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## Director's Corner



On Dec. 1, 2019, thirty-eight members of LSP gathered at the South Shore Harbor Resort and Hotel for their Sunday Brunch buffet. This was the first part of our Holiday Party. The restaurant staff - Enrique and Karen took great care of us.

Following lunch we caravanned the short distance to our home in the Meadows. Knowing that we were gathering at our house on Dec. 1, **Carol** put it into overdrive and got the tree, the snow village, the Santa collection and a lot more in place before Thanksgiving. Great job! Each family present also had a small remembrance under the tree.

February is open for someone to arrange an activity/meeting. Please let us know if you have an idea.

Chris Baccaro, Robert Quinn and myself drove antique cars.

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## JANUARY LSP LUNCH & MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

The January meeting was discussed and will be covered dish/pot luck at the Sartin's car cave on Saturday, January 18 at 11:30 am.

Following lunch, the men will take their checkbooks and drive a short distance to tour the late Dale Musgrove's shop.

We hope to take some of the parts and cars off Janice's hands.

The ladies can join us or spend time at Rena's for games and visiting.



### 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Send check in the amount of \$10 payable to Lone Star Packards to our Treasurer, Tony Darrow at 5215 Pebble Springs Drive, Houston, TX 7066 by January 31, 2020.

It is also important that you maintain your membership in The Packard Club, (PAC). PAC will remind you separately of your renewal date. Your membership expiration date is listed on your address label on the monthly Cormorant News Bulletin.

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We would like for everyone to make their reservation at the Holiday Inn Express for the Salado Meet. We need to fill 'em up to get free meeting and hospitality rooms. **Call direct at 254-947-4004** and tell them you wish to reserve a room in the Packard block for the Texas Packard Meet. Be sure to send your registration form to **Rena Sartin**.

**Ben & Janice Carter** were the lucky winners of the 50/50 and took home \$48. This was their first time to ever win!

**Carol and I** want to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all the ladies who graciously added to the sweets served at our house.

It is the season to be thankful for our many blessings. I have so many; it would be difficult to list them.

First and foremost, would be my family. Among the others I would have to include our Packard family. We joined LSP in the '70's. While we have lost members for various reasons, including mortality, we have gained new friends along the way. Some of us have grown old together and our children and grandchildren are active members of the club. We are very fortunate to have such a close knit circle of friends.

Happy Holidays and Happy Packarding.....

Tommy

## Lone Star Packards Continue to Grow

As we close out another successful LSP year, here are our year end stats:

We started the year with **44 members**. I am pleased to report our membership has grown as we added **seven new members this year**. We welcomed **Tom Drisdale, John & Donna Lortz II, Robert & Amy Taylor Jr., Ed & Mary Fleming, Johnny & Terry Scott, John & Mary Ann Dalton, Dale Wilpers & Donna Williams**.

We are saying good bye to **Chuck and Denise Fleming** who are moving to Kansas.

Currently there are approximately 51 members and would love to see more of you.

Remember, you do not have to own a Packard to be a member of Lone Star Packards.



**2019 has been a successful year for our club. However, there are some members that have suffered with health issues or family losses.**

**So as we celebrate the joys that come with the season, please take some extra time to be a good friend. As we go into 2020, let's continue to remember our friends, country and Armed Services personnel all over the world. Please keep all these in your thoughts and prayers.**



**Happy Hanukkah and best wishes to our Jewish members. May you find peace, and joy is yours this Hanukkah season**

### *PACKARD OF THE MONTH – 1937 115 COUPE*

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Our new LSP member John Dalton and his Packard

If you are going to buy your first antique Packard and join a Packard regional club, this is the best way to do it.

This month's featured Packard is a fantastically beautiful restored 1937 115 Coupe. The restoration on this car makes it look like it just drove off the showroom floor in 1937.

The Daltons bought the car from a master restorer in California who had invested 3,000 hours in the car and had only completed 80% of the complete restoration. Most of the mechanical work was done but the cosmetics were not complete. John completed the cosmetics over the past year.

The professional restorer who sold him the car had won many awards including the Presidents' Trophy at Pebble Beach in 1983.

John feels that he was lucky to have acquired the car and our club got to see it on its maiden voyage to the Lone Star Packard club meeting in November. Everyone at the meeting commented that it is one of the finest restorations of a Packard they have seen.

John said that he plans on enjoying this car for many years to come. Photographs do not do the car justice. It must be seen in person.

Note from your editor.....

The clock is ticking down on 2019. We can look back and see we had a full calendar. We also participated in three community service events:

**Keels & Wheels** in May which benefits Harbor for Children

**Gullo Museum** in October benefiting Mr. Gullo's Christmas for Kids Charity in Magnolia, TX

**The Courlandt Place 2019 Holiday Home Tour** in December where beautiful pre-war Packards provided nostalgia to these prestigious mansions and benefited The Houston Preservation Society.

This is your club and the continuing success depends on the involvement of our members. Don't be bashful, please come forward with any ideas or suggestions that you may have to make our monthly meetings enjoyable and expand the activities of LSP.

We have members living all around Houston and some far out in Bellville, Brenhan and Orange. Someone has to know of a historical or fun place in your neck of the woods that would be of interest to the club for a monthly meeting. *Of course, whatever we do has to include food! Many have said the "pot luck" meetings are the best.*

Tommy does a great job as our Director, but he needs all of us to contribute as much as possible.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to lead or assist in a monthly meeting or tour this year. You are unsung heroes. Members who do not attend club events are missing out on a great many things.

With 2020 right around the corner, let's put on our thinking caps and find some more interesting places for us to visit. You will be so happy you did!

Everyone gets excited when a member completes a milestone project that results in his Packard running and/or back on the road after a prolonged idle period. Let your editor know about your Packard for a story in the Owner's Manual.

Communication is important for any club and I am always evaluating the effectiveness of our little publication and announcements; and looking for ways to improve. Your feedback is very important.

However, if anyone would like to take over publishing the Owner's Manual, just let me know and it can be yours!

## December Events

December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Santas' List Day
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Card Day
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Poinsettia Day
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Go Caroling Day
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Solstice
December 22-30 <sup>th</sup>	Hanukkah
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve

## Lone Star Packards Website

Hey guys – have you looked at your website lately?

Our Webmaster, **Doug Carlson**, does a great job of keeping this site updated. If you want to update the picture you currently have on this site, send it to Doug.

Doug has downloaded previous publications, Gallery of Member's Cars, Car Stories, Activity Calendar, and Iron for Sale.

Check out the changes at <http://www.lonestarpackards.com/>. Email [Doug](mailto:Doug) with new pictures, etc.

## FUEL FOR THOUGHT.....

Heal the past - Live the present – Dream the future

Good health is True wealth

## DAVID MCDONALD AWARD

The members who drove their Packard to the most meetings in 2019 are: **First Place - Tommy & Carol Baccaro**, but they will recuse themselves; so the David McDonald Award goes to our second place winners **John & Vivian Lortz and Shirley & Tony Darrow** who will receive a free 2020 membership. Honorable mention goes to **Doug Carlson** who came in third.



Cars driven by R. Quinn, C. Baccaro & T. Baccaro



Tony & Shirley Darrow



Ron & Juanita Jordan



The Lortz Family



Rich & Karen Trokey



Ben & Jan Carter



Doug & Maureen Carlson



Zoe, Mava, Gianna



Huge 2019 Gingerbread House in Hotel Lobby

**Recipe for Gingerbread House**

Gingerbread	350 lbs.
Assorted Cookies	3000
Egg Whites	55 lbs.
Powdered Sugar	180 lbs.
Candies	85 lbs.
Labor	300 hours
Mortgage	\$6375.00



Anthony Baccaro



Jordans & Jay Matthews



Jordans, John Lortz, Shirley



Doug, Ron & Patricia Orr, D. Bautch



John & Nancy Eudy



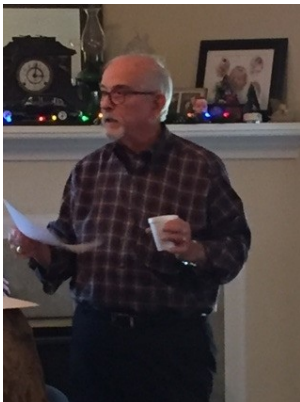
Vivian Lortz & Patricia Orr



Lenny Holzband & Dick Bautch



Trokeys, Carlsons, Janice Musgrove



Tommy - our leader



Baccaro's hood ornament



Happy group

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## December Birthdays

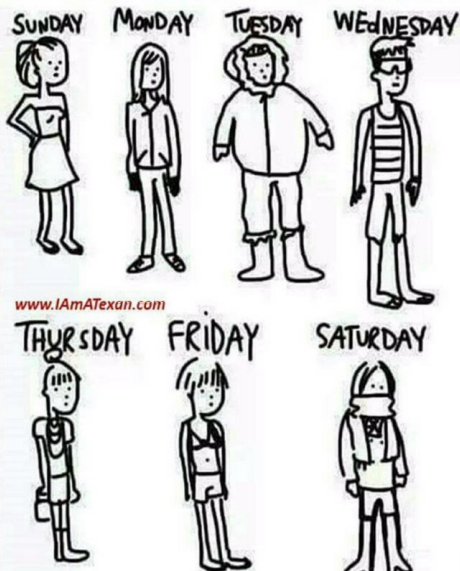
Tracy Hammac	4
Donna Lortz	7
Ben Carter	8
Mary Ann Dalton	8
Robert Taylor	8
Janice Musgrove	16
Mary Matthews	18
Terry Scott	21
Jack Sartir	27

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning.  
"Windows frozen won't open."

Husband texts back:  
"Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later:  
"Computer really messed up now."

## December in Texas



## Regional Officers

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Technical Post-war:	John Lortz

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*It's more than a car...it's a*

**PACKARD**

**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE**