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***The Pious Pelican***  
**March - April 2010**  
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**Director's Report**  
**by**  
**David Pava**

Spring is here - and with it the beginning of our 2010 touring season. On March 28, there was excellent turnout for our first tour this year - the San Jose *Hysterical Historical Tour* hosted by Clint Moore. Our starting point was a beautifully restored 1880's Victorian Home owned by Manual Lima near downtown San Jose, displaying an impeccable collection of period furnishings and accessories. Our extremely well written 28 page illustrated tour booklet guided us through some wonderful historic neighborhoods, which one who is not familiar with the area would not be likely to see. A highlight for most included a visit to the restored building that was once the San Jose Packard dealership which was open for our viewing and a guided tour. Today it is the home a structural engineering firm. The tour concluded with lunch and socializing at Larry Camuso's spectacular home and backyard surrounded by our classic Packards.

I count seven more driving tours on our calendar for this year including our picnic, the Western All Region Tour headquartered in Placerville and our holiday party – so there is no excuse not to get your Packard (or in many cases Packards) on the road to join us.

Of course, you want to be sure your precious Packard is in touring condition before you set out. Most of us have the skill and knowledge to check the obvious. Is there sufficient pressure in your tires and air in your spare? Unlike tubeless tires on modern cars, our tube type tires do tend to leak a bit. Is your battery fully charged and the terminals clean? Do you have sufficient oil in your crankcase and a few extra quarts in the trunk? Is your radiator full? Coolant does boil off especially in the non-pressurized systems most of our earlier cars have. When is the last time your chassis was lubricated and the fluid levels checked in your transmission and rear axle? Are your brakes including the parking brake in good working order? It is not a bad idea to find a large vacant parking lot to test a simulated quick stop. Do your lights work – including your brake lights and turn signals if so equipped? If you do not drive your car frequently do you add fuel stabilizer when you add gas to prevent carburetor problems – as modern gas goes “stale” very quickly? Is there a fire extinguisher that will put out a gasoline fire available and accessible? I could go on – but you get my point - for enjoyable, trouble free and safe touring we need to be doubly sure everything is in proper working order.

If you need technical help the club is fortunate to have multiple resources that can provide assistance. Of course the advertisers in the back of the Pious Pelican may be of assistance and there are a few other

resources that you may not be aware of. Times Passed Auto Restoration in Concord 925-825-1268 specializes in mechanical, brake and electrical repair for cars from the 30's to the 70's. Aires Restorations in the South Bay 650-948-6424 is accustomed to working on classic and antique cars. Also, John Lyons, 408-832-2685 is an ASE certified automotive technician - with mechanical and electrical experience on Packards from '31 to '54 - who will come to your home or shop at a very reasonable \$25 an hour rate. He solved a few problems for me quickly and inexpensively and in the process repaired a problem I did not even know I had!

Do you know of others? Let me know – I would like to add a local technical services resources page to our website for ready reference.

I will look forward to seeing you down the road.

David

## Health & Welfare

by Hal Schuette

We are happy to report that Barbara Henretty is doing well after her recent knee surgery. We look forward to seeing them both out on a tour in the near future.

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## Technical Advisors

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 Director, David Pava know, so we 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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**FUTURE**  **EVENTS**

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**2010 EVENTS**

MAY 20-23	Western Regions Tour - Placerville, Host : Silver Circle Jay Hubbard cell phone: 775-636-5181
JUN 17-23	PAC National Meet – Gettysburg, PA
JUL 11 (Sun)	Board Meeting-Blackhawk Museum - <u>Members welcome</u>
JUL 25 (Sun)	Membership Picnic Portal Park, Cupertino w/CLC, CCCA Hal Schuette.
SEP 12 (Sun)	Nor-Cal PAC/PI/CCCA Swap Meet, Vallejo, George Beck
OCT 1-2-3	Santa Cruz Overnighter
OCT 24 (Sun)	Board Meeting-South Bay AutoVino - <u>Members welcome</u>
NOV 9 (Tue)	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
NOV 21 (Sun)	Varney Collection, Los Gatos. Roy Brett.
DEC 5 (Sun)	Christmas Party – Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco - David Pava & Kay Barchas.

