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Summer Has Arrived! It's time to get our Packards out into the sunshine! Nor-Cal membership is at an all-time high! 130 families and growing! Thank you Bill Young for your friendly persuasion and diligent follow-up. The entire board is doing an outstanding job, thank you for your support and dedication. It certainly is a labor of Packard love. Thanks to Jay and Tina Hubbard of the Silver Circle Packard Region for setting up another nice Western Regions Packard Tour.

We were invited by Dr. Elisa Stephens, President of the Academy of Art University and her father, Nor-Cal Packards member, Richard Stephens and the mayor of San Francisco, Mr. Lee to view a wonderful portion of the Academy of Art's Automobile Collection at the San Francisco Palace of Fine Art on June 10th. The special opening day event was a fund-raiser for the survivors of Oklahoma's devastating tornados. The following Nor-Cal Packard members attended: John and Lorraine Blackburn, Dr. Neal and Barbara Gapoff, Larry and Susan Nannini, Hal and Becky Schuette, and Richard and Susanne Stephens. The Classic Cars and Student art works will be open to the public at no charge until June 30th.

The Lincoln Highway tour began on June 20th, with about 45 cars starting from Times Square, New York City and about 45 cars starting from San Francisco. Our secretary, Milton Wheeler and his wife Carolee had their '47 Packard shipped to New York for their wonderful Lincoln Highway Tour. Milton is taking extensive pictures and videos to share with us in the near future.

July 21st is the date of the 57th Annual Hillsborough Concours. Although the entry date has passed, discounted tickets are available over the internet. Enter Code: car13 at www.hillsboroughconcours.org. The Free Automobile Seminar this year will feature a presentation by Tom Matano, Director of Design, Academy of Art University. Mr. Matano has extensive automobile design history.

July 28th is our annual picnic hosted by the Nor-Cal Cadillac La Salle Club. This year they feature, "All You Can Eat" Bar-B-Que. This is a fantastic car show, over 200 cars, all marques. This event will be chaired by our board member Stephen Austin. Stephen will be sending out another informational E-Mail and snail mail flyer shortly. More information is also available on our website. All Packards will park together.

September 8th look for the outstanding Packard and Classic Car swap meet in Vallejo. More information to follow via E-Mail and snail mail flyer shortly. Also, check our website for more info. Save the date, your car stuff and sign up.

Packard education is fun, park your Packard anywhere and hang out to answer questions. With a Packard one could run for political office!

Always check out your website for current information. Tour leaders and board members are updating all the time. Drop me a line with your ideas!

Best Regards,

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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.

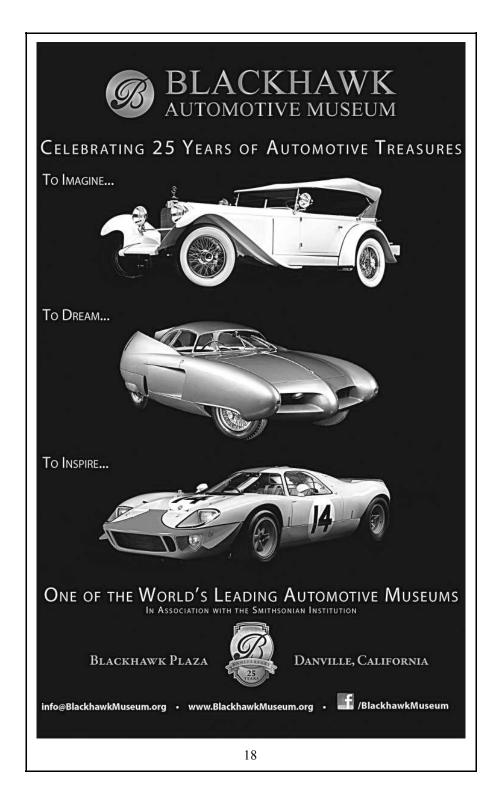
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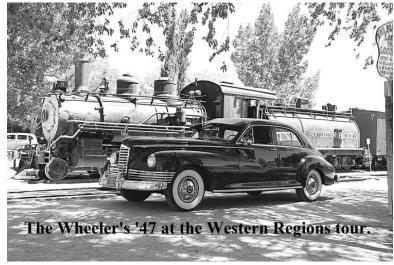






