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**Director's Report**

The NorCal Packard Club ended the year with a BIG BANG!

In this edition of the Pious Pelican, you'll read about Bill Young's and Kirby Wiley's fantastic Cheese Tour in the pastoral North Counties. The turn out was great and the rural/rustic trip was a Packard's delight. We were so many that at one stop, we were given special parking...on a hill...and did we kick up a dust storm!

You'll also read about our annual visit to the Veteran's Home in Yountville. Clint Moore was our tour leader. The day was beautiful, we had tons of cars and we had more vets visiting us than at any previous year. Vets and Packards, who could beat that?

Speaking of Clint, he has stepped in to assist Executive Editor Bud Juneau with the Pious Pelican. Thanks to Bud and Clint for keeping informed via the Pious Pelican.

Not to be outdone, Tom & Leslie Beidleman put on our annual holiday party this time, in Vallejo. Clint acted as our master-of-ceremonies again this year. The weather did not break in our favor and so we only had two Packards grace our holiday party (read further in this Pelican to see who braved the elements.) We missed seeing Doug & Julie Moore who were cruising the West Coast to celebrate Julie's birthday. Next year's holiday party will be sponsored by the South Bay.

The Board of Director's remains very active and engaged. Watch our e-mail group announcing the next Board Meeting which is Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 10:30, Blackhawk Auto Museum, Danville. One-and-all are invited to attend.

By-the-Way, we're in our six month countdown to the 2020 National Meet in Rohnert Park. So, now is the time to make your room reservations and watch for our registration form. It's on-the-way. Jeff Mihaly and crew are hard at work to put on a wonderful gathering of the "Packard Nation".

Happy Motoring!

*Steve Weir*

***Packard***

## 2020 Packard National Meet Update

**Thanks to all** who signed up at the Holiday Luncheon to volunteer at the meet. There's lots of willingness among our NorCal club to be involved. And thanks to Christopher Slater who gave a great presentation in Vallejo about the meet. Many commented that we really look organized, and I think we are. Our core group has really been working hard chasing down many details to make the week a memorable experience.

**The BIG update** is that our Registration Form is now ready and can be accessed on our NorCal Packard website under "Calendar."

([www.norcalpackards.org](http://www.norcalpackards.org)) It will also be in the Cormorant News Bulletin December issue, which should be in your mailbox either just before or just after Christmas. **Please sign up immediately and help show your support for all the work that the committee has done.** We are also doing an email blast to the entire NorCal Packard membership with the form attached. You can either fill it out and mail it in with a check, call Cornerstone Registration and complete it over the phone, or go to Cornerstone Registration online (<https://pacmeet2020.cornerstonereg.com>)

Thanks to Steve Weir, we have secured trailer parking for the week, and it's less than a mile from the hotel to the trailer lot. So, if you have a trailer, there's no problem with bringing it to the meet. We encourage you to get your Packard out of the trailer and put it in the hotel lot where we will have members from our club babysitting the cars from 10pm-6am. And, if you want to volunteer to watch the cars during the night, we are doing 2 hour shifts (10-12, 12-2, 2-4, and 4-6). If you have trouble sleeping, you might as well hang out with our favorite cars.

### A few "pleases" from the committee:

1. Please stay for the entire week (if possible).
2. Please stay at the host hotel (*Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country* 707-584-5466)
3. Please bring as many Packards as you can. Coordinate with club members for ferrying back from the area to bring multiple cars or call us for help.
4. Please attend as many events as you can.
5. If you haven't already volunteered, please send me an email ([jeffmihaly@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffmihaly@yahoo.com)) or call me (510-501-0415) to express your interest in helping.
6. If you have room in your car, please be open to taking passengers on the tours. It's a great way to make new Packard friends.
7. Please talk with your friends who are enthusiasts and encourage them to come to the meet.

Happy Motoring!

*Jeff Mihaly*





January 12      Movie Day

February 17     Maritime Academy Visit and Lunch

June 28 - July 3 Packard National Meet - Rohnert Park

### **Ironstone Additions**



In the last edition, the editor neglected to identify Paul Williams' 1933 1002 Club Sedan at left in the above photo, and that Paul was a judge of the Packard class. Also in attendance were Tom and JoAnn Martindale who won both Best in Class and the prestigious Ironstone Foundation Award for their 1921 Paige Daytona Boattail Speedster. Many apologies!

