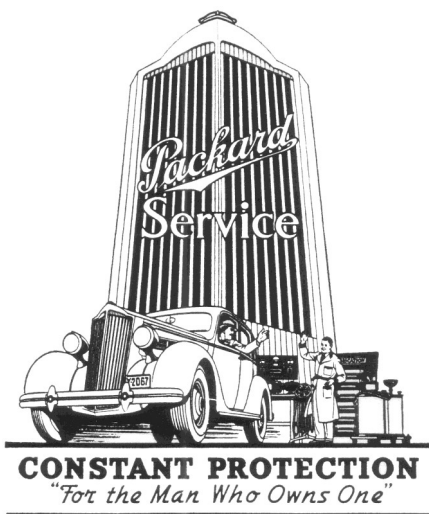


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# ***The Pious Pelican***

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## **Director's Report**

My apologies for this issue of *The Pious Pelican* being more than a week late. I've just returned from the West Coast Meet (the annual long weekend in Atascadero put on by the Free-wheelers and its sister club, Great Autos of Southern California) where our own Christopher Slater won his first ribbon for his 1951 200 2-Door Sedan Deluxe! Congratulations, Christopher!

Many thanks to Mike and Loretta Hayward for organizing our visit to the Cobra Experience on National Mustang Day. While I was unable to attend due to work obligations, I understand it was a wonderful event!

The Western Regions Tour is just days away, and I know quite a few of us are headed down to San Simeon for a fun weekend. Thanks in advance to Andrew Wallace from LA's Earle C. Anthony Region for all his work on planning.

I hope there are at least a few of you who will be joining me and my father in Wisconsin at the national meet in June. Meet organizers Paul & Jan Grant are looking forward to building on the success of our meet in Rohnert Park last year, and I can't wait to try some authentic cheese curds!

On the topic of Packard's quasiquicentennial, I'm very excited to report that we have exceeded our goal in getting 20 Packards on the show field at Hillsborough! And the fun doesn't stop there: both Niello and Ironstone are counting on us to continue the celebration in September and October this fall, so keep your cars shined up!

Happy Motoring!





May 16-19	Western Regions Tour—San Simeon
June 9-15	PAC National Meet—Wisconsin
June 23	Hillsborough Concours
July 14	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
July 28	Portal Park Picnic—Cupertino
August 18	Pebble Beach Concours
September 7	Annual Swap Meet—Vallejo
September 14	Antique Autos in History Park—San Jose
September 28	Ironstone Concours—Murphys
October 6	Niello Concours—Eldorado Hills
October 13	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
November 10	Veterans Day Show—Yountville
December 8	Holiday Luncheon—Vallejo

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

***Upcoming Event***  
**Western Regions Tour, San Simeon**  
**Thursday, May 16—Sunday, May 19**



*Packards and the young men who owned them at a San Simeon Western Regions Tour in the early 1990s. (Photo: Bud Juneau)*

W.R. Hearst, Marion Davies and the Earle C. Anthony Region invite you to an enchanting weekend along the Central Coast!

It's shaping up to be an action-packed getaway of exemplary excursions, including a tour of Hearst Castle, a visit to the Estrella Warbirds Aviation Museum and the trip to the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse, plus a farmers market, olive oil tasting and backroads driving tours through the beautiful California hills and along the captivating coast-line.



*Hearst & Davies sporting appropriate Western Regions Tour apparel.*

**This event is SOLD OUT! A very exciting development for what will no doubt be a memorable event!**

If you are signed up, check your email for caravan information should you want to drive down with a group.

Questions? Contact ECA Regional Director Andrew Wallace at 818-474-0402 or [Andrew@ecapackard.com](mailto:Andrew@ecapackard.com)

***Upcoming Event***  
**Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance**  
**Sunday, June 23**



*Clint Moore's 1937 1508 Twelve Sedan and John VanSpeybroeck's 1940 1803 Super 8 Convertible Coupe on display at the 2022 Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. (Photo: Clint Moore)*

What an exciting way to start the concours season! To create a grand celebration commemorating 125 years of the Packard Motor Car Company, we were given a goal: get 20 Packards on the show field, and Candy Store president Rob Fisher would personally donate \$500 to our region. As of the writing of this article, there are 23 Packards scheduled to appear! Our own Hal Schuette and the rest of the concours organizers are thrilled!

The exhibit will include pre-war and post-war classes featuring the Academy of Art's 1927 "Phil Hill" convertible sedan, Fred Hill's 1955 The Four Hundred and everything in between. There will also be a special display of three exemplary cars and extra recognition of our club and its beloved brand.

For those who missed the deadline for show field registration, there will be designated "car corral" parking and discount admission tickets available to PAC member spectators. Visit [www.hillsboroughconcours.org](http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org) and use code #Packard24.



## ***Upcoming Event*** **Niello Concours at Serrano** **Sunday, October 6**

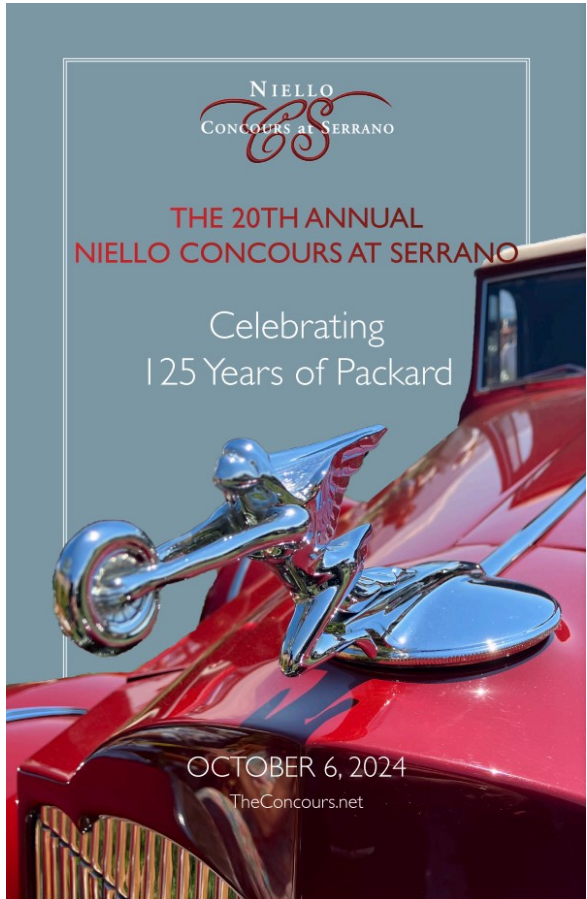
Niello's Concours at Serrano has two reasons to celebrate: It's their 20th year and Packard's 125th anniversary! As such, they have reached out to our region to make sure they have a beautiful display of Packards to commemorate the occasion. The Concours at Serrano has become one of the premier west coast events of the fall season featuring everything from Full Classics™ to exotic sports cars. Other featured classes this year will include 100 years of MG and the evolution of the super car. Last

year's best in show winner was our very own Larry & Susan Nannini with their 1937 1507 Twelve Convertible Coupe!

Michele and Brian Moore (no relation to your regional director!) have been the driving force behind this show, and Brian has reached out to us personally, so let's not disappoint.

Registration deadline is August 24th. Stay tuned for more information in both your email box and upcoming issues of *The Pious Pelican*.

You can also visit [www.TheConcours.net](http://www.TheConcours.net)



## ***Where We've Been*** **The Cobra Experience**

Text by Christopher Slater

Photos by Steve Weir and John Hemm



*One of the many interesting Cobras in the museum.*

The Cobra Experience is a 25,000 square-foot museum located in Martinez, CA that showcases the history and legacy of Carrol Shelby, Shelby American and its iconic cars. The museum houses a collection of over 32 vehicles, including original Cobras, Shelby Mustangs, GT40s, and Daytona Coupes.

Beyond just displaying the cars, the Cobra Experience actively works to promote and preserve the history of Shelby American. It hosts various events throughout the year to engage car enthusiasts and share this important American automotive heritage.

On Sunday April 21st the museum hosted two large parties - one for the Packard Club and another for National Mustang Day. This is not only the tenth year for the Cobra Experience Museum but it is the second time NorCal Packards has visited the museum.



