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Director's Report

I hope you noticed our region's wonderful new logo on the cover! Christopher Slater spearheaded the effort to update our image with input from the board of directors, and you'll also see a new banner and other signage at upcoming tours.

An apology is owed to the Beidleman family. In the March-May issue of *The Pious Pelican*, the article on the Western Regions Tour egregiously neglected to mention that they took home Best in Tour honors with their 1934 1100 Eight Sedan that deftly drove all the way to Oregon and back without trouble! Belated congratulations are definitely owed!

I'm also incredibly sad to report the recent passing of long-time board member and former regional director George Beck. An obituary will be published in the next issue.

On a lighter note, our 2026 Nor Cal Packards wall calendars look amazing and will be available for purchase at the swap meet (see pg. 3) for \$25 or can be ordered from Bill Young and shipped to you for \$30. Many thanks to both Christopher Slater and Bill for their efforts.

Besides the swap meet, we hope to see you at any of the other upcoming events, including Cars in the Park at History San Jose (see pg. 4), Ironstone Concours d'Elegance in Murphys, and Niello Concours at Serrano. Also, be sure to stay tuned for final details on the October tour Ladd Stevenson is working on to Travis Air Force Base and our visit to the Rosie The Riveter Museum in November courtesy of Bill Young.

And finally, at the July board meeting, your directors took a hard look at our club's finances. For decades we have held our dues to \$25 annually, but with the rising price of paper, postage and other fixed costs, we were forced to make the difficult decision to increase the cost of membership to \$35 annually. This will put our budget in a more neutral position, instead of the loss we've been operating under for many years. We appreciate your understanding!

Happy Motoring!





September 7	Annual Swap Meet—Vallejo
September 13	Cars in the Park – San Jose
September 27	Ironstone Concours—Murphys
October 5	Niello Concours at Serrano
October TBD	Travis AFB Tour—Fairfield
October 12	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
November 9	Rosie the Riveter Tour—Richmond
December 7	Annual Holiday Party—Mountain View
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

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

Upcoming Event
Annual Swap Meet
Sunday, September 7



A 30 year Tradition - The Annual Packard Swap Meet

Announcing the Annual Packard Parts Swap Meet, hosted by Nor Cal Packards. For one day only the large paved parking lot of the USA World Classics Event Center in Vallejo is filled with vendors selling everything your Packard needs. NOS parts, tune-up and maintenance items, memorabilia, and life-times of Packard knowledge is yours for the asking (and the right price).

Bring your Packard to the swap meet - we have spaces reserved to show or sell your classic. As is our tradition, the Packard Swap Meet welcomes our fellow Classic Car collectors with room for all makes of CCCA Classic Cars.

Whether you want to show your Packard, buy a Packard, Packard parts, or setup a table and sell your Packard parts, there is room for you. Plus, coffee and donuts will be served!

When: Sunday, Sept. 7th, 8am to 1pm (vendor setup 7am)

Where: USA World Classics Event Center parking lot

1525 Sonoma Boulevard

Vallejo, CA 94590

Cost: Free to all attendees

Swap meet spaces (10'x20') are \$25.00

For Sale cars \$10.00 per car

Want more details? Contact Christopher Slater
408-599-9103 or gladstone.cottage@gmail.com

Upcoming Event
Cars in the Park
Saturday, September 13



The Kilkenny's 1935 1207 Dietrich Sport Phaeton and the Toland's 1940 110 Convertible Coupe at the 2023 event.. (Photo: Clint Moore)

Cars in the Park (formerly known as Antique Autos in History Park) presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José is a celebration of everything pre-1950, so bring your Clippers, bathtubs and pre-war Packards to join the fun on **Saturday**, September 13 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park not only with period-correct vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles, but there will also be participation by the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association, displays of early crafts and antique collectibles, a Dixieland band, singers, dancers, barbershop quartet, blacksmith shop and glass blowing demonstrations, trolley rides, History San José open houses, and kids activities.

Packards will have a reserved parking area! Please RSVP so we can let the event organizers know how many spots to secure.

When: **Saturday, September 13**
Display vehicles must be in place by 10:00am!

Where: San Jose History Park
635 Phelan Ave., San Jose 95112

Cost: Free for car entrants

RSVP: Clint Moore 408-426-0741 or batbuick@yahoo.com

Where We've Been

Portal Park Picnic

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



A vision in green! Nat'l PAC member Jim Remington's 1940 120 Sedan (right) makes a lovely pair with Mark & Kay Barchas's 1940 160 Touring Sedan (left)

Our annual trip to Portal Park on July 27 was a day well spent soaking in the warm (but not too warm!) sunshine and beautiful cars of all makes. The Cadillac-La Salle Club provided the venue and delicious barbeque while the rest of us enjoyed our time together. Once again we had the second best represented make behind only the host club's Cadillacs with eight Packards on the field, six of which were 1940 models!

The field was rounded out by a wide variety of cars from Buick to Edsel to Imperial. Lunch time brought out the ribs, chicken and brisket (along with appropriate sides) from Winchester Barbeque. What a treat! And at the end of the day, winners of special classes received a pie in lieu of a trophy—congratulations to Bruce Cumming who took home the confection for his 1940 110 Station Wagon. On the tailgate of his wagon, Bruce was also selling copies of his book on old gas stations on the peninsula.

Many thanks to our hosts for such a smooth-running event. Your board of directors always welcomes a break from organiz-

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Where We've Been **1st Annual Veterans Home Show**

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



Fresh off his win at the Western Regions Tour, Tom Beidleman brought his wife Leslie's 1934 1100 Sedan to Yountville.

Nor Cal Packards was pleased to be invited to participate in the First Annual Veterans Home Car Show on August 23 in Yountville. Many of you will recall that for years we brought a display of Packards and other classics at the facility every Veterans Day Weekend. With all the other activities planned around that holiday, it became too much for the staff there to manage, so this is our new August tradition.

Daniel McCabe, a veteran and member of the Golden Hills Mustang Club, organized the day of nearly 50 cars. Several clubs were invited, creating an eclectic display of hot rods and trucks, Studebakers, Model A's, British cars, Chevys, Mustangs and more! Our club provided five Packards, plus your editor brought Rod Dahlgren's 1935 Cadillac 355 Sedan. Lunch was a quick cart ride away at the Mess Hall, where for \$5.00 (cash only!) we enjoyed the cafeteria-style lunch with the rest of the residents.

The day concluded with a few awards and a "victory lap"

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Above: Tim & Kathie Toland's blue 1940 110 Convertible and Bruce & Rhonda Cumming's yellow 1940 110 Station Wagon almost make it seem like Easter at Portal park! (with Zane Buck's Hudson in the distance)

Below: Bill Young's 1953 Clipper Deluxe and Zane Buck's 1956 Clipper Super head the line of Packards at the Yountville Veterans Home.





Above: Packards at Portal Park: (r to l) Steve Wier's 1940 120 Sedan, Milt Wheeler's 1941 110 Coupe, the Moore Family 1946 Custom Super Clipper Limousine, Jim Remington's 1940 120 Sedan, The Barchas' 1940 160 Sedan, the Higgins' 1940 110 Sedan, the Toland's 1940 110 Convertible and the Cumming's 1940 110 Station Wagon.

Below: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Best-in-Class winning 1932 905 Twin Six Coupe Roadster.



Facing Page Top: Lost in the throng of spectators at the start of the Tour d'Elegance, a 1915 Packard 3-38 Six Five-Passenger Phaeton makes a sharp contrast with the 1960 Plymouth XNR, an asymmetrical concept from the Virgil Exner design retrospective class.

Facing Page Bottom: A 1958 Packard "Starlight" 2-door hard top shown at the Concours for a Cause, one of several shows bringing car week back to downtown Carmel.



(Portal Park, Continued from page 5)

ing events so we can just sit back and enjoy a wonderful day.
We look forward to more barbecue and fun next year!

Members who brought Packards:

Kay & Mark Barchas	1940 160 Touring Sedan
Jim Remmington	1940 120 Sedan
Steve Weir & John Hemm	1940 120 Sedan
John & Judi Higgins	1940 110 Sedan
Bruce & Rhonda Cumming	1940 110 Station Wagon
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 Convertible
Milt Wheeler	1941 110 Coupe
Doug and Clint Moore	1946 Custom Super Clipper Limo

Other Nor Cal members who attended:

Zane Buck, Miriam Katz & Michael Buck
Hal & Becky Schuette
Henry Hopkins
Christopher Slater
Mike Solomon
Bill Rogstad
Tony Butay



Our happy group at Portal Park.



Bill Young's 1953 Clipper Deluxe soaks up the shade next to Rod Dahlgren's 1935 Cadillac 355 Sedan.

around the facility so that those veterans who couldn't make it to the parking lot where our display was were able to see the cars as well, many of them in wheel chairs waving from windows and porches.

While this year's show was a test run and closed to the public, the day was such a success that the organizers hope to expand the invitations to

more clubs next year and open the event up to the public. We are incredibly appreciative to be able to give back to our country's heroes in this new fashion and are very grateful to Daniel McCabe and all the volunteers who made the show possible!

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:

Tom Beidleman	1934 1100 Eight Sedan
Ladd Stevenson	1937 Hotrod
Bill Young & Kirby	1953 Clipper Super Sedan
Ron & Sarah Simon	1954 Cavalier Sedan
Zane Buck & Miriam Katz	1956 Clipper Super Sedan

Nor Cal members who turned out to honor our veterans in Yountville.



Where We've Been **Monterey Car Week**

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



*Packards lining up in front of the crowd to see who will win best in class at Pebble Beach! Foreground: 1940 Custom Super Eight Darrin Convertible Sedan.
Background: 1938 1608 Twelve Convertible Sedan.*

Another crazy week on the Monterey Peninsula has come and gone, and even though the focus increasingly favors European sports- and supercars, plenty of Packards and other classics are still around. The news loves to belabor the negative aspects of the week (e.g., the poor behavior of entitled participants, the spontaneous sideshows in strip mall parking lots and the scores of self-proclaimed social media “influencers” trying to capture at any cost or peril that elusive perfect photo that will expand their online brand), however for those of us bent on enjoying the more traditional events, it’s definitely still worth the trip. While there is plenty to report on from the Little Car Show (cars with engines under 1,800cc’s) to the German “Legends of the Autobahn” show, I’m going to focus on Packards.

This year, we arrived on Tuesday and were pleasantly surprised by the relatively new “Concours for a Cause” in Carmel. One of the many free events for spectators, this show encompassed several blocks of downtown, each with a different car class. There was a wide selection including brass and nickel era cars, American cars (including 2 Packards!), British cars, muscle cars and more. No one make dominated the show for

a nice variety. After a few years during which Carmel's town council successfully shunned most events, much to the chagrin of the local business owners, it was nice to see activity back in downtown. If you're thinking of a show where your Packard would be welcome, this is a good one!



A 1948 Super Deluxe Club Sedan next to a 1950 Lincoln Coupe at the Mecum auction.

Thursday starts with the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance. Spectators are free to wander through the cars they'll pay \$600 to see Sunday at the Concours d'Elegance. Hagerty Insurance even provides complimentary coffee and donuts, if you're able to arrive early enough to get one! This is also your chance to see the cars in motion either as they start the tour or if you position yourself along the Hwy 1 route to Big Sur and back. Thursday is also auction preview day, and there are always Packards for sale!

Friday's Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rallye is another fun event combining a show with a tour along the water and into 17 Mile Drive. There were no Packards this year (I brought Brand X), but the photo on the event's website definitely is trying to attract our kind of cars!



Jeff Mihaly and Christopher Slater scrutinize a 1932 905 Twin Six Coupe Roadster beyond a Duesenberg at the Mecum auction.

Saturday's infamous Concours d'Lemons hilariously attracts the "worst" automobiles around, and while there have been Packards (especially modified ones) in the "Rust Belt American Junk" class, there were none this year.

Sunday, of course, is the main event. Despite in-



A 1917 2-25 Twin Six Runabout on the lawn at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

terest in the hobby shifting to European custom bodied and touring cars, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance continues to have a dedicated Packard class every year, and this year the selection of our revered brand did not disappoint! There was also an interesting Chrysler centennial

class along with a Virgil Exner design retrospective.

Aside from the cars, it's always fun to spot celebrities and run into friends from the club and around the world. Thanks to PAC member Rob Signom of America's Packard Museum in Dayton, OH, I had the opportunity to dine with Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, whose grandfather's secretary/mistress is the lady who modeled for the Rolls Royce mascot, and whose father founded the British National Motor Museum. As I say every year: If you've never had a chance to experience car week, you should make it a bucket list item. Because it happens

practically in our back yard, you can easily pick a day or two to drive down, and many events are free!



Above: Dinner with aristocracy! Clint Moore (left) with Lord Montagu of Beaulieu (2nd from right) and Ohio PAC member Rob Signom (right).

Right: Dressed to impress at Pebble Beach. (l to r) Clint Moore, Jeff Mihaly, Christopher Slater and Orin Kerr.



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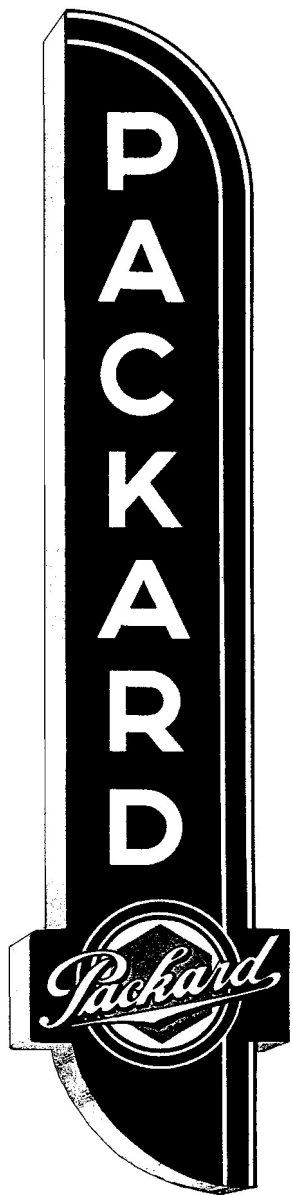
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