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Director's Report

Apologies for deviating from my usual bi-monthly publishing schedule, but my actual job has kept me on my toes for the last six weeks. I may be a month behind, but it allowed for the opportunity to include the Western Regions Tour in this issue. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, but thanks to cub reporter and photographer Christopher Slater, there is a wonderful article and lots of photos to let me see what I missed. Oregon certainly provides some dramatic vistas and roads to explore! Many thanks to our hosts from Packards of Oregon and especially tour masters (and former Nor Cal residents) Joe Munsch and Pat Shriver.

We also had an opportunity to see the Mozart collection in May, which was a real treat. I truly appreciate the time, dedication (and money!) needed to maintain a museum set-up like that. Thank you to Johnny & Christine Crowell and our friends from the Classic Car Club who arranged the visit.

As I type this, we are one week away from the start of the Kansas City National Meet. Of course, nothing will compare to what we did in Rohnert Park two years ago, but attending national meets been a great way for me to see different corners of our nation over the last forty years that I otherwise may never have visited. Next year we will be in Rhode Island, and I can't wait to tour those Gilded Age "cottages" in Newport!

And finally, I'm so pleased our longtime friends the Natchers have become active in the club again. They submitted this memory from 1988 aboard this publication's namesake!

Ahoy!

Clint





May 31-June 6	PAC National Meet—Kansas City
July 13	Board meeting—Blackhawk
July 27	Portal Park Picnic—Cupertino
August 17	Pebble Beach Concours
August TBD	Post-Pebble Beach Day—Blackhawk
September 7	Annual Swap Meet—Vallejo
September 27	Ironstone Concours—Murphys
October TBD	Garage & Shop Tour—San Jose
October 12	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
November 9	Rosie the Riveter Tour—Richmond
December 7	Annual Holiday Party—Mountain View

For a complete list of events, please visit our website at
www.norcalpackards.org/calendar.php

Upcoming Event **Portal Park Picnic** **Sunday, July 27**



Bill Young's 1954 Clipper Super and John & Judi Higgins' 1940 110 Sedan head our display of 9 Packards at the 2024 Portal Park Picnic. (Photo: Clint Moore)

Our friends from the local Cadillac & LaSalle Club region invite us to join them 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. As usual, our other sister clubs such as CCCA, Pierce-Arrow and the Freewheelers will be on display as well.

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 24 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 27. Gates open at 9am

How Much: \$15/car + optional BBQ (\$17/kid or \$32.00/adult)

Where: 10225 N Portal Ave, Cupertino

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JULY 24! If you didn't receive the registration form in your email, contact Clint Moore 408-426-0741

Where We've Been

Mozart Collection

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



Kelly Monaghan and John Kilkenny are dwarfed by the Kilkenny's massive 1934 1108 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Sedan in the parking lot of the Mozart Collection.

A generous invitation from Johnny Crowell and our friends in the local region of the Classic Car Club of America gave us the rare opportunity to tour the collection of John Mozart on Saturday, May 3. This is a special treat because the collection isn't open to the public, and invitations are hard to come by!

While more than 20 of our members joined in the fun, only a couple of them chose to bring Packards, and as a road test before a longer tour to Atascadero, your editor brought a different infamous brand of orphan: DeLorean.

The collection is housed in a very unassuming building in Mountain View behind the Computer History Museum, and much like the Candy Store in Burlingame, average passersby would never know what jewels are hidden behind the curtains. In the two showrooms we were able to see (there is at least one other warehouse!), approximately 70 cars gleamed in the light. Race cars from the early days of motoring along with mammoth

brass-era luxury cars by Packard and Pierce-Arrow filled one room, while the other was a sea of Classic Era perfection. Lining one wall was an entire row of Packards, many of which are familiar to those who attend premier events around the country. Your editor's favorite was the unrestored original 1934 Twelve Runabout, an exceptionally rare car that took first in the Pebble Beach Preservation Class a few years ago. Among the other classics in the room were Clark Gable's short wheelbase Deussenberg roadster as well as Cadillacs, Auburns and more.

Unfortunately, photography is not allowed inside the collection, so only parking lot photos can be shared in this article. If you missed this chance to see it, don't hesitate the next time we are asked!

