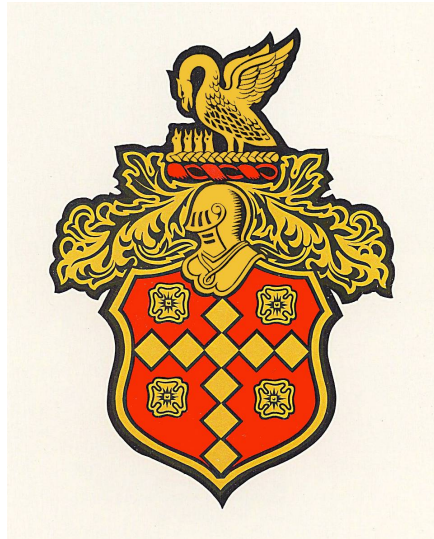


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Director's Report

It must be the year of the 1929 Packard because after not having any experience with this model-year during the 28 years I've been involved in the Packard hobby, three different 1929 Packards have entered my life in the past two months. It all began in March at the David Pava tour staged out of Cameron Park on the wettest weekend of the year. It was there that I met Brad and Julie Chesnutt of Lodi with their 1929 640 Club Sedan on their first tour. The car drew much attention when it arrived at the Host Hotel that morning and was out for its longest drive since Brad and Julie took ownership of it. Then there is Ron Ebert who has been a Packard man for a long time and we're working to get his 1929 640 2/4 Passenger coupe on the road. It's been sleeping since 1976. The third 1929 Packard is in my garage now and is the type of babysitting any Packard guy or gal would love. I'm caring for and exercising a 1929 645 7-passenger touring with a very nice older restoration and in perfect condition for some weekend tours. The owner has asked me to use the car, so use the car I must!

Back to the David Pava tour in the Cameron Park area, I wish to thank David and Patricia for a wonderful outing beginning at their home on Friday, and taking us to Volcano on perfect country roads that are just right for our cars. It was great to see so many Packard enthusiasts there and Bill Young even got to sign up some new members.

We have three upcoming events to highlight here: The **Western Regions Tour** which is being planned by Jay Hubbard of the Silver Circle Region takes place on May 19-22 and is centered out of Oakhurst and will tour in and around Yosemite National Park. Obviously, this event has been met with much excitement as the initial hotel has been sold out and we're on to hotel #2. Nor-Cal Packard Board Member Steve Pedone is finalizing efforts for the first annual **Alameda Concours** at the former Naval Air Station in Alameda. There is still space for you to sign up and display your car in the Packard Club area on the field. You don't need a Concours-condition car to show your car there. And finally, there is the annual **Summer Picnic** which, as many of you know, is a joint event with many other car clubs and hosted by the Cadillac-LaSalle Club. The correct date for this event is July 31 at Portal Park in Cupertino. Attending is easy because all you need to do is show up. The Cad-LaSalle folks are making lunch! There will be a flyer on the website soon.

Finally, I'd like to see if there is interest within our club for a new mission. The mission would be having "technical or mechanical days" where a group of us go to a member's home and help get the stuck Packard back on the road. It has come to my attention lately that there are members who could use some help and I know that there are many of us in the club with the knowledge and skills to help others get their cars going. **If you need help or want to help**, please send me a note at jeffmihaly@yahoo.com or call me at 510-501-0415. I'm looking forward to joining with others to help wake up some cars that we haven't seen at our events in a long time.

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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FUTURE  EVENTS



2016 EVENTS

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| 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 31 | 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 11 | Gatsby Summer Afternoon - Oakland |
| 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 11 | Annual Holiday Luncheon - Michael's Mt. View |



Where We've Been
Gold Country Joint Tour

March 11-13, 2016

Text by David Pava

Photos by Bill Young



Caravan of Packards led by the Pavas' '36, followed by Bob Williams' '37 120, the Carreres' '46 Clipper, the Kissels' '37 120, Warren Martin's 1948 Custom Eight and the Vassars' 1956 Patrician. The building in the background puts on a good front.

Members of Northern California Packards, Packard Pacific Classics, Silver State Packards and the Northern California Region of the Classic Car Club of America joined together May 11 – 13 for a tour headquartered in Cameron Park, hosted by David and Patricia Pava.

Those who chose to arrive on Friday were able to check-in at the motel, and then pick up their tour package at the Pavas' home; tour their backyard winery and enjoy wine and cheese fireside, while visiting with other early arrivers. A group dinner at an Italian restaurant followed.

The threatened rain did not materialize on Saturday morning and the

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The Kissels' '37 120C, Pavas' '36, and Williams' 37 with others.



Another view of the caravan ready to tour.

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group toured very scenic backroads to the gold-rush town of Volcano (population 115) for lunch and then to Sutter Creek for antiquing and shopping. A free car wash was provided courtesy of Mother Nature on the ride back. Several tour participants enjoyed a Mexican dinner together on Saturday evening.

The rain continued Sunday morning so those who toured did so in modern cars. We visited two farm-trail fruit / bakery stands followed by a tour of the Lynn and Jeanne Kissel shop and car collection and concluded with a four-course gourmet lunch with paired wines in a well-known El Dorado winery cave.

Those who joined us Saturday, Sunday or both days were:

Mark and Kay Barchas, Paul and Connie Borgwardt, Bob and Roxie Carrere (1946 Packard Clipper), Jim and Liz Chase, Brad and Julie Chesnutt (1929 Packard), Fred and Pam Hill, Lynn and Jeanne Kissel (1937 Packard), Jeff Mihaly and Warren Martin (1948 Packard), David and Patricia Pava (1936 Packard) Phil and Susan Sherman, William and Janet Vassar (1956 Packard), Bob Williams (1937 Packard), Bill Young and Ellie Power.

On Saturday morning as we were gathering, a couple not known to us driving a 1937 Packard 120 2 door Sedan arrived at the motel. They had just acquired their car, heard there was a gathering of Packards and therefore came out to meet us. Membership Director, extraordinaire, Bill Young signed them up for NCP on the spot! They were invited to join the tour – but had other plans for the weekend. They will plan to be with us in the future.

The only causality of the tour was the 1929 Packard recently acquired by Brad and Julie Chesnutt, which suffered from a bit of gas tank sediment clogging the fuel system. Fred Hill, with the help of Jeff Mihaly and Warren Martin, were able to get it running so it could make it back to the motel under its own power. It is wonderful to have members help other members and we hope to see the Chesnutts and their 1929 out again in the near future.





The Vassars' 1956 Patrician.



The Chesnutts' 1929 640 club sedan.



The Chesnutts' 1929 640 club sedan.



The Carreres' 1946 Clipper sedan.



Warren Martin's 1948 Custom Eight sedan and the Vassars' 1956 Patrician.



The Pavas' 1936 1400 touring sedan.

Welcome New Members
Nor-Cal Packards extends a friendly
“Welcome to the club”
and
we look forward to seeing you on a tour soon!

Tom & Leslie Beidleman
1934 1101 718 2-4 pass coupe

Pleasanton, CA

John & Mary Jo Blazek
1939 1700 1282 110 4 door sedan

Morgan Hill, CA

Brad & Julie Chesnutt
1929 346 640 club sedan

Lodi, CA

John & Judi Higgins
1940 110 sedan

Redwood City, CA

Thomas Lane & Renee St. Clair
1955 5562 Custom touring sedan
(The Packard is kept in Sacramento)

Urbana, IL

Edward H Soss
1936 120 2-door coupe

San Francisco, CA



Nor-Cal tour at Mokelumne Hill in the sixties.

Photos from the editor's collection



Somebody will probably write in with more information, but I have always liked this low-angle shot of what may have been Darrin's first '38 conversion. Of note are the spinners on the hubcaps, the parking lights on front fenders, and extra running lights.



This is a '37 120 8-door airport limo, on an extended wheelbase, parked by a period United Airlines Mainliner. Looks like a posed publicity shot. A few of these stretch-jobs have survived.

Nor-Cal Packards



HISTORY

**NOR-CAL HOSTED THE 2003 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
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**NATIONAL MEET
HOSTED BY NOR-CAL PACKARDS
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 23-27, 2003**

Snoopy's home-town is Santa Rosa, and we received permission to make him the official mascot of the meet.



The host-hotel was 'The Flamingo' in Santa Rosa.



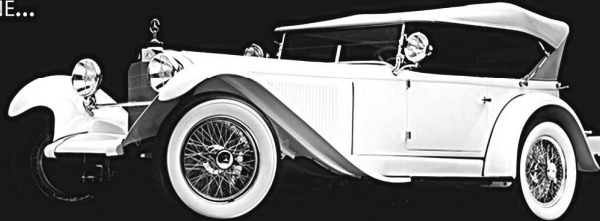
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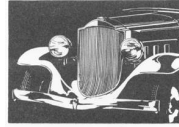
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Nor Cal Packard Club
Board Meeting
April 17, 2016
10:25 AM

Members Present: Irina D'Amato, Steve Weir, Mark Barchas, Jeff Mihaly, George Beck, Dave Wooldridge, Steve Pedone, Bill Young, Joe Munsch and Milton Wheeler.

Voted - To approve the January Board meeting minutes.

Voted - To approve the Treasurers report for January-March of 2016. We are solvent.

Membership Report - Bill Young reported that we have four new members with forty, two-year memberships, for a total of 173 members.

Health And Welfare - In the past quarter no one was ill. Good!

Projects - George Beck purchased 90 Packard mugs for \$5.72 each. These will be in our inventory. It was suggested that we sell them for \$10.00 each or \$18.00 for two.

Tours - The next tour will be Western Regions in May in Oakhurst. June 12, 2016 will be the new Alameda Concourse with approximately 150 cars. There will be a Car Corral for the various car clubs. July Picnic is scheduled for the 24th in Cupertino. The April Tour was cancelled for lack of participation. Bill Young is planning an Olive Oil Tour for Oct. Irina wants to do a tour on Veterans Day with a car presentation. Next year's Western Regions Tour was discussed. It was felt we should invite the Oregon Packard Club and have a tour close to the Oregon border. The Dec. Holiday Luncheon will be at Michael's in Mtn. View on the 11th.

Web Site – George said that everything is going well.

Reviewing of Mission – Jeff Mihaly talked about supporting new members with service and parts. We can make a list of club members who can help with this.

Adjourned – 11:50 AM

Next Meeting is July 10 at Blackhawk at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary