



## *Director's Corner*

Greetings LSP family!

On Saturday the 20th, 40 members and guests traveled to Bellaire for our monthly meeting. It began with lunch at the 401 Table and Tap Restaurant on Ferris St. This place was recommended by **Jeff Pate** and it lived up to our expectations. The service was great! The food was good, it came out quick and we were able to pay our checks and leave much quicker than in some of our past experiences.

Following lunch, we traveled a short distance to **Jeff Pate's** new facility on Renwick called **The Asylum**. It is a giant facility that was once a manufacturing plant. **Jeff** is remodeling it in sections and when all four buildings are completed, he will move his restoration facilities to the new location. Speaking of his restoration business, it has been renamed "**Relic Restorations**". Currently the building that has been completed houses **Jeff's** classic car storage business. One can reserve a space in this very clean heated and cooled building for a base rate of \$400 month. If you want your car detailed or serviced monthly the price goes up. Also, if you are planning on attending a car show or taking it on a cruise, the staff can have it all shined up and

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## LSP August Membership Report

We have **52** families and a total of **100** people on our roster.

**50 Pre-War**  
**45 Post War**  
**95 Total Packards**

Email Ben if you have acquired another Packard or let one go. We want to keep our records as accurate as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.



Texas Driving glove during our hot weather! Those steering wheels can get awfully hot! Also protects your hand from the sun. Your Dermatologist would recommend.

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serviced ready to go when you arrive. We visited two of the other buildings that were to be used for restoration and painting respectfully. The building where painting will be done is still being remodeled. Little by little, his existing repair and restoration business will be moved to this location.

At the meeting, I thanked all for the kind notes and prayers regarding my recent cardiac emergency. I am doing well and looking forward to getting the second procedure in a couple of days. We also announced the birthdays for the month, and we welcomed new member **Reed Simpson** who brought his son **David** and friend **Chris Barton**. **Reed** has a 1941 120 and he lives in Tomball, Texas.

**Dan Becker** brought **Terry Williams** as his guest. You may remember **Terry** has a large collection of classic cars in League City just a few blocks from our house and he graciously hosted our club last summer. I encouraged him to become a member. We also welcomed **Kayleigh Hooper** who was a guest of her **Uncle Lonnie**. **Jeff Pate** brought his son **Alex Alexandros** who helped his dad cart folks around the buildings.

It was decided it would be nice to recognize the family that drove the farthest distance to attend each month. I think **Herman and Lynda Dentler** have now attended three of our meetings since they joined and they come all the way from Athens, Texas. It is safe to say they will probably get that recognition any time they make a meeting! Today they made a 410-mile round trip. Or some would call that a Saturday Road Trip!

The rain was off and on all day. Up until about 9 AM I was planning on bringing our '55 but the forecast convinced me not to drive it. I was feeling guilty, but right after we got off the fly over to get on the Gulf freeway, it poured and I felt better. I was not worried about getting it dirty but was worried about the leaking windshield. One year when it rained on the way back from Salado, it took me more than a week of a box fan blowing on the carpet to dry it off. We had the limo on that trip and it got just as wet

inside so same treatment. Yes, before I set the fans up, I used our wet vac.

A big thank you goes to **Doug** for bringing his '56 Clipper and **Lonnie** for bringing his '55 Clipper. Both joined **Jeff's** '54 Caribbean for a photo op.

For the second time in recent months, **John Dalton** won the 50/50 drawing and was happy to take home \$65. The other \$65 goes into our Treasury.

I announced our next meeting will be in League City on September 17th. We are working on details, and they will be announced soon.

Happy Packarding, Tommy



That's What I Want!

**Just a little something to think on  
next time you wonder about a job cost**

CUSTOMER: "How much will it cost to do this job?"

CONTRACTOR: "\$2,800 Dollars."

CUSTOMER: "That's WAY too expensive for this job!!"

CONTRACTOR: "How much do YOU think it would cost?"

CUSTOMER: "No more than \$800 Dollars - MAX!! It's a simple job!"

CONTRACTOR: "I can't prioritize my time for so little."

CUSTOMER: "People in your line of work are so greedy."

CONTRACTOR: "Sorry you feel that way. Why not do it yourself?"

CUSTOMER: "But... but... I don't know how to do any of this."

CONTRACTOR: "For \$900 Dollars, I'll teach you EXACTLY how to get this job done. Then you can spend \$800 to do the job and you'll still be saving \$1,100 Dollars - PLUS... you'll get the knowledge and experience for the next time you want to do a job yourself."

CUSTOMER: "Deal!! Let's do it."

CONTRACTOR: To get started you'll need tools. So, you'll have to buy a welder, a grinder, a chop saw, a drill press, a welding hood, gloves and a few other things."

