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Director's Report

With sadness, I recently attended a memorial service for Jack Passey at the Candy Store in Burlingame. My neighbor and Pierce Arrow enthusiast George Teebay referred to Jack as the "Dean of the Collector Car Hobby" on the West Coast and I think he's right. Our hobby and our club would be quite different had Jack Passey never walked this earth. Many attendees at the memorial had known Jack for 40-50 years, or more. I first met Jack in 2004 when he represented Jon Lundberg who was selling his 1937 1506 Twelve sedan, which I've owned since then. Jack put the deal together between John and me, and I brought the car home. Based on the testimony of those present at the memorial, it was made clear to me that Jack had put many deals together over the years, saving many cars and enriching many lives.

One story struck me and I hope to remember it for a long time. A speaker talked about how he had just bought an "old" car, possibly a Chevrolet from the late 1920s and he was told that there was a guy in the South Bay who had lots of parts. He found Jack's shop and walked into the building, asking Jack for a critical part which he needed to get his car on the road. As it turned out, Jack had the part there and **gave it to him** saying something like "Let your hobby begin." Jack wanted this young car enthusiast to have some success with his new purchase because Jack loved old cars and wanted to support those who shared his love. If you haven't read the book Jack wrote, it's a real treasure and I'd encourage you to borrow a copy and treat yourself to a wonderful read.

Jack's spirit seemed present at our recent board meeting where we discussed the necessity for increased membership participation in our club. We need more board members and more club members to take an active role in the club. Maybe you'd like to host a tour or have an event at your home. Maybe you have an idea for an event. Whatever it is, we want you to know that we want and need your participation. We have a growing and active club whose vitality is dependent on the membership. We hope for increased participation in 2016.

Our last event of the year is our Holiday party on Sunday, December 6th at *Zio Fraedo's Restaurant* in Vallejo. Go to Norcalpackards.org, download the flyer, and sign up today! Special efforts were made by the Hill and Beck families to really spice up the entertainment this year. You will NOT be disappointed! Additionally, we will make some key announcements about possible future activities.

Blessings and happiness during this Holiday Season!

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

Dec 6 Annual Holiday Luncheon - Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo

2016 EVENTS

(Proposed, with more details to come)

Jan 31 Board Meeting - Blackhawk Museum
Mar 12-13 Joint Nor-Cal Packards and Pacific Packard Classics Tour
Apr 17 Board Meeting - Auto Vino
May Western Regions Tour
Jul 10 Board Meeting - Blackhawk Museum
Jul 12-18 2015 Packard Club National Meet - Traverse City, MI
Jul 24 Annual Membership Picnic - Portal Park, Cupertino
Aug 6 Trailers in the trees
Sep 4 Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet - Vallejo
Oct 24 Board Meeting - Auto Vino
Dec. Annual Holiday Luncheon



Where We've Been
Vallejo Swap Meet
September 6, 2015

Text by George Beck
Photos by Bill Young & Bud Juneau



The annual Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet always seems to start early in the morning with vendors setting up their wares on their favorite spots. This year was no exception. The nice weather brought out 23 vendors, filling the parking lot completely.

Thanks go to the following vendors: Jeff Adkins - Moose's Obsolete Brake Parts, American Autowire, John Brooks, Ron Carpenter, Ed Drexler, Don Figone, Kingston Ganske, Joe Giuntini - Hagerty Insurance (bags), Garry Gunderson, Lester Harris, Fred Hill - Echo Hill Packard, Jack Holmes, Jay Hubbard - Silver Circle Region, Bud Juneau, Ben Lucero, Bob McCoy, Jeff Mihaly, David Moe - Packard Seattle Company, Jim Noah, Bill Norton, Robert Plummer, Lloyd Riggs - J C Taylor, Don Sears, Ladd Stephenson, John Ulrich - Ulrich Packard Parts, Bill Vassar and Jerry Wuichet.

There were also some very interesting Packards on display and for sale. Jeff Mihaly brought out a beautiful 1934 1101 718 Rumble Seat coupe (for sale) to park next the car's brother, Milton Wheeler's 1934 Rumble Seat coupe. Other cars included:

1933 1004 convertible sedan

Daniel Shanahan

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Wayne Parsons, Joe Munsch, Fred Hill, Pam Hill & Don Figone.



Eddie Beck and Paul Williams enjoying the sunshine.

1933 1002 616 club sedan
1935 120 893 sedan
1936 120 Club sedan
1937 1500 Super Eight touring sedan
1941 110 sedan
1953 2678 2631 convertible
1949 2232 2279 Victoria convertible
1950 2302 2382 Super Deluxe sedan
1950 4-door sedan retro custom
1954 5401 5492 Clipper Deluxe
1956 5680 5684 400
1956 5680 5687 400
1955 GMC Suburban Carrier

Paul Williams
Paul Kraitz
Garry Gunderson
George & Eddie Beck
Stan Walker
Jeff Adkins
Bill Norton
Jerry Wuichet
Pete & Sara Bezeck
Bill Young
Wayne Parsons
Phil Sherman
Bud Juneau

Club tables were set up by Nor-Cal regions of The Packard Club, Pacific Packard Classics and the Classic Car Club of America. Over 70 total club members participated in this year's event.

A special "Thank You" goes to our host Buck Kamphausen and his US World Events Center staff, whose generosity and continued support in providing a great venue is sincerely appreciated.

Additional photos taken at the swap meet are in the Photo Gallery of the club's website at www.norcalpackards.org.

Tour Leaders were Bob & Mary Jane McCoy with George & Eddie Beck



*Jeff Mihaly and Milt Wheeler brought their '34 Eight coupes.
You rarely see one -- let alone two.*



George Beck and Jay Hubbard at Jay's booth.



Dave Wiseman, Jack Holmes, Merna Holmes, and Chris McKeon.



The Pacific Packards booth was managed by Rob and Marian Corley.



Wayne Parsons, one of the founders of the National club, next to his 400 hardtop that he bought with only a few miles on it, when new.



Bill Norton's '49 convertible victoria.



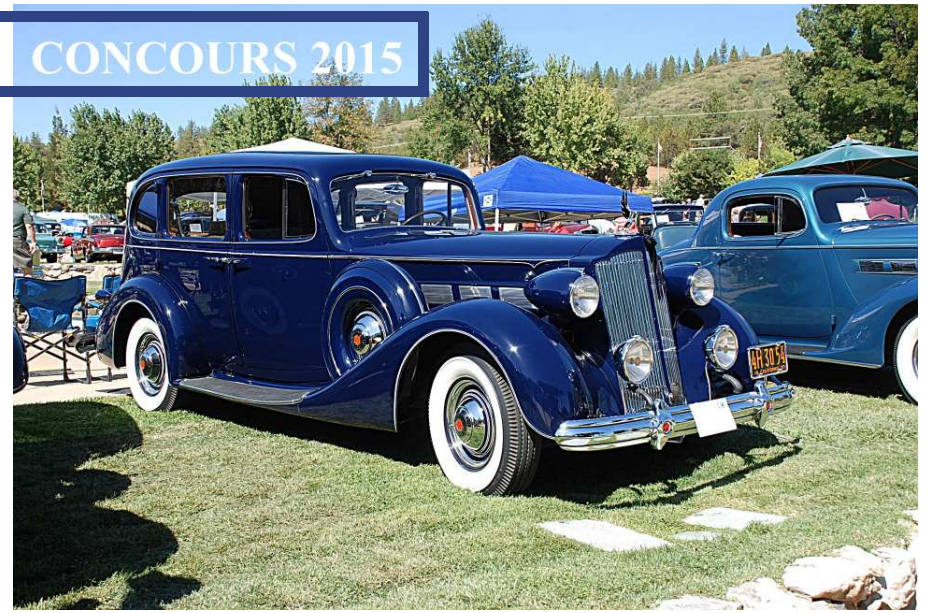
Jerry Wuichet's '50 Super DeLuxe at his booth.

IRONSTONE

CONCOURS 2015



Bill & Dorine Ramsdens' '32 903, formerly owned by Bud Juneau



George & Eddie Becks' '37 Super Eight won "Best in Class"



Ev & Gus Youngs' '29 640 phaeton



The Moore family's '46 limousine and the Packard class

AS SEEN AT HERSHEY

This interesting '38 Packard delivery truck was in the Saturday car show during this year's Hershey Meet. Original photos show it being used at the Packard factory, so we can only assume it was made up by Packard for their own use. Somehow it survived, was restored by Ralph Marano, of New Jersey, and is on the road again.



A MOST UNUSUAL PACKARD 1201

At the Hershey car show, crowds gathered around this '35 with custom cabriolet bodywork by Graber. The car was commissioned by Werner Risch, who was the Packard distributor in Zurich, Switzerland. It was first shown at the Geneva Auto Show and was recently given a full restoration by Ralph Marano.



It looks more like a '34 model, and has a very European appearance, with the sweeping fenders, large headlamps, and fine-mesh radiator screen. The wheels are chrome-disc style and Werner's name is prominently displayed on the radiator screen. The body is painted a dark olivine brown color with a black top.



The Graber body plate.



Name plate on the screen.



A typical Graber look from the rear, with leather top covering,, sweeping fenders, heavy landau irons, and a slit rear window.



*The strips on the luggage rack are made of wood.
The rack has the accessory bumper.*



The cowl and floorboard are cast in aluminum as one unit. The long hood puts the seating further back, so the shift lever has to be curved back so the driver can reach it.



Stock instrument panel is set on a leather covered dashboard, various lights are controlled by switches above, and speedometer is KPH.

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West-coast members, Doug Moore, Jay Hubbard, Greg Titus, and Bud Juneau, the day after Hershey at the annual Packard Truck meet held at Dave Lockard's farm in York Springs, Pennsylvania.



Jay Hubbard (left) driving Dave Lockard's '20 Model E and Dave Lockard (right) with General Pershing by Dave's 1918 in WWI dress.

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NEWS



Congratulations to Fred Hill, who won First in class with his '28 526 convertible coupe, at the Danville Concours d'Elegance.

ADVANCE NOTICE -- SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 12 – 13, 2016

Joint Nor-Cal Packards and Pacific Packard Classics Tour With an Invitation to the Silver Circle Packards

Hosted by David and Patricia Pava

This will be a one-night weekend tour, headquartered in Cameron Park (30 miles east of Sacramento off highway 50) starting mid-Saturday morning and ending Sunday, mid-afternoon.

You may choose to attend both days and spend Saturday night at the motel (or home) - or attend only Saturday or Sunday. The tour is priced by-person, by-day.

Saturday - tour to Volcano for lunch and then Sutter Creek for antiques and shopping. Dinner on your own; there are several restaurants near the motel. Recommendations will be provided.

Sunday - Visit two or three local "farm-trail" fruit / bakery stands followed by a gourmet lunch with paired wines in Winery cave.

This will be a low-key tour, with miles of very scenic back roads and no freeway driving. Details and form at www.norcalpackards.org



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**Nor-Cal Packards
Board Meeting
October 25, 2015**

10:25 am

Members Present: Jeff Mihaly, Joe Munsch, Dave Wooldridge, Fred Hill, George Beck, Mark Barchas, Steve Weir, Bill Young, and Milton Wheeler. **Members Absent:** Irina D'Amato, Bob McCoy and Phil Sherman. **Guests:** Hal Schuette and Steve Pedone.
Voted: To accept the July Board Meeting Minutes.

Steve Pedone announced that a new Concours d'Elegance will happen on June 12, 2016 in Alameda. Packard will be featured in a Special Display area at the concours.

Introduction of Dave Wooldridge to the board. Welcome back Dave!

Treasurer's Report: Voted to approve the Treasurer's Report. A question was raised about a project to which we can donate at the Packard Proving Grounds. Mark Barchas will check with the Proving Grounds to find an appropriate project for the club to adopt. Another question was raised. Should there be a minimum \$5.00 charge for each club tour? It was decided that Jeff Mihaly will write a policy for the deposit/charge of Club Tours.

Membership Report: Bill Young stated that we currently have 167 members, of which 88% belong to the National Club. He also asked the question: How can we keep our members? The answer was: To have more tours!

Tour Director's Report: Joe Munsch discussed a variety of activities for future tours. Currently, the November tour is a Marin Cheese Tour sponsored by Bill Young. December will be the Holiday Party in Vallejo. January: "The Day at the Movies" with the place to be announced. March 12, David Pava has a tour in the Sacramento Foothills. April - Mark Barchas has a South Bay Tour. May – Western Regions Tour. June 12 – Packard Special Display at the Alameda Concours. July – Picnic in Cupertino.

Web Site Report: George Beck said that the website is running well and we have many calls and contacts.

Discussion on having a two-year membership. It was decided that we will have an option for a two-year membership renewal. Voted: To extend a one year, 2016, membership to Dave Wooldridge.

New Business: Discussion on Nor-Cal Packards sponsoring a National Meet or a Henry B. Joy Tour. After much discussion, it was decided that Jeff Mihaly will contact Steve Christy, our National President, and get the guidelines for National Tours. Milton Wheeler will also contact Steve Christy and get information on the Henry B. Joy Tour. Decisions will be made at a later time. Also, Milton Wheeler, our Secretary, is making a list of potential Board Members. This list will be sent to all current members for approval.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2016 at Blackhawk. Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler – Secretary