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Director's Corner

Greetings LSP members and friends,

We met on Saturday, July 18th, at the Spring Creek BBQ in Shenandoah set up by John Lortz. This is on the north side of our membership area. It was very hot and a long way for many of us. Even so, the **Bartlett's** brought their Stunning blue and white '27 Packard.

By the time I remembered to count our attendees, **people were leaving and I only counted 20. However**, Tony said there had been 29 which is a respectable number considering the distance and the weather.

We will not meet in August but will resume monthly meetings in September. The September meeting will be in Galveston at the Bryan Museum. This outing is being organized by **Dave and Sandra Lucas**. More details will follow as we get close to the date.

We discussed how proud we are that **Jan** won the Snodgrass award for the best newsletter in PAC. Actually, I think this is the second time she has won the award. She not only covers the news but

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knock-knock jokes
about America?
Because freedom rings.

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also finds a way to put some humor into each issue. Well done!

At least three of the former editors were present at this meeting. Editor was probably the first office I held when we joined the club in the late 70's. Believe me, it was nothing like Jan's product! **Bob Supina and Barry Hackney** also served as editors in the past and we all appreciate how much work she puts into the monthly newsletter.

Shirley Darrow was our only July birthday honoree present, and we wished her a wonderful birthday.

PACKARD STORY UPDATES

Robert Taylor related his 1949 is almost completely restored so we are all looking forward to seeing it when finished.

Jill Burtchaell said her Hawk is in Lampasas getting an engine rebuild. Her '58 hardtop is in the process of getting a Vintage A/C installed.

I mentioned that I have the carburetor from our '48 super 8 in a shop in Conroe that both **Bob Supina and John Lortz** have used. We hope to have it on the road again soon.

James Bartlett told us his brother recently bought a Packard, I think he said '34 but I'm not sure as I did not take notes. Maybe we will get to meet him and his new Packard someday.

MEMBER ROSTER

The roster issue was discussed. The production and maintenance of an accurate roster is a big job. It was suggested that it be separated from the membership director. We will work on a solution.

WELLNESS UPDATE

We mentioned that **Todd Bates and Lenny Holzband** have both been in the hospital recently.

Carol Baccaro has had both orthopedic and vision issues, but seems to be making progress. There are other members who are recuperating which have

been mentioned previously. We ask for prayers for all.

50/50 WINNER

Kevin Lortz won the 50/50 pot. Lady luck must have smiled at him because he won the really big one at the Texas Packard Meet last April.

MEMBERS MARKET

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 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.

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)
Contact: Evelyn Timmins, Houston, TX (281)797-6788, evtimmins@aol.com.

Tommy Baccaro - Wanted: Black starter switch located on base of Carter 2-barrel carburetors on Packards from 46 to 50. Also used from 51 to 53 but might be a little different.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR EDITOR WHEN YOU WANT TO DISCONTINUE AD.

Packard Club Hall of Fame

2022 Inductee

Tommy Baccaro

*In recognition of outstanding dedication,
leadership, and service to The Packard Club
and its mission to preserve, celebrate
and share the proud legacy of the
Packard Motor Car Company.*

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TOMMY INDUCTED INTO PACKARD HALL OF FAME

When I first instituted the Packard Club Hall of Fame in 2017, I thought it would be a nice way to recognize both past and present members who have done so much to make this Club special. As the years progress, I realized how meaningful the Hall of Fame is to inductees and it seems that a lapel pin wasn't quite enough to say, "thank you."

Therefore, your name has been engraved in a new wall plaque that will be displayed at all future National Meets, along with a certificate of appreciation suitable for framing.

I hope you appreciate this little gesture as much as we appreciate you and all you have done.

**Best Regards,
Craig Handley, National President PAC**

Tommy,

The Lone Star Packard Club congratulates you and recognizes the dedication, service, passion and impact you have made for our Club.

