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***The Pious Pelican***  
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**Director's Report**

At our recent board meeting at Blackhawk, our first order of business was to choose officers for the year. Among the open positions was the Director position, which was vacated by Hal Schuette at the end of 2013. Hal did a wonderful job as Director in 2013 and Becky likewise with her position of Tour Coordinator. The board nominated and voted to put me in the position of Director for the 2014 year and I thank them for their confidence. You can find a list of all the members of the board on the page just opposite this message. As you know, all of us serve our club as volunteers. Our goal is always to provide an opportunity for Packard enthusiasts to enjoy the cars and have associations with those who do.

Our new Tour Director, Joe Munsch is planning a fabulous outing in March that will include a stop at the renowned collection of Jack Passey. If you've never been to Jack's collection, this is an absolute "must see." Your experience at Jack's will be escalated if you do a bit of homework so if you can, find a copy of Jack's book For the Love of Old Cars and give it a good read. It's hard to put down once you begin! Many of the cars in the book will be available for viewing at the collection and because you'll know the story behind the cars, the experience will be that much richer and interesting.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we are heading for a garage tour to Petaluma. We will be visiting a garage that has never been visited before and will see Packards plus lots of other interesting vehicles particularly 50s "big fin" cars. We will have a lunch stop as well and can enjoy driving our Packards on wonderful country roads.

Have you attended a Packard National meet lately? I had more fun than I thought possible at the 2013 meet in Pontiac, Michigan. This year, the meet is in the birthplace of Packard: Warren, Ohio from July 15-20, 2014. They haven't hosted a meet since the Packard Centennial in 1999 so here is a great chance to head to, or back to, Warren.

The Western Regions Tour is being organized this year by Milton Wheeler who is also the Secretary on our Board. The tour is based out of Monterey and will be May 16-18. This is a great opportunity to see Packards not normally seen since this tour includes the Silver Circle (Nevada) and the Earle C. Anthony (Los Angeles) regions of PAC.

As always, we are looking for ideas of garages to see and tours we should be making. Please contact a board member to express your ideas or come to our next board meeting in April; your presence is always welcome and appreciated. So, get those Packards ready for a great season of touring and fun with your Northern California Packard region. Hope to see everyone on the road.

Jeff Mihaly

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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 Chairman, Bob McCoy know, so he 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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**2014 EVENTS**

Mar. 7, 2014 - Littlefield Military Collection

Mar 30, 2014 - Back roads tour to Morgan & Passey Collections

Apr 4-6, 2014 - Texas Packard Meet-Salado

Apr 13, 2014 - Board Meeting - Auto Vino

Apr 27, 2014 - Petaluma Garage Tour

May 16-18, 2014 - Annual Western Regions Tour

Jun 22, 2014 - Marin Headlands Tour

Jul 13, 2014 - Board Meeting-Blackhawk Automotive Museum

Jul 27, 2014 - Annual Membership Picnic-Portal Park Cupertino

August 12-17, 2014 - Pebble Beach Concours

Sep 7, 2014 - Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet - Vallejo

Oct 19, 2014 - Board Meeting - Auto Vino

Nov. 8, 2014 - Lafayette to Sunol driving tour

Dec 14, 2014 - Annual Holiday Luncheon, Mountain View

**Where We've Been**  
***A Day at the Movies***

January 12, 2014

Text & Photos by Tourmaster, George Beck



*On the Blackhawk Plaza: The Hills' '39, McCoys' '36, Carpenters' '41, Wheelers' '47, Becks' '37 and Young's '54.*

We kicked off the 2014 Nor-Cal Packards events season with another visit to Blackhawk Automotive Museum on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for "A Day at the Movies." This year's feature was the PBS documentary, "A Ride Along The Lincoln Highway," which took us along America's first coast-to-coast paved highway, following the route from Times Square to San Francisco. Members enjoyed popcorn and movie candy provided by hosts Mary Jane and Bob McCoy and Eddie and George Beck.

After our deli sandwich lunch, we were treated to a real-life perspective of traveling the Lincoln Highway from Carolee and Milton Wheeler. They shipped their 1947 Custom Super Eight sedan to New York City and

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*Pam & Fred Hill arriving in their '39 1701 Eight coupe.*



*Carolee & Milt Wheeler brought their '47 Custom Super Clipper.*



*Ellie Power & Rick Young by Bill Young's '54 Clipper DeLuxe.*



*Eddie & George Beck's '37 Super Eight..*



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retraced the Lincoln Highway route to San Francisco as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in July 2013. Special thanks to the Wheelers for a great job and the music was perfect!

Members also had the opportunity to view the Blackhawk Automotive Museum display of special automobiles. As an added treat, the European Train Enthusiasts provided a display of model trains complete with extensive landscaping which was enjoyed by kids of all ages.

There was a nice showing of Packards on the Plaza in front of the museum. The display included:

1936 1208 999 convertible coupe	Mary Jane and Bob McCoy
1937 1500 Super Eight touring sedan	Eddie and George Beck
1939 1701 1295 Eight coupe	Pam and Fred Hill
1941 1901 120 station wagon	Mary and Ron Carpenter
1947 2106 Custom Super Eight sedan	Carolee and Milton Wheeler
1954 5401 Clipper Deluxe sedan	Bill Young and Ellie Power

Also attending:

Jack Holmes and guests, Mike Kumlar and Mike Apar  
Joseph Munsch  
Susan and Phil Sherman  
Linda and Jerry Wuichet  
Rick and Paul Young (who brought his 1967 Buick convertible)





**BOARD MEMBERS AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR: L-R: Steve Weir-Assistant Director, Jeff Mihaly-Director, Milton Wheeler-Secretary, Mark Barchas-Treasurer, George Beck-Website, Phil Sherman-Projects, Fred Hill-Historian, Bob McCoy-Technical Lead, Bill Young-Membership, and Joe Munsch-Tour Director.**



*The last car to pay cash on the Golden Gate Bridge was this '37 Packard owned by the Bridge District.*



*The sign on the Wheelers' car told of their travels.*



*A Day at the Movies at the Blackhawk Museum.*

# Packard

## NEWS

Wednesday, March 27, 2013 was a momentous day on the famous Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, when the last cash toll was collected by Marilyn Alvarado a veteran toll-taker who had been on the job for over twenty-nine years. She collected the last toll taken by a human being, shortly after midnight, from Jim Eddie, Bridge District President from Mendocino County, who was accompanied by Brian Sobel, District board member from Sonoma County, in the maroon '37 Packard owned by the Bridge District.



When the bridge opened in 1937, the toll was fifty cents for each direction, with a five-cent charge if over 3 passengers. The promise was that as the bridge was paid off, the toll would be reduced. In July of 1950, the toll was reduced to forty cents each way and in December, the extra five cents for over 3 in the car was eliminated. On February 1, 1955

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the toll was reduced to thirty cents each way and on October 1, 1955 it was further reduced to twenty-five cents.

In October 1968 it was decided to only collect the toll in the southbound direction in an effort to improve traffic flow during the evening rush. The charge was fifty cents southbound and free northbound. In 1974 toll was raised to seventy-five cents and was raised to one dollar in 1977. In an effort to get people to car pool, a complicated set of rules were implemented after 1978 where during certain hours cars with three or more passengers paid no toll and others paid, first \$1.25 and later \$2.00. From 1991 through 2001 the toll was \$3.00 with discounts available for advance-purchase ticket books.

Starting in 2002 cash toll was \$5 and \$4 for an automatic electronic pay device called FasTrak. In 2008 the rate for cash was raised to \$6 and \$5 for FasTrak. In 2010 reductions were offered for car pools and finally in 2013, cash would no longer be allowed. The preferred method is to use FasTrak that deducts tolls from a prepaid account or credit card on file. Another option is to register your license plate and have your credit card charged as your plate is read. If your plate is not registered it will be read and a bill sent to the registered owner for the regular toll. If paid within 21 days, there is no penalty charged.

It is recommended that tourists who cross the bridge in rental cars ask about company policy regarding fees and service charges before crossing the bridge. As seen in the photo below, Packards were among the first cars to cross the bridge on opening day 1937, and in the photo on the left a Packard was the last one to pay a cash toll to a person, as well.



*More on The Golden Gate Bridge*



Construction of the bridge began in 1933, and the next year, the Earle C. Anthony Packard agency made arrangements for a publicity shoot at the construction site with a '34 Packard, as shown in these photos.



## Minutes of Nor-Cal Packard Club Board Meeting

January 19, 2014 11:08 AM

Members Present: Jeff Mihaly, Mark Barchas, Phil Sherman, Bill Young, George Beck, Fred Hill, Bob McCoy, Steve Weir, Milton Wheeler and Joe Munsch. Visitor – Ron Carpenter

Introduction of Board Members and voted: to approve the minutes of the October Board Meeting.

Treasurers Report – Mark Barchas gave the financial report of the first quarter of the Fiscal year. The club is in financially good condition and ended the year with a positive income. It was suggested that the club donate money to the Packard Proving Grounds. After much discussion, it was decided to table the suggestion and discuss it further later. Voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Election of new officers.

Voted: Jeff Mihaly - Director, Steve Weir – Assistant Director, Mark Barchas – Treasurer, Milton Wheeler – Secretary, Bill Young – Membership, Joe Munsch – Tour Director, Phil Sherman – Projects, Irena D'Amato – Health and Welfare, Fred Hill – Historian, Bob McCoy – Technical Lead, George Beck – Website, Bud Juneau – *Pious Pelican* editor.

Tour Director – Joe Munsch recommended the following Tours for the first part of the year.

March 7 – Military Vehicles of the Littlefield Collection

April 27 – Back Roads to Dana Morgan and Jack Passey collections

May 15 – 18 - Western Region in Monterey

June 22 - Marin Headlands Driving Tour

July 27 - Annual Picnic

September - Swap Meet

Membership Report: Bill Young reported that our membership is up to 138 with 14 new members. Bill also stated that he will start the new Membership Directory soon.

Projects: Phil Sherman reported that we are out of Packard hats and Packard mugs. The board said to discuss this later.

Technical: Bob McCoy suggested that we add Technical information to the *Pious Pelican*.

Web Site: George Beck said that we average 24 website visits per day, totaling 10,337 for the twelve months ending January 2014. George suggested that we update our projects on the web site.

New Business: It was recommended that the club purchase special tools to loan to club members. It was voted to approve up to \$500 for the tools. After much discussion about Caps & Hats, it was voted to approve \$600 to order Packard Script caps. It was also voted to approve a \$500 donation to the Packard Proving Grounds and 24 Proving Grounds caps.

Adjourned – 1:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted by  
Milton Wheeler



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May we list the following in our directory?

Address (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Packards (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

The Packards you own: (See National Handbook for #s)

Year Series-Chassis# Body style# Body type descrip.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

If you own more than two, please list on separate sheet.

I am already a member of the National Club, PAC. (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Membership Director

Bill Young

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