



Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family and friends!

Holy Cloisonné! What a great meeting we had Saturday at Evelyn's home. We had 36 members RSVP, and I believe only two were unable to attend!

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Evelyn** for graciously opening her home and car barn to us and treating everyone to a wonderful Mexican lunch catered by Luna's, one of our favorite restaurants. During COVID, we visited Luna's for takeout at least once a week — we'd call ahead and they would bring our order right out to the car!

Following lunch, **Maureen** held the lucky ticket and won \$50 in our 50/50 drawing.

Next, **Jan** gave an informative presentation about an upcoming article in the Owner's Manual featuring the famed Route 66. If you have memories or stories to share, please send them to **Jan** for possible inclusion in the article.

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Let's Help Keep LSP Going

As you all know, our club is celebrating an incredible 60 years—that's no small feat for a vintage car club, and it says a lot about the passion and dedication of our members. Over much of that time, Tommy has been our director, keeping LSP running strong and bringing us all together. That kind of commitment is amazing—but it's also a lot for one person to carry.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to jump in and lend a hand. One easy way to help is by picking a month and planning a meeting. It doesn't have to be complicated, and every little bit helps. Taking on just one meeting can really lighten the load and keep things running smoothly. Consider partnering with someone and co-host a meeting.

So many of you have already stepped up to host meetings over the years, and it's truly appreciated. Let's keep that momentum going and show Tommy the same support he's given the club for so long.

Respectively submitted...your editor

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Memorial Day and Veterans

Jan also spoke about the importance of Memorial Day and asked for a show of hands from members who had served in the military.

She shared several often-humorous stories about her 104-year-old uncle, a World War II veteran who even had the opportunity to meet President Trump once he turned 100.

JUNE MEETING

Following Jan's remarks, your director related that the Orr's had arranged for us to **return to the Railroad Cafe in historic downtown Rosenberg on June 20, 2026.**

I have asked **Chris** to work on a location near downtown that he and I have discussed lately for the July meeting.

TOUR OF TIMMINS CAR COLLECTION

Following lunch and our meeting, **Evelyn** led us to the car barn. Over the years she and **Tom** put together a truly unique car collection consisting of historic vehicles from the teens up to 1934. As you might expect, a really good collection would have Auburns and Packards and this one does have beautiful examples of them. But it also has less known marqueses such as the Trumbull that has a really unique history of its rise and demise. Mr. Trumbull developed a really nice car smaller than most cars on the American market. Unfortunately, it proved not to be practical for the many unpaved roads across the country in the pre-1920's. The problem was not its size but its tract. Many roads were unpaved and the horse drawn wagons and coaches still in use would make ruts in the road with the wider tract of their wheels. Other car manufacturers made cars that matched the width of those wagons so they could just roll through the ruts or even roll along in them. The Trumbull could not navigate those ruts successfully. I don't know the exact number, but he sold a few and then decided that England had more paved roads, so he loaded a significant number of them on the Lusitania (I have heard 40 but did not research that number). He was sure he could sell them in England and take orders for more. The rest is history. WW1

was beginning and the Germans torpedoed the Lusitania and Mr. Trumbull and his cars all went down with the ship. That was the end of the Trumbull car line. Unfortunate, because England always had a small car market and they may have been successful there.

The **Timmins'** collection consists of 14 beautifully restored cars representing each price range in the automotive market. **Tom** restored each of these cars with **Evelyn's** assistance and they are truly magnificent. Since **Tom's** passing, she has maintained the collection in his honor, and we are so grateful that she has allowed us to visit from time to time.

Eight of them were in the recent Keels and Wheels show in Seabrook last month and **Evelyn was named the car collector of the year by the Keels and Wheels organization.** **Tom** was a true gentleman and all who knew him miss him. I think **Evelyn** may consider letting some of them go now but she has several that are not on the list. I think the "no touch" list includes the Trumbull and both Packards but there may be more.

MEMBERS CARS FOR SALE

Speaking of available cars, **Bill Anderson's '41 coupe, Lenny Holzband's '41 120 sedan, Sherry Hairrell's 1940 160, and Juanita Jordan's '56 Caribbean** are all available. **John Lortz** is waiting on some parts for Juanita's car, but it will be ready for sale soon. There maybe a few others that have slipped my mind.

See you on **Saturday, June 20** at the Ol' Railroad Cafe in Rosenberg.

Happy Packarding, Tommy



**I got gas today for \$1.39
Unfortunately it was at Taco Bell.**



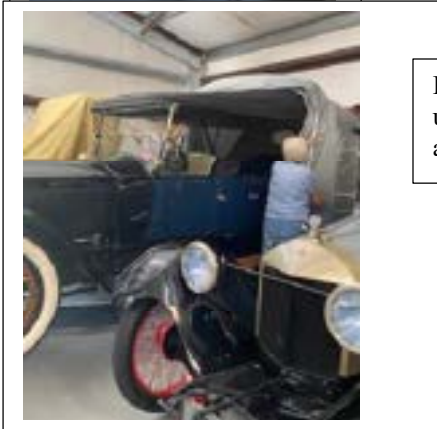
Tommy & Evelyn uncovering cars.



Evelyn getting cars ready for show



Famous Trumbull Automobile



Evelyn uncovering another car



John, Tommy and Kevin Lortz



Doug, Liz and Evelyn



The Auburn



Our May birthdays

- 7 Chris Baccaro
- 8 John Lortz II
- 14 Zoe Baccaro
- 22 Dan Grilli
- 22 Jamie Baccaro
- 24 Kathy Payne



Jamie, Zoe, Chris Baccaro and John Lortz II

Going down the road with LSP Events in 2026

- January 19** San Jacinto Monument – hosted by Baccaro’s
- February 21** Funeral Museum in Spring, TX - Stephen
- March 22** Skeeters Grill in Kingwood, TX - hosted by Lortz
- April 9-11** 47th TX Packard Meet Salado, TX
- April 25-26** Keels & Wheels, Seabrook, TX
- May 16** Timmins Car Barn – Friendswood, TX Evelyn
- June 20** Ol’ Railroad Café, Rosenberg – hosted by Orr’s



If you are a veteran, please send the years you served and branch of service to Janice.carter25@yahoo.com.

I want to keep a list of LSP veterans so we can recognize and honor your service to our country.

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ROUTE 66 – READY TO HIT THE ROAD? THEN KEEP READING AND ENJOY

Route 66 has earned its reputation as the ultimate American road. So, let's take a drive through a few fun and interesting facts about America's "Mother Road."

Few highways capture the American imagination quite like Route 66. Established in 1926, the 2,448-mile road stretches from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California crossing eight states Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The route was originally commissioned to create a more efficient drive between Chicago and Los Angeles during the automobile boom of the 1920s. Nicknamed "**The Mother Road**," it symbolized freedom, adventure, and new beginnings for generations of travelers. Route 66 has earned its reputation as the ultimate American road. So, let's take a drive through a few fun and interesting facts about **THE FIRST HIGHWAY!**

Along the journey, drivers encountered unforgettable landmarks and roadside attractions. Stops like Gateway Arch, Santa Monica Pier, and Meteor Crater became part of the Route 66 experience, while quirky attractions such as the original McDonald's Museum celebrated classic roadside Americana.

One of the highway's strongest champions was **Cyrus Avery**, a Tulsa visionary businessman is often called "**The Father of Route 66**," Avery wore many hats throughout his life, including teacher, businessman, insurance agent, and oilman. As a member of the federal board responsible for planning the new highway system, he passionately pushed for the creation of what would become America's most legendary roadway.

Route 66 even inspired unusual events, including a 1928 footrace from Los Angeles to New York organized by Charles C. Pyle. Nearly 300 runners competed, but Cherokee runner Andy Payne won \$25,000 after running more than 3,000 miles.

And now who first created the nickname **The Mother Road**? Over the decades, Route 66 has become deeply woven into American culture and **in his novel, The Grapes of Wrath (1939), author John Steinbeck famously called it "The Mother Road."** Later television audiences enjoyed the **adventure series Route 66 (1960-1964)**, while newer generations recognized the highway through the **Disney Cars** film franchise starting in 2006. **Other designations and nicknames include Will Rogers Highway and the Main Street of America later shared with US 40.** Music also helped cement its legend when Bobby Troup wrote the **classic song (Get Your Kicks on Route 66)** later made famous by Nat King Cole and covered by artists like Chuck Berry and The Rolling Stones.

Route 66 began its decline in the 1950s after Dwight D. Eisenhower launched the Interstate Highway System. **The road was officially decommissioned in 1985**, though 85% can still be traveled today. Scenic spots like Route 66 State Park in Missouri preserve its history and charm.

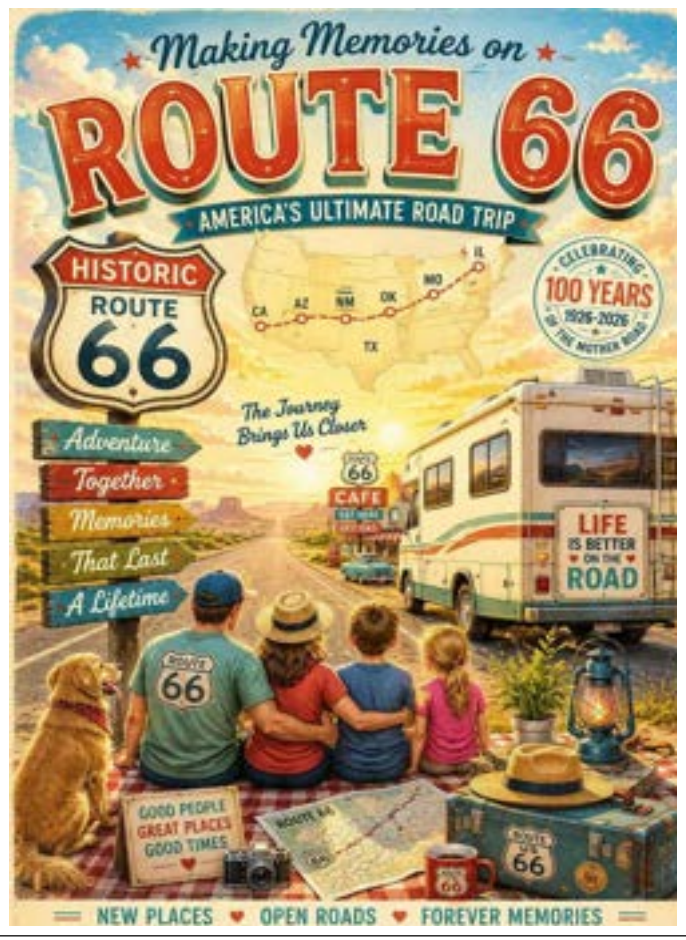
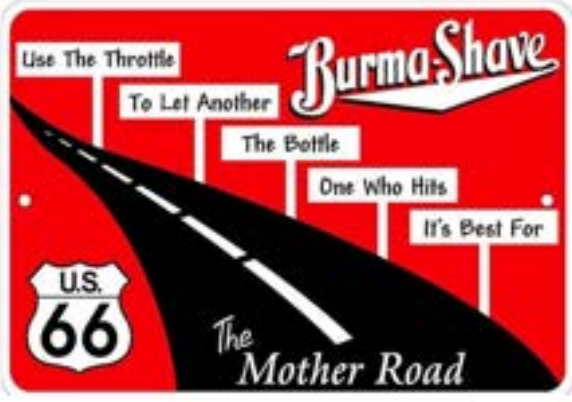
We'll end this article with a Route 66 fact you may not know. There's a small part of Route 66 that actually plays music on its own. To encourage drivers to stick to the 45-mile-per-hour speed limit, the New Mexico Department of Transportation came up with a rather ingenious idea by placing rumble strips at strategic points, cars driving under the speed limit will play "America the Beautiful"!

Remember, on Route 66 you're not just driving—you're experiencing a part of traveling history.

Here's what I need from you guys and gals.

I'm sure that several of our members must have traversed Route 66 and I want to wrap up this article with your story. I'm asking for your short article with or without pictures for our next month's issue to add our club's involvement on this famous American road.

Send to Janice.carter25@yahoo.com. Thanks, and looking forward to hearing from many of you.





Stephen's 53 Packard



Tommy's '54 Cavalier



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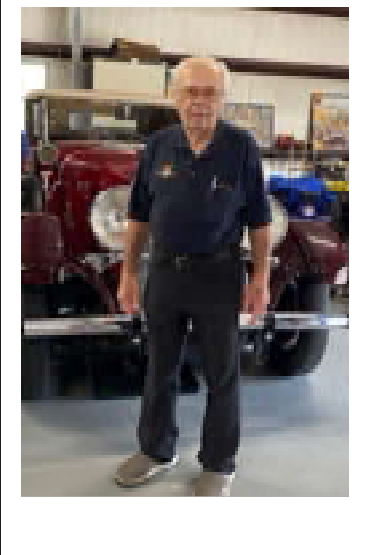
**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE
AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**



Evelyn,
Mary &
Leon



Maureen
Jan &
Patricia



First pictures of LSP's Military Veterans
Bill Anderson, Doug Carlson, John Dalton,
Leon Ahlers and John Lortz.



One more pic
of work day.
Tommy &
Anthony
helped Evelyn
on Friday to
uncover all
the cars for
the show.



Above – Doug and
Jay checking out
another car

Thank you Evelyn for the lunch and
tour. You really set the bar high for
hosting a LSP meeting!

Wooden spokes in 1920 Packard