



***Director's Corner***

Greetings LSP family!

Normally I am writing comments about our monthly meeting. Unfortunately, we have been so busy getting all our "ducks (Cormorants might be more appropriate) in a row" for Salado, we just did not have time to set up a March LSP meeting. **As the host region, Rena, Jan, Tony, John, (my go to person for advice) and yours truly plus our spouses have really been busy making sure everything goes smoothly.**

If you plan on coming, please get your registration in to **Rena ASAP**. The more we get done now, the better, as far as getting packets and other materials ready. After the sky unloaded a monsoon on our show at the Salado Civic Center in 2019, we (after consultation with **Larry Myers**) decided the Saturday morning car show should be at the hotel. That way we could seek shelter if needed. Unlike the Civic Center, there are no restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. We are arranging for at least one food truck to be on the hotel parking lot from 10 am to 1 pm during the Saturday morning show. Since the public

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**Michael Hall Rigsby**  
**December 18, 1935 – March 2, 2022**

Mike was a long-time member of LSP serving in several positions including Editor of the Owner's Manual and Chairperson of 1998 National Packard Meet. Mike served in the Marines for 3 years.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn, daughter Laura Boyd and her husband Ronny Boyd, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

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normally turns out to look at our cars, we might get a second truck just to be sure we have enough.

The Holiday Inn Express earlier this week told me they only had a couple of rooms left. If you do not have a room, there are numerous other options. The Days Inn is on an adjacent property to the Holiday Inn. The Shady Villa (formally the Stagecoach Inn) is just down Interstate 35 towards town. You can also Google lodging in Salado and come up with a list of B and B's and smaller boutique hotels. Another option is to go about 5 miles up the Interstate to Belton or a little further to Temple.

On a personal note, we will be making the trip to Salado in our '55 Thursday morning, 3/31. Would love to caravan with someone so give me a call if you are interested.

Our next regular meeting will be a tour to Bellville on May 21st. The highlight will be getting to watch **Jay** fire up the Stanley Steamer which he has been working on for several years.

Before then, we hope to see you in Salado. If you cannot bring a Packard or stay for the whole event, please drive-up Saturday to view the cars. As of midweek, we had 35 cars and I expect the number to come up significantly.

Following the Texas Packard Meet, we will have a large group of LSP members displaying in the Packard section under the 100-year-old oak trees at the annual **Keels and Wheels Concourse de Elegance**. If you are not displaying, please come out and visit.

Happy Packarding, Tommy

**FUEL FOR THOUGHT...**

*Words of comfort, skillfully administered, are the oldest therapy known to man.*

RD - January, 1978

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Stampede Historic Downtown Belleville, Texas

It was a good day for Packard Club members on Saturday, March 12, 2022 when four of our guys attended this annual event.

Congratulations to **Doug Carlson** who won with his 1963 Studebaker Avanti, **Stephen Morris** with his new (to him) '53 Packard, and **Jay Matthews**, a resident of Belleville, with his Stanley Steamer. **Jack Sartin** went along with Doug as co-pilot.

**Of the 200 cars entered in this Classic Car Show, all our guys won prizes! Yeah, for them!**



Stephen Morris '53 Packard. It is a great car and a great new addition to the club. I'm sure we will be looking forward to seeing it. Maybe in Salado!

Jay's  
Stanley  
Steamer



Sorry no pic of Doug's Avanti

## **Living Through Epic Times**

A little less than two years ago, Covid stealthily entered and altered our world. We turned inward, focusing on surviving an unknown enemy. We pushed through, endured, and are thankfully coming out on the other side of an unprecedented experience.

Remembering what our lives were during the height of Covid seems like a dream sequence. But it happened and we lived through it, albeit with hardship, far greater for some than others.

In varying degrees, I watched Houston and all the other cities struggle and wondered whether we would bounce back. There are many signs of resurgence, but then other obsolesces get in our way.

Contrasted against the backdrop of our area and America's rebound is the devastating news coming from Ukraine. As the world rallies in support of the Ukrainian people, we pay witness to countless real time devastation caused by Putin's cruel aggression.

## **Looking Back, Looking Forward**

Where will the world be two weeks from now? Two months? Two years? Are we entering an even more sustained period of hardship and difficulty? It's impossible to say.