Packards in the Parking Lot:

Allen Family	1930 726 Eight Sedan
Kilkenny Family	1934 1108 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Sedan
Zane Buck & Miriam Katz	1956 Clipper Super Sedan



(L to R) Zane Buck & Miriam Katz, Lorraine Kilkenny, Matt & Anna Kilkenny, and Doug Moore were happy to have visited the collection!

Clint Moore's DeLorean is downright tiny next to Zane Buck's 1956 Clipper Super Sedan.



Where We've Been **Western Regions Tour**

Text & Photos by Christopher Slater



The Lake of the Woods Mountain Lodge & Resort was the destination for Friday's dinner after an activity-packed tour day.

In times to come, smoke and ash will paint Mount Lassen's sky, creating a canvas wild and bright of volcanic beauty, a vision in the light.

The border of Oregon and California is a land of vast beauty, visibly sculpted by the surrounding volcanoes; Crater Lake, Mount Mazama, Mount Shasta, Lava Beds National Monument, Medicine Lake, and Lassen Volcanic National Park. Packards of Oregon invited the Western Regions Packard Clubs to join them for a tour of this majestic region. NorCal Packards responded with an enthusiastic yes and a caravan of 5 Packards and 15 participants was arranged so we could take two leisurely days to travel from the Bay Area to our destination in Klamath Falls.

A stop in Redding was just the right distance from the Bay Ar-

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Above: (L to R) Marilyn Monaghan, Warren Martin, Christopher Slater, Jeff Mihaly, Kelly Monaghan and Michael Barricks are ready for dinner in Redding.

Below: Warren Martin, Michael Barricks and Jeff Mihaly enjoy the roomy comfort of the front seat in Warren's 1948 Custom 8 Sedan.







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ls a line of Packards. Kelly
Super 8 Victoria is a ray of
roup of more subdued cars.
Mike Solomon and Dee Web-
and our host Joe Munsch's
the road in Jay Hubbard's
o 22nd Series bathtubs from
1928 443 Roadster is nearly
golden 1937 Super 8 Victo-
1935 1202 Standard 8 Con-
Solomon's 1938 1600 Tour-
smart among the trees.





*Above: Our Oregon hosts Joe Munsch and Pat Shriver taking charge.
Below: Steve McQueen's 1934 Super 8 Roadster at the Tom Sherwood Collection.*



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ea for an overnight break. Plus it allowed us to kick-off Thursday morning with a visit to the Martin Hveem Restoration shop in Redding. Martin and his wife welcomed us with donuts, coffee and a tour of his impressive shop where multiple Packards are being prepared for their debut at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance this August.

Back on the road again we made our way past Mount Shasta and through the mountains of Northern California to the Running Y Resort in Klamath Falls. Oregon Packards greeted us at the foyer of the grand hotel with name tags, spiral bound tour books and generously full swag bags.

Friday morning Joe Munsch and Pat Shriver held a driver's meeting in the parking lot to preview the day's activities. The first leg of the 90-mile drive to Jackson took us up over snowy mountain passes and back down again, along the edge of an immense lake, and then through the farming and grazing lands that led us to the historic gold rush town of Jacksonville. Several of us took an unplanned drive through an historic graveyard as we entered Jacksonville, but we recovered gracefully.

Lunch and shopping was followed by a quick trip to the Tom Sherwood Collection. As we drove up the driveway to meet Tom we were welcomed by a Packard with celebrity ownership - the 1934 Packard Super Eight Coupe Roadster once owned by Steve McQueen. Tom described each of his cars in great



(L to R) Kelly Monaghan, Martin Hveem, Jeff Mihaly and Michael Barricks beam after admiring Martin's handiwork.



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detail and was pleased he could share his collection with fellow enthusiasts.

The tour book directions to our next stop, the RoxyAnn Winery, created a Keystone Cops adventure for us. Many of us got off the chosen path and soon we were spotting Packards in the distance, all taking different roads to our destination. Along the way some Packards who were falling behind suddenly found themselves in the lead of the entire caravan. Once we arrived in the winery parking lot we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of wine tasting. The owners of the winery were very pleased to show off their Packard Convertible Sedan which has been owned by their family for many years.

