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Director's Report

The Nor-Cal Packard Board had a very productive meeting at Auto-Vino on October 23rd. We have begun looking at events for the first six months of 2017 and have some great tours and destinations lined up.

But before I preview 2017, have you sent in your reservation for our Holiday Party at Michael's restaurant in Mountain View? The date is Sunday December 11th and you should have received an email about this on October 28th. Please send in your check to Mark and Kay Barchas as soon as possible to they can confirm an accurate head count with Michael's Restaurant. A few days before, look around your garage (or living room) for parts or goodies which a crazy Packard collector might call a treasure and bring them along with you to put in the silent auction.

Our annual Day at the Movies in January will be undergoing some changes in 2017 because the venue at Blackhawk is not available to us. So, we're exploring other sites which may be able to accommodate us and have Steve Pedone looking into the possibility of using the theatre at the former Alameda Naval Air Station. Stay tuned for information about the Day at the Movies.

In February, we are working to confirm a date to visit the Mozart Museum in Palo Alto. John Mozart has hosted us before but some from our club may not have seen this incredible collection. He has several custom-bodied Packards along with other big Classics and Teens cars. Stunning is the word that I'd use to describe this collection and we hope you'll be able to join us.

In March, we're going to saturate you with yet another wonderful collection as we've been invited by Larry Carter to return to see his fabulous automobiles. Board Member Milton Wheeler is coordinating with Larry and is working on a date. More on this opportunity in the next *Pious Pelican*.

The Filoli Gardens in Woodside is our destination in April. We thought that a third extraordinary car collection may be too much so we're changing things up. From their website: this 654-acre Bay Area estate garden represents the Golden Age of American Gardens. Check it out online at www.filoli.com. You'll want to put this on your calendar for April.

And finally, we are hosting the Western Regions Tour May 20-22. In addition to Silver Circle Packards-Reno and the Earle C. Anthony region of Southern California, we are inviting the Oregon region to join us for a tour that is being planned in the vicinity of Redding. We should be able to find some great roads for touring our Packards away from the heavy traffic of the Bay Area. Looking forward to having many members from Nor-Sept-Oct 16OctCal Packards on the Western Regions Tour.

There is still more for next year but my space here is used up. We'll be discussing these events at the Holiday Luncheon on December 11th and we may have some additional exciting news by then. So go get your checkbook, send in your reservation and pray for rain, except on the 11th!

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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2016 EVENTS

December 11 Annual Holiday Luncheon - Michael's Mt. View

2017 EVENTS

January 15 Nor-Cal Board Meeting - Blackhawk

April 16 Nor-Cal Board Meeting - Auto Vino

May 19-22 Western Regions Tour

June 11 Alameda Point Concours

June 19-23 PAC National Meet at South Bend, IN

July 30 Portal Park Picnic

August 20 Pebble Beach Concours

September 3 Annual Swap Meet at Vallejo

September 23 Ironstone Concours

October 4-7 Hershey Swap Meet

December Holiday Luncheon

Where We've Been
Annual Swap Meet
September 4, 2016
Text by Jeff Mihaly
Photos by George Beck