CUSTOMER: "But I don't have all this equipment and I can't buy all of these for one job."

CONTRACTOR: "Well then for another \$300 more I'll let you rent my tools... and you'll still be saving \$800 Dollars."

CUSTOMER: "That's cutting into my savings. But I'll rent your tools."

CONTRACTOR: "Okay! I'll be back on Saturday and we can start."

CUSTOMER: "Wait. I can't on Saturday. I only have time today."

CONTRACTOR: "Sorry, I only give lessons on Saturday, because I have to prioritize my time and my tools have to be at other jobs with other customers all week long."

CUSTOMER: "Okay!! I'll sacrifice my family plans on Saturday."

CONTRACTOR: "Yeah... me too. Oh... and I forgot... to do your job yourself, you also have to pay for the materials. Everything is in high demand right now, so your best bet is to get your truck and load up at 6AM before everyone else gets there."

CUSTOMER: "SIX AM??? On a Saturday??? That's way too early for me. And also... I don't have a truck."

CONTRACTOR: "I guess you'll have to rent one. Do you have a couple of strong men to help you load and unload everything?"

CUSTOMER: "Ummm... ya know... I've been thinking. It's probably best if YOU get this job done. I'd rather pay someone to get it done correctly than go through all the hassle."

CONTRACTOR: "Smart move, sign this and please get out of the way so I can work."

**THE REALITY IS THIS...** When you pay for a job, especially handcrafted, you pay not only for the material used, but you are also paying for:

Knowledge  
Experience  
Tools  
Services  
Time  
Punctuality  
Accountability  
Professionalism  
Accuracy  
Labor  
Sacrifices  
Safety and Security  
Payment of tax obligations

No one should denigrate a professional's work by judging prices - ESPECIALLY when they don't know all the elements or costs necessary for the production of such work. This was just a remix of an old story and sharing this in support of craftsmen, **specialists, mechanics and entrepreneurs everywhere!**

You can't haggle over a service that you don't actually have the skills or knowledge to do yourself. You can't get a high-quality gourmet dinner party for the same price as a Happy Meal from McDonald's. And you can't be mad when skilled people actually KNOW their own worth. Be smart. Trust a reputable professional. And never forget... that you ALWAYS get what you pay for.

**REMEMBER:**

Knowledge and experience are priceless, and get a referral from someone YOU know

This little story refers to contractor work, but same applies to any of you looking for someone to provide skilled labor on your Packard or other antique car.

I thought this little story related to the request Tommy has made when asking members for referrals to pass along to others in the club that need mechanical work. .... *Jan Carter*

"We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more repairs and replacements are necessary." - C.S. Lewis

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## August Birthdays

Pam Ahlers	2
Reed Simpson	11
Dee Wanderman	21
Lynda Dentler	21
Stephen Morris	23
Harold Schmaltz	26
Mary Fleming	28
Bill Anderson	29



Here are the members with August birthdays at the meeting: Mary Fleming, Reed Simpson, Lynda Dentler, Bill Anderson

Wishing you all a happy August birthday!

## 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	No Meeting – Several Members Attending Keels & Wheels
<b>April 30-May 1</b>	<b>Keels &amp; Wheels Seabrook, TX</b>
May 21	Lunch @ The Kenney Store. Tour Jay & Mary Matthews car collection in Belleville
June 18	Pueblo Viejo, Porter, TX hosted by John Lortz
July 2	Summer Picnic at Sartin's Car Barn
<b>July 4 - 9</b>	<b>PAC 55<sup>th</sup> National Meet in Old Town Alexandria, VA</b>
August 20	Lunch at The 401 in Bellaire & Jeff Pate's Elite Car Facility
September 17	TBA – Somewhere in League City Area
October 15	Ed & Mary Fleming in The Heights more info TBA
November 19	Ole Railroad Café, Rosenberg, TX hosted by Patricia & Ron Orr
December 4	Christmas Lunch Pueblo Viejo Porter, TX

If you have an idea for a meeting during 2023, contact our Activities Director, Chris Baccaro.



Jeff's  
'54  
Caribbean



Doug's '56  
Clipper

Lonnie's '55 Clipper



John Dalton & Jay Matthews



Jack Sartin & Doug Carlson



Rena Sartin visiting with Herman & Lynda Dentler



Left to right –  
Donna Lortz,  
Kayleigh Hooper,  
John Lortz II,  
Lonnie Gipson



John, Tommy, Shellie Lortz



Jan Carter & Bill Anderson



Tom Drisdale, Robert Quinn, Ron & Patricia Orr, and Carlos Dos Santos



Lonnie's - Jeff's - Doug's Packards





Jeff Pate explaining his new venture



Tommy talking with Herman Dentler, Kevin Lortz and Robert Quinn



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