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Director's Report

I can't believe it's over. Years (and years and years, thanks to the pandemic) of planning, and we put on one of the most memorable and successful meets in club history. Everyone who pitched in is to be congratulated on showing the rest of the country, as well as Canada and Australia, how it's done! Special thanks to Jeff Mihaly, Christopher Slater, the Wooldridges, the Carpenters, and everyone else!

There are plenty of photos in these pages, and be sure to see the rest of them when the meet is featured in the *Cormorant News Bulletin* in a couple of months.

After all the time spent to get our cars in working order for the national meet, let's keep them out on the road by attending our planned events for the rest of the year as well as showing them off at your local cruise nights, charity shows and "cars and coffee" events. The best way to raise awareness of the Packard brand and our club is to let the rest of the world see how beautifully our babies look and run!

Looking ahead, I hope to see all of you at Portal Park, which is one of my favorite casual events of the year. I'm so happy the Cadillac-La Salle Club finally prevailed in getting a permit from the City of Cupertino to resume this annual tradition.

After that it's off to Pebble Beach, followed by Antique Autos in San Jose History Park and Ironstone.

Again, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for helping at the national meet. Your hospitality and dedication made me especially proud to be your Regional Director.

Happy Motoring!





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| July 30 | Portal Park Picnic—Cupertino |
| August 20 | Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance |
| September 9 | Antique Autos in San Jose History Park |
| September 23 | Ironstone Concours d'Elegance |
| November 11 | Veterans Day Visit—Yountville |
| December 10 | Holiday Party—Mountain View |

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

Upcoming Event **Portal Park Picnic** **Sunday, July 30**



*Bruce Cumming's 1940 110 Wagon at the 2019 Portal Park Picnic
(Photo: Bill Young))*

Join our friends from the local Cadillac & LaSalle Club region for the return of the Don Frolich Memorial National Meet on July 30 in Cupertino's Portal Park. Winchester BBQ will be supplying the lunch, and it should be a great time getting back to this fun and casual event. Packard is usually the second best club represented after our hosts, so let's continue our support with another great turnout!

We are notified that shady areas have been reduced, so you may want to bring chairs and an umbrella or tent. A cooler of drinks is always a good idea as well!

Registration is required by July 21 to show a car and get lunch, however the event is open to the public, so invite your friends to stop by!

Event Details:

What: Portal Park Picnic

When: Sunday, July 30. Gates open at 9am

How Much: \$15/car + optional BBQ (\$17/kid or \$24.50/adult)

Where: 10225 N Portal Ave, Cupertino

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JULY 21! If you didn't receive the registration form in your email, contact Clint Moore 408-426-0741

Where We've Been **Friendship Day** Text and Photo by Clint Moore



Doug Moore, left, with his 1950 Super Deluxe Victoria and Zane Buck and Miriam Katz with their 1956 Clipper Super.

It has been many years since Nor Cal Packards as a region has formally participated in the Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club's Friendship Day, but as the national meet approached and there was little planning needed, it seemed a great event to promote to our members. This year, the event was celebrating its 60th incarnation, and we were happy to be there.

Four of our cars and several more members were in attendance to represent. Many thanks to Zane Buck for acting as quarterback for our group and showing up early to reserve a few parking spaces!

Members who brought Packards:

Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 Convertible
Mark & Kay Barchas	1940 160 Long Wheelbase Touring Sedan
Doug & Clint Moore	1950 Super 8 Deluxe Victoria
Zane Buck & Miriam Katz	1956 Clipper Super Sedan

Other members in attendance:

Bruce Cumming
John Higgins
Bill Rogstad
Christopher Slater

*Tim Toland smiles
with his 1940 110
Convertible.*



What We've Done **2023 National Meet**

Text by Clint Moore



*The 1940 180 Bohman & Schwartz Victoria, presumptive winner were there an award for longest hood, graces the parking lot at the DoubleTree host hotel.
(photo: Joe Munsch)*

Three extra years of planning, an army of volunteers and an outright gift from Mother Nature all contributed to making the 2023 National Meet a huge success. Originally slated for June 2020, the pandemic forced a postponement, however that also gave the planning committee the opportunity to hold the meet during the club's 70th anniversary in the region where the club was founded. Countless people from the Nor Cal Region and beyond stepped up in every possible way to ensure the meet would go as smoothly as possible. And ultimately, we enjoyed a classic California "sunny and mild" week, with just a bit of heat touching the show day – but nothing even close to the 112° we experienced in 2003!

Sunday evening kicked the meet off with the welcome reception at the host hotel, the Double Tree Sonoma Wine Country. Early bird arrivals enjoyed burgers and hotdogs while catching up with friends and getting acquainted with new faces. The special area of the parking lot reserved for Packards really started filling up as more than 100 Packards were expected! After dinner, presentations were given by Ultramatic expert Ross Miller and Earle C. Anthony historian Leon Dixon. Special displays at the hotel included Packards flanking the main entrance of the hotel, one of which was a 1902 model, ru-

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Christopher Slater discussing one of the many points of interest on the bus tour to SF. (Photo: Joe Munsch)

Moore and Christopher Slater taking up the microphones to dole out fun and funky tidbits about some of the local sights, including their movie connections. After crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, the first stop in San Francisco was the venerable Academy of Art University Car Collection, home of many Pebble Beach winning cars and about a dozen Packards. An additional benefit was part of the collection is directly across the street from the original Earle C. Anthony dealership, which has been selling British marques since Packard's demise. The dealership generously cleared out their fleet of new cars from the largely unchanged showroom to make way for a special display of seven Packards, two of which were purchased new at that location! After boarding the buses again, the tour wound past sights such as City Hall, Union Square and the Transamerica Pyramid before stopping at historic Fisherman's Wharf for lunch. The out-bound trip highlighted more of the waterfront as well as Golden

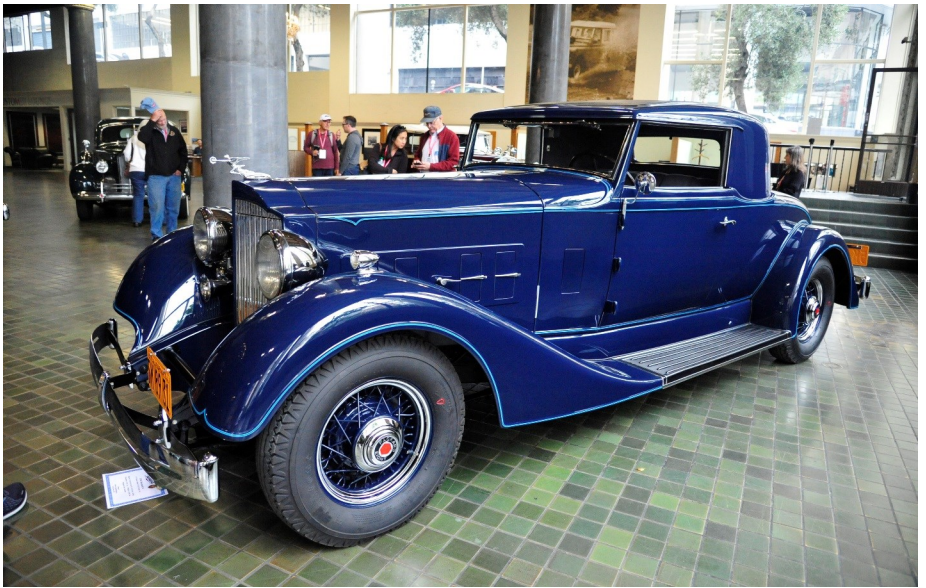
mored to be the fourth oldest Packard in existence. There was also Don Sears' 1913 Packard parked in the lobby along with a Packard marine engine supplied by Rod Dahlgren. Plus, vendors peddled their Packard parts all week in the swap meet room.

Monday truly kicked off the week with our sightseeing trip of San Francisco. Two luxury motor coaches departed the hotel in the early morning, making the rush hour trip south into the city with tour guides Clint



PAC National President Craig Handley and newly elected Executive Vice President Clint Moore in the grand archway of the Earle C. Anthony Dealership.. (Photo: Clint Moore)

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Above: Peter Landsbergen's 1934 1101 Coupe 2-4 gleams in the front window of the Earle C. Anthony dealership. (Photo: Joe Munsch)

Below: Paul Borwardt of the Academy of Art Collection opens the hood of a 1933 1001 Coupe Roadster for Bruce Blevins, while the chairs of next year's national meet, Paul and Jan Grant of Wisconsin, look on. (Photo: Clint Moore)







Top: Taste the rainbow! 1950s Packards (and a Nash with a Packard V8) lined up on the show field.

Below Right: Elizabeth McGlaulin's survivor 1938 1604 Super 8 Coupe at Armstrong Woods.

Below Left: Bill Jabs' 1930 740 Custom 8 Roadster, which was bought new here, sets off the display of Packards in the Earle C. Anthony showroom in San Francisco.

(Photos: Clint Moore)





Above: (l to r) Henry Hopkins' 1947 Custom Clipper Club Sedan, John Ulrich's 1932 900 Light Eight Roadster and Dana McManus' 1937 1507 Twelve Convertible Victoria in front of the Castillo di Amorosa.

*Below: Doug Moore's 1950 Super 8 Deluxe Victoria with a 1929 640 Custom 8 Phaeton and 1953 Cavalier Touring Sedan at Goat Rock.
(Photos: Clint Moore)*



Gate Park, then it was back across the bridge to the hotel. Monday evening, people were treated to a screening of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" to prepare them for several locations on Thursday's Tour.

Tuesday began bright and early with a drivers' meeting in the parking lot before it was time to finally get behind the wheel for our first drive tour. Napa Valley's rolling hills covered in vineyards never looked more breathtaking than through the windows of our Packards. The primary stop was the famous Castillo di Amorosa, both a winery and a replica medieval castle equipped with crenelated turrets and a torture chamber! Those who elected to take the tour of the castle were treated to a wine tasting in the great hall with beautiful frescos decorating the walls and vaulted ceiling. After exiting through the gift shop, people were on their own to make their way back into Calistoga for lunch before meandering back to the hotel.



Henry Hopkins makes a new friend in the Castillo di Amorosa. (Photo: Clint Moore)

Tuesday evening found everyone at the next grand affair: our club's 70th anniversary party! Christopher Slater and Mary Carpenter made sure pasta aplenty filled people's plates in anticipation of President



The Packard group wine tasting in the great hall of the Castillo di Amorosa. (Photo: Joe Munsch)

Craig Handley presenting anecdotes and pictures from *Packard's Living Legacy*, the book he and Paul Delaney published about the history of the club. The evening wrapped up with a few words from Dick Zais, nephew of club founding member Wayne

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Fred Hill's 1955 The Four Hundred heads the row of Packards along one side of the Healdsburg town square. (Photo: Clint Moore)

Parsons, who would have been able to attend if the meet had gone as planned in 2020.

Wednesday was the day set aside for the club to conduct its business, and there was a packed agenda of meetings in the morning and early afternoon. However, when the meetings were done, the group was off to Healdsburg for a relaxing afternoon. Through another minor miracle, club member George Speights was able to secure all of the parking spaces around the quaint town square for us! The Packards drew quite a bit of attention as our members enjoyed the many shops and restaurants of the area. Later that night, club member and author Matt Kilkenny gave a very informative talk about his book *Detroit Steel Artists*.

