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Director's Report

I've just returned from the Packard Swap Meet and what a great event it was. Vendors had lots of interesting parts and I got to see some good Packard friends who I don't often see. (I'm still looking for a running board and steering box.) Many thanks to Bob McCoy and George Beck for putting on another wonderful swap meet and to Buck Kamphausen for hosting us.

If you haven't been to the website lately, surf over and see a great photo history of the events. Many of those events will have write-ups in this edition of *The Pious Pelican*. And a big congratulations to Larry and Susan Nannini who took third in class at Pebble Beach in a very tough class with their 1934 Packard Super 8 Sport Phaeton. The judges had to distinguish between 100-point cars! And to Don Sears who restored the car—well done!

The board would welcome your input on an issue which came up this year and we anticipate that it will come up again next year. The issue is: how do we handle sign ups for popular events when we have a limited number of spots? Should we limit participation to members only? First come, first serve for members and guests? Other ideas? The Carolands Mansion tour, with Lorraine Kilkeny as the tour leader, was a huge success, being oversubscribed, and raised the issue noted here. We have a possible tour next year of the Tesla plant and we're anticipating similar enthusiasm.

We hope to see many of you at our November 8th driving tour which will be our last tour of the year. And remember that the Holiday Luncheon at Michael's in Mountain View is on December 14th. If the weather cooperates, we hope to see a parking lot full of Packards.

Jeff Mihaly

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regrets that we announce the passing of two members
of Nor- Cal Packards.

**ANTHONY D'AMATO
1946 - 2014**

AND

**JOHN BLACKBURN
1922 - 2014**



2014 EVENTS

Sep 27, 2014 - Ironstone Concours at Murphys

Oct 5 - Niello Concours at Serrano

Oct 19, 2014 - Board Meeting - Auto Vino

Nov. 8, 2014 - Lafayette to Sunol driving tour

Dec 14, 2014 - Annual Holiday Luncheon, Mountain View

2015 EVENTS

Jan 11, 2015 - A Day at the Movies - Blackhawk Museum



Where We've Been

Portal Park Picnic

July 13, 2014

Text by Hal Schuette

Photos by Joe Munsch



Nor-Cal Packards attended Northern California Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's annual Don Froehlich Memorial National meet. The event is well attended by other clubs who are invited to share the picnic. This year, the following clubs attended: Oldsmobile, Imperial, Buick, Franklin, Studebaker, Hudson, Pierce Arrow, CCCA, CHVA, Lincoln, and the Freewheelers.

Nor-Cal Packards were well represented with 9 Packards and three brand Xs. This year the FIFA world soccer event and two major other car events caused a 10% attendance reduction. As a result, everyone went home with a big bag of extra BBQ ribs, tri-tip, chicken and sausages. Tough duty, but we stepped up to the cause. The caterer also provided beans, potato salad, coleslaw and cookies. No one went home hungry.

George Beck brought our wonderful Packard tent and banner. Joe Munsch brought his 110 sedan for a run. Stuart Hunter, a past member and considering joining us again, brought his 1934 V-12 sedan. Blake Weston, a new member, brought his 1948 woodie.

Charles Barnett and Allen Nelson tied for a first place people's choice award with their outstanding 1934s. Charles also won a great apple pie as his Packard was selected by the Cadillac judges.

Thanks to Nor-Cal Cadillac event chair Jeff Nielsen and his team. This event is outstanding and gives us a chance to do what we do best: eating and talking.

Looking forward to next year!

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Milt & Carolee Wheelers' '41 160 convertible coupe.



Charlie Barnett's '34 1104 touring.



Rod Derbyshire's '40 1800 opera coupe.

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Portal Park Attendees

Mark & Kay Barchas	1936 120 convertible
Charles Barnett	1934 touring sedan
John & Lorraine Blackburn	1942 160 convertible
William & Lynn Butterworth	Brand X
George & Eddie Beck	1937 touring sedan
Rodney & Mary Ann Derbyshire	1940 110 opera coupe
Stuart Hunter (prospective member)	1934 V-12 sedan
Joe Munsch	1940 110 sedan
Allen Nelson	1934 club sedan
Hal Schuette	Brand X
Phil Sherman	Brand X
Blake Weston	1948 woodie
Milton Wheeler	1941 convertible



Allen & Ana Nelsons' '34 1107 club sedan.



