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Director's Report

What a summer it has been and we're having a good September so far, despite the heat-wave we're experiencing this week. Thanks to George Beck and Bob McCoy for putting on another fabulous swap meet at Buck Kamphausen's museum in Vallejo this past Sunday. We had a great display of cars and lots of parts were available. In addition to our local vendors, David Moe came down from Washington State. It was great to see everyone, especially Wayne Parsons who helped found the Packard Club back in the 1950s.

In July I attended the Packard National Meet in Reading, PA and our editor Bud Juneau was also there. It was a wonderful week with a special treat of seeing the Nicola Bulgari collection of automobiles in Allentown, PA on the site of a former drive-in movie theatre. Among the collection there was a mostly-unrestored 1935 Twelve coupe formerly owned by Ann Klein. Throughout the week, I had the opportunity to speak with PAC national club President Steve Christy several times. The national club leaders are quite interested in having an annual meet in California and Steve has asked me about the possibility of that in the future. We haven't had a national meet in California since 2003 and the hopes for having one in Oregon next year have been dashed; it will instead be in Traverse City, Michigan. President Steve Christy is hoping to come visit us at an event next year to be with us and discuss how he can be of support if we were to consider such a task. To that end, it would be great if more Nor-Cal Packard members would attend the Annual Meets in the next few years to get a sense of what they are and what's entailed in putting on such an event. Traverse City in 2016 and South Bend, Indiana in 2017 promise to be interesting meets.

Closer to home and a little simpler are our three remaining events of 2015. A new opportunity for outreach and education about Packards awaits us at the Forest Homes Historic Park on October 24, a Saturday. On November 8th, Bill Young is at it again as he brings us to a new collection of fine cheese crafters in Marin. This is a different tour than two years ago and Bill knows how to show us a good time in Marin. And finally, please plan on attending our Holiday Luncheon in Vallejo on December 6th. With some luck, Fred Hill will be wearing one of his famous sweaters from his Christmas collection, which itself, is worth the cost of the meal. And since it's the closest thing we have to a general membership meeting; we hope to see you there!

Jeff Mihaly

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IN MEMORIAM – JACK PASSEY

Long-time Packard Club member, Jack Passey, of Watsonville, California, passed away on August 22, 2015 in his home. Jack was born in Ogden, Utah on November 22, 1926. In his 88 years, he was best known for his passion for collecting and preserving classic cars, mainly Lincolns – but always with a few fine Packards in his collection. He generously shared his knowledge and passion for the cars and on many occasions hosted the Packard club at his collection. He supported the Packard Motor Car Foundation and supplied the display car (1932 Eight DeLuxe 903 Sport Phaeton) when we had a booth at the Pebble Beach Concours. Jack assisted J.B. Nethercutt for many years in the acquisition of desirable additions to the Nethercutt collection in Sylmar, California. Jack is survived by his wife Mona, three children and five grandchildren. The hobby has suffered a great loss in his passing -- he was a fine gentleman and will be missed. – Bud Juneau.



2015 EVENTS

- Sep 26 Ironstone Concours at Murphys
- Oct 24 Forest Homes Historic Park - San Ramon
- Oct 25 Board Meeting at Auto Vino 10:00 AM
- Nov 8 Marin county cheese tour
- Dec 6 Annual Holiday Luncheon - Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo

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 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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Where We've Been

Portal Park Picnic

July 26, 2015

Photos by Bill Young & Bud Juneau



Our annual Portal Park picnic, in conjunction with the Cadillac-La Salle club, Classic Car club, and others was a nice relaxed day of visiting with long-time friends from all clubs, seeing a great field of interesting cars, eating a great catered barbecue lunch, and attending the casual awards ceremony where just about everyone won something in the raffle.

Nor-Cal Packards' booth and set up was handled by George Beck who always makes the day a success for us. Packards in the photo above were: Butterworth's 40, Wheeler's 41, Hunter's 34, Barnett's 34, Moore's 56, Munsch's 40, Beck's 37, Derbyshire's 40, Young's 54, and Barchas' 40.

A great day was had by all and thanks go to George Beck and the Cadillac-La Salle club for hosting the event.



The Barchas' '40 and Young's 54.



Hunter's '34 and Wheeler's '41.



*Rodney Derbyshire's '40 (left), George Beck's '37,
Joe Munsch's '40 and the Moores' '56.*



*Over-the-hood view of Cadillacs and others in the park,
as seen from Charlie Barnett's '34.*



Rodney Derbyshire's '40 and George Beck's '37.



