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Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family!

Despite Hurricane Beryl's aftereffects, approximately 28 members of the Lone Star Region met on July 13th at **the Sartin's** for our annual indoor picnic. Once again, we offer our sincere thanks to **the Sartin's** for their hospitality. It is not easy to prepare an area that large for guests.

I was told that **Jack** mopped the place to get rid of any dust the day before we arrived. In addition, he was also busy cutting trees off the two driveways so we could enter the property.

As usual, **Rena** coordinated the food procurement and gathered and supplied all the paper goods etc. Lots of work for both of them and we really appreciate the opportunity to see such a great collection of cars and decor. The picnic is the "icing on the cake"!

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Your cell phone has already replaced your watch, camera, calendar, and alarm clock. Don't let it replace your family.



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Jack and Rena also led us in the singing of several patriotic songs. They are a talented couple! **Rena** led us in the State Landmarks game.

Unfortunately, about 6 had to cancel as they were busy with storm clean up.

Though **John Lortz, Senior** had a tree land in his dining room and he still has no power or water, he took time out to join us, as well as some others who are still waiting for electricity. Hope no one else had anything that was too serious.

Next, we talked about our events. Your director took the opportunity to discuss last month's visit to the Texas City Museum and the Galveston County Model Railroad display. For years I wanted to make a return visit as it had been approximately 20 years since our club made the last visit. It was much bigger, not only in the museum part downstairs, but also upstairs for the model railroad display. I am told that I misspoke and said the huge Texas City US Army base was destroyed by a hurricane around 1810, but I was off by 100 years. It was in the early part of the last century. I either have to quit talking so much or the club needs to buy me a teleprompter! LOL!

As agreed at the last meeting, we will not meet in August.

We have a couple of ideas for September and we will be exploring those in the next couple of weeks to see what we can come up with.

October will be a busy month. ***Our official club meeting will be our 60th anniversary banquet on October 19th***, at the Monument Inn on the banks of the Houston Ship Channel and on the edge of the San Jacinto Battlefield. **Rena and**

Jack have arranged for us to have a choice of several entrees including seafood, steak or chicken. The Monument Inn is not only famous for their cinnamon rolls served with every dinner but also great desserts. The price including drink, tax and tip comes to over \$40 but I propose the club subsidizes the cost.

Mark your calendar now for this special event, October 19, 2024.

Last year our October meeting was the car show organized by **Stephen Morris** for his subdivision in the Spring area. This year the meet will be on October 12, 2024. **Stephen** said the only weak spot last year was the food and that has been addressed for this event. **Stephen** will give more info as we get closer but it was a lot of fun last year and there were more Packards than any other brand! However, we have also been invited to **participate in the 1st Annual Classic Car Show at the Holly Hall Retirement Center on that same date**. This will be a fund raiser for the community and multiple clubs have been invited. There is a registration fee and you can go to their [web page](#) for an application and details if interested.

Regarding November, I suggest we return to the Old Railroad Cafe in Rosenberg.

We are also beginning to think about a Christmas party site.

Jim Johnson, former Gulf Coast AACA president and currently the chairperson of the **2025 AACA Fall National** recently called me. The national will again be held at the Moody Gardens Resort in Galveston where it was held about 10 years ago. **The dates are October 22-25, 2025.** You may remember the Carters organized an LSP fall tour around the AACA meet the last time

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the local group hosted the national. Jim has invited us to officially participate as a club. The last time we brought our '40 160 and Bob Supina brought one of his '37's.

There is a requirement that you belong to the national AACA in order to enter a car. We will pass the information on to you as we get it from Jim. It was a lot of fun!

See you in September!

Stay cool and Happy Packarding, Tommy



Doug's '56 Clipper



Jack's '38 110 Convertible



Jack's '32 4 Door Sedan



July Birthdays

- 1 John Eanes
- 2 Gordon Clunn
- 5 Maya Baccaro
- 7 Alton Hues
- 17 Todd Bates
- 17 Ron Orr
- 25 Maureen Carlson
- 31 Shirley Darrow



Maureen Carlson & Shirley Darrow were the only July birthday members at the picnic.

Going on down the road 2024...

AUGUST	NO MEETING – TOO HOT!
SEPTEMBER	TBD
OCTOBER 12	CAR SHOW IN SPRING
OCTOBER 19	LSP 60 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – MONUMENT INN
NOVEMBER	MAYBE TO ROSENBERG AT OLE RAILROAD CAFE
DECEMBER	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.







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