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Director's Corner

Greetings,

Wow! We had a really great turn out for our September meeting. I thought I counted 41 but Carol said she counted 38 at Estebans Cafe and Cantina, which by the way, gave us excellent service.

Tony and Shirley took care of our 50/50 tickets and **Gloria Maurer** was announced as the winner! Since this was her second win in a row, she graciously donated the \$50 back to the club.

This was actually the 4th time I had tried to get our club scheduled for a visit at the One Room School House and Museum. I am glad we persisted because I think all enjoyed the visit. It was informative and fun. It is all fully air-conditioned. Unfortunately, it was a very hot day, therefore only 4 Packards made the trip to League City. Many thanks to **John for bringing the '56 400, Glen for bringing the '57 Clipper, Reed for bringing the '41 120 and we brought our '54 Cavalier**. Since it was so close for us, I had thought about bringing several of ours but just didn't get around to lining up some drivers.

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LSP 60TH ANNIVERSARY

at
The Monument Inn
4406 Independence Parkway,
South
LaPorte, TX 77571

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

TIME: 11:30 AM

The Baccaros will have a video playing of all the pictures you send them to run during our celebration. Send your digital photos, etc. to their email at: Baccaro3@verizon.net.

Bring any old Packard magazines or memorabilia you have for display

We want to recognize members that have been in the club the longest, the newest members, and other interesting facts and memories about our club. Tommy may ask some of you to tell your Packard story so be prepared.

This is a milestone in the antique car world and you will want to be part of this celebration.

See menu and payment instructions on page 5.

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Guest wise, we brought **Carol's sister Pat** who is visiting us from Longview and **Reed brought his son David, Danny Grilli brought his son Tommy. The Ahlers brought their son and grandson.**

Many thanks to **Richard Lewis** for an informative and sometime amusing history of the site. Richard worked with our longtime member, **Bob Supina**, at IBM for many years. Carol's sister graduated from high school in 1954 so she especially enjoyed the ride in our '54 Packard.

During the meeting, I mentioned a conversation I had with **Lenny Holzband** earlier in the week. He has received several offers for his car from out of town and even out of the country that turned out to be scammers. One actually had a certified check that turned out to be phony. People are just trying to get important account numbers etc. from unsuspecting sellers. In a conversation with the sheriff's office, he was told that the safest way to handle the transaction is a direct transfer of funds between the banks involved. Be careful!

In other news, please begin sending your RSVP to us for the big 60th anniversary meeting at the Monument Inn on October 19th. If you did not do so all ready, **please send Tony Darrow your \$31 per person check now.** The cost is actually more but the club is picking up the balance. Also, if you have any old albums containing pictures from our earlier years, feel free to display them. If you have any contact information for former members, get it to me and I will try to invite them.

Our November meeting will find us returning to one of our favorite spots. On **November 16th we will return to the "Ol' Railroad Cafe" in historic downtown Rosenberg."**

For our Christmas party, **John Lortz** has made preliminary arrangements with BB's Tex Orleans Restaurant in his area (out 59 north). The date will be **Saturday, December 7th** so please mark your calendar. January is still open so if you have an idea or want to host, just send me a note.

We still have several cars in our club looking to be re-homed. **Lenny**, as mentioned, wants to sell his **1941 120 sedan** that has been in several movies. It is a really nice car. **Sherry** would like to sell **JC's '55 fully restored Caribbean as well as the 1940 160 sedan.** The 160 has a freshly rebuilt 356 under the hood with the work being done by Villas Motor Works in Bryan. JC was in the process of re-wiring it when he got too ill to continue. **Leon Ahlers** is interested in selling his **1940 120 convertible sedan** so he can start on another project. **Harold Schmaltz** is downsizing and some of those cars are Packards. From memory there is a 1941, 1948, and 1955. All have been in an enclosed facility for storage.

The club still needs a membership director and a name tag custodian. Let me know if interested.

I am excited about our 60-year celebration and look forward to seeing everyone!

Happy Packarding, Tommy

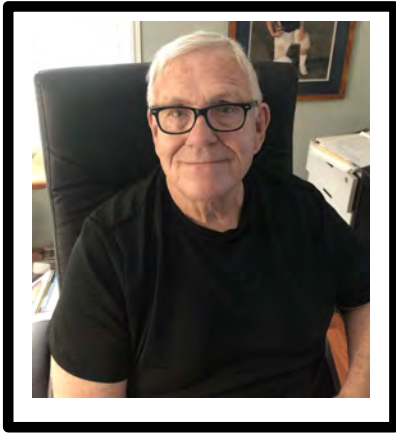


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Ben Edward Carter
December 8, 1938 – July 28, 2024

Ben was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and raised in Memphis, TN. He is preceded in death by his parents and his son Ben E. Carter, Jr, and brother Frank H. Cater, Jr. He is survived by his wife Janice Kent Carter who he married in 1965 and daughter Mary Elizabeth Carter and other cousins, nieces and nephews. He graduated from Memphis State University. Where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

He had a career at Memphis State and University of Houston before returning to banking for the next 30 years. He was involved in our community where he participated in the Houston Rotary and Fort Bend Executive Council. He was a scout leader for Troop 1656 and served as a church youth camp counselor for Sugar Creek Baptist Church for two years.

He retired from Woodforest National Bank in 2007 where he served as vice president. He was always a car guy and upon retirement renewed his love of antique cars. He bought a Packard because his grandfather had a Packard and found LSP which they joined in 2017.

Ben was always funny, happy, kind, generous and a joy to be around. He will be missed by all those that knew and loved him.

If you wish to express sympathy, consider making a donation in Ben’s memory to Sugar Creek Baptist Church <https://sugarcreek.net/> or the Lone Star Packard Club <https://www.lonestarpackards.com/>



Gail Supina
November 24, 1941 - July 31, 2024.

Gail enjoyed a career as a professional commercial property manager, and for relaxation, fly fishing in Wyoming, cruising the canals of England, driving the backroads of central Europe, and watching our purple martins and bluebirds.

Gail is survived by her husband, Robert P. Supina, sons, “Corky” and Paul Raynor and daughters, Sunny Young and Dawn Joyner, 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

**A Celebration of Life Service will be held
at The Catholic Charities
Mamie George Community Center
1111 Collins Rd
Richmond, Texas 77469
on September 28 from 2-4 PM.**

Interment will be at a future date at St. Andrew’s Catholic cemetery, Newtown, PA.

In lieu of flowers it is requested that donations be made in Gail’s name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



September Birthdays

- 1 Ed Fleming
- 4 Johnny Scott
- 5 Gregg Jeter
- 6 Maria Hues
- 9 Bill Osborne
- 9 Gianna Baccaro
- 13 John Lortz
- 15 Janice Carter
- 15 Cathy Grilli
- 15 Tommy Lortz
- 30 Gloria Maurer



Left to right
Tommy Lortz, John Lortz, Janice Carter, Gloria Maurer

September birthdays at our meeting!

Going on down the road ...

October 19 – 60th Anniversary at The Monument Inn

November 16 - Ole Railroad Café, Rosenberg

December 7 – Christmas Party BB’s Tex-Orleans in Porter – hosted by The Lortz family



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MENU FOR OUR GROUP

Select One

Fried Fisherman's Platter

Fried Shrimp (12)

Broiled Tilapia with Pontchartrain Sauce

Grilled 10 oz Angus Ribeye Steak

Chicken Breast with Sautéed Onions, Mushrooms and Red Wine Sauce
Served with tossed green salad, baked potato, homemade rolls & muffins

Ice Tea & Coffee

Desserts

Select one from tray

Cheesecake with Cherries

Key Lime Pie

Chocolate Mousse Cake

Total cost is \$31/person

Club will pay overage, tax & gratuity

OCTOBER 13, 2024 IS OUR HEADCOUNT DEADLINE!
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, TONY MUST HAVE YOUR CHECK BY 10/13/24.
Tony Darrow, 5215 Pebble Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77066

If you have not been to the Monument Inn you are in for a treat.
It sits on the banks of the Houston Ship Channel on the edge of the San Jacinto Battleground.

Prior to the dinner, you will need to make your menu choices.

When you enter the meeting room, there will be a manager sitting at a table and she will ask you what your menu choice is going to be. See our menu above – 3 seafood, 1 steak, 1 chicken

She will then give you a color-coded ticket that corresponds to your choice and instruct you to place it next to your plate.

After the meal, waiters will walk through with platters of deserts, and you get to make a choice.







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