

***The Pious Pelican***  
**September - October 2013**  
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**Director's Report**

Fall is here, and we are still having a great time with our Packards. Nor-Cal Packards is in great shape! Our membership has grown to a record 139 families. Financially we are also in great shape. We are on budget with all our tours and events. Bank balances are growing even after reducing our annual membership fee 16%. We are giving value to our members; as a result, tours and events are well attended. Our award-winning *Pious Pelican* magazine, Web site and E-mail, round out our efficient communications. Our board of directors meet quarterly, alternating between Autovino in Menlo Park and the Blackhawk Automotive museum in Danville, to manage the operational activity of the club. Our board, by the way, works well because they work as a team.

The annual Swap meet at Buck Kamphausen's World Classics Event Center in Vallejo was a smashing success. Attendance was better than last year. Nor-Cal Classic Car Club now is included with this event and they are very appreciative as indicated in their detailed write-up with a picture in their September-October 2013 Nor-Cal Classic Overview publication. Thanks to George Beck, Bob McCoy and their support team for their outstanding work.

October 4-6, 2013 was the two-night tour managed by David and Patricia Pava. The event was outstanding, it included a tour of the Pava's five plus acre wonderful estate in Shingle Springs. The Best Western hotel in Placerville was great, with comfortable rooms, very extensive breakfast and good Packard parking spaces. The Pava's attention to detail showed in the interesting tourist places visited and the unique great food restaurants.

The tour included the following: Apple Hill Fruit and Veggie Stands, Private Cielo Estate Winery Dinner, Tour and Luncheon at the Empire Mine, Gourmet Banquet Dinner, Wedgewood at Sequoia, Tour of the Pava Winery and Estate, and Wine Tasting at the Chevalier Winery. A big thank you to the Pavas' for this outstanding event. We should do this again!

Please continue to check out our website, [www.norcalpackards.org](http://www.norcalpackards.org) for updates and great information. The Classified Ads section shows two Packards for sale as well as parts for a 1948. The Parts & Services section provides outstanding contacts for Packard issues.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual Holiday Luncheon; this year again back to the wonderful Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Vallejo. Please bring items for the auction, as you know the proceeds of the auction benefits our club's operation and activities. Details are in this issue and on our website.

The Cheese Tour event will be reported in the next *Pious Pelican*.

Best Regards!

Hal

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We thank the fellow club members listed below who have offered to try to help solve problems encountered by others when working on their Packards. If you can help with a certain area of expertise, please let Director, David Pava know, so we can add your name to the list. Although they will do their best to help, neither the club nor the advisor can accept responsibility for or guarantee the accuracy of suggestions.

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**2013 EVENTS**

- Nov 3            Great Marin County Cheese Tour
- Dec 8            Holiday Luncheon - Zio Fraedo's Restaurant  
23 Harbor Way, Vallejo  
Appetizers at 11:45, Luncheon at 12:30  
RSVP to George Beck by Nov. 30.



**PART OF THE GROUP AT THE EMPIRE MINE DURING THE GOLD COUNTRY TOUR. WRITE-UP STARTS ON PAGE 12.**

## Where We've Been

### Vallejo Swap Meet

September 8, 2013

Text & Photos by George Beck



*Club booth with Merna Holmes and Eddie Beck.  
Bob McCoy in background.*

The annual Packard & Classic Car Swap Meet was held at Buck Kamphausen's USA World Classics Event Center in Vallejo. While the forecast high temperatures did not materialize, some of the crowd was slow to arrive. At the end of the day, the attendance was estimated to be better than last year. Nor-Cal Packards PAC had 37 members and family, with 21 representatives of Nor-Cal PI and 15 Nor-Cal CCCA members enjoying the day. While some folks attending belonged to more than one of the clubs, there were 55 individual club members attending. Based upon the door prize drawing another 50+ car folks attended. All three clubs had outreach and projects tables to spread the word about their organizations

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*Tim and Kathie Toland arriving in their '40 110 convertible coupe.*



