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#### The Pious Pelican September - October 2008 Volume 44, No. 5 Director's Report Lee Kimball

September weather provided the perfect climate for Packard enthusiasts to gather at the club's annual swap meet in Vallejo . Many thanks to George and Eddie Beck for their highly successful efforts in organizing this event with PI and CCCA. You can read all about it in this issue of *The Pious Pelican*.

The end of summer and fall saw a lull in our touring activity for 2008. The Fall Gold Country Tour previously slated for October was cancelled by Tour Director Larry Nannini. No replacement tour has been planned. The next club event is the Holiday Luncheon planned for December 7.

We continue to make improvements to the club website to make it more inviting and user friendly. The option of using TBD (to be determined) in the price window under Packard Parts Wanted has now been added. Posting ads continue to be a free service to all Packard enthusiasts whether a member of the club or not. We are seeing increased activity in the listings from near and far as the site's popularity grows. All of the club's major events of 2008 published in *The Pious Pelican* can now also be enjoyed on the site.

The Western Regions Tour which was the feature article of the last issue of *The Pious Pelican* also graced the latest edition of *The Cormorant News Bulletin* with additional pictures taken at the event. The Southern California group will head up this annual event next year in what promises to be a touring event you will not want to miss.

It's a great time of the year for a comfortable ride to enjoy the fall colors in one of America's finest motor cars of the past. As always, thank you for your support of the Packard legacy and *enjoy the cars and the places they take you.* 

Lee

## A Word from your Editor

#### Bud Juneau

Just back from the Hershey Swap Meet where we had perfect weather for a change. The "buzz" in Packard circles was the 1937 Packard 1508 Twelve that had been converted into a boat-tail speedster. The only problem was that the boat-tail had been made out of an old aluminum row-boat bottom. Offered at \$28,000.

While I was there I saw Doug Moore, Kay & Mark Barchas (enjoying food & drink at the Packard Club Hospitality tent), Jay Hubbard, and Greg Titus (Reno Region).



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The Packards on the show field on Saturday were the usual high-point crowd, out to get one more AACA award, but the spectators were so thick that I didn't even try to get any photos. While wandering around, I did see a 1955 Four Hundred Hard Top with 5,000 original miles on it. It was absolutely gorgeous and mint. They were asking \$52,000 for it.

A pretty 1941 Station Wagon caught my eye (The balloon you see in the sky at the top of the photo, leads you to the PAC tent). The 1912 Model 30 roadster shown in our centerspread was absolutely original with just the right amount of patina to make my checkbook nervous. This car is a true survivor and I hope that it continues to be preserved in its original condition. You never know about the weather, but Hershev is always fun.



#### Health & Welfare by Becky Schuette

Hi all. I hope all have been well and that you are now enjoying our Indian Summer.

It was brought to my attention that Fred Hill had foot surgery, and Bill Henretty had eye surgery. Good wishes for a speedy recovery in the form of a get well card from the club was mailed to them. Hope to see both of them at our annual Holiday Luncheon.

Please notify me of any news that is appropriate to share with the membership.

## **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.

**'32-'39 Senior:** John Kilkenny, 408-779-6777, email: jkilkenny@juno.com

**'38-'50 Junior:** Ron Carpenter, 925-933-1486, email: RCarp1940@aol.com

**'55-'56 V-8:** Fred Hill, 925-934-3471, email: echohillpackards@comcast.net



Fred Hill.



Mark & Kay Barchas practice their salutes.



Ron & Mary Carpenter.



Bob Coffin.



A Fund raiser for the Packard Proving Grounds was held at The Carter Collection. The complete story on page 6.

## Where We've Been The Carter Collection Los Gatos, California Text by Bud Juneau Photos by George Beck & Bud Juneau



The main building features Packards down the middle, a row of Ferraris on the left and an eclectic collection of nicely restored cars down the right.

An elegantly catered barbecue luncheon was hosted by Juana and Larry Carter at their Los Gatos estate, with a special emphasis on raising funds for the restoration of the Packard Proving Grounds.

On the morning of August 3, 2008, Nor-Cal Packard members gathered in a Los Gatos parking lot to form up a caravan to drive to the Carter Estate, well hidden in the nearby Santa Cruz mountains.

Once the caravan turned in to the private driveway the beauty of the setting was immediately apparent. The Packards were arranged around a large courtyard and Larry Carter welcomed the group to his "garage." His collection



Mark & Kay Barchas.



## Where We've Been Alameda Naval Air Station Museum Photos by George Beck



Military vehicles on display in front of the museum.



Fred Hill & Ron Carpenter.

#### (Continued from page 6)

is housed in several buildings that are beautifully finished inside and out. One building includes Larry's private office and a large recreation room complete with kitchen facilities.

Many Packards were in evidence, but most people were probably impressed by the row of Ferraris on display. Later, as Larry hosted a private tour of his collection, it became apparent that he had bought each of the special Ferraris as a new car, keeping them all as the years went by.

We were encouraged to enjoy the collection and his restoration shop as Juana and the caterers put the finishing touches on the lunch. When we were called to lunch, it was a wonderful spread with cheese burgers, giant hot dogs, potato salad, and all of the trimmings. Soft drinks and wine flowed freely and we were encouraged to enjoy the great dessert selection.

The Nor-Cal Region and The Packard Motor Car Foundation presented Larry & Juana with a framed limited-edition painting by noted artist, Jack Juratovic. A special fund raiser followed with Larry offering to match the amount given by the tour participants during this meet. Foundation Vice-President, Bud Juneau put everyone on the spot by going table to table and an amazing \$3,850 was collected. Larry matched the amount, so the event raised a very nice figure of \$7,700 for the restoration of the Packard Proving Grounds. The generosity and hospitality of the Carters is very much appreciated and we give them a heartfelt "Thanks" for hosting such a nice event.



Our hosts, Juana and Larry Carter by their 903 sport phaeton.



Toland 1940, Barnett 1934, and Wheeler 1934



Licardo '40, Hill '55, Sherman '56, Nelson '39, Brazil '47, & Baldwin '47.



Carpenter 1949



This cream-colored convertible was spotted in the swap meet looking spiffy with fender skirts.



Two long-time Board members were at the Swap Meet, Wayne Parsons with his '38 & Bud Juneau with his '37.

Hollywood. A special thanks to all the folks that brought parts and cars to sell. Sales were brisk and many vendors mentioned that they were looking forward to next year. It appears we will be able to use this venue again next year, so mark the tentative date of September 6, 2009 on your calendars and plan to bring out all those spare parts you really don't need any more.

Special thanks go to the following vendors who made the swap meet a success:

Jeff Adkins - Moose's Obsolete Brake Parts, Rich Azzolino, Ron Carpenter, Bob Diana and Ed Drexler - automobile literature, Don Figone, Lee Garoyan, Fred Hill - Echo Hill Packard Parts, Jay Hubbard - Silver Circle Packards, Jack Kruse, Ron Larson, Ben Lucero, David Moe - Packard Seattle Company, J.R. Noah, Steve Olson, Jack Pinsker, Daniel Shanahn, Troosh, John Ulrich - Ulrich Packard Parts, and Jerry Wuichet - Collector Car Appraisal and Restorations.

If you would like to contact any of the vendors, call George Beck for their phone numbers or email addresses. If you are still looking for that special part, don't forget to take advantage of the Nor-Cal Packards web page and list your needs in the "Parts Wanted" Classifieds.



A nice group of Packards in the parking lot, including John and Yvonne Fuller's '53 from Reno, Nevada.



Passey 1932



Kilkenny 1934



Moore 1946



Each special edition Ferrari was bought new, driven by Larry and retired to the collection.



Lubich 1950



George Beck, swap meet chairman and Buck Kamphausen, our gracious host.



Dan Shanahan had this interesting original '37 120 convertible coupe (Barn Find) for sale.

#### Where We've Been

Vallejo Swap Meet Sept. 7, 2008 Text by George Beck Photos by Bud Juneau



Buck Kamphausen had a nice selection of Packards on display along with his popcorn wagon and Good Humor ice cream truck, complete with a variety of free ice cream treats.

Over 20 vendors and a very good turnout of Packard enthusiasts enjoyed a beautiful day at the Vallejo Swap Meet, drinking coffee, eating doughnuts, kicking tires, and discovering a variety of automotive treasures. The event was sponsored by the Nor-Cal regions of Packard Automobile Classics, Packards International and the Classic Car Club of America. This year's venue for the annual swap meet was the parking lot of the USA World Classics Event Center in downtown Vallejo. The center provides a distinctive environment for exhibits featuring vintage cars and rare items of interest. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Buck Kamphausen, we were able to use the large parking lot, visit the Titanic exhibit and see his great collection of cars, funeral vehicles and fire engines. There was even an antique ice cream truck providing free treats.

Vendors came from as far away as Seattle, Sparks, Los Osos and North (Continued on page 16)

#### **Carter Collection Tour Participants**

Stan & Jeri Baldwin Charles Barnett Robert & Nancy Barton George & Eddie Beck John & Lorraine Blackburn Roy & Elaine Brett Ron & Mary Carpenter John & Arlene Brazil Bill & Barbara Henretty Fred Hill Jack & Merna Holmes Bud Juneau John, Lorraine, & Matt Kilkenny Warren Lubich Gino & Janet Licardo Clint Moore Doug & Julie Moore Larry & Susan Nannini Victor & Cecilia Nelson Jack Passey & Kevin Larkin David Robinson & Roger Langford Hal & Becky Schuette Don & Glenda Sears Phil & Susan Sherman Bill & Rita Simpkins Christopher Slater Tim & Kathie Toland Milt & Randy Wheeler Jerry & Linda Wuichet Bill Young



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