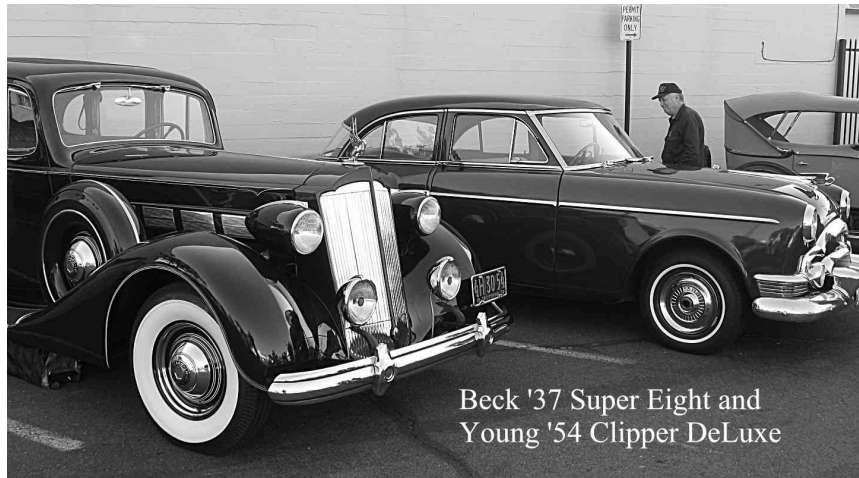


You never know what can happen at a swap meet which is why we get up early in the morning to get there. Someone may be cleaning out their garage or may have cleaned out someone else's garage and suddenly, you feel like the luckiest person alive. We Packard nuts love finding that certain part for which we've been searching. There were some happy Swappers on Sunday September 4th. Eddie Beck, shown above talking to Bill Young, manned the registration table.

As usual, David Moe came from Washington State to be our "anchor" seller. He brought many excellent parts and bought several from other vendors too. We were also visited by Dale Johnson who had several good pieces, as well as Earl Rubenstein from the Earle C. Anthony region of PAC, Southern California. Ron Carpenter, Fred Hill, Jack & Merna Holmes, Jerry Wuichet, and John Ulrich were also sellers, as was I, having decided that I had too many parts. I was told that 32 Packard disc wheels have 7 lugs, which I didn't know, and it's a one-year only wheel. Someone was looking for one and I told him that I didn't have one. Of course, as soon as I got home, I discovered that I *did* have one. Now, how to find that shopper . . .

The biggest surprise though, came from Brian Harlamoff from the Santa Cruz area.

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Beck '37 Super Eight and
Young '54 Clipper DeLuxe



Don Sears '30
734 Speedster

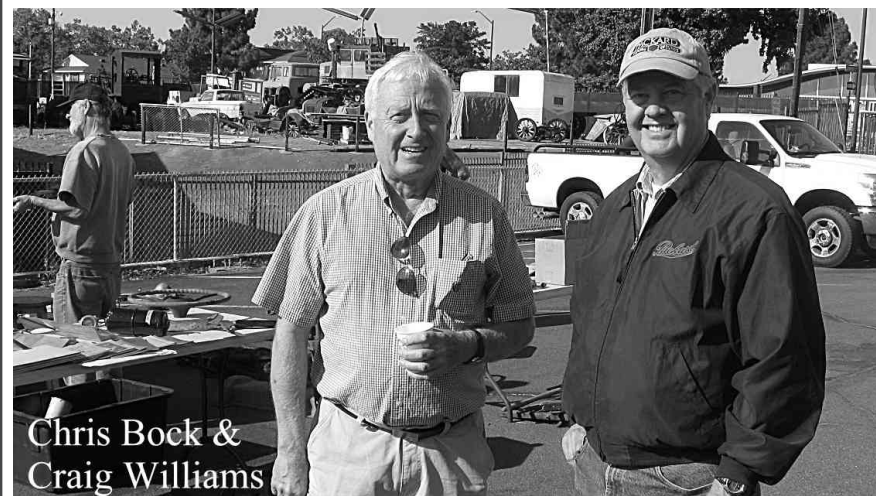


Jay Hubbard & Jon Fuiks

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Brian and car buddy, Linus, brought a truck full of treasures and were selling things very reasonably. In fact, parts were so reasonable that a person couldn't walk away without really being tempted to buy, even if he didn't really need it. By the end of the morning, Brian and Linus had close to an empty truck. Many of you reading this article may be smiling because of the good buy you made. Other sellers were Jeff Adkins, Ed Drexler, Gary Dunderson, Jim Farber, Don Figone, Jon Fuiks, Lee Garoyan, Jay Hubbard from the Silver Circle Region, Ben Lucero, Bill Norton, and Bill Vassar.

Our swap meet for 2017 will again be on Labor Day weekend, Sunday September 3rd. We'll have even more coffee and donuts next year! Special thanks to Buck Kamphausen and to Mike and Phil who work with Buck at the *USA World Classics Museum* in Vallejo. Their generosity makes this wonderful event possible. Thanks also to George and Eddie Beck and Bob McCoy who really helped to make this event successful.





