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Director's Corner

On Saturday, November 9 more than 30 Lone Star Packard members and friends met at the Pizza Shack in Willis, Texas. **Tony and Shirley** arranged for us to meet for lunch and then have a tour of **Bob and Gayle Bucher's** beautiful home and extensive auto collection.

Their home is not a little log cabin; the image of a small structure like those Abraham Lincoln or Daniel Boone called home might come to mind. This luxury log home is a very large structure built from logs and stone. Each stone fits perfectly together, because they were delicately laid out before being added to the building. The Bucher's built the home themselves while they lived on site in their motor home.

Gayle gave a wonderful tour and provided refreshments. This massive home is truly something to see, and her décor and fall decorations are amazing. We learned she had survived a robbery attempt earlier in the day after she had visited an ATM machine, but still managed to entertain a houseful of car enthusiasts. If you missed this LSP event, it was not the one to miss! You really missed a treat!

The **Bucher's'** collection includes: Hupmobile, Cord, Auburn, a lot of really nice Studebakers, and 5 Packards. I especially loved the '55 Studebaker Speedster. We are happy to announce the hosts joined LSP. If you missed the tour, perhaps there will be an opportunity in the future.

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Christmas isn't coming earlier this year, but the Lone Star Packards Christmas Lunch is.

This year's Christmas Brunch Buffet will be:

When: Sunday, December 1

**Where: 1:00 pm at South Shore Harbor Resort/Hotel
2500 South Shore Harbor Blvd. League City 77573**

Cost: \$24/person - Club will pay tax and gratuity

The Brunch includes mimosas if you want to partake

After lunch we'll caravan a short distance to the Baccaros.

This is the Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend, so glide seamlessly from Thanksgiving leftovers to Holiday Cheer.

Share the spirit of the season with your friends in LSP.



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Jan announced the November birthdays and passed out an invitation to the Christmas party which will be held in League City on December 1. We will meet at 1 pm in the restaurant area of the South Shore Harbor Hotel and Resort for the Holiday buffet. Price will be \$24 per person and the club will pay the tax and gratuity. Following lunch, we will caravan the short distance to the Baccaro home for more fun.

January our activity will be a club effort to help **Janice Musgrove** liquidate some of her late husband's extensive collection of cars and parts. We will meet at the **Sartin's** for a covered dish lunch and then those who are interested will move to Dale's shop in nearby Brookshire.

February and March are open so if you are willing to organize a meeting, please let us know. **April**, of course, is the **43rd Annual Texas Packard Meet**. Our meet was listed in the last CNB so out of state applications will soon be coming to Rena. If you do not have your room you should consider calling them now. Registration and hotel details can be found at the www.texaspackardmeet.org site.

After some discussion, the officers agreed to serve another term and they were elected by acclamation.

Ben gave a report on the up-coming LSP display at the **Courtland Place Christmas Home Tour**. If interested in showing your car, give Ben a call.

New member **John Dalton** brought the most beautiful 1937 Packard Six you could ever hope to see. I doubt if there is a better one in all of PAC. **John Lortz** brought the red '53 convertible and **the Baccaros** brought the '55 Clipper.

We want to give a huge **thank you to Shirley and Tony Darrow** for setting up our **November Fall Tour** and meeting. Shirley was not able to attend, as she had a pace maker installed earlier this week. Tony said she is improving each day. Please remember her in your prayers.

Have a great Thanksgiving. See you December 1st.

Happy Packarding, Tommy



Left are Leon & Pam Ahlers, on the right Mike & Linda Hoffman



Left are Tony & his son Keith, Jack & Rena Sartin, J.C. & Sherry Hairrell

Trip to Hershey

Three of our members visited Hershey this year and here is what they have to report.

Jerry Erhman who is a National Board Member in PAC says Hershey, for me, is an excellent excuse for a fall road trip. It also allows me to visit family along the way. As with most of my road trips this year there was a lot of driving in the rain. When I left Roanoke it was raining, but the weather had cleared by the time I got to Hershey. Since 'Hershey' is an outside event, rain is not helpful.

Tuesday afternoon the **AACA Library** had a sale of duplicate automotive literature they have in inventory. I always manage to buy some things I absolutely don't need, but find interesting. There was a crowd of similar minded people.

The PAC Board Meeting was Thursday night. **Jay Matthews** joined me at the table. I'd given Bob Teller, VP Regions, information on The Texas Packard Meet being back in Salado and asked him to include it in his report. He not only included the comments, but added his own comments about attending The Meet in the past and how much he enjoyed it. After Bob completed his report, Craig Handley, PAC President, mentioned he'd attended The Meet when it was in Kerrville, and was hoping to get to Salado. After the meeting a few others mentioned they were hoping to attend.

For anyone who likes 'old cars', Hershey is the place to be. The Car Corral is full of nostalgia. When is the last time you saw three 1958 Oldsmobiles together in one place? Lots of beautiful Packards! **The Car Show on Saturday** had about 1200 cars registered. Two of my favorite classes to look at are Driver Participation and HPOF (Historic Preservation of Original Features). Hard to believe there are original cars in such beautiful condition—all the way back to the 1920s.

When the show is over at 3pm, the cars leave the show field and it is quite a parade to watch and hear. It's such a popular feature that bleachers are set up along the road.

After Hershey I visited more family, and friends and retired priests at Nortre Dame. By Monday was back on the road and made it safely home through more rain and without GPS.

Jay Matthews reported -The Hershey trip was great. I represented Tommy, who is a Board Member, at The Packard meeting with his proxy for the LSP vote. The meeting was rather uneventful with no controversial issues. I walked around the swap meet for three days (figured I walked 6-8 miles per day) and bought a few parts and small items but nothing major. Saw many nice cars including a few Packards.

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John Dalton says - I made it to Hershey and went to the Packard tent and met the PAC President, Craig Handley. I explained my confusion in joining the Packard International Club in California but joined our local chapter in Houston. We had a big laugh and I then joined the National Packard Club - so now I am official! We talked about our local Lone Star chapter and I told him as of yet had not made my first meeting, but they seem to be a very active chapter. **He agreed with me and said we have one of the most active local chapters.**

I did not meet up with any of the other LSP members as they were not in the tent at the time. Weather was beautiful and we were also treated to a local fly over in WW11 war planes that sprayed red white and blue in the air stream behind the planes.

Went to the RM auction and saw some unbelievable Packards that went to auction but did not bid on any this year as I was disappointed last year when I lost out to a higher bid on a 31 Roadster.

The most amazing find I had is: I have been looking for sun visors for a 1937 Packard 115 coupe. I went to a big supplier but he could not help. After 4 days of shopping my wife said we haven't gone down this aisle, I was hesitant but decided to follow her lead and saw a sign that said Cord, Auburn and Packard. Right on top of a bin under the Packard sign was a pair of sun visors from a 1937 model 115 coupe. I could not believe it! The vender confirmed that he had a parts car that it came off of. Now my 37 Coupe is complete.

All in all a great display of Packards and if you have never been to Hershey wear a neck brace.



Jack Sartin examining Dalton's car w/Mike Hoffman



Left is our host and new member Bob Bucher



Tommy's '55 Clipper



Lortz's '53 Convertible



New Member John Dalton's '37 Coupe

The Courtlandt Place Historical Foundation
presents



December 7th and 8th, 2019
11:00 am until 5:00 pm

Welcome

Welcome to Courtlandt Place, one of Houston's most historic neighborhoods. Homes on the tour are indicated by wreaths displayed on shepherd's hooks. Gardens on the tour are marked with red poinsettia hanging baskets displayed on shepherd's hooks. Please tour at your leisure and in any order you wish.

Refreshments are offered under the large central tent across from house numbers 13 and 14. A short video documentary of Courtlandt Place is being shown on a large screen in the same tent.

Please note that bathroom facilities are available in the garage apartments of house numbers 9 and 14, indicated

For the safety and security of our guests and homeowners high-heeled shoes, photographs and drinks are not allowed inside the homes. We also ask that you wear the provided booties while inside the residences. Please turn off cellphones while touring.

Enjoy a short video documentary of the history of Courtlandt Place in The Main Tent

Bathroom facilities are available in the garage apartments of house numbers 9 and 14, indicated by pink poinsettia planters. .

Courtlandt Place was established in 1906 with the concept to create an exclusive, private enclave where people could live away from the noise, dust, and other annoyances of the city. Seventeen houses were built between 1910 and 1925. The property owners were composed largely of prominent old families of Houston (rather than the new wealthy of the early 20th century oil boom), sought out the best architects available from as far away as Boston, Chicago, and New York. The craftsmanship that distinguished these homes a century ago makes them irreplaceable today.

What is remarkable about Courtlandt Place today is that, unlike nearby Westmoreland Place and Montrose Place, it has remained intact. The preservation of this magnificent landmark of early Houston has been made possible by restrictive covenants which are still in force today prohibiting, among other things, commercial development. In 1979, Courtlandt Place was entered into the National Registry of Historic Places as a historical district, and 14 of the original homes have been individually listed

It still retains its original ambiance of grandeur and is an outstanding example of early 20th century architecture.

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Our LSP member Robert Taylor and his wife Amy live at Courlandt Place and their home will be on the tour.

We would like to have a Packard in the driveway of at least six of these homes. If you would like to show your pre-WWII vehicle, contact Ben Carter at ben.carter47@yahoo.com or call 281-341-6595.

Security will be provided. If you show your vehicle you will receive two complimentary tour tickets. Visitors will pay \$45 each.

This event will count as another community project for our organization.

Below are pictures of a few of the homes and gardens on the tour

#14 - Carter, Sr. House, 1920 (garden only)

Birdsall P. Briscoe, a descendant of a hero of San Jacinto, was one Houston's preeminent architects. He designed several homes on Courlandt Place for members of the W. T. Carter family; #14 was completed for W. T. Carter, Sr., a lumber tycoon who died before the house was finished. Carter also purchased lots #16, #18, and #20 where his three children built houses. Mrs. Carter, Sr., occupied the house, as did subsequent generations of Carters, well into the 1980s. Briscoe was a bit of a Renaissance man, and his eclectic style is evident in the combination of Georgian Revival with Tudor and Classical Revival in the home's facade. The two-story brick home displays a classically detailed central door with Doric pilasters and a curved pediment. A hipped roof crowns the main block. To the west, a two-story extension is set back from the main facade and, to the east, a two-story wing extends in front of the main facade displaying an attractive arcade.



#15 - Bryan-Chapman House, 1925

Number 15 is the only house on the street designed by Houston architect **Carlos Schoeppl**. Schoeppl moved to Florida in 1927 and became known for his Spanish-style homes in the manner of American architect Addison Cairns Mizner. This home's distinctive brick work, Ludowici tile roof, and cast concrete details set it apart from its more traditional neighbors. Johnelle Bryan and Caroline Bryan Chapman were sisters, and were well known figures in Houston social and civic life. Chapman was an accomplished musician and often held concerts in the house, playing the pipe organ she'd had installed shortly after the house was finished.



#19 - Garrow House, 1915 (garden only)

The J. W. Garrow House was designed by **Birdsall P. Briscoe**. Garrow was a partner in his father's cotton firm and later served as president of both the Texas Cotton Association and the Houston Cotton Exchange. Marie Etta Brady Garrow was the daughter of John T. Brady, the organizer of the Houston Ship Channel Company and one of the wealthiest men in the country with extensive holdings in land and real estate. Briscoe was a close personal friend of the Garrows and served as best man in their wedding. He displayed his signature Beaux Arts eclecticism by embellishing the Georgian Revival facade of this house with Italianate elements. This house, published in *The Architectural Record* in 1915, was recently purchased and updated by a descendant of the original owners.



#22 - Baker-Jones House

Prominent attorney and banker Captain James Baker presented this Georgian Revival house as a wedding present to his daughter, Alice Baker Jones and her husband, Murray B. Jones. Murray Jones had a career as a judge; was a lawyer with his father-in-law's firm, Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood; and was president and founder of the Lincoln Mortgage Company and Fannin Realty. The Georgian Revival house was designed by **Birdsall P. Briscoe**, and is a rare (in residential buildings) hollow-tiled construction. Its outer walls are one- to two-feet thick. An unusual degree of restraint characterizes this classically detailed house by Briscoe, who loved rich, full-bodied ornament.





One of 5 Packards in Bob Bucher's collection



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November Birthdays

Tommy Baccaro	16
Sandra Lucas	20
Robert Quinn	20
Dick Bautch	21
Gail Supina	24
Tony Darrow	29
Dale Wilpers	30

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 – Cancelled – getting ready for Salado

APRIL 4, 5, 6, 7 – Texas Packard Meet – Salado, TX

MAY 4-5 - Keels & Wheels – Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX & Danny Dietz Foundation Car Show

JUNE 23 – Potatoe Patch Restaurant – hosted by John & Vivian Lortz

JULY – 54th PAC National Meet in West Lafayette, Indiana hosted by Wabash Valley Packards- No local meeting

AUGUST 17 – Del Webb at The Lakehouse in Richmond, TX hosted by Lenny & Paula Holzband

SEPTEMBER 15 – Big Horn BBQ in Pearland hosted by Baccaros

OCTOBER 13 – Tony Gullo Museum in Magnolia & lunch at Rancho Grande hosted by Ben and Janice Carter

NOVEMBER 9 – Fall Tour to Willis, TX private collection hosted by Tony and Shirley Darrow

DECEMBER 1 – Christmas Lunch at South Shore Harbor in League City and caravan to Baccaros

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