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The Pious Pelican March - April 2008 Volume 44, No. 2 Director's Report

Spring is in the air, and it's a great time to bring your Packard out and enjoy this beautiful weather. Club members enjoyed some of this great weather during our first tour event of the year held at the San Jose Fire Department Museum and History Park in San Jose recently. A special and welldeserved thanks to Milton Wheeler and those that supported his efforts in organizing this event. You can read more about it in a feature article in this edition of *The Pious Pelican*.

Another great event that will not make it to press for this edition but will be a feature article next time is the Saturday, April 19th joint tour with the Rolls Royce Club to the Western Railway Museum and a tour of the Jelly Belly Factory. No snow shovels out here in the West.

Starting with this edition you will find a new feature column from Becky Schuette, Chairperson of the newly-formed position of Health & Welfare.

In a move to enhance use of our club website and promote the opportunities for present and future Packard owners, the Board has agreed to allow free posting of ads to all, in the Classified section. So if your non-member neighbor has an old Packard or Packard parts sitting around that they want to sell, just send them to: www.norcalpackards.org for free posting on one of the best Packard websites around. Ads run for a duration of 90 days and must comply to the guidelines set in the website.

Events and opportunities to get together with your fellow Packard enthusiasts are looking good for this year! We have new members joining the group and the activity calendar reflects action taken in response to member's feedback from our survey conducted by Stan Baldwin, Membership Chairperson. As always, your ideas, comments and feedback are welcome.

The sunlight reflects better on a Packard than garage lighting, so I encourage you to take the time and treat yourself to a ride in one of America's greatest marques. Thank you for your support of Nor-Cal Packards and I hope we see you out at upcoming events to:

ENJOY THE CARS AND THE PLACES THEY TAKE YOU!

Lee

A Word from your Editor

Bud Juneau

I'm just back from traveling to the Texas Regions' annual meet at Salado with Doug Moore. John Ulrich from Nor-Cal and Pat & Pat Brothers were there from Oregon with their Great Race '41 coupe. The worst-looking Packard at the meet also got the most attention, it was a '27 426 sedan converted to an oil-field truck, recently saved from a collapsed barn by David Stewart and Nelson Bates.



Technical Advisors

We thank the fellow club members listed below who have offered to try to help solve problems encountered by others when working on their Packards. If you can help with a certain area of expertise, please let Director, George Beck know, so we can add your name to the list. Although they will do their best to help, neither the club nor the advisor can accept responsibility for or guarantee the accuracy of suggestions.

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| Apr 19 | Nor-Cal Packards/Rolls-Royce joint Railway Museum Tour |
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| May 16-18 | Western Regions Tour – Morro Bay |
| June 1 | Board Meeting at Blackhawk. 1:00 PM (Members welcome) |
| June 7-8 | Wine-Country Driving Tour – Geyserville |
| June 22-27 | PAC National Meet – Des Moines, IA |
| July 20 | Membership Picnic – (Details to come) |
| Aug 3 | Carter Collection Tour - Los Gatos |
| Aug 24 | Board Meeting at Blackhawk. 1:00 PM (Members welcome) |
| Sept 7 | PAC/PI/CCCA Combined Swap Meet – Vallejo |
| Oct 18-19 | Gold Country Wine Tour – (Details to come) |
| Dec 7 | Holiday Banquet - (Details to come) |
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If you have an idea for a tour contact, Larry Nannini, Tour Director, 650.992.2689 For more detailed information on events as it becomes available, check the Calendar page on the Nor-Cal Packards website at www.norcalpackards.org

Health & Welfare

by Becky Schuette

We have a new position on the board. I am happy to say I will be the contact person for Health and Welfare issues, this includes news to share with the club, send cards of Sympathy, Get Well cards, cards of encouragement, etc.

Recently I have mailed a card of sympathy to Bill Young, whose wife recently passed away and a "We're Thinking of You," card to Deborah and Lenhard Stevens. Patricia recently notified me that they will most likely, due to personal issues, will not be attending any events this year.

My hope is that this communication will prove to be of service to Northern California Packards, and to bring us closer as a group and that the club be considered as an extended family member.

Minutes of Board Meeting March 9, 2008

Blackhawk Museum

The meeting was called to order by Director, Lee Kimball at 1:15 P.M. Members present: Lee Kimball, George Beck, Phil Sherman, Hal Schuette, Becky Schuette, Mike O'Connor, Larry Nannini, John Kilkenny, Milt Wheeler, Stan Baldwin and Roy Brett.

Voted: To accept January Board Meeting Minutes. Motion to accept made by John Kilkenny with second by George Beck.

Treasurer's Report: Club Treasurer, Hal Schuette presented our annual financial statement. The club is currently in fine financial shape with money in CD's earning interest. There was some discussion about investing in accounts with higher interest rates. But it was felt, because of the volatility in the current financial market, to keep our money where it is. The motion to accept the report was given by George Beck with a second by Phil Sherman.

Membership Report: We have two new members, Tom Crook and Randy Small, with seventeen members that have not renewed. Stan Baldwin will send out reminders. It was discussed that we should compare the National Club list to ours and contact the individuals, in the National Club, who do not belong to Nor-Cal. Also, is it possible to get feedback, on the survey sent out by Stan Baldwin, to the board and membership? The Motion to accept the report was made by Phil Sherman with a second by Hal Schuette.

Projects: John Kilkenny, Projects Director, has now put all the club projects on our Web Site. A new project was suggested, a "Packard Journal". The Journal will be a small book to keep all records of our Packards. Lee Kimball suggested that we bring samples of a journal to the next board meeting. John Kilkenny said that the Club has many water pump gaskets, that are not selling, and suggested that we donate them to our club parts suppliers. Mike O'Connor made a motion to donate the water pump gaskets to *Just Packards* and *John Ulrich*. The motion passed.

Communications Report: Roy Brett gave out updated "Call Lists" to all board members and a list of members who have not renewed. He asked the board to contact these members and remind them to renew their membership. A motion to accept the report was made by George Beck with a second by Phil Sherman. The motion passed.

Health and Welfare Report: Becky Schuette asked if we could have a "Packard Card" designed that would have the inside blank. It was felt it was a (*Continued on page 5*)



George & Eddie Beck's '37 Super Eight.



Stan & Jeri Baldwin's '47 Clipper.

Fire Museum / History Park Continued



Bob Coffin's '51 300 sedan.



Bretts' '41 Mercury, Baldwins' '47 Clipper, and O'Connors' 37 120.

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good idea but in the meantime we should use generic cards. The board also thought it was a good idea to have a spot in *The Pious Pelican* for information of our club members.

Parade and Events: Phil Sherman said that the town of Pinole will have a car show in June with an entrance fee of \$30. All event information will be placed on our web site. Hal Schuette suggested that we contact malls in the area to display our Packards with a fee of \$25 to \$30. All event information should be sent to Phil Sherman.

Editor's Report: The January issue of the Pious Pelican was sent out with no returns. That is good new as all addresses are correct.

Tour Director's Report: March Mystery Tour will be to San Jose's Antique Fire Engine/ History Park. George Beck will continue to promote the September Swap Meet. The flyers are available to pass out. George Beck and Lee Kimball will organize the Christmas Banquet. The following tours were discussed: Lee Kimball on the Western Regions Tour; Hal Schuette on the Larry Carter Garage Tour; and Larry Nannini on the July Picnic. It was voted to subsidize the Larry Carter tour by \$5.00 for each attendee.

New Business: The question was raised: should the club subsidize club tours? It was suggested that we table this question until next board meeting. John Kilkenny moved that we give Fred Hill, the club historian, a file cabinet and supplies to store club archives. There was a second by Hal Schuette and it was passed. There were three proposals by a club member to amend the Club By Laws. (1) Article 3, election of directors. (2) Article 3, term limits of board members, (3) Article 3, duties of the treasurer. After much discussion, the board voted unanimously to reject the three proposals. Format changes to the web site: (1) Flyers / tour applications, etc. (2) Advertising of "For Sale or Wanted" cars and parts to be listed FREE for six months. It was felt that this will stimulate advertising on the web site.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Mike O'Connor with a second by Phil Sherman. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Milton Wheeler Where We've Been The San Jose Fire Museum and History Park Text by Milton Wheeler Photos by George Beck



On Sunday, March 30, sixteen PAC members and guests gathered in the parking lot of Starbucks on Story Rd. in San Jose for the Spring PAC Tour. The weather was warm and sunny which made it pleasurable to drive seven Packards for the event.

The Tour Group left the parking lot at 10:25 a.m. to meet Sam Seibert, our tour guide for our tour of the San Jose Fire Museum. The collection is stored in a large warehouse near San Jose's History Park on Senter Rd in San Jose.

When we arrived, we were greeted by a 1950 Seagrave fire truck parked outside of the building entrance. Sam gathered our group around the fire truck to inform us of how the tour will proceed. Soon several of us wanted to know if the Seagrave truck was able to run? Sam said "YES" and proceeded to "FIRE" up the V-12 engine. What a glorious sound!

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John and Lorraine Blackburn's '42 160 convertible coupe.



Wheelers' '34 1101 stationary coupe, O'Connors' '37 120 convertible coupe, and Hills' '55 400 hardtop.

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on picnic tables provided for us by the park. After a short lunch we had a private tour of the park and were allowed to take pictures of our cars with the historical structures in the background. Around 3:30 p.m. most tour members headed home with wonderful memories of another enjoyable PAC Tour.

Matt & John Kilkenny Milton Wheeler Mike & Chris O'Connor George & Eddie Beck John & Lorraine Blackburn Stan Baldwin Fred Hill, Lee Kimball, & Mike Kellner Bob Coffin Roy Brett

Attendees

1934 12 sedan 1934 rumble-seat coupe 1937 120 convertible coupe 1937 Super Eight sedan 1942 160 convertible coupe 1947 Clipper Deluxe sedan 1955 400 hardtop

1951 300 sedan



Roy Brett, Stan Baldwin and Milt Wheeler by the street car at the San Jose History Park.

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Sam then took us into the building and showed us the fire collection. The collection of vehicles range from the horse-drawn hand-pumped 1880s to the ladder trucks of the 1950s. Some of the collection is fully restored, some good original and some waiting restoration. We were then introduced to John McMillan, a 30-year veteran of the San Jose Fire Department, who is now the president of the San Jose Fire Museum. He then informed us on how the organization works. He said all restoration is done by retired firemen, with the organization raising all the funds for all supplies.

While listening to John's talk, George Beck asked me if we should "pass the hat" to help them financially? I said yes, so George went out to his 1937 Super Eight, opened the trunk and took off the hubcap from his spare wheel. So we passed the "Hub Cap" for the collection. Unfortunately, while removing the hub cap he bumped the trigger on his fire extinguisher and set it off in the trunk of his Packard. Needless to say, George now has a cleaning project to do!

We left the Fire Museum at 12:00 noon and drove three blocks to the San Jose History Park for our picnic lunch. We were allowed to park our Packards in the circle of the park and eat our lunch in the warm sunshine



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San Jose History Park



Milt & Carolee Wheeler's 1934 1101 stationary coupe

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