Clint Moore

Christopher Slater  
John Ulrich &  
Blanche Korfsmacher



*Most of the Nor Cal group pose in the blue glow of the grand raffle prize neon Packard sign. L to R: Jeff Mihaly, Christopher Slater, John Ulrich, Blanche Korfsmacher, Henry Hopkins and Clint Moore.*

*Left: PAC Past President S  
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1957 Packard Clipper Sed  
at the National Meet*



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at Moore's 1937 1508  
at Blackhawk.

member Jay Hubbard  
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that was parked with  
a 1953 Caribbean one  
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'56 Clipper Su-  
the handsome  
onvertible that  
er produced.

Weir's 1940  
proudly leads  
Classics at our  
Blackhawk outing.



## **Where We've Been**

### **Blackhawk Museum**

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



*Ron Carpenter (left) and Christopher Slater (right) admire John Ulrich's (center) 1932 900 Light Eight Coupe Roadster.*

A more beautiful day couldn't have been ordered for Saturday, July 30, when NorCal Packards and a few friends from the Classic Car Club of America created our own mini show with some maxi cars on the plaza in front of the Blackhawk Museum. The museum staff had graciously provided a shelter tent, tables and chairs for our group, and the day's tour leader Mike Hayward soon had a spread of gourmet donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy. Maple bars with bacon bits, chocolate donuts with potato chips and white chocolate cakes with Oreo crumbles were the order of the day, much to the dismay of cardiologists far and wide!

Six Packards and a smattering of other Classics were arranged around the giant elephant to the delight of many families that visited the area, and the museum offered us a discount on admission for the day, so there was plenty to do. Your editor had every intention of visiting the museum, but got so caught up visiting with other club members, that he never made it inside!

Lunch brought many options for participants, including sit-down establishments and take-out. Burgers and sandwiches seemed to be the popular fare of the day, and certainly no one went home hungry!

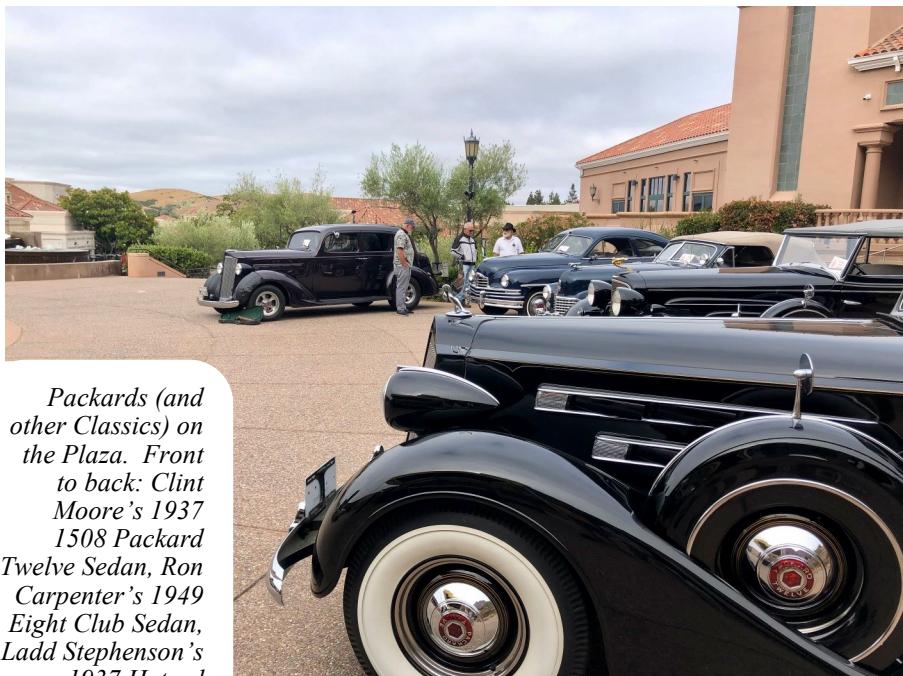
Many thanks to Mike Hayward for arranging the day. We truly appreciate the efforts of this relatively new member who also has contributed articles to the *Pious Pelican* and other publications!

Members who brought Packards:

John Ulrich	1932 900 Light Eight Coupe Roadster
Clint Moore and Doug Moore	1937 1508 Twelve Sedan
Ladd Stephenson	1937 Hotrod
Steve Weir and Tony Butay	1940 1801 120 Sedan
Henry Hopkins	1947 Custom Club Sedan
Ron Carpenter	1949 Eight Club Sedan

Other Members in Attendance:

Joseph Bondi  
Mike Hayward  
Bob & Mary Jane McCoy  
Christopher Slater



*Packards (and other Classics) on the Plaza. Front to back: Clint Moore's 1937 1508 Packard Twelve Sedan, Ron Carpenter's 1949 Eight Club Sedan, Ladd Stephenson's 1937 Hotrod*

## ***Out & About***

### **Monterey Car Week**

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



*The First-in-Class winning 1938 1608 Twelve Rollston Town Car on the lawn at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance*

Another fantastic Monterey Car Week is behind us with many Nor Cal Packard members having made the pilgrimage to spectate at or participate in the myriad events of the annual celebration. Whether you're interested in sports, economy, luxury, classic or exotic, there is something for everyone on the famous peninsula just 100 miles south of San Francisco.

