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Director's Corner

Many thanks to Lenny and Paula for arranging the August 17th monthly meeting, held at The Lake Houston Club Room in the Del Webb Sweet Grass Community where they live. I must say it was first class! The air conditioning worked perfectly, which we really deserved after the A/C failure at our last meeting (held at the Potato Patch Restaurant). The club furnished BBQ from Rudy's and each member brought something to go along with the main course. It was all delicious!

We had the pleasure of enjoying an educational and sometimes humorous program presented by a DPS trooper that Lenny and Paula arranged. The topic was new traffic laws which will go into effect in Texas September 1. We got so caught up in the program it went longer than expected, as we had to be out of the room by 2 pm and it left only about 15 minutes or less for our meeting.

Although I tried to cover everything, I did not do justice to some topics and totally skipped others.

First, I want to apologize for not recognizing **Ann Stebenne**. It was great to see Ann and we want her to attend whenever she can. Ann also brought along a picture and the sheet music to the popular 1920's song depicting a love story titled the Packard and the Ford. We used it as the second drawing in our 50/50. **The Andersons** won the cash drawing and **the Eanes** won the drawing for the Packard memorabilia donated by Ann.

Only one Packard made it to the meeting - Lenny drove his 1941 Packard Touring Sedan.

Activity Report

At this time we do not have anything scheduled for the September meeting.

Since this **August meeting was on our western frontier** out in Richmond and the last one was in our northern area off 1960, it would be most helpful if someone would volunteer to organize something for **September**, preferably not in the north or west end of our membership area, but any offer would be considered. Please let us know if you have an idea.

Our regular meeting day is the 3rd Sunday but we make exceptions depending on availability of the venue. Sunday meetings need to be late enough to allow people to attend church if they wish. If no one steps forward, we will come up with something for a meeting place.

Sunday, October 6, Ben has arranged for us to meet once again at the Tony Gullo collection in Magnolia. Mr. Gullo is a well-known collector and owns a Ford and Toyota dealership. His collection of antiques numbers approximately 200 including many Packards. We will eat somewhere in the area and more details will follow.

For November, Tony and Shirley are arranging for us to visit a friend's **private collection which includes 5 Packards in Willis, Texas**. This is between Huntsville and Conroe on old state highway 75. We will meet somewhere on the north side and caravan to Willis. **This will serve as our annual fall tour.**

There was some interest in another trip to College Station and the Bush Museum/Library. Perhaps we can do that in January or February.

Sunday, December 1, we will have our annual **Christmas/Holiday social**. We will enjoy the holiday brunch at the **South Shore Harbor Resort in League City** and then come to our house nearby for refreshments, visiting, and our gift exchange, if members want to do this again. This is earlier in the month than our normal

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PACKARD OF THE MONTH



This month we are featuring Lenny and Paula Holzband's 1941 Packard 120 Touring Sedan 282 cubic inch flat head straight 8.

This car is an unrestored daily driver. It was refurbished by a gentleman in San Francisco in the early 90s as his "ladies" car. He was a single man who apparently had several lady friends who he would entertain and drive around on weekend trips.

My cousin purchased the car and used it in his inventory of movie cars. My cousin's company owned about 70 cars and kept a register of over 1000 cars for rental to movies and TV productions.

I purchased the car about 10 years ago but had to leave it in California for a year and a half. It was then used in several movies including *The Aviator*, *Captain America*, *J. Edgar*, and *Gangster Squad*.

The car is original inside and will cruise at 65 all day long.

Many thanks to John Lortz who checked the car out and did some work on it to make it drive like a dream.



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meetings, but we wanted to stay away from a later date that might crowd your holiday shopping, preparations or travel. Since we have about six families that are also involved with the local AACA group, we wanted to avoid their weekend. **The South Shore Harbor Resort is a great facility** and it was the site of the 1998 Packard National Meet which Lone Star Packards hosted.

Officers' 2-Year Term Limits Report

I also failed to mention that the officers' 2 year term will expire at the end of the year. (Tony was appointed to finish out Rich's term as treasurer.)

I have said as Pope Benedict said, "I do not intend to die in office" so I am okay with a change. I am hoping we can discuss officers at the October meeting. **Contact Tommy if you are willing to serve in any capacity.**

Maybe we can get in a corner of the Gullo museum or wherever we meet for lunch might have a private room.

Salado Update

Because of the time constraints, we did not get to share what is going on with Salado plans for the 2020 meet.

We have spent the last couple of weeks communicating with venues in Salado for the Saturday night dinner. There have been many phone calls and emails.

We seated 113 for the dinner this past April in the Civic Center. That was about 13 too many as it was crowded and we did turn away a half dozen or so folks. **Chadley Hollas** is our contact and helper at the **Salado Visitors Bureau**. He provided me with a list of about 5 venues that I have been working with. **They included the Stagecoach Inn, The Venue at the Inn on the Creek, The View at the Creek, and Jack's Barn.** These are all up-scale facilities that will cost the meet more than we paid for the civic center. The factors to consider in making the choice include; availability, cost for the room, parking, catering availability and cost for a meal, available A/V equipment for the program and capacity for a dinner.

The Holiday Inn is giving us the same three meeting rooms free, if we sell out the hotel again. The money saved will more than pay the rental fee for all but one of the above. Once again, we need to sell out the hotel so we do not have to pay for those rooms. **Please call Brandi directly at 254-947-4004 to reserve your room at last year's rates.**

Having considered all the variables, I have advised the other directors that **I recommend The Stagecoach.** They are offering **the Longhorn Room** which we used for decades for our program until the last owners divided it into 4 retail shops. It is now being remodeled as a banquet and

conference center and will open in October. They do have catering and **they will offer their "Southwest Buffet" which is a fajita buffet with all the sides plus a desert for just two dollars more than we paid last year.** They will set the tables up (we had to physically set the tables up in the civic center and provide our own table cloths etc.)

We will not have to deal with a separate caterer, and they will provide a cash bar for only the cost of the bartender, and it holds 175 for a dinner.

They also have a/v equipment that **Chris and Mark** need for the program.

Should the directors not agree with my recommendation after consulting with their members, we do have another option I can investigate. One of the local churches often lets groups use their facility for a donation. Obviously if we went that route there would be no bar plus we would still have to find a caterer. I would have to check availability and capacity as well as a/v equipment.

Feel free to let me know your thoughts about my recommendation.

While most of the planning can wait, the cost of the banquet and the location needs to be decided now so we can get the website updated and the publicity distributed by mid- September.

Other Club News

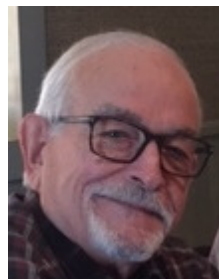
In addition, **Tony** gave us an update on the club's financials and we are solvent.

Ben gave us an update on membership. We have 88 families and around 100 people.

We also have new members – **Johnny and Terry Scott, and John and Mary Ann Dalton.** Their membership applications have been received and dues paid. A new roster will be published with their information.

Stay cool and we will see you next month.

Happy Packarding, Tommy





August Birthdays

Pam Ahlers	2
Rich Trokey	7
Dee Wanderman	21
Harold Schmaltz	26
Mary Fleming	28
Bill Anderson	29

FUEL FOR THOUGHT.....

I don't trust children. They are here to replace us.

Welcome New Members

Johnny and Terry Scott of Houston.

They have a 1937 4 door touring sedan.

John and Mary Ann Dalton of Houston

They have a 1937 6 cylinder 115C Coupe

Glad you joined Lone Star Packards.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

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 & Danny Dietz Foundation Car Show

JUNE 23 – Potatoe Patch Restaurant – hosted by John & Vivian Lortz

JULY – 54th PAC National Meet in West Lafayette, Indiana hosted by Wabash Valley Packards- No local meeting

AUGUST – Del Webb at The Lakehouse in Richmond, TX hosted by Lenny & Paula Holzband

SEPTEMBER – TBA

OCTOBER 6 – Tony Gullo Museum in Magnolia, TX hosted by Ben and Janice Carter

NOVEMBER – Fall Tour to Willis, TX private collection hosted by Tony and Shirley Darrow

DECEMBER 1 – Christmas Lunch at South Shore Harbor in League City and caravan to Baccaros for refreshments and gift exchange.

The Black Cowboy Museum Fundraiser

This fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 12 at 1104 3rd Street in Rosenberg, TX from 10 am till around 3 pm.

The fundraiser is to raise money to move a building given to the museum.

Lunch will be furnished by Schulze's BBQ at \$10/person. The museum will be open free of charge that day.

There will be press coverage by TX station KRIV 26 and maybe one other.

Several old classic cars clubs in surrounding area will be there and Packards are invited to participate.

For further information, contact Ron Orr at 281-342-3855 or 281-236-9249.

Update on National Packard Meet

- ❖ Monday was a trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Most went by bus. You could drive your Packard or trailer it there.
- ❖ Then the Packards were allowed to take two laps around the track--following a pace vehicle. They filled up all the cars so everyone could make it around the track. This was a great event! I rode with Don Sword in his newly restored 1954 Clipper Deluxe his grandfather bought it new and it's been in Don's family the entire time.
- ❖ Next National is in Northern California (2020). In 2021 will be held in Wisconsin--suburb of Milwaukee. After that, as an experiment, PAC National will be responsible for the meet rather than the Region. The Region will assist. This will keep from having the Regions "re-invent the wheel" each year, as was done this year. The experiment will last two years, and then be evaluated.
- ❖ Friday was a tour of private car collections. One was to Royce Baier's in Paxton, IL. Maybe you'd heard that there was a fire at Royce's storage building that completely destroyed his cars. Turns out that was 'one' of his storage buildings. The Packards were not in that building. His Packards are primarily 1941 models--many limos. The Baier's own the local funeral home and occasionally use the Packards, as requested, for funerals. All the cars are kept in running condition. Royce had a story for every car in the collection--many humorous. Royce and his wife have driven their Packards to Salado occasionally.

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