But one thing I know for certain: our lives do go on in tandem with what is happening on the global stage. Just as there are weddings, graduations, happy new parents bringing home a baby proceeded during the chaos of Covid and now the Omicron we all are required to move forward.

And how do we do that? Through having connections. The main connection is our faith in our heavenly Father. This connection always gives us courage, strength and hope to move forward.

Also, there is encouragement and comfort with every connection we make with longtime friends and new. I urge you to invest in the relationships you have. Love your family and stay close to friends that will provide you support in the good and the bad times.

From the delight of our children and grandchildren's successes to the sadness we all feel about Ukraine, it's always better when we can share it.

Here's wishing you countless springtime connections to support you during whatever life throws at us next.

*..... Janice Carter*

# CONGRATULATIONS ZOE BACCARO!

On Sunday, March 13, the Baccaros oldest granddaughter, **Zoe**, participated in the Houston Rodeo and Live Stock Show Student Art Auction.

Her painting of a goat family sold for \$15,000. **Chris and Jamie** attended the auction while the rest of the family watched online. As it went up, they were ecstatic, thinking about the cost of college.

**Chris** called and explained that the art projects are assured a set amount, which is less than what the bidders pay. The rest of the money goes into the Rodeo Scholarship Fund. **Zoe** has applied for one of those, so maybe she will get some more of that \$15,000. **Tommy** says they could not be prouder if she had brought home \$1,000,000!





### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 9      **Reya Sartin**
- 13     **John Eudy**
- 16     **Jeff Pate**
- 27     **Leon Ahlers**



Christian communities all over Ireland follow the theory of Saint Patrick's Trinity and represent it with a three-leaf shamrock. But finding a four-leaf clover is symbolic to good luck, just remember, finding a four-leaf clover is as tough as finding water in a desert.

St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 A.D. to convert the Irish to Christianity. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years.

### 2022 Lone Star Packards Calendar of Meetings and Events

January	Cancelled due to Covid considerations
February 26	Lunch @ Pizza Shack-tour of Bob & Gayle Bucher's home and car collection in Willis, TX.
March	No Meeting – Several Members Working on Salado
<b>March 31-April 3</b>	<b>Texas Packard Meet – Salado, TX</b>
April	TBA
April 30-May 1	Keels & Wheels Seabrook, TX
May 21	Jay & Mary Matthews in Belleville
June	TBA
July 4 - 9	PAC 55 <sup>th</sup> National Meet in Old Town Alexandria, VA
August	TBA
September	TBA
October	Ed & Mary Fleming in The Heights date to be announced
November	TBA
December	Christmas Party

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

# PACKARD

ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE

**T**he new Packard Twin Six develops more than 100 horsepower. Seldom, if ever, is it necessary to draw fully on such vast potential power—but the extra power is there and its advantages are constantly reflected in the smooth, snappy performance of this great, brand new Super-Packard. Speed greater than you will ever need is at your quick command—speed that is never labored, speed that always leaves something in reserve. Acceleration—in low, second or high—is as velvety and noiseless as a summer breeze. There has never been a car, we believe, so swift, so smooth, so silent. And

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— of a Distinguished family —  
PACKARD TWIN-SIX

Though long gone — production ceased in 1956 — Packard automobiles are still remembered for their elegance and engineering. In their day, they had a reputation for sumptuous style and fine craftsmanship. And high price.

Beginning in the late 1920s, the Packard Motor Company ran a series of colorful ads in the *Post* that displayed not only the car but the glamorous life associated with it. These innovative ads paid tribute to artists and adventurers or showed consumers in elegant attire in exotic places to emphasize Packard's appeal “for a discriminating clientele.” And all Packard ads included the slogan that only a confident manufacturer would make: “Ask the man who owns one.”

The slogan first appeared in 1901 —the concept of associating a consumer product with an aspirational lifestyle was groundbreaking at the time and has been the model for many an ad campaign since.



Sunday, March 20 Spring will arrive  
- at least that's the date on the  
calendar!

Finally, my winter fat is gone  
Now I have Spring Rolls!

Spring!  
It's finally sweater on, then  
sweater off, then on again  
season.



One thing spring brings us is  
**ALLERGIES!**

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AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**