



Director's Corner

On December 5th, 2021, 47 members and 9 Packards met at Babin's Seafood in Katy, Texas. The Christmas meeting and lunch was made possible mostly by the hard work of **the Sartins and the Carters**. It was set up and run flawlessly.

Thanks to **Steven** for bringing us the invocation before the program and lunch began. In addition to the good food, we had a short meeting with some important announcements, a singalong of Christmas songs and lots of good tire kicking.

During the short meeting, I announced dues would remain the same at \$10 per family and **Tony would be happy to accept them for 2022**.

Members were asked to put on their thinking caps and offer suggestions as to what the club could offer monthly as an incentive for members to bring their Packard to a meeting. This month the **Darrows** name was drawn and they received \$50 for driving their Packard. We also announced we would resume awarding the annual David McDonald participation award which we had suspended two years ago due to Covid.

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PACKARDS FOR SALE

Looking for a Packard? Check out these vehicles available from our members. Call or email for more information.

Tom Drisdale would like to sell one of his Packards, preferably the '53 but would consider selling the '40. Contact him at 832-892-8526.

Rich & Karen Trokey are selling their '38 restored coupe. Call 281-371-0498.

Dan Becker would entertain offers on his '40 180 formal sedan. Call 281-507-2617.

Randy Bruns is selling his late father's '53 Cavalier. He has detailed info on the history of this Packard. Contact him at randallleebruns@gmail.com.

Jamie Roberts is selling his '55 Packard Patrician & '55 Packard Clipper. Contact him at 713-598-5798.

Larry Myers selling a 1950 Super Deluxe Eight with a rebuilt Ultramatic Transmission. Asking price \$16,500. Phone (903) 769-3129; email lmyers3701@yahoo.com

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LSP 2022 Dues

We will be collecting dues again in 2022. Cost is \$10/family. Send your check to our Treasurer, Tony Darrow or pay him at January meeting. We ask that you renew your dues by January 31, 2022 so we can update the roster.

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We asked members to be prepared to give us suggestions as to what reward the winner would get for that.

December birthdays were recognized and we enjoyed a gorgeous Christmas Packard cake after dinner, which was cut and served **by Zoe and Maya**. **Rena** was assisted by **Gianna** by passing out lovely Christmas napkins.

Rena and Jack furnished song sheets for the sing along. **Rena** led in the singing and **Jack** accompanied on the guitar. Most of the songs on the sheets were traditional favorites but the highlight was the familiar "Twelve Days of Christmas" which was changed to "The Twelve Days of Packards". Each table was given the name of a specific Packard model and that table would represent one of the 12 days and sing it out when their number came up in the song. Our part of the sing along was "two 900 Roadsters". It was a lot of fun.

Evelyn Timmins surprised us with Packard posters she offered to those who wanted one to frame for their car garage. We can't forget the work our Treasurer, **Tony** did to collect all the payments for the Christmas Luncheon and paying the bill!

Following the singing, I was surprised by the gift of a really pretty Packard winter jacket. I have never seen one like it before and am really looking forward to wearing it. Thank you very much. If I ever got any accolades as a principal, because my school performed well, I always gave credit to the faculty. I was just there to help them. It proves true with our Packard Club as well. Our region is running against the car club trend in most places as we continue to have activities, a newsletter, a website and we picked up still another new member this month. The success of the club does not depend on me, but of all those people doing the work in the background. I am so grateful for all of them and our members.

There was a really good turnout of Packards, which

makes it two months in a row that we have had a good showing. A special treat was getting to see new member **Lonnie Gipson's 1955 factory stick Panama** for the first time. We had a total of 6 V8 Packards, 2 six-cylinder Packards and 1 straight 8. We brought our trusty '55 Clipper Custom to not only today's event, but also to the AACA Christmas party at the Monument Inn the day before. Calculated between the two events, we added just under 170 miles round trip to our Packard. As far as we know, all made it home safely.

As this is the end of the year, a little reflection on 2021 is appropriate. Despite Covid, we remained a viable and somewhat active club. Our newsletter still went out. Though we did have 3 "zoom" meetings, we also had 8 in person meetings with proper precautions.

In addition, we managed to pick up a couple of new members! We are also moving full speed ahead with our plans to again be the chair region of the Annual Texas Packard meet in Salado! The TPM dates are March 31 -April 3. Under the circumstances, we did good in 2021!!

I have confirmed with **Ed Fleming** that we will tour their collection as well as his shop in the Heights on Saturday, January 15, 2022. **Ed** owns and operates a music store that sells and repairs musical instruments. Both his home and shop are located in the Heights area of Houston and that makes it one of the most central locations we have had lately.

We have arranged to meet at 11:30 am on January 15 at the Spaghetti Western on Shepherd and then we will tour Ed Fleming's collection.

I will take this opportunity to wish you a **Merry Christmas and Happy Packarding,**

Tommy

Singing in the shower is great until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera!



Our song leaders making music!



Tommy's Packard Jacket



Jolly folks – Tony/Shirley Darrow & Lyn/Stephen Morris



Our very own Christmas Car Show!



Lonnie's '55 Packard Clipper



Jack's '38 Packard Convertible

See more pictures from Sunday's lunch on pages 7 & 8.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December Birthdays

- 4 Tracy Hammac
- 7 Donna Lortz
- 8 Ben Carter
- 8 Mary Ann Dalton
- 8 Robert Taylor
- 11 Jill Burtchaell
- 18 Kevin Lortz
- 18 Mary Matthews
- 21 Terry Scott
- 27 Jack Sartin

Giving Presence

This holiday season, remind yourself that it's not what you wrap in a box that counts most.

The intention you bring and the simplest gifts of time, laughter, love and friendship are worth far more than anything you could put a bow on. The best gift you can give your loved ones is you.

Welcome New Member Lonnie Gipson

Lonnie is the nephew of **John Lortz** and is the proud owner of a rare 1955 2-Door Hardtop Packard Clipper Pamana. This Packard is rare because most Packards at this time were Ultramatics, which means it was probably special ordered with stick. With the 352 engine, it is bound to be pretty fast.

2022 Calendar Planned Meetings and Events

January 15 Lunch @ Spaghetti Warehouse 11:30 am and tour of Ed Flemings Collection in the Heights

February 5 Bob & Gayle Bucher in Willis, TX lunch and view their car collection

March Bellville hosted by Jay and Mary Mathews and view Jay's Car Collection

Mar 31-April 3 Salado

Meeting date for March will be announced when date is confirmed.

If you have an idea for a meeting during 2022, please contact our Activities Director, Chris Baccaro.



May this time of year brighten your spirits and bring to mind happy holidays past and future.

Whether you celebrate **Christmas** or **Hanukkah**

Best wishes to all from Lone Star Packards

2021 Meetings and Events

January	Meeting at Dalton's postponed due to Covid concerns – no meeting
February 17	First Zoom Meeting
March 20	Second Zoom Meeting
March 27	Hot Wheels and Heroes Car Show Second Baptist Church Katy
April 17	Third Zoom Meeting with PAC President Craig Handley
May 1	Keels & Wheels in Seabrook where LSP Members were big winners
May 15	John & Mary Ann Dalton's Ranch in Cleveland for lunch and car collection
June 26	Joined AACA at Dr. Williams Car Collection & Lunch at Lunas in League City
July 24	Summer Picnic at Sartin's Car Barn in Katy
August 21	Spring Creek BBQ in Humble hosted by Tony & Shirley Darrow
September 18	Join AACA for Hot Dog and Ice Cream at Spring Creek Park in Tomball
October 16	Rudy's BBQ in Webster hosted by Tommy & Carol Baccaro
November 13	Ole Railroad Café Rosenberg Coordinated by Ron & Patricia Orr
December 5	Christmas Party Lunch Babin's Seafood Restaurant, Katy, TX hosted by Sartins

2021 in Review

As we all know, these past two years have been hard. The Pandemic made every aspect of life difficult, whether it was shopping for gifts, going to the grocery store, or caring for a loved one. We all feel like we deserve a reprieve this holiday season. Here are a few memories from Lone Star Packards in 2021 so you will remember the good times we had together.



First in person meeting at Dalton's Ranch in May.



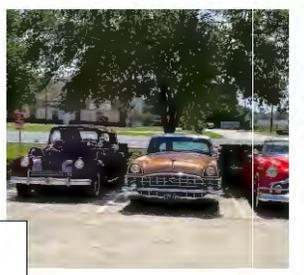
Successful LSP participation at Keels & Wheels in May. 8 members were winners!



Recognized 3 members 60th wedding anniversaries.



July picnic at Sartin's Car barn



August at Spring Creek BBQ. Leon, Kevin & John's Packards



Remembering December 7, 1941.....

As we remember the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and with that, passenger car production in the United States would soon cease, and the industrial might of America's car companies would be retooled as the Arsenal of Democracy. As is still the custom, car dealers in December 1941 had been selling their new 1942 lines since early September. In any case, the attack on Pearl Harbor 80 years ago essentially ended civilian car production in the US for nearly four years. On January 1, 1942 new car sales were strictly rationed, by law, while production briefly continued to fill existing sales backlogs. On February 12 the last 1942 civilian production car rolled off American assembly lines, which would be fully dedicated to the war effort.

Below is a picture of the last prewar Packard rolling off the assembly line on February 9, 1942. **Note it's ALL OUT on the ENGINES line on the Placard!**



Indeed, Packard went all out making engines, famously the Merlin V-12 made under license from Rolls-Royce. Those mighty Merlins were used to power the RAF's legendary Spitfire fighter planes, and the Packard version was used in the equally legendary P-51 Mustang fighters of the US Army Air Corps.

Those Packard Merlins were also used in Canadian De Havilland Mosquitoes and British Lancaster bombers. Packard also build another legendary V-12 marine engine, the 4M2500, used in Higgins and Elco PT boats.



Tommy & Carol



Bill Anderson



Sartins & Carters

Check out LSP's Facebook page to view us singing the 12 days of Packards at the Christmas Luncheon.

Thanks to Chris Baccaro for recording this for the world to hear!

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It's more than a car...it's a



**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE
AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**



Evelyn



Jill & Ginny



Lonnie Gipson



Rena & Jack making music

