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Director's Report

We had another successful "Swap Meet" this year under the leadership of Jeff Mihaly (who did a lot of shopping). He arrived in his stunning '37 12. He was accompanied by his wife Beth and son Lucas. They provided us with our refreshments. Lucas saw to it that every attendee had a raffle ticket! The (almost) unseen hand of George Beck was present as George saw to it that every aspect of the Meet flowed smoothly.

We're trekking to the Veteran's Home in Yountville again this November. (Watch for the announcement/flyer.) There was some concern that we would not have enough room as the Administration recently completed a bocce ball court in the area where we park our cars. Clint, who is putting on this event, asked me to preview the area to make sure we still fit. So, I took our '40 for a drive to see the parking situation. Not to worry, we have plenty of space to park.

I'm super excited about Bill Young's cheese tour with lunch at the Union Hotel in Occidental. We had lunch there several years ago and we're looking forward to that tour in October. Flyers are out (and are on our web site) so sign up.

And, a reminder that our Holiday Party is in Vallejo on SATURDAY, December 7th. Tom Beidleman is heading up this event this year and it looks like it will be a blast. (If you only attend one event each year, this is the one to do.)

I've been scouting out driving tours for the 2020 National Meet. My partner John and I have taken seven tours to try and define a "turn-by-turn" driving instruction for the Monday (Napa Valley), Wednesday (Sonoma Square, Sonoma Valley), and Friday (Armstrong Redwoods/Coastal) Tour.

The 2020 National Meet is coming together. We want and need your support and help! For instance, since I have mapped out the three driving tours, we need some volunteers to drive the routes to see if my directions are clear. Between now and the Holiday Party, we will outline tasks for folks to consider volunteering to help.

Happy Motoring!

Steve Weir

Ask the man who owns one!

2020 Packard National Meet Update

With the National Meet just 9 months away, our committee has continued to meet twice each month working hard at making decisions and finalizing details. At this point, you've seen the creative work of Christopher Slater and Clint Moore with the ads in the Cormorant News Bulletin; I don't think the Packard Club has ever seen such a unique approach to advertising an upcoming National Meet. What you haven't seen is Steve Weir, who has spent many days going to the Rohnert Park area driving our tour routes. We are on the cusp of publishing our registration form in the Cormorant News Bulletin which will soon allow people to sign up for the event.

I learned something at the Ironstone Concours in Murphys last weekend: there are lots of Packard owners who are not in the Packard Club. Of the six Packards on the field, two of them, including the 1st prize winner in the Packard class, are not in our club and didn't know about this great gathering of Packards and owners coming in June 2020. We've been discussing how to get the word out better and we need your help in several ways.

- If you have friends and acquaintances who are interested in Packards, please tell them about our upcoming meet and encourage them to come.
- Please call and make your reservations at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rohnert Park. Go to packardclub.org or call the DoubleTree at 707-584-5466. Be sure to mention the Packard Club.
- Spend some time getting your Packard ready to tour. We have many tours planned!
- If you have more than one Packard, consider bringing multiple cars to the event. There is nothing like having a Packard meet with a parking lot packed with interesting cars!

We will need help from our membership, and we are in the process of identifying areas of need. Please be willing to step in and aid your club in some small or large way.

At the Holiday Party in December, we will be discussing the Meet and will be seeking volunteers. We hope you'll attend the Holiday Party and hope you'll be willing to help out!

Happy Motoring!

Jeff Mihaly





- October 6 Niello Concours - Serrano
- October 9 - 12 Hershey Swap Meet
- October 13 Board Meeting - Blackhawk Museum
- October 20 Marin County Cheese Tour
- November 10 Veterans Home - Yountville
- December 7 Holiday Luncheon - Vallejo

2020 EVENTS

- June 28 - July 3 Packard National Meet - Rohnert Park

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Where We've Been

Annual Swap Meet

September 8, 2019

Text and Photos by Christopher Slater



The Packard Seattle Company table at the swap meet was a treasure trove!

Leaving my home in San Jose, I paused to observe the clear blue sky and thought “what a beautiful day for a swap meet.” Having never been to the annual event at the World Classics Center in Vallejo, I didn’t know what to expect, but I was a man with a mission: I wanted to find parts for my newly acquired 1934 Packard 1100 Sedan.

Parking on a side street near the swap meet, I was immediately struck by the number of people who were walking away with armloads of parts. Convinced that these early birds had already found the “good stuff,” I began to feel a bit of concern. But all my worries dissipated upon meeting George Beck, Michael Soloman, and Jeff Mihaly at the entrance. They welcomed me with glazed donuts, cups of hot coffee and a chance to win a raffle prize. With my hands full of breakfast treats, I politely slipped away from the registration table and immediately ran into our club director Steve Weir who was eagerly chatting up club members. I took the opportunity to take some photos of a long line of glorious pre-war Packards, and Steve took the opportunity to get into all of the photos!

At the far end of the line of Packards, I could see John Ulrich’s 1941 Packard 110 Business Coupe, but not the man himself. Scanning the horizon I found John at a nearby vendor. Once I said hello he walked to the back of his car and pulled out of the trunk a small paper bag with my name written on it in black marker. It seemed a kind of undercover sting operation, but

after a quick transaction I was delighted to be the owner of a brand new radiator parking cap for my '34, the very first item on my list.

Newly empowered with success, I again turned to my list and walked smartly towards Packard Seattle Company. David Moe's massive display of Packard parts was a sight to behold, and I made sure to examine each cable, mirror, fuel pump, relay, can of paint, spring, and Packard emblem on display. Turning away from the parts for just a moment, I realized that I was not alone in my venture as both Tony Butay and Fred Hill were standing nearby, equally entranced by the glittering assortment of parts.

After some time, I managed to leave the Packard Seattle Company stall and walk past other vendors in my quest to find 1934 Packard parts. In the far corner of a vendor's stall, my eye was drawn to a neatly arranged display of books. One in particular jumped out at me, and after a short negotiation, a book on the history of Packard hood ornaments became my next acquisition. While scanning the book, I looked up just in time to see Lukas and Jeff Mihaly entertain the crowd by hawking 2019-2020 NorCal Packard calendars like carnival barkers. Later I heard they met with great success on their venture, having sold two.

Near the end of my tour of the parking lot, I met Jay Hubbard from Reno who had a veritable truckload of parts. He was joined by Craig Williams,

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Jack Holmes and Steve Weir smile for the camera while Eddie Beck keeps a watchful eye from inside her family's 1937 Super 8 sedan.

Doug Hast, and Greg Titus who were energetically helping Jay find new owners for the variety of parts that were on display. I casually asked about an exhaust manifold and was surprised to learn that this perfect piece of cast iron once belonged to a 1934 Packard Eight, a fact that forced me to consider whether this part needed to go home with me. Ever the practical salesman, Jay made the case to think of the cast iron not so much as an exhaust manifold but more as an insurance policy. He reasoned if I were to purchase it, I would never need it, but if I passed on this opportunity, the day would surely come when I wish that I had. That was enough to convince me and out came the checkbook.

Soon the siren on the Cadillac Ambulance announced that it was nearing the end of the day and time for the raffle. George Beck got the attention of the assembled crowd and gave away three raffle prizes, which included a Pebble Beach Concours poster from 2018 (suitable for framing) and a selection of metal polishing products.

All told the swap meet was a success! Fifteen vendors brought parts to sell and sixty six people walked through the gates. And I made a good start on a collection of spare parts for my "new" 1934 Packard Eight.

On behalf of the NorCal Packard Club, I want to thank all of the vendors who participated in this year's swap meet:

Jeff Atkins	Don Figone	John Miller
Joe Block	Fred & Pam Hill	David Moe
Ron Carpenter	Jack Holmes	Lloyd Riggs
& Bob McCoy	Jay Hubbard	Jerry Wuichet
Roark Diters	Dale Johnson	
Ed Drexler	Steve Latbetiez	



Fred & Pam Hill were among the 15 vendors at the swap meet.



Ladd Stephenson poses with his 1937 115C Coupe

Steve Weir and Michael Soloman enjoying the day.



Nine Packards were on display at the Swap Meet:

- 1937 1506 Twelve Touring Sedan - Jeff Mihaly
- 1937 1500 Super Eight Touring Sedan - George & Eddie Beck
- 1937 115C Six Coupe - Ladd Stephenson
- 1940 1801 Eight Touring Sedan - Steve Weir
- 1940 1800 110 Sedan - John Higgins
- 1941 1900 110 Business Coupe - John Ulrich
- 1948 2201 Eight Station Sedan - Jon Fuiks
- 1950 2372 Super Eight Deluxe Sedan - Jerry Wuichet
- 1956 5540 Super Clipper - Mystery Owner

Antique Autos in History Park

(See article on p.16)



Christopher Slater (right) shows off his "new" 1934 1100 Eight Sedan to the group.



John Higgins boldly shares his political views on his 1940 110 Touring Sedan.

Antique Autos in History Park
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*Beautiful stencil
on the wind wing
of a 1927 426 Six
owned by PI
members, the
Koch family.*



Roark & Alicia Diters shared their 1939 1703 Super 8 Touring Sedan.

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance
(See article on p.14)



George Beck puts the finishing touches on his 1937 1500 Super Eight Sedan.



Jeff Mihaly's 1937 1506 Twelve Sedan was stunning in Buckingham Grey

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance
(See article on p.14)



Best in Class Winner: 1931 826 Standard Eight Sedan owned by Gary Marchetti.



Clint Moore (right) discusses roadside carburetor repair on his 1932 903 Eight Deluxe with Silver Circle member Jim Chase (center) and Freewheeler Bill Peachee (left).

Where We've Been
Ironstone Concours d'Elegance
September 28, 2019
Text and Photos by Christopher Slater



This year's Ironstone Concours d'Elegance attracted 350 significant collector cars to the grass fields of the Ironstone Winery amphitheater and adjacent meadow. During the past 23 years the Ironstone Concours has included a breathtaking variety of Classic Cars, many of them displayed center stage in the class dedicated to Packard automobiles.

While hot weather is not unusual at Ironstone, this year we were treated to a cool Autumn day which kept everyone on their toes with a slight (but constant) threat of rain showers. The mild weather made conversing with the judges and the many participants more relaxed than in other years - we weren't constantly looking for escape from the blazing sun!

This year's Packard class included NorCal Packards club members Clint Moore with his 1932 903 Eight Deluxe convertible sedan, George and Eddie Beck with their 1937 1500 Super Eight sedan and Jeff Mihaly with his 1937 1506 Twelve touring sedan. Several friends from Nevada's Silver Circle Packards were seen strolling nearby, including Jim and Liz Chase who brought a 1965 Chrysler New Yorker station wagon, and Jay Hubbard of the National Automobile Museum who displayed a 1933 Cadillac V16 Fleetwood All-Weather Phaeton, previously owned by Al Jolsen. Larry and Susan Nannini showed their 1933 Chrysler Imperial LeBaron Close Coupled Sedan in the "American & European Classic Closed" class. Sadly, even though it was entered, your author was not able to bring his newly

acquired 1934 Packard 1100 Eight sedan as it was in the shop having its brakes serviced. Better safe than sorry.

Around 3:30 Chris Bock, Car Show Chairman and fellow NorCal Member, got the attention of the crowd and started the awards show. Chris invited the individual class-winning cars to drive across the amphitheater stage in a "Parade d'Elegance." He provided colorful commentary on each car as it received its class award. This year the best of "Class F Packard" was given to a 1931 Packard 826 sedan, owned by Gary Marchetti of Vista, CA, and Best of Show awarded to a 1930 Duesenberg Model J Murphy bodied convertible roadster, owned by Paul Petrovich of Sacramento, CA.

NorCal Members in Attendance:

Clint Moore – 1932 903 Eight Deluxe Convertible Sedan

Jeff Mihaly – 1937 1506 Twelve Touring Sedan

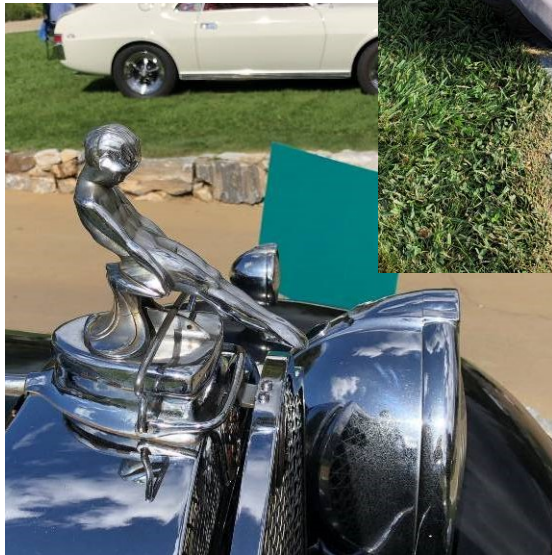
George and Eddie Beck – 1937 1500 Super Eight Sedan

Larry and Susan Nannini – 1933 Chrysler Imperial LeBaron CC Sedan

Chris Bock

Christopher Slater

*Christopher Slater
attempts to convince
us that he was the
inspiration for
Daphne at the Well.*



Where We've Been
Antique Autos in History Park

September 22, 2019

Text and Photos by Clint Moore

The weather may have been warm, but the cars were certainly cool at the annual "Antique Autos in History Park" event organized by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club. Over 150 pre-war cars of all types were on display alongside motorcycles, tractors and other engines. The featured car, or rather person, this year was William Durant, and there was a special showing of Durant, Star, Flint and Locomobile cars.

Packards were parked with the "big iron," including seven Packards, as well as Lincolns, Pierce-Arrows, Cadillacs and a Franklin. Christopher Slater beamed as his newly acquired 1934 1100 sedan drew a crowd.

Besides motors, participants were treated to demonstrations of quilting, spinning, lace making, model electric trains and more. And of course, O'Brien's Ice Cream Shop was scooping delicious treats to beat the afternoon heat. We look forward to participating again next year!



Tim Toland, Doug Moore, John Higgins, Christopher Slater and Kathie Toland went nuts over the Stutz Bearcat!

NorCal Participants:

Clint Moore – 1932 903 Convertible Sedan

Christopher Slater – 1934 1100 Sedan

Roark & Alicia Diters – 1939 1703 Super 8 Touring Sedan

Tim & Kathie Toland – 1940 110 Convertible

John Higgins – 1940 110 Touring Sedan

Mark & Kay Barchas – 1940 1804 Super 8 Touring Sedan

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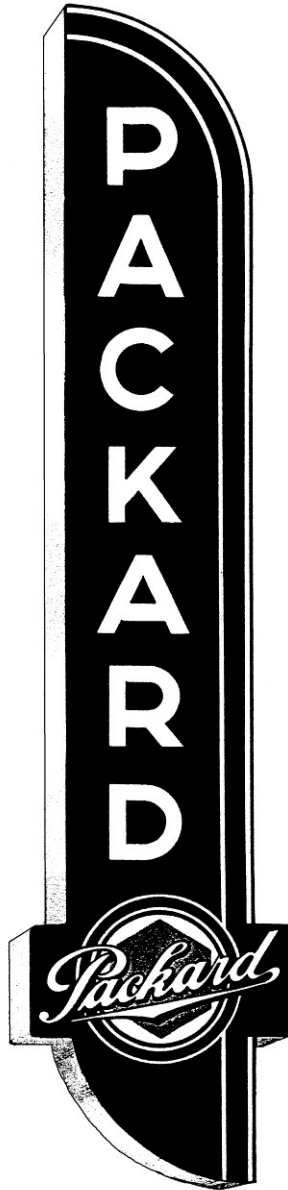
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