



# The Owner's Manual/Newsletter

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## Director's Corner

Greetings LSP members and friends.

Our February meeting was a great success! Thanks to **Stephen and Lyn** for setting up a joint meeting with our friends from the **Gulf Coast Region of AACA**. We have had several meetings with them over the years with the last one being when we toured the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field. This time, we met at the Spanish Flowers Restaurant on I 45 North and then drove the short distance to the National Museum of Funeral History.

The National Museum of Funeral History is one of the best museums you will ever see! They had actual artifacts from the funeral of presidents, popes, entertainers and examples of all kinds of related equipment. Our docent gave the stories behind many of the exhibits. Did you know that only one hearse ever carried the bodies of more than one president to his burial site? The same hearse that carried President Reagan also carried President Ford. The commercial or service car collection alone was worth the visit!

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### LONE STAR PACKARDS OF HOUSTON MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2026

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 by 3/8/26.**

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!**

**If you paid more than \$10 in 2025, your balance carries forward for the years you paid. If in doubt, check with our Treasurer Tony Darrow.**

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We had 21 members and friends of LSP present and about the same number of AACA members. We have probably a half dozen families who are members of both clubs, so it is possible a couple may have been counted present for both clubs.

#### **FOUR PACKARDS MADE IT TO THE MEETING**

We want to thank the **Darrow's** for bringing their sharp 1957 Clipper. **John Lortz** for bringing the beautiful 1956 400, former member **Barry Hackney** for bringing the sporty 1958 Packard Hawk and special recognition to the **Dentler's** for bringing their 1956 Caribbean all the way from La Rue, Texas which is close to Tyler. They deserve the long-distance award.

We were unable to bring one this time which I was regretting until we started home. On the way to the meeting, we observed that the east bound side of the Sam Houston Tollway was cut down to one lane for miles before the I 59 cut off. So, coming back we decided to go straight down I 45 towards town and get off on either 610 or I -10. However, before we could get that far we ran into construction sites on our side of the freeway and we went at a slow pace for (it seemed like) miles. An older car might very well have over heated! It is getting very difficult to avoid such situations in an antique car when travelling from one side of the nation's 4th largest city to the other. In land mass, I think we are either the largest or pretty close to the largest in the country. We frequently take a longer, less travelled, route to avoid the congestion.

At our portion of the meeting, I relayed that **Jay Matthews** had a stroke earlier in the week. Doctors predicted a full recovery and he went home on Friday. We all wish him a quick recovery!

I failed to mention that **Tony** had sent a donation to the Packard Proving Grounds Museum in honor of the late **Reed Simpson**.

We also discussed whether to meet in March or not and the decision was "yes". We will be coming up

with something soon preferably further north or the western regions of our membership area.

#### **SALADO**

We also reminded members they need to call the Salado Holiday Inn directly to get the Packard rate for the 47th Annual TPM. **YOU CANNOT CALL THE NATIONAL RESERVATION LINE AND GET THE SPECIAL RATE.** Also, it is time to send in your meet registration to our meet registrar. All that information is on the application (See page 5).

#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

We are asking **Stephen** to hold up on the roster until everyone who wishes to remain in our LSP club has paid their dues for 2026. March 8th is the cutoff date so please send Tony your \$10.

Note, we do have several people who are on the mailing list as a courtesy because they are leaders of other clubs, they may be classic car influencers or maybe editors or blog people. Sometimes we include someone for a while if we know they own a Packard and we want them to see who we are and what we do before they join. The deadline does not include those people. It also does not include our honorary members who are survivors of deceased LSP members. All others, please pay your \$10 dues soon.

We will start working on the March meeting this week. More to follow,

Happy Packarding, Tommy



**We have missed seeing several members at our meetings lately and hope you are doing ok and will join us again soon. Let us (Tommy) hear from you as we want to keep our members updated and engaged.**

**We need everyone to help keep this club going!**



Darrow's '57  
Clipper



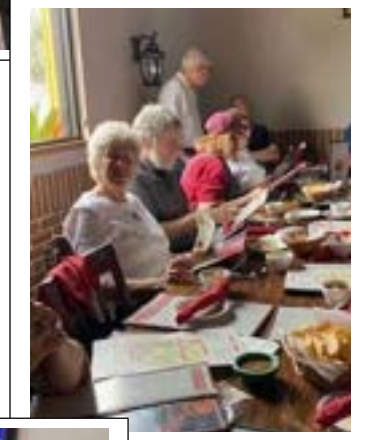
Dentler's '56  
Caribbean



John Lortz's  
'56 400

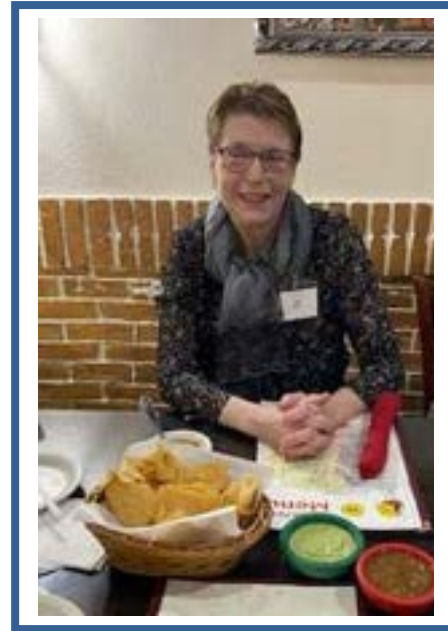


Barry Hackney  
'58 Packard  
Hawk





- 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



Lyn Morris was the only February birthday in attendance

#### *Going down the road 2026....*

**January 19** - San Jacinto Monument

**February 21** – Funeral Museum in Spring, TX

**March** TBD

**April 9-11** - 47<sup>th</sup> TX Packard Meet Salado, TX

**April 25-26** Keels & Wheels, Seabrook, TX

Help is needed finding a Packard part ....

**David Richard** is having trouble finding a Core for his '29 Packard. We saw this unique Packard at our meeting in Richmond. It had an alternator, but it may not have been the correct Packard generator. I suspect that is what he would like to do now. He might want to put an original back in but either way he needs one. If you have one or know of one, please contact Dave so we can see them drive up in the Packard again. He can be reached at 409-39-77-2630.

#### *LSP Market Place*

A Friend of Evelyn Timmins has cars and other items for sale. I am a collector in Rosenberg and have sold most of my collection, but still have the following:

- 1960 Edsel
- 1983 Lincoln Mark V DIESEL
- 1969 Mercury convertible
- 1979 Lincoln Mark V
- 1978 Lincoln Mark V, repainted and runs

I have sold the building and most of the cars, Texas titles in my name. Will accept any reasonable offers. I must clear the building. Also have air compressor, power washer, gas mowers, room air conditioner, 3 small refrigerators, parts washer, new 14-inch tires, etc.

If interested, contact Robert J. Kern 281-467-5748

**All the Packards listed in the January issue are still available and looking for a new home.**

**47<sup>th</sup> TEXAS PACKARD MEET IN SALADO, TEXAS**

**APRIL 9 - 11, 2026**

**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:**

**Received Before March 26, 2026** \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Received After March 26, 2026** \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Brisket, Turkey, all Sides** Children 7 – 12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Iced Tea, Dessert, Tax & Tip Children under 6 FRE**

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

**Mail registration form and check to: Texas Packard Meet, Darlene Mitchell**  
301 Weeks Rd, Cleburne, TX 76031  
817-913-6685, dinkyplane@hotmail.com

**For room reservations call direct to:**  
**Holiday Inn Express Salado, PH: 254-947-4004**  
**Ask for TPM block of rooms,**  
Single King= \$170, 2 Queens = \$180 **Block Code: P26**  
**You can cancel up to 72 hours (3 days) in advance.**

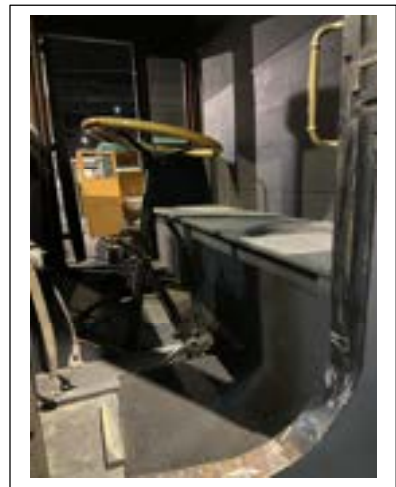
**For more info. contact Meet Chair: Terry McKnight, 903-445-3926, mcknightterry23@gmail.com**



Packard Funeral Flower Car



Mercedes funeral car for Princess Grace of Monaco



Drivers seat in Funeral Bus

Here is a quick quiz for you. If you have 5 points or more, let your editor know! You must really be young!

**Give yourself 1 point for each thing you've NEVER done:**

- 1. Used a rotary phone**
- 2. Used a floppy disc**
- 3. Used a typewriter**
- 4. Taken photos with a film camera**
- 5. Listened to music on a CD**
- 6. Listened to a cassette tape**
- 7. Listened to a vinyl record**
- 8. Listened to music on a Walkman**
- 9. Listened to music on a boombox outside**
- 10. Watched a video from a VHS tape**
- 11. Sent or received a fax**
- 12. Recorded music from radio to cassette**
- 13. Rented a video from Blockbuster**
- 14. Accessed the internet by dial-up**
- 15. Used a phone book**
- 16. Sent a postcard**
- 17. Used a paper map to get somewhere**
- 18. Owned a dictionary**
- 19. Owned an encyclopedia**
- 20. Paid with a paper cheque/check**



Side view  
Of  
Packard  
Flower  
Car



Side view  
Of funeral  
bus



Embalming  
Tube for  
President  
Truman



1916 Funeral  
Bus

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