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Director's Report

I couldn't be happier with our first two events of the year! Unlike last year when I was dreading canceling more events, it's almost as though we are back to normal, whatever that feels like.

First Hal Schuette treated us to a fantastic visit to The Candy Store in Burlingame. We had a great turn out and brought nine Packards "home" to the old dealership building. Thanks again to Hal and Becky for providing the food. We look forward to more visits in the future!

Next, we finally enjoyed our holiday party postponed from December 2020! It was another well attended event in terms of people and Packards. And the food at Michael's at Shoreline was delicious! Kay and Mark Barchas really pulled off a great event, and they are to be commended.

Looking ahead, in just a couple of weeks we have our Western Regions Tour to Reno/Tahoe. Be sure to sign up, and Milt Wheeler and I are working out a caravan for our group to drive up there together. Looks like it will be quite a parade with 5 Packards so far joining the fun. Will you be joining us as well??? Watch your emails for more details.

You'll also want to sign up to join us in the car corral at Hillsborough again. We had a great turn out last year just outside the show field, and best of all your parking pass is free! See page 4 of this publication for instructions on how to purchase tickets.

And finally, we have to think about the upcoming 2023 National Meet, which will be hosted by us right here in Northern California! I know it's still 13 months away, but there's so much to be done. Fortunately we had laid the groundwork for the meet back when we expected to host it in 2020 before the pandemic threw us a curveball, but we are far from ready! We will be looking for volunteers to do everything from man the registration table to lead the driving tours. Consider yourself warned: we plan to press everyone into service!

Let's keep the club momentum going and enjoy the spring weather!

Happy Motoring!





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| May 18-22 | Western Regions—Reno/Tahoe |
| June 26 | Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance |
| July 4-9 | PAC National Meet—Alexandria, VA |
| July 30 | Blackhawk Tour and Lunch |
| August 21 | Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance |
| September 11 | Annual Vallejo Swap Meet |
| September 17 | Antique Autos in San Jose History Park |
| September 24 | Ironstone Concours d'Elegance |
| December 4 | Holiday Luncheon |

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

Calling All Derhams!

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance will feature a special class for Derham bodied cars this year, Packard and otherwise. If you have a Derham or know someone who does, we encourage you to bring it to participate in this rare occasion!

Upcoming Event
Western Regions Tour—Reno/Tahoe
Wednesday, May 18—Sunday, May 22



Host duties for the 2022 Western Regions Tour return to our friends from Silver Circle Packards for a jam-packed weekend in the Reno/Tahoe area. Activities will include a cruise on Lake Tahoe, a visit to Virginia City, and visits to a local car collection and railroad museum.

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate. Make your reservation and return your registration form by the May 10 deadline. Don't miss this chance to catch up with our friends from Seattle to San Diego!

Carson Valley Inn
1627 Hwy 395 N
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800-321-6983
www.carsonvalleyinn.com
Use reservation code: The Packard Club

We are organizing a caravan that will meet in Dublin on May 18 to drive up together. Watch for more information by email or contact Clint Moore.

Registration forms were emailed to all members. If you did not receive one, contact Clint Moore.

Upcoming Event **Hillsborough Concours** **Sunday, June 26, 2022**

After the success of last year's Hillsborough visit by our club, NorCal Packards is once again invited to park our cars in the Car Corral adjacent to the show field! In order to take advantage of this special offer, you must purchase your individual tickets online in advance to receive your parking pass. If you have any questions, please contact Hal Schuette. Here are the instructions:

1. Go to <https://www.hillsboroughconcours.org/tickets>
2. At the bottom of the Concours d'Elegance column, click the red button that says "Buy Tickets."
3. On the next screen above the word "Tickets" click the blue link that says "Enter Promo Code"
4. In the box that appears, type CarClubParking (all one word, no spaces), then click Apply.
5. A new category for Parking Pass is added to the list. Select the number of parking passes (Packards only!), individual tickets and any other selections you would like, then scroll to the bottom and click Checkout.
6. Complete the payment and print your passes.



Packards in the 2021 Hillsborough Car Corral: (r to l) Milt Wheelers 1934 1101 Coupe, Tom Beidleman's 1934 1101 Coupe, Ron & Mary Carpenter's 1941 120 Station Wagon, and Tim & Kathie Toland's 1940 110 Convertible.
(Photo: Clint Moore)

Where We've Been **Candy Store Social**

Text by Clint Moore, Photos by Bill Rogstad



Our merry group posed in front of the recently refurbished Packard sign that is now prominently displayed in The Candy Store.

A rare afternoon event made for a pleasant way to end a weekend on Sunday, March 13 as our members made their way to the Candy Store in Burlingame for a special unveiling of the refurbished Packard sign that once adorned the exterior of the building. The sun shone beautifully while each of our 9 Packards were guided into place by the old service department doors. It made for a handsome display spanning both pre- and post-war eras and harkened back to the days when the building truly was a Packard dealership!

Once inside, members of our club and members of The Candy Store wandered among the many rare and interesting cars that are kept at the “club house,” including a special display in the grand showroom of a 1934 Packard Phaeton owned by the club alongside Clint Moore’s 1932 903 Convertible Sedan. It was also nice seeing the 1941 Cadillac Fleetwood New York Show Car on display, which was once owned by our own Bud

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Juneau, who passed away last year.

A group of tables were set up among the cars in the old service department, and people were invited to be seated after helping themselves to sandwiches, snacks, cookies and beverages. At this point, our host Hal Schuette made some opening announcements and introductions followed by remarks from Candy Store Club President Stefano Natoli. Next Ed Archer, with his handle-bar moustache and in appropriate vintage garb, gave a detailed history of the building and its connection to renowned west coast Packard distributor Earle C. Anthony. Finally, NorCal Regional Director Clint Moore wrapped up the program by thanking our hosts and discussing upcoming events.

Many thanks to Hal and Becky Schuette for their generous invitation and delicious food and to The Candy Store for allowing us to bring our Packards “home.” We hope to make this a more frequent visit, so stay tuned for future events in Burlingame!



Christopher Slater in his white service coat admires Henry Hopkins' 1947 Custom Clipper Club Sedan, while a Brand "H" was directed to park across the street.



One of the Candy Store members chats with Kelly Monaghan (center) and Larry Nannini (right).

Candy Store Attendance

Members who brought Packards:

Clint and Doug Moore	1932 903 Eight Deluxe Convertible Sedan
Tom Beidleman	1934 1101 Eight Coupe
Dick DeLuna	1937 120 Convertible
Mark & Kay Barchas	1940 160 Touring Sedan
John Higgins	1940 110 Sedan
Henry Hopkins and Mich	1947 Custom Clipper Club Sedan
Milt Wheeler	1947 Custom Clipper Sedan
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1948 Eight Club Sedan
Zane Buck & Miriam Katz	1956 Clipper

Other members:

Roy Brett	Gerard Murphy
Shane Fazzino & Miriam	Larry & Susan Nannini
Orin Kerr & son	Kelly Monaghan
Bill Price	Christopher Slater
Bill Rogstad	



Packards at the "Holiday" Luncheon: (l to r) Solomon's 1938 120 Touring Sedan, Tolano's 1938 120 Touring Sedan



The Candy Store's restored Packard dealership sign looms above the club's delivery truck and an Airflow hood ornament. (Photo: Bill Rogstad)



Left: Derby's 1932 903 E Convertible smart at the Holiday Luncheon

Right: Clint's 1932 903 E Convertible parked in the Candy Store room along with the 1104 Super Packard on permanent display at the luncheon

(All uncredited to Clint)



l's 1940 110 Convertible, Higgins' 1940 110 Sedan and Pava's 1936 1400 Eight Sedan.



Carousing at the Candy Store: (l to r) Carpenter's 1949 Eight Club Sedan, Hopkins' 1947 Custom Club Sedan, Higgins' 1940 110 Sedan, Barchas' 1940 160 Sedan, Wheeler's 1947 Custom Sedan, Buck's 1956 Clipper

shire's 1940 Coupe looked like the "Holiday" when heon.

ant Moore's Eight Deluxe Sedan inside the Candy Store show-aside the 1934 Eight Tour-ament display here.

ited photos: Moore)



Where We've Been **"Holiday" Luncheon**

Text by Clint Moore



Our hosts Kay & Mark Barchas got primo parking for their beautiful 1940 160 Sedan at the "Holiday" Luncheon. (Photo: Clint Moore)

After more than 16 months of delays and frustration, we finally celebrated our December 2020 Holiday Luncheon... in April! Kay and Mark Barchas took the reins arranging for a wonderful lunch to commemorate the friendship and camaraderie we cherish in NorCal Packards.

Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View, one of the traditional locations for our party, had been remodeled and refurbished during the pandemic and was happy to have our group of nearly 50 people. And best of all, we were encouraged to park our Packards (10 in all!) in the red zone right up front for all to see. Many golfers and other restaurant patrons stopped to wonder at our display that spanned 1934—1956. It was somewhat of a surprise that the prewar cars far outnumbered the postwar!

Once inside, our members enjoyed deviled eggs, crudites and bruschetta appetizers while they perused the four tables of items laid out for the silent auction. Considering the variety, it was clear everyone had used at least some of their COVID

isolation to clean out their closets and garages!

Eventually people were seated at their places with place cards featuring their names and cars courtesy of George Beck, and each table was called to fill their plates from the buffet of delicious salads and entrees. It was definitely a holiday feast! And once the places were cleared, a tray of scrumptious miniature pastries was passed along with cups of ice cream. (More than one person mentioned that our food was better than what was served at the CCCA event the day before!)

Regional Director Clint Moore emceed the afternoon program by first having everyone introduce themselves, and he took a few moments to recognize the six past Regional Directors in attendance along with current board members. Membership Director Bill Young brought us up to date on our current numbers, and it was pointed out that nearly one third of our club was in attendance—a pretty good turnout! We also took a moment to remember those we had lost since our last holiday gathering, including Bill Norton, PAC founding member Wayne Parsons, and long-time NorCal member and leader Bud Juneau.



At the conclusion of the program, once the votes had been ably tallied by Christopher Slater and Vickie Moore, the Best Event perpetual trophy was awarded to Hal Schuette for arranging for our Packards to have a special display at Hillsborough Concours last year. Congratulations, Hal!

Finally, people were encouraged to make one last pass by the auction tables to bid up the items, and the event came to a

Regional Director Clint Moore keeps the audience riveted during the afternoon program. (Photo: Christopher Slater)

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close. Janet Wooldridge totaled the auction money, and everyone headed home with stomachs full of food and trunks full of auction loot.

Many thanks to Kay and Mark Barchas for making our first holiday luncheon since 2019 a terrific success! We look forward to getting back on schedule with our 2022 Holiday Luncheon already planned for December 4 at Zio Fredo's in Vallejo.



Left: Pam Hill admires a NorCal calendar, while behind her George Beck, John Ulrich and Mark Barchas eye other auction items, and Hal Schuette and Henry Hopkins catch up.

Below: Merna Holmes and the rest of the partygoers enjoying the beautiful afternoon.

(Photos: Christopher Slater)



“Holiday” Party Attendance

Members who brought Packards:

Leslie & Tom Beidleman	1934 1100 Eight Sedan
David & Pat Pava	1936 1400 Eight Sedan
The Moore Family	1937 1508 Twelve Sedan
Michael & Dee Solomon	1938 120 Sedan
Mark & Kay Barchas	1940 160 Touring Sedan
John & Judi Higgins	1940 110 Sedan
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 Convertible
Rod & Mary Ann Derbyshire	1940 110 Opera Coupe
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1948 Eight Club Sedan
Zane Buck & Miriam Katz	1956 Clipper

Other Members in Attendance:

George & Eddie Beck	Bob & Karen Reed
Bill & Lynn Butterworth	Hal & Becky Schuette
Shane Fazzino	Phil & Susan Sherman
Fred & Pam Hill	Christopher Slater
Jack, Merna and Deanna Holmes	John Ulrich & Blanche Korfmacher
Henry Hopkins	Dave & Janet Wooldridge
Larry & Susan Nannini	Bill Young & Kirby Wiley
Bill Price	



(l to r) Barchas' 1940 160 Sedan, Moore's 1508 Twelve Sedan and Beidleman's 1934 1100 Sedan on display at the "Holiday" Luncheon.

(Photo: Clint Moore)

Member Memories **“My Packard Experience”**

By Michael Hayward

In the 1950's as a child and later a teenager growing up in Southern California, my favorite cars were Packards! To me they were the Rolls-Royce of American automobiles. I especially loved the Packards from the 1930's and the early 1940's.

Back then if your family owned a Packard, it meant your family was well off. Unfortunately, my family was never able to own a Packard for they were too expensive.

My one personal experience with a Packard was when I was about 17 living in our hometown of Alhambra, California.

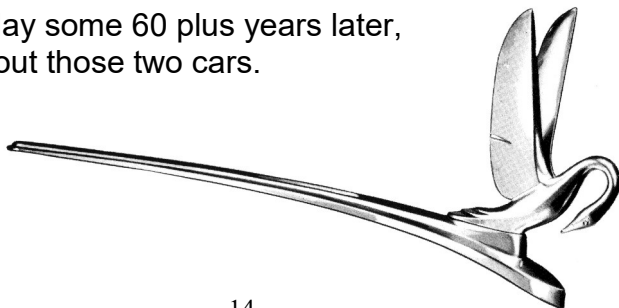
Back then I used to make money washing our parish priests' cars, one of which was a black 1949 Packard four-door sedan. 1949 was Packard's 50th anniversary, and although the 1948-1950 models were panned by the critics, 1949 was Packard's best year since 1937, selling 104,593 units.

I used to drive the car back to our house where I would wash it, and then I would drive it around town for a little while. Here I was, a 17-year-old kid driving a Packard, my favorite brand of car! I felt really special.

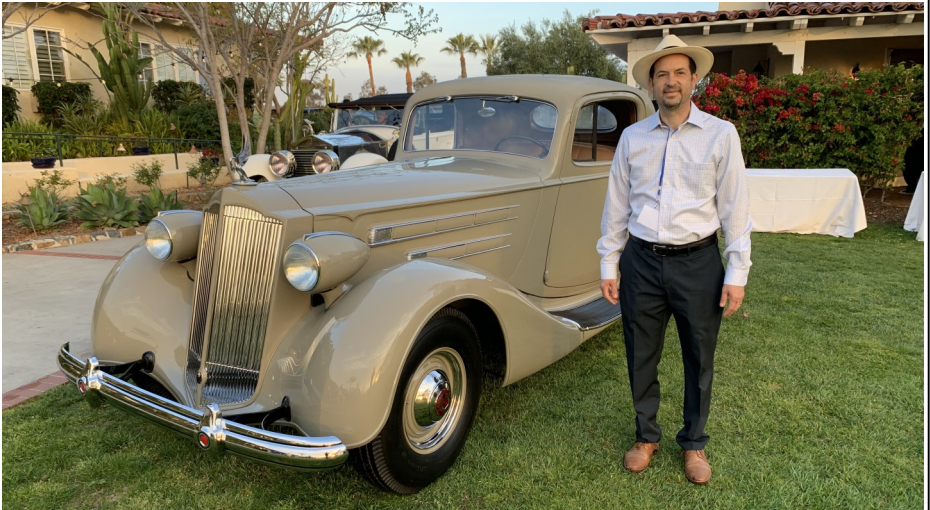
My only other personal experience with a Packard was also during this period.

My father and I went out to find a new used car. We were never able to buy a new car. We stopped at the local Cadillac dealer in Alhambra and sitting in the front row was a 1955 black and white Packard Super Clipper. For me it was love at first sight. I tried to persuade my dad to buy the car, but it was not to be.

Even to this day some 60 plus years later, I still think about those two cars.



On The Road
CCCA Grand Classic, Rancho Santa Fe
Text and Photo by Christopher Slater



Jeff Mihaly proudly poses with his First Place winning 1937 1507 Twelve Coupe.

A weekend trip to the CCCA Grand Classic in San Diego on March 18-20 netted NorCal Packards members a pair of FIRST PLACE trophies for their Packards.

The 2022 CCCA Grand Classic is held on the neatly manicured lawns of The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Hosted by the San Diego/Palm Springs region of the CCCA this event occurs once every two years. This year's field of entrants featured thirty six Full Classic Cars, 1/3 of which were Packards ranging in years from 1930 to 1941. With regards to awards I am pleased to report that Northern California Packards were well represented.

Jeff Mihaly achieved a First Place trophy with a stunning 100 point score in the Primary Division for his 1937 Packard Twelve Coupe 2/4. The awards announcer took the time to commend Jeff for the 13 year restoration that also achieved a 2nd in class trophy at Pebble Beach in 2021.

Tom Biedleman was similarly delighted to receive a First Place trophy in the Touring Division for his 1934 Packard 1101 Coupe 2/4. As the emcee pointed out, Tom drove his Packard from the Bay Area to the San Diego event along route 1.

NorCal members Larry and Susan Nannini joined the award parade with a First Place trophy for their 1932 Chrysler Imperial 8 CL Convertible Sedan by LeBaron.



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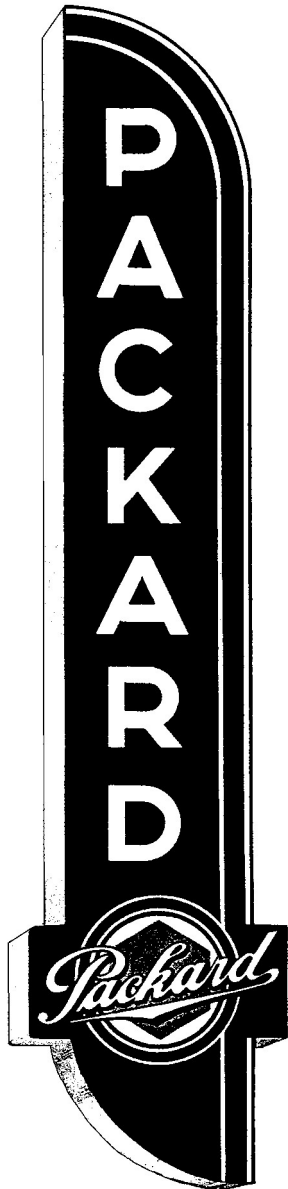
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