



Director's Corner

On October 16th, the Lone Star Region had its regular monthly meeting. Approximately 30 members enjoyed great BBQ as well as fellowship in the private room of Rudy's BBQ and Country Store on the Gulf Freeway in Webster.

We had our traditional opening ceremony involving a prayer as well as the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

I began the meeting by sharing the results of a phone call I received just before leaving for the meeting. A lady in the Port Neches area called regarding problems she was having getting the Ultramatic fixed in her late husband's '50 Custom. She had called a month or so ago and asked if I could help her find someone to fix it as the locals did not want to try. I gave her a recommendation after asking club members for suggestions. It is not working out and she wanted to know if someone would go over there on her behalf and check it out. **Ben** volunteered as it is close to his home, plus the establishment has done work for him and he was pleased. I think she would like to sell once she has it fixed. I texted her that Ben was going to check it out and she was very happy.

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LSP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
SUNDAY, DEC. 5 AT 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.

See Menu on page 7

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We began our committee reports and I reported for Tony regarding our balance. **Tony** also asked that you either begin sending him the money for the Christmas party meal or bring it to the next meeting.

Ben reported that he is in contact with a prospective new member in Huntsville that has a '37 Packard but not sure of the series. It just occurred to me that the late former member, Bob Knight had a mostly restored '37 120 convertible and a project '47 Clipper. Since it is Huntsville where Bob lived, it could very well be the same car. Thanks to our friends in the heart of Texas Region for giving us the lead.

Chris reported the next meeting will be in Rosenberg at the Ole' Railroad Cafe. I think the meeting will be on the 13th. We moved it up to get it away from Thanksgiving plans.

Jan gave a report on birthdays and both **JC and Anthony** were present so we had them stand for a picture and we sang Happy Birthday.

Jan then gave a report on the Christmas luncheon which will on **Sunday, 12/5 at Babin's Seafood in Katy. Please get your money in to Tony.**

I think the Astro game kept our attendance down a little but we still had 4 really nice cars present. **Chris** brought our family's '48 "sedan for seven" and **Anthony, Carol and I** brought the '47 Custom. In addition, **Stephen** brought his 1949 Deluxe Super 8 all the way from Spring. We were also lucky to once again get to see the beautiful 1950 2 tone blue Studebaker belonging to **Glen**. Glen's two Packards went to someone in Livingston so we will follow up on that lead.

Following the business meeting, I gave a short talk on how I renewed the wood grain on the dashboards, window frames, etc. on our '47 and '48 Packards. Details are found on pages 4 and 5.

Please do your best to bring a Packard to the Rosenberg meeting. The owner of the cafe always blocks off about 10 spaces in front of the cafe and we usually have pictures and a story on the front page of the Rosenberg newspaper. We know that the **Supinas** have spoken to the newspaper reporter already.

Happy Packarding, Tommy

Wellness Report

Let's continue to remember our members going through difficult health issues.

Jamie Roberts is still having treatment for Leukemia. He would appreciate your prayers.

Judy Anderson is undergoing more cancer treatments. This will take a while so keep praying for her healing and comfort.

FUEL FOR THOUGHT....

Life is like a camera
Focus on what's important
Capture the good times
Develop from the negative
And if things don't work out
Take another shot

TEXAS

Winter is at 6 am
Spring starts at 10 am
Summer at 2 pm
Fall starts around 4:30 ish
Dress accordingly

43rd 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

For more information contact Meet Chair: Tommy Baccaro, 832-905-3904, baccaro3@verizon.net

PACKARD WOOD GRAINING ON A BUDGET BY TOMMY BACCARO

Many of us own pre 1951 Packards and most of them have extensive wood grain on the metal dash boards, window frames and other interior trim pieces. When we acquired our 1948 Deluxe long wheel base sedan in the late 70's, the original factory wood grain was about 32 years old and had faded considerably from exposure to the sun. Also, in the front seat both window frames showed corrosion spots. I am sure this was caused by a sweating driver and front seat passenger hanging their arms over the frame with window down to get relief from the Texas heat in a black non-air-conditioned car.