Of particular note, Milt Wheeler was spotted chatting with the owners of an MGA at the "Pacific Grove Little Car Show" on Wednesday. This is a show that features cars of all ages as long as their engine is no larger than 1601cc displacement (approx. 98 cubic inches!). Certainly no Packards were going to be found inside the show, but there was a 1941 Station Wagon on a nearby side street that was rumored to have been recently purchased from Brad Pitt! Thursday many of the Packards in the main event were spied leaving the polo grounds for the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance. What a treat to see the cars in motion as they glided by the thousands of admiring eyes. Thursday is also a great day to visit the auction previews, and both Gooding and Mecum did not disappoint in the Packard department, although most of the Packards that passed across the block did not meet their reserves, which is an unfortunate sign of the times that the current generation of car collectors are not as interested in Full Classics as we might wish. Friday, Clint Moore and family once again

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*Left: The 1941 Station Wagon that supposedly was recently purchased from Brad Pitt, who needed the room in his new garage for a Tesla!*



*Right: At the Mecum auction, a 1941 160 Convertible was adorned with a vintage PAC window sticker!*

*Below: One of the beautiful Packards at Gooding & Company was this 1932 905 Twin Six Coupe Roadster. It was expected to fetch \$300,000-\$400,000, but did not sell.*



participated in the Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rallye by bringing the only Packard to what is an eclectic group of a couple hundred cars that comes together for a leisurely drive along the coast to Pebble Beach and back. This year Clint brought "Helen Twelvecylinders," the 1937 1508 Twelve Sedan. Riding along with the Moores was Jeff Mihaly, who enjoyed traveling in a '37 that didn't already belong to him! Saturday morning, the Concours d'LeMons celebrated the misfits and oddballs of the automotive world. Here were seen Jay Hubbard and Craig Williams of Silver Circle Packards. While their oddball from the National Automobile Museum, a 1925 Julian powered by a radial aircraft engine, had a space reserved on the lawn for Sunday, they certainly enjoyed the irreverent shenanigans that LeMons brings to the weekend.

All these activities led up to the main event on Sunday: The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. The most celebrated car show in the world, it attracts thousands of applicants hoping their rare and unique vehicles will be accepted for one of the 200 coveted positions on the lawn of the 18th fairway along Stillwater Cove. This year's Packard class was filled with beautiful and freshly restored low production and custom bodied cars of the Classic Era. First in Class was awarded to a 1938 1608 Twelve Rollston Town Car in a deep maroon. A graceful Graber-bodied Packard also won a special award of "Elegance in Motion." While none of our members were invited to show this year, several did turn out for the event like no other in the car world. Christopher Slater, Dana and Collette McManus, Jeff Mihaly, Orin and Ainsley Kerr, and Clint Moore were all spotted wandering the field. Once the Best in Show was awarded to a 1932 Duesenberg J Figoni Sports Torpedo, the crowd dispersed wondering what to expect next year. Will any of our NorCal members make the cut? Only time will tell...

*Julie Moore smiles from the passenger seat of her son's 1937 1508 Twelve Sedan while she and "Chickie" await the start of the Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rallye.*



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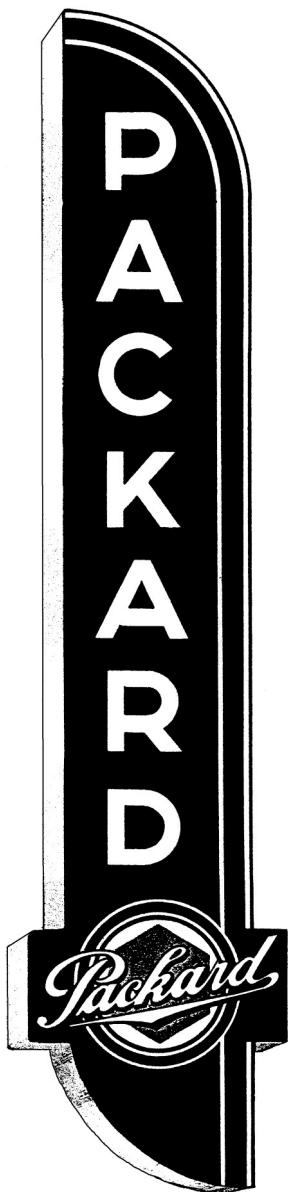
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