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# ***The Pious Pelican***

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## **Director's Report**

It has been a whirlwind of activity for the last 2 months! Since the last issue, there have been 3 major events.

First we had a tremendous time in San Simeon on the Western Regions Tour, thanks to Andrew Wallace and his crew from Los Angeles. If you've not done one, I highly recommend joining next year's tour for whatever our friends from Oregon cook up!

Next we were off to Wisconsin, where a whole week of tours and activities awaited us during the national meet. What fun we had seeing our Packard friends from across the country, and lots of interesting Packards, too! Next year the meet will be in Kansas City, and the room rate has already been announced: \$109/night—including hot breakfast! You can't afford not to go!

And finally we wrapped up June with the much anticipated celebration of Packard's quasiquintennial at Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. It was a beautiful sunny day, and we fielded 26 Packards (21 prewar and 5 postwar) in 3 unprecedented classes. Thanks to all who turned out!

And the Packard 125th celebrations don't stop there. Please consider signing up for Niello Concours in October. They've also asked if we can fill their show field with our magnificent automobiles for their special anniversary classes.

But first we have the annual Portal Park Picnic. Don't forget to send in your registration by July 21.

As the heat sets in for this holiday week, stay cool and maybe put the top down for an evening cruise.

Happy Motoring!





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| 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*** **Portal Park Picnic** **Sunday, July 28**



*Packards on display at the 2023 Portal Park Picnic. (Photo: Clint Moore)*

Join our friends from the local Cadillac & LaSalle Club region for the annual Don Frolich Memorial National Meet on July 28 in Cupertino's Portal Park. Winchester BBQ will be supplying the lunch, and it should be a great time.

This is another excuse to celebrate Packard's quasiquicentennial, so let's continue our support with another great turnout!

Bring chairs and an umbrella or tent since shade is at a premium. A cooler of drinks is always a good idea as well!

Registration is required by July 21 to show a car and get lunch, however the event is open to the public, so invite your friends to stop by!

### Event Details:

What: Portal Park Picnic

When: Sunday, July 28. Gates open at 9am

How Much: \$15/car + optional BBQ (\$17/kid or \$27.00/adult)

Where: 10225 N Portal Ave, Cupertino

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JULY 21!** If you didn't receive the registration form in your email, contact Clint Moore 408-426-0741

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

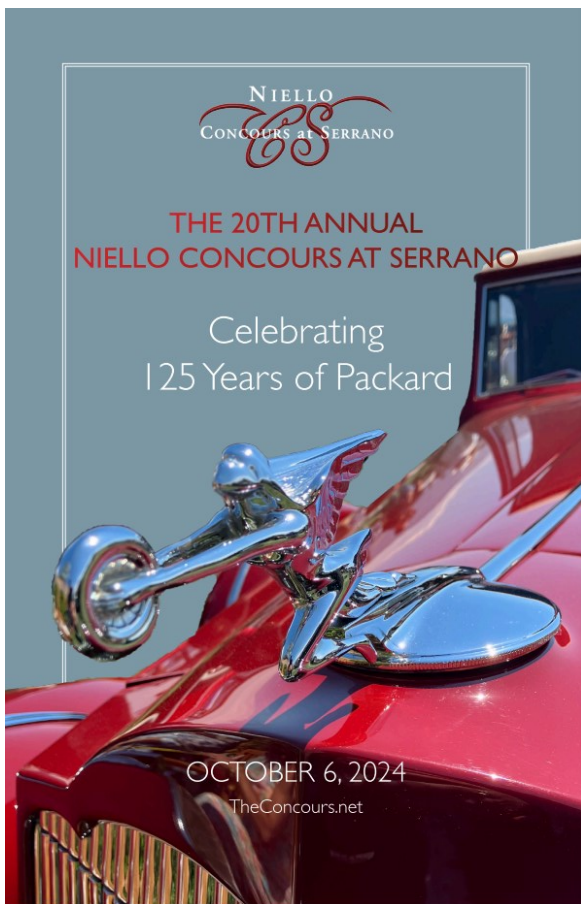
Niello's Concours at Serrano has two reasons to celebrate: It's their 20th year and Packard's 125th anniversary! As such, they have reached out to our region to make sure they have a beautiful display of Packards to commemorate the occasion. The Concours at Serrano has become one of the premier west 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*** **Western Regions Tour**

Text by Clint Moore



*Milt Wheeler's 1947 Custom Clipper Sedan rounds a corner on Hwy 1 behind a 1934 1100 Eight Sedan. (Photo: Daniel D.—ddigallo@hotmail.com)*

A more wonderful weekend could not have been ordered by Andrew Wallace for the 2024 Western Regions Tour. 52 club members from Oregon to San Diego made the trek in 19 Packards to San Simeon for the annual retreat celebrating the friendships old and new we have made on the left side of the country.

The event began with an early bird trip to San Luis Obispo's weekly street fair and farmer's market Thursday evening. Special parking in the heart of the event had been arranged for those arriving in style, and the wide variety of food and crafts made for a nice evening after the long drive down from the Bay Area.

Friday dawned early as we gathered in the parking lot to receive instructions before making the short trip to Hearst Castle. The incredible compound seemed even more enchanting shrouded in misty clouds than it may have been were it clear and sunny. After a mandatory pass through the gift shop, we

## ***Where We've Been*** **2024 National Meet**

Text and Photos by Clint Moore



*A magnificent Wisconsin sunset greeted us as we departed the fish fry.*

The organizers of Wisconsin Packards had their work cut out for them after the amazing national meet we put on last year in Rohnert Park, and they delivered handily with a wonderful week of tours, activities and meals around the Milwaukee area! Even the weather cooperated (for the most part)! With nearly 300 people in attendance and about 100 cars, the turnout was similar to California with many familiar faces and plenty of new ones.

Right out of the gate we were treated to cheese curds and frozen custard at the opening night dinner to immerse us in local culture. Other culinary delights during the week included a traditional fish fry that was accompanied by a special Packard 125th anniversary cake, and "German nachos," which was potato chips, shredded pork, Wisconsin yellow cheese and red onions.

Of all the events of the week, perhaps the two most fascinating were the Harley-Davidson Museum and the Lake Geneva

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## ***Where We've Been*** **Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance**

Text by Clint Moore



*Don Sears' and Larry Nannini's 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe Roadsters head the impressive row of 21 prewar Packards on the show field. (Photo: Clint Moore)*

A challenge accepted turned into a wonderful celebration. Hal Schuette and the organizers of the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance reached out to our club heading into the Packard Motor Car Company's 125th anniversary year asking if we could put together a special class. Rob Fisher, chairman of the event, upped the ante by committing to donate \$500 to our region if we could get 20 Packards on the field. Challenge accepted, and we had a total of 26 in the show! In fact, there were so many prewar cars, they had to divide them into 2 classes at the last minute.

The drive to Crystal Springs Golf Course was nice and cool for the event Sunday morning. Once cars were placed, entrants were treated to a hot breakfast. Tables in the shade were at a premium when lunch was served, but it was a great excuse to make new friends, even if they weren't Packard owners!

Judging was completed efficiently in the morning with 15 of the



*Clockwise from*

*Jim Laughlin wipes down his Packard Super Eight at the Wheeling Point on the West Virginia*

*Between the McManus' 1938 Packard Super Eight stands the 1938 Packard Super Eight owned by Ross, Earl Rubenstein, Milwaukee*

*Doug Moore's 1950 Packard Super Eight and Wheeler's 1947 Packard Sedan at the*

*Toiland's 1940 Packard 110 Convertible*

*Richard Azzolino's 1930 Packard 74 LeBaron makes its west coast*

*Concours d'Elegance*

*Packards line both sides of the Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. The 1946 Custom Super Clipper*

*The apricot fabric and grey faux leather '400' designed by Dorothy Draper for the*

*New York Auto Show was*

*National Meet Alvan Macaulay's winning 1936 Packard 1407 Twelve*







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e Convertible Coupe.