# ***Where We've Been*** **Marin Cheese Tour**

October 10, 2019

Text and Photos by Christopher Slater



*A cloud of dust didn't blanket the spirits of Fred Hill (1955 The Four Hundred) or Steve Wier (1940 1801 Touring Sedan).*

Warm October weather was the perfect setting for our October event - a 50 mile drive that showcased the best scenery in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Our starting point in San Rafael sparkled with luxurious Packards from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. As our hosts Bill Young and Kirby Wiley got our collective attention, Bill explained that the destinations included stops at two cheese factories followed by an Italian meal at the best restaurant in Occidental. It was evident that Bill and Kirby had worked tirelessly to make this event memorable as it included three things that this author enjoys: Packard people, a drive tour through beautiful countryside, and fine dining.

The pace of the drive tour was perfectly suited to our Packards. The few bicyclists that shared the road were well behaved - in several cases traveling faster than our Packards - but that was ok as we were in no rush. Bill selected a route that included rolling hills with views of distant farms, and along country roads that led through quaint country towns. Frequently the road would surprise us by disappearing into cool stands of redwood trees and then reemerged into valleys surrounded by hills that were blanketed with the gold of autumn grass and solitary oak trees.

Our first stop was the Nicasio Valley Cheese factory which is normally a fairly quiet establishment. This day it was filled with energetic kids and their

fast moving parents who were here to enjoy a Pumpkin Festival that was being held in the field next to the cheese factory. After locating an overflow parking lot we joined our fellow Packard owners to observe the mayhem at the Pumpkin Festival and to sample cheeses inspired by the master cheese makers of the Valle Maggia in Switzerland.

When we returned to our Packards it was to drive the short distance to the Marin French Cheese Company, a manufacturer of artisanal Brie cheeses. The company was founded in 1865 and is the oldest continually operating cheese manufacturer in the United States. With a large facility, there was ample room for our group to sample the many cheeses on display and to take time to relax at the picnic tables near a perfectly circular pond.

The final leg of our drive tour took us to Occidental for an Italian style meal in a checkered-tablecloth setting at the Union Hotel Restaurant. No one left hungry as the tables were groaning under the weight of fresh baked bread, toasty bruschetta, cheese tortellini with pesto sauce, ravioli stuffed with pork and mushrooms, and roasted chickens.

Many thanks to Bill Young and Kirby Wiley for hosting this spectacular October event. From the cars, to the scenery, to the magnificent Italian meal, everything was top notch. They deserve three cheers for a most enjoyable NorCal Packards event.

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*Happy to be among friends on a sunny day! Tom Beidleman, Milt Wheeler, George Teebay and Ann Beals smile for the camera.*

Members who brought Packards

Tom Beidleman

Maggi & Ladd Stephenson

Glenda & Don Sears

Judy & John Higgins

Kathy & Tim Toland

John Hemm & Steve Weir

(with sister Gwen Fenolio)

Carolee & Milt Wheeler

Mary & Ron Carpenter

Henry Hopkins

Bill Young & Kirby Wiley

Pam & Fred Hill

(with relative Jan)

1934 1101 Eight Coupe 2-4

1937 115C Business Coupe

(newly acquired)

1937 1507 Twelve Coupe Roadster

1940 1800 Touring Sedan

1940 1800 Convertible Coupe

1940 1801 Touring Sedan

1941 1903 160 Convertible Coupe

1941 1901 Station Wagon

1947 2106 Custom Club Sedan

1954 Clipper Deluxe 4-Door Sedan

1955 The Four Hundred Hardtop

Other Members who Attended

George Teebay & Ann Beals

David Siewe & Ian Jackson

Bill Henretty

Linda & Jerry Wuichet

Stuart & Vallyn Proffitt

Christopher Slater

1930 Pierce Arrow Model B Roadster

1967 Lincoln Continental

1994 Corvette



*John & Judy Higgins are members of the "Clean Plate Club!"*





*Henry Hopkins is a proud papa next to his rare 1947 2106 Custom Club Sedan.*



*(Back to Front) Don Sears' 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe Roadster, Henry Hopkins' 1947 2106 Custom Club Sedan and Mary Carpenter's 1941 1901 Station Sedan lined up in the field at the Nicasio Valley Cheese Factory.*



*(Left to Right) Steve Weir's 1940 1801 Touring Sedan, Gerry Wuichet's 1950 Super 8 Sedan, Eugene Justus' 1947 Clipper Deluxe Sedan, Bob Reed's 1937 1502 Super 8*



*Milt Wheeler's 1941 1903 One Sixty Convertible Coupe underway on the Marin Cheese Tour. (Photo: Christopher Slater)*



*Touring Sedan and Doug Moore's 1946 Custom Limousine line the walkway to the entrance of the Yountville Veterans Home Member Services Center. (Photo: Bob Reed)*



*Don Sears beams from the driver's seat of his 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe Roadster on the Marin Cheese Tour. (Photo: Christopher Slater).*



*Chip Flor's 1937 120C Convertible Coupe on display at the Veterans Home.  
(Photo: Peter Hynnar)*



*(Left to right) Tom Beidleman, Gerry Wuichet and George Beck gather around Tom's 1934 1101 Coupe to discuss everyone's favorite topic: fender construction!  
(Photo: Clint Moore)*

# ***Where We've Been*** **Veterans Home, Yountville**

November 10, 2019

Text by Clint Moore



*John Ulrich and Blanche Korfmacher show off John's 1932 900 Light Eight Coupe Roadster in front of one of the cannons at the Veterans Home.  
(Photo: Clint Moore)*

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to share our Packards with the heroes of our nation. On Sunday, November 10, eleven Packards arrived at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville for a wonderful display in front of Member Services Center.

This is the third year that NorCal Packards has "given back" in this special way, and it was both the best attended and best received yet! Before all the cars were even situated, residents and visitors of the facilities came by to marvel at all the color and chrome. Several veterans shared stories of cars they used to drive or remembered Packards from their childhoods that were owned by friends and relatives.

Music Therapist and Residential Care Coordinator Sabrina Raudales was our friendly contact at the home and was instrumental in making sure our organizers were prepared for the day and armed with the proper paperwork—there's never a shortage of forms to be filled out at a government facility!

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After our visit, many of the Packards caravanned to the Red Hen Bar & Grill in nearby Napa, where a large table was waiting for our jovial group. Laughs and light-hearted conversation were enjoyed over burgers and quesadillas. No one left hungry for their drives home!

Many thanks to Clint Moore for organizing the day and to Steve Wier for the help he provided with signs and the restaurant suggestion. Until next year...

Members who brough Packards

John Ulrich & Blanche Korfmacher	1932 900 Light 8 Coupe Roadster
Tom & Leslie Beidleman	1934 1101 2-4 Passenger Coupe
Robert & Karen Reed	1937 1502 Super 8 Touring Sedan
George Beck	1937 1500 Eight Touring Sedan
Chip Flor	1937 120C Convertible Coupe
Steve Weir & friend Tony Butay	1940 1801 120 Sedan
Ralph & Myrna Finley	1940 1803 160 Super 8 (Bill Norton, owner)
Eugene & Sharon Justus	1946 Clipper Deluxe
Doug & Clint Moore	1946 2126 Custom Super Limousine
Jerry Wuichet	1950 Super 8 Deluxe Sedan
Bill Young	1954 5401 Clipper Deluxe

Other Members who Attended

Stuart & Vallyn Proffitt  
Peter Hypnar & daughter Jeiane



*Blanche Korfmacher, John Ulrich, Bob & Karen Reed and Sharon & Eugene Justus share a smile as they await their meals at the Red Hen Bat & Grill.  
(Photo: Clint Moore)*

# ***Where We've Been*** **Annual Holiday Party, Vallejo**

December 7, 2019

Text by Tom Beidleman



*Bill Young shows off the traveling trophy after winning the Best Tour of 2019 for his Marin Cheese Tour. (See article on page 4) (Photo: Peter Hynnar)*

What a wonderful gathering we had at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Vallejo for our 2019 Holiday Party!

The day itself may have been a little grey and gusty, with a bit of rain laced throughout, but it wasn't raining inside, nor did it keep two intrepid Packard owners from braving the weather and showing up with their wonderful cars. Bill Young and Kirby Wiley in their 1954 Clipper Deluxe were the first to arrive, and then Jerome and Hitomi Solberg arrived soon after in their 1953 Cavalier 4-door sedan. We all applaud your efforts and the sharing of your cars...Thank You!

Inside, it was a busy room from the arrival of our first guests right through to the last with the restaurant staff politely clearing us out to make room for another group. All in all, we had 76 RSVP'd members and guests sign up for the party, and almost everyone was able to make it...a great turnout indeed !

The most noticeable and rewarding thing I witnessed was the comradery. I don't think there was a stranger left in the house within minutes of arriving, and of course there were lots of long-established friendships being re-united too.

As always, our Silent Auction saw plenty of action, and that corner of the room was anything but silent. As I'm sure you noticed, there were yummy

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things, Packard things, brand-X things and “other” things all laid out to tempt us. I came away with the Packard shirt and vest, but got out-bid on everything else! Ordinarily I might feel bad about that outcome, but this auction provides the club with a little extra funding to keep us viable, interesting and fun. So yeah, in this instance I’m glad I was out-bid...Thank You!

So what did you think of the presentation put on by Jeff Mihaly and Christopher Slater...wasn’t that grand??!! The hours of action and thought that is going into this Jun 28-Jul 3, 2020 55th Packard National Meet in Rohnert Park, CA is mind blowing. Your Meet team is really going all out to produce a world class venue and we can see that coming together already. Also, a special shout-out to Tom Owens (a new member by the way) who graciously responded to our plea for a LCD projector so we could put on that presentation ...Thank you, Tom!

And speaking of Tours, we had a number of them this year, and all were fun and well attended, But...its not all just fun-and-games...It entails serious competition with the winning Tour Director getting his name engraved on our special Best Tour trophy. This year the trophy was awarded to Bill Young for his Cheese Tour. It was a great day for a ride, and we sampled cheeses from different dairies along the way, culminating in a wonderful lunch at the Union Hotel Restaurant, in Occidental. Congratulations Bill, it was absolutely an award-winning tour!

And no NorCal Packard party is complete without a visit from our very own Carnac The Magnificent. Carnac is always fun and timely, and this outing was no exception. Excellent as always Steve, thank you!



I can’t begin to wrap this up without mentioning all the people who really “made” this party: Clint Moore our MC and program manager; Steve Weir who brought our Packard Banner and directional A-Frames, and who brings life to Carnac; George Beck whose contributions are too numerous to list; Bill Young and Kirby, who along with John Hemm faithfully handled the guest check-ins, last minute collections and up-dates to the roster; Tony Butay who handled Packard Parking; Janet Wooldridge who supplied us with wonderful background Holiday music, managed the silent auction, and ultimately paid our restaurant tab... oh yes, she also found time to take pictures!

*Emcee Clint Moore blends with the tree in his holiday garb.  
(Photo: Vickie Moore)*



*Magician and soothsayer  
Carnac (a.k.a Steve Weir)  
foretold our future and  
provided many laughs.  
(Photo: Janet Wooldridge)*



But probably the biggest “Thank You” goes out to each and every one of you, our fellow Packard Club members who took the time to come out and support the club and your fellow members and to enjoy the friendship and mutual interest owning a Packard can bring! Thank You again!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Brave Members who brought Packards:

Jerome & Hitomi Solberg

1953 2602 Cavalier 4-door sedan

Bill Young & Kirby Wiley

1954 5401 Clipper Deluxe sedan

Other Members and Guests who attended:

Mark & Kay Barchas

Jeff Mihaly

Robert & Nancy Barton

John Miller

George & Eddie Beck

Clint & Vickie Moore

Tom & Leslie Beidleman

Thomas Owens

Ron & Mary Carpenter

David & Patricia Pava

Bruce & Rhonda Cumming

Robert & Karen Reed

Rod & Cindy Dahlgren

Don & Glenda Sears

Neal & Barbara Gapoff

Daniel Shanahan & Guest

Ralph & Donovan Geissler

Christopher Slater

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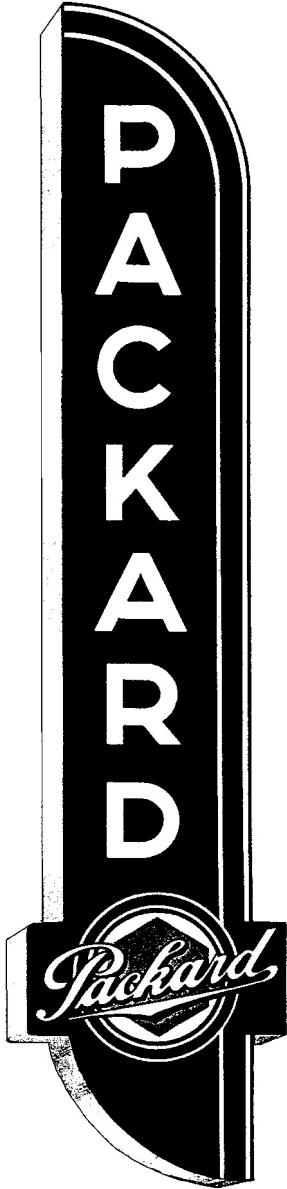
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