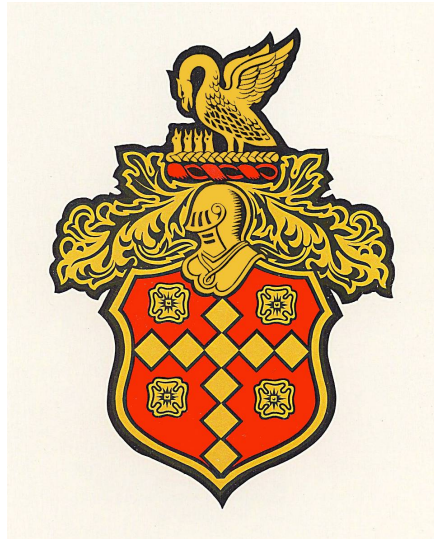


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Director's Report

Spring seems to have arrived a bit early and so far, the promised El Niño storms have not materialized as we expected. Perhaps March will provide California with additional rain. The "silver lining" of the drought continues to be great touring weather so that we can enjoy our wonderful state in the cars we love. We have many events in store.

But first, I would like to express a word of thanks to the Board for renewing their confidence in me and appointing me Director for the 2016 year. There are many Board members whose work for the club is invaluable and I'm quite pleased to be on a Board with so many selfless people.

By the time you read this, the Napa tour will be behind us. I'm really looking forward to it as I write and am thankful to Milton and Jerry for their work on this tour. It will be interesting to see what types of cars people bring since we've been warned that this is not a friendly road for our Packards.

The overnight tour being planned by David Pava is looking to have a great turnout. David has arranged many interesting sites for us to visit and is taking us on Packard-friendly roads. I hope to see many, many Packards in Cameron Park.

Steve Pedone, a new member of our Board and organizer of the new Alameda Point Concours, has arranged two different areas for us to enter our Packards for the June 12th event on the former Naval Air Station in Alameda's West End. I would like to see our club really support Steve and this event so I'm encouraging all members to bring their cars to Alameda to be part of the Club Display or in the Packard Class.

The 2016 Packard National Meet takes place June 12-18 in Traverse City, Michigan and if you are thinking about going, please sign up asap. The host hotel is already booked but there is an overflow hotel available. In an email I received from Craig Handley, the editor of the *Cormorant News Bulletin*, Craig wrote that he believes that this will be the biggest National Meet in the last ten years. It's better than Disneyland to see so many cars that we don't typically see, so think about attending!

Lastly, two events are coming in April that are still in the planning stages. Visit our website for more information. The San Jose History Museum at Kelly Park is on Sunday April 10th and the Western Regions tour in May is being hosted and organized by the Silver Circle Region. Clearly, there are many Spring activities available to you so get those Packards ready and we'll see you on the road.

Jeff Mihaly

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2016 EVENTS

Mar 12-13	Joint Nor-Cal Packards and Pacific Packard Classics Tour
April 10	San Jose History Museum at Kelly Park
Apr 17	Board Meeting - Auto Vino
May 19-21	Western Regions Tour - Yosemite area
June 12-18	PAC National Meet at Traverse City, MI
June 12	Alameda Point Concours
Jul 10	Board Meeting - Blackhawk Museum
Jul 17	Hillsborough Concours
Jul 24	Annual Membership Picnic - Portal Park, Cupertino
Aug 6	Trailers in the trees - Felton
Aug 16-21	Pebble Beach Concours week
Sep 4	Packard and Classic Car Swap Meet - Vallejo
Sep 24	Ironstone Concours - Murphys
Oct 2	Niello Concours Serrano at El Dorado Hills
Oct 5-8	Hershey Swap Meet
Oct 24	Board Meeting - Auto Vino
Dec 4	Annual Holiday Luncheon (Details to come)

Where We've Been

A Day at the Movies

January 17, 2016

Text by George Beck

Photos by Bill Young



George & Eddie Beck brought the only Packard to the Blackhawk Museum, in spite of threatening rain.

Twenty-eight Packard folks braved the threat of rain and wind to spend some time together at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville for a “Day at the Movies.” Tables and chairs were set up in the *Wheelchair Foundation Board Room* for our viewing and eating pleasure. While the wheelchair display made some nervous, the art and sculpture that decorated the room provided a comfortable setting to enjoy a grand old classic, “Chinatown,” starring

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NOR-CAL PACKARDS PRESENTS...



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Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway. We were welcomed by popcorn, movie candy, coffee and soft drinks.

