



# The Owner's Manual/Newsletter

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## Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family and friends

On Saturday the 17th, 28 members of LSP gathered at the San Jacinto Monument and Museum on the grounds of the Battle of San Jacinto. It was a cold and really windy day so only 2 Packards were present. **Stephen and Lyn's '49 Custom and our '54 Cavalier represented us well.** Both drew a lot of on lookers and Stephen and I answered a lot of questions regarding them.

### DAVID McDONALD PARTICIPATION AWARD 2025

**Stephen** won the David McDonald Participation award for 2025. This award is named after the late former director David McDonald who always brought his '49 Packard fast back to almost every meeting year after year. David's car is now owned by David Miller and wife Princess in the Heart of Texas region.

Congratulations to **Stephen** as he was also recently elected as President of the Gulf Coast AACA

We arrived late as we got behind two escorted wide

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## LONE STAR PACKARDS OF HOUSTON MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2026



**WE WANT  
YOU TO STAY  
IN OUR CLUB!  
PAY YOUR  
DUES – NOW!**

**If you have not yet paid the \$10 membership dues for 2026 please do so ASAP. We want to know if you are staying in the club. Pay by cash or check payable to Lone Star Packards and **not payable to Tony.** He has trouble with the bank when checks are payable to him.**

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loads on Hwy 146 and someone forgot to measure the narrow lanes due to construction between Seabrook and LaPorte. It took us about 40 minutes to get through the mess in our '54. I think the traffic gods have it in for me when I drive a Packard somewhere!

### **FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**

Our next meeting will be **February 21st at the National Funeral Service Museum in Spring**. I think this will be our 3rd club visit, but the last one was well over 10 years ago. This is one of the most interesting museums you will ever visit and the professional car exhibit alone is worth the trip. The "star car" is the 1916 Packard Funeral Bus. This will be a joint meet with our friends from AACA also joining in the fun. **Stephen** is working out the details and more info including the restaurant will follow.

### **UPCOMING MEETING IDEAS**

Several people made recommendations for future meetings.

**The Dentler's** suggested we go to Huntsville sometime. We have done that in the past, but it has been a long time. Some points of interest would include the Sam Houston Museum, Sam Houston's gravesite as well as his two homes, the State Prison Museum, various antique shops around the square, as well as the visitors' center at Sam Houston State.

**Juanita Jordan** suggested we again visit the Brookwood Community in Brookshire. We have done that in the past but, it has been many years.

**Tommy** thought we could also return to the George Bush library and museum in College Station which has added more exhibits since we went there years ago. Plus George and Barbara have since passed and we could visit their grave site.

**Dave and Sandra Lucas** suggested we travel to the Bryan Museum in Galveston as we have not been there in a long time and then go to their home in Alvin on the way home.

We also could make another visit to St Arnold's Brewery on the outskirts of downtown Houston.

We mentioned that **April is the Salado month and also Keels and Wheels**. That leaves March, May and June to be filled in the near future. We like to have the March meeting earlier than the third weekend to not interfere with Salado preparations. More to follow on all of the above.

### **LONG DISTANCE RECOGNITION**

The long-distance congrats and recognition again went to the **Dentlers** who drove all the way from the Dallas area to be with us. That is a four-hour drive (5 hours in this case) and we not only appreciate their company, but we appreciate the distance they travel to join us.

Second place goes to **David Richard's family** who drove from the Beaumont area. We appreciate their effort as well!

We went to the Pappas BBQ for lunch after our visit to the museum. We chose the Pappas location which was off the Sam Houston tollway in nearby Pasadena. The food was great and there was plenty of room for all of us to sit together. We were still able to conduct a short meeting to recognize birthdays and to speak about coming activities. Thanks to **Chris** for recommending this restaurant.

See you on Feb. 21st in Spring!  
Happy Packarding, Tommy



### **In Memoriam**

**Remembering the members we  
lost in 2025.**

**Jack Sartin - July 18**

**Larry Myers – September 4**



**Reed Frost Simpson  
August 11, 1941 - January 11, 2026**

Reed Simpson, 84 of Tomball, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026 in Houston, TX.

Born in San Bernardino, California. Shortly thereafter drove the family car around the backyard. Graduated to drag racing in Pomona, California. Built a successful computer consulting business. Lived in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Ocean Shores, Washington before moving to Tomball, TX.

Married to Carol Berger Simpson (deceased). Survived by son David and grandchildren Gregory and Remi Simpson, and his constant companion Schnauzer Charlie. He was an avid car and computer guy; and he will be missed.

At his request, there will be no funeral service.

Charitable donations to a local boys and girls club would be appreciated.



Our LSP Marketplace has always been a site for members to sell or buy Packards. Last month we offered something

different. It was a success with Dan Becker purchasing the Oxy-Acetylene cutting/welding torch at a great price. This publication will continue to be a reliable source for you. Going forward, if any of you want to offer your car parts or other equipment through this site, or looking for some part, etc. send information and picture to your editor.