**OTHER EVENTS**

APR 25	California Mille Century of San Francisco Style
MAY 16	Friendship Day
MAY 16	Shriners' Concours-Sacramento
MAY 16	Marin Sonoma Concours
JUN 27	Palo Alto Concours
JUL 18	Presidio of San Francisco Concours
AUG 1-8	Hot August Nights-Reno
AUG 10-15	Pebble Beach Concours
SEP 12	Hillsborough Concours
SEP 12	Chico Concours
SEP 25	Ironstone Concours
OCT 3	Niello Concours - Serrano
OCT 3	Hershey Swap Meet - Pennsylvania

For more detailed information on events, check the "**Calendar**" page on the Nor-Cal Packards website at [www.norcalpackards.org](http://www.norcalpackards.org) .

## **Where We've Been**

### **The Silveira Collection**

February 20, 2010

Text by Becky Schuette

Photos by Bill Young & George Beck



The board accepted the invitation from The Nor-Cal Region of the Classic Car Club to join them at the car collection owned by J.W. and Barbara Silveira. Many of our club members also belong to the CCCA and made reservations through CCCA prior to the invitation being extended to Nor-Cal Packards. The CCCA group met at Pearl's Jam House, Jack London Square, for breakfast. At the time when Bob Fracolli invited us to join CCCA he had 40 reservations. Deadline time surprise; he wound up with 83 signed up for the tour and breakfast! Great turnout, Bob. Congratulations. Thank you for inviting our club.

Eighteen Nor-Cal Packard members and guests met at the Silveira car collection. Before leaving for our lunch destination, Hal Schuette, on behalf of

the club, presented Barbara Silveira with two Packard mugs containing 2 Packard Hershey chocolate bars, as a token of our appreciation. After admiring the amazing collection we regrouped at Quinn's Light House, located nearby on the Embarcadero. When Hal and I arrived we were greeted and shown to our table. Upon approaching we were pleasantly surprised to see we had picked up a few more folks from the CCCA group who joined us for lunch. Fortunately, Ken, the restaurant manager, was able to seat all who attended. I think it is safe to say we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and the great view.

In attendance were Kay & Mark Barchas, Eddie & George Beck, Arlene & John Brazil, Pam & Fred Hill, Warren Lubich, Joe & Vince Malta, Bob McCoy & friend, Allen Nelson & friend, Becky & Hal Schuette, and Bill Young.

I apologize for not listing those who attended the event through CCCA.



*The Silveira's Packards are in chronological order.*

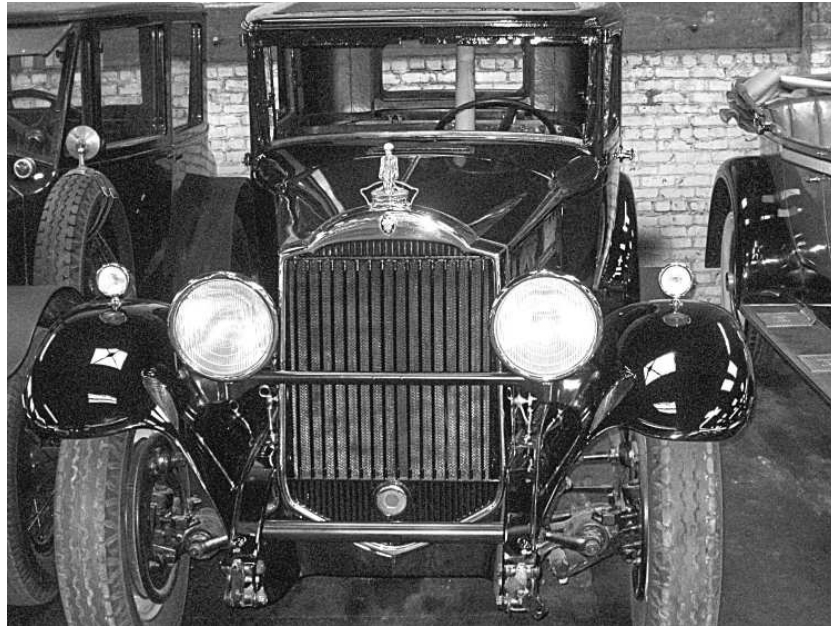


*Warren Lubich and Bill Young by their Packards.*



*A nice line-up of Packards at the lunch stop.*





*One of the early Packards in the Silveira collection..*



*Nor-Cal members enjoying lunch.*



75% SEEMS TO BE A GOOD SIZE FOR VIEWING ON MY SCREEN.

The recently restored San Jose Packard Agency for a photo of the Sears' Darrin, the Kilkenny's convertible coupe during the San Jose history t

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...y made a perfect period backdrop  
Dietrich, and the Blackburn's 160  
our.

*Photo by George Beck.*





## Where We've Been

### San Jose History Tour

by Clint Moore

Photos by George Beck & Bill Young

The sun was bright and warm for the San Jose Hysterical Historical Tour. The day began with coffee and donuts at Manuel Lima's Victorian home. Decorated authentically to the period, the landmark was the perfect setting to begin the tour's journey into the past, and it looked perfect with all of our Packards parked about.

The tour itself began by wandering through downtown San Jose pointing out some of the lesser-known facts about the area before reaching our first stop, the old courthouse. Tour participants parked their Packards and walked to the site of the Hart lynching, one of San Jose's most notorious crimes.

The tour continued through downtown pointing out some long-gone landmarks of the past, including the Electric Light Tower and the Gothic city

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*Lunch was served in the patio area with  
Larry Camuso's '37 Twelve in attendance.*



*We could not resist running this great shot taken by Bill Young of John Kilkenny's '34 in the driveway.*

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hall. The Packards continued on to the second stop on the route, the restored San Jose Packard dealership, which has been lovingly refurbished by Biggs Cardoza Structural Engineers, who now call the building their home. It was a treat to see the stenciled beams in the ceiling and the original chandeliers. Tour participants were treated to some light refreshments while they learned about the history of the building and the restoration.

Back on the road, the tour continued into the beautiful Rose Garden and Hanchett Park neighborhoods. The blooming trees and spring air set off the gracious homes perfectly before ending at the home of Larry Camuso and Kirk Wentland. Tables were arranged in the back yard near Larry's 1937 Twelve convertible sedan for a nice lunch of sandwiches, salads and cookies.

All in all, it was a great day, and thanks should go to Manuel Lima, Larry Camuso and Kirk Wentland for opening their homes to us, as well as Biggs Cardoza for opening their offices on a weekend so we could marvel at their work.



*The Kilkenny's '34 with the Hill's '55 in the background.*

#### San Jose History Tour Attendees

Alan and Victoria Atherton - '55 Clipper Constellation  
 Mark and Kay Barchas – '36 120 convertible coupe  
 George and Eddie Beck – '37 Super Eight sedan  
 John and Lorraine Blackburn – '41 160 convertible  
 John and Arlene Brazil – '47 Super Clipper  
 Allan & Vonda Breed  
 Roy Brett, Ken Strausser, & Stan Baldwin - Mercury "hotrod"  
 Larry Camuso and Kirk Wentland – '49 Nash Ambassador and '37 Twelve convertible sedan at house.  
 Jeff and Beth Mihaly w/baby son & guests Paul & Toni Chapot - 37 Super Eight sedan  
 Fred and Pam Hill – '55 400 HT  
 John and Matt Kilkenny and guests – '34 1107 convertible sedan  
 Manuel Lima – Rode his bicycle.  
 Clint, Julie and Vickie Moore - '64 Corvair Spyder  
 Michael O'Connor – '37 120 convertible coupe  
 David and Pat Pava - '36 Touring Sedan  
 Hal and Becky Schuette – '49 Deluxe touring sedan  
 Don and Glenda Sears with Larry & Susan Nannini – '41 Darrin convertible  
 Phil Sherman and Susan Watson - '56 400 HT  
 Tim Toland and guest- '40 110 convertible coupe  
 Bill Young - '54 Clipper Deluxe sedan

## IN MEMORIAM

**Art Gravatt** - We are very sorry to report the death of one of the founders of The Packard Club, Art Gravatt, who passed away on March 10, 2010. Art, along with Wayne Parsons was among the handful of young men who got together in 1953 to form a club devoted to the history, restoration, and enjoyment of Packard automobiles. Art lived and worked his entire life in the San Francisco Bay Area and served in the military during World War II. He served as Secretary of the Packard Club in the early days and on the editorial committee. The club publication was assembled more than once with the committee marching around his dining room table picking up pages in order to make up an issue. Art will be very much missed by all of us who knew him and we offer our sincere condolences to his family.