Earl Rubenstein brought
imported parts from
Southern California



Jack & Merna Holmes



Linda Moe
manning the
store.

Where We've Been

Ironstone Concours

September 24, 2016

Photos by Bud Juneau



The Packard class was displayed in a prime location at the Ironstone Winery at Murphys, in the gold country. It drew crowds of onlookers during the show which benefits local 4-H and youth clubs.

Below: *Chris Bock's very-original '28 533 was a delightful addition to the Packards on display.*





*Rod Smith's '37 120 convertible and
Clint Moore's Deluxe Eight sedan.*



*Duane Bennett's '37 115-C club sedan and
Robert Reed's '37 Super Eight sedan.*

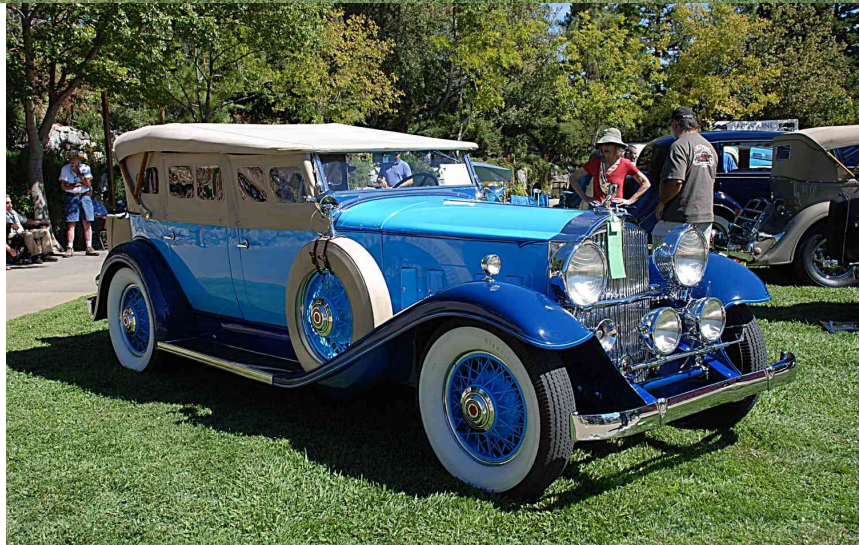


Above: George & Eddie Beck's '37.

Left: Larry & Susan Nannini's '34 in the 'Winners Circle'. Awarded "Best in Class"

Lower left: Bill Ramsden brought his '32 902

Below: Rod Smith's '37 120 and Clint Moore's '48 Deluxe Eight



Tech Topics
Tire Explosions Possible
by Bob Ferrand
Editor of *The Packard Digest*
Motor City Region of PAC

This article first appeared in the September-October issue of *The Packard Digest*, official publication of *Motor City Packards* region of the Packard Club. The article, written by their editor, Bob Ferrand has been edited and shortened to appear here. We appreciate the club policy that allows all Regional Clubs to share their articles.

A number of cases have come up where a tire was temporarily repaired with an aerosol can and later exploded when a permanent repair was attempted. For example, at a Chevron gas station in Houston, Texas, a teenage worker was approached by a customer, a Harris County Sheriff, who was in need of a tire repair. The young worker found a nail in the tire, and asked the Sheriff if he would prefer to have the tire patched from the inside, or plugged. The Deputy Sheriff said that a tire plug repair would be fine. The young man removed the nail, and inserted a reamer in order to prepare the tire for the plug, when the tire suddenly exploded with tremendous force, propelling him about 20 feet backwards, and causing multiple life-threatening injuries. He was hospitalized for approximately 3 months, while the Deputy Sheriff, who was standing nearby, required knee surgery due to being struck by shrapnel from the exploding tire. In a similar case, a woman had stored a can of Johnsen's Tire Sealant under the front seat of her pickup truck. Due to a seal failure around the nozzle of the can, the product had leaked from the can into the cab of the truck. She lit a cigarette, and a flash fire ensued, causing the interior of the vehicle to burst into flames. The vehicle was destroyed, and the woman suffered second and third degree burns from the resulting fire. In similar cases all across the country, incidents like these have left behind a wake of severe injury, death and destruction.

These types of injury scenarios, arising from the use of aerosol tire repair products, began to appear during the 1980s, not long after some of these products were first introduced. The original aerosol repair products formulation being sold back then, contained a flammable mixture of butane and propane as its propel-

lant. Similar products used an equally dangerous explosive and flammable propellant - DME (dimethyl-ether), although their product was actually marketed with a label that said, "Non-Explosive."

A number of changes took place in the 90s and it is believed that most aerosol repair kits now being sold do not have a flammable propellant in them. I have not found any recently on store shelves that contain flammable propellants. The earlier products however, to the best of my knowledge, were not banned or recalled due to any legislation passed by our government, and could potentially still be on store shelves or garage shelves, or tool-boxes throughout the country. I went digging through our truck emergency kits, as well as our shop in Farmington, Michigan, and found two full cans of this product in our inventory containing propane & butane propellants, which of course are highly flammable. On both of the cans, is a warning sticker, which you are supposed to remove from the can, and place on the wheel of the tire that you inject this product into. This yellow label is supposed to warn a tire repairman that this tire now contains a highly flammable gas mixture, and to take necessary precautions when venting the gas from, or servicing this tire. In my relatively young lifetime, I'd like to have a dollar for every service station tire repairman I've seen working with a cigarette hanging from his lips while mounting, dismounting, or repairing tires. Check your trailers, your garage shelves, and also the trunks of your cars for these tire inflation products, and if you find any that contain flammable propellants... do not use them. Put them on a shelf in your garage for a conversation piece, but do not use them. The life you save may be your own.



A number of tire sealants are on the market today. Hopefully they have safe ingredients for the propellant.

DISASTER AT HILTON HEAD CONCOURS

We are very sorry to report that one of our PAC members had a very unfortunate accident at the Hilton Head Concours in South Carolina on Sunday November 6th.

After judging was over and Ralph Marano's '38 Bohman & Schwartz convertible sedan had received "Best in Class" the car slowly began to roll backwards toward a water-hazard lake directly behind the display area. Spectators tried to hold it back but the weight was too much for them.

The car ended up under water, with only the very top sticking out. An underwater diver was called as well as a towing company. The diver attached the cable to the chassis and steered the car out as the tow truck rewound the cable.

This is the same car we featured in the July-August issue on page 17, as seen at Pebble.

Our sincere condolences go to Ralph, and we look forward to seeing the car back on the road soon.



*The leading edge of the custom hardtop roof
was all that was above water.*



The diver steered as the car was pulled slowly out of the water.



The tow truck pulled the car out using its cable.

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As seen at Hershey 2016...

NEWS



Above: '37 Roosevelt parade car in Preservation Class.

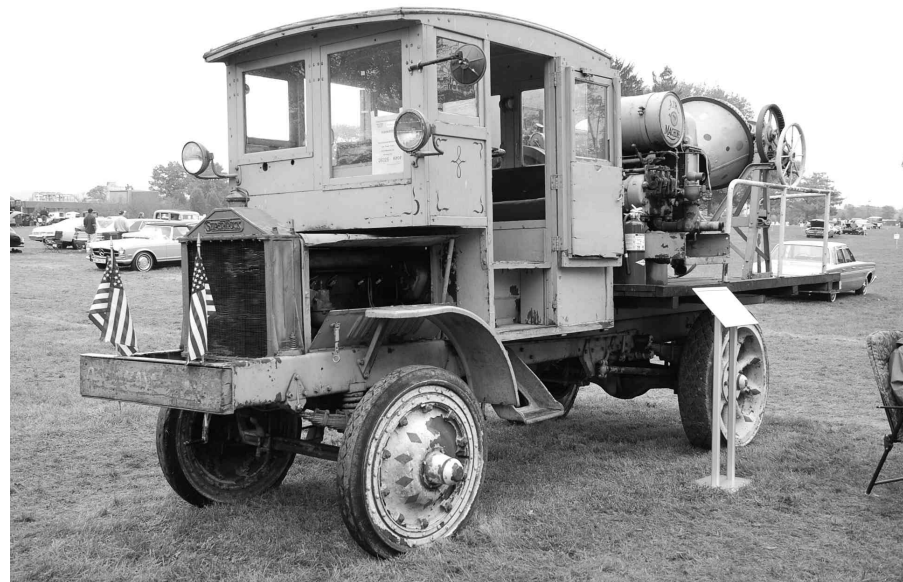
Below: Mervin Afflerbach's '49 Custom Eight.





Above: '11 Thirty 7-passenger Berline limousine.

Below: I could not resist a photo of this '23 O'Connell Super Truck with crew cab, able to be driven in two directions; all original and still running strong.

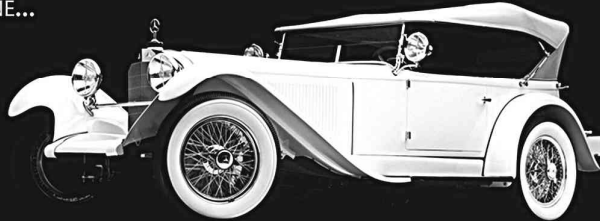




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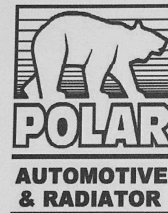
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Nor-Cal Board Meeting
October 23, 2016
10:30 AM

Members Present: George Beck, Jeff Mihaly, Joe Munsch, Fred Hill, Dave Wooldridge, Janet Wooldridge, Mark Barchas, Bill Young, Bud Juneau, Phil Sherman, and Milton Wheeler.

We discussed where to have our Board meetings next year.

Voted - To approve the July Board meeting minutes.

Report of the Committee for the National Meet. The committee feels that it is "Our Turn" to host the National Meet in 2020. The committee contacted a number of Nor-Cal members and found there was much support for us to host the National Meet in 2020. All board members and club members in attendance spoke their feelings regarding the idea. There was much support for it and many concerns were raised including finding ways to avoid being overwhelmed like we were in 2003. A suggestion was raised that we limit the number of attendees for the event or that we limit the number of people attending a given event, such as a bus tour of SF, etc. It is clear that we need to figure out a way to manage a large number of people if we are to host. After much discussion, Dave Wooldridge moved that Nor-Cal host a National Meet in 2020 with a second by Bill Young. It was brought to a vote, and passed with 10 yes and 1 no.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Barchas reported that we are down a small amount because of purchasing the calendars.

Membership - Bill Young reported that our membership is 167 paid members.

Projects - Phil Sherman said that our Packard Mugs and Calendars are for sale. A total of \$53.00 worth of items were sold last quarter.

Tours - We had a tour on October 22 with five Packards attending. November 6 is Cars & Coffee at Blackhawk.

Mark Barchas announced that our Christmas Party will be on December 11 at Michaels in Mtn. View.

Website - George Beck passed out the Car Club Calendar for 2016/2017.

Tours - Phil Sherman will try to find a place for our *Day at the Movies* in January. February tour to Brizio's or Mozart Collection. March, Milton Wheeler has arranged a tour of Larry Carter's collection. April, the Wooldridge's will arrange a tour to Filoli. May, Western Regions Tour to Northern California Redwood Highway area with hopes that the Oregon region will attend, along with the Southern California region and Silver Circle Packards. June, Alameda Concours with a Packard Corral to show our Packards.

Pious Pelican - Editor, Bud Juneau reported that he has been working with FedEx office (formerly Kinko's) for our printing. It's more work than it used to be but he feels that it's sustainable. He also reported that he would be happy to run more articles, especially an article that features a member's car but that the article must be written by someone else and the photographs supplied to him.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary