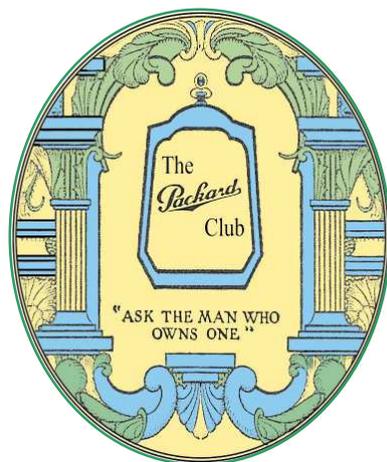


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Director's Report

by

David Pava

Patricia and I thoroughly enjoyed the Western All-Regions tour headquartered in Placerville May 20 -22. For the most part – the weather cooperated and the foothills were lush with greenery as we traversed wonderful, lightly traveled back roads from quaint villages to small towns, taking in antique stores, wineries, a gold-rush-era foundry, and a gold mine - to pass the time between great meals in lovely settings. People from as far away as Los Angeles attended and I am delighted to say that our 1936 -1400 ran perfectly. To the best of my knowledge nobody experienced mechanical difficulties of any significance on this tour.

Our next opportunity to get together is at the Palo Alto Concours. While this is not a NCP event – many of our members attend – as our own Hal Schuette is the event Chairman. I will be there – but not with my Packard as I volunteered to coordinate Horseless Carriage (pre-1916) participation in the Concours, so I will be showing my 1909 (first year of production) Model T Ford. Please stop by and say hi if you are at Stanford on Sunday, June 27.

Our next event will be the annual Club Picnic on July 25. Once again we will join with the Cadillac-LaSalle Group and we hope to see you there. The most current information and reservation forms can be found on our website; <http://www.norcalpackards.org/>

There has been some discussion at the Board level about NCP, possibly in cooperation with some other western regions, sponsoring a Henry Joy tour on the West Coast in 2012. If you have any thoughts on this topic – please share them with me or any NCP Board Member.

I will look forward to seeing you down the road.

David

A Word from your Editor

Bud Juneau

The Spring Driving Tour is covered in this issue (see photo of the auto ferry as seen over the hood of Paul Williams' '33 below) as well as the very-well-run Western Regions tour, beautifully planned and executed by Tina and Jay Hubbard and the Silver Circle Region. A special salute to the Southern California group for making the long trek north.



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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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2010 EVENTS

- JUL 11 (Sun) Board Meeting-Blackhawk Museum - Members welcome
- JUL 17-23 PAC National Meet – Gettysburg, PA
- 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 - Members welcome
- 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

- 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

FROM THE TOUR DIRECTOR'S DESK

Discounted admission tickets for the Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance are available. Save \$5.00 per ticket, must be ordered through the concours website. www.Paconcours.com click on discount tickets located at left sidebar.

Sunday, July 25, 2010 Packard picnic in conjunction with the Cadillac/LaSalle Car Club. Everyone, please drive your Packard to the picnic, Hal is putting together a car competition. I guarantee it will be like no other contest you have ever entered. It will not be a Concours or a Show and Shine. Judges decision will be final.

Becky

For more detailed information on events, check the "**Calendar**" page on the Nor-Cal Packards website at www.norcalpackards.org.

Where We've Been
Spring Driving Tour

April 18, 2010

Text by Bud Juneau

Photos by Bud Juneau, George Beck,
Bill Young, & Doug Moore



The Hills & the Carpenters exiting the "J-Mac."

The Spring driving tour was advertised as "a leisurely drive over country roads for a day of wildflowers, local history, crossing many rivers, two by auto ferry, with lunch in a saloon among the largest collection of animal heads, collected from the far corners of the world." The tour did not disappoint, with all of the above and more. We met in Concord where tourmaster, Bud Juneau handed out detailed directions with mileage keyed to the directions and a running commentary telling of the local points of interest along the way.

We toured through the scenic Marsh Creek Canyon, following the creek to the Brentwood area for our first stop at the John Marsh historic house where local historian, Kathy Leighton gave an interesting talk about John Marsh, the first white man and doctor to settle in the area. We then toured through the



Don & Glenda Sears brought their '41 Darrin, parked next to the Wuichet's '41 touring sedan at the Concord starting point.

Brentwood area, over the Antioch Bridge crossing the San Joaquin River, along the levee that follows the Sacramento River and finally across the Rio Vista Bridge that crosses the Sacramento River. Our lunch stop was at Foster's Bighorn restaurant, where Bud had made arrangements for us to use two convenient bank parking lots right behind the restaurant.

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The Baldwins with the Rio Vista Bridge in the background.

While beverages were being served, the first course arrived which was the house specialty of "Batter Fried Asparagus." This turned out to be a big hit and was followed by Bison Burgers, Chicken Club sandwiches, Chicken Caesar salad, or Bar-B-Que ribs that had been pre-ordered and our delicious lunches were served with no delay. The owner of the saloon, Howard Lamonth spoke to us about the history of the place, told of his buying it in recent years and his talk turned out to be quite entertaining.

After lunch, we met in the parking lot where afternoon driving directions were handed out that included the only free auto ferries still operating in California. Our drive took us right along the Sacramento River at water level to the first ferry, named "The Real McCoy." It was built in 1945, so was right at home with our cars, and would transport us from mainland to Ryer Island. We couldn't fit all of the large Packards on at one time, so we had a nice time to visit while several trips were made to get us all to the island, where the traffic was so sparse that we could stand in the road and chat. A pleasant trip along the edge of the island brought us to the second ferry, the "J-Mac" which would take us to the next island, Grand Island. These islands are not large and we easily

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With little or no traffic on Ryer Island, we were able to relax and chat while waiting for the ferry to bring more Packards. Here we see the Wheeler's '41 with a small group enjoying the day.



A nice line-up of Nor-Cal Packards brought members to enjoy the lush green hills and wildflowers brought on by the wet spring weather.

crossed to The River Road at the Ryde Hotel. Some headed for home while others took a quick drive past "Millionaires Row" in nearby Walnut Grove. One last drawbridge (built in 1929) brought us to the historic downtown district of Isleton for a quick look before heading for home.

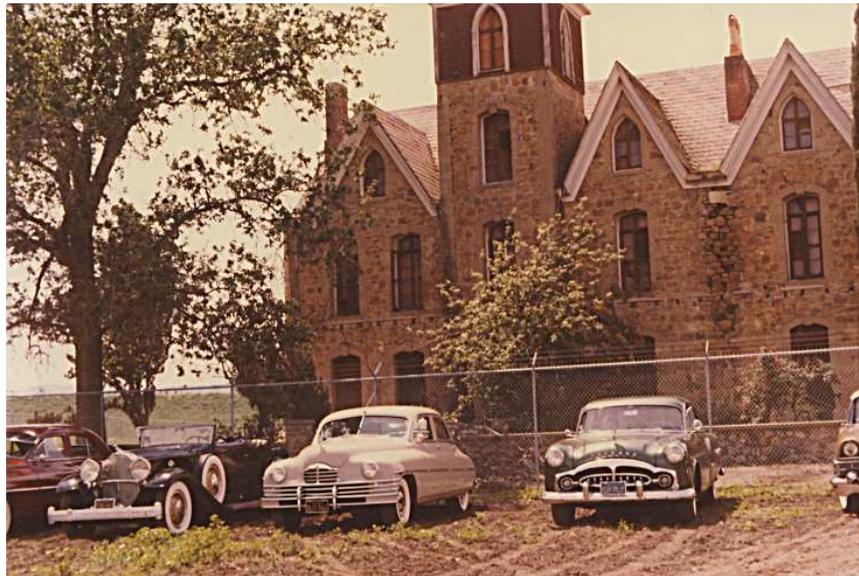


The Kilkenny '34 Twelve Dietrich convertible sedan.

Spring tour continued on next page



The Pava's '36 departing the "J-Mac" ferry with the Baldwins still on board.



Nor-Cal Packards visited the John Marsh home in 1978 as shown in this photo with Bud Juneau's '32 on the left. During this year's visit we could not park in front of the house, due to the restoration in progress.

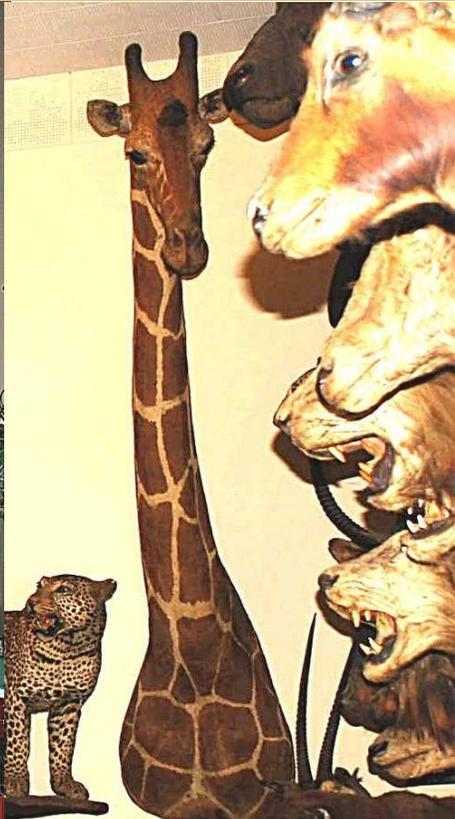


Kathy Leighton of the East Contra Costa historical Society met our group at the Historical Marker honoring Dr. John Marsh. (As seen over the hood of the Toland's '40.) The marker is located directly across the road from the stone home Marsh built in 1856. The house is being restored and will be the cornerstone of a new State Park.

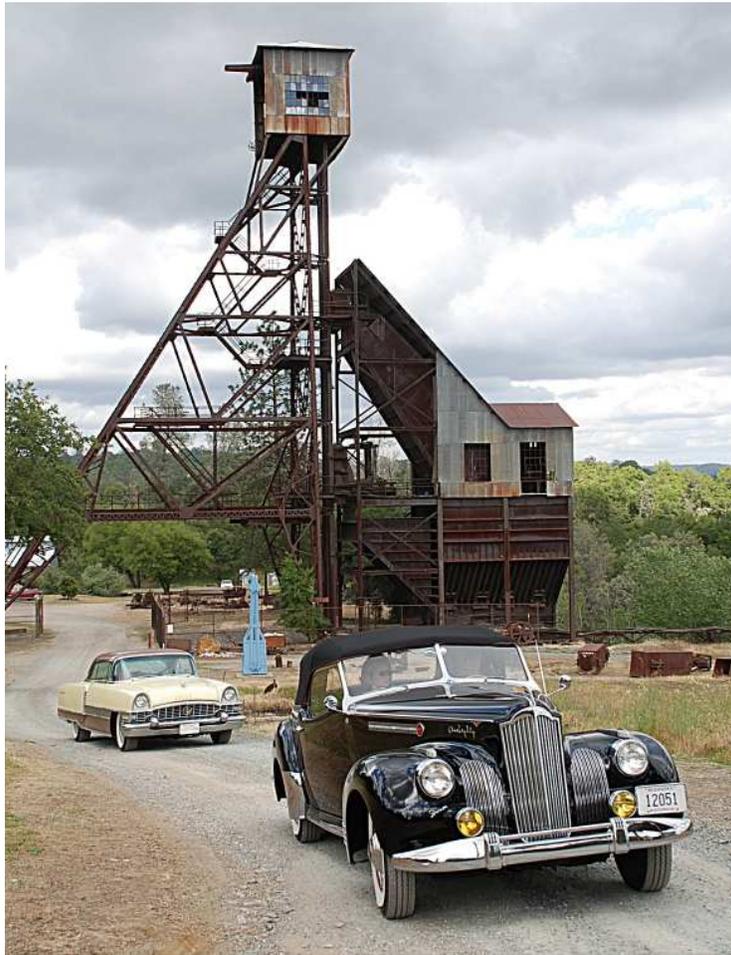
Spring Driving Tour Attendees

George & Eddie Beck	1937 1500 touring sedan
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1941 1901 station wagon
Fred & Pam Hill	1955 400 hardtop
Bud Juneau	
John & Lorraine Kilkenny	1934 1106 convertible sedan
Matt Kilkenny	
Paul & Mary Kraintz	1935 120 sedan
Doug & Julie Moore	
David & Pat Pava	1936 1400 touring sedan
Don & Glenda Sears	1941 1906 conv. victoria Darrin
Philip & Susan Sherman	1956 400 hardtop
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 convertible coupe
Milt & Carolee Wheeler	1941 160 convertible coupe
Gerald & Linda Wuichet	1940 160 touring sedan
William & Rick Young	1954 5411 Clipper Super sedan





Where We've Been
Western Regions Tour 2010
Sierra Gold Country
Hosted by Silver Circle Packards
Text by Tina Hubbard
Photos by George Beck, Pam Hill, & Bud Juneau



Don & Glenda Sears in their '41 Darrin, leaving the Kennedy gold mine, followed by Earl Rubenstein & Wendy White in the Automobile Driving Museum's low-mileage, all-original '55 400 HT.



Bill & Dorine Ramsden's newly-restored '32 903 convertible coupe.

The weather was iffy, with winter hanging on. Rain and cold were imminent for most of May. Still, that didn't deter PAC members from making the drive to this year's Western Regions tour.

California's gold rush country was this year's setting, Placerville was the hub, and the Historic *Cary House* was the hotel for the annual tour, hosted this time by Silver Circle Packards. Dubbed 'Packards in Placerville', this year's tour drew sixteen Packard automobiles and a total of 54 new and old friends May 20th through 22nd. Veterans of past tours know it's always a great driving tour to kick off the dust of winter, a relaxed, low-key get together to talk Packards, kick tires, welcome new faces and catch up with friends. This year's tour was all of that.

Over the three days of touring, we drove our cars approximately 145 miles. Our long line of beautiful cars wound up and down the winding California foothill roads staying mostly on picturesque old Highway 49. From out the lead-car's rear window (Jim and Liz Chase's 1936 1400 Touring Sedan), I looked back on a mix of pre and post-war Packards never able to see all of them at once; my husband, Jay Hubbard (tour master of the weekend), was on the radio with John and Bonnie Fuller who were handling drag and on the cell phone with Tracie Beaumont and Jim Burke somewhere at the back of the pack, keeping everyone together through lights and intersections, crossing traffic, and forming up on shoulders when needed. Everyone did well at keeping together, and enjoyed the foothills that were still green and dotted with wild

flowers.

Thursday's early tour to Coloma's Marshall Gold Discovery Site and the Gold Hill Winery and Brewery was a nice kick-start. Then Friday morning, our official start, the whole group assembled and we ventured our way down 49 to Sutter Creek and the Knight Foundry. Russ Johnson (iron master) gave us an education about the foundry's history and operations. The place appeared ready to work as if it had just closed its doors. We prospected for lunch in Sutter Creek, stopped at the Monte Verde General Store for a peek back in time, and then each Packard pulled into Capps Garage for a photo op by the old filling pumps as we lined up to leave town. Friday ended with a guided tour of the Kennedy Gold mine in nearby Jackson. We began Saturday morning at James and Jenny McCormack's home in Placerville. Their hospitality will be unrivaled for some time. With very little notice, 54 people and 16 Packards visited their private collection and enjoyed a nice breakfast buffet. Later, we toured to the Terra d'Oro Winery in the Shenandoah Valley near Plymouth for wine tasting and a very nice picnic lunch. The afternoon was free to tour the wineries of Amador County before enjoying the ride back to the hotel. That night we ended

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At the Knight Foundry in Sutter Creek, our guide showed us the original Knight Wheel that had cups that were hit by a stream of water that turned the wheel and powered the entire shop.



The Nelson's '34 Twelve, (right) on its first outing since receiving a complete restoration, is seen here with the Beck's '37 Super 8.

with a nice evening and banquet at the historic Sierra Nevada House in Coloma, along the American River.

Thanks to our friends from Southern California (Earle C. Anthony Region) for braving the long trip up (with one casualty -- the Zimmerman's 1940 120 which sadly broke down on the way). Special mention to John and Bonnie Fuller for being the only mechanical breakdown *during* the tour when their trunk jammed shut. John was right on it by driving his 54 Pacific Fire Chief Car across the street to receive an assist and yes another great photo op from the Placerville Fire Department!

Our cars turned heads all weekend, our people enjoyed their stay, and wherever our group arrived, the area became instantly dressed up! That's what always happens on Packard tours! If you missed this one, please join us next time. Thanks to everyone for attending!



Jim Burke's '53 Caribbean



The Carpenter's '41 120 and the Henretty's '37 120 by the historic "dynamite storage building" at the Kennedy gold mine.

Paul Williams '33 and the Fuller's '54 Fire-chief car at the "Driven" winery.



The Chase's '36, Pava's '36, and Titus' '40.



*Nelson's '34, Chase's '36, Wheeler's '47, and Titus' '40
at the Kennedy gold mine.*

Western Regions Meet Attendees

Stan & Jeri Baldwin	Alan & Ana Nelson
Mark & Kay Barchas	David & Patricia Pava
George & Eddie Beck	Stella Pyrttek-Blond & Charlie Peters
Jim Burke & Tracie Beaumont	Bill & Dorine Ramsden
Ron & Mary Carpenter	Ray & Brenda Robertson
Jim & Liz Chase	Earl Rubenstein & Wendy White
John & Bonnie Fuller	Don & Glenda Sears
Bill & Barbara Henretty	Greg Titus
Fred & Pam Hill	Bruno Ferrera
Jack & Merna Holmes	Milt & Carolee Wheeler
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Jay & Tina Hubbard	Paul Williams
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James & Jenny McCormack	Stan & Myrna Zimmerman
Doug & Julie Moore	

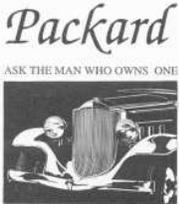
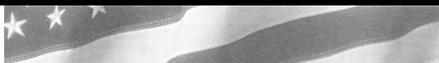


*Titus' '40, Hill's '55, Carpenter's '41, Sears' '41, Williams' '34
at the "Driven" winery by their automotive junk-art yard.*



The Henretty's '37 and the Barchas' '40 at the McCormack collection.

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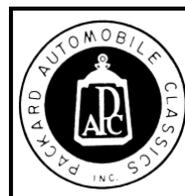
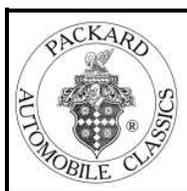
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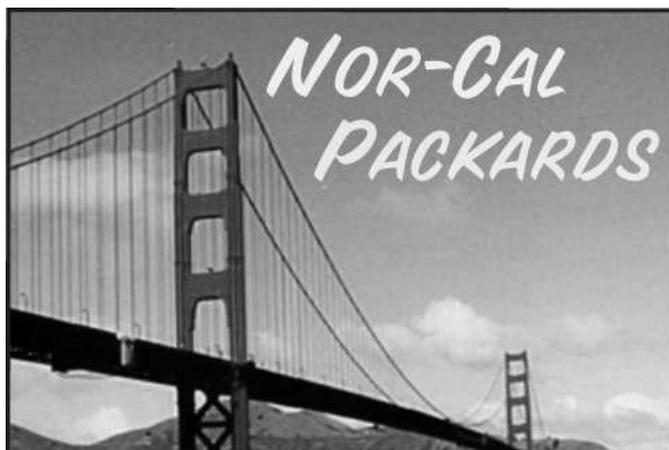
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