I saw ads in several Packard and generic magazines for professional restoration but the cost on a teacher's salary with a wife and two little boys at home just was not going to happen.

In those days, The Lone Star Packard Region and the Lone Star Region of the Buick Club had an annual joint picnic. At one of those events, I met a fellow with a really nice Buick. I admired the wood grain and commented I wished mine looked that good. The guy said "it can if you do it yourself". He told me to check Hemmings Motor News because a guy advertised a "do it yourself kit" with complete directions. Sure enough I found it and ordered one. Several years later we bought the 1947 Custom. The wood grain must have been really bad on it as the previous owner had sprayed the dash and window frames a metallic gold. Thus, I had a second car needing wood grain restoration!

I did not have enough of the original base coat and stain from the '48 job so I experimented with the brands I found at the hardware store. I soon learned they were all water based and they would run and just not stick to metal.

I noticed the fellow that put the kit together had put his label over another label. Carefully peeling it off, it revealed the name of the original manufacturer. It was made by the "OLD MASTER" company. I wrote to the address shown and they told me where I could buy their products locally.

Their stain was oil based; therefore, cleanup was harder but the oil base stain did stick to the metal much better than what I had been trying. The only place close to me was the Gateway Ace Hardware store on Telephone Rd.

Before I go into the process I used, I need to give a disclaimer. I am no pro when it comes to this process! Our cars have won some awards but they are drivers. I simply wanted to make them look better than they did and to be presentable.

If you are going to a really competitive concours d'elegance event you should have it done by a professional. Our 1940 was done by a professional thanks to one of the former owners and it was a really good job. I will give you a list of supplies at the end of this article.

First, sand the surface with extra fine sand paper. Get it nice and smooth but you do not have to remove all of the old finish. If you have access to compressed air, blast the surface with high pressure to help remove the dust. Finally, use a cleaner like Prepsol, Dealersol, or a similar product to make sure it is absolutely clean. Cleaners like those mentioned are available at most parts stores or anywhere that sells car paints. Make sure it is dry which doesn't take long because the cleaner is alcohol based.

Second, if you are refinishing it in the car, use some of the painter's blue tape to mask off any chrome or stainless you want to protect. I call that blue tape painter's tape but don't know if that is the official name. It comes in various widths and will not gum up and refuse to come off like masking tape can do.

Third, using at least a 3" brush, apply the base coat to the entire unit. I recommend not putting the stain coat on for 24 hours.

Fourth, using cheese cloth, apply the stain. First, make yourself a palm sized pad of cheese cloth. Pour some of the stain into a disposable pie plate. It is easier to get it all on your cheese cloth in a plate than it is to dip in the small cans the stain comes in. Beginning on one end, be prepared to go all the way across the dash without stopping. Remember, you are trying to replicate natural wood grain which is not in an absolute straight line. You can slightly raise and lower your path

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to the other side just a little. If you stop in your journey across the dash, it will show where you stopped and started so go all the way.

Depending on how wide your pad was, you will have to do it 2 or 3 more times. At this point, while the topcoat is still wet, you can take an artist brush and lightly add an accent here and there but go in the same direction as you applied the stain coat. I think one of ours almost has a knot hole design.

Some of the senior Packards like our '47, have a burl design on the lower half of the dash as well as on the window frames. This burl design is easy to do but pretty time consuming.

- Add the stain with cheese cloth to the entire dash or window frame.
- Take an artist brush such as you might use to water paint. Push it into the wet stain so the brush flattens out.
- Then lightly twirl the brush between your fingers. It makes a very nice impression of the burl design.

Step five. This part I came up with myself based on my furniture restoration experience. Once the surface is totally dry, apply a liquid plastic top coat. When I did the first one it was only available in liquid and I had some left over from our circular breakfast table I had refinished earlier. It is now available in spray cans and that is what I used on the '47. You can get it in a satin finish or a glossy finish. Ours are done in glossy. After 10 or more years, the liquid plastic coat may need to be renewed. Use the very fine sand paper and don't try to remove the color just lightly sand and clean as discussed. Then spray or paint a renewed finish of either satin or high gloss. If you apply with a brush, don't be concerned about the streaks as they come out when the liquid plastic spreads and dries.

There you have it. Again, I am no expert but they look a whole lot better than I found them. It has been almost 40 years since I did the '48 and probably close to 30 years on the '47. They could probably both use a redo but so far, I am still satisfied.

Supply list:

A package of very fine sand paper to prepare the surface.

Buy a bottle of cleaner such as Prepsol or Dealersol to clean following sanding. (Blast with compressed air first if you have a compressor.)

A roll of painter's blue tape. Maybe a narrow one and a wider one depending on what you are trying to protect.

I recommend **OLD MASTERS** base coat and top coat. It is available on Amazon, some Ace hardware stores, Benjamin Moore Paint stores, Walmart, and Hardware World.

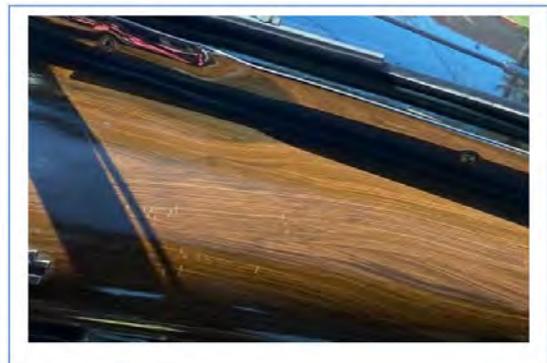
Be sure you make sure it is **still oil based** as I had no success with the **water-based products**.

At least a 3" brush to apply the base coat. Also, a pointed artist brush for accents in the color coat or to make the burl design

A package of cheese cloth to apply the color stain

A spray can or can of liquid Varathane or Miniwax liquid plastic in either satin or glossy

You might like to use gloves!



FALL CAR SHOWS

LSP MEMBERS ARE WINNERS



Patricia Orr entered her 1967 4-20G Jaguar in the Sugar Land Jaguar Concourse Show and won 1st place in the Driven Class.

Congratulations Patricia!

Jill Burtchaell showed her Packard in two car shows in October.

First Place at Huntsville Cruisers' Fair on The Square Car Show on Oct 2 in Originals Class.

On Oct. 9 at the SHSU Classic Car Cruise-In her '58 Packard Hawk was one of about 50 cars that showed. Many nice comments and a lot of interest in the Hawk!

Congratulations Jill!



Tom Drisdale won Best in Class with his 1940 Coupe at the Bay City Car Show.

Congratulations Tom!



NOON TIDE

FIRST COURSE *(Choose One)*

Dinner Salad
Served with choice of dressing

Shrimp Gumbo
Filé 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*

Zydeco 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.

B/J



★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Chuck Fleming
- 9 Richard Wilken
- 10 Irina Mitchell
- 11 Tracy Wilken
- 28 JC Hairrell
- 24 Robert Bucher
- 24 Larry Myers
- 26 Anthony Baccaro
- 30 Kim Ess



Anthony Baccaro & JC Hairrell
Two October birthday boys at
Saturday's meeting.

LAST EVENTS FOR 2021.....

- Nov 13 Ole Railroad Café Rosenberg Supinas host**
- Dec 5 Annual Christmas Lunch Babin's Katy**
hosted by Sartins



Stephen Morris' 1949
Touring Sedan



Glen Grace's '50 Studebaker

**PACKARD FOR SALE
BY LARRY MYERS**

It is a 1950 Super Deluxe Eight with a rebuilt Ultramatic Transmission. It has redone chrome, stainless and paint, rebuilt front seat, new carpet, new headliner and 5 radial tires.

The car is well sorted out and is dependable. At the 2019 Texas Packard Meet it placed 1st in its class.

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