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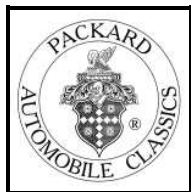
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Mail to: Membership Director

Stan Baldwin

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Director's Report

by

George Beck

I hope everyone is getting into the swing of the New Year. Spring is already upon us and the weather (which is rarely "bad" in Northern California) allows us to bring out our cars and enjoy another great year of tours and club activities. By the end of April we will have had four well-attended events and more coming in May and June.

Special thanks go to Mike O'Connor and Milton Wheeler for all their hard work in setting up the Monterey 17-Mile Drive and Whale Watching Tour. The weather was great, the roads were smooth and the only thing that would have made it better is if Mother Nature would have allowed us to say the same for Monterey Bay. Great job!

The Western All-Regions Tour, hosted by Earl Rubenstein of the Earle C. Anthony Region is set for May 16-18. You should have received a flyer on this, but if you have any questions, please contact Tour Director Larry Nannini. These tours are always a lot of fun and provide a chance to see members from the other PAC regions.

Thanks to Roy Brett, the Littlefield Military Vehicles tour has been added for June 13th. Mr. Littlefield has left a rare and interesting legacy of restored military vehicles, including tanks, trucks and even missile launchers. You will be receiving a flyer soon.

Please check out the "Future Events" page in this *Pious Pelican* for the schedule for the remainder of 2009. Also you may also enjoy logging on to www.norcalpackards.org for a look at the Calendar, Photo Gallery and Classifieds. There is even a free engine listed! If you have a picture of your car that you would like to share, please send it to Assistant Director David Pava and he will make sure it is posted on the web site.

Your Board of Directors has been working to keep the wheels of Nor-Cal Packards turning efficiently, but the real fuel for a viable and dynamic car club is the members. Emails, flyers and publications are great, but the real fun and benefit comes when you participate in the activities. Nothing can compare to seeing the people who share a passion for Packards and "kicking a few tires." It seems we always learn something new about our Packards and the folks who own them at these events.

Thanks for keeping Nor-Cal Packards running smoothly!

ENJOY THE CARS AND THE PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THEM.

George

A Word from your Editor

Bud Juneau



Just back from the Salado, all Texas regions meet where Doug Moore and I had a nice visit with many long-time Packard friends. Jim Hollingsworth picked us up at the Dallas/Fort Worth airport and we took his newly restored '41 Clipper from Dallas to Salado. A rare car in its own right, it also has the seldom seen factory air-conditioning. It made the 300+ mile round trip without missing a beat.

Speaking of rare, the General Douglas MacArthur Packard Clipper staff car which also has factory air, was brought to the show by its current owner, Rich Atwell, of Fredericksburg, Texas.

Technical Advisors

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, George Beck 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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FUTURE  EVENTS

2009

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| MAY 16-18 | Western All-Regions Tour - Visalia, SoCal, E. Rubenstein |
| JUN 13 (Sat) | Littlefield Military Vehicles - Portola Valley, R. Brett |
| JUN 21-27 | PAC National Meet – Branson, MO |
| JUL 12 (Sun) | Board Meeting-Blackhawk Museum - <u>Members welcome</u> |
| JUL 26 (Sun) | Combined Picnic w/CLC, CCCA, Portal Park, L. Nannini |
| SEP 12 (Sat) | Nor-Cal PAC/PI/CCCA Swap Meet – Vallejo, G. Beck |
| OCT 4 (Sun) | Board Meeting -(South Bay location tbd.) |
| OCT 23, 24, 25 | Autumn Napa Valley Tour w/CCCA, J. Wuichet, F. Hill |
| DEC 6 (Sun) | Christmas Party |

If you have an idea for a tour, contact Larry Nannini, Tour Director, 650.992.2689

For more detailed information on events, check the "**Calendar**" page on the Nor-Cal Packards website at www.norcalpackards.org .

Health & Welfare

by Becky Schuette

We were sad to hear the news that Bev Ferreira passed away. Bev and his then wife, Lil joined the club in 1964 and were active in the early days of the club. Lil passed away in the mid-eighties and Bev remarried in 1986 and his new wife, Dorothy began accompanying Bev to PAC events. Dorothy passed away in 2008, and now Bev. Both will be missed.

In other news, get well cards were sent to Mr. & Mrs. Len Stevens, and to Robert Needham who was involved in a very serious automobile accident that left him with several broken bones and with his leg in a cast. We send best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Director George Beck at 1:00 PM at the home of Mark and Kay Barchas. Members present were: Mark Barchas, Stan Baldwin, George Beck, Roy Brett, Larry Nannini, David Pava, Becky Schuette, Hal Schuette and Milton Wheeler. Absent: Phil Sherman.

Secretary's Report: By a consensus of opinion, the board approved the minutes as published in the last issue of *The Pious Pelican*. Milton Wheeler will be mailing a copy of the By-Laws signed by members of the new Board to the appropriate PAC National officers.

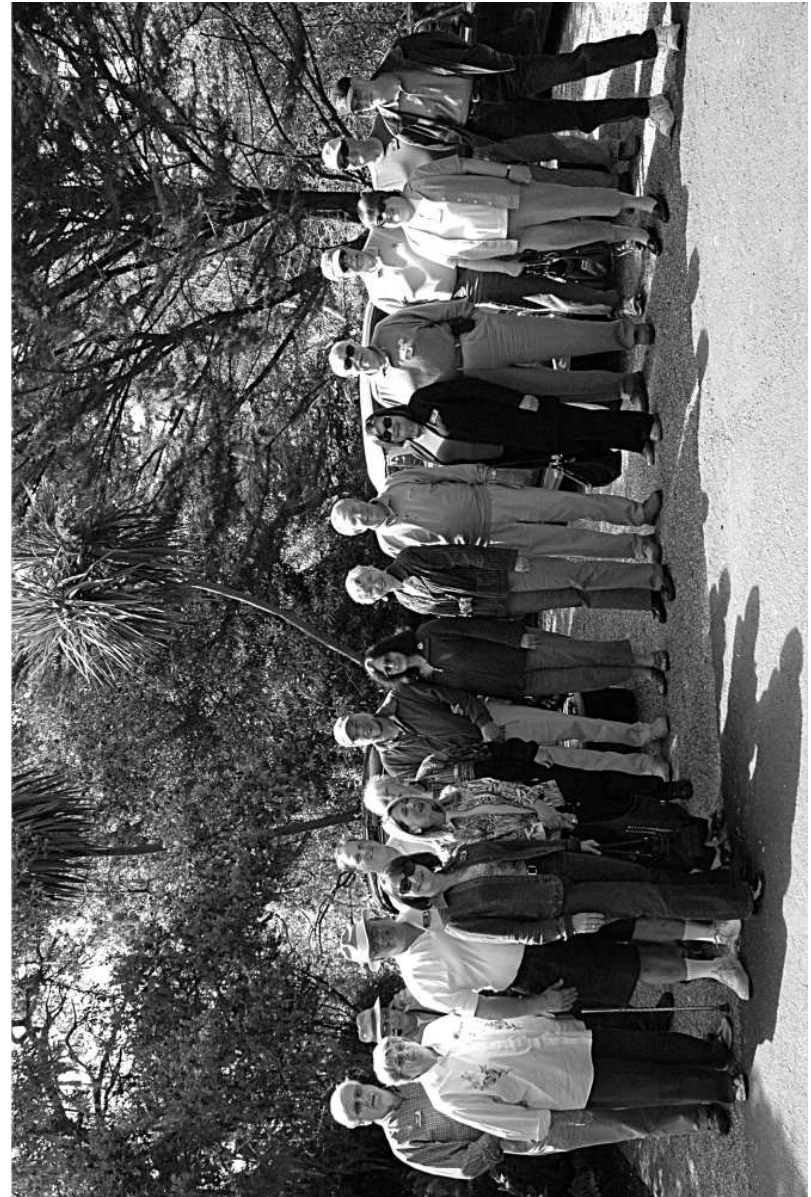
Treasurer's Report: Hal Schuette reported that there was an overage of expenses to revenue for 2008 due to extra costs associated with tours. The proposed 2009 budget is a balanced budget. Nor-Cal Packards is solvent.

Membership Report: Stan Baldwin reported that the 2009 Membership Directory has been printed and will be mailed out to members shortly. Stan moved that a letter and a copy of *The Pious Pelican* be sent to all Northern California area National Club members who are not members of Nor-Cal Packards, inviting them to join Nor-Cal Packards at a rate of \$15.00 for the balance of the year. David Pava seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stan also plans to send an e-mail to all club members in November as a reminder to renew their membership.

Tour Director Report: Larry Nannini presented the future events and reviewed the plans for tours for the rest of the year. While most of the schedule is in place, more details will be posted on the web site "Calendar" when available. The July Picnic has been changed to July 26th and will be a combined event with the Cadillac/La Salle club. After three years of doing the picnic at the same location, it was decided to try something slightly different to encourage attendance. Larry asked the Cadillac/LaSalle club if they would like to combine their annual picnic held nearby, with ours, and they welcomed the idea with open arms.

Project Director Report: Mark Barchas gave the board an inventory of our current projects. He said some are outdated and should be sold or removed to reduce our inventory.

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(Attendees, continued)

Jim Laughlin - 1941 120

John Grundy - 1936 120

Alan & Victoria Atherton - 1955 Clipper

Larry and Susan Nannini

Roy Brett

George and Eddie Beck - 1937 1500

Fred and Pam Hill - 1955 Packard 400 HT

Mike and Chris O'Connor - 1937 120

Hal and Becky Schuette

John Brazil



The Atherton's '55 Clipper Constellation Hardtop.

fifteen miles down Hwy 1 to the Rocky Point Restaurant. There we enjoyed a beautiful lunch with a marvelous view of the Pacific coastline.

After lunch, we headed back to Pebble Beach for a private tour of a Mansion on the golf course by the Pebble Beach Lodge. The private tour was arranged by Roy Brett and was well-received by everyone on the tour. Many thanks to Roy for the climax to a wonderful Day!

When we arrived back at the lodge, several families had to leave for home which left the hardy-few for Sunday's Whale Watching boat ride.

Sunday morning, after the Packards were cleaned and everyone had breakfast, the "Hardy few" left the lodge at 9:00 AM to meet in the parking lot of Fisherman's Wharf. We had reservations at Chris's Whale Watching. Unfortunately the wind came up and you could see white-caps on the bay. A Small Craft Advisory was up but eight hardy people boarded the boat for a wild ride on the bay. Not only were there white-caps on the bay but three to four-foot swells. Some riders got "green around the gills" and several spent time at the rail on the stern. NO WHALES WERE SEEN so the captain gave everyone rain-checks so we could come back again.

Eventually we arrived back at the wharf and our stomachs felt better. We had lunch at Rappa's on the Wharf. The weather was great, the company wonderful and a good time and a good start to the Tour Season with our Packards. A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated to make the weekend memorable.

Attendees

Milton Wheeler - 1934 Eight

Tim and Kathie Toland - 1940 110

Mark and Kay Barchas - 1940 160

David and Patricia Pava - 1936 Eight

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Editor's Report: Bud Juneau submitted his comments to encourage tour leaders to submit their tour write-ups and articles as soon as possible after the event. The Board discussed putting *The Pious Pelican* on line and keeping hard copies available for those who want them. The Porsche Club web site was offered as a successful example. It was decided to maintain the hard copy and work to provide both options until the membership indicates preferences.

Parades & Displays: Phil Sherman submitted that he will provide e-mail information on the Presidio Concourse web site. It is scheduled for July 19th and Packard will be a featured Marque.

Communications: Roy Brett stated he will set up new "Call Lists" to be ready for board members to use in two weeks.

Old Business: The board discussed the idea of setting up a web-site-based e-mail database of Nor-Cal Packard club members, for club use only. Roy Brett moved that we accept this plan with a second by Stan Baldwin. A vote was taken and the motion passed. David Pava was asked to pursue the idea and put the structure in place with appropriate security and controls.

New Business: Stan Baldwin moved to explore the addition of a publications link to our web page with tabs for Minutes and Publications. The motion was seconded by Becky Schuette. The motion passed. We were informed that progress is being made by Mike O'Connor and Bud Juneau to make authorized Packard logo items such as shirts, jackets, etc. available to club members.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 1:00 PM, July 12th at the Blackhawk Automobile Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Milton Wheeler, Secretary

Where We've Been

DNA & Dogs Tour

Text & Photos by George Beck



On March 11th the second of this year's weekday tours took place in Walnut Creek. The weather was great enough to bring out fourteen members and friends, plus four Packards.

The first stop was the Joint Genome Institute (JGI) where we learned about the production sequencing process of DNA to produce genomic data. Robots perform complex handling and processing of DNA to provide information that is used to advance the genomic sciences that address renewable energy generation, global carbon management and environmental characterization and clean-up. While we may not have understood the science, we did come away with an appreciation of the efforts of scientists to make our world a better place.

(Special Note: While we were unable to find out anything about the "Packard Gene," there seem to be experiences that indicate it can produce irrational behavior and often results in both extreme frustration and happiness.)

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Toland, Pava, Barchas, & Beck.



O'Connor, Wheeler, & Toland.

Where We've Been Monterey Tour and Whale Watching

Text by Milton Wheeler
Photos by Roy Brett & George Beck



The Sun was shining with clear and balmy weather forecast for the weekend. Saturday morning, before breakfast, one could see Packard owners wiping down their cars in preparation for the day's activities. When the cars were clean, most individuals partook of the free breakfast provided by the Lighthouse Lodge. Then, after breakfast we loaded up our cars and met our tour guide, Mike O'Connor, who led us on our private tour of Pebble Beach.

Most participants stayed at the *Lighthouse Lodge* Friday night; however several local club members met us as we left the lodge at 9:30 AM for the drive through Pebble Beach. Eleven Packards were on Saturday's tour. At the first stop, Al Atherton's 1955 Packard would not start. Fred Hill tried to jump start the car but no luck. Unfortunately, we were on a schedule and had to leave Al and his Packard. We found out later that his generator had failed so he limped home to Campbell on his battery.

Mike took us on a wonderful tour of Pebble Beach stopping at many of the regular tourist sights plus several places not regularly seen. We left Pebble Beach at the Carmel gate and followed Carmel Drive past the beaches, the Carmel Mission, and the Carmel River Inn owned by Clint Eastwood. When we reached Highway 1, we drove

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After an enjoyable Italian lunch at Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, we toured Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF). Their motto is "People rescuing animals... Animals rescuing people." ARF complements public animal care efforts by rescuing some number of the thousands of adoptable animals put to death each year because homes cannot be found in time. Our tour guide gave several heart-tugging examples of how their animals rescue and help people by visiting senior centers, hospitals and shelters for victims of violence and abuse.

Attendees:

Stan Baldwin	1947 Clipper Deluxe
George & Eddie Beck	1937 Super Eight Touring Sedan
Fred & Pam Hill	1955 400 2-door Hardtop
Bob McCoy	1936 Convertible Coupe
Hal & Becky Schuette	

Guests:

Daniel Schuette, grandson of Hal & Becky
Ken Strasser, guest of Stan
Jeanann Davis, Claire Tryon, Max Tellez & Kelly Whitlock, friends of George & Eddie



Monterey, Carmel, & Whale Watching



Laughlin '41 120



O'Connor '37 120



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