Milt Wheeler's '41 and the Butterworths' '40.



Two interesting '34s, Charlie Barnett's 1104 touring (top) and Stuart Hunter's 1107 all-original formal sedan.

Where We've Been **Blackhawk Museum Display**

July 8, 2015

Text & Photos by Bud Juneau



Jack Perkins brought his '32 club sedan and John Ulrich brought his '40 club coupe which were displayed by the new sculpture in the center of the plaza of Shawu, a bull elephant.

The 2015 Lincoln Highway Henry Joy Tour was welcomed by The Packard Club's Nor-Cal Region on the last day of their cross-country drive, on the Plaza in front of The Blackhawk Museum in Danville, California. Ice-cold water, "Packard" Hershey bars and free admission to the Museum were given to each participant. Fourteen Packards were displayed on the Plaza for the enjoyment of the arriving travelers, ranging in years from 1932 to 1956. The Nor-Cal signature "Packard" candy bars were created by George and Eddie Beck, who with Bud Juneau, chaired the event. Tim McGrane, of the Blackhawk Museum, was a great host and help and made sure our day was perfect.

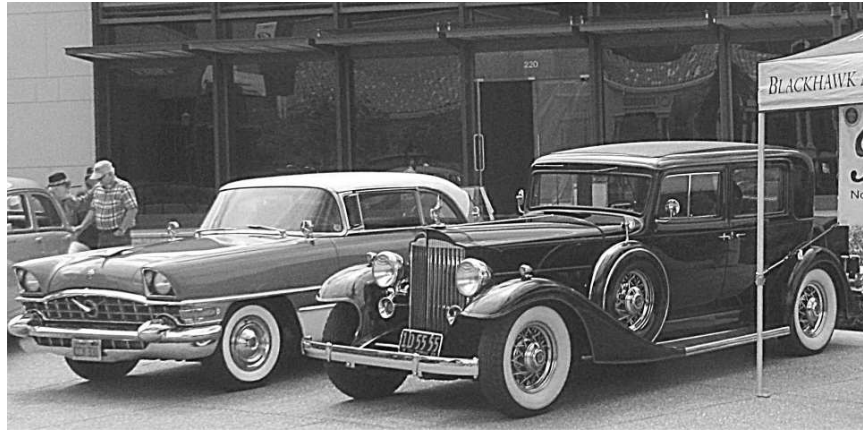
The Lincoln Highway Association named this year's tour in honor of Henry B. Joy, President of Packard Motor Car Company, who drove his 1915 Packard Twin-Six across the country in 1915 to attend the *Panama Pacific Exposition* in

San Francisco. The Packard Club co-sponsored the tour and encouraged members to bring their Packards. The tour departed on June 27th from *The Packard Proving Grounds* and arrived at Blackhawk Museum after a 2836-mile, twelve-day trip on July 8th. All of the Packards who started the trip, we are happy to announce, successfully completed the trip. Most of the day's trips were in the range of 185-200 miles long to give time to stop at historic sites of interest, a morning break, pre-set lunch stop, afternoon break, and still arrive at the next pre-arranged lodging in time to relax before dinner.

By now, most of you have received your August issue of *The Cormorant News Bulletin* and have read the details of the display and trip. Our Blackhawk day was relaxing and enjoyable and the efforts of those who brought out the very nice display of cars is very much appreciated. Milt & Carolee Wheeler who drove their '47 Custom Super Clipper cross country, with the tour, helped a great deal by posing their car for photos at interesting points along the way. We thank them for doing this.

One of the photos that they took, which is one of my favorites, is the one below. It shows the bridge at Tama, Iowa where the balusters spell out the name of the *LINCOLN HIGHWAY*. If these artifacts were in California, they would have been wiped out in the name of progress. But in the heartland of our country, thank goodness, the pace is more relaxed, the people there value the history of the highway, progress has not demanded change, and even though most of the highway was built before 1915, a great deal of it has survived for us to enjoy.





Phil Sherman brought his '56 400 hardtop and Paul Williams brought his '33 1002 Eight club sedan, parked next to the club booth.



George Beck was a major player in the success of the day. He is shown here in the club booth with Steve Weir and Clint Moore.



At the Blackhawk display, the cars at the left of the plaza were the Kilkennys' '34 Twelve Dietrich convertible sedan, the Carpenters' '41 120 station wagon, the Sears' '37 Twelve 1507 coupe-roadster, Bud Juneau's '37 Twelve 1508 7-passenger touring sedan, The Becks' '37 Super Eight 1500 touring sedan, and Bill Young's '54 5401 Clipper DeLuxe.



