



Director's Corner

BACK HOME IN SALADO

The 42nd Annual Texas Packard meet was a great success by every measure. I hesitate to mention names of those who helped for fear of leaving someone out but I am going to try anyway.

- We could not have pulled this off without the help of LSP members: **Rena and Jack, Ben and Janice, Tony and Shirley, Rich and Karen, Bill and Judy, Doug and Maureen, Larry and Lily, Janice Musgrove, and JC and Sherry.** In addition **assistant director John** was always offering to help as needed as well as new member **Tom Drisdale.** The Katy bunch did much of their work on Tuesday night work sessions making car tags, stuffing envelopes etc.
- It was our wish to begin the rebuilding of our meet after the expansion of Interstate 35 forced a move out of Salado.
- We had 75 master registrations which exceeded last year's total and 45 cars scheduled for the show. Unfortunately, while we had really cold weather to deal with a year ago, the rain in Salado had a very negative impact on how many of those cars actually showed up. Some got there but never got out of their box trailer. While many cars stayed home, the owners did not.

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- I am guessing the 75 registrations probably resulted in over 125 people. **Lone Star Packard had 34 folks present** counting the Myers who hold dual membership with Ark-La-Tex. I appreciate the support from LSP!
- The numbers indicate the move back to Salado was the right decision. We had people from all over Texas plus six other states.
- In order to make things work, we had to think out of the box. We had the show and the dinner off site at the Salado Civic Center operated by the school district. The school people were wonderful to work with; however, Saturday morning we had that really big down pour! We did not stay long before heading back to the hotel. Actually, the rain started just as the parade left the hotel and got worse the closer we got to the show field.
- It also affected the number of people who were in front of the shops watching us parade down Main Street.
- No decision yet but I think the consensus was that we have the people's choice show on the hotel grounds next year.
- The Thursday night ice cream social and Packard bingo was a success and it likely will now become a regular event.
- The Friday night mixer at the Barrow Craft Brewery was very popular. On Friday nights they have food trucks and an outdoor concert and craft beer as well as on site produced root beer. The brewery owns the land up to the edge of Salado Creek and we were allowed to park the Packards next to the creek.

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- It made for beautiful pictures and since this is a big deal every Friday night in Salado, a lot of people enjoyed looking at our cars. I am thinking maybe we should move the parade from Saturday morning to Friday evening for the trip from the hotel to the Barrow Brewery. There should be a lot more people on Main Street at that time to view the Packard parade.
- We have time to think about next year's schedule.
- **It took all 4 Texas Packard Clubs to make the return to Salado successful. Thank you all!**

Happy Packarding..... Tommy



2020 TEXAS PACKARD MEET

APRIL 2 – 5, 2020

We will be back at the Holiday Inn Express next year! The hotel will give us free meeting rooms if we book the same number of rooms we did in 2019. Please book early so we can count on these free rooms.

We learned a lot from being in charge of the meet in 2019 and will need your ideas and suggestions from all who were involved to make 2020 bigger and better!

OTHER LONE STAR PACKARD NEWS

We were sad to learn that **Maureen Carlson** lost her sister Nancy Mitchell on Friday, April 5. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

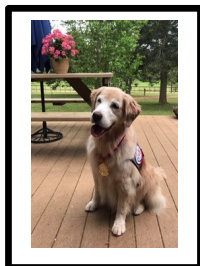
I said we would not meet in May due to our public service show at **Keels and Wheels**. We have at least six families, maybe more participating and many more that come out to support us. Please give me your thoughts if you think we should try to come up with something for a May meeting.

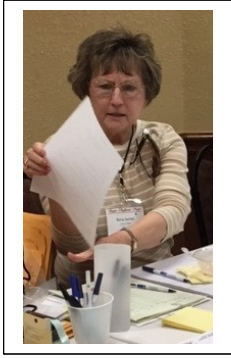
BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL THERAPY DOGS AWARD

At the Saturday dinner the **Salado Mayor, Skip Blanchett** was very happy the TPM was back in Salado. He mentioned that we had quality cars and quality people taking care of these cars. He wanted to recognize one of our quality members, **Juanita Jordan**, who is an active volunteer in the Houston Service Dog organization with her trained service dog Gabby.

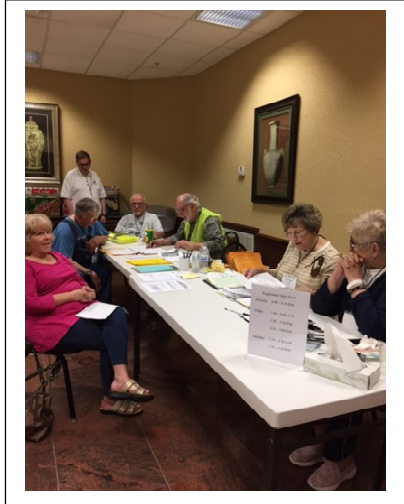
Juanita drove to Austin on Friday, April 5 for a luncheon to be part of Governor Abbott's recognition of this group. Not only does Juanita take Gabby to elementary schools in her area for a reading time, but also participates in their groups outreach to the **Texas Department of Criminal Justice**. She and her group received the **Most Innovative Program Award from the Criminal Justice Volunteer Service**. After the lunch she drove on over to Salado to be with Ron who was able to ride to Salado with John Lortz.

The third Saturday of every month, you will hear a bark of excitement as ten pet therapy dogs' scamper down the length of the gymnasium to meet the offenders at the Richmond Jester IV Facility. Volunteers bring these tail-wagging friends to visit and interact with eligible offenders. The offenders are allowed to pick up the dogs for kisses, hugs, pats, and general play for a one-hour period. This interaction provides participants with an opportunity to experience appropriate and healthy emotional connections. This program creates an environment of calmness and positivity through emotional bonding and physical contact. B&B Therapy Dogs has met over 350 offenders and continues to assist in their rehabilitative process. **Congratulations Juanita for your untiring volunteering efforts!**

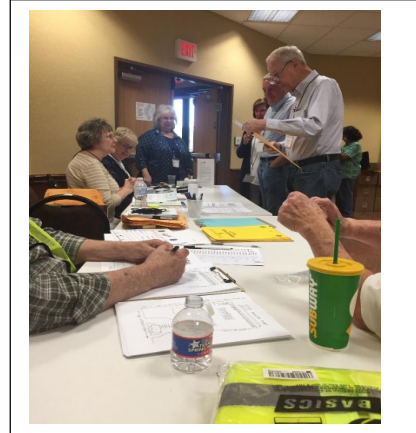




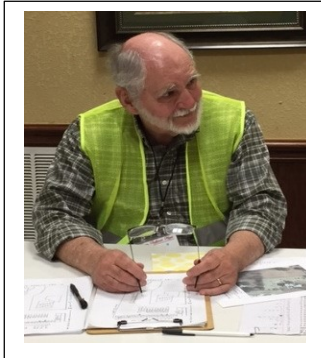
Rena – 1st day!



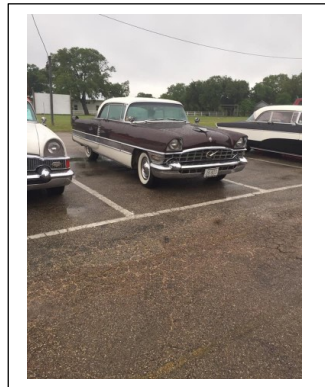
Rena and helpers



Steve Chapman - North Texas signing in



Larry our parking guru



Michael Franko – North Texas '55 400



Nelson Bates – Ark-La-Tex '40

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2019 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

JANUARY 19 – Hemi Hideout/Texas Traditions – hosted by Ron & Patricia Orr

FEBRUARY 17 – Red River BBQ – League City – hosted by Tommy, Carol & Anthony Baccaro

MARCH – Cancelled – getting ready for Salado

APRIL 4, 5, 6, 7 – Texas Packard Meet – Salado, TX

MAY 4-5 - Keels & Wheels – Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX

JUNE - TBA

JULY - TBA

AUGUST - TBA

SEPTEMBER - TBA

OCTOBER – TBA

NOVEMBER - TBA

DECEMBER – TBA

If you would like to organize one of our monthly meetings or plan a tour, contact Chris Baccaro

Packards Return to Salado

By your Roving Reporter – Janice Carter

After a three-year absence the 42nd annual TPM returned to its original home base. Here are some comments from this year's attendees:

Jim Quinn – member Ark-La-Tex

Jim and his wife Jan Williams live in Marshall, TX and have one '32 900 Packard owned for eight years. He and Jan have attended about seven consecutive years. His brother Warren Quinn got him interested in Packards. It was a **"YES glad to be back in Salado."** He mentioned he had also met several who were attending for the first time.



Nelson Bates – members Ark-La-Tex

Nelson and his wife Norma live in Longview, TX and are the proud parents of their son **Todd** who is a **Lone Star Packard club member** and his wife **Jennifer Bates**. Nelson has two running Packards and several more – less than two dozen not running. He has rescued them so they won't get destroyed. He has attended all but one TPM in Kerrville and missed one in 1999 due to his daughter's wedding. He is an expert on all '40s Packards and **"absolutely - happy to be back in Salado."** BTW Nelson has won numerous awards with his Packards.



Bobby Hughes & Tom Reese – members Heart of Texas

These two guys were hilarious! Bobby lives in Lubbock, TX and had five Packards and currently has three. Two of them are '53 Caribbean Convertibles; one is a '53 Constellation. He has been coming to the TPM since 1996 and **"Glad to be back in Salado."**

Tom has owned six Packards and part cars but sold them when he got to be 90 and thought it was time to sell. He is now 91 and has none. He continues to come to TPM with his buddy Bobby to see his friends and enjoy others cars. **He too is happy to be back in Salado.** Tom does not look a day over 70 and I asked how he stays so young looking – maybe because he has a gin and tonic every evening before dinner!

Jim & Kathy Kellogg – Valley View, TX – no club affiliation

This lovely couple were high school sweethearts and have been married 51 years. Has four Packards – '26 4 door sedan, '27 Phaeton, '36 120 convertible with rumble seat, '36 1401 convertible, '53 300 convertible along with about 30 other collectible cars. They have been to the TPM twice before and met **Jack & Rena Sartin** on their first visit to TPM. He belongs to the PAC and this is how he knows about the TPM and many other meets. He has fiddled around with old cars since he was 12 years old and had a car dealership. He was **"glad to be back in Salado."** He says **"he likes Packards as they had the best quality of products at its time – and were just superior to all other cars."**

Jim Hill – Emporia, KS – no club affiliation

Jim had some great positive comments about the TPM. He has been coming for 10 years maybe longer and he says -- **"the TPM changes every year. No way is every year going to be the same. Stagecoach Inn is different and where we are holding now is different – but that doesn't really matter, it is what we are doing and keeping the Marques alive."** He is a retired Chemistry Teacher from the Oklahoma Panhandle. Now has a '53 Clipper which is his only Packard and has two 1960 Studebakers and a '41 BMW motorcycle with side car.

I enjoyed getting to visit with these gentlemen and hearing their stories. Thanks to you all for sharing....

It was great to see our former LSP member, the late **Bernie Stebenne '40 Business Coup Deluxe at TPM.** The new owners **Charlie and Dottie Bachtell of Longview** and members of **Ark-La-Tex Packards** have the car looking good and it is ready for car shows.

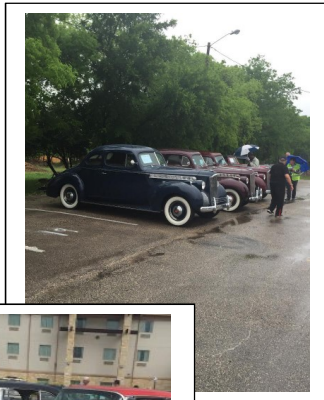
Bernie loved the car and would be happy to see the car is in such good hands and still in Texas.



Bernie's former car is in the middle.



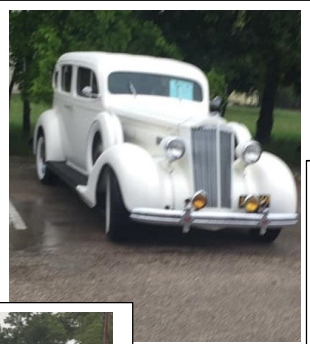
Ben's '40



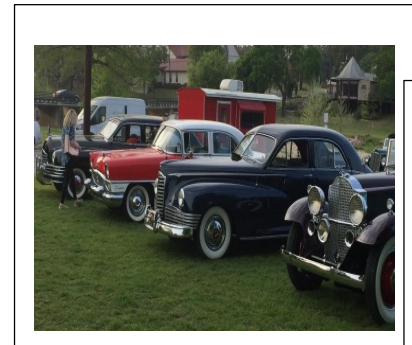
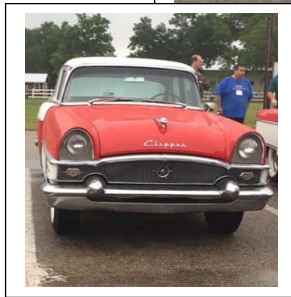
Darrow's car almost went into the creek!



Lortz's Caribbean Convertible



Bill Anderson's '41



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Oil Seepage Evaluation

BY BILL SIURU

You have begun noticing an oil spot on the garage floor. You can use this "Oil Seepage Analyzer" to assess the severity of the problem.

OIL SEEPAGE ANALYZER

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make photocopies of the "Test Area" shown below. One Test Area should be used for each suspected oil leak.
2. Place the Test Area under each leak after the engine has been warmed up to normal operating temperature.
3. Shut off the engine and wait five minutes.
4. Evaluate the oil spot on the Test Area.

ANALYSIS:

Area size A: Check oil level. It must be empty.

Area size B: Did you wait five minutes?

Area size C: Begin thinking about maintenance

Area size D: Call in a mechanic. Plan to cash in CDs.

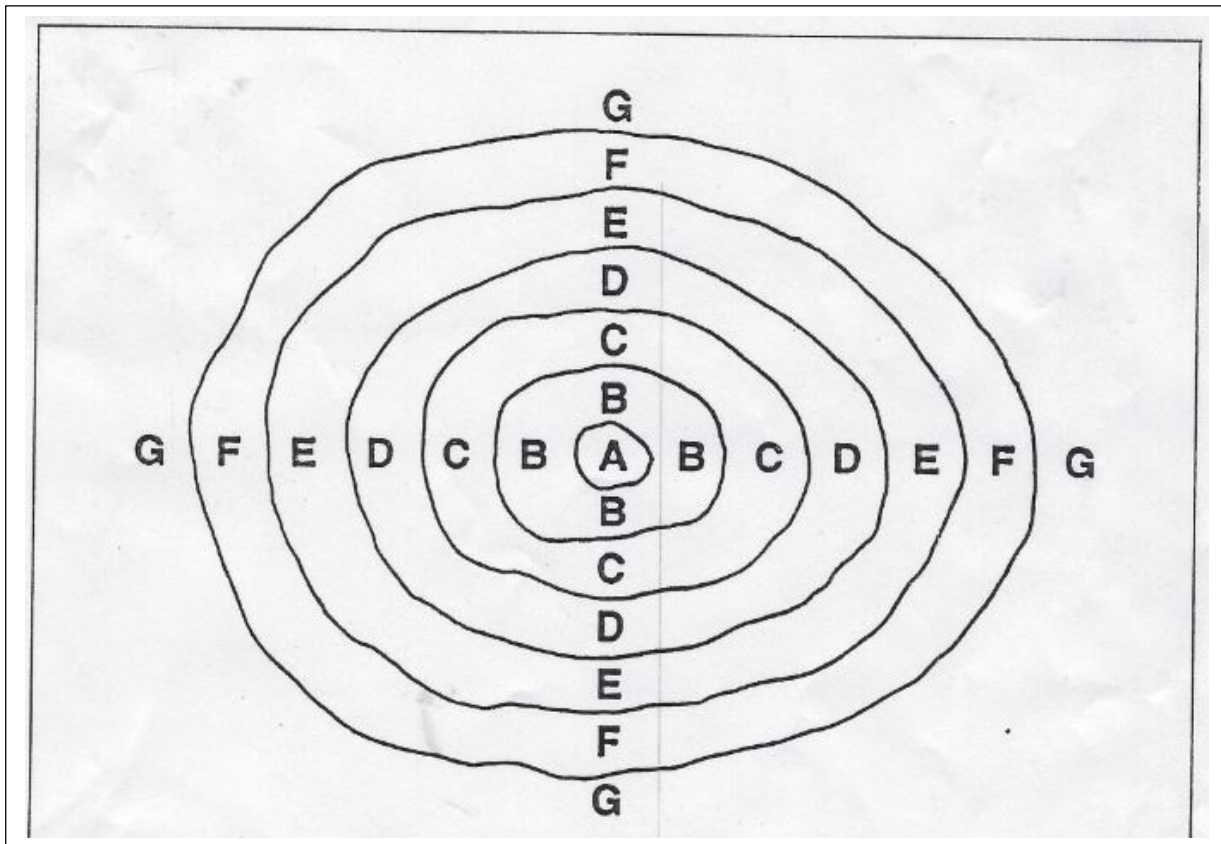
Area size E: Big trouble. Buy oil company stock.

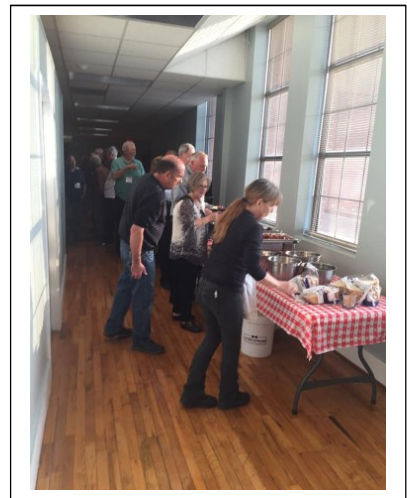
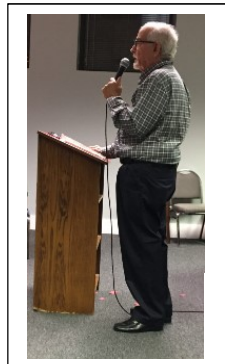
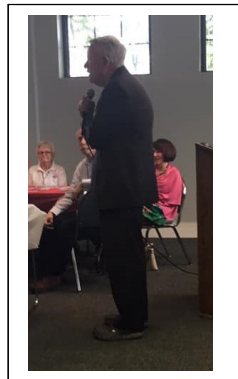
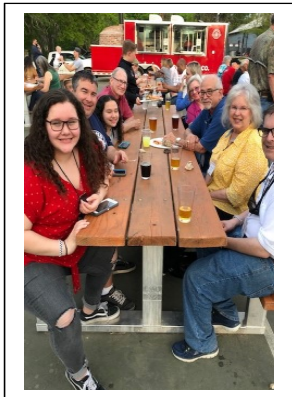
Area size F: Make sure drain plug has not fallen out.

Area size G: Consider 90W oil. Bid on contract for oiling county roads. Report your parking site as a hazardous spill to the EPA.

NOTE:

If you are evaluating a British car or a Harley-Davidson, enlarge the Test Area THREE TIMES. Then use the same analysis. Incidentally, British cars do not leak oil. They have CONTROLLED SEEPAGE!



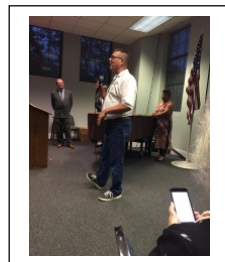
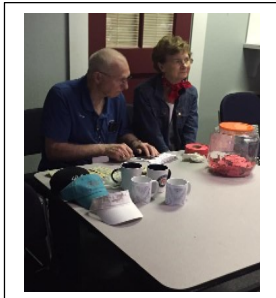


Baccaros & Harriels

Mayor Skip Blanchett

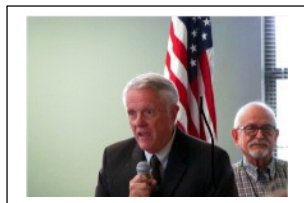
Tommy in charge!

Lining up for BBQ



Darrow's ran the 50/50

Dave Miller Heart of Texas
Explaining hard luck story



Salado Mayor opening comments

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March Birthdays

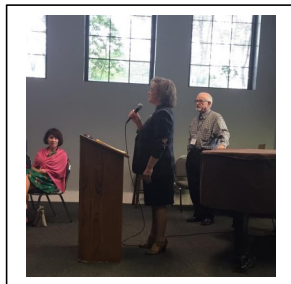
Janis Hinds	9
Judy Eudy	13
Jeff Pate	16
Leon Ahlers	27

April Birthdays

Carol Baccaro	1
Evelyn Timmins	1
Trudy Hammac	7
Paula Holzband	7
Bob Supina	13
Dixie Grimes	14
Jo Gertz-Hague	18
Mike Calistrat	20
Doug Carlson	21

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Mary Ann Porinchak
Nat. Packard Museum



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ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE