



## ***Director's Corner***

On Saturday, June 26th, 38 members of LSP got to visit a large personal collection near our home in League City. I have wanted to get our group in to see this collection for several years and I think everyone enjoyed seeing the very eclectic collection of classic and military vehicles. A big thanks to **Dan Becker** for getting the ball rolling for a visit to this collection.

Unfortunately, with the 95-degree temperature most of our 38 participants came without their Packards. **Carol rode with Chris and his family** who brought the family's 1948 "sedan for seven" and **Anthony and I** brought the 1955 Custom Clipper. (It should be noted that we only live a couple of blocks from the site or we may have come in an air-conditioned SUV ourselves.) In addition, a couple of members brought a non-Packard classic from their stable.

New member, **Glen Grace** brought a really nice 1950 Studebaker and **Tom Drisdale** brought a sharp Cadillac Allante convertible. I assured them their brand x's were always welcome as long as they get to the meeting. We were also happy to see some of our good friends from

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## **Packards for Sale:**

**Glen Grace** has two '55 400's that he is considering parting with. If interested, his number is in the directory.

**Tom Drisdale** would like to sell one of his Packards, preferably the '53 but would consider selling the '40.

**Rich & Karen Trokey** are interested in selling their '38 restored coupe.

**Dan Becker** would entertain offers on his '40 180 formal sedan.

There are Packards out there so if interested contact these members.

**Remember...**

**Life is short**

**SMILE**

**while you still have teeth**

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**Fuel for thought...**

**Stress** comes from trying to do it all on your own.

**Peace** comes when you put it all in God's hands.

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the Gulf Coast Region of the AACA. I think we have about six families that are also members of that group including all the Baccaros.

I remain very proud of our region as it continues to grow even during a pandemic. This was the first meeting for **Glen Grace and he brought his son Mark and his friend Mary Krill-Erickson.**

**Bill and Diana Osborne** traveled from College Station to make their first LSP meeting. Following Siri/GPS took them 2.5 hours to arrive as GPS took them to Sugar Land. (We have all had our problems with GPS!) They toured the collection and the AACA group wanted them to go to lunch at Joe's BBQ, but **Bill** said "no, we gotta meet our new Packard friends!" They have a collection of over 20 cars and recently added a '51 Packard convertible to that collection. We are looking forward to seeing it.

We had other guests who came out to see the collection. We enjoyed having **Jay Matthews** bring his neighbor **Tony Stewart** who helps Jay with his Stanley Steamer, and the Sartins brought friends **Rick & Nancy Mock** who expressed interest in joining our club.

Following the tour, we traveled a short distance to Luna's Mexican Restaurant on South Shore Blvd. Luna's is a restaurant our family frequents often but they obviously do better service with individual families rather than large groups. The food did come out in a timely manner but distribution of the plates could have been better. And the billing was confusing, causing a wait for some.

Our club has grown and that is a great thing, but it is getting harder and harder to find a place to accommodate us. This time it was further complicated because I made the decision Tuesday that there might be too big a crowd to eat in Alvin with the AACA group so it was short notice, but Luna's was available. When I called, they wanted to set up a buffet at \$18/per with a minimum of 40. Finally, they agreed to reserve the room with everyone ordering and paying their own ticket. My

first choice was Spring Creek BBQ, but their room was already reserved. There were a couple of other options, but their rules of a private room were inconvenient. Anyway, my late decision limited our options and I accept that responsibility.

On a good note, we had the 50/50 drawing and **Bob Ess** was happy as he won, resulting in a jackpot of over \$50.

For up-coming events **Jack & Rena Sartin** have volunteered to have us back in ***their air-conditioned car barn for a July get together.*** More information will be available as plans are formulated.

If anyone has an idea for August or would like to host an August event, please let us know. ***We would appreciate an air-conditioned facility!!***

**Bob Supina** sent me a note regarding a fall or early winter meeting. They have a friend who is the editor of the Ft Bend Herald in Rosenberg who would like to do a story about our club. The gentleman suggested we make another visit to historic downtown Rosenberg and he could tie his story to that visit. **Bob** explained to him that in our southeast Texas heat the number of Packards in attendance drops significantly in the summer. I asked Bob to relay to the fellow that we would love to come back maybe in October or November.

As I mentioned in a previous note, our family visited Salado recently and we have begun working on the **2022 Texas Packard Meet.** I must confess that all this talk about the recently discovered "Delta Variant" of the virus is beginning to make me nervous regarding the planning. Keep your fingers crossed and stay safe!

Every year the National judges the various regional newsletters. **Jan and Ben** put together a packet of our last year's OWNERS MANUALS to send in for the competition. I know they will do well.

Please remember in your prayers the several in our group that are facing significant health challenges.

***Happy Packarding, Tommy***



Ron Orr & Tom Drisdale





The Baccaros  
'48 sedan for 7  
and 55 Clipper



Dr. Williams  
telling us about his  
collection.



Glen Grace & his son Mark with  
their Studebaker.



Ron & Juanita Jordan, Ron & Patricia Orr, Carlos &  
Mary Ann Dos Santos



Doug Carlson, Jack & Rena Sartin, Jay Matthews &  
Jay Stewart, Rick & Nancy Mock.



New Member Bill Osborn with Tommy in  
the background.

## A TRIP TO THE PAST -- A POEM THAT WAS US

A little house with three bedrooms, one car on the street. A mower that you had to push, to make the grass look neat.

In the kitchen on the wall, we only had one phone. No need for recording calls, someone was always home.

We only had a living room, where we would congregate. Unless it was mealtime, in the kitchen where we ate.

We had no need for family rooms, or extra rooms to dine. When meeting as a family, those two rooms would work out fine.

We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two. But always there was one of them, with something worth the view.

For snacks we had potato chips, which tasted like a chip. And if you wanted flavor, there was Lipton's onion dip.

Store-bought snacks were rare, because my mother liked to cook. And nothing can compare, to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.

Weekends were for family trips, or staying home to play. We all did things together, even went to church to pray.

When we did our weekend trips, depending on the weather. No one stayed at home, 'cause we liked to be together.

Sometimes we would separate, to do things on our own. But we knew where the others were, and never had a cell phone.

Then there were the movies, with your favorite movie star. And nothing can compare, to watching movies in your car.

Then there were the picnics, at the peak of summer season. Pack a lunch and find some trees, and never need a reason.

Get a baseball game together, with all the friends you know. Have real action playing ball, and without game video.

Remember when the doctor, used to be the family friend? You didn't need insurance, or a lawyer to defend. The way that he took care of you, or what he had to do? He took an oath and strived to do, the very best for you.

Remember going to the store, and shopping casually? And when you went to pay for it, you used your own money? There was nothing you had to swipe, or punch in some amount. And remember when the cashier, knew how to count?

The milkman used to go, from door to door to door. It was just a few cents more, than going to the store.

There was a time when mailed letters, came right to your door. Without a lot of junk mail, sent out by every store.

The mailman knew each house by name, and knew where it was sent. There were not loads of mail, sent to "present occupant".

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

**PACKARD**

**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE**

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

### June Birthdays

Patricia Orr	2
John Dalton	8
Donna Williams	9
Dave Lucas	12
Shellie Lortz	22
Bob Ess	23
Kay Schmaltz	23
Judy Anderson	26
Lynn Eanes	30

### Got any Suggestions?

We are always looking for stories. If you have an interesting story you would like to share about any Packard, please send to us at [ben.carter47@yahoo.com](mailto:ben.carter47@yahoo.com).

Tell us about your Packard. Why did you decide to get a Packard or a collection of Packards?

We can use any story you would like to contribute. We also need humor! Funny jokes accepted or anything historical are always interesting.

Thanks....

Ben & Jan Carter