*The Hills' '55 400 hardtop and
the Moores' '46 Custom limousine.*



*Warren Martin & Jeff Mihaly drove Warren's '48 Custom Super sedan
part way across the country with the tour.*



The Packard Club banner on the left was matched by a second banner on the right that said: "Welcomes the Lincoln Hwy. Tour."

With ice-cold water, a Packard Hershey bar, a free visit to the Blackhawk Museum, and a wonderful display of Packards to greet them, the Lincoln Highway group was given a well-received "Welcome to California."

ASK THE MAN...



...WHO OWNS ONE

Where We've Been

Machine Shop Tour

August 8, 2015

Text by George Beck

Photos by Bill Young & Bud Juneau



What better way to spend a Saturday morning than to enjoy the hospitality of people who appreciate and enjoy Packards and other special cars. We gathered at John Rankin's Performance Machine shop in Martinez where special Packard parking had been reserved. The shop is next door to Norman Schwartz's collection, which is across the street from George Smith's collection. It was a "one stop and park" for all three interesting spots and folks leisurely strolled to all three. John Rankin had his facility sparking clean with engines and projects everywhere. He even had a video showing some of his work. This is a family operation and John's wife, Marie, daughter, Jessica, and son, Jack, were gracious hosts. John's father, Jim, has a portion of the shop where he is restoring a Packard and building very special hotrods which were on display.

Coffee, doughnuts and fruit were available at Norm Schwartz's collection in the historic Chevrolet dealership building which had been authentically restored. It was like stepping back in time. The collection included several "options" for Model T's such as a tow truck, a speedster and snow truck complete with skis and tracks. George Smith's collection included a dual Model A Ford engine race car called: the "Evil Twin," great hotrods and some very interesting Citroens. We finished the tour with lunch at a Mexican restaurant that was within walking distance. A big thank you goes to our hosts John Rankin, Norman Schwartz and George Smith who generously shared their shops and collections to give us a special "old car" experience.



Steve Messenger's '41 1901 coupe.

Attendees included:

George Beck	1937 1500 1003 touring sedan
Ron and Mary Carpenter	1941 1901 1499 convertible coupe
Fred Hill	1939 1701 1295 Eight coupe
Bud Juneau and Chris McKeon	1937 1508 1034 touring sedan
Steve Messenger	1941 1901 "Steve's Special" club coupe
Don Sears	1937 1507 1039 coupe-roadster
Ladd and Maggie Stephenson	1937 115C sedan
Bill Young	1954 5401 Clipper Deluxe
Steve Weir	1966 Cadillac convertible
Paul and Connie Borgwart	1967 Cadillac convertible
Jim Barrett, daughter Lynne and friend Ryan	
Bill Butterworth	
Roark Diters	
Chip Flor	
Rick Fontaine and Matthew Russo	
Jack Holmes	
Roberto and Jula Isola	
David LeCount and Stan Sollid	
John Kilkenny	
Joe Munsch	
Dave Siewe	
Tim Toland and guest Tim Repp	



Fred Hill's '39 1701 Eight coupe.



Ron & Mary Carpenter's '41 1901 Eight convertible coupe.



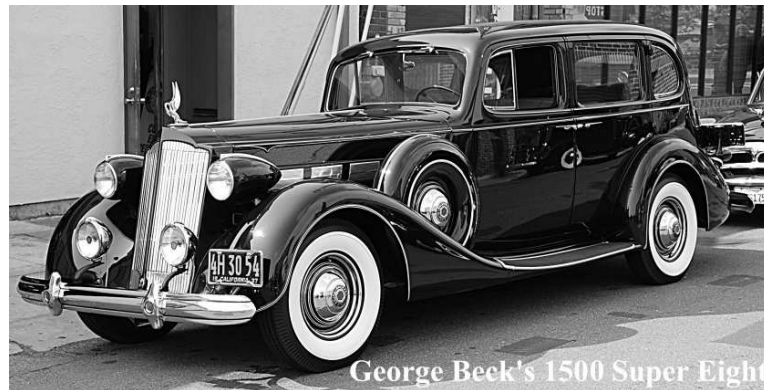
Bill Young's '54 Clipper Deluxe.



Bud Juneau's 1508 Twelve



Don Sears' 1507 Twelve



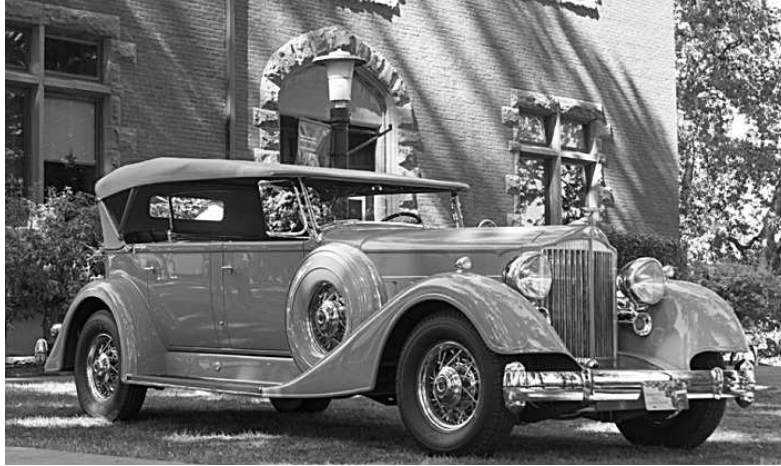
George Beck's 1500 Super Eight



Ladd Stephenson's 115-C

FOUR
'37S
WERE AT
THE MEET.

Packard NEWS



Congratulations to Larry & Susan Nannini who won "Best of Show" for their 1934 1104 dual-cowl sport phaeton, in July, at the 2015 Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance on the campus of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.



Clint Moore let us know that the Earle C. Anthony estate near Hollywood is embroiled in a court battle between rock star, Katy Perry and the Catholic church. Full details will be in the September National "Cormorant News-Bulletin."



A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW INTO THE PAST...



The year was 1973 and the '38 models were being featured in the Spring issue of "The Cormorant" magazine. Your editor asked Wayne Parsons if he would be available one Sunday to take his '38 1605 limousine over to San Francisco to look for a suitable setting for a photo to be used in the centerspread. In those days, I did details with a 35 mm. camera (above) and used a 4x5 view camera for the formal portrait that we used in the magazine. The setting we found was spectacular, with the city hall in the background through formal gates, but as I studied the setting through the ground glass of the big camera (under a black cloth) I could see reflections of parked cars in the body panels of Wayne's car. Always looking for the perfect shot, I told Wayne of the problem. Just then, a group of musicians were walking by on the way to a concert. They were wearing black capes and Wayne asked them if they would mind holding their capes up in front of the parked cars, so we could get the perfect photo. They were more than glad to help and I directed them from under my black cloth until the reflections were gone. I quickly snapped the photo that appeared in the Spring 1973 centerspread. By the way, with the big camera, the dome of the city hall was not cut off like it is in the photo above.



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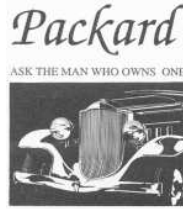
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**Nor-Cal Packard Club
Board Meeting
July 12, 2015
10:10 am**

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

Members Absent: Irena D'Amato and Bob McCoy.

Voted – To Accept the April 19 Board Minutes.

Treasurer's Report – We are ahead of last year's income and our balance is positive. It was discussed that we find a project for the Packard Proving Grounds that we can sponsor.

Membership Report - Bill Young reported that we currently have 150 members. However there are a few members who have dropped from last year.

Tours - Joe Munsch stated that our next two tours are the Portal Park Picnic on July 26 and the Swap Meet in September. There is one new addition, Forrest Home Farm on October 24 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The board voted a \$5.00 subsidy for all members coming to the Holiday Party. Plans for next year's tours were discussed. Joe will send a note out to the membership requesting ideas for next year's tours.

Website - George Beck and Mark Wheeler are developing an on-line registration form for our tours. George also posted pictures on the website of the Lincoln Highway/ Henry B. Joy Tour at Blackhawk. George also said that we had fifty people sign in from the tour.

New Business -

1. Discussed the topics of over-subscribed and under-subscribed events.
2. Membership renewals. The question was raised: Can we have a two-year membership renewal?

Voted- Steve Weir moved that we have the option of a two-year membership payment.

Voted - Milton Wheeler moved that we order 100 Packard cups.

Voted – Steve Weir moved that the club reimburse Fred Hill for his expenses of his previous tour.

Meeting Adjourned - 12:30 pm

Next Meeting at Auto Vino, October 25 at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary