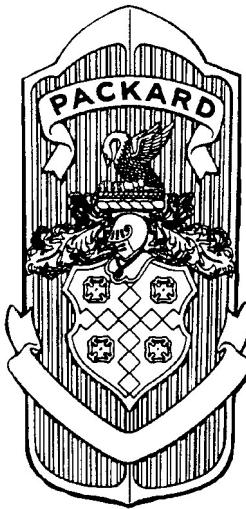


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Director's Report

We had a real live event! Ten Nor Cal members attended the Western Regions Tour and were blown away by the hospitality of our hosts from Packards of San Diego. Many thanks to event chairs Marjo Miller and Catherine Woolsey and their army of volunteers. You'll read all about it in these pages, and you can check out even more photos and a few movies on the Packard Automobile Classics Facebook page. It's a good thing I was off my diet for the weekend because we ate like kings, and all of the restaurants were so grateful to have a group like ours to help them get back on their feet.

Since COVID restrictions are being lifted fairly quickly, we are getting back to the business of having fun as fast as we can. Check out the calendar and the full roster of events, including 2 in June. Be sure to let me know if you will be participating in the Father's Day car show at Blackhawk so I can try to reserve you a space.

As most of you know, we were very sad to learn of the passing of Bud Juneau at the end of March. He was a champion of the Packard Proving Grounds, long time editor of the club's local and national publications and a member of our region since 1962. Above all else, he was a close friend to me and my family, having spent birthdays and holidays with us for more than 30 years. It was Bud who helped foster my interest in cars and encouraged me to get involved in club leadership. One of the most heart-breaking aspects is that neither Bud nor Wayne will be here for the national meet that we had to reschedule from last year to 2023. Yet another thing that COVID has stolen from us.

We ran a quiz in the last issue with the promise of giving the answers this time, but unfortunately, there's no room! I'm sorry to keep you in suspense, and I promise to publish them in July!

Happy Motoring!

Clint Moore





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| Jun 13-19 | CANCELLED—National Meet |
| June 13 | South Bay Drive Tour |
| June 20 | Father's Day Show at Blackhawk |
| *July 25 | Portal Park Picnic |
| August 2 | Board Meeting—Format TBD |
| August 8-15 | Monterey Car Week/Pebble Beach |
| *September 5 | Swap Meet |
| September 19 | Antique Autos at San Jose History Park |
| September 24 | Ironstone Concours |
| October 6-9 | Hershey Swap Meet in Hershey, PA |
| October 10 | Board Meeting—Format TBD |
| *October 17 | Brentwood Drive Tour |
| *November 13 | Veterans Home—Yountville |
| December 12 | Holiday Luncheon |

*Tentative Event

For a complete list of events, please visit our website at
www.norcalpackards.org/calendar.php

Upcoming Events

Father's Day Car Show @ Blackhawk

June 20, 2021

After a year away, Blackhawk Museum is excited to once again host its Father's Day Car Show. This casual event is open to anyone that wants to show off their vehicle and enjoy a relaxing day amongst other car lovers. You can register your vehicle for the early bird fee of \$20 by following the link below. The first 150 registered cars will receive a goodie bag with a Museum hat.

If you sign up or plan to participate, please email Clint Moore (batbuick@yahoo.com) to let him know you'll be coming. The museum will try to set aside a reserved area for us.

To register for the event, go to:

www.blackhawkmuseum.org/fathersday/

“Donna Reed” South Bay Drive Tour

June 13, 2021



Photo from “The Donna Reed Show” courtesy of imcdb.org

Our friends in the Freewheelers Car Club have invited us to join them June 13th in the South Bay for the Donna Reed Drive Tour, which will be led by the actual Edsel Bermuda station wagon used in the Donna Reed Show! Watch your email inbox for more details...

Where We've Been

Western Regions Tour—San Diego

Text by Clint Moore



Packards at the San Diego Automotive Museum. Left to right: 1936 1408 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Sedan, 1935 1208 Twelve Limousine, 1954 Panama Hardtop. (Photo: Clint Moore)

After a year of canceled events and uncertainty, we finally had a chance to do something with cars. In. Real. Life! Our friends in the San Diego region hosted a wonderfully coordinated and planned event that, with 20 Packards and more than 50 people in attendance, made us all feel almost normal again. When we arrived at the host hotel Wednesday, each participant was greeted with a bountiful basket of snacks, keepsakes, and event information. The hotel itself was the Best Western Island Palms Shelter Island, an establishment well known in the area for its Midcentury Modern tiki-style main buildings, which made the arriving Packards really stand out!

The optional Wednesday afternoon excursion was to the Old Point Loma light house, a decommissioned building now housing a historical museum, and we had our first glimpse at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, the largest military memorial outside Arlington. Returning to the hotel, we had just enough time to tour the parking lot to see who else had arrived before we were off to dinner. The welcome banquet was an elegant affair at the Southwestern Yacht

Club, where heat lamps and tents had been erected on the deck overlooking the many beautiful boats. We were told that we were the first large event they had had since COVID locked everything down, and the wait staff couldn't have been more appreciative to see our group of more than 50 people enjoying ourselves. San Diego Regional Director Richard Schauer made announcements and introduced us to our hosts and set the stage for the rest of the weekend while we enjoyed our carrot cake desserts. And best of all, they took special care to make sure that anyone who didn't bring a Packard would have every opportunity to ride along in a Packard if they wanted.

Thursday's itinerary started mid-morning with announcements in the parking lot before we departed for the docks and our Hornblower cruise of the bay. After a short drive, we lined our Packards up at the end of the pier before setting sail for lunch and a lesson about the history of the area and its many military installations. While we enjoyed our sandwiches and salads, the sun broke through the clouds making for a very enjoyable ride. Back at the dock, we

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Clint Moore smiles with Silver Circle members Greg Titus and Jay Hubbard in front of a 1934 1100 Sedan just after checking in at the registration table.

(Photo: Christopher Slater)



Milt & Carolee Wheeler's 1947 Clipper Custom Sedan shines in front of the USS Midway. (Photo: Clint Moore)

walked the short distance to our next point of interest, the USS Midway. Touring the massive aircraft carrier gave us a tiny glimpse into the life of the thousands of sailors and pilots that called the ship home during both times of peace and war. Docents/Veterans who had served on the boat were stationed all over the ship and were eager to share their knowledge and talk about their experiences. Dinner Thursday was "on your own," and many participants took advantage of the myriad local restaurants with outdoor (and limited indoor) dining.

Friday was the tour day, and we were treated to the beautiful sites and vistas the San Diego area has to offer, and before we departed, each participant was given a delicious Packard cookie to enjoy along the way. Our group of nearly 20 cars was broken up into groups because we would have been considered an illegal parade by local law if we had all stayed together! Our first stop was back at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, which provided some beautiful photo opportunities. Next we motored to Mount Soledad, where we had another opportunity to stretch our legs and walk up to the mountain-top cross and memorial. After an admonishment about the dangers of fading brakes, we set off back down the mountain to the ocean where we traveled up the Pacific Coast Highway through La Jolla and Del Mar before making our final stop in Encinitas for a late lunch



Above: 1936 1408 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Sedan and 1941 One Sixty Touring Sedan with the Soledad Mountain Cross memorial in the distance.

Below: Touring the Pacific Coast Highway between La Jolla and Del Mar in the 1934 1101 Eight Dietrich Convertible Sedan.

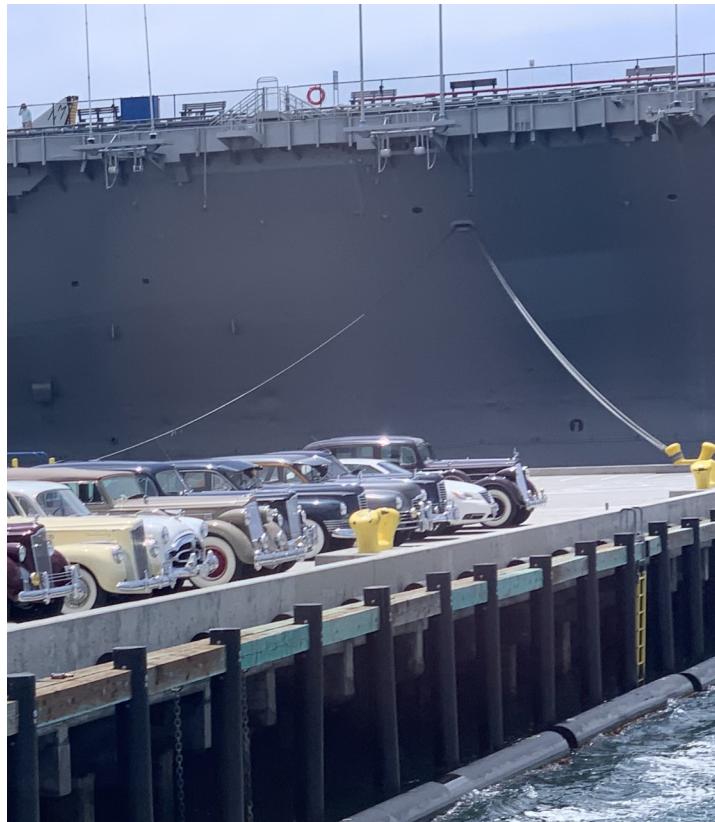
(Photos: Clint Moore)



Right: Andrew Wallace's 1952 Patrician "400" at the head of the Packards on the pier in front of the USS Midway. (Photo: Christopher Slater)

Below: The weekend's first place winner: Tom O'Hara's 1934 1101 Eight Dietrich Convertible Sedan. (Photo: Clint Moore)





*Below: Primo Packard
Parking at the San
Diego Automotive
Museum. Left to right:
1936 1400 Eight Sedan,
1934 1100 Eight Sedan,
1941 One Sixty Touring
Sedan, 1941 One Eighty
LeBaron Sport
Brougham,
1947 Clipper Super Sedan
(Photo: Clint Moore)*





Above: Marjo Miller's amazing unrestored 1948 Eight Station Sedan.
Below: Ron & Mary Carpenter's 1941 120 Station Sedan and Henry Hopkins' 1947 Clipper Custom Club Sedan were featured at the museum.
(Photos: Clint Moore)





The Nor Cal bunch (l to r): Wendy White (ECA Region), Fred Hill, Mary Carpenter, Pam Hill, Ron Carpenter, Christopher Slater, Henry Hopkins, Clint Moore, Mitch the Mechanic, Milt and Carolee Wheeler, Joe Munsch behind the camera. Right: the entire meet group!
(Photos: Joe Munsch)



of burgers and grilled sandwiches. Back at the hotel, it was time for our car show. We lined up a few cars in front of the hotel for a photo op, then moved across the street for a display that many locals came by to enjoy. As dusk settled pizzas arrived in Marjo Miller's 1948 Station Sedan, and we enjoyed a tasty tailgate party, which was a wonderful end to the day.

Saturday's adventure was to the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park, then on to Coronado Island. We departed the hotel mid-morning for a brief drive tour before arriving in the park that has been host to international expositions in 1915 and 1935, with a number of buildings and landmarks from each still standing. The museum welcomed us and had special parking reserved for 12 cars right at the front entrance, and TV automotive celebrity Dave Stall was on hand with a film crew to tape a promotional segment for the museum! We also took the opportunity to gather for a group photo before venturing into the museum for a bit of history and some beautiful cars, although there were no Packards. Departing the museum, many people then drove onto Coronado Island for lunch. Unfortunately, the Hotel del Coronado is undergoing a major renovation, so much of it was closed to the public, including the grand lobby, but their oceanside restaurants were open, as were the cafes and bistro's in the surrounding area.

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Marjo Miller, one of the event chairs, poses with the Long Distance Award trophy that was given to Milt Wheeler at the closing banquet.
(Photo: Christopher Slater)

The closing banquet was back at the hotel. We enjoyed appetizers and drinks around the pool before our hosts made quick work of the evening's program, thanking the many volunteers who made the event such a success, including event chairs

Marjo Miller and Catherine Woolsey. Trophies were given, and our own Milt and Carolee Wheeler took home the long distance award for driving (not trailering!) their 1947 Clipper Custom Sedan all the way from Saratoga. After the program, we enjoyed a lively dinner and dessert while swapping stories with the new friends we had made.

Sunday morning found most people hitting the road back home, but a diehard few remained to take the final excursion to the Birch Aquarium where we were treated to huge tanks filled with local sea life, such as jelly fish, sharks, eels, octopi and more. It's truly a world-class facility! But every event must come to an end, and we were forced to give our final thank yous and say our farewells to our very generous hosts. We couldn't have asked for a better time as we emerge from our seclusion. What memories we made! We look forward to seeing everyone next May for the 2022 Western Regions Tour, and we will be forever grateful for the hospitality of the Packard Club of San Diego!

Nor Cal Participants:

Ron & Mary Carpenter—1941 120 Station Sedan

Henry Hopkins & Mitch the Mechanic—1947 Clipper Custom Club Sedan

Milt & Carolee Wheeler—1947 Clipper Custom Sedan

Clint Moore

Christopher Slater

Fred & Pam Hill

Joe Munsch



Remembering Bud Juneau

Reprinted from the Cormorant News Bulletin

We are very sorry to report that Bud Juneau lost his battle with brain cancer on March 25. He was 81. Bud was born in Hollywood California in 1939 and raised in nearby Orange County. For a short time, his mother was a silent film actress for Thanhouser Film Corporation and his father owned a radio station and later started an advertising agency in Los Angeles. His uncle by marriage, Wallace Worsley, directed several Lon Chaney films including *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Vincent Price was a neighbor, and Bud played with his children regularly.

He received an Associates degree from Fullerton Junior College and a Bachelors and Masters degree from UC Berkeley. After a career teaching chemistry, Bud managed some apartment houses and became a nationally respected automotive photographer, whose photographs were printed in many major automotive publications and often graced the cover of *The Packard Cormorant*. Bud joined the Packard Club when he was 23 after purchasing a 903 and served on the board of trustees for the next 59 years —

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Bud smiles from his beloved 1937 1508 Twelve Touring Sedan he called Helen Twelve Cylinders after early film star Helen Twelvetrees.



Bud Juneau in 1965.

the same number of years that Packards were built. He was Membership VP from 1964-66 and was Executive VP in 1966, President in 1967 and Exec. VP again in 1969. He was a frequent contributor to the Packard Cormorant and served as editor of both *The Cormorant News Bulletin* (1988) and *The Packard Cormorant* (2002-04). For the past 42 years, Bud was the VP of Publications. His interest in preserving the Packard legacy extended beyond the club. He was one of the founding members of The Packard Motorcar

Foundation and has been active in the preservation and restoration of The Packard Proving Grounds for the past 20 years.

He will be remembered as a quiet, gentle man who took on jobs within the club without drawing attention to himself. He advised many club presidents over the years, was the licensing agent for our Packard trademarks, headed the Snodgrass Awards committee and served on the Special Membership, Weiss Award, Emeritus, Website and Publications committees. Bud also managed the website and online store. It goes without saying that he will be sorely missed. As his health began to fail, others gradually took on his many chores. The club will go on, but it will never be quite the same. As Bud described the recent passing of Wayne Parsons, it's the end of an era.

Later this year, Stuart Blond will be putting together a special issue of *The Packard Cormorant* honoring Bud and his work as a respected automotive photographer. If you wish to contribute any thoughts or memories, please send them to Stuart.



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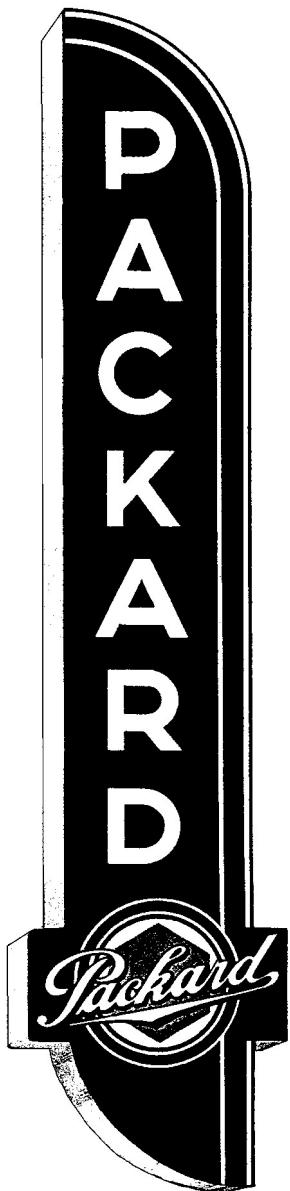
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