*Art with his '58 Eldorado Biarritz in 1980  
posed for a Cadillac club article on his car.*

**Jenny Kumler** - We were sorry to learn of the sudden death of Jack & Merna Holmes' daughter Jenny Kumler of Modesto, California. Jack and Merna are appreciative of all of the cards, notes, and support from the Packard club family and thank all who responded.

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2010

1:05 PM - David Pava called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Bob McCoy, George Beck, Fred Hill, Phil Sherman, Hal Schuette, Becky Schuette, Stan Baldwin, Mark Barchas and Milton Wheeler.

Voted - To Approve the January Board minutes.

Correspondence - No new correspondence.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Barchas presented the treasurer's report in a new format. It was easy to follow the income and expenditures so we could see the activity for the first quarter. Mark will continue this format for each quarter of the yearly budget. The report indicates that the club is financially sound.

Voted - To accept the treasurer's report.

Voted - Stan Baldwin moved, with a second by Roy Brett, that a thank you letter be sent to Clint Moore for the outstanding San Jose History Tour.

Membership - Stan Baldwin reported that we currently have 111 members in Nor-Cal Packards. There is a very high percent of returning members with six new members. Stan Baldwin brought the new Membership Directory to the board meeting so we could put them in the envelopes and place address labels and seal the envelopes. A job quickly done by the board members.

Tours - Tour Director Becky Schuette asked that we delete the Mozart Tour from the schedule because the collection has been moved and is not currently open to the public. When it re-opens, we will re-schedule the tour. She also suggested a new tour, the Disney Museum at the San Francisco Presidio. Becky also stated that we need a chairperson to look after the club picnic in July. So far we have no one in charge of the picnic. The Vamey Tour is scheduled for November 21 and will be directed by Roy Brett. Becky asked the board for direction as to what type of gift we should give to our host for any given tour. It was suggested that we continue giving the Packard mug. It was also suggested that we recognize the individuals putting on tours by giving a Packard Club Certificate. George Beck volunteered to put photos of our tours on the web site.

Web Site Report - George gave an up-date of what he is doing on the site. 1) He will post the combined Club Events calendar on the site. 2) He will also post a Resource list of Parts and Services so members can find help with locating Parts and Services when needed. In order for our club to do this we must upgrade our web site. George moved that the board approve approximately \$400 for this upgrade with a second by Stan Baldwin. The motion was voted upon and passed.

Old Business - Mark Barchas will continue as Projects Director until the end of the year and Phil Sherman will take over the position January 1, 2011. David Pava said he & his wife will be the coordinators for the Christmas Party.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM - Next Board Meeting will be at Blackhawk on July 11 at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by Secretary, Milton Wheeler



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**It is not necessary to own a Packard to join, but membership is required in the National Club. New members may include National dues of \$40 with first years Regional dues of \$30.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) for Name badge(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**May we list the following in our directory?**

**Address (YIN)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number (YIN)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Packards (YIN)** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail (YIN)** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Packards you own: (See National Handbook for #s)**

**Year Series-Chassis# Body style# Body type descrip.**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

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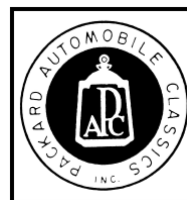
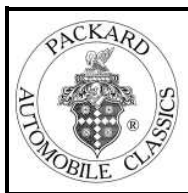
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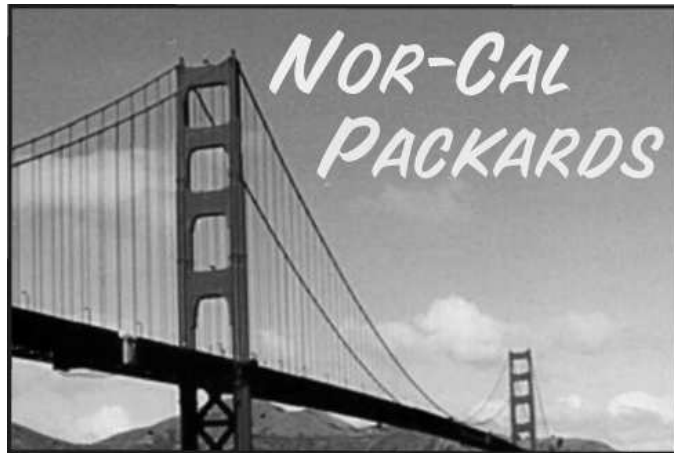
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