Following the movie, a deli lunch was served. In the spirit of “Chinatown” everyone received fortune cookies and read their fortunes, followed by the phrase “..in the back of a Packard.”

There was then an opportunity to view the museum’s great automobiles and the new attraction, “The Spirit of the Old West,” presenting a vast collection of Western and American Indian artifacts telling the story of the Old West.

Attendees:

Mark & Kay Barchas, George & Eddie Beck, Ron Carpenter, new members Bruce & Rhonda Cumming, Irina D’Amato & George Smith, Chip Flor, Fred Hill, Jack & Merna Holmes, Bob & Mary Jane McCoy with guest Dan Foster, Bill & Carol Norton, Phil & Susan Sherman, Ladd & Maggie Stephenson, Tim & Kathy Toland, Jerry & Linda Wuichet, and Bill Young and Ellie Power.

The only Packard seen at the event, other than Faye Dunaway’s yellow 1938 Twelve Convertible Victoria in the movie, was the Beck’s 1937 Super Eight Touring Sedan parked on the plaza.





A nice buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.



Faye Dunaway (left) and '38 Packard Twelve starred in "Chinatown."



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Where We've Been
Pat Matthews Garage Tour

February 28, 2016

Text by Milton Wheeler
Photos by George Beck & Bill Young



*Modern sculpture meets rolling art in front of
Pat Matthews' home.*

On Sunday, February 28, about 38 people met at the Target parking lot in Napa for our tour. We left at 10 a.m. to drive to Pat Matthews' Mercedes collection. We drove up Hwy. 29 to Yountville then turned west up a small, windy, and steep road to our destination.

Upon arrival, we parked our cars in the circle between Pat's home and garage. He has two buildings to house his cars. Bldg. #1 is a multistory, wooden structure. Bldg. #2 is a long insulated metal structure. As we went to Bldg. #1, where Pat keeps his 1950s cars, we saw his collection of 300 SLs, 300 sedans and convertible sedans, 300 SC coupes and convertibles. In this building, he had an E-Type Jaguar, 356 Porsche

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Caravan on the winding road to the Matthews collection.



The group listening to our host tell of his collection..

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coupe, an Alfa Romeo Spyder, a 1937 BMW roadster and a rare 250 SL Pagoda top Mercedes with a 5-speed manual transmission.

The 1st floor of Bldg. #1 is the shop. Pat has a beautiful area to work on his cars. In the shop was a 1953 300 sedan convertible on which he was working. In the shop area, he has one room with his lathes, drill presses, etc. Next to that is a "tune up" area with a Dyno and "Sun" electronic equipment. Then there is a room full of Mercedes parts. There are engines, transmissions, differentials, and axles plus trim items such as grills, doors, etc.

Next we went to Bldg. #2 where he has his 60s & 70s Mercedes. Like a 1965 220SE, 1968-1970 280 SE sedans, coupes and convertibles, and a 1971 220 SE 3.5 convertible. He has a rare 1979 500 SLC which is a European spec car. What a great collection!!

Pat's Mercedes collection is a beautiful group of cars that are fully restored or nice original vehicles. All of Pat's cars are used on the road. He drives them on tours and around town. Last year he shipped his 1960 220 SE Cabriolet to Israel and went on the Israel 1000 tour.

Thank you, Pat, for allowing us to view your toys! It was great!

After spending time with Pat, we went down the hill to have lunch at a Mexican restaurant in Napa. I would like to thank Jerry and Linda Wuichet for helping me with this tour.

Milton Wheeler

Attendees:

Fred & Pam Hill	Nissan Murano
Dave Pava & Ian Cook	2004 blue Corvette
John & Lorraine Kilkenny	1996 silver Mercedes SL
Robert & Nancy Barton	2007 beige Buick
Ron & Mary Carpenter	tan Ranger
Steve Weir & John Hemm	1966 champagne Cadillac convertible
Bill Young	1998 black Mercedes SL
Jim & Shelley Hussey	(rode with Jeff Mihaly)
Milt Wheeler & Roy Brett	1947 blue Packard Clipper
Bill & Carol Norton	Mercedes 500S
Adam Simms	silver Jaguar E 12
Rod & Cindy Dahlgren	1953 Willys - original
Jeff, Beth, & Lukas Mihaly	1965 silver blue Mustang
Joe & Pat Munsch + two guests	2012 blk Mustang/red '71 Karman Ghia
Jerry & Linda Wuichet	2002 Mercedes E 320
Don & Glenda Sears	
Rich & Muichen Moore	Mercedes 600 sedan
George & Eddie Beck	Lexus RX 350, white



A rare 1937 BMW convertible.



