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## Director's Corner

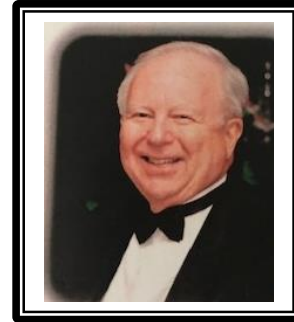
Greetings, LSP family!

We had a really great meeting on Saturday the 25th. Thirty-five members and guests met at Gina's Italian Kitchen in Friendswood for a feast served family style. The meal consisted of bread with dipping oil, salad, lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, and "Mike and Jen" (the house signature dish of bowtie pasta and chicken). Everyone could pass the platters around and try each dish or settle on one. Gina's, was highly complimented for the food and service. We probably need to make it there at least once a year.

We were happy to see everyone but especially our newest members, **Maria and Alton Hues** who came all the way from Richards, Texas and also **Mary and Glen Grace** who attended their first meeting after recently rejoining our group. Despite the warm temperature, Lonnie brought his pretty and really fast '55 Clipper hard top, **Reed Simpson** brought his 1941 120 sedan, **the Baccaros** brought our 1940 160, which **Carol** said I drive faster than any of our other Packards. Of course, **Evelyn** had her Twin Six and the '34 Convertible at the meeting. In addition, since **Glen** sold his Packards they brought his really nice 1950 Studebaker. My son and his family saw **Glen and Mary** driving the Studebaker in the Galveston Mardi Gras parade a week earlier!

Following lunch, we travelled the short distance to **Evelyn's** house where she treated us to numerous desserts including fresh fruit as well as coffee, lemonade, and tea. We had a short meeting before we indulged in the sweets. **Ed Fleming** won \$80 in the 50/50 for the 3rd time. I think he is after **Caroline Calistrat'** record! **Ed** graciously donated his winning proceeds back to the club. I mentioned all the birthdays we had for the month but unfortunately no one was there so we could not get a picture. I also mentioned that **JC Hairrell, Ben Carter and Patricia Orr** are all dealing with medical issues related to previous surgeries. I

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**Ronald Lee Jordan**

**February 18, 1939 – February 3, 2023**

As a Hotel and Restaurant Executive with Marriott, Ron came to Houston in 1968. In 1970, he built, owned and operated the Quality Inn Intercontinental Airport, known as the Country Club Hotel for its amenities. For the next 50 years, Ron would remain an active part in his Kingwood community and industry serving in several chair positions for organizations such as Quality Inns International, Houston Hotel Motel Association, Humble Chamber of Commerce, Humble Savings & Loan Assoc.

He served for 20 years as a Professor-Lecturer at the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership. He sold his hotel and became owner/operator of intercontinental Machine all the while continuing to teach at the University of Houston. His fishing hobby led him to open Intercontinental Fishing Charters in Surfside, TX. Ron was a Lutheran and instrumental in helping to organize both Holy Comforter and Lamb of God Lutheran Churches.

As an antique car enthusiast, Ron was known best for his Packards and Studebakers. He was a longtime member of Lone Star Packards serving as Director for many years. He implemented getting the Packard National Meet in Houston in 1984. Ron is survived by his wife of 61 years, Juanita, daughters, Juliana and husband David Dearman, Juanita and husband Kevin Neely, sons Tim and wife Lori Jordan, and Tom Jordan. His sister Nina and her husband Phil Ward. Also, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

LSP will make our customary donation to the Packard Proving Grounds in Ron's memory.

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failed to mention that **Mary Matthews** is halfway through her cancer chemo treatments and **Jay** said she is doing well considering. **Janice Carter** doing well after undergoing another heart procedure. **Lynda Dentler** home recuperating from foot surgery.

We mentioned that the **deadline for reserving a room in the Texas Packard Meet block is fast approaching (March 9th)**. To get the special rate you need to call them NOW if you wish to stay at the meet hotel (254 947 4004.) Also, please send your meet registration to **Rena** asap. I mentioned that I have asked the other Texas directors to relieve me of the meet chairperson responsibilities if possible. If no one comes forward, I will probably keep it because I don't want the meet not to happen. In addition, we talked about Keels and Wheels. It would be nice to have another large LSP contingent at Keels and Wheels in May. I think that deadline is March 3rd and you can get information from their website or Facebook page if they did not send you info.

Because our meeting was late this month, we will skip meeting in March so we can all work on our cars getting them ready for the trip to Salado. As usual, there will probably be a caravan leaving from the Katy area on Thursday led by our web master **Doug Carlson**.

The Lone Star Packard Club was well represented at the memorial service for former LSP Director **Ron Jordan** last weekend. **Ron** once owned a 30's model but after that he owned only V8 Packards. **Ron** had not held any leadership role in the club recently, but he made huge contributions in our early history. Securing **Jim Nance's** attendance at the national we hosted in 1984 put LSP on the Packard map nationally. His contributions helped lay the foundation for future successes. Next year our club will celebrate our 60th anniversary. That is a great accomplishment and **Ron and Juanita** helped make that possible. He would have been very happy to see the six V8's and the one Straight 8 in the parking lot outside the Kingwood Funeral Home.

Look forward to seeing a big contingent of LSP folks in Salado. We always have a lot of fun!

Happy Packarding, Tommy



Ron, Juanita and Jim Nance 1984 National Meet at the Shamrock Hilton.



Ron Jordan – Jim Nance - - Doyle Bond



Packards at Ron Jordan's memorial service



Second car is Ron's 1956 Caribbean Hardtop

**44<sup>th</sup> TEXAS PACKARD MEET IN SALADO, TEXAS**  
**MARCH 30 – APRIL 2, 2023**  
Registration & Packard Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region Club (circle): ALTP, HOT, LSP, PNT

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ 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 If so, how \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Modified: Yes or No If so, how \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Registration Fee for Individual/Family:** Before March 24, 2023 - \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Or After March 24, 2023 - \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee for Additional Non-family Guest(s): \$15.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night Buffet/Awards Presentation:** Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken & Beef Fajita Buffet Children 7 – 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sides, Iced Tea, Dessert, Tax & Tip Children under 6 FREE

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

**Mail registration form and check to:**  
Texas Packard Meet, Rena Sartin,  
24831 Millers Ln., Katy, Texas 77493  
[281-371-3841; [rsartin@consolidated.net](mailto:rsartin@consolidated.net)]

**For room reservations call direct to:**  
Holiday Inn Express Salado  
254-947-4004  
Ask for Texas Packard Meet block of rooms

**For more information contact Meet Chair: Tommy Baccaro, 832-905-3904, [baccaro3@verizon.net](mailto:baccaro3@verizon.net)**

## LSP February Membership Report

We have 55 families and 102 people.

52	Pre-War Packards
45	Post War Packards
97	Total

We are happy to report that Glen and Mary Grace renewed their LSP Membership this month. Welcome back to LSP.

Email Ben if you have acquired another Packard or let one go.

We need any other information that needs to be updated. We want to keep our records as accurate as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.



## February Birthdays

2	Lily Myers
8	Kristyn Pate
9	Tom Drisdale
11	Gayle Bucher
12	Jay Matthews
12	Stephen Wanderman
16	Caroline Calistrat
18	Jennifer Bates
18	Mike Grimes
23	Sherry Harriell
24	Lyn Morris
27	Lenny Holzband
28	Ginny LaGroue



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### Going down the road in 2023.....

#### Scheduled Meetings & Events

January 21	Alton & Maria Hues Ranch – Richards, TX
February 18	Evelyn Timmins Home, Friendswood, TX
March 30 – April 3	TPM – Holiday Inn - Salado, TX
May 6-7	Keels & Wheels – Seabrook, TX

#### **WANT TO HOST OR PLAN A FUTURE MEETING PLACE?**

Any ideas - suggestions - opinions – feelings – notions – thoughts – concepts – viewpoints you have would be appreciated.

**Contact Chris Baccaro, Activity Director**

*your BODY hears  
EVERYTHING  
your MIND says*

**STAY POSITIVE**









Anthony Baccaro riding in their Limo to Gina's for LSP Lunch



After the meeting – the cows were fed

#### Regional Officers

<b>Director:</b>	<b>Tommy Baccaro</b> 832-905-3904
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<b>Secretary/Benevolence:</b>	<b>Patricia Orr</b> 281-342-3855
<b>Membership/Publications:</b>	<b>Ben &amp; Janice Carter</b> 281-341-6595
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<b>Historians:</b>	<b>Carol Baccaro</b> <b>Anthony Baccaro</b>
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<b>Technical Post-war:</b>	<b>John Lortz</b>

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