*Our group approaches Hearst Castle, shrouded in mist (Photo: Clint Moore)*

light house and nature preserve. and gave each an introduction to loose to explore on our own.

Saturday morning started with a more ambitious drive up the Hwy 46 grade to Paso Robles and some sunshine. Our first stop of the day was the Estrella Warbirds Museum/Woodland Auto Display. Docents attempted to give us a guided tour of the facility, but soon realized our group was too easily distracted to try to keep us together. Ultimately we wandered on our own through the collections of wartime aircraft, land vehicles, radios and munitions as well as a whole building devoted to race and vintage cars.

took to the streets again for the first real drive of the day, pointing our cormorants north to lunch at Ragged Point. This was just one of several opportunities to truly enjoy the abject beauty of Highway 1 as it winds along jutting cliffs and past sandy beaches. The restaurant was ready for us with almost enough parking and the wait staff was attentive and efficient.

Before we had barely enough time to digest our food, it was back to the vehicles, heading south to Piedras Blancas Light Station, a working, historic Docents split the group up the area before turning us



*Event chair Andrew Wallace attempts in vain to get the group's attention. (Photo: Clint Moore)*



A delicious lunch of Santa Maria-style barbecue was prepared for us there in the museum mess hall, and once again no one left hungry as we piled back into our vehicles. The next stop was at Pasolivo for olive oil tasting. Tiny cups of many oil varieties were sampled with different spice blends and vinegars. Who knew there were so many types and flavors?!

Back at the hotel, Saturday evening brought the closing banquet—another ample meal! A brief presentation was made by tour host Andrew Wallace, and we took the opportunity to thank him profusely for all the work he and his team from the Earle C. Anthony region put into making the weekend a great success.

Next year we head north and look forward to hearing what our friends from Oregon have in store for us...

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:

Jeff Mihaly	1928 443 Custom 8 Runabout
Dana & Collette McManus	1937 1507 Twelve Victoria
Kelly Monaghan	1937 1502 Super Eight Victoria
Ladd & Maggie Stephenson	1937 Packard Hotrod
Kathie & Tim Toland	1940 110 Convertible
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1940 110 2-Door Sedan
Jim Laughlin	1941 120 Convertible
Milt & Carolee Wheeler	1947 Custom Clipper Sedan
Doug and Clint Moore	1950 Super 8 Deluxe Victoria
Pat & Chikako McNamara	1955 Patrician

Other Nor Cal members in attendance:

Christopher Slater                      Mark & Kay Barchas



*On the road Saturday  
(Photo: Chikako McNamara)*





*Christopher Slater in a simulator cockpit at the EAA Aviation Museum.*

Boat Tour. The museum welcomed our club with open arms, where we lined both sides of the street with Packards. Bill Davidson, great-grandson of one of the founders, greeted us with some brief remarks, and then turned us loose to see everything from the original shack where the first bikes were built to displays of significant motorcycles, engines and art. We also learned about the history and struggles of one of our nation's most iconic brands.

Lake Geneva began as an escape for the rich fleeing the great Chicago fire of 1871. The Wrigleys, Palmers and other wealthy families built grand summer homes here, similar to the "cottages" of Newport, RI. While few of those original houses remain, the lake continues to be a playground for the elite. Our boat tour took us around the edge of the lake to see the grand estates while we leisurely enjoyed a gourmet lunch.

Even though we had been touring with many of the cars all week, show day always brings out the most interesting iron. One of the many great things about having the meet in a different city every year is the different cars. For example, there was quite a showing of cars from the teens—something there were less than a handful of in California last year. Other special cars included one of the very few 1941 Darrin Sport Sedans and the one-off 1952 Patrician '400' built for the New York Auto Show with unique metallic orange paint and fabric and faux fur appointments, all specially chosen by Dorothy Draper.