2013 EVENTS

June 23 - 28	National Meet, Detroit area
Jul 14	Board Meeting - Blackhawk Museum
Jul 28	Annual Membership Picnic - Portal Park
Aug. 6-14	Hot August Nights - Reno
Aug 18	Pebble Beach Concours
Sep 8	Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet - Vallejo
Sep 28	Ironstone Concours - Murphys
Oct 4	Overnighter Driving Tour
Oct 20	Board Meeting - Auto Vino
Nov 3	Great Marin County Cheese Tour
Dec 8	Holiday Luncheon - Vallejo



Where We've Been

Western Regions Tour May 17 & 18, 2013 Text & Photos by Bud Juneau



Packards at the Laws Railroad Museum

The 2013 Western Regions tour was hosted by Silver Circle Packards with arrangements made by the able tourmaster, Jay Hubbard and his wife, Tina. We arrived in Bishop on Thursday the 16th after a spectacular drive in the Sierra that included parts of Yosemite National Park and over Tioga Pass at 9,943 feet. Bishop is a thriving community near to the popular Mammoth Lakes ski area. Tour headquarters were at the Vagabond Inn and in addition to Packard people there were many fishermen with their gear ready to hit the local waterways.

Thursday evening, members from Silver Circle, Nor-Cal, Earle C. Anthony and Packards East regions gathered in a nearby restaurant for a delicious Mexican dinner. This was just the beginning of a tour that some described as "just lurching from one good meal to the next."

Friday morning we were ready for our first day's tours and had the usual parking lot meeting before departing. The drive south to Manzanar on a beautiful 4-lane highway was remarkable for its lack of traffic. It was hard to believe that we were still in *(Continued on page 5)*

NOR-CAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2013 1:00 PM

Members Present: Hal Schuette, Becky Schuette, Phil Sherman, Bill Young, Mark Barchas, Steven Austin, Jeff Mihaly, and Milton Wheeler

Voted – To accept the January board meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report—Mark Barchas gave a copy of his report to the Board. He stated that our cash flow is good, however, the revenue is down slightly. The good news is that our tours are paying for themselves and the bank balance is still on the positive side. The question was raised as to how much money can we have in our 501-C3? Milton is to check with his son Randy, who is a financial consultant, for the answer.

Tours – Becky Schuette, tour director, reported that the Hiller Museum tour went exceedingly well. The next tour for March was the Garage Tour starting at Specialty Sales then to Dick De Luna's garage with lunch at BJ's in Cupertino then on to Joe Rizzi's new garage in Los Altos. On April 27, the tour will be to Canepa's Auto Restoration and Showroom. In May will be our Western Regions Tour to Bishop and this will be our Spring over-niter. It is being planned. Looking ahead, August 25, 2013, will be the Blackhawk 25th Anniversary. Can the Packard Club be involved? We will wait and see.

Membership – Bill Young, our Membership Director, reported that in 2013 our membership started at 122 and peaked at 133. We also have extra Directories in case anyone needs one.

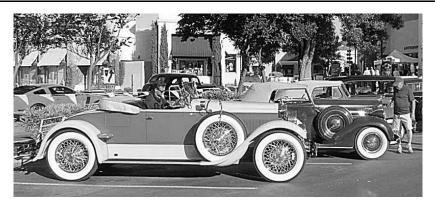
Health & Welfare - Steven Austin reports that everyone is healthy!

Projects – Phil Sherman informed us that we are down to ten caps and six Packard mugs - our largest sellers. Should we order new hats? Possibly Safari hats, etc. Phil will check on the cost of new hats for the next board meeting. Jeff Mihaly asked if we could have PACKARD embroidered on polo shirts? The question of should we be involved with Packard parts? Becky Schuette will put a notice in *The Pious Pelican* asking what Packard parts do we need?