Leaving the winery we made the 27 mile drive back uphill to our dinner destination at the Lake of the Woods Mountain Lodge and Resort. The extensive grounds of the lodge were filled with family campsites, smokey campfires, and happy campers who greeted us with enthusiasm as we pulled our Packards to reserved parking in front of the lodge and its



Dee Webster (left) and Jay Hubbard (right) enjoy wine tasting and conversation at the RoxyAnn Winery.

namesake “Lake of the Woods”. Inside we were greeted by a BBQ buffet of chicken, pulled pork, ribs, coleslaw and potato salad. After dessert we made the return trip to the Running Y Resort in inky black darkness with headlights that were perfectly suited to the speed of our caravan.

Saturday’s tour took us in a new direction. Instead of driving East through mountain passes, we drove South along roads that are familiar to the Modoc Tour enthusiasts. Our first destination of the day was the Lava Beds National Monument.

However, the level roads didn’t provide immunity from mechanical challenges. The water pump in Milt Wheeler’s Packard decided to quit, so Milt and Carolee returned to the hotel. Then smoke filled the cabin of Ladd’s 1937 Business Coupe forcing him to pull over and quickly abandon ship. Maggi stood nearby with the fire extinguisher, but fortunately for Ladd the source of the smoke was repaired and soon they were back on their way.

Lava Beds National Monument is a giant volcano filled with empty lava tubes. Each of us took the opportunity to climb down stairs into an underground cave that was located near the Welcome Center. Several more of our group stayed even longer to explore caves with paintings before driv-



Maggi Stephenson was (almost) ready to jump into action when their car filled with smoke!



Stairs down into the dark lava tube. Let’s hope there isn’t an eruption!

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ing to the next destination, the Klamath County Museum. Wrapping up the event Saturday night was the traditional dinner where we got the chance to congratulate our hosts on an entertaining event and say our goodbyes.

Thank you, Oregon Packards, for a memorable Western Regions Tour and see you all next year!



Pat Shriver and Joe Munsch with their 1940 110 Sedan. Many, many thanks for their dedication to this wonderful event!

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:

Jeff Mihaly and Michael Barricks

1928 443 Roadster

Tom, Leslie and Morgan Beidleman

1934 1100 Eight Sedan

Kelly & Marilyn Monaghan

1937 1501 Super 8 Victoria

Ladd & Maggi Stephenson

1937 110 Business Coupe

Michael Solomon & Dee Webster

1938 1600 Eight Touring Sedan

Milt & Carolee Wheeler

1947 Custom Clipper Sedan

Warren Martin

1948 Custom 8 Sedan

Mary & Ron Carpenter

1949 Deluxe 8 Club Sedan

Other NorCal Members who attended:

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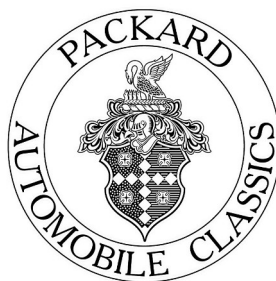
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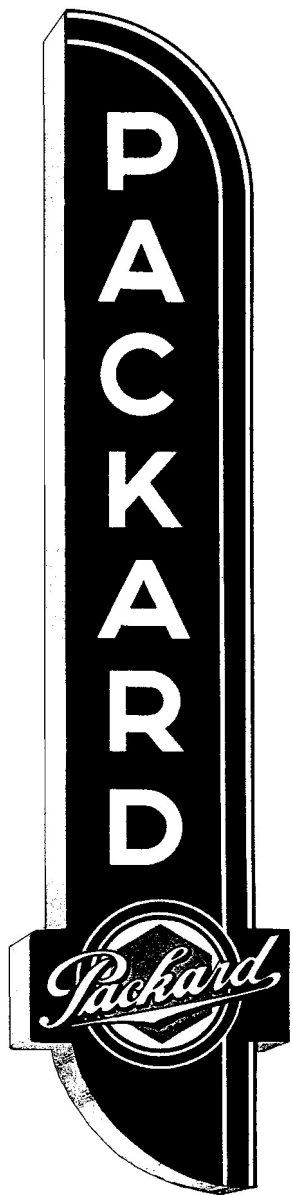
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