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# The Pious Pelican September—October, 2022 Volume 61, No. 5 Director's Report

A busy 2 months it has been since the last issue! Three official and one unofficial event in September alone, and I'm happy to report we have had good turnouts at them all. Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate their time and bring their cars out to represent our club all over Northern California!

Coming up quickly we have our annual pilgrimage to the Veterans Home in Yountville followed by our holiday luncheon. You need to RSVP soon to both of these, so don't miss out!

On a different note, your planning committee for the 2023 National Meet has been meeting regularly to keep our event next year on track, and here are some updates:

- The registration form will be finalized this month and included in the December issue of the *Cormorant News Bulletin*. That said, you can book your room now! See details on the next page.
- We are looking for advertisers in the Meet Book. If you know of a business that might be interested, please contact me. In years past, many members have purchased a space to include a personal message, and we welcome this as well. Our goal is to completely offset the cost of printing with advertising dollars.
- After some initial doubts, we were lucky enough to secure the beautiful venue at the Rohnert Park Community Center for Judging Day. Many thanks to Jeff Mihaly for his persistence!
- Assuming it is not being refurbished at the time, British Motors of San Francisco, the former Earle C. Anthony dealership, is excited to have us park a couple of Packards in their showroom on the day our group will be touring the Academy of Art car collection just up the street.
- We are getting calls of support from our surrounding regions (Packards of Oregon, Silver Circle Packards and Earle C. Anthony Packards) asking how they can help.
- There will be sign up sheets at the holiday luncheon looking for volunteers because we need lots of worker bees before and during the event!!!

Let's show the rest of the country that we know how to throw a national meet to remember!



November 11 Veterans Day Visit to Yountville

(tentative)

December 4 Holiday Luncheon

2023

January 8 Board of Directors Meeting

January? San Rafael Car Museum

June 26-July 1 PAC National Meet—SF Bay Area

August 20 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

September 23 Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

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

### **2023 National Meet Room Reservations**

The Double Tree Sonoma Wine Country is accepting reservations for the 2023 meet. The hotel has agreed to honor our room rates from our original booking in 2020: just \$176/night plus tax! To book your rooms, please visit:

https://bit.ly/PAC2023MEET

Or call Natalia Rogers at 707-586-4614 and use reservation code PAC.

# Upcoming Event Veterans Day at Yountville Sunday, November 13

Nor Cal Packards looks forward to a wonderful day honoring our nation's heroes with a visit to the Veterans Home in Yountville. This year we have 8 Packards signed up to attend, but there's always room for more!

If you are interested in participating, contact Clint immediately! The Moore Veterans home takes COVD precautions very seriously. All attendees must have their vaccine and at least one booster. vaccination and cards must be submitted prior to arrival.



Ron Carpenter's former 1941 110 Station Wagon on display at the Veterans Home at an event in years past. (Photo: Clint Moore)

When: Sunday, November 13

Display 11am-1pm Lunch in Napa to follow

Where: Veterans Home of California

190 California Drive Yountville, CA 94599

Cost: Free to display, lunch on your own.

Questions: Call Clint Moore at 408-258-5459 or email bat-

buick@yahoo.com

## Upcoming Event Annual Holiday Party Sunday, December 4



The Moore family 1946 Custom Super Clipper limousine "dressed" for the holidays at Crater Lake. (Photo: Clint Moore/Enhancement: Michael Berckart)

The Nor Cal Packards annual holiday party resumes its traditional position in the calendar this December 4 as we return to Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo! Be sure to wear your best (or worst!) holiday attire! Bring an item or two or three to donate to the silent auction. This is your chance to make those overlooked car-related items around your house benefit our club! RSVPs are needed soon so we can have a head count for the restaurant. See our website for more details and the registration form, or call Janet Wooldridge at the number below.

When: Sunday, December 4, 11:30am

Where: Zio Fraedo's

23 Harbor Way, Vallejo

Cost: \$55 for members, \$60 for guests, kids under 16 \$30

RSVP: Make checks payable to Nor Cal Packards, send to

Janet Wooldridge 2312 Fruitdale Ave. San Jose, CA 95128

Questions: Call Dave & Janet Wooldridge 408-368-0510

## Where We've Been Annual Vallejo Swap Meet

Text & Photos by Jeff Mihaly

For me, this year's Packard Swap Meet on September 11 was like going to my high school reunion! Thank You Ron Carpenter for organizing it and making sure that this event continues as an annual tradition. When I arrived, I was only going to stay for a short time because the Gatsby Picnic was the same day, but I found it impossible to leave because every time I looked up, another Packard guy was walking onto the grounds! John and Matt Kilkenny brought Matt's 35 and we talked for quite some time about many topics, including Matt's new book Detroit Steel Artists. Then there was Jeff Atkins of Moose Motors, a vendor who has been a long time supplier to me of brake and other parts. Our Treasurer Kelly Monaghan arrived and asked what I had seen, so I took him around and showed him all the parts I was trying not to buy. John Ulrich was there with his '41 and always has parts that I need. Dale Johnson drove quite a distance to sell me a Twelve manifold and sidemount covers. Neil Gapoff was walking around in his usual large cowboy hat, making friends wherever he went. David Moe of Packards Seattle made the long trip down and always amazes me with how much good stuff he's able to bring with him. I spoke with Jerry Wuichet for awhile about his car and the National Meet.

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Jeff Atkins of Moose Motors discussing his brake parts as he leans against a wonderful, well loved 1953 Caribbean

# Where We've Been Antique Autos in History Park

Text by Clint Moore & Photos by Rob Guzzetta



John Higgins' 1940 110 Sedan showed beautifully among the many Packards displayed at History Park..

Nor Cal Packards had a wonderful turnout for the annual convergence of pre-war cars at Antique Autos in History Park. Dubbed "The Largest Antique Car Show in the West," it never disappoints and even seems to have grown since we returned from COVID. September 17 proved to be a delightful sunny day without the scorching temperatures we had been experiencing, and of the hundreds of cars present, there were seven Packards.

One of the nice things about the show is there's more to do than just look at cars. Demonstrations of pre-war crafts, toys and electronics were given to any interested passers by, and music could be heard throughout the day performed sporadically by the group stationed in the bandstand, the ladies choir and the roaming barbershop quartet. A pair of food trucks supplied the lunch, and for dessert O'Brien's was open for business with many flavors of ice cream to choose from.

Our club's donation to the organizers secured our usual spot near the replica San Jose Light Tower, which makes a dramatic entrance to our display of "Big Iron." Cousins Rob Guzzetta and Frank Giordano showed that collecting unrestored gems is a family affair with Rob's 1928 526 Sedan and Frank's 1930 745 7-Passenger Sedan parked side-by-side at the head of our row. The full range of Packards present covered 1927 to 1940, and we attracted a lot of attention.

Many thanks to the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club for putting the day together and making it so easy for everyone to participate. We appreciate their efforts in what has become a well-oiled machine!

#### Members who brought Packards:

Rob Guzzetta 1928 526 Six Sedan

Frank Giordano 1930 745 Deluxe 8 7-Passeger Sedan 1932 903 8 Deluxe Convertible Sedan Clint and Doug Moore 1935 1207 Twelve Sport Phaeton

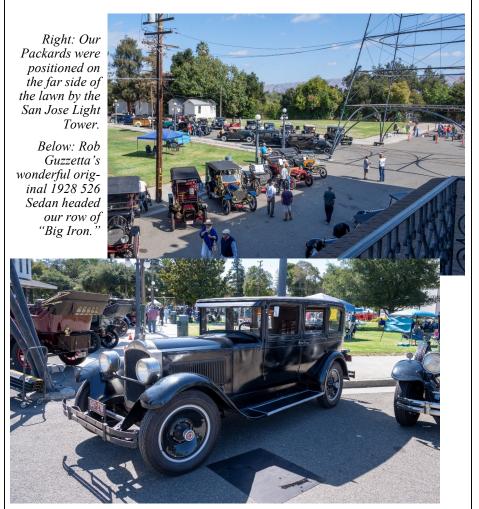
Matt and John Kilkenny

John Higgins 1940 110 Sedan

**Bruce Cumming** 1940 110 Station Wagon

#### Other Members in Attendance:

Lynn & Jeanne Kissel 1933 Pierce-Arrow 1236 Club Sedan





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Above: A portion c class at Ironstone. Bock's 1928 44. Coupe, Jeff Mihai

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Right: Bruce Cun 110 Station Wage Park. (Photo: Re Moore and Tim hatting next to 110 Convertible e CCCA Cars & to: Clint Moore)



# Where We've Been Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



Al Vasquez's 1941 Business Coupe gleamed in the sunshine in the amphitheater at Ironstone Vineyard.

Nor Cal member and event organizer Chris Bock never fails to disappoint in fielding an impressive array of automobiles for the annual Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, and this year was no different. More than 200 classic and antique automobiles, vintage trailers, and race cars filled the amphitheater and dotted the surrounding manicured landscape of Ironstone Winery in Murphys on September 24 for a sunny and warm celebration benefitting the local 4-H and FFA chapters.

Clint Moore and Christopher Slater's efforts to turn out a well-filled Packard class prevailed as there were eleven cars in our class and an additional one in Preservation! This is a marked improvement over last year's disappointing showing of just two. Of note, Chris Bock debuted his 1928 443 Eight 4-Passenger Coupe and our friend Andrew Wallace, Director of Earle C. Anthony Region, drove his 1952 Patrician 400 all the way from Los Angeles to see what we've been raving about all these years. He promises to return next year and encourage other members from his region to join him! An unusual addition to the class was a 1947 Clipper Six sedan that had been recently purchased by Joseph Svec, whom we hope will join our club!

The winning car in the Packard class was a stunning 1934 1107 Twelve Convertible Victoria presented by the Academy of Art in San

Francisco. Best in Show for the day was awarded to a good friend of the club Bob Jacobson for his 1933 Pierce Arrow Convertible Sedan, which was fresh from it's display at Pebble Beach.

Many thanks again to the Ironstone Foundation, Chris Bock and all of the young volunteers from 4-H and FFA for making such a wonderful day possible. We look forward to next year!

Members who brought Packards:

Jeff Mihaly 1928 443 Custom 8 Runabout Chris Bock 1928 443 4-Passenger Coupe Clint Moore 1937 1508 Twelve 7-Passenger Sedan

Larry & Susan Nannini
George Beck
John VanSpeybroeck
1937 1500 Twelve 7-1 assenger Gedal
1937 1507 Twelve Convertible Coupe
1937 1500 Super 8 Touring Sedan
1940 160 Super 8 Convertible Coupe

Al Vasquez 1941 120 Business Coupe

Other Members in Attendance:

Henry Hopkins Christopher Slater Lynn & Jeanne Kissel



Larry & Susan Nannini's 1937 1507 Twelve Convertible Coupe displaying its Award of Merit.

Chris Bock's 1928 443 4-Passenger Coupe looks very stately under the clear blue sky.



# Where We've Been CCCA Cars & Coffee

Text & Photos by Clint Moore



Jeff Mihaly's 1937 1500 Super 8 Touring Sedan was parked with a lovely Rolls Royce at the Redwood City event.

Our friends from the Classic Car Club of America invited us to join them on October 8 for a special "Cars & Coffee" event in Redwood City. Other invited clubs included Cadillac-LaSalle, Rolls Royce, Pierce-Arrow and more! What resulted was a wonderful morning gathering followed by a delicious lunch. The crisp and foggy autumn weather didn't deter the more than 20 cars that rolled into the parking lot. Your author even drove all the way from San Jose with the top down! Among the cars were 5 Packards, and quite a few more members brought cars of other makes, including Tom Beidleman's 1948 Nash Ambassador Custom and Henry Hopkins Cadillac Convertible. The long distance (without a car) award went to long time member Joe Munsch, who happened to be in town from Oregon, and decided to surprise us with a visit! It was certainly great to see him!

Tire kicking and sweet pastries were enjoyed throughout the morning as we took the opportunity to get a closer look at many cars we don't see often at events. When the time came, it was an easy ramble directly across the street to Harry's Hofbrau where sandwiches were piled high by the carver and accompanied by any of the myriad sides and salads. With full bellies and heavy to-go boxes, we stuffed ourselves behind the wheels of our classics and trundled home.

Many thanks to Ed Holloway and Johnny Crowell of our local CCCA region for putting together such a marvelous and relaxing day!

Members who brought Packards:

Clint and Doug Moore 1932 903 8 Deluxe Convertible Sedan

Matt and John Kilkenny
Jeff Mihaly

1935 1207 Twelve Sport Phaeton
1937 1500 Super 8 Touring Sedan

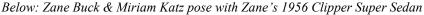
Tim & Kathie Toland 1940 110 Convertible Coupe Zane Buck & Miriam Katz 1956 Clipper Super Sedan

Other Members in Attendance:

Tom Beidleman Kelly Monaghan
Bruce Cumming Joe Munsch
Henry Hopkins William Price



Above: The merry members of Nor Cal Packards in attendance.





#### Swap Meet—Continued from page 5

friends from Silver City Packards Jay Hubbard, Craig Williams and Greg Titus were on hand. The list goes on and on!

I was very pleased to meet some new folks who brought their lovely 1948 Packard Station Sedan. Emo and Sandie Schuitema drove their car from Alameda, and it was a great surprise to see it! After caring for this rare automobile for many years for its prior owner, Emo and Sandie became the proud stewards of it and are enjoying the open road. What a treat it was!

Thanks again to Ron Carpenter for putting the event together, and a reminder that our next swap meet will be at the National Meet in Rohnert Park June 26-July 1, 2023!



Swap Meet organizer Ron Carpenter smiles at the success of the day while Michael Solomon scours the Internet.

Matt and John
Kilkenny flank
Silver Circle
member Craig
Williams in front
of David Moe's
incredibly organized display of
parts.

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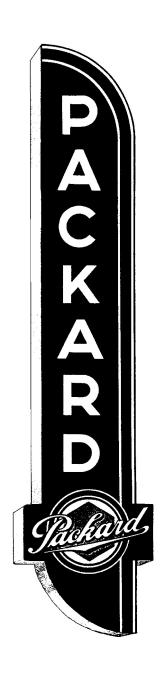
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