*Gerry Wuichet at his swap space with his nice '49 Custom sedan for sale.*



*Fred Hill and John Fuller from Reno  
chat at Fred's space.*



*George and Eddie Becks' '37 Super Eight,  
Bill Young's '54 Clipper DeLuxe,  
and Jack & Merna Holmes' '55 Clipper DeLuxe.*



*Kay & Mark Barchas arriving in their '40 160.*



*Milt Wheeler in his '41 160 pulling in next to a modified car.*



*Warren Lubich arriving in his  
'53 Clipper sedan.*



*John Kilkenny and Wayne Parsons next to  
Wayne's '56 400.*



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The vendor list included: Jeff Atkins-Moose's Obsolete Brake Parts, Robert Barton, Ed Drexler, Don Figone, Fred Hill-Echo Hill Packard, Jack Holmes, Jay Hubbard-Silver Circle Region, Ben Lucero, Bob McCoy, David Moe-Packard Seattle Company, Bill Norton, John Ulrich-Ulrich Packard Parts, Bill Vassar and Jerry Wuichet. A special Thank You goes to our host Buck Kamphausen and all the vendors who support the hobby.

The door prize drawing winners were Jack Holmes: Mobil Oil shop coat donated by Vintage Shop Coats of Danville, Milton Wheeler: Battery charger donated by Granite Battery of Union City, and Ed Gunther: Packard script tote bag donated by David Moe of Packard Seattle Company.

A nice display of Packards included:

1937 1500 Super Eight	George & Eddie Beck
1940 160 touring sedan	Mark & Kay Barchas
1940 160 touring sedan	Bill Norton
1940 110 convertible coupe	Tim & Kathie Toland
1940 120 4-door sedan	Steve Weir
1941 160 convertible coupe	Milton Wheeler
1948 Custom sedan	Jerry Wuichet
1953 Clipper sedan	Warren Lubich
1954 Clipper Deluxe	Bill Young
1955 Clipper Deluxe (SOLD)	Jack & Merna Holmes
1956 400 2-door Hardtop	Wayne Parsons

## PHOTOS FROM THE GOLD COUNTRY TOUR



Bill & Janet Vassar's '54 Caribbean in front of the former Packard agency in Grass Valley. The sign still glows brightly at night, -- now for Packard Carpet and Vinyl sales.



ABOVE (left to right)  
John Ulrich's '40 120  
The Pavas' '36 1400  
The Barchas' '40 160  
The Vassars' '54 Caribbean



Dinner at the Cielo Winery was in their underground wine cave.

**Where We've Been**  
**Gold Country Tour**

Oct. 4 - 6, 2013

Text by David & Patricia Pava

Photos by Bill Young, George Beck & Mark Barchas



*Lunch at the Empire Mine*

Twenty Packard owners enjoyed excellent weather as we toured the scenic back roads of El Dorado, Placer and Nevada Counties, in early October. The tour commenced at noon on Friday at the Best Western motel in Placerville with visits to several fruit stands and a few wineries in Apple Hill area – just east of Placerville. Here nearly 100 small ranches and farms spread out over about 20 square miles open their doors every year from Labor Day until Christmas. The scenery was spectacular. Late afternoon, time was provided so tour participants could freshen up at the motel before departing for a catered dinner served in a candle-lit wine cave at Cielo Estate Winery in Shingle Springs.

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*Mark and Kay Barchas in their '40 160 touring sedan.*



*Tim and Kathie Toland in their '40 110 convertible coupe.*



*Group shot in the Pavas' driveway.*



*The Pavas' '36 1400, Ulrich's '40 120,  
and the Vassars' '54 Caribbean.*

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Early Saturday morning we departed for Grass Valley taking a circuitous, less-traveled route through the Sierra Nevada foothills. Our destination was Empire Mine – the richest gold mine in California and now a California State Park. Upon arrival we were greeted by our tour guide who escorted us to a private “Miners Lunch” served by volunteers in period dress. After lunch, a private and very comprehensive tour of the mine and its beautifully landscaped accompanying estate grounds was presented.

Following our visit to the mine some took time to explore historic downtown Grass Valley where the former Packard dealership (now a furniture and carpet store) still has the old neon Packard dealership sign on the front of the building, providing an excellent photo backdrop for those who chose to take advantage of it.

On the drive back to Placerville the only mechanical casualty on the tour occurred when the Toland’s 1940 coupe suffered an electrical malfunction. With the help of Bill Young and AAA all made it back to the hotel in time to make dinner later that evening.

Dinner on Saturday night was in a private dining room in a Victorian Mansion in Placerville; now a wedding and event center.

After breakfast and check-out on Sunday morning the group departed for a coffee stop at our home and ranch in Shingle Springs. Tours of the recently planted vineyard and orchard plus the newly constructed backyard home-winery were offered. Some also took time to look over our 1909 and 1913 Model T Fords. Many tour participants noted how nice it was to relax leisurely in the yard.

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**Attendees included:**

Mark and Kay Barchas driving their 1940 - Super Eight sedan

John Ulrich and Blanche driving their 1940 – 120 coupe

David and Patricia Pava driving their 1936 – Standard 8 sedan

David and Pat Grundman driving a modern car

Bill and Janet Vassar driving their 1954 Caribbean

Bob and Mary Jane Mc Coy in a modern car

Hal and Becky Schuette driving a modern car

Tim and Kathie Toland driving a 1940 110 convertible

Gerry and Linda Wuichet driving a modern car

Bill Young and Ellie Power driving a modern car

Fred and Pam Hill had to cancel at the last moment due to illness – and were missed.

We enjoyed hosting this tour and look forward to doing something similar in the future.



*An interesting shot out the back window of the Pavas' car.*

## Minutes of Nor-Cal Packard Club Board Meeting

July 14, 2013

1:10 p.m.

Members Present: Hal Schuette, Becky Schuette, Mark Barchas, Bill Young, Stephen Austin, Bob McCoy, George Beck, Milton Wheeler

Voted: The board approved the minutes of the April 21, 2013, Board Meeting.

Treasurers Report: Mark Barchas reported that the club coffers were down this past quarter because our costs to operate the internet was more than our internet income. However, the finances of our club are fine. Mark recommended that we put some of our income into a three-month CD. George Beck moved that we follow Mark's recommendation by putting \$20,000 into a CD. It was seconded by Becky Schuette. The motion was approved by a board vote.

Tour Director's Report: Milton Wheeler gave a report on the Western Regions Tour with comments by George Beck and Bob McCoy. Bill Young reported on the Cars and Coffee tour to Blackhawk which had many Packards there. Bob McCoy and George Beck are planning the Annual Packard Swap Meet in September and David Pava is organizing the October overnigher to Placerville. The November Tour will be to the Marin County cheese factories. Our Holiday Luncheon will be in Vallejo on the first Sunday in December.

George Beck gave a report on our tour attendance for the first part of 2013. We have had a total attendance of 152 for the six events which is about 24% of our membership. Thank you, George!

Membership: Bill Young reported that our membership is holding. He is already planning on next year's Membership Directory. He showed the board the new color for the 2014 cover.

Health and Welfare: Stephen Austin reported that everyone is well and healthy.

Technical: Bob McCoy told the board that a group of Nor-Cal Packard Club members met for lunch in the East Bay and discussed Packard technical problems.

Web Site: George Beck reported that he gets a variety of emails from our web site and he responds appropriately. Again, Thank you, George.

Voted: Western Regions Tour will be in Monterey for 2014

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Milton Wheeler





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## APPLICATION TO JOIN

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May we list the following in our directory?

Address (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Packards (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

The Packards you own: (See National Handbook for #s)

Year Series-Chassis# Body style# Body type descrip.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

If you own more than two, please list on separate sheet.

I am already a member of the National Club, PAC. (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Membership Director

Bill Young

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