



The Owner's Manual

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The Lone Star Members



From the Editor

By Mike Grimes

Greetings fellow LSP members and Packard friends, an apology to you all for the late arrival of the Fourth Quarter 2012 "LSP Owners Manual". During November and December my partner and I acquired two more businesses to add to our challenges, the holidays arrived, and I came to the disappointing conclusion that I could no longer make the time to serve as editor. My original intent was to make the fourth quarter issue centered on the Packard Twelve. However, as I was considering the production of my final issue, I decided that as editor it was my prerogative to change directions if I so choose. I chose.

While we all are enthusiastic promoters of the technical and design leadership of the Packard engines and vehicles that we so enjoy exhibiting, what makes the Lone Star Packard Club a great association, is its members. True, we collectively own some wonderful examples of Packard's products, we appreciate the technical support of the LSP members to help keep our cars on the road, but what really makes any club worth our time, is the people in the club. From that perspective, we are members of a most outstanding club.

So this issue is dedicated to us, the people who make this club great. You'll see lots of photos, and some edited versions of Tommy's reports that you have already seen on the great website Doug has created and manages. However, there's another reason for this change in direction.

We live in the fourth largest city in the USA, yet our club has but a comparative handful of members. We need to be recruiting our friends, family, and car enthusiasts across all car manufacturers to join our number. They will enjoy the meetings, become attached to the Packard brand, and if they are not old car enthusiasts, they will become addicted quickly. So I'm hoping you'll use this issue as a recruiting tool to find people who will help our club grow and assure the care of our Packards for their lifetime, decades to come.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as editor. Since I know the publication was in good hands before I started as editor, I'm confident that the newsletter will continue to serve us all well. Thanks to Mike Calistrat for taking back the pen.



Director's Corner

By Tommy Baccaro

We continue to be one of the most active regions in PAC and we have a lot to be proud of. Once again, under the direction of Mike Grimes, our award winning quarterly newsletter, "The Owner's Manual", won another award. Thanks to a partnership agreement between Mike Grimes and Mike Calistrat, we will continue with this excellent publication for the foreseeable future. We also can boast of one of the best websites in the Packard Club thanks to Doug Carlson's hard work. Keep sending pictures and stories to both the webmaster and the editor. It makes their job easier.

I continue to believe that the success of LSP, since its inception in 1964, has to be due to the activities of our region. In 2012 we again held meetings every month. Because we have members from Huntsville to Alvin and Katy to Orange, we make every attempt to move the activities around the greater Houston area. That way the same people don't have to travel far every month. Back in November we revived our weekend fall tour model after a two year absence. Thanks to Jerry Ehrman, thirty LSP members had a great weekend in the Beaumont/Orange area. Jerry put in a lot of time planning our trips to the various museums, restaurants, collections, and of course an awesome visit to Shangri La! Steve Wanderman and John Lortz assisted by planning our route to the 'Golden Triangle' area from our meeting spot on I-10. We also had a great turn out in December for a public service activity. In conjunction with Tommie Vaughn Ford and the Mustang Club, we participated in a "Toys for Tots" car show which was held at the dealership. There were more Packards than any other brand except for the Mustangs. Hopefully this will become a yearly event.

We have so many nice folks in our club that I encourage you to volunteer to take an office or some leadership role. Chris Baccaro will be serving as activity director so please let him know if you are willing to host a month so he can get you on the calendar. Salado is coming up in April and I look forward to another fun-filled weekend. We are confident LSP will have a large contingent. We are working on membership and just recently we have picked up some new members who should enjoy meeting all of you. A big thanks to all of you who make our region one of the very best.



February 19 LSP Meeting

By Tommy Baccaro

Many thanks to Mike and Caroline Calistrat for hosting today's Lone Star Packards' meeting. We had 35 members and guests meet for lunch at the Baytown Seafood Restaurant. After a great lunch we drove the short distance to the Calistrat's for desserts and our meeting. Caroline had delicious cake and brownies and it was hard to not go back for seconds. The highlight of the visit was an opportunity to see Mike and Caroline's new 1963 Mercury Monterrey Breezeway Coupe as well as renew our acquaintance with the '39 Packard 12 and the '47 Lincoln 12. Also, Mike has redecorated his garage and it resembles a new car showroom - really nice.



Salado, 35th Annual Meet

By: Tommy Baccaro

There were 108 Registrants with a total attendance of 214. Fifty-five cars were judged. The amazing thing was that there were so many open touring cars from the 20's. I think there were 5 all together with Tom and Evelyn's 1920 being the oldest. Though we were down about 4 couples from our group this year, we were still represented well with awards! Tom and Evelyn's car won it's class and won the Oldest Car award. The Darrow's were recognized for their 57 Clipper, the Carlson's for their 56 Clipper, our family for our 55 Clipper as well as the Deluxe Super 8 long wheelbase and the Matthews' won their class with their 48 convertible. To me the most interesting footnote involved the 55/56 Junior models. There were six of them which included the Carlson 1956 sedan and our 1955 Custom while the others in the class were 2 door hard tops. It is rare that two sedans would beat out four hard tops for first and second place! Scanning the roster I see Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, Iowa, Washington, Michigan, Kansas, and Colorado in addition to the many participants from Texas. There is no question the Salado meet has come a long way from that first meet thirty five years ago when we had about thirty people and fourteen cars!. I start looking forward to the next meet as soon as we head the Cormorant south on Sunday morning!

Register Now for Salado, April 4-7, 2013



April 15, 2012

By: Tommy Baccaro

Today we had a great meeting starting with lunch at Sudies Seafood House and then a short trip to our house for Carol's peach cobbler. I think the threatening weather as well as the date being close to the recent Salado meet kept our numbers down to twenty three but we had a great time and a very productive meeting. We discussed three options for next November's fall tour. After some discussion it was decided to tie it to our monthly 50/50 drawing to encouraging more Packards at our meetings. If you drive a Packard to a meeting, you will receive one extra ticket for each ticket you buy. If you buy six tickets you will get twelve. We discussed making more contributions to the Packard Proving Grounds in an attempt to help them complete that historic work. I volunteered to find out what sponsorships were available and make a report at the next meeting. Due to the threatening weather, only the Baccaro's drove Packards to Sudies because we were so close. We had both the '47 and the '40 out today.



May 20, 2012 LSP Meeting

By Tommy Baccaro

Today you can sum up the meeting, at least getting there in a Packard, in about three words "IT WAS HOT". Our trusty 1948 "Sedan for Seven" made the 128 mile round trip with only a few hiccups. I think the hot weather has an adverse effect on the corn oil we are forced to burn, but luckily the electric pump worked miracles and we got home without problems. As announced in emails leading up to today's meeting we had a special treat as Dee and Steve drove their beautiful, just acquired, 1942 160 long wheelbase sedan (Oveta) all the way from Kingwood. It is a really nice blue and silver and it is a 148" wheelbase making it the longest car in the club! In addition Dick Bautch brought his 1935 Super 8. Doug and Maureen brought the air conditioned '56 Clipper. In addition to those four, Bernie had his model A and his 1940 120 in the garage. Really great show of American highway pioneers! At the meeting the majority of the members voted to have the fall tour in the "Golden Triangle" area and the date was set as November 9th. Jerry Ehrman has agreed to be the point man. The alternate date was the 16th just in case everything is booked or Jerry is not available on the 9th. John Lawrence, member of the Heart of Texas Club, and I have been working on the Salado classes as directed at the Friday night Director's meeting in Salado. Several copies of the proposal we sent to the other clubs were distributed. John and I have spent a lot of time so hopefully it is acceptable to all concerned. As promised last month, I did secure a copy of the remaining projects available for sponsorship in the "Packard Proving Grounds Project" I asked Rich to put together a committee to study the many possibilities and come back with a report in the next month or two. I want to again thank Bernie and Ann for being wonderful hosts. In addition, it is always a treat to get to look at Bernie's wood carvings - he is truly an artist!



June 16, 2012 LSP Meeting

By Tommy Baccaro

We met at the Spaghetti Western on Shepherd. Just as before, the food was good and the service was great. Thirty members were in attendance and David and Jeanne brought the trusty 1950 Club Coupe. We were glad to see in attendance Gene Oeding, who won the 50/50 drawing, and Dale and Janice with granddaughter Shelby. At the meeting last month I asked Rich to head a committee to come up with an affordable donation to be made to the Packard Proving Grounds in the name of the Lone Star Packard Club. He presented the proposal that we donate \$500 dedicated to the restoration and or replacement of a large window in the service garage. This is the second substantial contribution we have made to the restoration of the facility. We also made a \$50 donation to the proving grounds last month in the name of George Bruns who died recently. Ron and John will work out the details for next month's meeting. The tentative date is Saturday, July 21st, and they suggested Los Cucos in the Kingwood area. Details will be announced as soon as the arrangements are made. The Darrow's will host in August in the Champions area.



LSP Meeting July 21, 2012

By Tommy Baccaro

Thanks to the Jordan's and the Lortz's we had a great meeting at Los Cucos Mexican Cantina in Kingwood this afternoon. Despite the 95 degree temperature we had thirty five people and six Packards in attendance. John and Vivian brought two of their grandchildren and so did the Darrow's. Steve and Dee brought several nieces and nephews and one of them actually won the 50/50 drawing. Lenny and Paula Holzbrand have now taken delivery of their movie car - a 1941 Packard 120. Chris Baccaro has acquired Gene Oeding's 1956 Patrician with factory air. Chris has set a goal of Salado 2014 for its debut. We discussed the Fall Tour and encouraged everyone to call the hotel for reservations. We will be centered at the Holiday Inn Express in Orange. Steve will be organizing the caravan to Orange down old HWY 90. More info to follow. Next month the Darrow's will host in the Champions area. It was wonderful to see so many today and we look forward to seeing you all In August.



LSP Meeting August 18, 2012

By Tommy Baccaro

Under threatening skies thirty two members of LSP met at the Spring Creek BBQ location on 1960 in the Champions Forest area. Our sincere thanks goes to Shirley and Tony Darrow for making all the arrangements and for having us over for refreshments following lunch. The Darrow's have a beautiful new home which they moved into approximately one year ago. I am really glad I gave them my card when we met them at Salado a few years back. They have been a great addition to our Packard family. In addition to the great desserts, Tony showed off his garage. Inside the garage is his Chevy El Camino, his 1954 Corvette, and his newest toy, the Studebaker Avanti. During the business meeting I gave an up-date on the Fall Tour. The meeting in October will be held at Midway BBQ in Katy. The Christmas party is due to be back on the west side of town as we had it in Clear Lake area last year. Tentative arrangements have been made with the "Salt and Pepper" Restaurant in Katy for Sunday, December 16th. We may also participate earlier in the month at a "Toys for Tots" car show in the Heights sponsored by Tommie Vaughn Ford. Rich announced that he has a good friend and former Shell co-worker who is in charge of the restoration of the communications system on the Battleship Texas. Just about all of us have toured the Texas at one time or another but this fellow has offered a VIP tour for our club. For those who missed the grand opening for Richard and Irina Mitchell's new restoration facility in Montgomery, we may need to consider going there this spring. Another discussion at the meeting was the possibility of a new banner. If you have any ideas, please submit them to an officer for consideration. Carol Baccaro won the 50/50 and it was purely coincidental that one of our granddaughters drew the winning ticket. That's my story and I am sticking to it!



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LSP Meeting, October 21, 2012

By Tommy Baccaro

We had 25 LSP members in attendance at today's meeting. Considering the Texans were on TV and there was such a mess on the Katy Freeway, I think that was a good turn out. We met first at the Midway BBQ Restaurant for a great lunch and then caravanned to the Trokey's house for desserts and drinks. Thanks again to the Musgrove's for making the arrangements and for Karen and Rich once again opening their home for us following lunch. The Jordan's won the 50/50 drawing. We went over details for the up-coming Fall Tour next month. Details to follow. A decision was made to donate \$250 to the Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio following a discussion of a plea for contributions many of us received. Another reminder was made regarding up-coming club officers elections.

Rich has a former co-worker who is one of the folks in charge of the continued restoration of the Battleship Texas. This fellow specifically works on the radio room and related equipment and he has offered to give us a private tour of areas not generally open to the public. We may be able to do this for our meeting in January and then eat at the Monument Inn. More info to follow. We have 31 signed up for the Fall Tour and 23 of us will take the cruise.



LSP Fall Tour, November 9-11, 2012

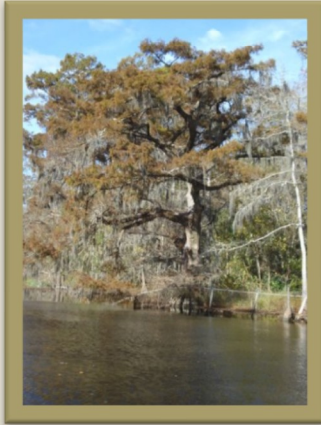
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Our first stop was the Fire Museum of Texas in downtown Beaumont. Here we saw various pieces of equipment and vehicles dating back to the late 1800's. We next visited the Cormier collection in Orangefield. Mr. Cormier was a driller in the oil boom and loved to collect things that interested him. There are vehicles, hundreds if not thousands of model cars, planes, trains, and boats. In addition he collected antique washing and sewing machines, soda fountains and the list goes on and on. He had always been a benefactor to the local Orangefield High School and upon his death, he donated his entire collection to the school district along with the buildings and property housing them. It is a fantastic collection. We next enjoyed a boat ride on the bayou sponsored by the Orange Lions Club at their park. The water way was adjacent to Shangri La Botanical Gardens and we were told to expect to be impressed by its beauty. Shangri La was created by Mr. W. H. Stark, the lumber magnate. We toured the grounds and saw its greenhouses with beautiful orchids and other blooming flowers, a butterfly garden, and a vegetable garden. There is a nice walkway which passes by Adams Bayou and Ruby Lake which are both full of fish, ducks, and cormorants! The bayou tour guide told several interesting stories and on the water we saw many species of wildlife including an alligator! Shangri La has been named one of the top ten ecological show places in the world. If you were not with us this weekend, you need to make a special trip to see this spot of natural beauty. We also visited the Stark mansion and the carriage house where we saw the 1910 Hupmobile that Mr. Stark drove at the University of Texas. Following that, we went to the Stark Art Museum of "Western Art". The paintings and displays are truly "works of art".

Once again I want to thank everyone that helped make this a very special weekend. Steve and John spent a full day scouting our route and Jerry Ehrman spent countless hours making contacts and arrangements at the different sites and restaurants. Jerry and his daughter, Amy, hosted us at his home Saturday night after dinner for coffee and delicious desserts. In addition to a '53 Caribbean in the paint shop, Jerry also has a '56 Patrician restoration in progress in his garage.

We missed those of you who could not make it and wished everyone could have been with us for this fun "filled" weekend spent with friends.

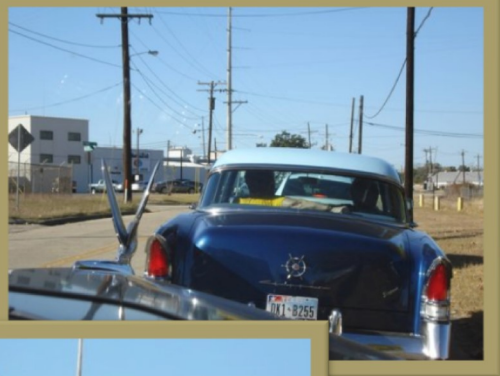
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Packard Friends We Lost in 2012

George Bruns, served our country in WWII and retired from Shell Oil Company after 34 years. He was first and foremost a family man. An enthusiastic Packard owner, he influenced the Trokey's to adopt the Packard car and join the LSP. He was engaged in many Packard activities when his health would permit. George was the previous owner of the 1940 160 that Tommy and Carol Baccaro now enjoy.



Jim Holingsworth died in October. He was the author of the definitive book on the 1940 Packard, was one of the founders of the Texas Packards event in Salado, and a friend to everyone who loved Packards. Jim was described as having a gentle smile and ready to help in any way possible. He was long time LSP member, even though his residence was in Dallas.

Wendell Hawkins died in the early months of 2012. In the photo to the right, he is shown in his Packard showroom in downtown Houston in 1956. Mr. Hawkins launched his Packard dealership in late 1954, just as the Packard brand was disappearing from the automotive marketplace. He attended many Salado and other Packard events and was more than willing to share the Packard story from the perspective of someone who actually experienced Packard's exit.



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Calendar of Events:

Events in 2013

April 4-7; The 36th Annual Texas Packard Meet; Salado, TX
May 10-11; The 18th All Packard Swap Meet; Frederick, MD
June 23-28; The 48th Annual PAC National Meet; Pontiac, MI
September 3-6; The 7th Henry Joy Tour; Starts in Annapolis
October 9-12; AACA Eastern Division Fall Meet; Hershey, PA

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November Birthdays:	December Birthdays:
3 rd Walter Trimmier	8 th Ben Carter
9 th Esther Glover	16 th Janice Musgrove
14 th Bob Knight	18 th Mary Matthews
16 th Tommy Baccaro	24 th Dale Musgrove
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21 st Richard Bautch	18 th Paul Trimmier II
24 th Gail Supina	19 th Juanita Jordan
29 th Tony Darrow	20 th Karen Trokey
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