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Greetings LSP family!

On Saturday, 1/21/23. **Alton and Maria Hues** hosted our group at their ranch in Richards, Texas. In the middle of the Sam Houston National Forest, they have created a unique little town. It features a general store, jail, **Alton's** boyhood home, a working Ferris wheel and much more! We were treated to a great BBQ sandwich lunch provided by our hosts. Thanks again to **Alton and Maria** for a really great time. We are very happy they recently joined our Packard family!

The Hues car collection is an eclectic collection well worth the trip. There are numerous Ford products including a model A, Model T, and several early Ford v8' s including a Mercury Woody! He even has a Jeep! Of course, the stars of the show had to be the two Packards. We had already seen the flawless 180 formal sedan at the Christmas party but it looked just as great the second time around. It originally belonged to actor Brian Donlevy but later found its way into Merle Norman's carriage house. The other Packard is a dual windshield 1927 that was in the Roosevelt family fleet before FDR became President. It was a real treat to see the collection!

I tried to get a headcount and think we had 49 attendees. **Ed Fleming** won the 50/50 drawing which was \$65. Also, **Ed** showed the group the Packard flags he had ordered from a local flag company. We have one hanging in our garage and he has a few more for sale if interested. They are \$90 each.

John Payne joined our group at Keels and Wheels last year and this is the first meeting he has been able to attend. Hopefully he will be able to join us again. We were all so very pleased to see **JC and Sherry Hairrell** as the last meeting they attended was in Willis, where we were hosted

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Mike M. Calistrat
April 20, 1927 – December 9, 2022

Mike and his wife, Caroline, were long time members of LSP and Mike was a former editor of the Owner's Manual. The Calistrat's hosted our club in their home in Quail Valley many times. They were active until several years ago when they moved into an assisted living center after selling their car collection. They had owned a Packard Hawk as well as a '39 12 cylinder, and several Lincolns. Mike was a PhD Mechanical Engineer and had many patents, especially on motor couplings. He never touted that he had a PhD, as he felt that it might make people feel like he was too upper crust

As an inventor, Mike invented numerous gadgets around their house. He held the patent for the gear reducer for all of the wind turbines in use today (and was still receiving a royalty on each one.) He built a power steering system for his '39 by converting a unit made for a big Ford tractor. He also wrote a manual about the lubrication system on the Packard Twelve which we sold as a region project.

The story of Mike and Caroline's escape from Communist Romania behind the Iron Curtain in the '50s on a motorcycle with a suitcase and \$100, and the saga of becoming American citizens would make a great movie. He was a fine gentleman, a brilliant engineer with a great sense of humor.

Tony will make our usual donation to the Packard Proving grounds in Mike's name. The club sends our sincere sorrow to Caroline and her sons, Andy and Daniel.

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by the **Buchers**. For the last six months, **JC** has been occupied with cancer treatments. It was wonderful to see him on his feet and making such great progress.

We also learned **Mary Matthews** is undergoing cancer treatment and is making good progress. **Evelyn Timmins** was coming today but she has some migraine problems lately and decided it was not wise to drive that far. **Leon Ahlers** had to cancel for health reasons. **Leon and Pam** recently returned from a cruise. Unfortunately, he fell while walking down a flight of stairs on the cruise and injured his back. He will be seeing a specialist this next week but did not feel like making the trip today. **Bill Anderson** is under the weather struggling with getting over a bout of Covid. It really zaps the energy out of you. **Jan Carter** missed today. **Jan** had a spike in blood pressure which called for an adjustment in her medication. She shared with me that it seems to have corrected the problem. We missed all of you who were unable to attend today.

We introduced guests. **Doug & Maureen Carlson** brought their neighbor **Gloria Mauer** and **Dan Becker** brought **Terry Williams** who has hosted us at his collection in League City.

We sent out an email recently announcing that the **Dentlers** wanted to sell their 1954 Packard Cavalier. They brought it to the meeting in Richards today so we could all get a good look at it. Guess what, it went home with **Ben!** It is a gorgeous car and I hope to see it at the TPM as well as Keels and Wheels.

Speaking of cars for sale. I recently sent out a few pictures of a 1955 400 that is for sale here in League City. I have actually only seen pictures of it but it seems really nice and only has 57k miles on the odometer. He is asking \$13,500. Please someone buy it as I am afraid I will if it is not bought soon.

Keels and Wheels packets went out this past week so decide what you are going to bring and get your packets turned in. We will have our 1940 160 and our 1948 Deluxe Super 8 limo on display. The '48 is actually getting a touch up on the roof in preparation for K&W. We sent it to **Ronney's Restorations** outside of Waco. He does great work and has worked on several club cars.

TEXAS PACKARD MEET - SALADO

Not sure what we are bringing to Salado. Please get your registration in to **Rena** soon so it is not so many at the last minute. Also, your hotel registration needs to be made directly with the **Salado Holiday Inn Express. (254 947 4004)** Make your reservation early, **but the absolute deadline for the host hotel meet rates is March 9th.**

There has been some interest in a visiting the **1940 Houston Airport Museum** to see the special display of crew uniforms from 1940 to present (Fashion In Flight.) The museum is open until 5 PM on Saturdays, and if interested you could stop there on the way home from seeing the Timmins collection. More info on the February meeting when details are finalized.

Happy Packarding, Tommy

2022 David McDonald Activity Award Winners

Congratulations to **Doug Carlson and Stephen Morris** who tied for this award.

Thank you both for your efforts to keep our Packards out where they can be seen and enjoyed by not only members but the public as well. You will be getting a note from Jackie Bruner of Max Merritt Packard telling you each have a \$50 credit towards your next Packard part from Max Merritt.

Lonnie Gipson actually won but he graciously donated the \$100 gift card from Max Merritt to the second-place winner. This time there was a 4-way tie for second place, but **John Lortz Sr and Tommy Baccaro** withdrew. Bravo to all of you who drove your Packards out and about last year!

LSP Remembers

During 2022 six of our members passed away. This is the first time we have lost this many in one year. Sincere condolences to each family.

Jamie Roberts	September 19, 1934 - January 7, 2022
Mike Rigsby	December 18, 1935 - March 2, 2022
Rich Trokey	August 7, 1939 - March 19, 2022
Judy Anderson	June 26, 1940 - April 12, 2022
Jerry Erhman	January 29, 1942 - July 3, 2022
Mike Calistrat	April 20, 1927 - December 9, 2022

LSP January Membership Report

We have **54** families and a total of **96** people on our roster.

52	Pre-War
45	Post War
97	Total Packards

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.

My wife asked me why I don't treat her like we first started dating.

So, I took her to dinner and a movie then dropped her off at her parents.



FDR's Personal 1927 Packard convertible



Alton Hues & John Payne checking out Lonnie Gipson's & Stephen Morris' Packards



Steven Morris, Ed Fleming, John Payne, Ben Carter

As a tribute to Mike Calistrat, here is an article he published in the November 2013 OM and picture of his Packard Twelve.

Hush!

Advertisement from Time magazine of February 1933.

There is a deeper significance in the quiet of the Packard Twelve motor than mere solace to your ears.

Such quiet is a reflection of standards so precise as to be almost incredible.

Would you believe that any manufacturer would carry the war against noise into the realm of inaudible sounds? Packard does so. By radio amplification, Packard locates and eliminates noises that the human ear unaided could not hear.

Would you believe any manufacturer could reduce even the noise of the wind as it rushes by? Packard does so – by studing contours and angles, and re-designing them.

Such examples are typical of the lengths to which Packard has gone to produce the quietest motor car ever built.

What does this quiet mean in comfort, in motoring pleasure? Take a Packard Twelve out on the road and open the throttle. In a trice you're going faster than you've probably ever dared drive a car before. Yet you drive with a perfect sense of security. For there's no snarl from the motor to rasp your nerves. So quiet is the car you can converse in a normal voice while traveling a mile and a half a minute.

Today's Twelve is not only Packard's masterpiece – it is, we believe, the finest motor car ever produced in America.

Editor's note: Don't despair! You can still buy a Packard Twelve. Ask me how.



Mike restored this Packard. Did everything but paint it!



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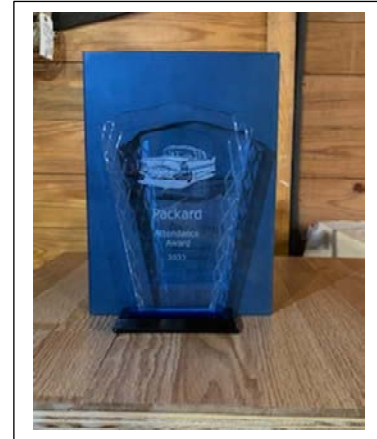


January Birthdays

- 9 Nancy Eudy
- 19 Juanita Jordan
- 20 Karen Trokey
- 22 Diana Osborne
- 31 Lonnie Gipson



Lonnie Gipson was the only January birthday member attending Saturday.



Lonnie had an award made for himself being the member that drove his Packard to the most meetings. Congratulations!

**Going down the road in 2023.....
Scheduled Meetings & Events**

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| 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



Tommy Baccaro, Jill Burtchaell, John Payne



Dan Becker & Terry Williams inspecting Alton’s 1940 Limousine with divided window between chauffeur and passengers



These guys are really checking out Alton’s 1927 Dual Windshield Packard

44th 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]

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



Green Packard is Lonnie's '55.
Yellow Packard Stephen's '53
Mayfair



Alton's boyhood home



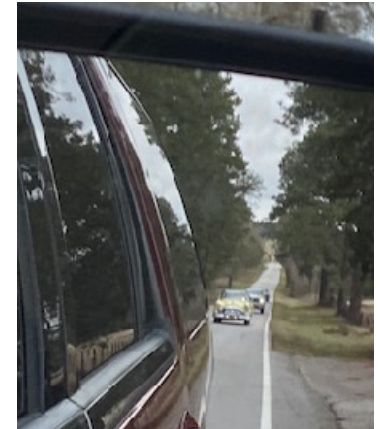
Guest – Gloria Maurer with Alton Hues &
Maureen Carlson



Ben's new Packard



Alton Hues & Rena Sartin



Gloria likes this antique Farming equipment



Inside 1940 Formal Sedan



Rena Sartin with JC & Sherry Hairrell



Doug & Maureen Carlson with their guest
Gloria Maurer

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