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Director's Report

A gangbusters September was followed by a sleepy October for our region as you'll see by the three events covered in these pages. A big thanks to Christopher Slater for taking the reins of the annual swap meet, setting the stage for bigger meets to come!

Unfortunately, our October event to visit the Travis Airforce Base museum had to be canceled due to the government shut-down, but we hope to make that happen in 2026. I truly appreciate the effort Ladd Stephenson put into planning it! I know it was difficult to wrangle reservations with the non-responsive personnel there.

As I write this, we are looking forward to the "Rosie the Riveter" tour this weekend. Thanks to Bill Young for making the arrangements, and you'll definitely see the event reported in the next issue.

Send in your checks to reserve your spots now for the holiday party! See page 3 for details. It's always one of our best attended events, and you don't want to miss the fun!

If you haven't already, don't forget to return your membership renewals and ballots for the board of directors.

In 2026, we are looking forward to another year of great gatherings and tours. January will see us back at Niles Canyon for a movie day, this year featuring "Fog Over Frisco" with Bette Davis and a 1932 Light 8 Roadster! We will also try to get back to Travis AFB, see a private collection and take some beautiful drives, in addition to our popular annual favorites like the Portal Park Picnic and Western Regions Tour. Keep an eye on your email and these pages as details develop.

Happy Holidays and Happy Motoring!

Clint





December 7	Annual Holiday Party—Mountain View
January 11, 2026	Quarterly Board Meeting—Blackhawk
January 2026	Annual Movie Day—Niles
March 2026	Private Collection Visit
May 2026	Western Regions Tour—San Diego
July 12-16, 2026	PAC National Meet—Rhode Island
July 26, 2026	Portal Park Picnic, Cupertino
September 26, 2026	Ironstone Concours—Murphys

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

Upcoming Event **Annual Holiday Party** **Sunday, December 7**



Your intrepid leader always dresses to make a statement at the party. Will you help make the occasion bright by donning your gay apparel?

Join all your friends in Nor Cal Packards for our annual holiday party. Typically one of our best attended events, we always have a lovely time at Michael's Restaurant, an easily accessible and picturesque venue. Bring your Packard for prime parking on the curb right in front of the restaurant. The local golfers and hikers always love the show!

The holiday party also serves as a fundraiser for our club, so please bring an item or two for the silent auction. This is your chance to pull something from a closet or garage shelf that you've been meaning to divest!

Many thanks to Mark and Kay Barchas for coordinating!!

When: Sunday, December 7 from 11am-2:30pm

Where: Michael's Restaurant
2960 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View

Cost: \$55 for members/\$35 children/\$60 non-members

RSVP: If you have not received the email with the flyer and registration form, contact Mark and Kay Barchas at 650-823-3585 or 650-793-0133

Where We've Been **Annual Swap Meet**

Text & Photos by Christopher Slater



Stacks of framed Packard artwork were among the parts and ephemera to be procured at the swap meet.

Each year, in early September, enthusiasts arise from their beds before dawn to be part of the Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet. From all points West - Seattle, Reno, Oregon, and Northern California - Packard owners rush to claim their spot at Buck Kamphausen's USA World Classics auto museum in Vallejo. Empty spaces in the parking lot are soon filled with parts and ephemera of the Classic Car hobby. At sunrise our anchor tenant from Seattle, David Moe, set up tables with everything one could need to maintain and restore one's Packard.

Donuts and coffee covering two tables were provided by Michael Solomon, who traveled from the foothills of the Sierra Mountains to bring us the freshest treats from his favorite bakery. Bill Young, our NorCal Packards Membership chair, ar-

Where We've Been **Cars in the Park**

Text by Clint Moore



Tom Beidleman's 1934 Sedan and John Kilkenny's 1934 Dietrich lead the row of "Big Iron" behind the old firehouse in History Park. (Photo: Rob Guzzetta)

The Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club always puts on an incredible day in San Jose History Park, and this year was no exception. The turnout of cars never ceases to amaze, especially now that they include postwar cars up to 1949! Five Packards were on display among the "Big Iron" class that included many of our friends from the Pierce-Arrow and Classic Car Clubs.



Matt Kilkenny selling his award-winning "Detroit Steel Artists" book. (Photo: Clint Moore)

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

Two food trucks doled out burgers & fries or Mexican

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

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



A 1955 Four Hundred heads the Packard class in the amphitheater at the Ironstone Winery.

Kudos are always due to Chris Bock for continuing his tradition of excellence at the beautiful Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphys. Whether you're interested in horseless carriages or early 1970s muscle and luxury, the show packs the venue with high quality unmodified cars, trucks and trailers as a benefit for local 4-H and FFA organizations. The display of more than 300 vehicles was nicely rounded out by 6 Packards ranging from 1926 to 1955 in our class, plus one more in the Preservation class. 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 out of the sun.

One of the Packards in our class was a 1927 443 Dietrich Club Sedan owned by Richard & Kathleen Kirkman. An exceeding rare custom bodied vehicle, Kathleen's parents purchased it as

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Above: Moose Motors' Jeff Adkins was ready to peddle parts in front of his 1953 Caribbean at the annual swap meet.

Below: (l to r) Christopher Slater, L.A.'s Earle C. Anthony Regional Director Andrew Wallace and partner Bruno Moreira, and Mike Solomon enjoying the shade of the club's pop-up tent at Ironstone.





Above: Jeff Mihaly (center) getting a close look at Mike Leahy's 1936 1405 Super 8 Convertible Sedan.

Center: Don Sears' 1932 900 Light Eight Coupe Roadster that soon would end up in Christopher Slater's garage.

Below: Dave Thomasson's unrestored 1941 One Sixty Sedan

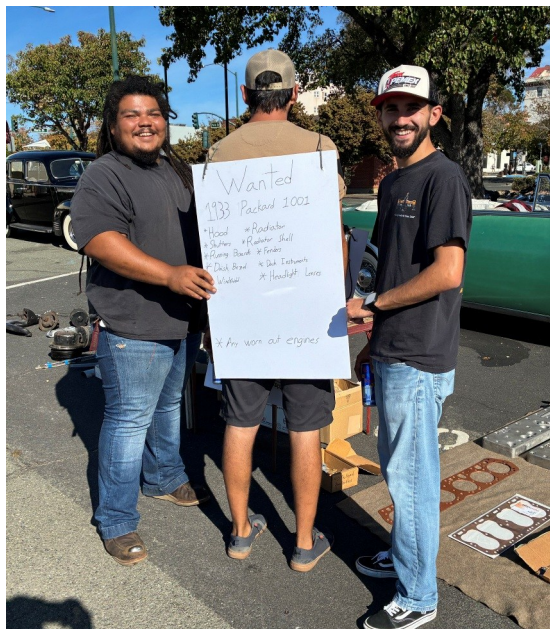




Above: Richard & Kathleen Kirkman's 1928 443 Dietrich Club Sedan looked amazing at Ironstone.

Below: A 1953 Caribbean faces the stage in the Ironstone amphitheater where the awards presentation takes place.





Dre Scardina (left) and friends made a list of what he needs!

rived with an armload of full-color 2026 calendars fresh from the printers.

As the morning progressed more than 50 people arrived to peruse parts, to look at the Packards, and to swap tales of restorations.

There were a few complete cars to look at as well, including Mike Leahy's newly restored 1936 Super Eight Convertible Sedan. Dave Thomasson brought an original condition

1941 Packard One Sixty Sedan accompanied by a vintage photograph of the very same car parked in front of Terry's Barrel Club Cocktail Lounge in Vallejo in the early 1960s! And Don Sears motored up in a newly acquired 1932 Packard Light Eight Coupe Roadster, which caught the eye of your author and now resides in his garage in San Jose. Thank you, Don, for finding and selling this amazing Packard to me!

A big thank you to Buck Kamphausen for allowing us to use the parking lot of his facility again this year. We couldn't do this without your help.

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:

Don Sears	1932 900 Light 8 Coupe Roadster
Mike Leahy	1936 1405 Super 8 Conv. Sedan
Dave Thomasson	1941 One Sixty Sedan
William Schoemann	1953 Clipper Deluxe

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fare, and O'Brien's Ice Cream Shop was open for business supplying sweet treats to beat the heat of the afternoon.

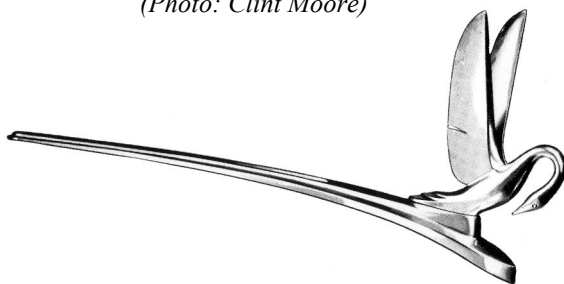
Thanks again to our hosts in the Model T Club and the staff and board members of History San Jose, including our own Rob Guzzetta. We look forward to next year to continue making this one of the premier early car events on the West Coast!

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:

Tom Beidleman	1934 1100 Eight Sedan
John and Matt Kilkenny	1934 1108 Dietrich Conv. Sedan
Warren Martin	1948 Custom 8 Sedan
Doug and Clint Moore	1949(ish) Super 8 Deluxe Victoria



*Christopher Slater and Warren Martin catch up in front of Warren's 1948 Custom 8 Sedan and Doug Moore's 1949(ish) Super 8 Deluxe Victoria.
(Photo: Clint Moore)*



a used car during the Great Depression. When Richard inherited it, the car was a total wreck that had barely survived a garage fire! Over the last 30+ years, it has been painstakingly brought back to life—with the photo album to prove it. What a story! Also, the car that took first in class was an incredible Rollston bodied 243 Roadster that had been seen on the lawn at Pebble Beach just a month before.

If you've never made the trek to the Gold Country for this grand, but very casual show, mark your calendar for September 26 next year. The Packard class always is placed in a premium spot in the amphitheater for optimum visibility and awards show viewing!

Packards at Ironstone: (*Nor Cal Members)

Rob Hilarides	1926 243 Rollston Eight Roadster
Richard Kirkman*	1927 443 Dietrich Custom 8 Club Sedan
Scott Henningsen*	1931 840 Deluxe 8 Sedan
Paul Williams*	1933 1002 8 Club Sedan
Doug and Clint Moore*	1946 Custom Super Clipper Limo.
Steve Bills	1953 Caribbean Convertible
Paul Cuff	1955 Four Hundred Coupe



The first-in-class winning 1926 243 Rollston Roadster with its racy red wheels and off-brand accessory hood ornament.

Out & About

Photos submitted by members who have been “out & about!”



Clint and Doug Moore attended the Art Deco Society's Gatsby Summer Afternoon at its new location in San Jose History Park where Miss Art Deco couldn't help taking a moment to pose for a photo in Clint's 1932 903 Convertible Sedan, and Clint came home with the coveted Gatsby's Choice Auto cup!



Rob Guzzetta recently sold his 1928 526 Sedan to new PAC member Paul Eberhardt of Chelsea, MI, who sent Rob this wonderful photo of the car in front of the Timing Tower at the Packard Proving Grounds.

Remembering George Beck

Submitted by Michael Beck



George and his beloved 1937 1500 Super 8 Sedan at one of their many appearances at the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance.

Mr. George Edward Beck, 87, of Concord, passed away Monday afternoon, July 21, 2025. He was born November 30, 1937, in Republic, KS to the late Verl Francis and Mary Kalman Beck.

He was an alum of Kansas State University (BA) and UNLV (MBA), a long-time Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employee, a docent at the Blackhawk Auto Museum, a driver for Meals on Wheels, and a member of St. Bonaventure Church.

A member of Northern California Packards and the Classic Car Club of America, George loved showing his 1937 1500 Super 8 Sedan around the state and won myriad awards for it. He also took an active roll in Nor Cal Packards leadership, holding many positions on the board of directors over the years, including Regional Director.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed reading, dancing with abandon, supporting the Oakland A's, and enduring the Dallas Cowboys' knack for disappointment. He was kind, generous, loving, and loved in return. He will be greatly missed.

George is survived by his wife, Edna Millet Beck; two sons, Michael Edward Beck of Fairfield and Daniel Edward Beck of Berkeley; and his sister, Marcia Beck Henry of Lecompton, KS.

A celebration of life gathering will be held, time and date TBD.

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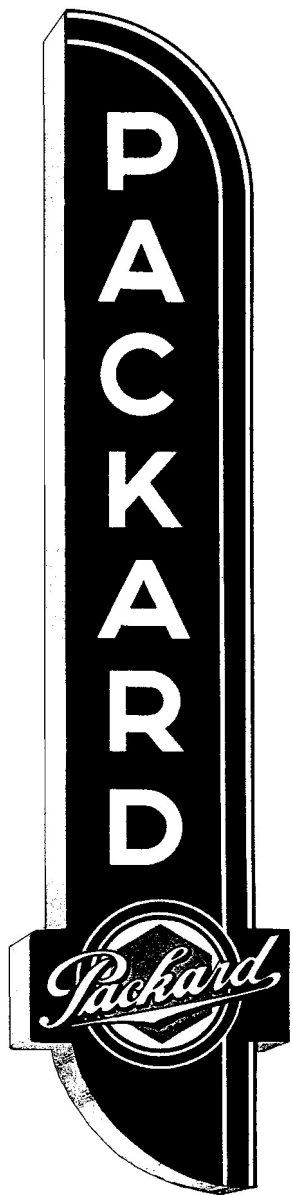
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