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## Director's Corner

On Sunday afternoon, 2/16/25, thirty-seven Lone Star Packard members and guests gathered at the Spaghetti Western in the Houston Heights. This is a unique restaurant decorated with posters from the Spaghetti Western era that made people like Clint Eastwood and Lee Van Cleef famous. The Italian food is great. The service is great. Also, it is probably the most centrally located venue we frequent. We will probably return again in 2025.

We were pleased to see **James and Eileen Bartlett** rejoin our club and we look forward to seeing them in the future. In fact, they were the lucky winners in our 50/50 drawing taking home \$60!

Our special guest was **David Perez of D&A Auto located at 7905 Alameda Genoa in the Hobby Airport area.** David does general auto repair but he also does maintenance and full restoration of classic cars. He said it was his hope that the antique and classic car work would eventually take over the business. If you have seen the paint job on **Stephen's** award winning '49 Custom, you know he is good! He is currently working on a customer's '53 Packard limo as well as **Stephen's '49 convertible.**

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### LONE STAR PACKARDS OF HOUSTON MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2025

As of February 16, 2025 there are twenty of our loyal members who have not re-upped for 2025.

If you want to be a part of LSP, it's time to pay your \$10 membership dues. **Send your cash or check payable to Lone Star Packards to our Treasurer Tony Darrow, 5215 Pebble Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77066**

**But wait, there's more,** if Tony does not receive your check, then you will be removed from the membership roster and Tommy's email distribution. We know you don't want to miss out, so get this done **ASAP!**



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**Jan** read the February birthday list, which has several members. But **Jay** was the only one present.

I am still wearing that big boot for my heel spur so did not drive a Packard this time. Thanks to **Stephen and Lonnie who did bring their Packards.**

**Stephen** has arranged for us to visit the National Funeral Museum on Saturday, March 8th. We moved the meeting up for March as our regular 3rd weekend would put it too close to our Salado trip. If you have never been to this museum, you are in for a treat. There are lots of vehicles exhibited there that were used in the funeral industry. My favorite is the Packard funeral bus that I believe was actually only used briefly in funeral service in San Francisco. There are also displays depicting famous funerals such as for Presidents or Popes. Even if you have been before, it has been at least 10 years since our club visited and some of the vehicles and displays have changed. More details including the restaurant will be coming in the near future. The museum is located in Spring not far off I-45 North.

**Keels and Wheels** is now taking applications. See page 4 for application information.

**Salado** – make your hotel reservations with the Holiday Inn Express in Salado. See page 4 for reservation information. The direct phone number and the cutoff date for the negotiated rate is on the application. Remember, you must call the hotel directly and cannot use the national registration center to get our special rate.

For many years we had a fall tour on a Saturday morning with return on Sunday. We went to the "Golden Triangle" area twice visiting the Shangri-La nature center, mansions, a Firehouse Museum, and the site of one of the great oil discoveries in Texas. We also visited Brenham a couple of times making side trips to a model plane museum in Schulenburg as well as the Shiner Brewery, and a convent where the nuns raised miniature horses. We also visited Nacogdoches and Huntsville and other spots I have forgotten. Several times I have mentioned doing it

again but have not seen a lot of interest. After our meeting, one of the members asked if I would mention it again. If we don't have enough interest maybe we could team with another club. I think the last overnighiter we had was to Galveston and it was organized by Ben and Janice. Galveston was chosen because the Gulf Coast AACA was hosting an AACA national that weekend and we got to see the cars on display. They are again hosting one this coming October in Galveston. Several of us are also AACA members and I know we are planning on displaying one of our cars. (note, to display you must not only belong to the Gulf Coast region but also the national AACA). If there is no interest, we will continue with our one-day tours in the fall. (I have an idea for a one-day trip to the Lake Jackson area).

I have three big boxes of **Ben's Packard parts** that Jan gave me to bring to Salado for sale. I may need some help during the swap meet as sometimes the directors have their meeting while that is going on. It is mostly accessories and a few ignition parts. If you are looking for something, ask me and I will go look. There are also some very old magazines containing Packard ads.

See you down the road at the Funeral Museum.

Happy Packarding, Tommy



#### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

**James and Eileen Bartlett** are re-joining LSP. They live in Tomball and are the proud owners of 1929 Packard 640 Series.



Above - Johnny & Terry Scott

Right - James & Eileen Barlett



Lynda & Herman Dentler



Above - Herman, Jay & guest Jerry Sherman  
Below - Ed Flemming, Tommy & Carol



Carol, Chris, Anthony, Jamie, &Gianna



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Lily Myers
- 11 Gayle Bucher
- 12 Jay Matthews
- 12 Stephen Wanderman
- 16 Caroline Calistrat
- 17 Larry Dover
- 18 Jennifer Bates
- 18 Mike Grimes
- 23 Sherry Hairrell
- 24 Lyn Morris
- 27 Lenny Holzband
- 27 Dennis Murland
- 28 Ginny LaGroue



Jay was the only February birthday attending

**SALADO TPM**  
**APRIL 3-6, 2025**  
**For room reservations call**  
**direct to:**  
**Holiday Inn Express**  
**Salado: 254-947-4004**

**Ask for Texas Packard Meet block of rooms.**



Keels & Wheels is accepting applications with a \$75 registration for cars, motorcycles, and trucks through March 17, 2025.  
 Visit <https://keels-wheels.com/entrants/>

**2025 Events.....**

- January 18** Lunch at Pappas BBQ & Tour 1940 Houston National Airport Museum
- February 16** **Lunch at Spaghetti Western @ 1pm 1608 Shepherd, Houston**
- March 8 Visit Funeral Museum, lunch location TBD
- April 3-6** **46<sup>th</sup> Texas Packard Meet Holiday Inn Express, Salado, TX**
- May 3-4** **Keels & Wheels Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX**
- June TBD
- July TBD
- August TBD
- September TBD
- October TBD
- November TBD
- December TBD

**Tommy and Chris Baccaro need your recommendations for 2025 meeting sites.**  
**Any interesting place you want to go, let them know.**

46<sup>th</sup> TEXAS PACKARD MEET IN SALADO, TEXAS

APRIL 3 - 6, 2025

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:**

Receive Before March 22, 2025 - \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Receive After March 22, 2025 - \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Saturday Night Banquet/Awards Presentation: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Brisket, Sausage, all Sides Children 7 - 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Iced Tea, Dessert, Tax & Tip Children under 6 FREE \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail registration form and check to:**

**For room reservations call direct to:**

Texas Packard Meet, Darlene Mitchell,  
301 Weeks Rd., Cleburne, Texas 76031  
[817-913-6685, dinkyplane@hotmail.com]

**Holiday Inn Express Salado, PH: 254-947-4004**  
Ask for TPM block of rooms; cut-off date is March 13th.  
You can cancel up to 72 hours (3 days) in advance.  
Room Rate: \$159 - King; \$169 - Double Queen

**For more info. Contact: Meet Co- Chair: Terry McKnight, 903-445-3926, [mcknightterry23@gmail.com](mailto:mcknightterry23@gmail.com)**

**Or Co-Chair: Chris Stathopulo, 972-931-3767, [ccstathos@juno.com](mailto:ccstathos@juno.com)**



Shirley, Tony Darrow & Leon Ahlers



Lortz family, Lonnie & Erika Gipson, and at the end of the table John & Lynn Eanes -walking by Anthony!



Donna Lortz with John



John Dalton  
Jack & Rena Sartin



Chris & Anthony



Stephen Morris  
Liz Carter

## Laughing Matters ...

**It's OK to talk to yourself...and ok to answer yourself. But sad when you have to repeat what you said because you weren't listening!!**

I was at lunch with an old friend & pointed at two elderly ladies across the room and said "That will be us in 10 years". She said "That's a mirror".

**A WIFE, BEING THE ROMANTIC SORT, SENT HER HUSBAND A TEXT: "IF YOU ARE SLEEPING, SEND ME YOUR DREAMS. IF YOU ARE LAUGHING, SEND ME YOUR SMILE. IF YOU ARE EATING, SEND ME A BITE. IF YOU ARE DRINKING SEND ME A SIP. IF YOU ARE CRYING, SEND ME YOUR TEARS. I LOVE YOU!" THE HUSBAND, TYPICALLY NON-ROMANTIC, REPLIED: "I AM ON THE TOILET. PLEASE ADVISE."**

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AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**