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Director's Report

There's excitement in-the-air! Spring is coming and it's now time to plan for our driving pleasure.

Jeff Mihaly is hosting a meeting at his home for the 2020 National Tour Steering Committee on March 17th. Maybe Clint will bring his "new baby", green Packard in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Speaking of Clint, our Tour Director; he noted a "hole" in our calendar for February. Quick-as-a-wink, he put together a wonderful tour of the Bay Model in Sausalito, followed by a first-rate lunch at the Buckeye Roadhouse (see his report in this edition). This tour was the essence of serendipity (finding something cool when you're not looking for it). As we gathered for our meet-and-greet, two fellows came by to admire our cars. Come-to-find-out, they were the gate keepers for the brigantine *Matthew Turner*, a 19th century style two-mast wooden ship, under construction from the ground up. Without hesitation, we were granted access to the ship and we were given a private tour (including below deck) of the project.

Matthew Turner was a prolific ship builder in the area. He built 228 vessels of which 154 were built at the Matthew Turner Ship Yard in Benicia. He built more ships in this time than any other ship builder in America. A foundation was formed to secure Douglas Fir from the Nature Conservancy which was milled on site. This \$7 million dollar project is almost complete. The ship deck is 100 feet long with an overall length of 130 feet. It displaces 175 tons (350,000 lbs). This includes 84,000 pounds of lead placed in the ship for ballast.

With the tour of the ship, the tour of the Bay Model and a short drive to the Buckeye for lunch, who could ask for anything more? Maybe this can become a future tour.

Check the Calendar. The National Meet is July 1 thru 7 in Columbus Ohio. Our Western Regional Tour is now set for May 17 thru 20 out of Auburn with several tours to historic sites in Sacramento and around Auburn.

We're looking for ideas and tour leaders for later in the year (October). If you have a good idea, let us know. If you have not hosted a tour, we'll help!

Milton Wheeler and team have put together our second Packard Calendar (2018). Bill Young has a limited supply if you're interested. And, Bill Young, our Membership Director, will soon be mailing out our 2018 Membership Directory. Thanks to them for the unselfish time they commit to our projects.

Lastly, the Pierce Arrow Club is hosting their National Tour this summer in Rohnert Park, Hilton. This is a great opportunity for our Club to observe a National Meet at the hotel where our 2020 Meet is scheduled.

Happy Motoring:

Steve Weir



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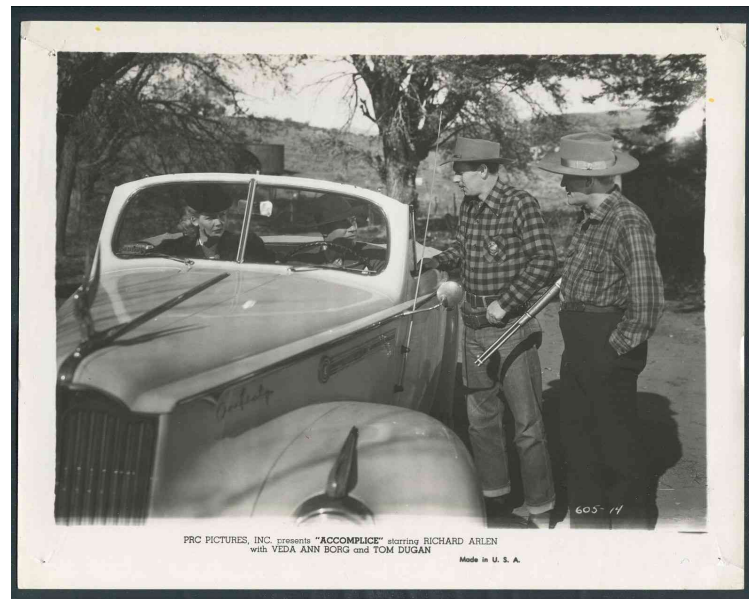
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Mystery Photo from last issue: Fred Hill says it is a 41 1903 convertible coupe. Milt Wheeler says it is likely a 41 One Sixty convertible. But after talking it over with Don Figone who says it may be either a 41 or 42 One Sixty convertible (since the lower grill area is not visible) Milt agrees. The movie poster, above, which was cropped to hide the film's name last issue, gives the name of the movie, "Accomplice" which came out in 1946. So, unless we actually find a copy of the film and watch it, we have to agree with Don Figone that it can be either a 41 or 42.

STEVE MESSENGER 1936 - 2018

Edwin Stephen Messenger, "Steve", passed away on January 30, 2018. He was the former owner of "Just Packards". A lifelong Packard enthusiast, Steve excelled in his mechanical ability to restore Packard automobiles to factory standards. Born in Martinez, Calif, Steve's early trades were as a tile setter, a refrigeration specialist and electrician. But it was his love of Packard in the mid 50's that quickly earned him the notoriety of the "go to" guy for Packard repairs. Superb engine rebuilding along with R9 and R11 transmissions rebuilds were his forte. Complete electrical rewiring was another specialty. He even configured a 1942-180 with electric windows! Steve spent many hours over the phone with other Packard owners nationwide in resolving their problems with his expertise and knowledge. Steve was a proud veteran who served his county in the Air force and was a passionate cat owner all his life. The Packard world has lost a true master mechanic, friend and mentor to us all. - Roark Diters



2018 EVENTS

April 8	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 10 - 13	Hershey Swap Meet
October 21	Board Meeting at Blackhawk Museum
December 16	Holiday Luncheon (South Bay, details to come)



Where We've Been
A Day at the Movies
Essanay Silent Film Museum

January 14, 2018

Text by Steve Weir

Photos by Christopher Slater and John Hemm



Ten Packards and 34 club members traveled to picturesque Niles on a beautiful winter day for fun, food, and fellowship at the historic Essanay Silent Film Museum.

The Following were in attendance: Kay and Mark Barchas; Eddie and George Beck; Lynn and William Butterworth; Mary and Ron Carpenter; Judi and John Higgins; Pam and Fred Hill; Jack Holmes and guest, Warren; John Kilkenny; Mary Jane and Bob McCoy; Clint Moore; Julie and Doug Moore; Christopher Slater; Dave Thomasson and guest Diane; Kathie and Tim Toland; Steve Weir, John Hemm, and Tony Butey; Carolee and Milt Wheeler; Janet and Dave Wooldridge; Bill Young and Kirby Wiley.

We saw four short films, all featuring cars that were either being torn apart or being hoisted over a non-existent Sierra road. We had as our guests, new member Dave Thomasson and his guest Diane. During a break, Dave was introduced to Ron Carpenter

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and Fred Hill. They were into it hot-and-heavy about a mechanical issue with Dave's 1932.

Lunch was included in the Edison Theater. We enjoyed a variety of Subway sandwiches, pasta, cookies, water, and chips. One of our slip-ups involved tuna on the veggie meals...oh well, better luck next time.

The theater group enjoyed our company. The consensus of the group was that this was a great event and we ought to do it again in January, 2019.

An artistic view of design elements in Matt Kilkeny's 34 Twelve. It was a day for artistic silent films and artistic silent Packards.





The Hills' '55 400 HT.



*More artistic design elements on the Tolands' '40.
What was the last year for the traditional Packard hood spear?*



Clint Moore's '48 Deluxe 8 sedan.



*The Higgins' '40
There's no name on the front -- how would you know it's a Packard?*



*Above: Wheeler 41, Toland 40, Hill 55,
Carpenter 49, Moore 48, Butterworth 40,
Barchas 40 and Kilkenny 34.*



*Tour Director, Clint Moore awarding the "Best
Tour of 2017" trophy to Milt Wheeler.*



Beck 37 and Higgins 40

Where We've Been *Army Corps Bay Model*

February 24, 2018
Text by Clint Moore

Photos by Christopher Slater & John Hemm



The group with a portion of the Bay Model in the background. The model is an accurate scaled-down copy of the San Francisco Bay, with scaled depths of all features including underwater valleys, bridges, and islands. Huge quantities of water flow through the model to simulate flows of rivers and tides.

The sun shone brightly on the crisp morning of February 24 as our Packard Club friends, including 6 Packards, found their way to the Army Corps of Engineers' Bay Model in Sausalito. Clint Moore and Steve Weir showed up early to set out the coffee and donuts, which were enjoyed by all. As a special treat, Alan Olson of the Brigantine Matthew Turner invited us aboard the tall ship which was moored to the nearby pier. He admired our Packards so much that he wanted to share his labor of love, and what an example of local dedication and artistry!

At 10am, our group found its way into the Bay Model complex where we had an informative tour of the sprawling project. Built in the 1950's as a way to research the effects landfill and dam proposals would have on our environment, the model now is a center for education and outreach since computer modeling now more effectively and efficiently predicts potential benefits and detriments to our fragile bay environment.

Back out in the parking lot, we fired up our classics and made the short drive to the restaurant. With its cozy atmosphere and welcoming fireplace, the Buckeye Roadhouse has been a popular stop and watering hole along Highway 101 for over 80 years. The restaurant was prepared for us with saved spaces in the parking lot and a group of waiting tables. Fast and friendly servers delivered delicious dishes, such as pork chops, crab cakes and burgers to our hungry group. A great way to end our day together!

Many thanks to Steve Weir and John Hemm for donating the donuts and setting out club signs, to Mark and Kay Barchas for suggesting the restaurant, and to Clint Moore for organizing the day – even if he forgot to bring the maps to the restaurant!

Attendees: Fred & Pam Hill, Bill Young, Clint Moore & Christopher Slater, Don & Glenda Sears, Robert & Karen Reed, Tom Beidleman, Mark & Kay Barchas, John & Lorraine Kilkenny, Steve Weir, John Hemm & Tony Butey, Warren Lubich, Tim & Kathie Toland, Andrew Sinclair, and Michael & Dee Solomon.



A docent explains the model to part of our group.



Clint Moore & Tom Beidleman by Tom's '34 1101 coupe.



Bill Young's '54 Clipper De Luxe.



Don & Glenda Sears brought their '41 Darrin.



Sears 41, Moore 48, Hill 55, & Reed 37.

Board Meeting

January 21, 2018

10:30 AM

Members Present: Bud Juneau, David Wooldridge, George Beck, Bill Young, Jeff Mihaly, Steve Weir, Clint Moore Milton Wheeler
Guests: Ron Carpenter, Mary Carpenter and Mike Solomon

Voted - To accept the October Board Meeting minutes

Voted - Steve Weir as Club Director

Voted - Jeff Mihaly as assistant Director

Voted - To accept the 2018 Board Members

Voted – Milton Wheeler – Secretary – Janet Wooldridge – Treasurer, Bill Young – Membership, Clint Moore – Tour Director

Treasurer's Report: It was reported that we had a good 2017. And at the Auction we grossed \$640. Great!

Membership Report: Bill Young said we now have 173 members in our club with 90% belonging to the National Club and we have 307 Packards. He also said the club Directory will be out in February.

Voted – To send out two Packard Calendars to : Joe Munsch and Buck Kamphausen.

Voted - To have Phil Sherman spend up to \$1000 on Packard Caps.

Tour Director Report: Clint Moore said we had 5 Packards out for the November 5 Tour and 62 members at the Holiday Lunch The February tour will be on the 17th. We will go to Army Engineers Bay Model. In May, we have our Western Regions Tour. In June, we have Indoor Cart Racing. In July, will be our Picnic and in September we have the Swap Meet. We discussed the idea of working on a Driving Tour for the 2020 National Meet

Web Site – George Beck said it is working fine.

2020 National Meet – Jeff Mihaly passed out a paper on the proposed schedule for 2020 National Meet. There was much discussion! The Planning Committee will meet quarterly starting March 17 at the Carpenter's home.

Voted – Next Board Meeting will be April 8.

Adjourned at 12:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary

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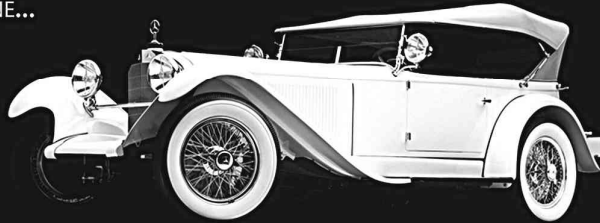
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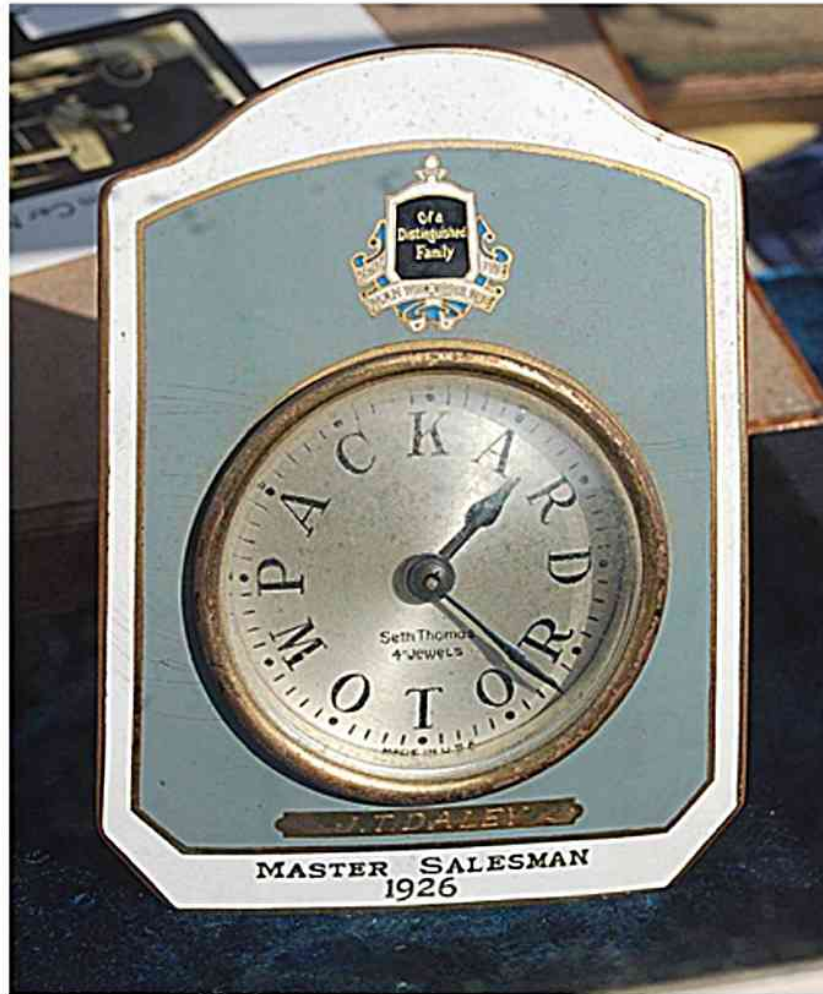
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As seen at a vendor's booth at the Hershey Swap Meet in 2015. A reminder of Packard quality at every level. A nice gift for a Packard Master Salesman in 1926.