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Director's Report

We are already two months into to 2025! I hope you're ready for another fun-filled year of events and tours.

First, I must make a sincere apology to our new members Michael and Kimmie Leahy. In the previous issue, I incorrectly identified their beautiful 1941 120 Touring Sedan as belonging to another member. It's a gaff that I deeply regret!

Since the holiday party, we've started the year with two great events covered in these pages. In January we lined the main street of Niles with Packards and a few other cars for a wonderful movie day. Mike Solomon certainly pulled off a special day to start the year!

In February at the invitation of Hal Schuette, we returned to the Candy Store in Burlingame for an afternoon talk with Chris Bock, who walked us down a memory lane of the early years of our club and his experiences at Pebble Beach. We are so lucky to have both of these gentlemen as club members!

Next on the calendar is the Western Regions Tour to Oregon in May, but we would love to do something local in March or April. We are working on one possibility, but if you have an idea for an outing, your board of directors is here to help you easily run a successful event. Let us know!

Happy Motoring!



*Michael & Kimmie Leahy's
1941 120 Sedan at the
2024 holiday party.*





April 6	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
May 15-18	Western Regions Tour—Oregon
May 31-June 6	PAC National Meet—Kansas City
July 13	Board meeting—Blackhawk
July 27	Portal Park Picnic—Cupertino
August 17	Pebble Beach Concours
August TBD	Post-Pebble Beach Day—Blackhawk
September 7	Annual Swap Meet—Vallejo
September 27	Ironstone Concours—Murphys
October TBD	Garage & Shop Tour—San Jose
October 12	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
November 9	Rosie the Riveter Tour—Richmond
December 7	Annual Holiday Party—Mountain View

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

Upcoming Event
Western Regions Tour & Caravan
Wednesday, May 14—Sunday, May 18



A trio of participants parked in front of one of the rail cars at Train Mountain on the 2019 Western Regions Tour in Oregon. (Photo: Clint Moore)

Our sister region Packards of Oregon invites you to join the 2025 edition of the Western Regions Tour from May 15th to May 18th. The host hotel will be the Running Y Resort in Klamath Falls.

Basic schedule:

- Wednesday, May 14—See Caravan info on *Page 4*
- Thursday, May 15—Check in at the hotel at 4PM, Meet & Greet at the resort. Spend the afternoon exploring Klamath Falls and the Running Y Resort.
- Friday, May 16—Tour to Rogue Valley, explore Jacksonville, a local winery, and enjoy a show & shine.
- Saturday, May 17—Tour on the east side of the Cascades, with visits to a National Monument, Museums, and finalize the day with the evening banquet at the Running Y Resort.
- Sunday, May 18—Head for home.

The Running Y Resort has a block of rooms reserved. Rate for 3 nights, king or double queen, is \$149/night, plus tax & fees.

Rate for 3 nights, suite is \$209/ night plus tax & fees. Hotel check-in is 4pm. In the emailed registration materials there will be a web link to book your hotel, however guests can make reservations now directly through the front desk by calling 541-850-5500. Please mention the rate code PACKARD to ensure you receive the discounted rate. Make your reservations at the Running Y no later than April 30.

Watch your email inbox for the Western Regions registration form and check for updates at www.packardsoforegon.net



Western Regions Tour Caravan from the Bay Area!

A group caravan to the Western Regions Tour is being organized to make the drive more manageable and add to the fun of the meet!

Depart Wednesday, May 14 at noon from The Original Mel's in Vacaville for a comfortable drive to Redding for the night. Accommodations with secured parking

for cars and trailers have been arranged at the Modern Motor Lodge.

Thursday includes sight seeing and a restoration shop whose work has been displayed at Pebble Beach multiple times. The caravan will then continue to Klamath Falls with an anticipated arrival in plenty of time for the Meet & Greet welcome party.

Contact Christopher Slater (408-599-9103) to reserve a Wednesday night room and for more caravan details. You must still make your own room reservation for Klamath Falls.

Where We've Been **Niles Movie Day** Text & Photos by Clint Moore



Mike Solomon's Goddess of Speed pushed her donut to the front of the Edison Theater in Niles.

The damp, dense fog didn't deter Nor Cal Packards from making a fantastic display in downtown Niles on January 19. Nine Packards plus a few other brass- and classic-era cars lined the block in front of the Essanay Silent Movie Museum and Edison Theater stopping many passersby in their tracks.

Mike Solomon organized the activities, which started with welcome cups of hot coffee accompanied by pastries to be consumed by the more than 50 of our members and friends who braved the cold weather to kick tires and tell tales of recent new year's revelry. Of particular note was Kelly Monaghan's 1938 1501 Super 8 Victoria, which is finally *reliably* back on the road after more than 20 years!

When the museum opened, participants filed in and took their seats in the town's original movie theater. Sandwiches had been procured from the local market and deli and were accompanied by beverages, chips, waters and the ever-important

Where We've Been **Candy Store Social** Text & Photos by Clint Moore



Kelly Monaghan's 1933 1005 Twelve Club Sedan and Ed Soss's 1936 120B Rumble Seat Coupe outside the Candy Store.

It's very difficult to turn down an invitation to the Candy Store, Burlingame's private and exclusive club for car collectors, because not only does it house an incredible display of classic and exotic cars, but also it was originally built as an Earle C. Anthony Packard dealership about 100 years ago.

Hal Schuette once again was our consummate host who arranged our access to the club and welcomed the 60 members and guests who joined us for the day.

Participants were greeted with coffee and blueberry cake while they became reacquainted with the facility and its many treasures. It was nice to see the 1933 1004 Super Eight Touring, which is owned by the Candy Store Foundation, still holds a place of prominence in the old show room, where it is now accompanied by Mae West's Duesenberg roadster.

The Packard sign that originally hung on the building's exterior now adorns the back wall of the service area, which is home to nearly two score more cars ranging from a "Curved Dash"

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Above: (l to r) Inside the Candy Store, Hillsborough Concours Chairman Glenn Egan, Clint Moore and event host Hal Schuette smile in front of Helen Twelvecylinders, Clint's 1937 1508 Twelve Sedan that has been a member of Nor Cal Packards for more than 50 years.

Below: Chikako and Patrick McNamara and Mike Solomon catch up in front of a Jaguar race car in the former service area of the old Packard dealership.





Clockwise from top right: Mark & Maggie's 1951 Super 8 Victoria is a rare find. Ladd & Maggie Stephenson's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan heads the parade on a grey day in Niles. Jeff Mihaly and Orin Kerr's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan heads the parade. Fred Hill's 1955 Four Hundred Deluxe 8 Club Sedan parked on the streets of Niles. Mike Solomon's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan heads the parade. Fred Hill's 1955 Four Hundred Deluxe 8 Club Sedan parked on the streets of Niles. Mike Solomon's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan heads the parade. Fred Hill's 1955 Four Hundred Deluxe 8 Club Sedan parked on the streets of Niles. Mike Solomon's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan heads the parade.



Right: Kelly Monaghan's 1937 Packard convertible, a ray of sunshine along with Art Rasmussen's Packard hot rod on a street in Niles. In the background, a row of classics in Niles. Steve and Mary Carpenter's 1949 Packard Deluxe Sedan formerly owned by member Art Rasmussen. Clint and Mary Carpenter's 1937 Packard Deluxe Convertible Sedan repeal Prohibition. Steve and Mary Carpenter's 1949 Packard Sedan parked among the palms in Niles. Steve and Mary Carpenter's 1938 1600 Touring Sedan, Steve and Mary Carpenter's 1949 Packard Deluxe Convertible Coupe brighten the streets of Niles.





Above: Christopher Slater and Bill Rogstad explore the ephemera in the old fire house in the town of Niles.

Below: (l to r) Bill Price, Tom Beidleman, and George Teebay try to stay warm while kicking tires in the cold weather.



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cookies!

Clint Moore made some announcements and introduced the feature film, 1941's "Topper Returns," which was supposed to be a talkie—but the sound quit halfway through the film! It was decided that we would fast forward to the famous car chase at the end of the movie between a 1935 1204 Super 8 Sport Phaeton and a 1936 Mercedes 540K Spezial Roadster, which we watched like a silent film, before adding the 1915 Charlie Chaplin classic "The Champion," which was filmed right there in Niles!



Bill Young, Kelly Monaghan and Ladd Stephenson eagerly await the arrival of lunch inside the theater..

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Local promoter Gary Mills (center left) discussing the town's collections with (l to r) Ed Soss, Jeff Mihaly and Kelly Monaghan.

After the movie, local promoter and honorary mayor of Niles Gary Mills opened the local shop and old fire house for our group to peruse the collection of cars and all manner of ephemera he has gathered mostly from the surrounding area. There were even some cupcakes to be had!

Eventually, it was time for everyone to make their way home in the sunshine that finally broke through. Many thanks to Mike Solomon for his efforts and hospitality in arranging our first successful tour of 2025!

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards to Niles:

Clint and Doug Moore	1932 903 Eight Deluxe Conv. Sedan
Kelly Monaghan	1937 1501 Super 8 Victoria
Ladd & Maggie Stephenson	1937 Hot Rod
Mike Solomon	1938 1600 Touring Sedan
Mark & Kay Barchas	1940 160 Touring Sedan
Steve Weir & John Hemm	1940 120 Sedan
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 Convertible Coupe
Mary & Ron Carpenter	1949 Deluxe 8 Club Sedan
Fred Hill	1955 Four Hundred



It was a treat to see former Regional Director Steve Weir with his 1940 120 Sedan!

Oldsmobile to a BMW M1 to modern Ferraris.

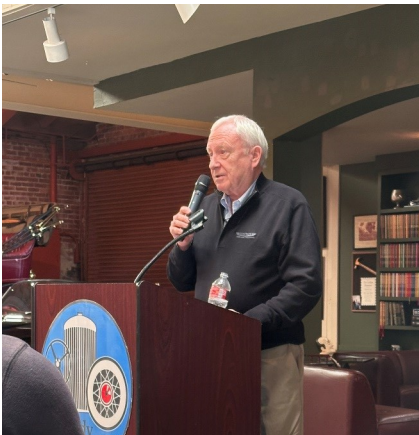
Once everyone had arrived, lunch was served. A modest meal of sandwiches, chips and cookies filled people's plates along with cans of a variety of sparkling waters.



Henry Hopkins and Bill Price admiring Mae West's Duesenberg in the old Packard showroom.

Christopher Slater started the after-

noon program with a discussion of the caravan to the Western Regions Tour he is organizing (see page 4) before introducing, Candy Store member and host for the day Hal Schuette accompanied by Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance Chairman Glenn Egan. Hal welcomed everyone and Glenn took a moment to thank our club for its participation in last year's show that celebrated our beloved marque's 125th anniversary with an impressive display of 26 Packards, most of which belong to Nor Cal Packards members.



Chris Bock wanders down memory lane. (Photo: Orin Kerr)

The main speaker of the day was long-time Nor Cal Packards member and Pebble Beach Concours Head Judge Chris Bock. Flanked by a pair of 1937 Packard Twelves that have been owned by different Nor Cal members for 50 years or more, Chris regaled the crowd with stories of the early days of The Packard Club and the formation of Nor Cal Packards, the club's first region. Chris told of the first Packard



Nor Cal members seated in the Candy Store for the afternoon program next to Jeff Mihaly's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan and beneath the original Packard dealership sign.

he remembers admiring as a child when he was a school crossing guard, and noticing his interest, his parents recommended he join the club as a teenager, introducing him to many of the characters who

were so influential in the early years of the club. He recalled wonderful tours in the 1960s to the Central Coast and Lake Tahoe, as well as the unfortunate schism in leadership that resulted in the formation of Packards International in Southern California. Another tale elaborated on the 1985 accomplishment of gathering all six Bugatti Royales at the Pebble Beach Concours, a feat that has yet to be repeated and transformed Pebble Beach from a nice west coast show to the international extravaganza that it is today.

While we could have listened to Chris tell stories for hours, the event had to come to an end. Polishing off the cookies and taking extra bags of chips for the road, people piled into their cars and headed home. Thanks again to Hal Schuette for inviting us to the Candy Store for another wonderful afternoon!

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards to the Candy Store:

Kelly Monaghan 1933 1005 Twelve Club Sedan
 (formerly owned by Marshall Mathews)

Ed Soss 1936 120B Touring Coupe

Clint and Doug Moore 1937 1508 Twelve Sedan
 (formerly owned by Bud Juneau)

Jeff Mihaly 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan
 (formerly owned by Art Rasmussen)

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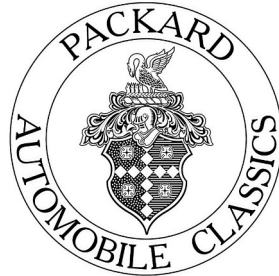
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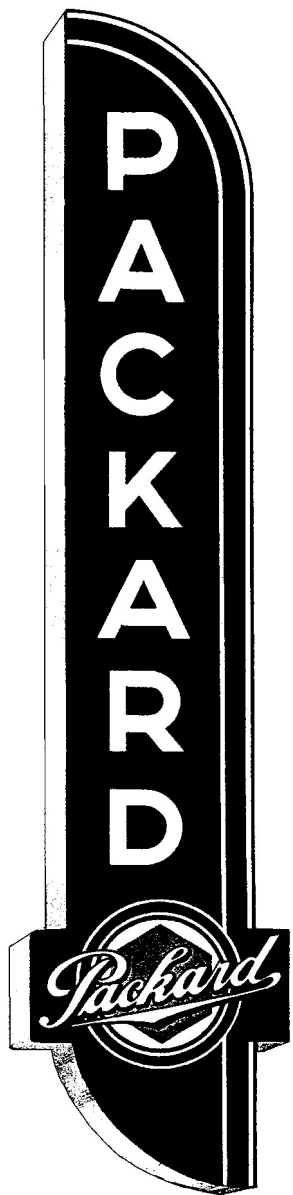
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