This meaningful recognition from the National Organization of your outstanding commitment and lasting contributions to help preserve the spirit and legacy of LSP and the Packard automobile is well deserved.

I know I speak for all LSP members as we give you our gratitude for your efforts and generosity. We sincerely appreciate and thank you for all you have done to keep LSP a viable club.

Janice Carter
Editor, LSP Owner's Manual





July

- 5 Maya Baccaro
- 7 Alton Hues
- 17 Todd Bates
- 17 Ron Orr
- 25 Maureen Carlson
- 31 Shirley Darrow



Shirely Darrow our only July birthday present

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST --- NO MEETING
TOO HOT - STAY COOL

SEPTEMBER 19 DAVE & SANDRA LUCAS - GALVESTON

OCTOBER TBD Jay & Mary Matthews - Bellville

NOVEMBER 14 CAR SHOW IN SPRING W/FOOD & HOLIDAY VENDORS

DECEMBER 5 MIDWAY BBQ (Tentative)



The Value of the LSP website.

By Bob Supina

In April 1963 I bought my FIRST Packard from a junkyard in Bucks County, PA, near where I lived. I paid \$100 for the 1937 Packard Twelve Formal Sedan.



It was the beginning of my obsession. Over the next couple of years, I acquired another 1937 Twelve sedan and a 1937 Super Eight Seven-Passenger sedan.

In 1969 I decided to sell the three Packards to raise enough funds to buy a farm in New Jersey so that my children would grow up with cows, pigs and chickens just as I had. Giving them chores builds responsibility.

When IBM moved me to Texas to work on the NASA Shuttle in 1976, I started collecting Packards again, primarily 1937 Seniors.

Over the years I joined all the Packard Clubs, the Classic Car Club of America, the AACA and searched directories, looking for my FIRST Packard. It seemed hopeless as I began to suspect that even though the car was marginally running, it, perhaps, became the donor car for some open Twelve.

On October 8, 2016 I received the following email from George ____ in the State of Washington...

“Hi Bob and Gail,

Might you be the same nice people that sold me a 1937 Packard 12 Formal Sedan in about 1970 while you were living in Maryland?

I still have the car.... I was mad last week because a front brake froze up. I thought I had only recently overhauled the brakes but realized it was 45 years ago when I actually did the work! We used the car, unrestored, in my wedding in 1975. I poured new babbitt rod and main bearings in 1978 and car is still running. I have lots of stories I can share if you want to hear them.”

Needless to say, I was emotionally blown away for a couple days....

I asked George how did he find me.

“I saw your ad in LSP Packards”

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!!!!

Needless to say, I am trying to cajole George into selling me the Formal Sedan. I dream of taking it to shows and truthfully boast...

“I PAID \$100 for this car!”

Bob may not have the one Packard he yearns for but here's a list of his current car collection.

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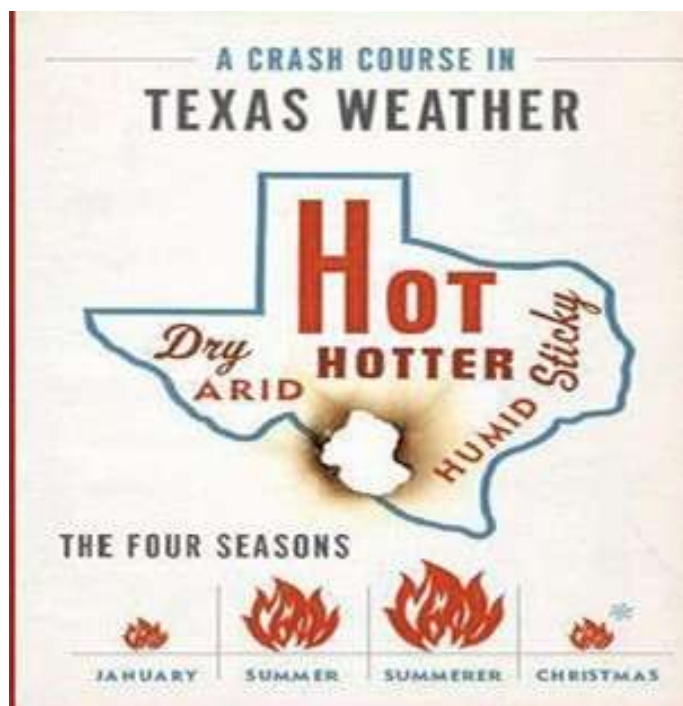
1925 326 (Early) Six 4Dr. Sedan
1925 326 (Late) Six 4Dr. Sedan
1927 526-309 Convertible Coupe
1937 1500 Super Eight Touring Sedan by Williams
1937 1502 Super Eight Town Car LeBaron
1937 1502 Super Eight Dietrich Conv. Sedan



I am truly honored to receive the Packard Club's Snodgrass Award for our newsletter. I am surprised and grateful for those that recognized my work. I guess this proves good grammar and shiny cars really do pay off.

When Ben volunteered me 10 Years ago to start putting the newsletter together, I simply wanted to help keep our members informed, connected, and engaged; and make sure everyone knew where to be, what was happening, and who had the best stories to tell. Thank you to everyone who shares photos and submits stories. You are the reason there's always something worth reading.

It's an honor to be part of such a great group of people who share a love of beautiful cars, good friends, and great adventures. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to start working on the next issue—because apparently there are expectations now!



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

As editor of this now famous publication, I want everyone to know that this is definitely a team effort—I couldn't do it alone.

Tommy serves as our Editor-in-Chief (which means he's, my boss!) and gives the final approval on every issue before it's distributed.

Carol is our proofreader, and she and **Anthony** do an outstanding job as the club's photographers, providing many of the great photos you see throughout the newsletter.

My daughter, **Elizabeth**, is our unofficial IT department. Since technology isn't exactly my strong suit, I rely on her whenever computer issues arise. She created the template we're using, taught me how to work within it, and when I inevitably manage to mess something up, she's always there to get me back on track.

The Baccaros and I spend time each month on phone calls and text messages coordinating photos and putting the finishing touches on each issue.

So, you see my name on the award, but know that others helped to get our club recognized.

Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and Snickers.



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PACKARD FACTS

The Classic American Luxury Car

Some new members may like to know these things and a refresh for all you long time members.

Ask the man who owns one

Packard's longtime slogan, "Ask the man who owns one," rated among the most effective automobile taglines. It was restrained, confident and memorable. Packard used the slogan for most of its 59-year existence. The first Packard automobiles were produced in 1899.

What was Packard's most famous model?

The single Packard twelve, which was made in the 1930s, is the most popular of the car models, and it is a four-door sedan.

Was a Packard a good car?

Packard once was synonymous with American Luxury. Based out of Detroit from 1903 to 1956, the Packard Motor Car Company built its reputation on fine craftsmanship and engineering, even outselling their main competitor—Cadillac—for several years. Owning a Packard was considered prestigious.

What was the last true Packard?

On June 25, 1956, the last true Packard was produced, marking the end of production at their Connor Avenue plant in Detroit. That "Last Packard" is believed to have been a black 1956 Packard Patrician sedan. Although the company would continue to manufacture cars in South Bend, Indiana, until 1958, the final model produced on June 25, 1956, is considered the last true Packard.

How do you describe a Packard?

Classic wheels, timeless feels.

Elegance from a bygone era.

Rolling in retro style. Vintage beauty, modern journey.

Cars are not just transportation; they're a way of life.

A car is not just metal; it's a dream on wheels.

The best therapy has four wheels and an engine.

You fortunate Packard owners have a vehicle that may be as old as you are and in need of repairs and parts just like you do. The film below will make you appreciate how Mr. Packard and his engineers created the car for you.

If interested here is a film on YouTube showing how Packards were built.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkxuZZIPjsI>