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## Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family and friends!

Once again, we were treated to a great meeting site at the **Hues Ranch** in Richards, Texas. **Alton and Maria** provided a wonderful BBQ lunch with sides and desserts and opened up the restored and historic structures for our inspection. Of course, the shop was open where we not only drooled over a '27 and '40 Packard but saw restored fire trucks, Mercury "woodies", a Jeep, and more.

We were especially honored to have four guests from the Arklatex Region in the Longview area. We were happy to see **Nelson Bates and wife Norma and Jim Quinn and wife Marina**. Both Nelson and Jim are past Directors (presidents) of the Arklatex region. **Nelson and Norma** are also the parents of our own **Todd Bates**.

In addition to the two Packards in the shop, **Lonnie** brought his beautiful '55 Clipper and **Reed** brought his very nice '41 120 as well as his son **David**. **Evelyn** brought her friend **Lynda** who we have enjoyed having before and **Jan** was accompanied by daughter **Liz** who we have also enjoyed seeing before.

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## WHERE OH WHERE WILL WE GO?

We need someone to step up and help our club have a good get together around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September which would be 9/20,

Let's hear a "I know a good place" and tell Tommy your idea.

We need to give Tommy all the help we can. He doesn't need extra stress these days!

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I did not do a head count but according to my list we had 29 at the meeting. That is a good showing considering how hot it was.

During the meeting your director gave an update on the passing of **Jack Sartin. Jack, with Rena** right beside him, fought a valiant fight against cancer but passed into the hands of the Lord early Friday morning. **Jack and Rena** were always ready to help and support our activities. He was always thanking me for my efforts and they happily hosted our indoor picnic in their huge car parlor every summer. **Jack** and his always positive attitude and smile will be missed.

In other news, I presented a proposal to the group for a \$300 donation to the Packard Proving Grounds to go towards the further restoration of the "research building". During WW2, Chrysler leased the proving grounds to test the tanks they were building. They built the "research" building during that time. The plumbing issues have been addressed, and the floor has been ground and polished. However, there is a need for a year-round HVAC system for the comfort of visitors and also a fire suppression system. Currently, cars donated to the museum by patrons are being stored in that building. The estimated cost of the modifications is nearly \$400,000. The motion was approved.

We announced that **John Lortz Jr** has agreed to become the third signature on the club's bank account. When we opened the account years ago Ben was still working at a Woodforest Bank so we used his bank. **Ben, Tony, and myself** were the signatures on the account. Today, Ben unfortunately is gone and Tony and I are both north of 80. We need a younger person and we appreciate John's willingness to be that person.

Thanks to **Jan and Liz** for bringing a table full of **Ben's** Packard shirts they were giving away. Many of us got some "new to us" shirts and we appreciate the gesture. Maybe she can bring the leftovers to

next meeting in case someone did not attend the July meeting and would like a shirt?

Due to the summer heat in South Texas, we will not have a meeting in August. In an effort to move the meetings around so the same people do not have great distances to a meeting, I would like to have the September meeting south of downtown. However, I currently have no ideas. If we don't come up with something soon, we will just throw it out for anyone that wants to help organize a meeting, no matter where.

In October we will meet in Spring for **Steven's annual car show in Ponderosa Forest.**

In November, we will return to the Old Railroad Cafe in the historic downtown area of Rosenberg.

December, we will have a Christmas luncheon at the Villa Capri Italian Restaurant on Clear Lake. (we went there for our 2006 Christmas luncheon some of you might remember).

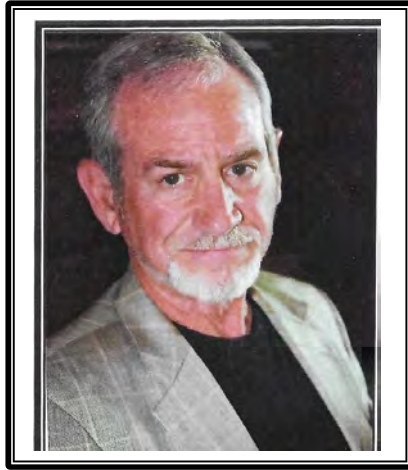
No dates are set, but **Alton and Maria** said they would be happy to have us back next year. I have talked to the **Matthews** about going to that country restaurant where they took us last year then visiting their collection again in nearby Bellville. It might be fun to maybe meet in Katy and have a Packard caravan the rest of the way. (**Doug** is always a good caravan leader!)

We also tried to remember everyone who had a Packard that needed to be re-homed. An empty space in the garage is a dream unfilled! If you have one, consider looking at some of our member's cars.

Once again, thanks to all of you who sent prayers and well wishes during my recent health crisis. It was scary so they were very much appreciated!

Happy Packarding, Tommy

**A good friend is like a four-leaf clover;  
Hard to find and lucky to have.**



**Jack Lee Sartin**  
**December 27, 1944 – July 18, 2025**

Jack was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and moved to Houston as a child. He was someone who never met a stranger, had a song for everything and everyone he met, and loved to laugh. He was an entrepreneur, a man of many hobbies, and always had a project. After beginning his career as a pipe draftsman, he went on to open three furniture stores, and then built and owned office warehouses and strip centers.

He was a talented musician, antique car collector, painter, and gardener, and loved to travel the world. He was an active member at Second Baptist Church for 40 years and served in many positions in Sunday School over the years, including as a guitarist and singer in the Potbelly Pickers band. Quick to share a joke and a smile, he was an easy friend and cherished by many.

Jack passed after battling cancer. He will be dearly missed by many, including his family – his wife, Rena (married 34 years); his three children, Steve Sartin and his wife, Leigh, Cherly Sartin and Dave Sartin; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lone Star Packard has lost a great member. We all enjoyed his hospitality hosting club meetings in his car museum.

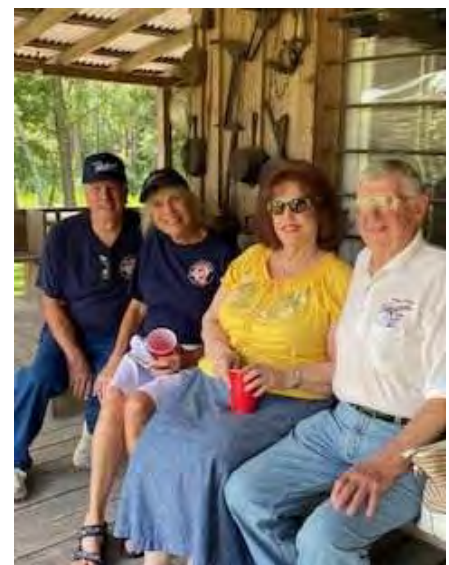


Lonnie's green '55 Clipper & Reed's '41 120

Guests from  
the Arklatex  
club.  
Left to right

Jim & Marina  
Quinn

Nelson &  
Norma Bates



## July

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

## August

- 2 Pam Ahlers
- 11 Reed Simpson
- 16 Glen Grace
- 21 Dee Wanderman
- 21 Lynda Dentler
- 23 Stephen Morris
- 26 Harold Schmaltz
- 28 Mary Fleming
- 29 Bill Anderson



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Alton Hues and Maureen Carlson were the only July birthday folks attending.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Reed Simpson was the only August Birthday member attending.

**2025 Events.....**

**January 18** Lunch at Pappas BBQ & Tour 1940 Houston National Airport Museum

**February 16** Lunch at Spaghetti Western

March Cancelled

**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 21** **Spaghetti Western, Houston, TX**

**July 19** **Alton & Maria Hues Ranch, Richards, TX 77873**

August No meeting – weather too hot in Texas

September ??????

October 18 Ponderosa Forest Car Show , hosted by Stephen Morris

November 15 Ole Railroad Café, Rosenberg, TX

**December 13** **LSP HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Villa Capri Italian Ristorante, Seabrook, TX**

If only we had a September meeting place, then 2025 would be complete. Help needed!



Above left  
– Dave  
Lucas in  
Jail!

Johnny &  
Terry Scott

LSP Ladies  
Shellie,  
Carol,  
Jamie,  
Juanita,  
Sandra

Above –  
Leon Ahlers,  
Reed & David  
Simpson

Our hosts  
Maria & Alton  
Hues



A Few of Alton's car collection.

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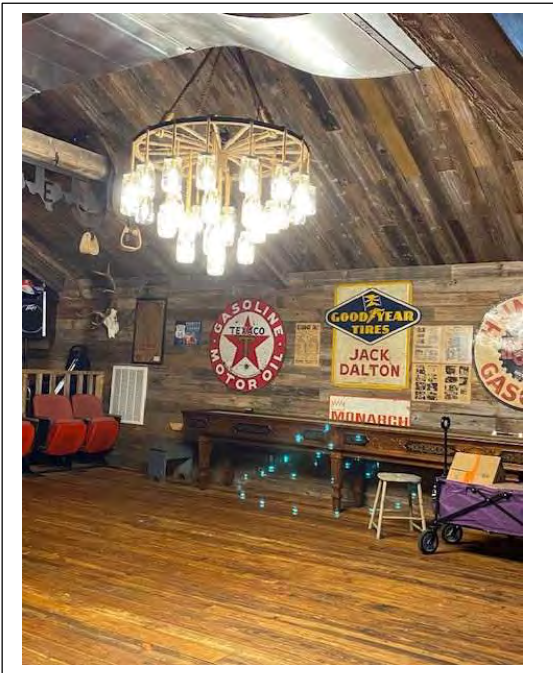
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**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE  
AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**



Ladies on the left –  
 Evelyn Timmins,  
 Guest Lynda Varnell  
 Jan & Liz Carter

Group on the right –  
 Gloria Maurer, Doug & Maureen Carlson



Juanita Jordan



Jail Alton moved to his ranch and his grandmother's home he relocated to the ranch.