

***The Pious Pelican***

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**Director's Report**

Happy Summer to Nor-Cal Packard members. I hope you're getting your cars out for some Packard fun including some of the events I'll discuss here. The BIG news is that when I was at the Packard National Meet in Traverse City, MI last month, we were officially asked by the Director of Long-Range Planning, Paul Delaney and the newly-elected club President Craig Handley, if we would host the National Meet here in Northern California in 2020. Our Nor-Cal Packards Board will be discussing this possibility at our board meeting on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> at Blackhawk which will have passed by the time you read this. I would appreciate any feedback from our membership about this topic as no decision will be made at this meeting. We are in the exploratory stages. If we were to decide that we want to host the 2020 meet, we would need help from many of our members. Stay tuned.

Our annual picnic is upon us and if you haven't sent in your sign up, please do it TODAY. The event takes place in Portal Park in Cupertino on Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> with many other car clubs present and is hosted by the Cad-LaSalle club. Then on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> we have an event in Felton at the *Trailers in the Trees* gathering. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to see some very interesting travel trailers and display our Packards. Our *Annual Swap Meet* takes place September 4<sup>th</sup> in Vallejo at the *USA World Classics Event Center* courtesy of Mr. Buck Kamphausen. Clean out your garage of a few spare parts for selling and bring your Packard for display.

A big congratulations to board member Steve Pedone and his crew for a great first annual *Alameda Point Concours*. I was on my way to Traverse City and could not attend, but have talked to many who said that it was a wonderful show with Jim Hussey's 1937 Packard Twelve coupe-roadster taking *Best of Show* (more on that in this issue.) In fact, I understand that the Packard class was full of cars which have won top honors at many shows including George Beck's 1937 Super 8 sedan, Larry Nannini's 1934 Super 8 Dual Cowl Phaeton, and Don Sears' 1933 Twelve coupe-roadster. What a power class! Congratulations to all who participated.

In my own world of restorations, I'm making good progress with the resurrection of my 1937 Twelve 2/4-passenger coupe. I've just returned from a quick road trip to the Seattle area to retrieve my completely rebuilt and dyno-tested engine. I recently had the car stripped and it's now at the body and paint shop where they are making good progress and hopefully by Christmas, I'll have a present much too large to fit under the tree. If you are doing a restoration or significant work on your car, please let us know so we can highlight that work here in the *Pious Pelican* to honor you and encourage others.

In the last article, I discussed the idea of our club helping members to get their cars on the road. I received one call for help and one member offering help so far. If you need help or can offer help, please contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of these events or in Monterey in August.

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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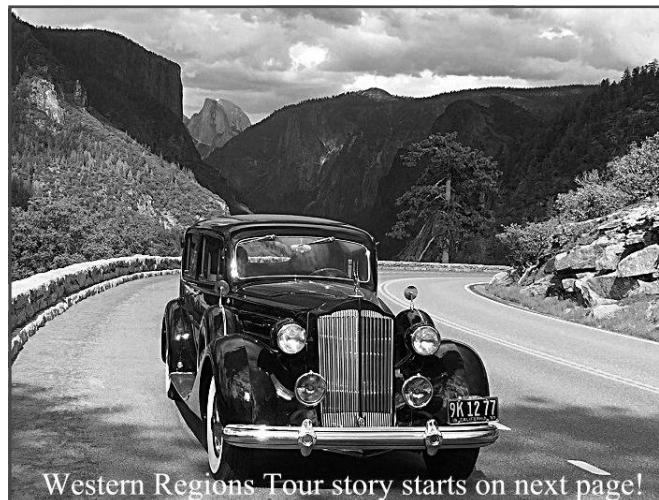
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**'55-'56 V-8:** Fred Hill, 925-934-3471, email: echohillpackards@comcast.net



### 2016 EVENTS

- 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



Western Regions Tour story starts on next page!

## **Where We've Been** **Western Regions Tour**

May 19 - 21, 2016

Text by Bud Juneau

Photos by Bud Juneau, Tina Hubbard,  
Clint Moore, Bill Young, John Hemm, & Rick Geurts.



Silver Circle Packards outdid themselves with this year's Western Regions tour. As is the tradition, we enjoyed meeting old and new friends, visited some fabulous sites, and enjoyed one great meal after another.

The meet started with a beautiful drive through the mountains to Yosemite Valley and lunch in the Ahwahnee Hotel grand dining hall. We then took the Valley Floor bus tour that told of the history and showed us the highlights of the area. This followed with a leisurely drive back to our hotel and dinner on our own.

Next day, we caravanned to the nearby *Sugar Pine Railroad*, where we displayed our Packards in one giant lineup. We rode behind the historic 1915 Shay engine through the woods and later caravanned to Fresno Flats where a nice box-lunch was waiting for us.

That evening, we held our traditional banquet, thanked Jay & Tina with a bottle of wine, said our 'good-byes' and looked forward to our next WR tour.



*Ron & Mary Carpenter leaning into a curve in their '41 120 station wagon.*



*Tourmasters Jay & Tina Hubbard, shown here in the grand Ahwahnee Hotel dining room, after our enjoyable luncheon.*



*The Wheelers' '47 visiting with the Wuichets' '50.*



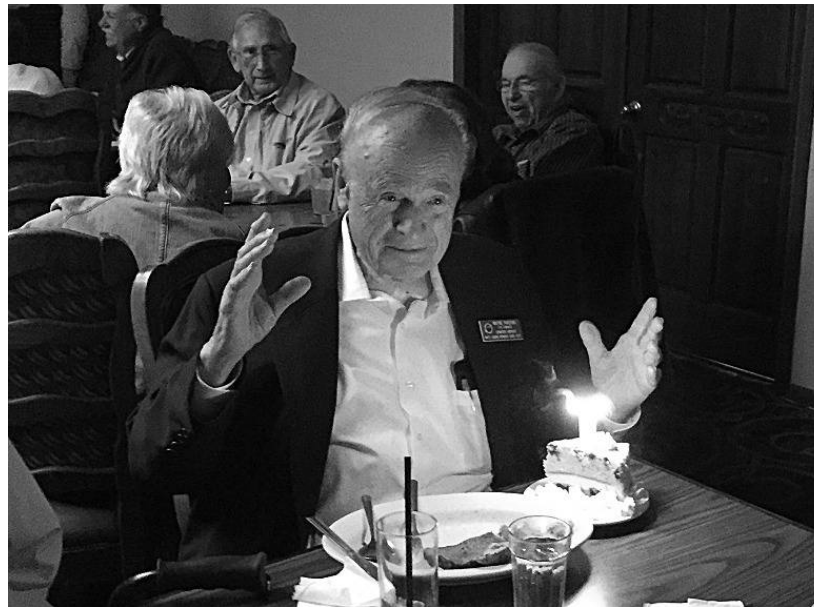
*The Lemens' '51 and Needhams' '55 departing the hotel.*



*John & Yvonne Fuller in their '53 Sportster, on the radio with Jay, served as 'chase car' for the caravan.*



*Kay & Mark Barchas in their '40 enjoying the mountain scenery in the Packard caravan to Yosemite valley.*



*May 1st had been Wayne Parsons' birthday, so we sang an impromptu 'Happy Birthday' to him.*



*Andrew Wallace in his '52 Patrician 400 was lead car, with Jay Hubbard riding shotgun, on Friday's tour.*



*Each morning Jay & Tina had a buffet breakfast set out for us, followed by a 'drivers meeting' in the driveway.*





*Tina Hubbard took this great shot of Robert & Karen Reed's '37 Super 8, in our Packard parking area, with the upper Yosemite Fall in the background.*



*Above: Clint Moore took this panorama photo of the cars parked for display at the Sugar Pine Railroad. Below: Part of group by Shay locomotive #15.*





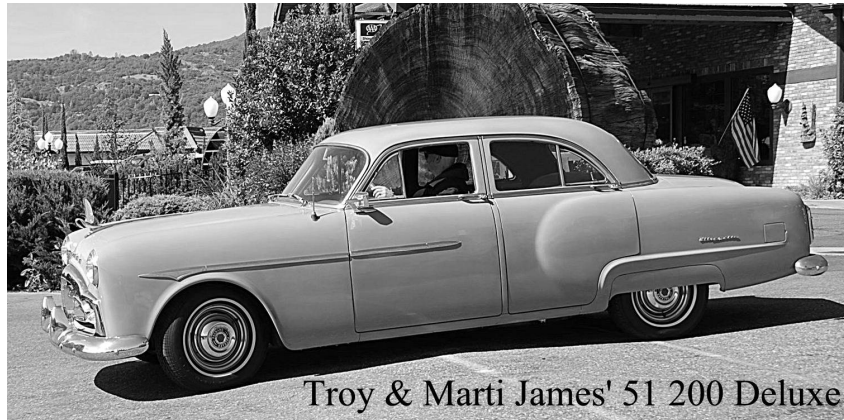
*Above: Shay #15, built by Lima Locomotive Works in 1915, next to Jim & Liz Chase's 1936.*

*Below: John & Nancy Van Speybroeck's '37 1508,  
Steve Weir's '40 1801,  
Philippe Fortis' '40 Darrin, and Ron & Mary Carpenter's 1901.*



## WESTERN REGIONS TOUR ATTENDEES

Mark & Kay Barchas	1940 1804 touring sedan
Tom & Toni Bergeron	
Richard, Ruth, & Jeff Block	1940 1801 sedan
Alec Carlson	
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1941 120 station wagon
Jim & Liz Chase	1936 1400 touring sedan
Brad & Julie Chesnutt	
Bruce & Rhonda Cumming	
Philippe Fortis	1940 Darrin conv. Victoria
John & Yvonne Fuller	1953 Sportster
Bill & Barbara Henretty	1937 120C sedan
John & Judi Higgins	
Jay & Tina Hubbard	
Troy & Marti James	1951 200 Deluxe sedan
Bud Juneau	
Peter & Bee Kahn	1936 Twelve sedan
James & Julie Lemen	1951 Patrician sedan
Greg & Mary Montz	1941 120 convertible
Clint Moore, Vickie Moore, & Chris Slater	
Robert & Barbara Needham	1955 Clipper Deluxe sedan
Wayne Parsons & Rick Geurts	
Stella Pyrtek-Blond	
Robert & Karen Reed	1937 Super 8 touring sedan
Tim & Marilyn Repp	
Mark Rojas	
Earl & Wendy Rubenstein	
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 convertible
John & Nancy Van Speybroeck	1937 1508 Twelve club sedan
Andrew Wallace	1952 Patrician 400 sedan
Steve Weir & John Hemm	1940 120 sedan
Milt & Carolee Wheeler	1947 Custom Super Clipper sedan
Bob & June Womack	1938 touring sedan
Gerry & Linda Wuichet	1950 Super Deluxe sedan
Bill Young & Ellie Power	
Stan & Myrna Zimmerman	1951 Police car replica



Troy & Marti James' 51 200 Deluxe

**Where We've Been**  
**Alameda Point Concours**  
June 12, 2016  
Photos by Ron Kimball, Kimball Studios



*Best of Show - Jim & Shelley Hussey - 1937 Twelve coupe-roadster.*



*Ron Kimball took this gorgeous formal portrait of the Hussey's car with late-afternoon light. The '37 Twelve is considered by many to be the highpoint in Packard engineering, with its first-year independent front suspension, power-assist brakes, power-assist clutch, and the famous Packard Twelve engine.*



*1929 Rolls-Royce shooting break - John B. Carey*



*1948 Diamond T Model 201 - Tom Van Steyn*

# Packard NEWS



*Above: West-coast members at the National Meet at Traverse City are seen here after dinner at the Hagerty collection. Mary & Ron Carpenter, Warren Martin, Jeff Mihaly, Tina & Jay Hubbard, and Bud Juneau.  
Below: Warren, Jeff, & Bud on Lake Huron.*





*This interesting 1910 model with an unusual body style came to the show on a trailer. It has been in the same family since new and has been in storage for many years.*



*Another interesting car at the National Meet was this 1915 that was originally owned by Carl Fisher who built the track of the Indy 500 and used the car to pace races. The details will appear in a future issue of "The Packard Cormorant" magazine.*

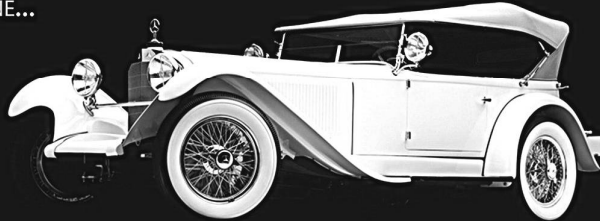




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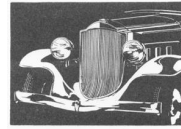
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May we list the following in our directory?

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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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