Listed are Packards and first time Evelyn has presented cars for sale. All are looking for a new home.

**Bill Anderson** '41 110 Coupe Special, Price reduced to \$18,000. Contact him at 281-235-7057. Fresh paint job, nearly new tires, leather interior, carpet in trunk and cab.

**Lenny Holzband 713-823-9369** 1941, 120 Sedan. This is fully restored and ready to sell.

**Sherry Hairrell 713-557-7617** 1955 fully restored Caribbean and a 1940 160 sedan with new motor and partially installed harness

**Nancy Eudy 281-383-9704** 1949 Standard Sedan

**Juanita Jordan 713-614-2156** 1956 Caribbean Convertible.

**Leon Ahlers 281-324-9393** 1941 restored 120 Convertible 4 door

**Dan Becker** '40 180 Formal Sedan. Contact Dan at [d.r.becker@comcast.net](mailto:d.r.becker@comcast.net).

**Evelyn Timmins** selling **1928 Graham-Paige model 619**

**Coupe:** Good solid, mostly original car. Very comfortable driving tour car. Total restoration. New tires, top and interior. Sliding gear 4-speed transmission, multiple disk clutch and hydraulic brakes. HP 97 (29.4)

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



Erika & Lonnie Gipson and Juanita Jordan

### Going down the road in 2026....

- January 19** - San Jacinto Monument
- February 21** - Funeral Museum in Spring, TX
- April 9-11** - 47<sup>th</sup> TX Packard Meet Salado, TX
- April 25-26** Keels & Wheels, Seabrook, TX

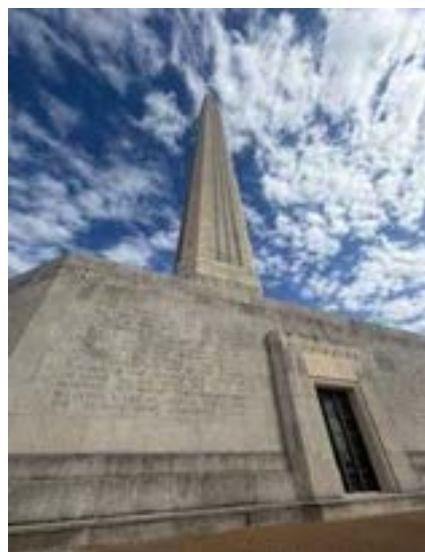
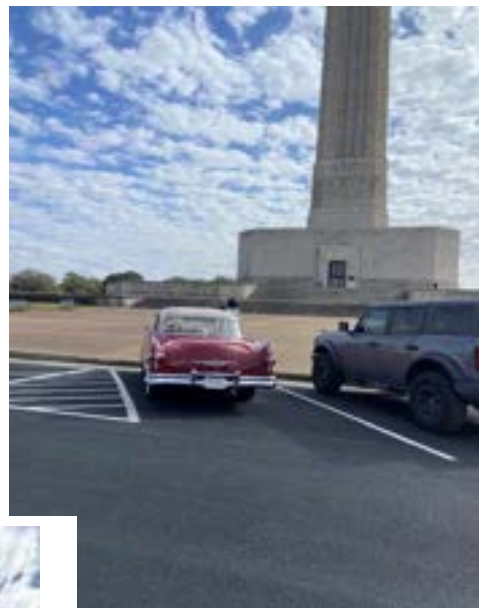
**Evelyn's Trumbull**, she wants to sell.

Model 15A  
Base Price then \$395  
Passenger 2  
Weight 740  
Wheelbase 80"  
Tread 49"  
Engine L-Head 4 cyl  
Displacement 103.7 cu.in.  
Bore and Stroke 2 7/8 X 4  
Horsepower 18  
Transmission Friction drive  
Clutch Friction wheel  
Brakes Mechanical



The only Trumbull known to survive the about 20 onboard the Lusitania when the Germans bombed it. Mr. Trumbull, Connecticut, was taking them to England where the smaller cars would sell better. He perished on the same trip.

**IF YOU EVER HELPED PUSH A  
CAR, RAN BESIDE IT, JUMPED  
IN AT THE LAST SECOND,  
DROPPED IT INTO GEAR, AND  
POPPED THE CLUTCH...  
YOU LIVED THROUGH  
A LEGENDARY TIME.  
TODAY'S KIDS WILL  
NEVER UNDERSTAND.**



*It's always interesting and memorable to visit the historical San Jacinto Monument and battleground to remember what happened there to secure Texas! This is hallowed ground and changed the world.*



Our newest member David & Linda Richard and family.

Lovely Lynda and happy Herman Dentler.



**Rena Sartin** spent the holidays in New Zealand visiting Jack's children and grandchildren. She visited a Packard museum in Hamilton, NZ and sent these pictures to share.



Packards can be found everywhere!



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**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE  
AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**