



Director's Corner

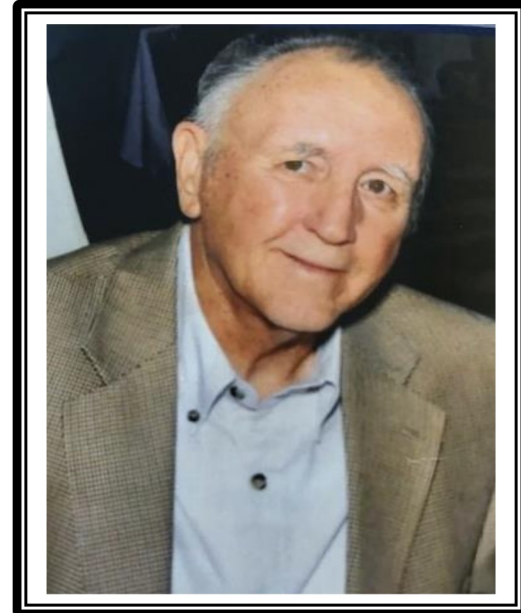
Congratulations LSP members.

With the help of a lot of you, we pulled off a very successful 43rd Annual Texas Packard Meet. I think we had 35 members of LSP in attendance and 12 Packards from the LSP stables. (As far as I know all those driven to the meet made it home on their own power.)

Wow, what a turn out making this a really great meet considering Covid causing us to cancel 2 years in a row. We realize some were still uncertain about coming out in large crowds, however there was a total of 66 master registrations and 37 cars pre-registered. On Saturday many locals came to see our display of Packards at the park/brewery. This gave us a total of about 43 on the show field.

We will again be the host region for 2023 and the dates have been set **for March 30th to April 2nd 2023**. Please mark your calendar now so you can save the date and also so you know when to have your Packard road worthy and ready to take a trip.

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Richard Trokey
August 7, 1939 – March 19, 2022

Rich was an active long-time member of LSP for many years serving as our Treasurer until his health started to decline. He retired from Shell Oil at the age of 55 which allowed he and Karen to travel and attend many car shows and races as they both are avid car and sports enthusiasts.

He leaves his wife Karen, two daughters Laurie Bloecher and Lisa Ybarra and their husbands, and six grandchildren.

He will be missed by all that knew him and his kind gentle ways.

LSP is making a donation in Rich's name to the Packard Proving Grounds in Shelby Township, Michigan.

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Though it was a lot of work leading up to the meet, it was really a fun time. I received many compliments, but the praise should go to those I call our "worker bees" who really did all the work making forms, keeping records, getting the news out on social media, depositing money, giving me advice, etc. etc.

I said I would take a few days off from the TPM but have already made a call to Andrea at the Visitors Center about next year and I am working on some notes I want to go over with Jessica at the hotel. **That is one area we need to improve on.**

The cutoff date for our block and the special price was March 4th. (I checked and that was the same date we had in 2019).

With your help, I need to do a better job of reminding people to make their hotel reservations before that date. In 2019, people were so anxious to get back to Salado that it was not an issue. We filled the hotel and did not have to pay for the meeting rooms. This year, I am sure it was due to Covid concerns, we did not fill up before the 4th and I am told that at least 10 families had to stay in the Days Inn or elsewhere. We did have to pay for one of the meeting rooms. **Sign up early for next year---they will take your reservation now!** See more about Salado on page 3.

Now it is time to start on the next Car Show. So, beginning tomorrow you will find me in the garage shining up the '47 Custom and getting the road dust off the '55 Clipper so they will be ready for the **Annual Keels and Wheels show in Seabrook.** If you are not showing, please come out and visit with the LSP contingent under the Oaks. For our family it is a great yearly follow up to Salado.

Then we will be getting ready for our May 21 LSP meeting. We will travel to Bellville where Jay and Mary will be our hosts for the regular monthly meeting. Jay promised to light the boiler on his recently completed Stanley Steamer. I am looking forward to seeing it fire up.

Date to be announced, but this summer we will have another indoor fried chicken picnic in the Sartin's car barn. Jack has actually picked up another couple of cars that we can drool over.

If you have an idea and are willing to host a meeting, please call Chris or me and tell us when.

Happy Packarding, Tommy



JOIN US AT KEELS & WHEELS

**The Keels & Wheels Concours d'Elegance kicks off
April 30 – May 1, 2022**

Over the years, this unique event has emerged as one of the largest gatherings of Classic Automobiles and Vintage Boats on display in the US. Keels & Wheels draws exhibitors and attendees from every corner of the country. Along with providing an educational resource for the history of the evolution of automobiles and boating, they also support local charities.

LSP is pleased to be a part of the 2022 Keels & Wheels in Seabrook, Texas.

General Admission:

Online advanced \$30

At gate \$40

13 and older \$15

12 and younger are free.

Venue: Lakewood Yacht Club

2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive

Seabrook, TX 77586

LONE STAR PACKARD TPM AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to ten LSP members who won awards in Salado.

Lonnie Gipson

First in Class with 1955 Hardtop

Tommy Baccaro

Second in Class with 1955 Custom Clipper

Jack Sartin

First in Class with 1938 110 Convertible

John Lortz II

Second Class with 1956 Patrician 400

John Dalton

Second Class with 1937 115C Coupe

Herman Dentler

People's Choice Award with 1956 Caribbean

Stephen Morris

Second in Class with 1953 Mayfair

Jay Matthews

First in Class with 1948 Custom Convertible

Kevin Lortz

First Class with 1956 Patrician

Tony Darrow

with 1957 Clipper 4 Door

We also want to honor the other members who either drove or trailered their Packard to participate. You too made this event a success and made our LSP club well represented.

Doug Carlson in his 1956 5640 Clipper Super

John Eanes in his 1940 160 Convertible

Tour to Fort Hood

Gordon Logan, member of the Heart of Texas Club, arranged for our early bird tour to Fort Hood. This was a spectacular spring day for such an outing. There were about 20 beautiful Packards cruising down the highway and escorted into the base. The USO had reserved parking for the Packards so during lunch the soldiers could enjoy this car show.

After the cars were parked, we were seated in a theatre with coffee and donuts where we learned about the mission of USO and what they do for our military around the world. Just so you know -- The Fort Hood USO is the largest USO facility in the world! This was a history lesson for us. The USO is not a part of the military and receive no funds from the government. Donations are greatly appreciated. This particular USO is the largest and one of the best in the country.

The Commander of Fort Hood Garrison gave us an overview of the base. Since Fort Hood was built in 1942, many upgrades have been made over the years. Some buildings torn down; others renovated to accommodate today's young military families. It is a city all by itself! Hospital, school, PX, etc.

He asked if we had any questions, and we had plenty. It was very informative to learn about things we had no idea was being done for our service personnel. He reaffirmed their commitment to the U.S. armed forces and their families.

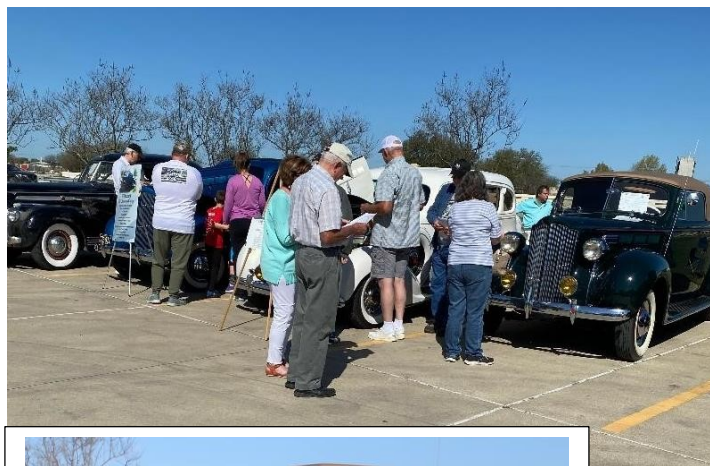
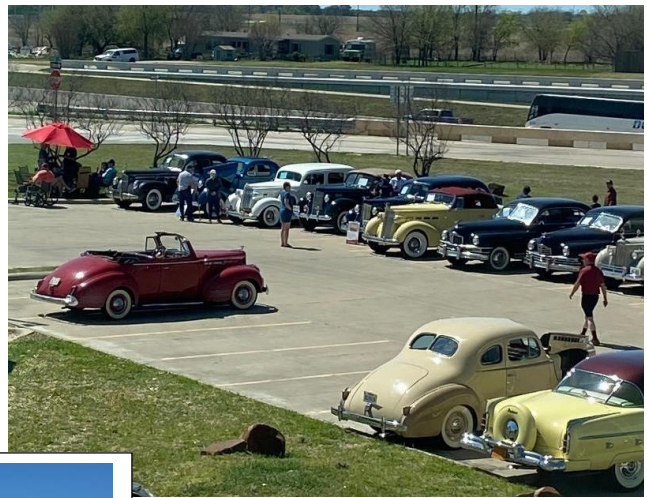
The base is also assisting with the wildfires in Texas by giving the helicopter pilots flight training time delivering water drops on the fires. We saw one fly over with a water ball. Fort Hood is very active in the Killeen community.

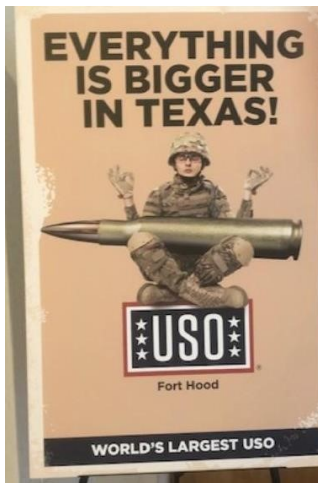
The USO treated us to lunch where we could interact with the soldiers and enjoy the sunny afternoon. Telling them how much we appreciate their service and how proud we are of them. We hope we made this a memorable day for them, as it was certainly unforgettable for all of us that made this journey.

Another highlight of the day was taking a ride in the helicopter simulator. Many of us took the opportunity to pilot a helicopter. It was an exciting adventure and a wonderful way to spend a spring day in Texas!

The News Editor, Brandy Cruz, from the Fort Hood Sentinel was there and you can read her article by clicking on this link [Fort Hood Sentinel](#).

Thank you, Gordon, the USO and Commander Foster for coordinating this extraordinary experience.





Helicopter Pilot Doug Carlson





The LSP group – had to hurry to get this pic.... Next year will set date, time, place for proper photo!

Lot of people like to brag about their expensive trips, I want to tell you about mine – just returned from a trip to the gas station!

If you think you are too small to make a difference, Try sleeping with a mosquito

As Roy Rogers & Dale Evans would sign off is the way your editor wants to say good bye to all of you that attended the TPM in Salado 2022.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU, UNTILL WE MEET AGAIN.....

Just in case this makes you nostalgic sing along with Roy & Dale – [Happy Trails To you.](#)

2022 Lone Star Packards Calendar of Meetings and Events

January	Cancelled due to Covid considerations
February 26	Lunch @ Pizza Shack-tour of Bob & Gayle Bucher’s home and car collection in Willis, TX.
March	No Meeting – Several Members Working on Salado
March 31-April 3	Texas Packard Meet – Salado, TX
April	No Meeting – Several Members Attending Keels & Wheels
April 30-May 1	Keels & Wheels Seabrook, TX
May 21	Jay & Mary Matthews in Belleville
June	TBA
July 4 - 9	PAC 55th National Meet in Old Town Alexandria, VA
August	TBA
September	TBA
October	Ed & Mary Fleming in The Heights date to be announced
November	TBA
December	Christmas Party

If you have an idea for a meeting during 2022, contact our Activities Director, Chris Baccaro.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 Carol Baccaro
- 1 Evelyn Timmins
- 7 Trudy Hammac
- 7 Pula Holzband
- 11 Rodney Ross
- 13 Bob Supina
- 14 Dixie Grimes
- 14 Carlos Dos Santos
- 18 Jo Goertz-Hague
- 20 Mike Calistrat
- 21 Doug Carlson



Two of our April birthdays Carol Baccaro & Doug Carlson at Salado

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Lone Star Packards was chartered by Packard Automobile Classics (PAC) in 1964. Our charter requires that Lone Star Packard members also be members of the Packard Automobile Classics. For information please contact our treasurer.

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**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE
AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**



Fort Hood Commander, Foster



That's All Folks!

