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Director's Corner

Mark this day in history, your director with the able assistance of his wife and family, was able to conduct an LSP meeting on "Zoom". All together we had 19 families represented making a total of around 26 people. Participants included new members **Jill Burtchaell** who lives close to lake Livingston and **Tony Sakkis** who lives in Richmond. Since we have been unable to meet our new members, Zoom was a perfect way to put a face on a name. Hopefully we can meet the other four new members on our next Zoom and perhaps in person in April or May (depending on the Covid situation.)

During the meeting, we discussed members who have been ill in recent months. That included **Dave Lucas** who has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks with Covid. We also mentioned **Jamie Roberts** who has been in the hospital a couple of weeks but is back home as of last night. After he rests a little, he will resume his cancer treatments. **Vivian Lortz** has been fighting pneumonia off and on since the summer. **John** said he is making her return to the doctor soon. We also learned that Keels and Wheels founder and chairman Bob Fuller has been in the hospital and had heart surgery while there.

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Upcoming Car Shows

CLASSIC CAR STAMPEDE

In Historic Downtown Bellville

Saturday, March 13 Rain or Shine

It's a Cruise-In - No registration

Participants & Spectators are free as always

Just shown up around 9 AM and hang out until whenever

Designated Parking for 1976 & Older vehicles only

Open for cars, trucks & Motorcycles

Check their [website](#) for latest updates

HOT WHEELS & HEROES

Saturday, March 27 - 10:00 AM - Noon

Awards at 1:00 pm

Held at Second Baptist - West Campus - South Kingsland parking area

Free - no entry fees - family friendly

Honoring local heroes - first responders (fire, law enforcement, helicopter, K-9, etc.) to participate with their displays. There will be coffee/beverage food trucks and 20+ vendors to sell their goods. Expanded children's section to ensure family entertainment - something for everyone. Will follow state and CDC Covid-19 guidelines of masks and social distancing.

TOMBALL LIONS CLUB CAR SHOW

Sunday April 25 @ Tomball High School

(Rain Date May 2) Trophies/Awards 2:30

Free Admission - bring family & kids

There'll be music, BBQ & Beverages by Lions Club. Parking donations accepted. Pre-

Registration \$25, at the gate \$30.

This benefits the Tomball Area & Texas Lions Camp. For more info visit www.carshowfun.com

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Please say a prayer for these members to have a quick and complete recovery.

If you are comfortable going out, there are several car related activities coming up. **Jay** mentioned the big car show that Bellville has each year around their square. **Rena and Jack** told us about the annual show that Second Baptist church sponsors each year. Covid precautions will be followed carefully. **Evelyn** mentioned a car show in Tomball, which is coming up. More details about these shows can be found on the first page.

Tony reported we are solvent and have not spent any club funds in roughly a year. He has made refunds to all our members who had paid their registration fee for Salado. **Rena** gave TPM treasurer, Beverly Teel, an accounting of all funds collected for the state meet. We will get a refund to our treasury since we refunded the six families in our region who had registered. **Ben** gave the membership report and we have 55 families and 102 cars.

Doug would be happy to get pictures for the web page of new cars in our region as well as stories for the feature car section.

Thanks to all who participated in our February meeting. It was good to see faces that we've not seen in a while and hear from those who did not have video working!

We will set a date and time for the March meeting and let you know. Hopefully, even more can participate. It is fairly easy to just click the link if your computer or cell phone is co-operative.

Happy Packarding, Tommy

Fuel for thought....

A smile is an inexpensive way to change your looks!



Attendees at Saturday, Feb. 20 LSP Zoom Meeting

LSP Website

The list of service providers on our website needs to be up-dated. We are asking for members to share any person or shop information e.g. (mechanic, glass, interior, radiator, etc.) that is willing to work on a Packard. We especially want to know if you have had personal experience with one of these.

Send your information directly to [Doug](#), and when he gets all his busted pipes repaired, he will make the additions.

WELCOME NEW LSP MEMBERS

Say hello to **Glen Grace** and his '55 Packard. Glen lives in Santa Fe. He found his Packard on the internet in West, TX. Actually, he was looking for a DeSoto but found this Packard and remembered at one time his father-in-law had a Packard so why not! He never owned a Packard himself, but did have a Studebaker and plans to find another one. He also has a '51 Nash Custom Ambassador.

Welcome **Bill & Diana Osborne** in College Station. **Bill** is buying a '51 Convertible. He has a collection of 22 cars and member of the Rolls Royce, Lincoln, Pierce Arrow and Studebaker clubs and wanted to add a Packard to his collection for a long time. They are looking forward to being a part of LSP.

President's Message

by
Craig Handley



The Packard event that we hope you won't attend.

Yes, you read it right. Let me explain. When we postponed last year's PAC National Meet due to the Covid pandemic, it was after thoughtful consideration by many people. It was a difficult decision, but we felt that the threat to the safety of our members was just too great.

At the time, we sincerely hoped that we would be able to return to normal in 2021, but too many people have ignored the doctors and scientists and threw parties that turned into super spreader events. People ignored the recommendations to limit travel during the holidays and hospital emergency rooms filled to overflowing capacities afterward. I'm sure you've seen the news footage of refrigerated trucks being used to store bodies because there isn't room in hospital morgues. And now there are variants of the virus which spread even faster.

When the Wisconsin region came to me and expressed their concerns about holding the meet this year I conferred with a number of people, including medical and legal experts, and we came to the sad conclusion that June is too early to safely hold a PAC event that would include indoor activities. It was a heartbreaking decision, because we miss gathering with our friends as much as you do, but we feel that simply ignoring the science and pretending that the pandemic no longer exists will endanger our members, help prolong the pandemic, and push the time when we can return to normal even further out.

Now you might say, "What about the vaccines? I got my shots so shouldn't it be business as usual?" It's not that easy. There are things we don't know about the vaccines. We don't know if they will prevent the spread of the virus to someone who is not vaccinated. We also don't know if the vaccines protect us against

the variant viruses. And the experts say that 70-80% of the population has to be vaccinated before we can reach herd immunity and life can begin to return to normal. That might happen in late summer or fall, or it may take even longer, but it certainly won't happen by June.

Once the decision to reschedule the Wisconsin Meet was made and announced, imagine my surprise when I heard that a "Packard family gathering" car show and swap meet was being planned in Gettysburg during the same week that we decided wasn't safe for the Wisconsin Meet.

The organizer, who will remain nameless here, is a member of the club and he asked me to attend and to hold a board meeting there. I told him no. I told him that it wasn't safe to host an event in June and that for the safety of our members, the Packard Club would not in any way participate, endorse or promote in his "family gathering."

I asked him to consider the safety risk to our club members, many of whom are high-risks for Covid-19 and not go through with this. I told him that a few days of fun is not worth the illness or death of even one person. I wouldn't want this event to lead to another family gathering in a funeral parlor.

The organizer completely ignored my advise and already asked some regional newsletters to promote the event. Doing so can cause confusion as to whether or not the Packard Club sanctions it. We do not. Let me repeat so that there is no misunderstanding: **THE PACKARD CLUB WILL NOT IN ANY WAY PARTICIPATE, ENDORSE OR PROMOTE THIS EVENT.** I am asking newsletter editors not to place ads or promotional articles in regional publications.

We also resent the implication that the organizer makes that he is doing this because the Packard Club won't hold any events, as if we are no longer interested in hosting social gatherings. We would love nothing more than to meet with our Packard friends once again, and look forward to the day when that can happen. But it would be terribly irresponsible to do so while the global pandemic continues to rage on.

That is why, for your safety and the safety of the people around you, we hope that you will not attend this event. It's your decision of course and if you do go, I hope that you remain safe. 📌

MONEY WELL SPENT!

Bob Supina submitted this photo and note to share with us:

“In November 1999, the Super Constellation from Kansas City was brought down to Houston Hobby Airport for the celebration of the grand opening of fundraising to restore the original 1940 Terminal/Tower Building.

I obtained permission to park my 1937 Packard LeBaron All/Weather Town Car at the nose for pictures. ‘I’ll give you a ride in MINE if you’ll give me a ride in YOURS!’ I told the pilot. I let both pilots drive my car around their plane, and I got to fly back to Kansas City with them and get 15 minutes right seat time.

For insurance purposes, I had to join the organization for \$100. Then I had to pay \$129 for a Southwest flight back to Houston. Money well spent!”



The identifiable triple tail.

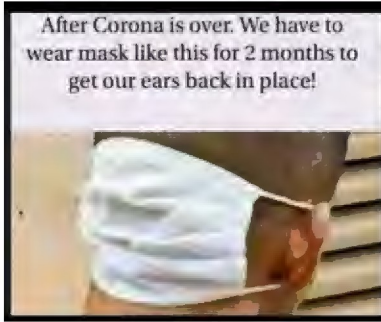
Bob says you can see more pictures and the plane's story on their website.

<http://bobngail.com/connie/connie.html>

If anyone has an interesting Packard story to tell – please send to ben.carter47@yahoo.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Lily Myers
- 8 Kristyn Pate
- 9 Tom Drisdale
- 11 Gayle Bucher
- 12 Jay Matthews
- 12 Stephen Wanderman
- 16 Caroline Calistrat
- 18 Jennifer Bates
- 18 Mike Grimes
- 18 Ron Jordan
- 23 Sherry Hairrell
- 24 Lyn Morris
- 27 Kenny Hague
- 27 Lenny Holzband
- 28 Ginny LaGroue



NURSE CAME IN AND SAID DOC, THERE'S A MAN IN THE WAITING ROOM WHO THINKS HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM? THE DOCTOR SAID TELL HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM TODAY.



Apparently you can't use 'beefstew' as a password.

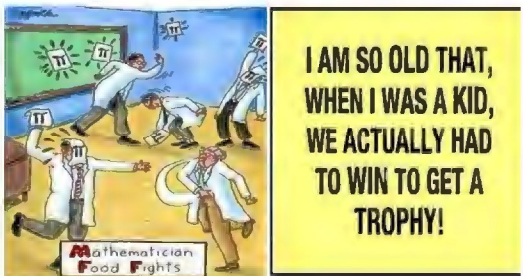
It's not stroganoff.



WARNING

There is an email going around offering processed pork, gelatin and salt in a can.

If you get this email, do not open it. It's spam.



**SO IF A COW
DOESN'T PRODUCE
MILK, IS IT A MILK
DUD OR AN UDDER
FAILURE?**



**Department of health
is looking to hire
couples married for
7 years or more to
educate people on
social distancing.**

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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5. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
6. It was a whole lot easier to get older, than it was to get wiser.
7. It is hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

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