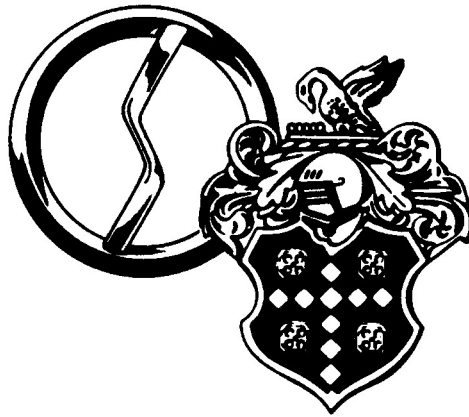


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***The Pious Pelican***  
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**Director's Report**

Another two months of seemingly never ending events is behind us as we look forward to slowing down for the winter. There were FOUR events to cover in this edition of *The Pious Pelican*!

Hats off to Ron Carpenter for his many years of service running the annual swap meet. His dedication to the annual gathering has been outstanding, and Christopher Slater is ready to keep it going for many years to come.

The crowning jewels of the fall are the back-to-back concours of Ironstone in Murphys and Niello at Serrano. As usual Ironstone was a huge success on a picture perfect (if a little warm) day. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Niello, but Lynn Kessel submitted a wonderful article and photos that make me wish I had been there!

I look forward to our visit to Rod Dahlgren's shop, which will be behind us by the time this publication reaches your mailbox, and I also can't wait for our club's annual holiday luncheon. Thanks in advance to Mike Hayward for his help on this one. If you didn't get the email with details, see the signup information on page 3.

From the bottom of my heart, I truly appreciate everyone who has participated in this year's quasiquicentennial (probably the last time I ever get to use that word in print!) celebrations of our revered company. Whether you brought a car to one of the many shows and concours that had featured classes or lent a hand to make an event possible, you are the reason Packard is still alive and why our region is the most active in PAC!

Happy Motoring!

*Clint*





- November 10    Visit to Rod Dahlgren's Shop & Lunch—  
Napa
- December 8    Holiday Luncheon—Vallejo
- May 15-18      Western Regions Tour—Oregon
- May 31-June 6   PAC National Meet—Kansas City

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

### **PAC National Club Dues Increase**

In order to continue to provide its members with the highest quality publications, services and events, our national club has had to increase its dues for the first time in many years. The club does not take these increases lightly, but among other things, the cost of paper and postage are two major expenses over which we have no control. If you haven't already paid your annual renewal to the national club, you will find that **individual membership is now \$58 and household memberships are \$70**. Our regional Nor Cal membership remains unchanged at \$25.

## ***Upcoming Event*** **Annual Holiday Party** **Sunday, December 8**



*The Moore family 1946 Custom Super Clipper limousine “dressed” for the holidays at Crater Lake. (Photo: Clint Moore/Enhancement: Michael Berckart)*

The Nor Cal Packards annual holiday party returns to Zio Fraedo’s in Vallejo on December 8! Be sure to wear your best (or worst!) holiday attire! Bring an item or two or three to donate to the silent auction. This is your chance to make those overlooked car-related items around your house benefit our club! You should have received the event flyer with full details in your email. **RSVP must be received by Nov 29 to provide headcount to the restaurant!!**

When: Sunday, December 8, 11:30am

Where: Zio Fraedo’s  
23 Harbor Way, Vallejo

Cost: \$60 for members, \$65 for guests,  
kids 12 & under \$32.50

RSVP: Make checks payable to Nor Cal Packards, send to  
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## ***Where We've Been*** **Annual Swap Meet**

Text by Christopher Slater & Photos by Clint Moore



*Christopher Slater and Mike Solomon welcomed shoppers with T-shirts and calendars for sale—and free donuts!*

The Internet reports that the average new car contains from 30,000 to 40,000 parts. Our classic Packards might consist of fewer parts, but they are definitely better looking! And where better to find the ones you need than at our club's annual swap meet, hosted by Ron Carpenter at Buck Kamphausen's Museum in Vallejo? Activities started soon after sunrise as our friends David Moe and Jay Hubbard set up their tables with an assortment of parts. Soon they were joined by Don Figone, Jeff Adkins, Fred Hill and others. As people arrived they were greeted by a Michael Solomon and the large assortment of donuts and coffee that he brought to the meet.

Our latest Nor Cal projects, the annual calendars and "Custom Made by Packard" t-shirts, were available for purchase for the first time, and both were solid hits! Bill Young also signed up 3 new members!

A huge thank you to Ron Carpenter for hosting this event for many years. He has decided to retire from Event Management duties and pass along the torch to an eager Christopher Slater. I assure you the event is in good hands and I expect to see all of you again in 2025.



*Above: Future member John Fornbacher's 1941 110 Special Club Coupe in front of George Beck's 1937 1500 Super Eight Sedan.*

*Right: Kelly Monaghan eyes some lights and lenses while on the hunt for that perfect part.*



**Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:**

- |                    |                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| George Beck        | 1937 1500 Super Eight Sedan    |
| John Fornbacher    | 1941 110 Special Club Coupe    |
| Henry Hopkins      | 1947 Custom Clipper Club Sedan |
| Warren Martin      | 1948 Custom 8 Sedan            |
| Gerry Wuichet      | 1950 Super 8 Deluxe Sedan      |
|                    | (brought by Rod Dahlgren)      |
| Bill Young         | 1954 Clipper Super Sedan       |
| Zane & Miriam Buck | 1956 Clipper Super Sedan       |

## ***Where We've Been*** **Cars in San Jose History Park**

Text & Photos by Clint Moore

Credit is due once again to our hosts in the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club for putting on an incredible day in San Jose History Park. The turnout of cars never ceases to amaze, especially now that they include postwar cars up to 1949! Five Packards were on display, and Rob Guzzetta brought his 1911 Oakland—perhaps the only one left in existence! It was lovely to see so many friends and club members.



*Packards and the rest of the “big iron” lined up near the replica San Jose Light Tower.*

Displays of period housewares, electronics, toys and crafts drew interested passersby, and entertainment throughout the day was provided by a wonderful jazz orchestra, a barbershop quartet and a troupe of flapper dancers!

Food trucks provided different choices for lunch, and O'Brien's Ice Cream Shop was open for business supplying sweet treats to beat the heat of the afternoon.

Thanks again to our hosts, including our own Rob Guzzetta. We look forward to next year to continue making this one of the premier early car events on the West Coast!





*Above: (L to R) Christopher Slater, John Kilkenny, Tim & Kathie Toland, and Matt Kilkenny soak up the sun at History San Jose Park.*

*Below: Rob Guzzetta proudly displays his 1911 Oakland.*



**Packards on display:**

- |                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Koch Family (PI members) | 1927 426 Six Runabout          |
| Allen Family             | 1930 726 Standard 8 Sedan      |
| John and Matt Kilkenny   | 1934 1108 Dietrich Conv. Sedan |
| Tim & Kathie Toland      | 1940 110 Convertible           |
| Clint and Doug Moore     | 1946 Custom Super Clipper Limo |

**Other Members in Attendance:**

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Frank Giordano       | Rob Guzzetta       |
| Robin & Tim McNamara | Christopher Slater |



*Center: John Kilkenny, 1108 Twelve Convertible Sedan, the Allen Family's 1926 Standard were among the cars displayed in the Park in*

*Above: Bill Young chats with Zane and Miriam Buck in front of Henry Hopkins' 1947 Custom Clipper Club Sedan at the swap meet in Vallejo.*

*Below: The Kissels' blue 1937 120C (left) shares the field with a 1937 115C owned by the Niello Company. Both coupes feature rumble seats, a feature that has vanished from automobiles for more than a half century.*



Center:  
 Kennedy's 1934  
 Daimler-Benz  
 8 Sedan and  
 Family's 1930  
 Packard 8 Sedan  
 on display at Cars  
 in San Jose.



Above: The trophy for Outstanding Packard at the Niello Concours was awarded to this 1929 640 Custom 8 Phaeton owned by Adam Simms.

Below: (l to r) At the swap meet, a 1924 Studebaker Special 6 Roadster joined Gerry Wuichet's 1950 Super 8 Sedan (brought by Rod Dahlgren) and Zane Buck's 1956 Clipper Super Sedan



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

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



*The best in show winning 1931 840 Deluxe 8 Waterhouse Convertible Victoria owned by Rob Hilarides of Visalia looked stunning in the amphitheater at Ironstone Winery.*

Chris Bock continued his tradition of excellence in another beautiful concours d'elegance at Ironstone Winery in Murphys. A benefit for local 4-H and FFA organizations, the event packs the venue with spectators eager to see high quality unmodified vehicles built from the late 1800s to the early 1970s. The display of more than 300 cars was nicely rounded out by 10 Packards, 5 of which belonged to Nor Cal members. The weather was warm, but the club's pop-up tent served as a great spot for folks to gather in the shade and lunch was served in the music room (aptly named because of its massive pipe organ!) which provided another cool spot to rest. Appropriately, but also perhaps in honor of our company's 125th anniversary, an impressive 1931 840 Waterhouse Victoria took Best in Show.

If you've never made the trek to the Gold Country for this grand, but very casual show, mark your calendar for September 27 next year. The Packard class always is placed in a premium spot in the amphitheater for optimum visibility and awards show viewing!



*The Moore Family 1946 Custom Super Clipper Limousine and Henry Hopkins' 1947 Custom Clipper Club Sedan lead the row of postwar Packards.*

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:

George Beck	1937 1500 Super Eight Sedan
Jeff Mihaly	1937 1507 Twelve Coupe
Moore Family	1946 Custom Super Clipper Limousine
Henry Hopkins	1947 Custom Clipper Club Sedan
Moore Family	1950 Super 8 Deluxe Victoria

(piloted by Christopher Slater)

*Jeff Mihaly puts the finishing touches on his 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe, which won a Ribbon of Merit.*



## ***Where We've Been*** **Niello Concours** Text & Photos by Lynn Kissel



*George Myers took First in Class with this lovely 1940 160 Touring Sedan at the Niello Concours at Serrano.*

Jeanne and I joined old friends and new at the 2024 Niello Concours at Serrano, held on Sunday, Oct. 6.

This concours at Serrano is held at Village Green Park. It features spectacular grounds with an amphitheater, a central shaded oasis, and a grassy slope overlooking a bandstand and lake. A clear, bright sky and mild morning temperatures grew to be hot by mid-afternoon, not at all unusual for this time of year in El Dorado County.

The grounds are used to artfully display an eclectic array of beautiful vehicles, grouped in about 30 different classes. With the bright and varied colors of the cars, I was reminded of paint on an artist's palette. New and old, exotics and supercars, American and European and Asian... There must have been a car exhibited this day that would appeal to almost anyone's tastes.

All the Packard classes were clustered on the best spot on the field, a beautiful slope overlooking the lake that provides wonderful backgrounds for photos. But the thing I most like is that the background is delightfully animated. Like squadrons of military aircraft, flocks of birds arrive during the day, performing artful aerial maneuvers and graceful water landings.

The event organizers were celebrating 20 years for this event, a remarkable achievement without a doubt. I understand that it is an all-hands-on-deck effort by the Moore Family [unrelated to your editor/regional director]. Likely there are more than one tall poles supporting this tent, but I know that Michelle and Brian Moore have special responsibility for the success of this extravaganza. The program booklet was a great read. I counted maybe five thoughtful and well produced articles on Packard. It is a slick publication.

Why do you own an old Packard? Many of us can point to a specific event when our grandfather/uncle/neighbor/stranger somehow involved us with an old car. Hoping to help seed that interest in others, Jeanne and I look for ways to engage others, especially the young. We freely hand out business cards with a photo of the car on front, specs on the back. At this concours, we invited anyone who was interested to get into the rumble seat on our car.

Many enthusiastically, some more reluctantly agreed to make the challenging three-step climb into a feature that has all but vanished in modern times. One couple sent me a text and photo of them in the seat saying it was the highlight of their day. I believe we should all be finding ways to invite the public to our spectacular vehicles.

*(Continued on page 14)*



*What good is a rumble seat if you don't use it? Some of the people who completed the rumble-seat challenge.*



*Detail of John Fuiks' 1948 Station Sedan, which won First in Class. This car also won the James Nance Award for Postwar Best in Show at our Rohnert Park National Meet in 2023.*

In addition to recognizing 20 years for this show, there were five special classes celebrating 125 years of Packard. Here are the Packard awards that I noted, I hope I got them all straight. By my count there were 15 Packards exhibited on the field this day.

**Outstanding Packard**

1929 Packard 640 Phaeton, Adam Simms (Napa)

**Class P-2, Senior Packards Closed**, had three entrants.

1<sup>st</sup> – 1940 Packard 160 Touring Sedan, George Myers (St Helena)

**Class P-3, Senior Packards Open**, had four entrants.

1<sup>st</sup> – 1937 Packard 1507 Conv. Coupe, Larry Nannini (Pine Grove)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 1940 Packard 160 2-Door Convertible Coupe, John VanSpeybroeck (Arcata)

3<sup>rd</sup> – 1929 Packard 640, Adam Simms (Napa)

**Class P-4, Junior Packards**, had five entrants.

1<sup>st</sup> – 1939 Packard 1701/120, Steven Soldavini (Penn Valley)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 1937 Packard 120C Sport Coupe, Lynn & Jeanne Kissel (Cameron Park)

**Class P-5, Packard Woodies**, had three entrants.

1<sup>st</sup> – 1940 Packard 120 Woody Sedan, George Myers (St Helena)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 1939 Packard 120 Woody Sedan, George Myers (St Helena)

**Class P-6, Packards 1948-1958**, had two entrants.

1<sup>st</sup> – 1948 Packard Station Sedan, Jon Fuiks (Sacramento)



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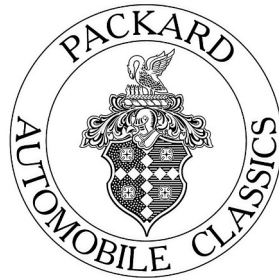
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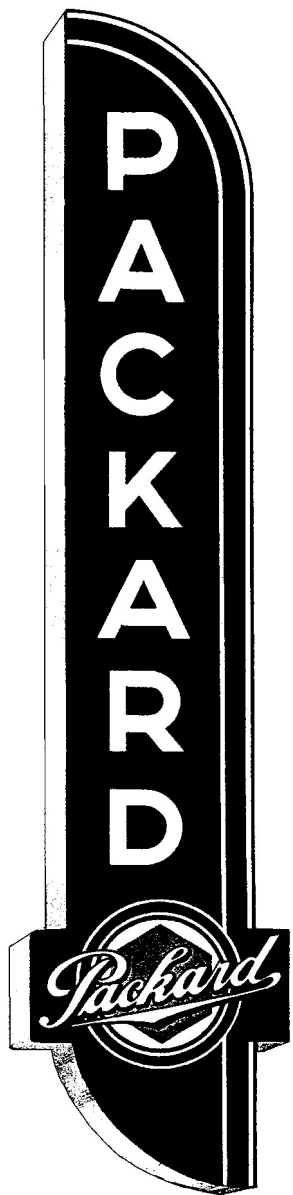
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