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Director's Report

At the January 15 Board Meeting, I was selected to be your Director. I'm delighted to work with such a knowledgeable and enthusiastic Board. Thanks to Jeff Mihaly for serving as Director for the past three years. Jeff is now Assistant Director and more importantly, he is our 2020 National Tour Chair!

We have new members on the Board including: Janet Wooldridge who is taking on the Treasurer's Position; Tom Beidleman who is a Member At Large; and Clint Moore who is taking over as Tour Director (Dave Wooldridge is filling our new position of Assistant Tour Director). The Board is working to create assistant positions for some of our duties to give us more depth in covering those functions. Janet is taking on the Assistant Website Chair behind George Beck.

We want to thank Mark Barchas for his outstanding job as Treasurer; our finances are in excellent order. We would also like to thank Steve Pedone for stepping in to serve as Tour Director when Joe Munsch had to leave due to his move to Oregon. And, we would like to thank Dan Shanahan who is going off of the Board.

Milt Wheeler remains as Secretary, Bill Young remains as Membership Chairman, Fred Hill remains as Historian, George Beck remains as Website Chair, Bud Juneau remains as *Pious Pelican* Editor, Phil Sherman remains as Project Chair, and Bob McCoy remains as Technical Lead.

You have recently received three mailings from the club. First, you have received the 2017 Regional Membership Directory. Bill Young does an outstanding job with membership (please remember to pay your dues if you have not done so already). Second, from the National club you have received "The Packard Cormorant" magazine with its glossy photos. Third, I'd like to draw your attention to "The Cormorant News Bulletin" dated February 2017. In the News Bulletin, there is a ballot for the PAC Trustee Nominations. This is found on page 7 and 8. Note that our own Jeff Mihaly is a candidate! You have already received an e-mail from Bud Juneau informing us that the instructions for returning the voted ballot had an incomplete mailing address. The Editor of the News Bulletin, Craig Handley, apologizes for this mistake. He told me that he will put another ballot with complete mailing instructions in the next News Bulletin. Meantime you can use the ballot in the February bulletin and mail it to: "Horizon CPA, 851 NW 45th St. #306, Kansas City, MO 64116". Remember to write your ID number on the outside of the envelope. You will find your Member ID # in the address box of your National News Bulletin).

Some traditions are changing. You will note that the location of our "Day at the Movies" tradition in January had to be moved due to construction at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. We'll be working on a new site for January, 2018. Board meetings have traditionally been held at two locations, but this year, all of our Board Meetings will be at Blackhawk.

As Director, I will try to generate Board Agendas one week ahead of the meetings. We will post those agendas to the general membership. This will give you a chance to review our agenda and to participate if you are interested. After all, this is your club

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and the Board welcomes your involvement.

I would like to point out that Tom Beidleman bought Jeff Mihaly's 1934 Packard. Jeff invited him to join our club and he did. His first event was our "Day at the Movies" on January 14, 2017. He was enthusiastic about his experience and we invited him to our Board Meeting which was on January 15, 2017. He attended and we prevailed upon him to join the Board! Not everyone wants to join the Board, but there are many avenues of service available for you. We want our members to enjoy the Packard Experience.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Ron Carpenter for helping me navigate a troubled Packard. Without him, I don't think I could have lasted. So, if I do a good job as your Director, I'll take your thanks. And, if I mess up, well, blame Ron!

Lastly, Jeff Mihaly is encouraging more members to attend the National Meet in South Bend Indiana (see your News Bulletin for details). The National Board has selected the Nor-Cal Packard Club as the host for the 2020 National Meet. We hosted two, very successful, National Meets in 1983 and again in 2003. We have many members who did an outstanding job putting those events together. To quote a popular insurance commercial, "We've learned a thing-or-two about putting on National Meets". With additional help from the National Club, I believe we will have an event that does not demand too much from our members. However, to be successful and fun, we want to develop opportunities for any and all club members to participate. Stay tuned, there's more to follow on this subject.

Happy Motoring:

Steve Weir

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 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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2017 EVENTS

March 19	Carter Collection
April 23	Nor-Cal Board Meeting - Blackhawk
April 30	Filoli Gardens
May 18-20	Western Regions Tour
June 11	Alameda Point Concours
June 19-23	PAC National Meet at South Bend, IN
July 16	Hillsborough Concours
July 23	Nor-Cal Board Meeting - Blackhawk
July 30	Portal Park Picnic
August 20	Pebble Beach Concours
September 3	Annual Swap Meet at Vallejo
September 23	Ironstone Concours
October 4-7	Hershey Swap Meet
October 22	Nor-Cal Board Meeting - Blackhawk
December 10	Holiday Luncheon - Zio Fraedo's at Vallejo

Where We've Been

A Day at the Movies

January 14, 2017

Text & photos by Steve Weir



Left: Ron & Mary Carpenter's '41 station wagon , George & Eddie Beck's 37 Super Eight, Steve Weir & John Helm's '40 and Jerry & Linda Wuichet's Shelby are visible by the club banner.

A day at the movies was held at the Cobra Experience in Martinez on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Tour directors were Steve Pedone & Steve Weir, with assistance by Jeff Mihaly for the tour report. Seventeen hearty Packard folks (and five guests) braved a nice, sunny day to enjoy our annual "Day at the Movies" event.

The following were in attendance: Members, George & Eddie Beck, Tom Beidleman, Ron & Mary Carpenter, Ron MacDougall, Jeff Mihaly, Bill & Carol Norton, Steve & Kathy Pedone, Tim & Kathie Toland, Steve Weir & John Hemm, and Jerry & Linda

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Directed by ROBERT ZEMECKIS A UNIVERSAL Picture



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Wuichet. Guests included Tony Butey, Patrick Hoskins, Roy Riccetti, Bill Weir, & Jack Weir.

The Cobra Experience Museum is a great place to learn about the Cobras and GT350s of Carroll Shelby. With many cars on display and the history of the creation of the cars told through photos and text, it's a treat for any car nut. They even have some original items from the Shelby American buildings at LAX, where the Cobras and 65/66/67 Shelby Mustangs were created. (Jeff Mihaly is the proud owner of a completely restored 1966 Shelby Mustang with 5 miles on it!)

After our tour, we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch where "car talk" abounded at each table. (George Beck provided our dessert; his world-famous "Packard" chocolate bars.) For the main event, we gathered in a very comfortable theatre to enjoy "Back to the Future" (part one) starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd. Throughout the movie, we saw "Doc Brown's" 1948 Custom 8 Convertible Victoria Packard.

All agreeing this was a great day; we gathered ourselves around the cars to chat and then headed home. Seven collectible cars attended the event.



At the Cobra Experience museum.



Comfortable seats made the movie all the more enjoyable.



Michael J. Fox in a scene with Doc Brown's '48 Custom Eight convertible Victoria.



From left to right: Bill & Carol Norton, 1940 160 Super Eight; Ron & Mary Carpenter, 1941 Wagon (Woodie); Steve Weir & John Hemm, 1940 120; George and Eddie Beck, 1937 1500 Touring Sedan; Jerry & Linda Wuichet, Shelby; & Tim & Kathie Toland, Corvette.

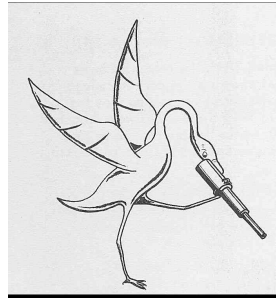
AND



A 1948 Packard Custom Eight convertible Victoria used extensively in the film as the personal car of Doc Brown -- a major player in the film.

Where We've Been Sonoma Victorian Picnic

At the Victorian home of Col. Walter Gerdau
and his mother, Georgiana Menzies



A Bird's eye view

into

the past...

MAY 26 1955



PACKARD AUTOMOBILE CLASSICS -- That's the name of the novel motor car group which on Sunday drove a dozen beautifully-kept Packards of the 1925 to 1939 vintage to Sonoma for an outing. Two of the big cars are shown in the above photo with some of the folks who made the trip. The photo was taken at the home of Mrs. Georgiana Menzies, Second Street East (shown at far right), who is herself a member of the organization.

Packard Automobile Classics Group Makes Sonoma Visit

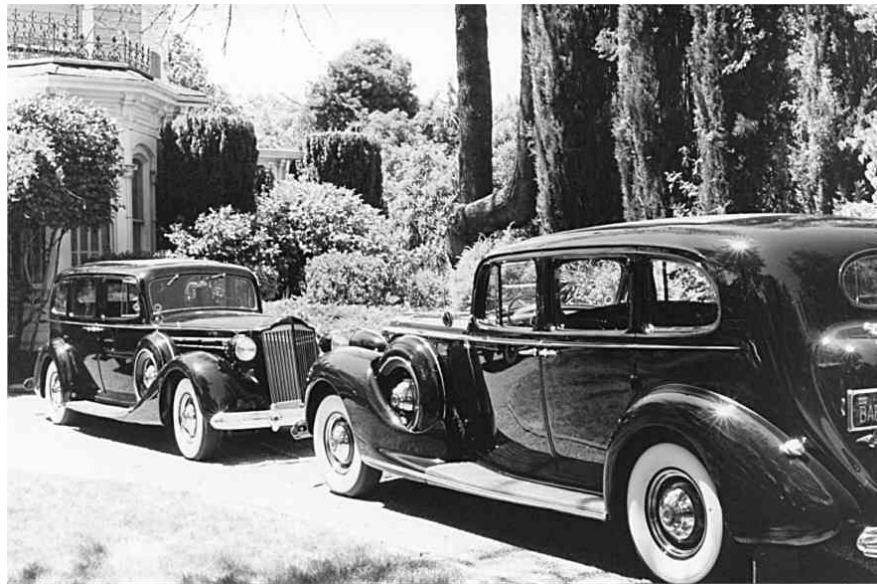
A dozen beautiful big automobiles--none of them less than fifteen years old--plus approximately forty motorists, were guests on Sunday at the lovely old home of Mrs. Georgiana Menzies on Second Street East. It was the outing of the Packard Automobile Classics group, which has headquarters in Berkeley, and they came to the Valley of the Moon at the invitation of Mrs. Menzies, owner of a vintage Packard and member of the auto club. Bill Friedrich, Oakland, president of the club, revealed that there are less than 100 members throughout the United States. Founded two years ago, membership in Packard Automobile Classics is open to owners of Packard cars manufactured from 1925 to 1939.

Stuart Blond, National club magazine editor found this newspaper clipping in a scrapbook kept by Packard Distributor, Earle C. Anthony. Apparently, any mention of Packard in a California newspaper was cut out and saved. May 26, 1955.



Walter Gerdau bought this '39 Twelve club sedan (with only a few miles on it) from the Earle C. Anthony agency in San Francisco for his mother. In this photo at the 1990 picnic, it still had only a few miles on it -- and was still completely original. Later, his nephew, Vern Gerdau inherited it and we see it from time to time at the Ironstone Concours -- all original to this day.

Below: Bud Juneau's '37 Twelve visiting with Wayne Parson's '38 Super Eight at the same picnic in front of the Victorian mansion.



PHOTOS FROM YOUR EDITOR'S COLLECTION:



Earle C. Anthony showrooms, Los Angeles above and San Francisco below.





*The Earle C. Anthony Packard agency on Lake Merritt in Oakland.
Main showroom of the agency, below. Torn down in 1974.*

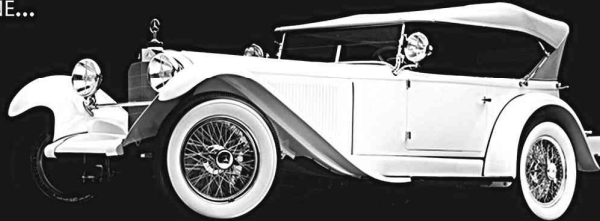




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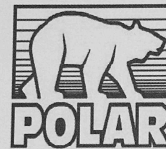
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Board Meeting
January 15, 2017
10:30 AM

Members Present: Mark Barchas, George Beck, Jeff Mihaly, Steve Weir, Bud Juneau, Clint Moore, Bill Young, David Wooldridge, Janet Wooldridge, Phil Sherman, Milton Wheeler.

Members Absent: Fred Hill, Steve Pedone, Bob McCoy.

Voted: To approve the July Board Meeting Minutes.

Voted: New Board Organization: Director - Steve Weir. Assistant Director - Jeff Mihaly. Treasurer - Janet Wooldridge. Secretary - Milton Wheeler. Membership - Bill Young. Historian - Fred Hill. Web Site - George Beck with Janet Wooldridge as assistant. Pious Pelican Editor - Bud Juneau. Projects - Phil Sherman. Tour Director - Clint Moore with Dave Wooldridge as assistant. Technical - Bob McCoy. Health and Welfare - Steve Weir. Chairman of National Tour - Jeff Mihaly.

Voted: Tom Beidleman to be on the board as member at large.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Barchas reported that we had a good year with a balanced budget. The board gave him sincere thanks for his years of dedication to this office.

Membership Report: Bill Young said we now have 167 members with 290 Packards. He also stated that the due date for this year's Directory is February 1, 2017.

Projects Report: Phil Sherman said we have sold Calendars, Mugs and Caps this past quarter. Voted to lower the price of our leftover calendars to \$10.00 each.

Voted: The club will make "Business Cards" for individuals. Bud Juneau will have it designed.

Voted: To make new 2018 Club Calendars. Milton Wheeler will follow through.

Website Report: George Beck said that it is running well and he is keeping former members on the site. Janet Wooldridge has volunteered to be the assistant to help George with the web site.

Discussed the idea of having club events on Three-Day weekends. We decided to consider the possibility for the future.

Discussed the cost of tours that are over \$20.00 or more. We decided that the club will continue as we have been doing.

Discussed the February Tour to the Mozart Collection. The cost is high and we would like it lowered. So, we will look at a later date.

Tours: February- to be announced.

March 19 - Larry Carter Collection.

April 30 - Filoli

May 18-20 - Western Regions Tour

Discussed the Alameda Concours

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by Milton Wheeler - Secretary.