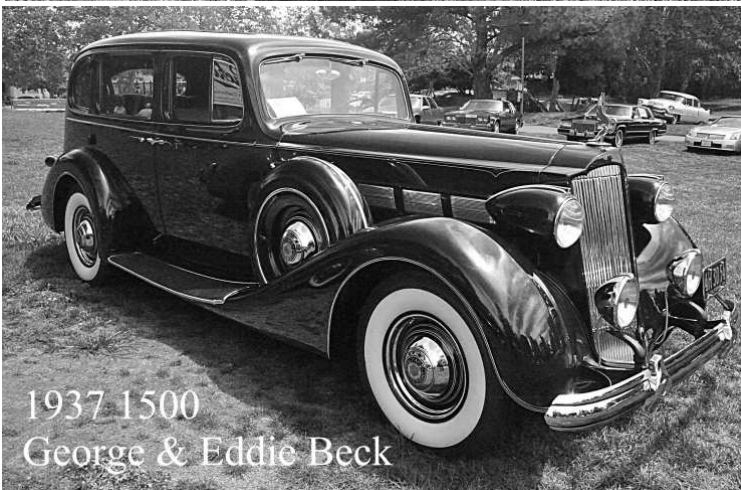
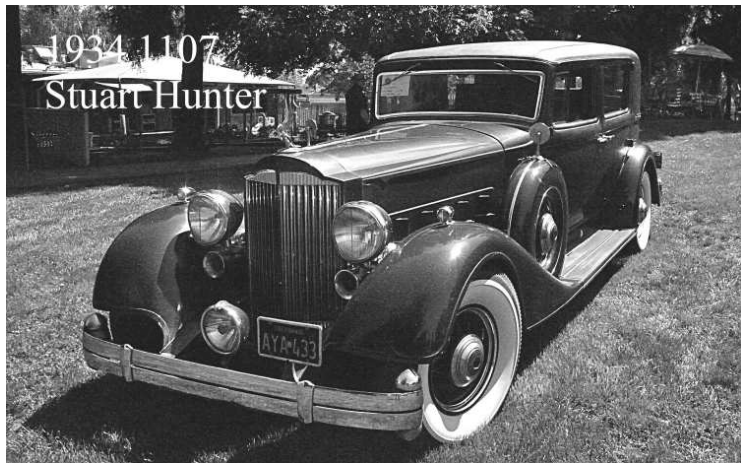
Blake Weston's '48 station sedan.



Lorraine Blackburn's '42 2006 convertible coupe.



Mark & Kay Barchas' '36 120 convertible coupe.



Where We've Been

Marin Headlands Tour

June 22, 2014

Text by Kay & Mark Barchas

Photos by Bill Young & Mark Barchas



This was a special tour because it united members of Nor-Cal Packards (PAC) with Pacific Packard Classics (PPC), which is the successor to the former Nor-Cal PI chapter. Their members are mostly from the valley and Sacramento area. Mark and Kay Barchas were the tour leaders and were happy to begin our tour on a beautiful summer day at the entrance to the Marin headlands with six parties from PPC and 16 parties from PAC. Four of the parties were members of both clubs. There were 40 people in our luncheon group.

Due to parking constraints, we loaded up most people who had come in brand X's to ride as passengers in Packards and drove to the Visitor's Center in what used to be the Fort Barry Chapel. We had a nice introduction to the history of the headlands from a

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Bill Young's '54 by the Baker beach tunnel.



The view across the Golden Gate Bridge with San Francisco in the distance..



One of the Nike missiles in its bunker .



Larry & Susan Nannini



Fred & Pam Hill



Don & Glenda Sears

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knowledgeable park ranger, who explained the succession of peoples and land uses that preceded the area's utilization for military purposes to guard the Golden Gate. It was all finally secured in perpetuity as park land in 1972.

After a bit of shopping in the gift shop, we caravanned to the Nike Missile site for a history of the Cold War, presented by another park ranger and an awe inspiring introduction to a real Nike Missile that emerged from its underground silo and then stood straight up as if ready to take off. The sounds were amazing and made us feel as if we were in a war movie.

At our next stop we left the cars and almost everyone hiked in the area. Most went down to the Pt Bonita Lighthouse through a mountain tunnel and across a suspension bridge, taking in gorgeous views of the ocean and the Golden Gate with San Francisco pretty much shrouded in fog. Some explored some ruins of 100-year-old gun emplacements.

After a scenic drive along the cliff-hugging road overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, we drove through Fort Baker and Sausalito and arrived at the Buckeye Roadhouse for an amazing meal in a beautiful setting. We all enjoyed visiting and the nine Packards all looked wonderful lined up facing the road.

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*Pam & Fred Hills' '55 400 with Lorraine & John
Kilkennys' '34 Dietrich convertible sedan behind.*



Glenda & Don Sears' '41 Darrin convertible coupe next to the Ulrich and Barchas cars.

