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## Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family. I hope you are all "hunkered down" and healthy. Who would have ever imagined a couple of weeks ago that we would be in this situation? I never would have thought that we would have to cancel Salado for health concerns.

I want to thank all of you who called or sent me notes of support for our efforts to make the 43rd Texas Packard Meet a success. Judging by the number of rooms reserved at the host hotel, the other two hotels, bed and breakfasts, and R.V. park, it would have been a large turnout. I think the biggest we ever had was 102 master registrations. I don't know if we were going to get back to that many but I do think it would have been the largest in recent years. We put a lot of work into developing this meet. If the other directors wish for me to chair it one more year, we will (where possible) just do what we had planned this year. Enough said about this year's meet. **Please mark your calendar for April 8, 9, 10, and 11th, 2021 for the 43rd almost annual Texas Packard Meet.** Easter is the 4th next year so we will meet the week after. You can call the Holiday Inn Express in Salado to book your rooms for 2021.

Our friend **Dick Bautch** took a tumble last week in his home. He hit his head and passed out. After not being able to raise him on the phone, his kids called the constable for a welfare check.

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## BREAKING NEWS ....

### *Keels & Wheels Rescheduled from May 2-3 to October 17-18*

This painful move is made necessary because the original dates, May 2-3, fell exactly within the national and local warnings and bans on large gatherings due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

If you have already submitted an entry form and entry fee, our most sincere hope is that you will plan to join us in October, when we will celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Please check your calendar and let us know your intentions. If you do need to change your plans, and you are unable to join us, please contact Laura at [laura@keels-wheels.com](mailto:laura@keels-wheels.com).

We will continue to accept entries and conduct business in preparation for Keels & Wheels the weekend of October 17-18.

Now is your opportunity to participate if you missed the cutoff in March.

As we continue supporting our charities, we ask and hope that you will plan to join us in October and be a part of our efforts to produce the Nation's largest and finest Classic Automobile and Vintage Boat Concours.

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He does not know how long he was out but they took him to the hospital and he was there for three days. He is home now and on the mend. Please say a prayer for his quick recovery.

Don't know what you are doing to pass the time but we are watching a lot of television. I may start re-reading some books I haven't read in years. I have been passing the time a little in the garage by detailing the 1940 Super 8 and the 1948 limo. I finished waxing the '40 yesterday and started on the '48 today. I just do a couple of panels a day. They will both need the stainless and chrome cleaned as well. I am wishfully thinking that Keels and Wheels will still happen but who knows? They are both scheduled to be there and need to be ready to go.

Speaking of cancelled meets, **Tony** is in the process of returning your registration fees for the TPM based on a list provided by Rena. You should have it soon if your check had already been deposited.

The PAC National is in late June in Northern California. I think that may be "iffy" as well.

I recently took our '55 down to Galveston to **John Eanes** for service. Also had him install rear shocks. The idea was to make it ready for the trip to Salado. Even though that did not happen, I am glad I took it to him as he discovered the fan belt was really frayed and cracked. I still don't have the new A/C system connected because the hoses in my eBay kit were a little too short for a Packard. I have locally gotten the right ones now as well as a new upper pulley, therefore, I just need to get back to it. We wanted it ready for Salado but no rush now except the rising temps!

While in Galveston, I saw **John's beautiful new '54 Pacific**. He is doing some engine work on it and I expect to see it soon at one of our meetings.

**Tom Drisdale** recently went to Kentucky to see a '54 Clipper he saw on Facebook. When he got there, it was not quite as nice as he thought and may have needed some tranny work as well. He passed on it but found a really nice '53 Clipper over in Tennessee and had it shipped to Bay City. It is now in the shop getting the brakes in shape. Expect to see it soon at our meetings.

**John Lortz** has been helping **John Jr.** with the '54 **Clipper** they bought a few months back. I think it is almost road worthy. Speaking of **John**, we have not seen that beautiful '54 **Patrician** lately. The reason is that he discovered a place on the frame that needs attention. I noticed earlier this week on Facebook that a fellow in Tennessee has a good '54 **Patrician** frame that he will give away. I put the two in touch so hopefully it will work out.

My son **Chris** and I went in as partners on **Walter Trimmer's '56 Patrician**. When we got it, the push buttons would not work properly. When **John** and I picked it up we had to use the wench to get it on the trailer. **Chris** got the "actuator" motor to shift properly and they drove it awhile. However, it seems the torque converter now has issues. We just bought a transmission jack so hopefully we can get it going soon.

