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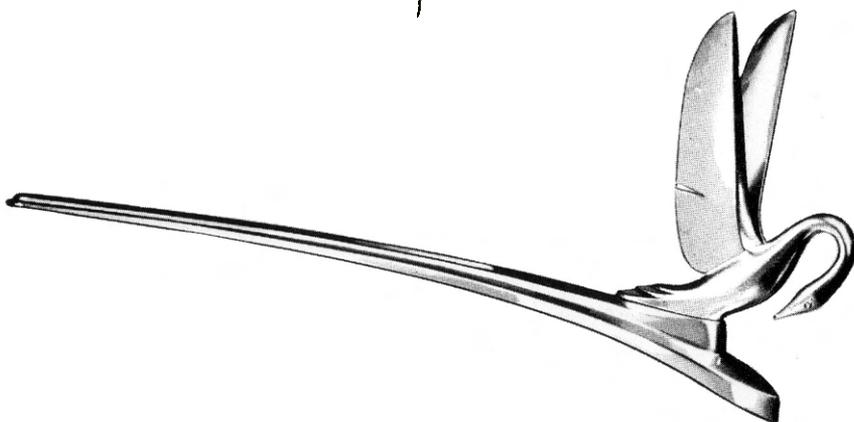
Our year is off to an amazing start with 2 wonderful events under our belts. Well-deserved thanks are due to Mike Solomon for taking the lead on the Niles Silent Movie day and to Hal and Becky Schuette for hosting an enjoyable afternoon social at the Candy Store.

Next up are a pair of events that definitely need you to register ahead of time. The Cobra Experience museum in April (deadline to register is April 11) and the Western Regions Tour to San Simeon (deadline to register is April 15). Both should be fantastic! Details are on the following pages, and watch your email inboxes for registration forms.

By the time June rolls around, I'm certain you'll be sick of me bringing this up, but I truly encourage everyone with a restored or very good condition car to consider registering for the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance's celebration of Packard's 125th anniversary. It truly should prove to be a fantastic event not to be missed!

Happy Motoring!

Clint





April 7	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
April 21	Cobra Experience—Martinez
May 16-19	Western Regions Tour—San Simeon
June 9-15	PAC National Meet—Wisconsin
June 23	Hillsborough Concours
July 14	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
July 28	Portal Park Picnic—Cupertino
August 18	Pebble Beach Concours
September 7	Annual Swap Meet—Vallejo
September 14	Antique Autos in History Park—San Jose
September 28	Ironstone Concours—Murphys
October 6	Niello Concours—Eldorado Hills
October 13	Board Meeting—Blackhawk
November 10	Veterans Day Show—Yountville
December 8	Holiday Luncheon

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

Upcoming Event
The Cobra Experience, Martinez
Sunday, April 21



Photo courtesy of the Cobra Experience website.

Join your Packard pals on “National Mustang Day” at the Cobra Experience in Martinez! Tire kicking, coffee and donuts will start the day at 9am. The museum opens at 10am and includes 25,000 square feet of cars, memorabilia and equipment, as well as a small theater to view a short film about the Ford/Shelby American Story. A truly fascinating facility! Lunch will be served in the museum’s dining room.

A registration form to RSVP will be sent by email, so please watch your email inboxes!

When: **Sunday**, April 21
 9am—Parking & Donuts begin
 10am—Museum opens
 12 noon—Lunch is served

Where: Cobra Experience
 777 Arnold Drive, Martinez 94553

Cost: \$40/person, includes museum entry & lunch.

RSVP: **RSVP required by April 10!** Watch for registration forms in your email!

Upcoming Event **Western Regions Tour, San Simeon** **Thursday, May 16—Sunday, May 19**



Packards and the young men who owned them at a San Simeon Western Regions Tour in the early 1990s. (Photo: Bud Juneau)

W.R. Hearst, Marion Davies and the Earle C. Anthony Region invite you to an enchanting weekend along the Central Coast!

It's shaping up to be an action-packed getaway of exemplary excursions, including a tour of Hearst Castle, a visit to the Estrella Warbirds Aviation Museum and the trip to the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse, plus a farmers market, olive oil tasting and backroads driving tours through the beautiful California hills and along the captivating coastline.

Accommodations will be at the Cavalier Oceanfront Resort (“The only oceanfront resort in San Simeon or Cambria!”). Call 805-927-4688 to make your reservations and use promo code “PACKARD CLUB” to receive the special group rate.



Hearst & Davies sporting appropriate Western Regions Tour apparel.

Look for the registration form in your email, or download the form and tour info at <http://2024tour.ecapackard.com>

Registration forms and payments are due by April 15!

Questions? Contact ECA Regional Director Andrew Wallace at 818-474-0402 or Andrew@ecapackard.com

Upcoming Event
Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance
Sunday, June 23



John VanSpeybroeck's 1940 160 Convertible Coupe receiving its class award at Hillsborough in 2022. (Photo: Clint Moore)

The Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance is partnering with Nor Cal Packards to create a grand celebration commemorating 125 years of the Packard Motor Car Company. Special classes for prewar and postwar Packards will be featured in the concours, and designated "car corral" parking and discount admission tickets are available to spectators.

We hope to create a display that represents the 59 years Packards were produced, including both junior and senior models from all eras. All concours entrants enjoy breakfast and lunch in an exclusive tent as well as receive a commemorative plaque for their car, and more! And remember, if you're not the competitive type interested in detailing your car to 100-point perfection, you can still enter your car as "Display Only" without having it judged for an award.

Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the longest-running concours d'elegance in the world!

Visit www.hillsboroughconcours.org to register your vehicle or purchase discount spectator tickets with code #Packard24.

Where We've Been **Niles Silent Movie Day** Text & Photos by Clint Moore



Nor Cal Members filled the Essanay Silent Film Theater to enjoy lunch and watch early pictures featuring Packards.

The morning was crisp and sunny even if it had been raining just hours before, and that break in the weather brought 5 Packards and more than 40 members and guests to the picturesque town of Niles for a day of humor and history.

Mike Solomon and Christopher Slater organized the activities, which started with coffee and pastries in front of the Essanay Silent Movie Museum and Theater. The display of Packards drew quite a crowd from the “cars and coffee” hotrod event that was winding down as we arrived.

When the theater opened, participants filed in and took their seats in the town’s original movie theater. One of the docents gave a brief presentation on the history of the studios and movie making in the area before showing the first film, a western featuring recognizable local locations. Next up was the 1924 action/comedy short “Kid Speed” about a car race and starring a young Oliver Hardy (before he teamed up with Stan Laurel) driving an early Packard racer!

During the intermission, sandwiches and drinks from the local market were served for lunch, plus chips and cookies! Now with full bellies, everyone settled back in for the feature



*Exploring the old Niles Firehouse collections. There was so much to see!
Above: Ron MacDougall and Tony Butay check out the amazing LaSalle.
Below: Milt Wheeler crouches next to Jim Laughlin and Bill Price.*





Above: (l to r) Warren Martin's 1948 Custom 8 Sedan, Milt Wheeler's 1947 Custom Super 8 Sedan, Tom Beidleman's 1934 1100 Sedan and Zane Buck's 1956 Clipper Super Sedan on display at Niles.



Center: Doug Moore's 1950 Super 8 DeLuxe Victoria and Larry Nannini's 1937 1507 Twelve Convertible Coupe face off inside the Candy Store.

Below: Jeff Mihaly's 1928 443 Custom 8 Runabout makes a statement in the parking lot of the Essanay Movie Museum.





Above: Lining the sidewalk at the Candy Store were (l to r) Rob Guzzetta's 1928 526 Six Sedan, Kelly & Marilyn Monaghan's 1937 1501 Super Eight Victoria, Ron & Mary Carpenter's 1940 120 2-door Sedan and Tim & Kathie Toland's 1940 110 Convertible Coupe.



Below: The extremely rare 1913 Henderson restored and displayed at the old Niles Firehouse.





Above: Candy Store President Rob Fisher says a few words to the group while (l to r) Hillsborough Concours Chairman Glen Egan, Hillsborough veteran John Joss and event host Hal Schuette look on.

Below: Nor Cal members explore the Candy Store collection under the vintage Packard dealership sign that once adorned the building's exterior.



Where We've Been **Candy Store Social**

Text by Clint Moore, Photos by Clint Moore
& Rob Guzzetta



The Candy Store in its original incarnation as an Earle C. Anthony Packard dealership. The Packard sign on the “antenna” is now displayed in the shop area.

What better way to spend a sunny afternoon than munching sweet treats with friends at the exclusive Candy Store club house in Burlingame? Since we usually meet in the morning for donuts, it was a nice departure to gather at 2pm for cookies and light refreshments courtesy of Hal and Becky Schuette. Nearly 50 members and guests made the trip to the prominent peninsula town, some braving terrible bridge traffic—it seems Nor Cal Packards wasn't the only group taking advantage of the beautiful weather!

Ten Packards lined the sidewalk outside the building, including Kelly & Marilyn Monaghan's 1937 1501 Super 8 Victoria which hasn't been on the road in 20 years, if this editor is not mistaken!

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The Candy Store Foundation's 1934 1104 Super Eight Touring is the focal point in a showroom full of rare automobiles.

Once inside, participants were treated to two more of our members Packards flanking the Candy Store's lectern for the brief presentation to come. Tables and chairs had been set out, and a buffet of cookies, chips and beverages awaited consumption.



Susan Nannini and Becky Schuette enjoy catching up.

After exploring the building and its many wonders, our members were encouraged to gather as Hal Shcuette kicked off the brief program introducing the current Candy Store president, Rob Fisher. Rob said a few words about the building and the club before passing the microphone to Hillsborough Concours d' Elegance chairman Glen Egan. Glen rallied the group to get excited about this year's concours which will feature a special class commemorating the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Packard Motor Car Compa-

ny. Members are encouraged to register their cars for the special classes being created or to at least attend the event as spectators. (See page 5 for details) John Joss was next to speak just a few brief words, but his very recognizable voice and accent brought back memories of concours past, for he was the announcer at Hillsborough for more than 20 years!

Finally your Nor Cal Packards Regional Director had a turn at the mic to thank our hosts and give another push to get people to consider registering their cars for the concours.



Christopher Slater wore his Bugatti sweater just in case one happened to be on display.

Many thanks to our wonderful hosts Hal and Becky Schuette, and everyone who helped set up and tear down, including Tim & Kathie Toland, Christopher Slater, Mike Solomon and Ladd Stephenson. We look forward to visiting the Candy Store again soon!!

Nor Cal Members who brought Packards:

Rob Guzzetta	1928 526 Six Sedan
Larry & Susan Nannini	1937 1507 Twelve Conv. Coupe
Kelly & Marilyn Monaghan	1937 1501 Super 8 Victoria
Ron & Mary Carpenter	1940 120 2-Door Sedan
John & Judi Higgins	1940 110 Sedan
Tim & Kathie Toland	1940 110 Convertible Coupe
Bruce Cumming	1940 110 Station Wagon
Doug and Clint Moore	1950 Super 8 Deluxe Victoria
Bill Schoemann	1953 Clipper Deluxe Sedan
Patrick & Chikako McNamara	1955 Patrician
Fred Hill	1955 Four Hundred
Zane & Miriam Buck	1956 Clipper Super Sedan



Zane and Miriam Buck flank Phil Sherman in a room filled with pinball machines, neon and a juke box.

film, “For Heaven’s Sake,” the 1926 Harold Lloyd comedy. The highlight of this film being the new Packard he drives out of the showroom and immediately into a car chase and gun battle! Needless to say, it does not end well for the Packard...

When the movies were over, local mechanic, tour guide and overall Niles promoter Gary Mills took the group on a tour of 2 local buildings. First up was the “street car” garage where the vintage cars normally parked around downtown are stored. This building

also has a classic bicycle collection and other car ephemera. Next up was the old firehouse, which has been converted into a restoration shop and local clubhouse of sorts. A wide variety of early cars were stored and being worked on here, plus old pinball machines, rescued service station signs and memorabilia and more! Of note was a 1913 Henderson, one of few still known to exist partly because the company only built cars for 3 years!

The final stop on the way out of town was the restored Flying A service station for “selfies.” What a wonderful day! Many thanks to Mike Solomon who took the lead on the event, assisted by Christopher Slater. Thanks as well to Gary Mills and the town of Niles for being such wonderful hosts!

Members who brought Packards:

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| Jeff Mihaly | 1928 443 Custom 8 Runabout |
| Tom Beidleman | 1934 1100 Eight Sedan |
| Milt Wheeler | 1947 Custom Super 8 Sedan |
| Warren Martin | 1948 Custom 8 Sedan |
| Zane & Miriam Buck | 1956 Clipper Super Sedan |

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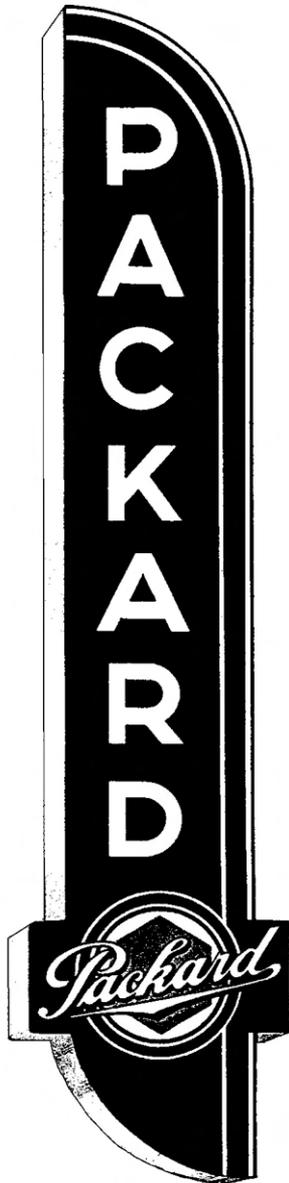
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