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***The Pious Pelican***  
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**Director's Report**

As we enter the last weeks of 2014, I'm reflecting on unexpected things that have occurred. We've received over 10 inches of rain in the last three weeks, and while some complain about the inconvenience, most are happy to see our reservoirs and water tables rising. Our club is also experiencing an increasing membership in a period where many clubs are declining. Our board and membership work diligently to provide interesting activities and reliable communication. This last week was another such example when Mark and Kay Barchas organized a wonderful year-end Holiday Party at Michael's Restaurant (more on that event in this issue.) Great food, lots of conversation, and acknowledgement of those who led tours and events this year are some of my fondest memories along with Fred Hill's show-stopping Christmas sweater.

Coming up in the first quarter of next year, we have a mix of old traditions and new adventures. George Beck and Bob McCoy are hosting the Day at the Movies at Blackhawk Museum complete with lunch and popcorn on January 11<sup>th</sup>. This event has become a January tradition with our club and perfect for what will hopefully be rainy days. Later in January is the Turlock Swap Meet and our board meeting which is open to all members.

In February, our tour director Joe Munsch, who incidentally is doing a fabulous job, will be leading a tour in the Santa Cruz area. And in March, as highlighted at the Holiday Party by Irina D'Amato, Milton Wheeler and Joe Munsch are leading a different type of tour which will take us with our Packards to the Napa/Yountville Veterans Hospital with the goal of bringing some Packard cheer to the residents there. We hope many of you will come to the hospital with your cars. A tour of a Mercedes-Benz restoration facility will round out the day. More information will soon be available on the club website.

The Combined Car Club Calendar, a George Beck original creation, is also available at the website under the "Club Publications" link.

Finally, one more call to those who seek real adventure. Milton Wheeler regaled us with a tempting proposal to drive our Packards from the Proving Grounds in Michigan to San Francisco as part of the Lincoln Highway Tour. (Google Lincoln Highway Association for info.) If you don't want to do the whole tour, an option is to do only some of the days, which is how I'm leaning. Salt Lake City to San Francisco anyone? There are a few club members who are really considering going and if we ship our cars together, we may enjoy some reduced shipping costs.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Jeff Mihaly

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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 Chairman, Bob McCoy know, so he 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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**2015 EVENTS**

Jan 11	A Day at the Movies - Blackhawk Museum
Jan 25	Board Meeting-Blackhawk Automotive Museum
Feb 7	Santa Cruz/South County/Salinas Tour
Mar 22	Napa /Yountville Veterans' Hospital/Mercedes Benz Collection
Apr 19	Board Meeting - Auto Vino
Apr 25	Livermore Duarte Garage/Restoration Shop Tour
May 15-17	Western Regions Tour
Jun 28	John Muir House-Martinez
Jul 8	Lincoln Highway tour arrives at Blackhawk
Jul 12-18	2015 Packard Club National Meet - Redding, PA
Jul 12	Annual Picnic, Portal Park, Cupertino
Jul 26	Board Meeting-Blackhawk Automotive Museum
Aug 11-16	Pebble Beach Concours events
Sep 6	Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet - Vallejo
Sep 26	Ironstone Concours at Murphys
Oct 17-18	Mt. Lassen Overnighter
Dec 6	Annual Holiday Luncheon - Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo

**Where We've Been**  
***Lafayette to Niles Tour***

November 8 , 2014

Text by Tourmaster Bill Young

Photos by Bill Young



*A rest stop to let the modern traffic go by.*

The tour started in the Lafayette BART parking lot with a dozen people, six Packards and one personal car. Jim Laughlin and guest joined us later at lunch.

A reminder to future tour leaders: be sure there is a restroom and the starting point. Some of us drive a long way to get there. The drive was about 55 miles took 2-1/2 hours and we were on the most under-used scenic roads in the bay area.

We started at 10:15 AM, drove through Orinda to Tilden Park, where we had a short stop at "Inspiration Point" with a view of the San Pablo dam. Unfortunately, there were few parking places for us to park together.

The drive through Tilden Park is always scenic. We got on

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*The Tolands' '40 110 convertible coupe.*



*Part of the group at lunch.*



*Tourmaster, Bill Young's '54 Clipper DeLuxe*

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Grizzly Peak Blvd and stopped briefly at another view spot, a panoramic view of the bay was at our feet. It was a very good day and mostly sunny.

Then we took Skyline Blvd to Redwood Road, which is the back way to Castro Valley thru a forest of redwoods. This road is little used, with few bicyclists.

At Castro Valley we continued east, under 580, again on back roads, to Niles. Part of this road is the old Lincoln Highway, look for markers.

We had no parking places in Niles as there is a Farmer's Market every Saturday. So, we drove on to *Mexico Lindo* restaurant in Union City. It is only 3 miles down Alvarado-Niles Blvd toward I-880. Jim Laughlin and guest joined us there for

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*Paul Kraintz' 120 touring sedan.*



*Fred & Pam Hills' '55 400.*

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lunch.

Nice company, good food, pretty cars – who could want more?  
Good time had by all who went and there were no adventures.

**Unsolicited Comments after the tour:**

1. Now that is what touring should be: "touring". Not just meeting at a destination. I really enjoyed the tour today and was really excited that my car did so well. Thanks for taking me places I had not been before. -- Paul Kraitz
2. Thank you for the well-planned tour. We certainly drove the back roads! -- Tim & Kathie Toland
3. My arms are tired. How many curvy roads are ahead?  
By someone who has a heavy 12-cylinder sedan that weights 5500# (Jeff Mihaly).

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*Jeff Mihaly's '37 Twelve next to  
George & Eddie Beck's '37 Super Eight.*



*Pam Hill talking to Eddie Beck in the Becks' '37 Super Eight sedan.*

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**Those attending the Saturday tour were: (Eldest cars first)**

Paul Kraintz	1935 120 sedan
Jeff Mihaly	1937 1506 Twelve sedan
George & Eddie Beck	1937 Super 8 sedan
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 convertible
Bill Young & Ellie Power	1954 Clipper Deluxe
Fred & Pam Hill	1955 400 2-door hardtop
Gerry & Linda Wuichet	Personal car
Jim Laughlin & Nesly Kaelin	Personal car



*Soldavinis' '39*



*Clint Moore's '48*

***Packards at the Holiday Party***



*Tolands' '40*

*Wheelers' '34*

*Brazils' '47*



## **Where We've Been**

### ***Holiday Party***

December 14, 2014

Text by hosts, Kay & Mark Barchas

Photos by Bill Young



On Sunday, December 14th, 57 members and guests gathered at 11:00 AM at Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park in Mountain View to celebrate the holiday season.

Due to the recent heavy rains, only the brave brought Packards, which the restaurant allowed us to display in the front of the building. After visiting over a pleasant cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres while folks bid on Silent Auction items, we enjoyed a sumptuous buffet luncheon of salmon and beef with all the trimmings.

Director, Jeff Mihaly emceed the program. Board members from 2014 were called up and thanked. Tour leaders from the

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*Milt Wheeler's '34 1101 rumble-seat coupe.*



*The Brazils' '47 2103 Super Clipper.*



*Clint Moore's '48 Deluxe Eight touring sedan.*

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last year were called up and thanked with certificates and framed pictures from their tours. The Best Tour of the Year trophy was awarded to Lorraine Kilkenny for her twice-run tour to the fabulously restored Carolands Mansion in Hillsborough.

There was lively bidding at the silent auction, and Auctioneer Fred Hill, in his prize worthy Christmas sweater, entertained us all and drew spirited bidding for a few live auction items. In total we raised \$625 from the auctions. Thanks to everyone who donated and bid on items. And thanks to George and Eddie Beck for again providing us with "Packard" chocolate bars.

We all headed off by 3 PM, looking forward to 2015 and a New Year of Happy Packarding!

**In Attendance Were:**

Mark & Kay Barchas  
Robert & Nancy Barton  
George & Eddie Beck

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Tom & Toni Bergeron  
Lorraine Blackburn  
John & Arlene Brazil with their '47 2103 Super Clipper  
Bill & Lynn Butterworth  
Ron & Mary Carpenter  
Irina D'Amato & Guest  
Neal & Barbara Gapoff  
Fred & Pam Hill  
Jack & Merna Holmes & Nancy Boraas  
John & Lorraine Kilkenny  
Warren Lubich  
Bob & Mary Jane McCoy  
Jeff Mihaly & Beth Eng & son, Lukas  
Clint & Vickie Moore with Clint's '48 sedan  
Joe Munsch & Pat Shriver  
Hal & Becky Schuette  
Don & Glenda Sears  
Phil & Susan Sherman  
Steve & Maria Soldavini with their '39 120 sedan  
Tim & Kathie Toland with their '40 110 convertible coupe  
John Ulrich & Blanche Korfmacher  
Steve Weir & John Hemm plus 2 Guests  
Milt Wheeler with his 1934 1101 rumble-seat coupe  
Jerry & Linda Wuichet  
Bill Young & Ellie Power

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*Even Santa drives a Packard.*



*Holiday Party continued*



*Tim & Kathie Toland's '40 110 convertible coupe.*



*Steve & Maria Soldavini's '39 1701 120 touring sedan.*

Photos from Lafayette to Niles tour continued



*Jeff Mihaly's '37 1506 Twelve sedan.*



*Interesting rear comparison of Beck's '37 Super Eight  
and Mihaly's '37 Twelve.*



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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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.
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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

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