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Director's Report
by
David Pava

I want to thank those of you who have placed your confidence in my leadership. The Northern California Packards is unique – it is a very active group of people with diverse backgrounds, occupations, education and life experience – all brought together by a common interest in keeping our Packard automobiles on the road – enjoying the sights and camaraderie of restoring, maintaining and touring in our very special, historic automobiles.

While I have only served on the Northern California Packards Board for one year as your Assistant Director and Webmaster, I am not new to car club leadership. I have been on the Board of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club (BAHCC) for more than 20 years; with two terms as President and as the club Treasurer for the balance of the time. I also was Chairman of the Hayward (formerly Pleasanton) BAHCC Swap Meet for many years.

So, I do have a bit of related experience which may be helpful; but I have some “very big shoes to fill.” I know very few people who have made a greater contribution to any car club than our outgoing Director, Mr. “*Enjoy the Cars*” **George Beck**. George has been our official leader for countless years, and during his tenure our club has grown in membership, sponsored a growing number of diverse quality activities and operated efficiently within a modest budget. His soft-spoken manner and participatory leadership style make him a pleasure to work with - and his outstanding organizational skills are appreciated by all who collaborate with him. I can appreciate that George does not want to be our leader forever; and that he has priorities that go beyond the Northern California Packards, but I am delighted that he will remain on our Board and be there to mentor me.

Of course, the success of the club is not dependent on one person, but rather a team of dedicated people working together for the organization. In addition to me, the officers of the club for 2010 are: **Roy Brett** as Assistant Director - **Mark Barchas** as Treasurer - **Milt Wheeler** as Secretary and **Stan Baldwin** managing Membership. Filling out the Board are the following Directors: - **Hal Schuette**, looking after Health & Welfare - **Phil Sherman**, coordinating Parades & Displays - **Bob Mc Coy**, in a new role as Technical Lead - **Becky Schuette** as Tours coordinator and **George Beck** managing our Website. **Bud Juneau** will continue as our Editor as will **Fred Hill** as Historian. I want to thank all of them, in advance, for helping me facilitate leadership of this club.

We are seeking a volunteer to help us with Projects – if you would like to help please contact me or one of the other Board Members.

It is our collective desire to offer our membership a “Packard-centric” event approximately once a month throughout the year and an outstanding calendar is coming together nicely. Look for it elsewhere in this *Pious Pelican* and for more

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complete and continuously updated information on our website, <http://www.norcalpackards.org>.

Your Board welcomes input and suggestions from the entire membership. It is easy to communicate with us; in addition to the phone you can email anyone on the Board with one click directly from the Board Members page on our website. Of course, all members and prospective members are welcome at our Board Meetings held approximately four times a year.

I look forward to becoming acquainted with those of you I have not yet met and seeing those of you I have, soon.

I will see you down the road,

David

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, David Pava 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

2010 EVENTS

FEB 20 (Sat)	J.W. Silveira Collection, Oakland w/CCCA
MAR 28 (Sun)	San Jose History Driving Tour
APR 11 (Sun)	Board Meeting-AutoVino, Menlo Park , <u>Members welcome</u>
APR 18 (Sun)	Contra Costa County Driving Tour
MAY 20-23	Western Regions Tour - Placerville, Host : Silver Circle
JUN (tbd)	Mozart Collection Museum, Mountain View
JUN 17-23	PAC National Meet – Gettysburg, PA
JUL 11 (Sun)	Board Meeting-Blackhawk Museum - <u>Members welcome</u>
JUL 25 (Sun)	Membership Picnic Portal Park, Cupertino w/CLC, CCCA
AUG (tbd)	Varney Collection, Los Gatos
SEP 12 (Sun)	Nor-Cal PAC/PI/CCCA Swap Meet – Vallejo,
OCT 1-2-3	Santa Cruz Overnighter
OCT 24 (Sun)	Board Meeting-South Bay (tbd.) - <u>Members welcome</u>
NOV 9 (Tue)	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
DEC 5 (Sun)	Christmas Party – (tbd)

OTHER EVENTS

APR 25	California Mille Century of San Francisco Style
MAY 16	Friendship Day
MAY 16	Shriners' Concours-Sacramento
MAY 16	Marin Sonoma Concours
JUN 27	Palo Alto Concours
JUL 18	Presidio of San Francisco Concours
AUG 1-8	Hot August Nights-Reno
AUG 10-15	Pebble Beach Concours
AUG 29	Hayward Swap Meet
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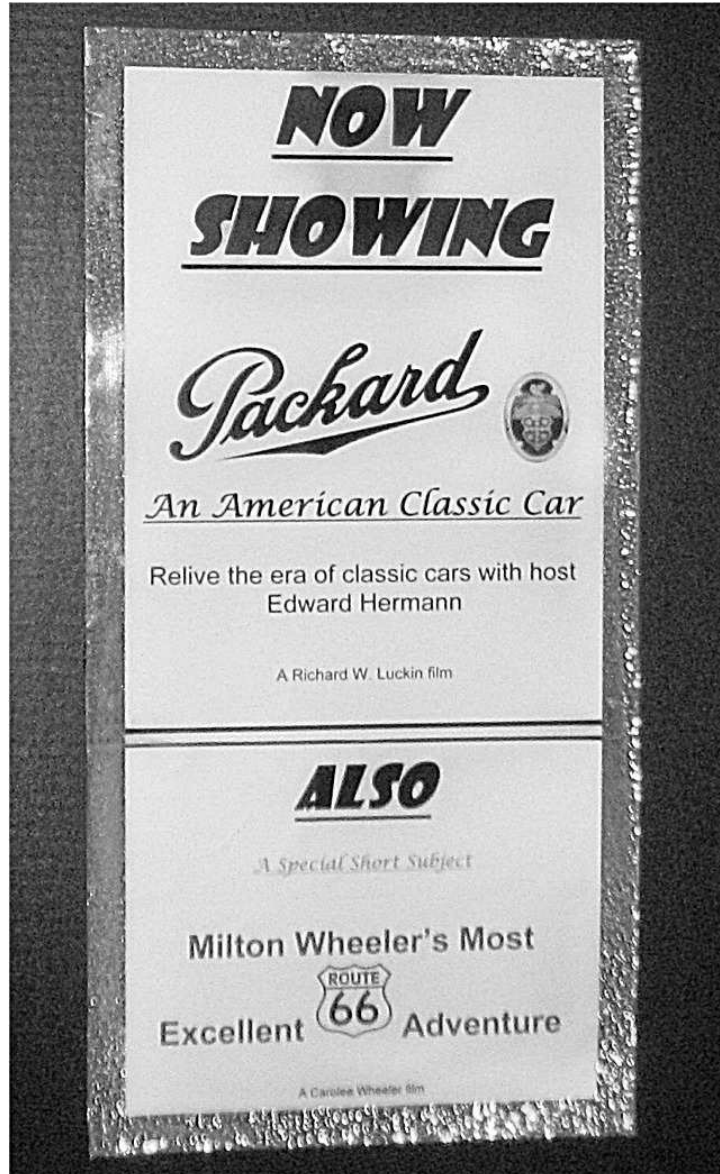
For more detailed information on events, check the "**Calendar**" page on the Nor-Cal Packards website at www.norcalpackards.org .

Where We've Been

A Day at the Movies

January 17, 2010

Text & Photos by George Beck



On Sunday, January 17th some 39 brave souls ventured out in the rainy weather for a day at the Blackhawk Automobile Museum. Some folks had more trouble than others, such as Don Sears who had to change a tire on the freeway, in the rain. New member Tom Bergeron and new Board of Directors member, Bob McCoy brought out their Packards.

The day started off with everyone gathering in the Wheelchair Foundation Board Room, picking up a bag of popcorn and settling in for the viewing. After introductions, we watched and listened as noted actor and director, Edward Herrmann narrated the film, "Packard-An American Classic Car." Packard's history was presented from its birthplace in Warren, Ohio in 1899 to its final days in Detroit, Michigan and South Bend, Indiana in the late '50s. (See note below.)

After a deli-style lunch, we visited the European Train Enthusiasts model train exhibit and then returned for a special



The McCoy's '36 120 and Bergeron's '40 110.

treat, the viewing of "Milton Wheeler's Most Excellent Route 66 Adventure," produced by Carolee Wheeler. To the music, "Get Your Kicks on Route 66," performed by various artists, we traced the Wheelers' trip in their 1947 Custom Super Eight touring sedan as they drove the Mother Road from Chicago to San Bernardino.

The day ended with folks enjoying the Blackhawk Museum automobile treasures.

NOTE: You can own a copy of the Packard-An American Classic Car" DVD that was shown by going to www.packardmotorfdn.org and ordering it online for \$20 with free shipping. While you are at it, why not order the Proving Grounds DVD, also narrated by Ed Herrmann, only \$20 with free shipping.

ONLINE SPECIAL: Order both DVDs for only \$35, with free shipping.



Can't have movies without plenty of popcorn.



Warren Lubich is shown talking to the operator of the model-train layout who came in just to show it to our group.

Attendees:

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| Tom Bergeron | 1940 110 sedan |
| Bob & Mary Jane McCoy | 1936 120 convertible coupe |
| Alan & Victoria Atherton & guest Hanh Nguyen | |
| Charles Barnett & guest Bob Potts | |
| George & Eddie Beck | |
| Roy & Elaine Brett | |
| Fred Hill | |
| Chuck & Alma Jean Holmes | |
| Jack Holmes & guests, Dave Wiseman & Jim Garcia | |
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| Bob Nicholson | |
| Don & Glenda Sears & guests, Al & Sandy San Clemente | |
| Phil & Susan Sherman | |
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Tech Tips

A sharing of ideas

by David Pava

Pot Metal Repair

I have three antique cars stuffed in my two-car garage - and my heart almost stopped when I was squeezing between my Packard and the 1909 T - and I bumped the license plate on the Packard, breaking the pot metal tail lamp assembly which attaches to the license plate bracket. I know pot metal is very difficult, if not impossible to weld, so

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We all worry about these fragile stanchions; it only takes a light bump on the license plate to break the old, crystallized pot metal.



Two-part epoxy bonds the dowel to the broken piece.

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I tried an alternate approach to this repair.

Since the concave stub on top of the broken lamp could provide some support for an internal reinforcement I decided to epoxy a wooden dowel to the inside of both surfaces joining the two pieces, as illustrated.

The first step involved notching the dowel so it would fit squarely in the lamp assembly. Then two-part epoxy was used to attach the dowel to the plate bracket laying flat on my bench. This was allowed to cure for a day, and then the dowel was ground flush with the assembly and the

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reinforced bracket reattached to the lamp. I let this cure for a few days before reattaching the license plate.

While this repair has not passed the test of time, it appears to be quite strong although not cosmetically perfect, as the fracture line can be seen under close examination.

Nevertheless, it is certainly better than a broken tail lamp adorning the car.

Now, does anybody by chance happen to have a left tail lamp assembly for a 1936 Packard Standard 8 that they would be willing to part with? Of course, I would like to replace this temporary repair when the correct part can be located.



The epoxy repair will be hidden by the license plate.



The repair is barely visible.



The finished job.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 24, 2010

George Beck called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Members present: George Beck, Stan Baldwin, Roy Brett, David Pava, Hal Schuette, Becky Schuette, Mark Barchas, Bob McCoy, and Milton Wheeler.

Election of Officers: Stan Baldwin moved that David Pava be director. Voted unanimously. David Pava took over the meeting and the following officers were elected: Milton Wheeler – Secretary, Mark Barchas – Treasurer, Stan Baldwin -

Membership, & Roy Brett - Assistant Director. Assignments: Tours - Becky Schuette and Roy Brett, Health and Welfare - Hal Schuette, Parades and Displays - Phil Sherman, Technical Advisor – Bob McCoy, & Web Administrator - George Beck. The position of Projects is still open and we are looking for a volunteer.

Voted - George Beck moved that we accept the October Board Minutes. Seconded by Stan Baldwin and approved by the board.

Treasurers Report: Hal Schuette presented the 2009 financial statement and gave a proposed 2010 budget. The financial statement revealed that we over-spent our budget by two thousand. This was because of the purchase of club badges and new inventory of projects. The proposed 2010 Budget is balanced. Our dues more than cover the cost of *The Pious Pelican*. A big thank you to Bud Juneau for keeping the cost down for publishing and mailing *The Pious Pelican*.

Voted - Roy Brett moved that we accept the Treasurers Report. It was seconded by Stan Baldwin. It was approved.

Tours - David Pava reviewed the 2010 Tour Schedule and indicated that the Mozart tour has been canceled due to the new building not yet ready and we will reschedule at a later date. The Sturgeon's Mill tour has been canceled because they were not open on the given date. Other than those two changes, the 2010 Tour Schedule is set.

Invitation: The Classic Car Club America has invited Nor-Cal Packards to join them on a combined tour for February 20.

Stan Baldwin moved that we accept the invitation with a second by Roy Brett. It was voted. The board decided to meet CCCA at the site then go to lunch after the tour.

Membership Report: Stan Baldwin reported that we currently have seventy-four members who have renewed and that there are two new members who have joined. There are several members who have sold their Packards and will not renew. Stan will remind the members who have not yet renewed. Stan also would like to develop a new computer program for membership use.

Projects: Mark Barchas indicated that we had a good year financially. We sold a total of \$802 worth of items for the year.

The biggest seller was the Out-Back Hats for a total of \$480 with the Packard-Script Caps coming in second. We have 203 Packard Cloth Badges left and only 24 Packard Mugs. Mark raised a question about the Cloth Badges. They are not selling and what should we do with them. At this juncture they will stay in inventory.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Submitted by Secretary, Milton Wheeler

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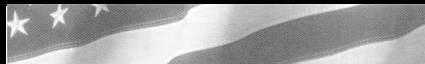
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Name _____ **Spouse** _____

Name(s) for Name badge(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail address: _____

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May we list the following in our directory?

Address (YIN) _____ **Phone Number (YIN)** _____

Your Packards (YIN) _____ **e-mail (YIN)** _____

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. (YIN) _____

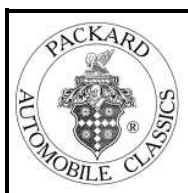
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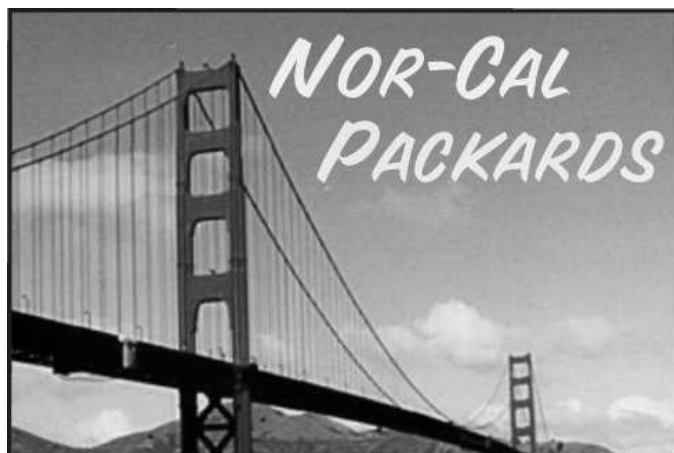
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