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Director's Corner

On Saturday the 16th, we met at the new Red River BBQ Restaurant in League City. The new building is much larger and it is located behind the original building where we have met before. The original building was remodeled and is now the Red River Cantina. Saturday was the all you can eat rib special and I noticed about half of our folks got the ribs. We had 27 people who sent an RSVP but one of those got the "hard luck" award. Jay took off from Bellville in plenty of time to get to our League City meeting but ran into one traffic snag along I-10 after another. When he finally thought the road was clear and he could make it they shut the freeway down for a long funeral procession. He finally gave up and was home after 3 hours. Thanks for trying Jay!

Packards at the meeting

We were happy to see the **5 Packards** make it to the meeting. Thanks to the **Carlsons** for bringing the '56 Clipper, to the **Eanes** for bringing their '54 Pacific, to the **Lortzs** for bringing the '53 convertible, to **Chris** for bringing the '55 Clipper and **we brought the '47 Clipper.**

Meeting Report

Following lunch, we traveled the short distance to our home in the Meadows. **Carol** had apple pie, key lime pie, brownies, and Blue Bell homemade vanilla. After everyone's sweet tooth was satisfied, we moved on to a short meeting. Basically, I just gave a summary of Salado preparations and distributed a copy of the schedule of events which will appear in everyone's registration material. We will also need to help **Rena with registration** and help **Carol with decorating and setting up the Bluebonnet room at the civic center for our banquet.** North Texas and Arklatex will be working with the hospitality room.

We showed a copy of the car tags for the show that Jan has been working on.

I neglected to mention that **Judy Anderson** has had some health setbacks and I know she and Bill would appreciate prayers.

Membership & Dues Report

We lowered our dues this year to \$10 annually, which is half the original amount. Out of approximately 50 families, we only have about 26 who have paid for 2019.

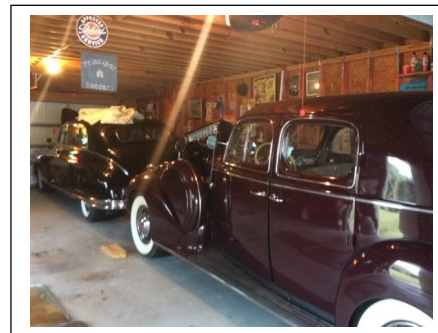
Please send your check to the **Trokeys** as soon as possible so you can be in the next directory and not miss out on the emails

Plans for March are being formulated at this time and will be announced. ■

Happy Packarding.... Tommy



Doug's 56



Tommy's other cars

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1934 PACKARD 8



Evelyn Timmins and her Packards

This month we are featuring long standing member Evelyn Timmins and the 1934 Packard 8 that she and her husband Tom purchased in June, 2014.

Tom passed away in November, 2015 and Evelyn has taken on the arduous task of maintaining their car collection.

Her story begins in Amsterdam where she was born and her family lived through WWII. Her father had a shop about a block from where Anne Frank lived. He had to give that up to work in a factory for the Third Reich. After the war her father saved so they could come to America in December 1948. At that time immigration laws required immigrants to have a sponsor, which was her father's brother, have a job and finances in case they could not stay and would be able to return to their home country. Happily the family stayed in America and Evelyn became a U.S. citizen in 1956. She went to Hope

College in Michigan on a scholarship. Hope College is a Dutch Reform Religion college and she was the first in her family to attend college.

She met Tom in 1967 at Indiana University while on a fellowship and it was love at first sight. They were engaged in two weeks and married that year. Tom's birthright was Quaker but he volunteered for the Army during the Vietnam War era. He had a top security clearance with the NSA and worked at finishing his master's degree. From there they were sent to Tuskegee, Alabama where he taught at a Black college for 10 years. Evelyn also taught English, Spanish and German. After Tom earned his MBA at Auburn they came to Texas in 1980 and lived in the Spring Branch area as Tom was offered a job with a Finance Company. Later they moved to Friendswood and built their current home.

In 1995 someone told Tom to go to the Auburn, Indiana auction where he bought their first antique car - 1931 7 passenger Auburn.

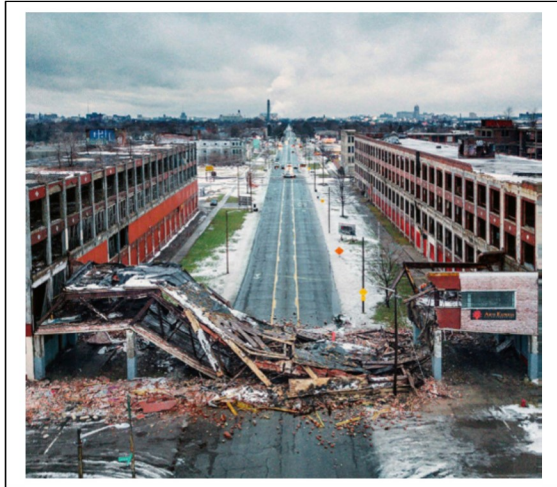
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Historic Packard Bridge Collapses

The bridge that was built in 1939 to connect the 2 auto assembly plants on Grand Boulevard in Detroit collapsed on Wednesday, January 23 around 3:00 pm. It stood for 80 years and was a symbol of Packard automobile success when opened. It was not just a pedestrian bridge but allowed cars being built in the plant to travel across Grand Blvd. to final assembly. No one was injured in the collapse. It is a sad thing to see.

Here is the link to the Detroit Free Press on the bridge collapse story.

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2019/01/23/packard-plant-bridge-collapse-detroit/2660893002/>



The bridge collapsed January 23, 2019. This drone photo captures the sad result.

Photo Credit: Camera Jesus

The interior of the bridge shortly after completion in 1939, showing bodies from the south heading for final assembly in the north, and showing the lane for pedestrians and tigger trains. Note the number of steel supports between the passageways.



Here is the bridge as it appeared in 1956.

Tom had an affinity for prewar cars and started collecting. All the cars in their collection are prewar; and Evelyn has continued to care for all 17 cars with the help of Larry Bennett who keeps them running.

However, she can load up the truck with gas cans and head out to buy non-ethanol gas, Marvel Mystery Oil and Stabil. She is quite the car lady and can tell you about all of the cars in the collection!

They bought a second Packard – a 1934 Roadster in June, 2014. This Packard is a 1934 Model 1101 Rumble seat Coupe Convertible on a 136 inch wheelbase. The car was originally sold by Earl C. Anthony of Los Angeles. Mr. Anthony was arguably the most famous Packard dealer in America. He catered to movie stars like Gary Cooper and Clarke Gable. The original owner of this car is not known but who knows? It might have been someone famous. There is still a brass plate fixed to the dash indicating the car was delivered by Earl Anthony. The original cost for the car was \$2,100.00 compared to a well-designed 1934 Ford at \$600.00. It was restored in the late 60's and last registered in 1977. It had been sitting for about 40 years and it still runs great! And by the way --- Evelyn is learning to drive this marvelous vehicle.



Evelyn and Tom were active in Keels and Wheels for 22 years where he served on the Board. After Tom's death Keels and Wheels asked her to take Tom's place on the Board. She has also stayed active in AACA as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

Her native Holland is known for abundance of flowers and today her home is always filled with fresh flowers. She really has a green thumb with a wide variety of plants that she enjoys. (*I was very envious of her Christmas cacti that were like none I have seen before!*)

Ev has an infectious smile and an effervescence personality. She stays busy being a board member at Keels & Wheels, taking Tai Chi classes, bonding with a group of other widows who lunch together every week, her church, AACA, LSP and being mother to daughter Audra Timmins, son Shaun and grandmother to Bryce Bloom-Timmins, Schuyler and Avery Timmins.

To add to her other activities, she is also taking care of the livestock that consists of two Dutch Belt cows, one Lama and another large cow that Evelyn saved from drowning in the pond when the calf's mother gave birth by the pond and the calf slipped in. She takes all this in stride and just keeps going! We are fortunate to have this awesome lady and her Packards in our club. ■



Cow Evelyn saved from drowning all grown up now and one of her Dutch Belt cows.

The following is from a poster Evelyn has in the car garage – Enjoy!

ALL I NEED TO KNOW -

I LEARNED FROM A COW

IF IT'S GOOD, MILK IT FOR ALL IT'S WORTH

Successful people are moo-vers and shakers

DON'T JUST BE ONE OF THE HERD

THE CREAM ALWAYS RISES TO THE TOP

DON'T BE BOSSY

DON'T STOOP TO A BARNYARD MENTALITY

It is better to have milked and churned, than to never have milked at all

IF YOU NEED TO GET SOMEWHERE - HOOF IT

SOME DAYS CANS BE UTTER FRUSTRATION.

If you are feeling a little low - moo yourself a little song

CHEW YOUR FOOD 50 TIMES BEFORE SWALLING

DON'T LET OTHERS CORRAL YOU.

MUNCH HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

He who lives with the herd learns to watch his step.

Following your heart will always lead you in the right direction.

PARTY 'TILL THE COWS COME HOME

LIVE FOR HEIFER YOUNG

Here a moo there a moo everywhere moo-moo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February Birthdays

Lily Myers	2
Dianna Wildman	4
Tom Drisdale	9
Jay Matthews	12
Steve Wanderman	12
Caroline Calistrat	16
Jennifer Bates	18
Mike Grimes	18
Ron Jordan	18
Sherry Hairrell	23
Kenny Hague	27
Lenny Holzband	27

FUEL FOR THOUGHT:

Swallow your pride.... Don't worry it doesn't have any calories!

A LITTLE HUMOR.....

I applied for a job as a doorman but didn't get the job due to lack of experience. That surprised me. I thought it was an entry level position.

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2019**

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

PACKARD

ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE



New member Tom Drisdale with Robert Quinn



Enjoying desserts!



4 of the 5 Packards Left to right --- Lortz. Eanes. Chris. Tommv

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 – TBA

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.