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Happy New Year to one and all. Since my last report, we have had a successful tour to the Veteran's Home in Yountville. We partnered with the Free Wheeler's Car club and had a wonderful mix of cars. We did this on November 11, 2017, Veteran's Day. This is our second visit to the Veteran's Home, and it is as moving for us as it is for the veterans who love seeing our cars and visiting with us. These citizens truly embody the service-above-self motto.

We also enjoyed each other's company and nine or 10 Packards on a beautiful day in December. We gathered in Vallejo for our traditional Christmas/Holiday Luncheon. If you can only make one event a year, this is the one to attend. Janet and Dave Wooldridge took over the planning for this year's event. We missed Milt's choir (as they had a conflict.) We made up for that with boisterous visiting, games, and a surprise visit by Carnac, the Magnificent. (I humbly donned a robe and mystic turban to play Carnac.) In true Johnny Carson fashion, sealed envelopes were produced with the answers facing mankind. Carnac would hold the envelop up to this turban, divine the answer, and then open the envelope to learn what the question was.

January, 2018 has us attending the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum for our annual Day-at-the-Movies. This event is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2018. We'll meet-and-greet, have a tour followed by a classic movie, lunch and a chance to visit the five blocks of stores in Niles.

We're planning our tours for 2018. If you have an idea, let me know. Some of our best tours are "discovered" by our membership. The next Nor-Cal Packards Club Board Meeting is Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Blackhawk Museum (I will post an agenda close to that date.) All are welcome to attend.

Take special note on our Calendar that the National Meet is July 1 thru 7 in Columbus Ohio. We are hosting the National Tour in 2020 and this is a good chance for several of us to visit Ohio and observe a National Meet.

A special congratulation to Milton Wheeler for winning the best tour(s) of 2017. Stand by for further opportunities to have fun with your Packards and with your fellow Nor-Cal Packards Club members!

Happy Motoring:

Steve Weir



MYSTERY PHOTO - What year model is this?

**Fred Hill** got the right answer on the photo in the last issue. Model 343 dual-windshield phaeton. Let's see how many can get this one right. What year is this Packard? Send your ideas to editor, Bud Juneau:

Answers in next issue. at: cbjphoto@dslextreme.com

#### **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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#### **2018 EVENTS**

January 14 Day at the Movies - Niles Silent Film Museum

January 21 Board Meeting at Blackhawk Museum

April 22 Board Meeting at Blackhawk Museum

May 17 - 20 Western Regions tour

July 1 - 7 National Meet at Columbus, Ohio

July 15 Hillsborough Concours

July 22 Board Meeting at Blackhawk Museum

July 29 Annual Picnic at Portal Park

August 20 - 26 Pebble Beach Week

September 9 Swap Meet at Vallejo

September 22 Ironstone Concours at Murphys

October 3 - 6 Hershey Swap Meet

October 21 Board Meeting at Blackhawk Museum

December Holiday Luncheon (South Bay, details to come)

# Where We've Been Veteran's Home at Yountville

November 11, 2017

Photos by Mark Reverdy



A Great Way to Give Back to our Nation's Heroes

Fog and low clouds clung closely to the ground as our band of vehicles arrived one by one at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville. It was an adventure finding the right parking lot for our display on the grounds the sprawling facility, but eventually we had a nice showing of 5 Packards and 16 Freewheeler cars.

Coffee and donuts were set out for everyone to enjoy while we whiled away the lazy day rich with the camaraderie of the veterans who wondered at the variety or our display. Women and men who have served our country in every conflict since World War II enjoyed recollecting what car they drove to take their drivers license test or how they used to cruise around town looking for excitement.

When lunchtime at the facility wrapped up, a number of our group took to the streets, map in hand, to a sandwich shop a few miles away in Napa. We got quite a glimpse of charred hillsides from the recent fires, but it was nice to see the community coming back together and the myriad

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billboards and handmade signs thanking first responders.

A big thanks to Clint Moore for organizing the day, and to Freewheelers Jay Remick, Michael Amodt, Scott Mikkelson and Todd Darling for bringing the coffee and donuts. We hope to be able to do this again next year!

#### Attendees:

Chip & Denise Flor - 1937 120C convertible coupe

Steve Wier & John Hemm - 1940 120 sedan

Ron and Mary Carpenter - 1941 1901 station wagon

Clint Moore - 1948 2211 Deluxe 8 sedan

Bill Young - 1954 5401 Clipper Deluxe (with new Overdrive!)





Chip & Denise Flor's '37 120C convertible coupe.



Hood ornament detail on the Flors' '37 above.



Clint Moore's '48 Deluxe 8 sedan.



Steve Weir and John Hemm's '40 120 sedan.



# Where We've Been Holiday Luncheon

December 10, 2017 Photos by Bill Young & Bud Juneau



A delightful Holiday Luncheon was enjoyed by all who attended at Zio Fraedo's restaurant in Vallejo. The food was great, camaraderie was wonderful, and a nice selection of Packards attended due to the perfect winter weather.

Out annual silent auction is always a favorite place to pick up a last-minute present or Packard item. This is also a nice fundraiser for the club's annual donation for the preservation of The Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site.

A special treat this year was the arrival of *Carnac the Magnificent*, as first portrayed by Johnny Carson and in this case by Steve Weir. A wonderful script of envelopes was presented to be divined by Carnac with riotous results. This was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

A special thanks go to the Janet and Dave Wooldridge who chaired the event, Eddie and George Beck for favors, and all who helped.

#### **ATTENDEES**

Mark & Kay Barchas, Robert & Nancy Barton, George & Eddie Beck, Ron & Mary Carpenter, Bruce & Rhonda Cumming, Neal & Barbara Gapoff, Bill & Barbara Henretty, John & Judith Higgins, Fred & Pam Hill, Jack & Merna Holmes, Nancy Boraas, Bud Juneau, Bob & Mary Jane McCoy, Jeff Mihaly, Beth Eng, Lukas Mihaly, Fran Mihaly, Doug, Julie, Clint, & Vickie Moore, Bill & Carol Norton, Alvin Moss, Don & Glenda Sears, Phil Sherman, Rick & Loni Shea, Michael Solomon, Ladd & Maggi Stephenson, Tim & Kathie Toland, John Ulrich & Blanche Korfmacher, Steve Weir, John Hemm, Tony Butey, Dave & Janet Wooldridge, Yolanda Gale, Jerry & Linda Wuichet, Bill Young & Kirby Wiley.



Lukas Mihaly discussing auction bidding with Mary Carpenter.



George & Eddie Beck's '37 and Bill Young's '54.



Carpenter '41, Ulrich '40, Hill '55, Norton '49, Beck '37, Young '54, Moore '46..



Don & Glenda Sears brought their '41 Darrin.



Henretty '37, Stephenson '53, Sears '41, Wuichet '50, Weir '40.

#### KIDDE BRAND FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL

Kidde has recalled more than 40 million fire extinguishers used in homes, vehicles, and boats because they can become clogged or fail to discharge during a fire. We thank Clint Moore for bringing this to our attention.

The company has received one report of a related death in 2014, when a fire extinguisher failed to work during a car fire. There have been 16 injuries, 91 reports of property damage, and 391 reports of the extinguishers either not working at all or not working properly.

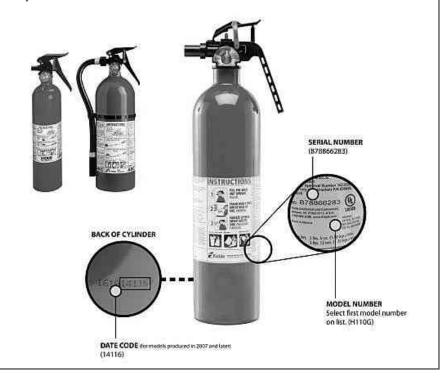
But the numbers don't stop there. The recall includes 134 models manufactured as far back as 1973 and as recently as August 2017. All the units have a plastic handle or plastic push button. Units with a metal handle or valve assembly are not included in the recall. The plastic handles and buttons can break or detach when force is applied.

The fire extinguishers were sold under dozens of different brand names, all listed on the Consumer Product Safety Commission recall notice.

lif you have a Kidde fire extinguisher with a **PLASTIC** handle, please go to the recall web page at:

https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and

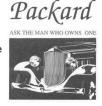
Find your model number in the list to see if it is recalled.



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