

The Pious Pelican
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Director's Report
by
David Pava

It was nice to see so many of our members at our recent tour of the Hornet, a retired US Navy aircraft carrier, now open to the public in Alameda. We were joined by members of the Rolls- Royce Club and those who drove their Packards and Rolls were treated to priority parking on the pier adjacent to the ship. Two excellent and very knowledgeable docents guided our group on a tour of the ship providing access to many areas not typically open to visitors. Lunch at a local restaurant followed. Tour leader Bill Young did an excellent job planning this event and Phil Sherman coordinated participation by the Rolls-Royce club.

As I write this, quite a few of our members are preparing to depart for the Western Regions Tour, hosted by the Los Angeles chapter in Camarillo this year. Visits to several museums are planned. No doubt this annual event will be reported on in detail in the next edition of *the Pelican*.

Your board met on April 15th and I am pleased to report that our membership is at an all-time high and that our finances are in excellent order. We have wonderful tours planned for May (Morro Bay overnighter), June (Sturgeons Mill) and in July we will once again return to Portal Park for a picnic with the CCCA and CLC. There is at least one NCP event planned for every month for the balance of the year, so be sure to check our website www.norcalpackards.org for the latest information. As a reminder, paper tour notices are no longer mailed (unless specifically requested). Tour information is sent to members by email and the most up-to-the- minute information is posted on our Web-site, which is kept very current by George Beck.

On a more personal note, Patricia and I are in the process of relocating to El Dorado County. Our (too small) house is for sale and we have started searching for our new home, but have not purchased one yet. More garage and shop space – along with on-site trailer parking - are high on the desired-attributes list. As some of you know, we now have three antique cars stuffed into a two-car garage. While it is extremely likely that we will be moving in the next few months, we plan to remain members of and active in the Northern California Packards. I plan to complete my current term as your Director, but will not remain on the board next year, as it may be difficult to attend all the board meetings, given the anticipated distance from our new home. Once we are settled, we will host a tour in our new neighborhood.

I look forward to seeing you down the road.

David Pava

A Word from your Editor

Bud Juneau

Just trying to get this issue into the mail before we leave for the Western Regions Meet at Camarillo.

You received your National Ballot in the April 2012 issue of *The Cormorant News Bulletin* and I hope you will take the time to vote. The ballot is on pages 5 and 6 and the details on sending it in are there, too.

Spring seems to have sprung, as it was 90 degrees here in Brentwood yesterday. Helen Twelvecylinders, my Packard, was named for Helen Twelvetrees, the actress and singer. I installed a new battery over the winter and she now starts right up. She hopes to get out on some tours this year.

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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2012 EVENTS

April 26-29 - Western Regions Tour, Los Angeles

May 19-21 - Morro Bay Overnighter

June 1-3 - Goodguys summer get together display - Pleasanton

June 17 - Sturgeon's Mill Tour

July 8 - Board Meeting at Blackhawk. 1 PM

July 29 - Annual Portal Park Picnic

August 7 - El Camino Real 100th Anniv. Drive

September 9 - Packard Swap Meet at Vallejo

September 17-21 - PAC National Meet, Williamsburg, VA

September 23 - Carter Collection - Los Gatos

October 14 - Board Meeting at Autovino: 1 PM

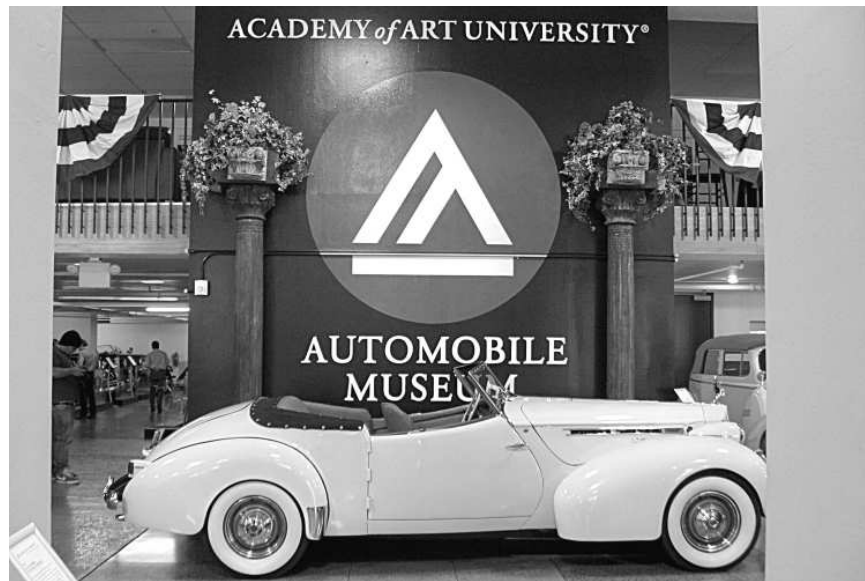
October 26-28 - Gold Country Overnight Tour

November 17 - Upholstery Resto Tech Tour - Redwood City

December 9 - Annual Holiday Luncheon - Mtn. View

Where We've Been
Academy of Art University

February 23, 2012
Text by Hal Schuette
Photos by George Beck



**ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY AUTOMOBILE
MUSEUM AND DESIGN STUDIO TOUR**

The Academy of Art University invited Nor-Cal Packards to visit its two Automobile Museums on Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. The Washington Street location includes about 35 automobiles and the O'Farrell location includes about 150 automobiles. All automobiles are maintained and displayed in Concours condition. Of particular interest are two of the new additions, a spectacular 1928 Isotta-Fraschini roadster and a 1928 Daimler P- 150 Royal Limousine, 22-feet long, 7-feet tall and 8,300 pounds with a big V-12 engine. The Daimler is outstanding; every nut and bolt looks brand new! Our tour also included a visit to the Academy School of Industrial Design Studios.

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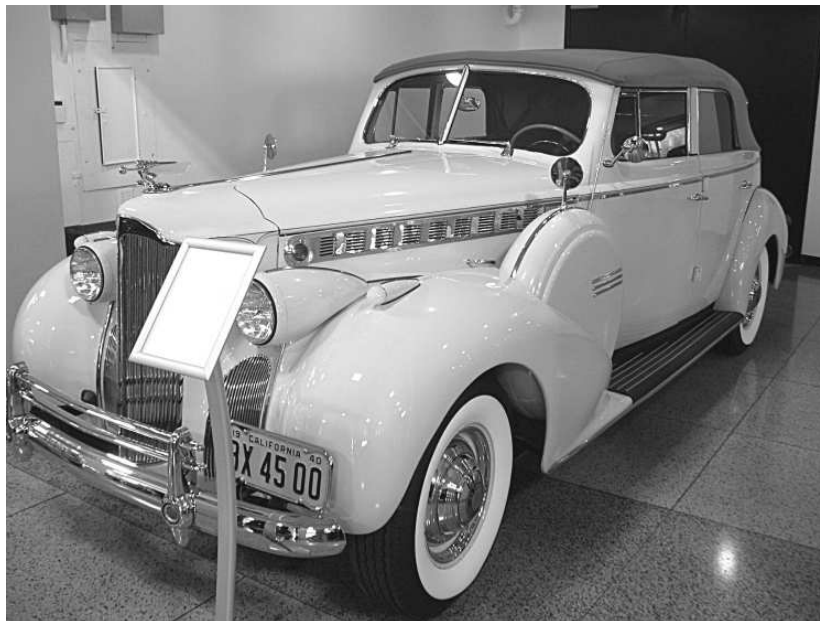
We met at the Academy Van Ness/Washington St Museum at 10:30 AM. Hal welcomed all 61 participants and introduced The Automobile Museum Curator, Paul Borgwardt. Paul, by the way, also is the Nor-Cal Classic Car Club of America Director. According to Paul, The Academy, founded by our member, Richard Stephen's father in 1929 is presently run by his daughter, Dr. Elisa Stephens. The Academy has grown from its humble beginnings to more than 18,000 students with over 30 buildings in downtown San Francisco and now is the largest private art and design university in the nation. The Academy is a fully-accredited university participating in collegiate Baseball and Basketball sports.

Tom Matano, director of the Industrial Design School, invited us to tour the studios in groups of five and six, led by one of his students. It was very interesting to visit the classrooms and interact with the motivated and excited design Students.

At 11:30 AM we wandered about ten blocks south on Van Ness Ave. to Tommy's Joynt for lunch. Tommy's Joynt founded in 1947 is the original Hof-brau of San Francisco, "Where Turkey is King". The special of the day was lamb shanks with boiled potatoes and other veggies (outstanding). The menu selections are extensive and the atmosphere, like their food, no frills. Sam the manager saved the back room for Nor-Cal Packards. Some of the folks went over to Mel's across the street for Hamburgers.

At 1:00 PM we regrouped at the O'Farrell Museum. Paul Borgwardt conducted our tour for all three floors of fabulous Automobiles. It is unbelievable 150 cars fit into this site. The Academy is well on its way to housing one of the most outstanding

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1940 Super-8 160 convertible sedan.

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Automobile collections in the world. These museums will soon become a San Francisco automotive destination site. It is exciting to get up close and take in the design and engineering of these Automobiles, they are truly a form of art. The Academy is a worthy curator and custodian.

Great cars, good food and most important great companionship; it was a wonderful event!

Academy of Art Tour Participants

Dean Scott, Dave & Patricia Pava, Tim & Kathie Toland, Hal Schuette, Tony D'Amato, Paul & William Chapot, Gary Hermanson, Steve and Kathy Pedone, James Caleshu, Jim Laughlin, Bob Harrell, Joe & Vincent Malta, Phil Sherman, Alan Nelson, Larry Nannini, George Beck, Stephen Austin, Jack Holmes, Bill Young, Joe Davis, Rod Derbyshire, Mary Ann Carmack, Bob McCoy, Lee & Valerie Baker, Gregory Franklin, Warren Lubich, Craig Lynch, Bill Kaiser, Mark Edwards, Fred & Pam Hill, Phil Sherman, David Koski, Jim Baubel, Neil Gapoff, Don Sears, Jerry & Linda Wuichet, Jeff Adkins, Robert Huber, Chuck & Alma Holmes, George Myers, Robert & Nancy Barton, Rich Hershey, Everett Price & Paul Williams.



1934 Super-8 dual-cowl phaeton with Wood Lites.



Part of the group heading for the balcony.



1931 Waterhouse convertible victoria..



1934 Twelve 1204 club sedan



1934 LeBaron sport phaeton



1933 Twelve 1006 sport phaeton



1931 Derham convertible coupe

Where We've Been **The USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier**

March 25, 2012

Text by Bill Young

Photos by Richard Murray



Congratulations are due to all who braved the threatening weather to attend our outstanding tour of the USS Hornet on March 25, 2012. Among the 49 Packard Club members were: Mark & Kay Barchas, George & Eddie Beck and guests (Gary & Pat Dykman), Tom & Toni Bergeron, Allen & Vonda Breed with (6 guests), Roy & Elaine Brett, with (6 guests) Rodney Derbyshire with (7 guests), Fred Hill, Warren Lubich, Bob McCoy, Joe Munch & Pat Shriver, Martin Packard with (6 guests) David & Pat Pava, Phil & Susan Sherman, Bill Simpkins, John Ulrich & Blanche Korfman, Milt Wheeler & grandchildren, and Bill Young.

Warren Lubich arrived with his 1950 Super Deluxe sedan. Milt Wheeler also arrived with his grandchildren in his 1947 Custom Super 8 sedan. They braved the elements, and were rewarded with prime locations on the dock.

The Rolls Royce club brought five Bentleys and Two Rolls-Royces, and had 31 members who attended the tour. Packard Club members Phil and Susan Sherman also acted as host and hostess for the Rolls-Royce group, as they also are members of

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that club. Phil and Susan brought their 1993 Bentley Brooklands to the tour.

Thanks should also be given to USS Hornet employee Heidi Schave for her assistance in obtaining Docents for this event. Special thanks also go to all the Docents, who made the tour very interesting and very special.

We started promptly at 10 AM, and finished at 1 PM, although there was still much more that could be seen on this massive aircraft carrier, and would require future visits for those who are interested.

We were privileged to visit the Engine Room, Brig, Hangar Deck, Flight deck, and the "Carrier Island," which includes the Navigation Bridge, Chart Room, and Pilot House. The flight deck was interesting with catapults and landing area. The Second Deck included a berthing area, Ready room, the Sick Bay, CPO lounge, and Torpedo Shop. Some were privileged to sit in the Captain's Chair and pretend to steer the ship.

Tour attendees also saw various examples of the aircraft that served on the Carrier during its 27-year history of active duty from 1943 through 1970. These included World War II vintage and Viet Nam era combat planes and helicopters as well as an Apollo Space Capsule. The Hornet should forever be remembered for its crew's heroism in War Time and as the ship that was used to recover the Apollo 11 and Apollo 12 Moon Mission crews.

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After the tour, we drove approximately 2 miles to Pier 29 for lunch. Thanks go out to that restaurant for setting aside a banquet room, and for providing good service and a varied menu. We enjoyed good food and good company.

Your Tour Leader and Membership Director neglected to acknowledge that two new members, Joe Munch & Pat Shriver, were attending their first Packard event.

Thanks go out again to all who attended.





***Minutes of Board Meeting
January 8, 2012***

Members Present: Mark Barchas, Becky Schuette, Hal Schuette, John Lyons, Phil Sherman, George Beck, Bill Young, Steven Austin, David Pava, Bob McCoy and Milton Wheeler.

Voted: To approve the October board Minutes.

Treasurers Report: The club is currently financially solvent with an increase to the club coffer's bottom line. The auction at our holiday party added much to our club's financial resources.

Membership: Bill Young reported that we currently have 88 renewal applications and are still waiting for the balance of our former members to send in their applications. Bill will send E-mail's and letters to former members with a telephone call as a follow up. Bill wants to get the MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY out in February.

Projects: Phil Sherman told us what our inventory numbers were for various items we have in stock. We have many items that it was felt that club members would like to purchase. There was some discussion as to have Polo Style Shirts with the Packard script imprinted so we can have a club Packard Club shirt available. No decision was made at that time.

Technical: Bob McCoy suggested that if our Packards are sitting idle for the winter that we charge the battery periodically. There was some discussion about Oil Additives. The board asked John Lyons to research information and write an article for *the Pious Pelican*.

Web Site: George Beck warned us about "Ads" that may not be appropriate for our web site. He has currently removed some ads from the site. George also up dates the information for the consolidated club calendar.

Holiday Party: The membership enjoyed the Holiday Party and the music presented by the Bay Area Men's Chorus. It seems the silent auction was a big hit! So, we will plan on having one again next year.

New Business: Voted in the new Board Officers for 2012. David Pava has accepted the Directorship with all members holding the same office as last year with the exception of John Lyons who will be the assistant to Bob McCoy in technical information. Phil Sherman moved that we accept the slate of current officers as presented. It was seconded by Hal Schuette. Voted unanimously.

Tours: 2012 Tour schedule will be posted in the bulletin and on the website.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Milton Wheeler, Secretary

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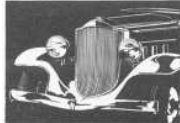
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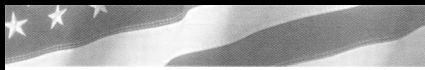


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