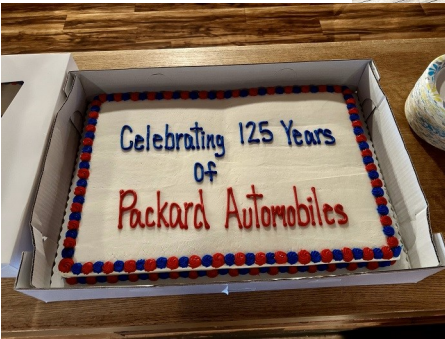
The awards banquet did not disappoint with Clint Moore winning the Henry B. Joy men's vintage fashion award and a Bill Snodgrass award for the *Pious Pelican*. Christopher Slater was the big winner taking home the Packard neon sign in the raffle!

Many thanks to David LeFeber, Paul & Jan Grant and the rest

of the Wisconsin crew for a great week. We look forward to seeing everyone in Kansas City in 2025!



*John Ulrich and Blanche Korfmacher smile on the dock at Lake Geneva.*



*The special Packard birthday cake served after the fish fry dinner.*



*Nor Cal attendees at the National Meet in Wisconsin: (l to r) Doug Moore, Mary & Ron Carpenter, Blanche Korfmacher & John Ulrich, Clint Moore, Karen Reed, Christopher Slater, and Bob Reed.*



*George Beck snaps a few photos.  
(Photo: Clint Moore)*



*Fred & Pam Hill enjoying the  
day. (Photo: Clint Moore)*

21 prewar cars coming under scrutiny. Competition was fierce for the coveted class awards, and congratulations are in order to the winners.

Class P1: Packard up to 1936:

1st: 1937 1101 Eight Coupe 2-4—Peter Landsbergen

2nd: 1934 1101 Eight Convertible Sedan by Dietrich—Tom O'Hara

3rd: 1927 343 Eight Convertible Sedan—Academy of Art

Class P2: Packard 1937-1942:

1st: 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe 2-4—Jeff Mihaly

2nd: 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe Roadster—Larry & Susan Nannini

3rd: 1939 120 Station Wagon by Cantrell—George Myers

Class P3: Packard Postwar:

There were no judged cars.

Best of Show—Elegance:

1937 1101 Eight Coupe 2-4—Peter Landsbergen

Special thanks to Larry Nannini and Hal Schuette who generously sponsored the Packard classes. Due to size constraints in these pages, there are too many other participants and attendees to list, but your contribution made the day a huge success!



*Jeff Mihaly's 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe took  
first in class among 1937-1942 Packards  
(Photo: Jeff Mihaly)*



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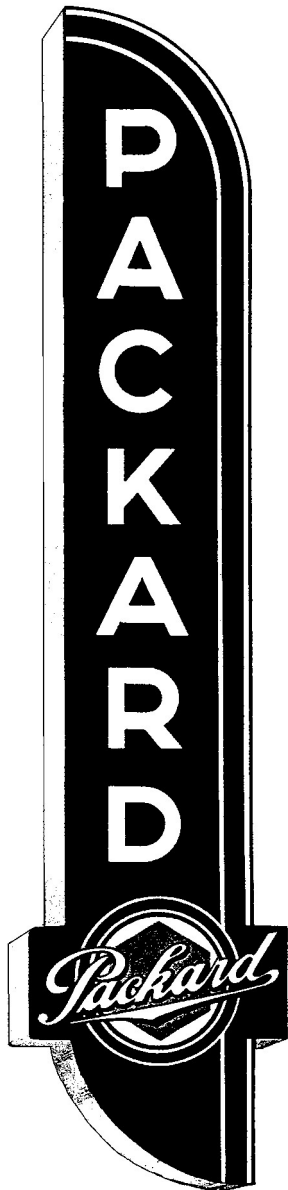
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