Michael & Loretta were our event hosts and made sure they had banners, a large tent and most importantly, coffee and donuts ready for our fellow Nor Cal Packard Club members. Our Packard friends arrived in a mix of vehicles, including six Packards that were manufactured in the 1930s, 1940s and the 1950s.

As we ventured forth from our reserved Packard parking lot, we joined the crowd admiring the large number of Mustangs and Shelby Mustangs that arrived for National Mustang day. These colorful muscle cars came in every color of the rainbow and included many from the height of the muscle car era of the 1960s and 1970s.

After climbing the stairs to the Cobra Experience museum we were invited into the theater to watch a movie about the history of Carroll Shelby. The movie started with his racing victories at Le Mans in an Aston Martin and moved along to explain his partnership with Ford Motor Company and the racing successes of the 1960s that founded a legacy that survives to this day.

After the movie we were treated to catered lunch which was arranged for us by Michael and Loretta and the museum staff.



*(l to r) Friend of the club JJ Morrissey, Doug Moore and Mary Carpenter share a laugh in the parking lot.*



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*Right: Fred Hill's 1933*  
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*Left: A beautiful Cobra*  
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*Cobra at the museum.*

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(Clint Moore)*



All too soon it was time to end our visit and say our goodbyes.

How fortunate for us that this award winning Cobra Museum is literally in our back yard. The museum's non-profit status and community support means that its will be able to ensure the legacy of Carroll Shelby and his iconic creations lives on for future generations of car enthusiasts.

Members who brought Packards:

John Ulrich

& Blanche Korfmacher 1932 900 Light Eight Coupe Roadster

George Beck 1937 1500 Super 8 Sedan

Fred Hill 1939 1701 120 Coupe

Steve Weir & John Hemm 1940 120 Touring Sedan

Ron & Mary Carpenter 1940 110 2-Door Sedan

Bill Young 1954 Clipper Deluxe

Other Nor Cal members and friends in attendance:

Henry Hopkins

Tim & Kathie Toland

Ron MacDougall & Guests

Jack Weir and Bill Weir

Dana Morgan

Jim Henderson

Doug Moore

Paul and Rick Young

Christopher Slater & Guest

Phil Downs

Michael Solomon

Tony Butay



*Our club's banner was hung out to greet members and guests in our designated parking area at the Cobra Experience.*



## **Member Spotlight** **“My Packard Story”**

By Ron Simon

(reprinted with permission from the AACA’s April 2024 issue of *The Speedster*)



*Ron Simon’s 1954 Cavalier on display at the Veterans Home in Yountville during our annual Veterans Day visit last fall. (Photo: Clint Moore)*

On August 25, 2022, I made my mind up to purchase an original 1954 Packard Cavalier with 34,500 miles, stored well and was owned by 2 previous owners during the last 47 years. The owner had 6 or 7 cars, was near 85 years old, and had his lifelong friend purchase all of his cars, one of which was the Packard. All black and chrome, what a beautiful automobile! I fell in love at first sight! The car needed some work (things do wear out after 70 years), but it was gorgeous, and I got a very fair deal. I made good friends with the guy I bought it from and joined the AACA local chapter in Santa Rosa, CA. This guy had hundreds of cars over the years, from Ferraris to a fully restored Cord supercharged 812 and his favorite Kaisers. He was still a car guy at 86!

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Ouch! Ron's Cavalier after getting hit on the day he bought it. (Photo: Ron Simon)

After a short drive, I made the deal on the Packard about 12 noon and then started my 25–30-mile drive home. He did have the oil changed and the brakes checked which I was thankful for. The car was registered in his name after having had the car a couple of months before my purchasing.

On the highway coming home, I was experiencing a lack of power from the fuel not getting to the carburetor. I figured the fuel lines were probably clogged. I was about 5 miles from home when

I decided to pull off on a wide dirt shoulder and wait for a tow. The highway in that area was being widened and the posted speed limit was 55 mph. I had been sitting in the car with the driver's side window down for about 30 minutes when all of the sudden I heard and felt a horrible crunch of metal as the passenger window of a passing car exploded through my driver's side window. The car bounced off my left rear quarter panel and ended up on its side about 100 yards in front of me. My guess is that he was either asleep, but more than likely on his phone... it would have been rather hard not to see my car. Luckily, I was not cut from his window glass or seriously injured. I was lucky to have been in the Packard. I also have a fiberglass kit car and absolutely would have been killed if I had been in that as he was doing 70+!

Thanks to Mike at Tucson Packard for the finest body parts

and especially Walt Hansen at Vintage Vehicles in Novato, CA, for reassembling the car just in time for the National Packard event in June 2023 in Rohnert Park. Since then, I have had a number of issues to deal with... power steering hoses, new rebuilt master brake, rebuilt speedometer, overheating... don't worry – what needs fixing will get fixed.

A bit of advice... if you are broke down on a fast piece of road, highway, or any place where traffic flows 45 mph or faster, most old cars have no emergency flashers so even a dirt shoulder can be deadly. Call the local police or 911 to let them know you are in an unsafe area and request a police standby while waiting for a tow. It only took the police 2 minutes to arrive after the accident. Also, I had Hagerty insurance on my kit car, so they helped me greatly with appraising the Packard damage.

I love driving both of my cars, but I have a special connection with my Cavalier. People react differently to both my cars... my 1993 Classic Roadsters Ltd 504 Baron gets lots of smiles and thumbs up, but people have a tendency to gather around the Packard and tell stories from their past. One person thanked me for the dose of "Packard Energy." Keep yourselves and your cars on the roads, not stuck away for years in a garage, and above all be safe out there!



*Ron's 1954 Cavalier was fully repaired in time to appear on the show field at the 2023 National Meet in Rohnert Park. (Photo: Joe Munsch)*

## ***Remembering Julie Moore***

Submitted by the Moore family



*Julie smiles from the front seat of Helen Twelve Cylinders, the 1937 Twelve Sedan that was formerly owned by her dear friend Bud Juneau.*

Julie Moore, wife, mother and life-long resident of San Jose, passed away on March 3rd surrounded by family and with the sun shining on her face. A pioneer woman in STEM, Julie received a mathematics degree from Stanford University, and then worked as a systems engineer, installing and programming room-sized computers for IBM in the 1960s.

Julie met her husband-to-be Douglas Moore at Hoover Junior High School. The couple went to Lincoln High School senior balls in 1956 and 1957. Then, in 1965, she and Doug were married.

In 1978 Julie and Doug purchased the first of several Packards, their 1946 limousine that is still in the family today. They soon embraced the old car hobby, and, no strangers to volunteering, they took on leadership roles in the Packard Club at the regional and national level. Julie and Doug were both honored in 2023 as inductees into the club's Hall of Fame for their years of service. Julie cherished the myriad friends she made while attending car meets across the US and even in England.

Julie was a bright, witty, generous spirit who brought smiles to all who knew her, and we miss her terribly every day.



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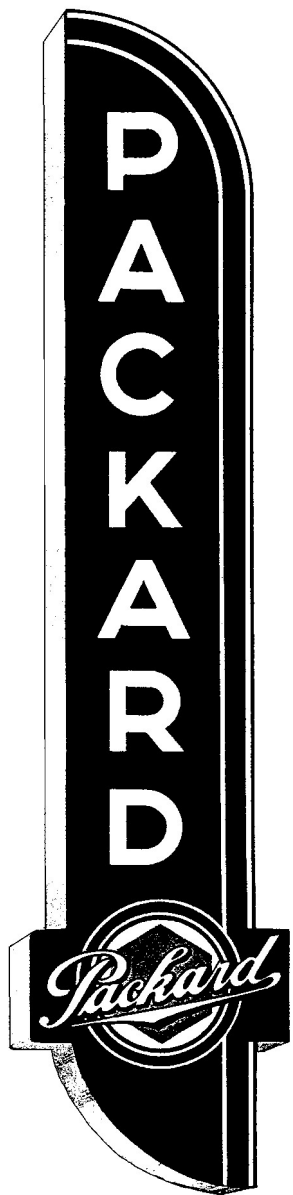
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