Thursday it was back on the road again, this time for one opportunity after another to take amazing photographs! Following a drive over hill and dale, the first stop was the redwood grove at Armstrong Woods where coffee and bagels were waiting, courtesy of Steve Weir and John Hemm. The sun filtering through the trees made for some perfect Kodak moments. Next the tour wound out to the coast and Goat Rock, where the fog and ocean lent a mystical quality to the surroundings. Lunch was taken at The Tides restaurant in Bodega Bay, followed by a drive past the Potter schoolhouse – both locations that came under attack in the movie *The Birds*. The final stop

of the day was the amazing collection and workshop of Sam Cohen where ice cream sundaes awaited. There was something for everyone in Sam's warehouses, which emphasized Packard and MO-PAR. Back at the hotel, it was time to shine up the cars in preparation for the following day.

Friday was show and judging day. The Rohnert Park Community Center proved to be the perfect spot, providing a vast lawn on which Jay and Tina Hubbard's team laid out spaces for the cars while ample shade was provided under the eaves of the surrounding buildings. Nearly 100 cars graced the field, almost half of which were scrutinized by teams led by Chief Judge Dave Robin-



(Above) Jeff Mihaly's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan and (below) a 1956 Executive and a 1954 Pacific Hardtop in Armstrong Woods. (Photos: Clint Moore)



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Doug Moore (right) visits with Ralph Geissler (left) at the grand opening of Ralph's Packard Museum in Rohnert Park. (Photo: Clint Moore)

son. After the show, a final stop of the meet was made for the grand opening of long-time club member Ralph Geissler's Packard Museum. Much welcome snacks and cold drinks were served as Ralph enjoyed finally opening his doors to the public after another pandemic odyssey.

Closing out the week, the final banquet packed the ballroom with more than 230 people who enjoyed a delicious dinner fol-

lowed by the presentation of the many awards given annually by the club as well as the class judging awards. Paul and Jan Grant gave a tantalizing preview of next year's meet in Wisconsin ("wine should always be followed by cheese!"), and the evening ended with the drawing for the raffle prizes.

No amount of thanks is enough to congratulate event chairman Jeff Mihaly with co-chairs Christopher Slater and Clint Moore, the three of whom worked tirelessly to make the meet possible. Commendations are also due to Dave and Janet Wooldridge for deftly handling registration, Ron and Mary Carpenter for assisting with banquets and the swap meet, Mike Solomon and Bob Reed for troubleshooting car and audio-visual problems, Kelly Monaghan for his financial advice, as well as all of the other volunteers who made the event possible. It



was truly a memorable week, perhaps only to repeated in 2053 for the club's 100th anniversary!

Susan Watson admires the 1902 Packard that was displayed by the main entrance to the hotel all week. (Photo: Joe Munsch)

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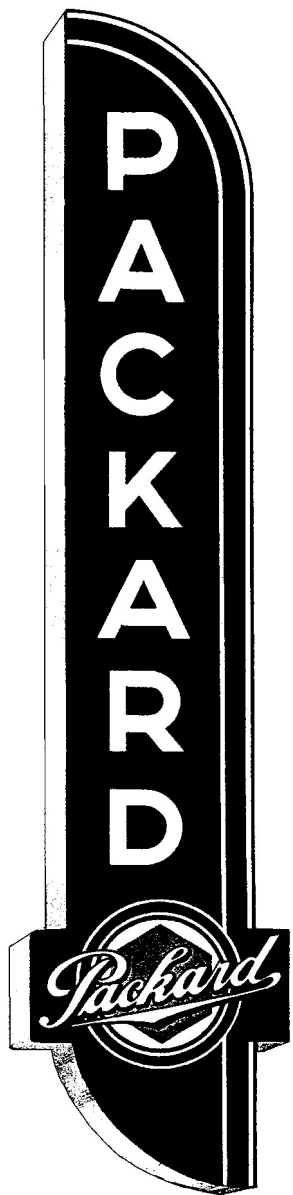
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