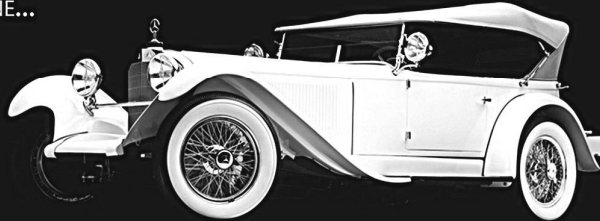
The Dahlgrens' all-original '53 Willys.



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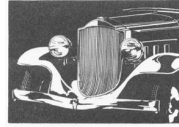
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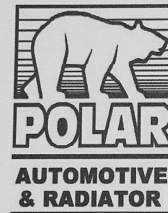
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Nor Cal Packard Club
Board Meeting
January 31, 2016
1:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Pedone, Phil Sherman, Fred Hill, Bill Young, George Beck, Jeff Mihaly, Bob McCoy, Mark Barchas, Joe Munsch, Steve Weir, and Milton Wheeler.

Voted – To Approve the October Board Meeting Minutes.

Voted - To set up this year's Board of Directors: Director-Jeff Mihaly, Steve Weir- Assistant Director, Milton Wheeler-Secretary, Mark Barchas-Treasurer, Bill Young-Membership. Mark Barchas will be Treasurer for 2016 with the understanding that written reports will only be done every six months and if he is out of town he might miss a meeting or delay writing refund checks. Other department heads: Tour Director: Joe Munsch through June 2016 and Steve Pedone July to December 2016. Bud Juneau-*Pious Pelican*, Bob McCoy-Technical, Fred Hill-Historian, Irina D'Amato-Health & Welfare, and George Beck - Web Site.

Voted – To approve the Treasurers Report for October – December of 2015.

Membership Report – Bill Young reported that we have 167 current members. After some discussion, it was decided to have the payment cut-off date the end of September for each year. Any new dues received after September would cover the remainder of that year. Bill has invited the Buick Club to our Swap Meet this coming September. There was some discussion about this.

Projects: Phil Sherman told us that he has recently sold nine Packard Hats and several small items.

Technical: Bob McCoy said that he gets a variety of requests. But he recently had a surprise call from “American Pickers” TV program to come and visit some members who have Packards/ parts. After some discussion, it was felt that we would have to get permission from club members first.

Tours – Joe Munsch told us that on the February Tour, that we should not drive a Packard. Drive your Brand-X because of the road to our destination. Joe has the tours through June set up. See our current directory and watch for e-mails about up coming tours.

Voted - Bill Young moved that we develop a 2017 “Packard” calendar featuring club members’ cars to be sold by the club. Milton Wheeler volunteered to do the calendar

Web Site – George Beck states that he keeps busy with the website. He will put on the site that all Board Meeting will start at 11:00 AM. George also reported on the “DAY AT THE MOVIES”. He said that 28 people came and enjoyed the movie and food.

Historian Report - Fred showed us a book on what the club did in 2003 for fiftieth club anniversary National Meet. We then discussed the possibility of putting on a National Meet in the Bay Area in the future.

New Business: George Beck requested permission to purchase 100 Packard Mugs up to a total of \$500 total. Voted. George also requested that the board members do an Outreach to our club Members. This will be done by each board member will selecting 10 club members to contact and ask several questions (provided) about our club.

Adjourned at 4:00 PM - Next Meeting on April 17 at 11:00 AM, Auto Vino

Respectfully Submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary

Nor-Cal Packards

EARLY HISTORY



THE NORTH-SOUTH MEET AND WESTERN REGIONS MEET

By 1960, The Packard Club had members world-wide, but still had the majority of its members in California, where the club was founded. In an effort to bring the California members together for a social weekend, in 1960 the first **North-South Meet** was held in the town of Morro Bay, midway between Northern and Southern California.

At that meeting, on October 1, 1960, the National Board approved the first two "Regions", the *Northern California Region* and the *Southern California Region*. Other regions, including *Silver Circle Packards* in Reno, began attending and the name first changed to **All West Meet** and now seems to have settled as: **Western Regions Meet**. The host region rotates each year and this year, *Silver Circle Packards* will host the meet in the Yosemite National Park area.

