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Director's Corner

Sunday, October 13, members and guests were privileged to visit the **Tony Gullo Auto Museum** in Magnolia. Our club visited this museum about six years ago. However, this was the first time many members and guests had the opportunity to lay eyes on this extensive and extraordinary collection of over 250 classic cars in a facility complete with a mock gas station, 1950s diner, soda shop, Christmas village, and cars outfitted with car hops and window trays, and a drive in movie. A range of vehicles from the dawn of the automobile industry including a Yugo convertible to present day supercars greeted us. As this is a private museum and not open to the public we felt honored to visit.

Ben contacted Mr. Gullo and he graciously extended an invitation for us to come for a tour. Mr. Gullo asks for a donation for admission which he uses to help fund his large **Christmas for Kids Charity** held annually for deserving kids and their families in the Magnolia area. Our club paid for members.

Since our last visit, many cars have been added. This is the greatest single private collection in East Texas. I have visited the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn and the Hickory Corners Museum and this collection ranks right up there with them.

Mr. Gullo features a wide variety of autos including at least ten beautiful Packards. He knows about each car and was a terrific tour guide.

Even though I was a Gene Autry fan, I loved seeing the two autos belonging to Roy Rogers. One was a half-ton "late 30's "Woodie that

Ford built especially for him, as there was never a half-ton station wagon built by Ford. Rogers used it to move his "Sons of the Pioneers" around. There are lots of pictures of it with the group singing around the open tail gate.

The other car is a 1946 Cadillac sedan which Rogers had customized to include a hatch back which opened up as a chuck wagon with Woodie side treatment similar to Chrysler town and country and longhorns coming out of the side of the hood with six guns as door handles. There was also a roof rack holding everything from saddles to guitars.

Even though they are not Packards, I am going to suggest to our friend Bob Fuller that he ask Mr. Gullo if one or both of these Roy Roger's cars could be celebrity cars at the 2020 Keels and Wheels Show. (By the way, Gene Autry had a Packard convertible).

In addition to the cars, trucks, and motorcycles, there were also many period signs and memorabilia adorned to the walls of this facility.

The Gullo Museum Tour will serve as one of our charitable events along with the annual **Keels and Wheels** which benefits the **Home for Children in La Porte**.

Prior to the tour, we met at the Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant just a short distance from the museum. **J.C. and Sherry** live nearby and they recommended the place. It was a winner! Even though we had more than 30 in our private room, all the food came out together and it was good!

Tony got his share of teasing because he sold tickets and won \$50 in the 50/50. It reminded me of the time we won when our grandchild picked the winning ticket.

We had numerous guests as the members were encouraged to invite friends and each was introduced. Maybe we can pick up some new members as we have several active members that we picked up after they attended as guests. Some have even bought Packards such as the **Carlsons, Andersons** and longtime members, the **Trokeys**.

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We discussed upcoming activities, the Texas Packard Meet, and we had our usual round table of up-dates on Packard acquisitions, restorations etc.

Our **November 9th** meeting will be a tour to a private collection in Willis, Texas. Willis is located on old SHW 75 between Huntsville and Conroe. The owners are friends of the **Darrows** and they have multiple makes including five Packards in the collection. Tony told me they would also like to join LSP! More information will be coming as we get closer to the event.

On **December 1st**, we will have our Christmas/Holiday luncheon at the South Shore Harbour Hotel and Resort in League City. Following lunch, we will travel approximately 5 miles to our house for more fun and fellowship.

Assistant Director, **John Lortz and I** are working on tentative plans to organize a shop visit and sale to **Dale and Janice Musgrove's** garage in the Brookshire area. **John and I** promised **Janice** to do this last year but for various reasons, some of them health related, we never got around to getting the event organized. We will try to go out ahead of time to check it out. Parts and cars are available. I doubt if many parts go back more than the late 40's but I do remember that Dale worked on Jim Rice's '35 120 that **Dick Bautch** now owns, so who knows what else might be in there. More information will follow as we get closer including an exact date after we consult with Janice.

Again, this was a really great meeting despite the heavy traffic for some, caused by the Renaissance Festival. (**Tony** braved it and brought his dependable '57 Clipper.)

Thanks to the **Carter's** for making all the arrangements and also for the cake they brought.

Thank you goes out to the **Trokeys** for accompanying the **Carters** on the recon trip.

A big **THANK YOU** goes to **Mr. Gullo** for his hospitality and for all the good work he does for his community!

Happy Packarding..... Tommy

Officers' 2-Year Term Limits Reminder

Don't forget the current officer's term expires this December. Officer nominations will be discussed at the November meeting.

Contact Tommy if you are willing to serve in any capacity.

Salado Update

Please call Brandi at 254-947-004 to reserve your room at the Holiday Inn Express. You must call her directly to get the TPM rate, which is the same as last year. It is not available from the national Holiday Inn reservation center.

You can find the application for the 43rd Texas Packard meet next April 3, 4, 5 on the TPM website at www.texaspackardmeet.org.

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

PACKARD OF THE MONTH – A ONE OF ONE PACKARD



This fabulous Packard has a known history since new.

One of the beautiful Packards in the Gullo collection is this very large, beautiful and luxurious 1937 Packard 12 Limousine.

What is unusual about this car is that it started out as a 1917 Pierce Arrow. In 1917 a Mrs. Gordon of Connecticut bought a limousine from Pierce Arrow. In 1937 when the car was 20 years old the car was shipped to Packard to be rebuilt. Packard installed the limousine body on the chassis of a 1937 12 cylinder turning the Pierce Arrow into this amazing one of one Packard.

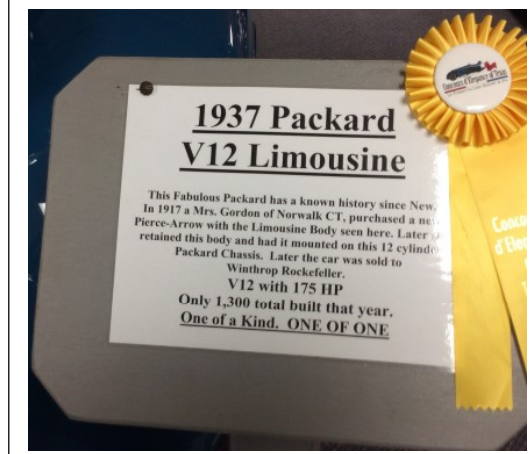
Noted tenor and car collector James Melton was the second owner who gave the car to his wife as a Christmas present.

In 1961 the car was sold to Winthrop Rockefeller who displayed the car in his Arkansas museum.

The Harrah Collection acquired the car in 1976 and sold it in 1984.

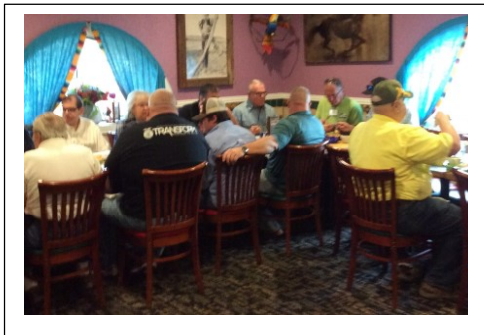
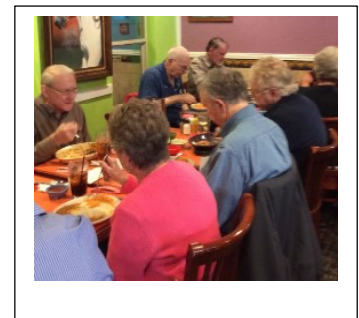
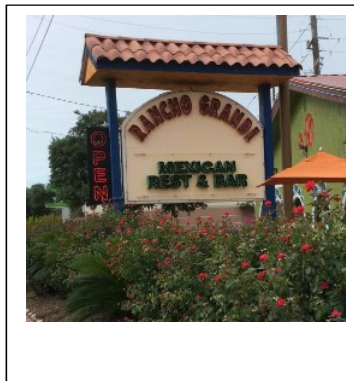
Equipped with jump seats, bud vases and dual side mount spares. This is a fabulous Packard 12 motorcar with a great history.







1930 Packard 733 Convertible



1940 Packard Convertible



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October Birthdays

Chuck Fleming	4
Richard Wilkin	9
Irina Mitchell	10
Tracy Wilkin	11
J.C. Hairrell	23
Larry Myers	24
Anthony Baccaro	26
Kim Ess	30

Courtlandt Place Holiday Home Tour 2019

This home tour will be held **Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8**. The tour will include 6 splendid homes and 3 gardens of this gated, historic district of 21 homes. **Proceeds benefit Preservation Houston**

The tour is from 11 am to 5 pm each day. Most of these homes were built between 1906 and 1925. Also included will be a superb collection of vintage Courtlandt Place photographs and period Christmas decorations. We are hoping for 6-8 Packards to be displayed in front of the homes, on the street or in the driveway. Security will be here day and night.

We expect 800 -1,000 visitors. The owners of the displayed cars will each receive 2 tickets for the tour. Ticket prices for visitors will be \$45 per person prior to the tour and \$50 at the gate.

If car owners are willing to have their cars here both days, the cars could be left on the street overnight since this is a gated community. Or, the cars could be parked behind homes on the drive. Most homes have gates at their drive.

Robert and his wife Amy live in a historic home in this gated community and want to include LSP members in their community event.

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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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