New Business – The June tour to the Good Guy's show has been cancelled, but a gathering at Black Hawk is being planned.

Adjourned at 3:00 pm

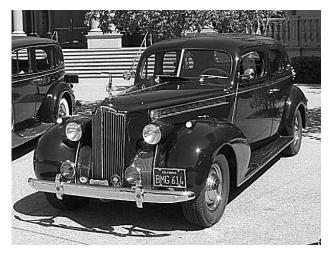
Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler Secretary



Unknown new prospective member and Bob McCoy's '36 conv. coupe.



Group shot on the Blackhawk Plaza.



Steve Weir & John Hemm's '40 110 sedan.

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California. The backside of the Sierra range was on our right as we traveled south and made a beautiful backdrop in the morning light. Manzanar was one of ten camps created during World War II to house people of Japanese ancestry from the west coast. Our tour guide was well qualified to tell us about the camp as he had lived there as a child between 1942 and 1945. Manzanar is now a National Historic Site and the documented history is extremely interesting. The Interpretive Center is located in the restored auditorium/gymnasium of the camp, built in 1944. There are several barracks buildings and mess halls that have been reconstructed to give an idea about daily living in the camp. An interesting monument was built during the war in the cemetery to honor those who passed away in the camp, and it survives today in the cemetery area. This tour set the tone for the meet in that it was very interesting and not your usual tourist spots.

Our caravan toured south after leaving Manzanar to the town of Lone Pine where we had a great lunch at the Mt. Whitney Restaurant. The walls were covered with movie star photos, many signed to the restaurant owner; a testament to what had gone on in the town in the early days of the movies. Little did we know until our next stop at the Lone Pine Film History Museum that the rocky badlands in the nearby Alabama Hills had been location to untold hundreds of films. Our visit began with a video telling of the many films made over the years with favorites such as Roy Rogers, Hopalong Cassidy, The Lone Ranger, and John Wayne. Early films such as the silent film, *The Round Up*, with Fatty Arbuckle, *Gunga Din, How the West was Won*, and Bad Day at Black Rock (Continued on page 6)



A model of Manzanar showed how the camp was laid out during the war.

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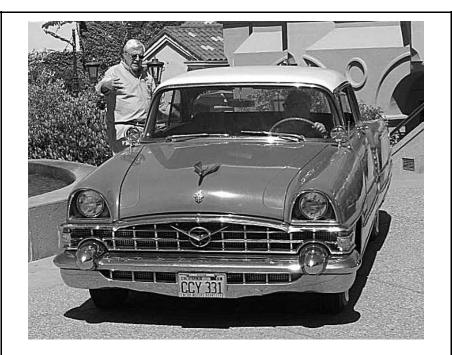
were followed by science-fiction films including *Star Wars*. All of this brought prosperity to Lone Pine as Hollywood crews, producers, directors, and stars found the nearby rocky backdrops a perfect venue for their productions – and not too far from Hollywood. A '41 Buick convertible owned by Gene Autry and a Plymouth coupe driven by Humphrey Bogart were among the displays in the museum. We took a quick tour of the Alabama Hills and were impressed with the wonderful variety of rock formations, valleys, canyons, and open country. It was late afternoon by then, so we toured back north to Bishop for an evening on our own.

The next morning we could sleep in a bit for a 10 AM departure. We toured a few miles to The Laws Railroad Museum and Historical Site. Laws had been a town that grew because of gold and silver mines in the nearby mountains and the railroad benefited from it as well. The Bishop Historical Society has done a wonderful job of saving original local buildings and filling them with period artifacts. An operating motorcar from the Death Valley Railroad was running around the property for our enjoyment. Mid-day, delicious boxed lunches arrived, thanks to Jay Hubbard, from another famous institution in Bishop, Erick Schat's Bakkery. (Yes, that's how they spell it.) Chips, cookies, and soft drinks were available making a wonderful picnic among the Packards, old trains, and historic buildings.

