



Director's Corner

Greetings Packard family!

The 43rd annual Texas Packard Meet was this past weekend and by all accounts it was one of the best. We had 51 master registrations with people from all over Texas plus Ohio, Mississippi, and Oklahoma. We had a total of 32 registered cars plus one that came in Saturday with a for sale sign on the windshield.

On Thursday evening, the **Heart of Texas Region** hosted a welcoming party featuring bingo and ice cream. Our youngest granddaughter cleaned up on Bingo prizes. It was a fun time for all who attended!

The weather was perfect Friday morning for touring around the hill country. **Gordon Logan** led us on a tour through twists and turns, up and down hills, and by acres of bluebonnets on our way to Burnet, Texas. At Burnet we were offered the choice of 3 or 4 restaurants and then we met back at the airport. Many of our group toured the Burnet Aviation Museum before returning to the hotel.

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Wellness Report

We were pleased to hear that **J.C. Harriell** last test showed he is cancer free. However, he is still on the mend and has a long way to go.

Patricia Orr is recuperating from hip replacement surgery. First Orthopedic doctor didn't do it right! She is still in PT and feeling better every day.

Ron Orr fell in their garage and will be having knee replacement surgery on April 17.

Ben Carter is still struggling with his prostrate procedure.

Maureen Carlson is still trying to get relief for her ongoing back issues.

Mary Matthews has finished her cancer treatment.

Jan Carter's second heart ablation corrected her A-Fib and she is doing much better.

Let's remember these members that are going through health issues in your prayers.

At this stage and age all of us are dealing with something and we all need to hold on to our faith in God to get us through.

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On Friday evening, we had our annual police-led parade through Salado.

We paraded down Main Street and turned-on Royal St. We then proceeded to the Barrow Brewery where the management let us display our cars on the banks of Salado Creek. Friday is food truck night at the Brewery so we enjoyed pizza, BBQ, or hamburgers. For those who were interested, numerous flavors of craft beers were available, but teas, various coffees and soft drinks were also for choosing. There were quite a few people watching the parade as we drove down Main Street. The sight of 32 Packards ranging from a 1922 to a 1956 is one you don't soon forget!

As we did last year, we arranged for Andrea and her mobile kitchen, La Familia, to serve hamburgers and Tex-Mex during our Saturday morning show and swap meet. The local visitors center as well as the Salado Magazine had given us plenty of publicity, therefore there were a lot of locals who checked out our cars. The Brewery had also advertised our Friday night display on their property so the public had two great opportunities to view the Packards.

Our banquet was another success. It was held in the ballroom of the Salado Museum and catered by Johnny's BBQ and Steaks. This year we had fajitas and all that goes with them. Prior to the meal, **John Lortz Sr.** was the big winner of the 50/50 and then we were welcomed to **Salado by City Alderman D. Jasen Graham.** In his welcome he mentioned several highlights in Packard's long history. After dinner and before we began the awards, I introduced **Mary Ann Porinchak** the **Director of the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio.** Mary Ann is a frequent participant in our meet and we always enjoy getting an up-date on the museum. Following Mary Ann, I turned the program over to **Bill Patterson of the North Texas Region** who served as our master of ceremonies. LSP did very well in the awards category as you can see in the group picture seen elsewhere in this issue.

The 45th Texas Packard Meet (TPM) will be held in Salado April 4-7, 2024. LSP will again be the host and I will serve as the chairperson. In 2025, the meet will be co-hosted by **ArkLaTex and North Texas.** I will do my best to keep them informed as we move forward with preparations for next year.

Rena Sartin will again serve as the meet registrar. She has done a spectacular job organizing the registrations and car lineups and keeping the money straight. A **LARGE** part of our success is due to her efficiency.

Mark your calendar now for the 45th Annual Texas Packard Meet, April 4-7, 2024.

Happy Packarding, Tommy



**A BIG TEXAS
THANK YOU
TO RENA
OUR
REGISTRAR!**

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

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

No April meeting planned at this time.

WANT TO HOST OR PLAN A FUTURE MEETING PLACE?
Contact Chris Baccaro, Activity Director



March Birthdays

- 9 Rena Sartin
- 13 John C. Eudy
- 16 Jeff Pate
- 27 Leon Ahlers



Rena was the only March birthday member that attended the TPM in Salado

MARCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 55 families and 102 people.

52	Pre-War Packards
<u>45</u>	Post War Packards
97	Total

There is no change from last month.

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.



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Fine looking and happy group of Lone Star Packards members!

Congratulations To Our Awards Winners...

First Place award in different classes:

Jack Sartin, John Eanes, Jay Matthews,
Tommy Lortz, John Lortz II, Lonnie
Gipson, Chris Baccaro.

Second Place Award in different classes:

Bill Anderson, Herman Dentler, Tommy
Baccaro.

**People's Choice Award Post-War for best in
show winner was John Eanes.**

**The Richard Hellbusch award for knowledge,
loyalty and humor was given to Tommy.**



**John Eanes 1954 Pacific
Best in Show for Post-War Packards**



Baccaro Bunch at Brewery



Carol, Anthony,
Tommy helping out
at registration table



Herman & Lynda Dentler at Salado Creek



John Lortz and family at the Salado Creek

Jay & Mary
Matthews



Jack & Lonnie



Dentler's Caribbean at
sunset



Bill Anderson's '41 Coupe





Carlos & MaryAnn Dos Santos



Tony & Shirley Darrow
Below – Tony, Jay and Jack. Guys with hats!



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Gordon Logan's 28 Phaeton Convertible
John Eanes '54 Pacific



Some on the tour drove thru Oatmeal, TX. This is their water tower.



Doug & Maureen
Carlson, Jack Sartin, Jay
Matthews and Bill
Anderson



Doug's '56 Clipper

Jack, Rena, Shirley,
Maureen, Mary Ann,
Carlos



Tommy's '55 Clipper & Limo in background



Jack's '38 110 Convertible