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Director's Report

The engine on my 1948 Sedan is coming along, and I can't wait to have it back on the road to attend some of the events in our packed schedule for 2026! I'm pleased with both the number and diversity of activities we are planning for the year.

I'm embarrassed to report 2 corrections from the previous issue. First, Ron & Mary Carpenter's 1938 110 Coupe was incorrectly identified on page 7 as Ladd Stephenson's 1937 115C. Also, Christopher Slater won Event of the Year honors for his work on the Western Regions Tour, not the Swap Meet.

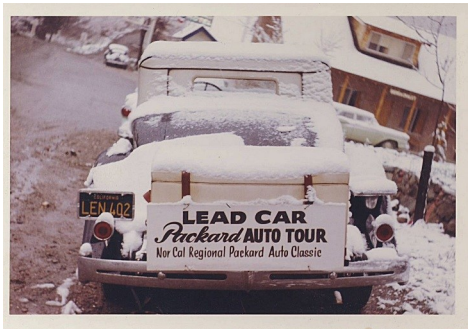
The Niles Movie Day was a huge success because of all the hard work Mike Solomon put into it. Great weather, a great turnout, and no issue with the sound this year! Plus, what a treat to have Christopher Slater's Light Eight Roadster out front just like the car featured in the movie we watched.

Jay Hubbard from Silver Circle Packards has planned an incredible Western Regions Tour for us to the Eastern Sierra and Mammoth Lakes. It's in June this year, a bit later in the year than usual, but this will ensure we don't run into any problems with late-season snow, like those photos from one of Nor Cal's earliest tours in 1963 to Lake Tahoe. Of course, the cars were only 30 years old then, not 90+!

It's not too late to sign up for Ron Simon's tour to Al Engel's collection next weekend, and Ladd Stephenson is getting everything lined up for our visit to the Travis Air Force Base Aviation Museum.

Happy Motoring!

Clint



Tom Goyne's 1934 Super 8 Roadster covered with snow on the ill-fated Lake Tahoe tour in 1963.



March 14	Al Engel's Collection—Richmond
April 12	Quarterly Board Meeting –Blackhawk
April 18	Travis AFB Museum
June 24-27	Western Regions Tour
TBD	Quarterly Board Meeting—Blackhawk
July 12-16	PAC National Meet—Rhode Island
July 26	Portal Park Picnic—Cupertino
August 2	Quarterly Board Meeting—Blackhawk
August 16	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
September 6	Annual Swap Meet—Vallejo
September 26	Ironstone Concours—Murphys
October 11	Quarterly Board Meeting—Blackhawk
October 18	South Bay Driving Tour w/ CCCA
November 8	Rosie the Riveter Museum—Richmond
December 6	Annual Holiday Party—Vallejo

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

Upcoming Event **Al Engel's Collection** **Saturday, March 14**



Just one corner of Al Engel's "garage." Note the 1948 Packard Station Sedan rear quarter at the far left! [photo: Alfa Romeo Association website]

For decades, Al Engel has been amassing an unbelievable collection of everything transportation-related, and on Saturday March 14, Nor Cal Packards will have the special opportunity to visit Al's garage and museum. Come see rare vintage cars, hot rods, motorcycles, large-scale model airplanes, engines and motors of all types, neon signs, clocks, gas pumps and more! And there's at least one Packard in there: a 1948 Station Sedan.

Al has been interviewed by many collector publications, and his collection has been featured on the Petersen Automotive Museum's YouTube channel. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Thanks in advance to Ron Simon for arranging our visit. Registration information was emailed to the membership.

Upcoming Event **Travis Airforce Base Museum** **Saturday, April 18**



Photo: Travis AFB Website

Discover the legacy of American air power at the Travis Air Force Base Aviation Museum—home to one of the most extensive collections of military airlift history in the nation. From the earliest days of Fairfield-Suisun Army Base to the global reach of today's 60th Air Mobility Wing, the exhibits trace the evolution of flight, sacrifice, and service.

WHERE: Visitor Control Center, 461 Burgan Blvd, Travis AFB

WHEN: Saturday, April 18—Meet at 9:30am, enter the base at 10am

COST: No event fee; lunch “on your own” at the commissary

RSVP: by April 7 to Ladd Stephenson (707) 975-6059 or laddmag@earthlink.net

Important note: *If you arrive after the group has left the Visitor Control Center at 10am, you will not be able to join the group!*

Upcoming Event **Western Regions Tour** **June 24-28, 2026**



Pristine vistas and crystal clear waters on the June Lake Loop! (Photo: Tripadvisor.co.uk)

Silver Circle Packards invites you to attend the Western Regions Tour in the stunning eastern Sierra Mountains at the end of June. The annual trek is not only a weekend away in your Packard, but also a chance to reconnect with old friends! Our slope-side accommodations will be at The Mammoth Mountain Inn, and the proprietors are excited to see our cars gleaming in the parking lot.

You'll want to arrive Wednesday, June 24 because Thursday, June 25 will be a full day of sightseeing. The



The A-frame lobby of our alpine accommodations. (Photo: visitmammoth.com)



At Niles Moore's 1932 Packard Deluxe Convertible, Fred Hill's 1955 Packard Eight Sedan, and Leslie Owen's 1937 Packard Super 8 Sedan. In front of the center is Kelly Moore's 1932 Packard Roadster. The car is a 1938 Packard 110 Coupe. Dahlgren and his 1937 Packard Super 8 Sedan. Tim Hill and John Ulrich are the camera men. The center is Kelly Moore's 1937 Packard Super 8 Sedan. One of our new



Movie Day
 From top left: Clint
 1932 903 Eight
 convertible Sedan
 owned by Packards.
 1935 Four Hundred
 owned by men's 1934 1100
 parked under the palms.
 Fred and Bill Schoe-
 nheit of Christopher
 1932 Light Eight
 from 'The Carpenters'
 1930 Coupe. Rod
 and his 1950 Custom
 owned by Jim Toland, Fred
 and Ulrich smile for
 camera.
 Molly Monaghan's
 1933 Victoria behind
 new club signs.



Crazy rock formations at the Devil's Postpile. (Photo: Yosemite.org)

first excursion will be a shuttle ride to take in the wonder of Devil's Postpile National Monument (no cars allowed to the monument) followed by lunch at the Mammoth Brewing Company.

On Friday we venture to learn all about rail transportation at the Laws Train Museum, followed by a picnic lunch provided by world famous Schat's Bakkerij.

Saturday starts with the scenic drive around June

Lake Loop to take in the breathtaking, sparkling waters of these captivating alpine lakes. After lunch, we will venture on to Mono Lake to learn about the fascinating geologic history of the area followed by the evening's grand banquet where yarns are sure to be spun by tour master Jay Hubbard.

Reserve your accommodations now at The Mammoth Mountain Inn: Call 1-800-Mammoth and use group code 37681 (The Packard Club 2026) for our special room rate.

Registration forms have been sent by email and should be mailed in soon!



One of the many locomotives to see at the Laws Train Museum. (Photo: lawstrainmuseum.org)

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



Christopher Slater's 1932 900 Light Eight Roadster is similar to the one used in the day's feature film!

We couldn't have asked for nicer weather for what has become a January tradition in our club. Once again the town of Niles welcomed us with open arms for a delightful day at the Essanay Silent Movie Museum and Edison Theater. And this year, we were accompanied by our friends from the Classic Car Club and the Pierce-Arrow Society.

Mike Solomon organized the activities, which started with welcome cups of hot coffee accompanied by pastries to be consumed by the more than 60 of our members and friends who soaked up the sun while kicking tires and telling tales of recent new year's revelry.

When the museum opened, participants filed in and took their seats in the town's original movie theater. Sandwiches had been procured from the local deli market and were accompanied by beverages, chips, waters and the ever-important cookies!



Janet Wooldridge and Pam Hill are definitely nice, not naughty.

Clint Moore made some announcements and introduced the afternoon's program. Just like in the "old days" the entertainment started with a pair of Looney Tunes cartoons from the 1930's, both featuring caricatures of some of the silent stars who made pictures in the early days of Niles. The feature film was 1933's "Fog Over Frisco" starring Bette Davis as the headstrong young woman caught up in a web of booze and gambling. Best of all, she raced around the City by the Bay in a 1932 Light Eight Roadster just like the one

Christopher Slater brought to the event!

After the movie, local promoter and honorary mayor of Niles Gary Mills opened the local shop and old fire house for our group to peruse the collection of cars and all manner of ephemera he has gathered mostly from the surrounding area. There were even some cupcakes to be had!

Eventually, it was time for everyone to make their way home to enjoy the beautiful weather before the storms to come. Many thanks to Mike Solomon for his efforts and hospitality in arranging our first successful tour of 2026!

Our group of more than 60 people filled the seats for the show in the Edison Theater!



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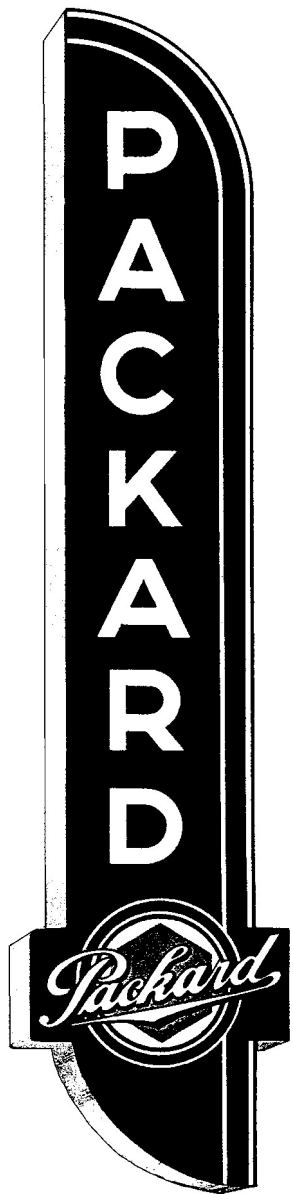
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