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Director's Report

Summer life has been moving at a blistering pace this year and shows little signs of letting up for at least another month. Whereas last year we were sitting at home wondering if we'd ever be able to leave the house again, this year I feel as if I'm never home, which is a problem because I bought a large garage with a small detached house in July, and I continue to live amongst piles of boxes even though I moved nearly a month ago! Essentially, I've sacrificed a bedroom and second bathroom in exchange for 4 additional covered parking spaces: a fair trade-off, wouldn't you say?

As a club, we've been very active. We had a great showing of Packards both on the field and in the car corral at Hillsborough. Congratulations to the Kerr Family for their third place award in the CCCA Recognized Classics class!

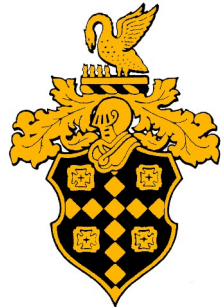
A few weeks later it was time to venture south for Monterey Car Week. My parents and I always take a Packard down to motor around and join the fun where we can. You do not have to have a 100-point show car to participate in many of the events, which is great for us because none of the vehicles in the Moore Family Fleet of Fine Automobiles is anywhere near perfect. For example, the Pacific Grove Auto Rally is always a blast. We took the ribbon for Most Elegant Car with our '46 limo (perhaps a shoe-in because we were the only Packard among the field of mostly sports and muscle cars). The highlight of the week, however, was in the main event when our very own Jeff Mihaly took second in the Packard class at Pebble Beach! We are all very proud of you, Jeff!

Coming up (tomorrow as I write this) is the swap meet, which I know will be a success, followed by Antique Autos at History Park in San Jose (don't forget to let me know if you're coming!) and then Ironstone at the end of the month. In October, Phil Sherman has planned a wonderful tour back to Hannah Nicole Winery. Just turn the page to find the registration form to send in for that event!

With all these options for things to do, there's no excuse for letting your Packards sit in the garage. I hope to see you out and about!

Happy Motoring!

Clint





- September 12 Swap Meet—Vallejo
September 19 Antique Autos at San Jose History Park
September 25 Ironstone Concours
October 6-9 Hershey Swap Meet in Hershey, PA
October 10 Board Meeting—Blackhawk Muesum
October 24 Clayton-Brentwood Tour
November 13 Veterans Home—Yountville (tentative)
December 12 Holiday Luncheon

For a complete list of events, please visit our website at
www.norcalpackards.org/calendar.php

Clayton-Brentwood Tour Registration Form

Name: _____

of people in your party ____ @ \$30/each. Total: _____

Panini sandwich choices (fill in the number of each choice desired):

____ Porky Pig (pulled pork, mac and cheese, chipotle aioli)

____ The Italian Job (mortadella, spicy coppa, provolone, red pepper spread)

____ Hen Solo (grilled chicken, tomatoes, provolone, basil pesto)

____ Vegi-Curious (braised eggplant, tomato, onions, garlic, fresh mozzarella)

Upcoming Event

Clayton—Brentwood Tour

October 24, 2021



Join us on a joint tour with the Rolls Royce Club for a trip through history and a wonderful lunch. We will meet in quaint Clayton for a docent-lead discussion of the history of the town before taking to our vehicles for a drive to the John Marsh House where we will stop to stretch our legs and learn about the cantankerous character who lived in the house for only 3 weeks before he was murdered. Finally, we will continue on to Hannah Nicole Winery where panini sandwiches and a glass of wine or soft drinks will be waiting.

Tire kicking and snacks start at 10:30am in the parking lot at 6101 Main Street across from the Clayton Museum. Docent discussion starts at 11am sharp!

Please fill out the registration form on the previous page and mail it along with your check made out to Nor Cal Packards to:

Phil Sherman
809 Marjoram Drive
Brentwood, CA 94513

Registration deadline for this event is **OCTOBER 8!**

Upcoming Event **Antique Autos in History Park**

September 19, 2021

The 21st annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José, will take place on Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 635 Phelan Ave., San José, CA) with period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles. The featured vehicle this year is Pierce Arrow (1901-1938). In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, and Kids Activities.

Nor Cal Packards will have a reserved parking area, so if you haven't already, please let Clint Moore (408-426-0741 or batbuick@yahoo.com) know if you will be attending so he can give the organizers a count for the number of spaces to reserve.



A trio of lovelies dressed in period garb pose with Clint Moore's 1932 903 Eight Deluxe Convertible Sedan at the 2019 Antique Autos in History Park.

Where We've Been **Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance**

Text and Photos by Clint Moore



Nor Cal Members at Hillsborough: (left to right) Kathie & Tim Toland with daughter-in-law and grandson, Leslie & Tom Beidleman, Mary & Ron Carpenter, Clint Moore, Andrew Wallace, Doug Moore, John Higgins and Bruce Cumming

On July 18, Hillsborough returned after last year's COVID hiatus with gusto as it resumed its place as the longest continually running concours in the world. The show field was limited to just 200 cars, but among them were several of our members' Packards. Jack Perkins had a prime spot at the head of his class of "CCCA Approved Classics" with his 1929 626 Eight Convertible Coupe, while a few stalls away the Kerr family's 1934 1101 Eight Convertible Sedan made its concours debut. Further along, Matt Kilkenny's 1934 1107 Twelve 7-Passenger Sedan was parked alongside his father John Kilkenny's 1934 1108 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Sedan.

Nor Cal Packards also had the privilege of being asked to park a group (a gaggle? a murder? a pride!) of Packards in the car corral, and we didn't disappoint. At one point we had eight cars ranging from 1934 to 1950. It was fun to see Milt Wheeler's and Tom Beidleman's twin 1934 coupes parked alongside each other, and also to compare differences between Bruce Cumming's 110, Ron and Mary Carpenter's 120 and Dan Shanahan's 180 station wagons.

When it came time for the awards to be presented, we were proud to learn that the Kerr family took third in class with their convertible

sedan! It was quite a day, and a wonderful way to get back on the field.

Nor Cal members in the Concours:

Jack Perkins	1929 626 Eight Convertible Coupe
The Kerr Family	1934 1101 Eight Convertible Sedan
Matt Kilkenny	1934 1107 Twelve 7-Passenger Sedan
John Kilkenny	1934 1108 Twelve Dietrich Conv. Sedan

Nor Cal members in the Car Corral:

Tom & Leslie Beidleman	1934 1101 Eight Coupe
Milt Wheeler	1934 1101 Eight Coupe
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 Convertible Coupe
Bruce Cumming	1940 110 Station Wagon
John Higgins	1940 1800 Eight Sedan
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1941 120 Station Wagon
Dan Shanahan	1941 180 Station Wagon
Doug & Clint Moore	1950 Super 8 Victoria

Other members in attendance:

Don Figone	Bill Rogstad
Jay Hubbard (Silver Circle)	Don Sears
Stuart Hunter	Christopher Slater
Jeff Mihaly	Andrew Wallace (Earl C. Anthony)
Robert Reed	



Tom Beidleman is all smiles in the rumble seat of his 1934 1101 Eight Coupe since its recent release from the shop with a successful engine rebuild!



Above: The Kerr Family's 1934 1101 Eight Convertible Sedan took third in the CCCA Approved Classics class.

Below: Jack Perkins poses with his 1929 626 Eight Convertible Coupe.





A Pride of Packards in the Hillsborough Car Corral: (left to right) Toland's 1934 1101 Coupe, Wheeler's 1934 1101 Coupe, Higgins' 1940 1800 Sedan.



Who could forget the seemingly mile-long hood and green cloisonné of the 1934 1108 Twelve Dietrich Victoria that took Best in Show at Pebble Beach in 2013?



s 1940 110 Convertible Coupe, Carpenter's 1941 120 Station Wagon, Beidleman's Sedan, Cumming's 1940 110 Station Wagon, Moore's 1950 Super 8 Victoria,



A stunning 1942 Darrin Custom Super Eight 180 Victoria was among the Packards available at the Gooding Auction during Monterey Car Week.



Above: Matt Kilkenny's 1934 1107 Twelve 7-Passenger Sedan was parked next to John Kilkenny's 1934 1108 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Sedan on the Hillsborough show field.

Below: In the Hillsborough Car Corral, Doug Moore, Jay Hubbard (Silver Circle Region), John Higgins and Andrew Wallace (Earl C. Anthony Region) catch up next to Doug's 1950 Super 8 Victoria.



Where We've Been **Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance**

Text by Christopher Slater; Photos by Clint Moore

Once a year the world's most acclaimed Concours d'Elegance takes place on the fairways and lawns of the Pebble Beach Golf Links. After being canceled in 2020 - a year which saw most all of our favorite events get canceled - it was a pleasure for your author to enjoy this most prestigious of Concours events.

This year's selection of Finely Crafted Faberge Lawn Eggs included the expected classes for pre-war Packards, Duesenbergs, Rolls-Royce and Mercedes-Benz. In honor of the 70th anniversary of this event a special class of 40 previous "Best in Show" winners was arranged along the shores of Stillwater Cove for our enjoyment. And with collector car auctions setting records for modern sports and racing cars, Pebble Beach embraced this trend by featuring classes for the Porsche 917, La Carrera Panamericana race cars, and a special class celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Lamborghini Countach.



*Jeff, Lucas and Beth Mihaly looking smart
"on the field" at Pebble Beach.*

Given my years of involvement with the Packard Club and the CCCA, I was on a first name basis with many entrants showing pre-war Classic Cars "on the lawn." There were hushed conversations about how well their cars did in the judging, and later in the day these same people were rewarded with a drive "on the ramp" to collect class trophies.

Competition was stiff in the Packard class this year. So many cars returned to participate in the display of previous Best in Show winners

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Above: Rumors of its existence proved true when the Mozart Collection debuted this 1933 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Runabout in the Prewar Preservation Class.

Below: Another previous Best in Show winner, this Murphy bodied lavender 1927 343 Eight Convertible Sedan took the top spot in 1977.





The coveted class trophy and ribbon adorn Jeff Mihaly's 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe proclaiming his second place win in the Packard class at Pebble Beach.

that the Packard class was whittled down to 8 outstanding examples of the marque, both open and closed. One of our very own Nor Cal members, Jeff Mihaly, was honored with a trip "on the ramp" when he took second with his 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe! Fellow Nor Cal member-Larry Nannini was also garnered a class award for his 1932 Chrysler CL Custom Imperial LeBaron Convertible Sedan in the American Classic class. Well done, gentlemen!

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance has returned in dramatic fashion, and I couldn't be happier. This is an event that I attend every year, and I encourage you to join me next year when Lincoln is the featured marque.

Ask the man who owns one!

Out & About **Monterey Car Week 2021**



Above: All of the other cars seem so small when looking down the hood of Doug Moore's 1946 Custom Super Clipper limousine at the Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally!

Below: Jeff Mihaly's 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe was paired with an interesting companion when they lined up for the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance.



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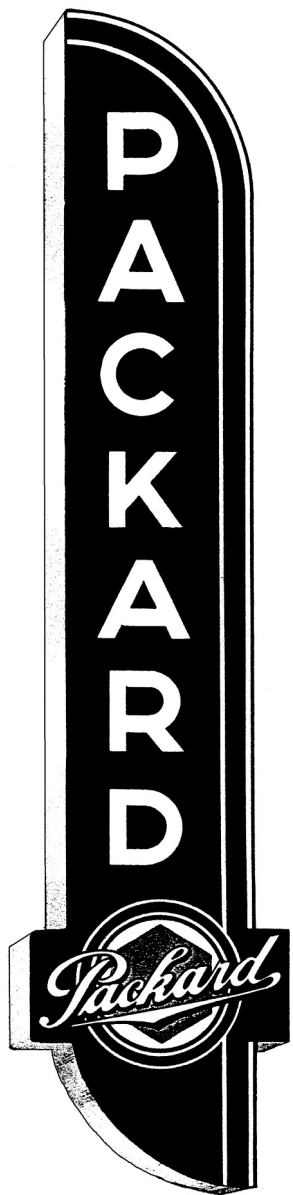
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