



***Director's Corner***

Greetings LSP family,

We had a great meeting in Rosenberg with 28 members and 10 classic cars. Seven of the cars brought by members were Packards and there would have been at least one more but we were unable to attend. Unfortunately, the Baccaros needed to be at a funeral Saturday morning. I think that is the first meeting we have missed in a while. The last time we did not make it I was laid up with bronchitis. In addition to the Packards, we had a classic Studebaker truck as well as a Cadillac Alante. Thanks to Asst. Director **John**, for conducting the meeting as well as **Jan** for assisting with the agenda. Thanks also to **Rena**, who gave reports and **Jack** who gave a tire safety report. Many thanks to those who helped set the meeting up, especially **Patricia and Ron Orr** and **Jan and Ben Carter**.

You may recall we suspended dues 2 years ago due to the pandemic. The first year we actually just cancelled most meetings until we discovered ZOOM. During that time, we had three or four zoom meetings and very few in person activities. We are close to normal now, though we still wear our masks when we are in a crowd of strangers. Everyone in our family has been vaccinated except our 8-year-old granddaughter and she had her first dose of vaccine this weekend.

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*It's time to Jingle and Mingle at the LSP's Christmas Luncheon.*

**Dec. 5 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Babin's Seafood Restaurant**  
**21851 Katy Freeway**  
**Katy, TX 77450**

**Cost is \$25 per person and includes entree, soup or salad, coffee, tea or soft drinks. Club will provide dessert, tax and gratuity**

**Adult beverages available at your expense**

**To make your reservation send your check to our Treasurer, Tony Darrow at 5215 Pebble Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77066**

**November 29 is the deadline to make your reservation. There will be no meeting.**

***It will be a Holly Jolly good time! Dress in your Christmas Casual or your Sunday attire.***

***See menu on page 2***

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All that is to say, it is time to start collecting dues again. A couple of years ago we lowered our dues from \$20 annually to only \$10. It was felt that since we had gone on line for our newsletter, we no longer had the previous postal expense and did not need that much. We are still in good shape but we do make donations to the Packard Foundation for the Packard Proving Grounds Restoration in honor of deceased members. We occasionally make donations to a Packard Museum and we sometimes subsidize an event we are participating in to make it more reasonable for our members. etc. Thus, we need to have money once again coming into the treasury besides just the proceeds from the 50/50 drawings. I am sure our dues are less than any other car club you belong to, so please give or send your \$10 to Tony. Also, since our dues are so inexpensive, you should be able to afford the dues to our parent organization, **Packard Automobile Classics**. They provide us with many resources. They cover us in their insurance policy when we are on a tour, provide 16 great publications per year, operate a great website with a classified section, have a Face Book page with approximately 4k members, provide our contact information in their online list of regions (which has resulted in several new members), and they help us promote the Texas Packard Meet. We should all be members so please go to their website and join.

In this issue you will find a list of upcoming activities through our Salado Meet. Please make a note of them on your calendar. Also, it is time to send your Texas Packard Meet registration to Rena and to make your hotel reservations with the Holiday Inn Express in Salado. The more rooms we rent, the less we have to pay for the meeting rooms we use. You can print a registration form from the [texaspackardmeet.org](http://texaspackardmeet.org) website or use one from the "Owner's Manual". Start gathering your extra parts for the *all-Packard Swap Meet* held in conjunction with the TPM. There is a proposed agenda on the TPM site as well.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Babins in Katy December 5th for the Holiday Luncheon. Get your \$25 per person lunch money to Tony as we will pay with one check.

As Marvin Zindler use to say, "Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever makes you happy!"

The Baccaro family wishes each of you a Happy, Blessed Thanksgiving.

Tommy



## NOON TIDE

### FIRST COURSE (Choose One)

Dinner Salad  
Served with choice of dressing

Shrimp Gumbo  
File Style

### SECOND COURSE (Choose One)

Atchafalaya Blackened Catfish  
Crawfish, lemon butter, & dirty rice

Crawfish Etouffée  
Lafayette style, served with white or dirty rice

Fried Seafood Platter  
Catfish, shrimp, & stuffed crab  
served with french fries, onion strings, & cole slaw

Old Fashioned Chicken Salad  
Lightly fried, crisp greens, cheddar cheese, bacon, eggs, croutons,  
tomatoes, cucumbers, & honey-ranch dressing

Zydeca Pasta  
Blackened shrimp, mushrooms, green onions, & tomatoes  
on basil fettucine with creamy Alfredo sauce

The "Noon Tide" menu is available to events scheduled to begin by 3 pm.  
\*Menu and prices subject to change.

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Doug's 1956 Clipper



Tony's 1957  
Clipper 4-door



Lenny's 1941  
Touring Sedan

*Review of Saturday's Meeting by Jan Carter*

On a beautiful fall Saturday, November 13 our meeting was held at the Ole Railroad Café in Rosenberg's Historic District with a total of 28 members in attendance with 7 Packards, 1 Studebaker truck and Cadillac convertible.

In addition to members, we had four guests, **Rick and Nancy Mock** who drove their '62 Studebaker Truck and surprising all of us was **Ann Stebenne and her daughter Jennifer**. Great to see all of them again.

Since **Tommy** was not able to attend, our Assistant Director, **John Lortz** led the meeting for him.

It was good to see **Jamie and Martha Roberts** who drove in from Brenham. Also attending for the first time in a long time was **Lenny and Paula Holzband** in their '41 Packard, **Tom Drisdale** who drove his '91 Red Cadillac Alante Convertible and **Dale Wilpers** and **Donna Williams**.

**Rena** gave an update on the Christmas Luncheon that will be on Sunday, December 5 at 1:00 pm at Babin's Restaurant in Katy. Cost is \$25/person. To make your reservation send your check to our **Treasurer, Tony Darrow before the deadline of November 29**. See the invitation with more information on page 1 along with the luncheon menu on page 2.

Our Treasurer was kept busy accepting checks and cash for the Christmas Luncheon and the 50/50. **Dale Wilpers** was the lucky winner and took home \$40. **Tony** says our finances are in good shape.

**Ben** gave the membership update that included a "new" Packard now on our list that belongs to **John Dalton**. His 1932 coupe convertible is now undergoing a complete restoration. **Ben** also reminded everyone that we have not collected dues for the past two years, but will start collecting \$10 dues again in 2022.

**Jan** reported the November birthdays, and we recognized **Tony and Dale** as they were the only members present with a November birthday. See these two dudes on page 4.

**Rena** then reported on our upcoming 2022 scheduled meetings and reminder that – **WE WILL HAVE THE TEXAS PACKARD MEET IN SALADO MARCH 31 – APRIL 3, 2022!!** **Tommy** has been working on Salado for the past three years and the last two years it was cancelled. He is busy getting everything set up for 2022. Everyone should first make their Holiday Inn Express reservation as soon as possible. The hotel rates have not increased and are the same as two years ago. You can complete the Salado Registration form on page 6 and send to **Rena Sartin with your check**.

She has already received three registrations. Since time flies by so fast, it will be time for TPM before we know it. So don't delay! You will find the registration form and much more information you will need on the TPM website. One thing is the car classification system being used next year to help you fill in your form. Click [TPM website](#) to visit the site.

**Jack Sartin** gave an interesting program on Tire Safety Tips. Your tires may look good, but not be good! See his presentation handout on page 5.

As the **Supina's** were to host the November meeting, but were not able to attend, others pitched in to make this meeting successful. Thank you goes out to **Patricia and Ron Orr** for making arrangements with the Ole Railroad Café owner and had the room set up and ready when we arrived. Also, to **Ben** for arriving early in the morning to reserve parking spaces in front of the restaurant/Vogelsang building with his orange cones and **Reserved for LSP Packard Signs**, and to **Ron** for helping with parking.

We were disappointed that the Editor of The Ft. Bend Herald did not show up. **Ben** visited Scott Monday morning and gave him Saturday pictures/information and he will publish our story in the newspaper. We will have copies of the newspaper at the December luncheon.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you at the Christmas Luncheon.

As Tommy says..... Happy Packarding!

Ben's 1940  
Coupe



Ron's 1957  
4- door



Jack's 1938 110  
Convertible

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16	Tommy Baccaro
20	Sandra Lucas
20	Robert Quinn
22	Mary Ann Dos Santos
24	Gail Supina
29	Tony Darrow
30	Dale Wilpers



Here's Dale and Tony two of our birthday members.

They were the only November birthday guys at the meeting.

### Last Event for Calendar 2021

**December 5 Christmas Party Luncheon Babin's Seafood Restaurant, Katy, TX**

**Going on down the road....**

### 2022 Calendar of Planned Meetings and Events

<b>January</b>	Lunch in the Heights and tour Ed Flemings Collection
<b>February 5</b>	Bob & Gayle Bucher in Willis, TX lunch and view their car collection
<b>March</b>	Bellville hosted by Jay and Mary Mathews and view Jay's Car Collection
<b>Mar 31-April 3</b>	Salado

Meeting dates for January and March will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

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

**Holiday Inn Express  
Salado, TX  
254-947-4004**

Call the above number to reach the Salado Holiday Inn directly and tell them you are with the TPM. Room rate for Thursday is \$89.99, Friday-Saturday is \$109.99. Thursday PM is the Welcome Party



Stephen's 1949 22<sup>nd</sup> Series Custom

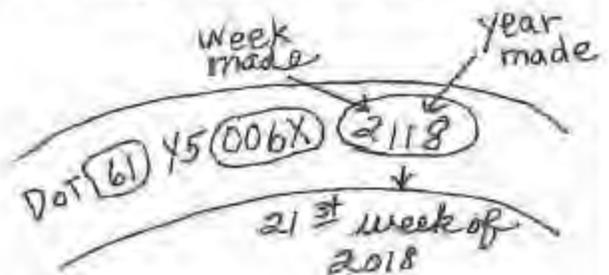
## How to find the DOT number on your tires

If you look closely at the side of each of your tires, you'll see a bunch of letters and numbers. While this may just look like a confusing jumble, it's actually useful info. Look for a number that starts with the letters "DOT," followed by a series of 10-12 characters. This code, which is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), will tell you several things.

Such as

- Week, year, and place of manufacture
- Tire size
- Manufacturer's unique code

For tires manufactured in the year 2000 – present



The date of manufacture is the last four digits of the DOT code. The first two digits are the week of manufacture, and the last two digits are the year. For example, if the last four digits of the DOT code are 0203, that means that the tire was manufactured during the second week of the year 2003. It seems pretty simple, right? However, if your tires were made before 2000, it gets a bit more complicated.

### For tires manufactured before the year 2000

The date of manufacture is the last three digits of the code. The first two digits refer to the week within that year. For example, if the last 3 digits are 022, it means that the tire was manufactured in the second week of the year, and the year is the second year of the decade. This is where it gets confusing – there's no universal identifier that signifies which decade, so in this example the tire could have been manufactured in 1982 or 1992. Some tires do have a small triangle following the DOT code to indicate the 1990s. Seeing an incomplete DOT number?

If you look at the tires sidewall and see a DOT number that appears to be incomplete, that's because the DOT's current regulations require the entire number to be branded on only one sidewall, while the opposite sidewall is branded with just the first few digits. To see the entire DOT number, just look on the other sidewall.

### Other considerations that affect the longevity of tires

Once you've determined the age of your tires, you should look at their overall condition. Tires exposed to harsh weather, sunlight and other abuse may not be very old but show signs of deterioration. Cracks, fading and unusual wear are some tell-tale signs that the tires may need replacement. Never forget that good tires are one of the most important aspects of any vehicle.

**43<sup>rd</sup> TEXAS PACKARD MEET in SALADO, TEXAS**

**March 31 – April 3, 2022**

**Registration & Packard Entry Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Region Club (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Spouse/S. O. \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Non-family Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Packard Entry # 1:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Series: JR or SR Class \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: Convertible \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe \_\_\_\_\_ Sedan \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial? \_\_\_\_\_ Engine \_\_\_\_\_

Modified: Yes or No How? \_\_\_\_\_

**Packard Entry # 2:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Series: JR or SR Class \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: Convertible \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe \_\_\_\_\_ Sedan \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial? \_\_\_\_\_ Engine \_\_\_\_\_

Modified: Yes or No How? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Cars must be on the show field to be considered for an award.**

**Registration Fee** for Individual/Family: **Before Mar. 24 - \$35**; After Mar 24 - \$45 =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee for Additional Non-family Guest: \$15 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night Buffet:** Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24. each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12. each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children 5 & under, Free

**Total enclosed:** write check payable to **Texas Packard Meet** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration form and check to:**

Texas Packard Meet; Attn: Rena Sartin  
24831 Millers Lane, Katy, TX 77493  
281-371-3841; [rsartin@consolidated.net](mailto:rsartin@consolidated.net)

For more information contact Meet Chair: Tommy Baccaro, 832-905-3904, [baccaro3@verizon.net](mailto:baccaro3@verizon.net)  
Or visit the [Texas Packard Meet website](#) for all the information you need to help you complete your registration form.



John Lortz visiting with Jamie & Martha Roberts

#### Regional Officers

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