That afternoon, many of us opted to travel to the home of some rare Bristle-Cone Pine trees in the nearby White Mountains. We doubled up in modern cars since the (Continued on page 12)



The Beck's '37 Super Eight at Manzanar.



George Beck assisting Phil Sherman in parking his Packard 400.

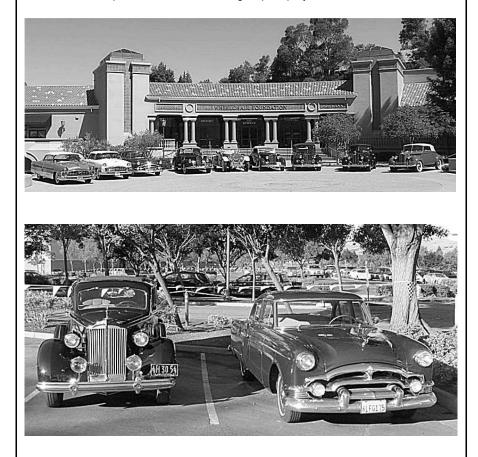


Tim Toland's '40 110 convertible.

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Where We've Been Coffee & Cars at Blackhawk June 2, 2013 Photos by Bill Young

On June 2nd, Nor-Cal members met in the morning at Blackhawk Museum for the first "Coffee & Cars" meet. Among those attending were Mike Barentson, George Beck, Fred Hill, Bob McCoy, Joe Munsch, Phil Sherman, Tim Toland, Steve Weir, John Hemm, Milt Wheeler, and Bill Young. The Packards were later allowed to park on the Plaza for a group display.



George Beck's '37 Super Eight and Bill Young's '54 in the lower parking lot at Blackhawk.



The Carpenters on the morning drive.



The Rubensteins and Zimmermans enjoying the Sierra views.



The Wheelers at the restored Laws train station.



John Ulrich's '40 120 in the Alabama Hills, setting for many famous movies down through the years.



The restored Brill motorcar was available for our enjoyment all day at the Laws Railroad Museum.

WESTERN REGIONS TOUR ATTENDEES

George & Eddie Beck Bob & Gail Bryant Ron & Mary Carpenter Jim & Liz Chase Jack & Merna Holmes Jay Hubbard Bud Juneau Bob & Mary Jane Mc Coy Clint Moore Doug & Julie Moore Stella Pyrtek-Blond Earl Rubenstein & Wendy White Tim & Kathy Toland John Ulrich & Blanche Korfmacher Milton & Carolee Wheeler Stan & Myrna Zimmerman

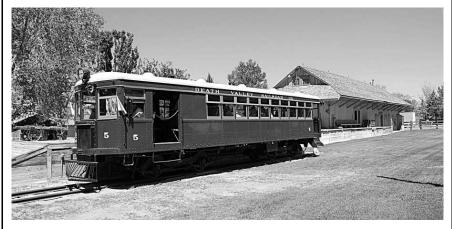
1937 Super Eight sedan

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1940 120 sedan 1940 110 convertible coupe 1940 120 coupe 1947 Clipper Custom Eight sedan 1940 120 sedan

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road would rise sharply to over 10,000 feet and was not recommended for Packards. Once on the road up we could see that we had made the right choice. A few brave souls took a hike to even greater heights to see more of the Pines. Many of these trees are among the oldest living things on earth having survived for over 4,000 years. Our trip down the mountain provided some spectacular vistas of the valley below as we used low gear to save the brakes. That evening we met at The Whiskey Creek Grill for our farewell banquet and said our good-byes to our Packard friends until we meet again at another fun-filled Western Regions Meet.



The motorcar at the Laws Railroad Museum had formerly served on the Death Valley Railroad and was marked for it.



We enjoyed a catered picnic lunch at Laws Historic Site delivered by tourmaster, Jay Hubbard.



The Tolands on the road to Manzanar.



The Becks enjoying the morning light on the Sierra.