I was hoping we could have a meeting in May, but the way things are I am not sure. We will just have to wait and see.

Say a prayer that the social distancing and self-isolation requested by the President will slow or stop the progress of the virus.

We missed our Sunday family lunch. It is nice to text and talk on the phone, but there is nothing like seeing and hugging the rest of the family.

Now here is a virtual hug from the Baccaros!

Take care. Be safe. God bless, Tommy

Laughing Matters....

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument, and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically "Relatives of yours?" "Yep" the wife replied, "in-laws."

## Membership Update - Ben Carter

We are still working on the Membership Roster with many corrections.

Long time members, **Mike & Caroline Calistrat** notified me that since he is now 93 and doesn't get out much anymore, he would not be joining the club this year.

**Tommy, Tony and I** agreed that if you are over 90 and still interested in Packards, you should be an Honorary Member. Therefore, **Mike** and **Caroline** will remain on the roster and email distribution. We certainly hope they will attend a meeting when they can. However, we all agreed **Caroline** cannot participate in the 50/50 so everyone else has a chance to win!

**Robert and Gayle Bucher** joined in January along with their six Packards. We all enjoyed meeting them last October at their home in Willis. And they want us to come back again!

New member, **Rodney Ross** joined this month. He recently purchased a 1939 8 Cylinder Super Hearse by Henney. Rodney lives in Halton City, TX and wanted to participate in the TPM in Salado. He found our club on the internet.

Thank you, **Doug**, for all the work you do for us on the LSP website.



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

### March Birthdays

Rena Sartin	9
John Eudy	13
Jeff Pate	16
Leon Ahlers	27

## Coronavirus Continues – Janice Carter

During this difficult time, we all are doing what we can to stay healthy and keeping up with the daily influx of virus news and what we can and cannot do.

Our normal day-to-day living activities have changed. Finding ourselves trying to make the best of the situation and purchasing the supplies we need. However, going to the grocery store can be a challenge. Some shelves may be empty and others almost bare. Grocery shopping is more like hunting and gathering than just pushing your cart down the aisle reaching out to select what you came to the store to get.

Our stores have always been there to supply all we need. We have been so blessed to have a variety of anything and everything we want and not have a second thought that it would not always be this way.

Sure, we have had limited supplies before and after a hurricane with schools closed, and businesses interrupted. Although this is something different than we have ever experienced, let's remember we are strong and have come through tough times before and will make it through this as well.

Many years ago, Americans were faced with the terrible call to fight in WWII. They had to leave their homes and many never returned. Life at home was not the same either with food rations and other materials rationed. In 2020 we have been called to stay home and sit on the couch. We can do this!

Have faith and remember God has a purpose and a plan. He is in control. Let's pray for our country, our leaders and each other.

### A Little Humor....

At 7:45 am, senior citizens gathered at a store for early shopping hours. A young man parks, gets out of his car and walks to the front of the line. An elderly woman in front of the line precedes to hit him with her cane. He retreats.

A few minutes later he again approaches the front of the line. This time an elderly gentleman punches him and knocks him to the ground. He retreats again.

A few moments later he approaches the front of the line and says, "If you don't let me unlock the door, no one is getting in."

Lone Star Packards was chartered by Packard Automobile Classics (PAC) in 1964. Our charter requires that Lone Star Packard members also be members of the Packard Automobile Classics. For information please contact our treasurer.

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## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 18** - Potluck lunch at Sartin's Car Barn with trip to Musgrove's garage to search for Packard Parts.

**February 22** - Ol' Railroad Café – Rosenberg, TX hosted by Ben & Janice Carter

March – No Meeting – Preparing for Salado

~~April 3, 4, 5 – Texas Packard Meet @ Holiday Inn Express in Salado, TX - CANCELLED~~

~~May 2-3 – Keels & Wheels – Seabrook, TX – Lakewood Yacht Club - CANCELLED~~

June – TBA

**July – National Packard Meet – No local meeting**

August – TBA

September – TBA

**October 17-18 – Keels & Wheels – Seabrook, TX – Lakewood Yacht Club**

November – TBA

December – TBA

**If you would like to organize one of our monthly meetings or plan a tour, contact Chris Baccaro.**