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Attendees and Packards were:

Mark and Kay Barchas	1940 1804 touring sedan with guests Nomi and Fritz Trapnell
Barbara and Neal Gapoff	1941 1901 club coupe
Fred and Pam Hill	1955 400 2 door hard top
Lorraine and John Kilkenny	1934 Dietrich convertible sedan with Matt and Anna Kilkenny
Don and Glenda Sears	1941 1906 Darrin convertible
Kathie and Tim Toland	1940 110 convertible coupe
John Ulrich and Blanche Komacher	1940 120 club coupe
Milt and Carolee Wheeler	1941 1903 convertible coupe
Bill Young and Ellie Power	1954 Clipper Deluxe
Rick Fontaine and guest Matt Russo	
David and Pat Grundman and guest Chase Lee	
Jack Holmes and guest Mike Kumler	
Joe and Pat Munsch	
Susan and Phil Sherman	

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Jerry and Linda Wuichet

Richard and Helen Reidburn

Archie and Sandy Sanders and guest Gail Stanley

Unfortunately, Bill and Janet Vassar's car overheated en route and they had to abort.

Also Steve Weir and John Hemm's car developed problems en route and never made it.



Carolee & Milt Wheelers' '41 160 convertible coupe.



Barbara & Neal Gapoffs' '41 1901 club coupe lead the lineup of Packards at the lunch stop.



John Ulrich's '40 120 club coupe.



Tourmasters Kay & Mark Barchas' 40 1804 touring sedan.

Where We've Been
Hillsborough Concours

July 20, 2014

Text by Hal Schuette

Photos by Ron Kimball

The oldest continually running Concours in the world, The 59th Annual Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance took place at the Crystal Springs Golf course in Burlingame. It was the fifth year at the magnificent Crystal Springs Golf Course, a lovely place to spend an afternoon with wonderful Packards and other spectacular cars.

When putting this year's event together, the advisory group spent time and energy to find the right number of cars and special displays. This year the Best of Show Automobile was a 1938 Talbot Lago, owned by Richard Stephens of the Academy of Art University.

Nor-Cal Packard members were well represented on the red awards carpet. I was fortunate to present the following awards:

1st	1933 Packard convertible coupe	Don & Glenda Sears
2nd	1928 Packard 526	Fred & Pam Hill
2nd	1940 Packard 160 touring sedan	Larry & Susan Nannini

George and Eddie Beck were honored with a podium drive by; last year they took a first in class and this year displayed their beautiful 1937 1500 touring sedan.

Next year will be a special celebration, honoring the Concours' 60th anniversary.

Save the date, Sunday July 19, 2015.

The Packard logo is written in a classic, elegant cursive script. The word "Packard" is slanted slightly to the right. A thin horizontal line runs underneath the letters, starting from the 'P' and ending under the 'd'.



*George & Eddie Beck entered as "Display only" this year,
but were invited to the podium drive by.*



Larry & Susan Nannini receiving their award from Hal Schuette.

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

August 17, 2014

Text by Hal Schuette

Photos by Hal Schuette & Bud Juneau

Nor-Cal Packard members Larry and Susan Nannini won a coveted third place in class with their Spectacular 1934 Packard 1104 Super Sport Phaeton at Pebble Beach! They purchased this wonderful automobile from Nor-Cal Packard member Don Sears about two years ago.

According to Don, this is a very rare Packard; only seven are known to exist. Don purchased this automobile about five years ago with the idea of restoring and presenting a near perfect automobile at Pebble Beach.

Acceptance for judging at Pebble Beach is a great achievement in of itself, but there are only 3 winners in each class. Hundreds of cars apply each year and only about 200 historic automobiles are chosen. A waiting time of several years in some classes is not uncommon. Don's dedication and automotive passion are well known at Pebble Beach and certainly aided in the acceptance process.

Congratulations, Don, Larry and Susan for your recognition.



In addition, there was a Featured Marque class of Fernandez and Darrin, so of course there were Packards to be seen there as well. Mark Hyman brought an interesting original 1922 Packard Twin Six for the Preservation class, and Clark Gable's '38 Darrin was in the Classic Open Late class along with a spectacular '34 Twelve Dietrich convertible victoria. There are always interesting Packards at Pebble and this year was no exception.



Mark Hyman brought this all-original '22 Twin Six Brunn cape top touring, for the Preservation class, whose original owner had the car built with no rear doors.



'34 1108 Twelve Dietrich convertible victoria owned by Frank & Milli Ricciardelli of Sarasota, Florida.



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