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Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family!

Happy Days (Packard driving days) are about to be here again. I heard last night and this morning that within a few days there will be a cold front hitting the Bayou City area. To natives, that means temps in the 80's or below. Looking forward to driving ours and seeing more Packards at LSP functions. Get them polished up and running.

I want to thank the AACA Gulf Coast region for inviting us to participate in their hot dog and ice cream social this last Saturday in Tomball. Unfortunately, we needed to stay in League City as I needed to work on finding an electrical issue with our '55. I spent most of the day to no avail. I am sure the picnic was a lot of fun.

I have encouraged our members to join the national as it is a requirement of all regions. Even if it wasn't, there are so many advantages that make it worthwhile. Did you know if

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17th Annual Classic Car Cruise-In Tailgater

SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2021
TIME: TBA

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 6 SPECTATOR CHOICE TROPHIES
- 5 SPECIAL INTEREST TROPHIES
- DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 40 CARS
- SMALL ENTRY FEE, INCLUDES FOOD
- WRISTBANDS FOR TWO

Registration opens August 1, 2021
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Sam Houston State University is sponsoring their 17th Annual Classic Car Cruise-In Tailgater Saturday, October 9, 2021

This is the same weekend that students' families are on campus.

- \$10 and two wristbands for food and drink.
- Covered seating, or you can go inside to food court.
- Usually there is a pretty nice selection of cars there.

Jill and Ginny say their Packard Hawk will be in attendance.

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someone sued us saying they were injured or suffered a loss due to someone participating in one of our activities, the PAC's liability insurance would help us?

Just last week I learned an important tech tip from a PAC member in Ohio. When I removed the radiator, water pump, and water distribution tube in the block of our '47, I had a really hard time getting the air out of the system when we put it back together. Several times I got a steamy radiator spewing out of the cap. The tech tip was this, " before filling the system remove the temperature sending unit from the back of the block. Clean it and wrap the threads with Teflon tape. Begin filling the cooling system, but do not re-install the sending unit until you see the colored coolant coming out of the hole. This insures you got all of the air out of the system." I would have paid double the dues to get that tip when I was having that overheating issue.

I continue to have increased concerns regarding future meetings as well as Salado because of Covid. Hopefully, we have reached the peak. We have not published the TPM registration information yet. I will try to finalize the banquet arrangements in the next few days and then share it with Rena and Jan. Hopefully, we will have it on our website as well as the Texas Packard Meet site soon.

John Lortz attended the Barret / Jackson auction this past weekend at the NRG, He said a really nice 1950 Custom Victoria convertible was sold to someone in Houston. Was it one of our members? if not, we need to see if we can sign them up.

Please make plans to join us at Rudy's Country Store and BBQ in Webster on Saturday, October 16 at 1 PM. We will start asking for your RSVP after the first. When we do, please tell us if you are going to try to bring a Packard or even one of your other classics if needed. If we know about the cars, we will try to reserve some spaces for them.

Happy Packarding, Tommy

Packards for Sale:

Glen Grace has two '55 400's that he is considering parting with. If interested, call 409-763-0000.

Tom Drisdale would like to sell one of his Packards, preferably the '53 but would consider selling the '40. Contact him at 832-892-8526.

Rich & Karen Trokey are selling their '38 restored coupe. Call 281-371-0498.

Dan Becker would entertain offers on his '40 180 formal sedan. Call 281-507-2617.

Randy Bruns is selling his late father's '53 Cavalier. He has detailed info on the history of this Packard. Contact him at randallleebruns@gmail.com.

Jamie Roberts is selling his '56 Packard Patrician. Contact him at 713-598-5798.

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

MIKE GRIMES NEW VENTURE

He finished a project in Lafayette, IN and decided to do something he would really enjoy. He's back in Indiana, but now in Franklin working with Fred and Jackie Bruner at Max Merritt Packard Parts and looking forward to this enjoyable time helping people I enjoy working with and their special customers and cars. He will be commuting to Houston from time to time to check on the family. If any club member needs Packard parts, let me know.

My new business email address:

mike@packardparts.com.

We send our condolences to Ron and Patricia Orr in the death of her sister from Covid on Monday, September 13.

Jamie and Martha Roberts

Jamie and Martha were born in Waco and both attended Baylor. Jamie joined the Navy and after his service went back to Baylor to finish his degree. He then went into teaching and taught history in Waco school and coached 9th grade sports. Martha was also a teacher during this time.

After teaching it led him into sales for a publishing company that provided text books for Texas schools and provided them a very good living.

Jamie got into car restoration when he attended a school fund raising auction and paid \$300 for a broken down 1929 Model A, which he still has today. He and his dad worked on restoring this vehicle.

They moved into Fort Bend County where he worked for the appraisal district and then went to work with Jim Keller, who is still a good friend today, selling industrial products. This led him to start his own company, JW Roberts, in the 70's selling industrial hoses, which has become a very successful and prosperous business. He now has 65 employees including his three sons who are working for his company. He had to slow down some when he had his first heart attack.

When the boys started college, he agreed to give them a new car – whatever they wanted – and the first son wanted a Pontiac. The second son wanted a Cadillac and the third son wanted a GT Mustang. Once he started this gifting of vehicles, he was surprised at their choices, but he held up his promise and he still has the GT Mustang.

Jamie and Martha lived in Fulshear for 46 years. When they settled there this was an unincorporated town. Jamie was instrumental in getting it incorporated and was elected the first city Mayor and held this office for 8 years. Fulshear is now the 3rd largest growing city in America.

He has always been active in the community and has a love of education. He was president of the Lamar School District for 9 years. Last year the district named their new Middle School James W. Roberts in honor of his years of service.

In 2014 they moved to Brenham after Martha found an ad for this property in the paper and they wanted to live out in the country. They have 17 acres of picturesque Texas farm land.

The Model A was his first venture into antique vehicles and has continued his interest in older cars and has restored several. Including, A DeSoto, 1956 Packard Patrician, 1956 Ford Fairlane, 1958 Chevy Black Bell Air, 1965 Mustang Convertible, 1947 Fast Back Cadillac, 1955 Ford Crown Victoria. The **1932 Packard Light 8 Roadster** is what he is really excited about.

Fifty years ago, he acquired a very rare 1932 Packard Light Eight Roadster that needed complete restoration. The car had belonged to the movie studios where actor James Cagney was a star. Cagney apparently wrecked the car and it sat for many years in a field until Jamie acquired it. Complete restoration of the car has taken 50 years because many parts were missing.

The car is one of the most beautiful Packards in the world and is museum quality. The leather is unique as it is a "Waffle Style" design. For Packard lovers it is a sight to see.

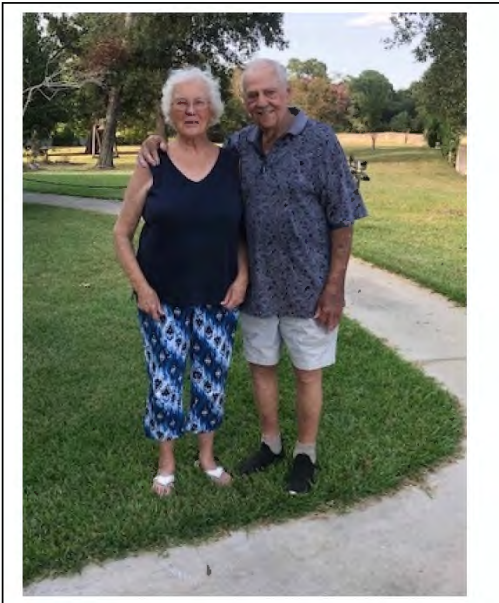
The light eight was only built one year and had a special engine that was only in this model. This model is famous for its reverse grill.

Jamie and Martha have been happily married for 61 years and can honestly say they really never had a quarrel!

It was our pleasure to visit with this sweet and kind-hearted Christian couple and listen as they shared their life stories.

Jamie summed it up by saying God has blessed him and given them a good life.

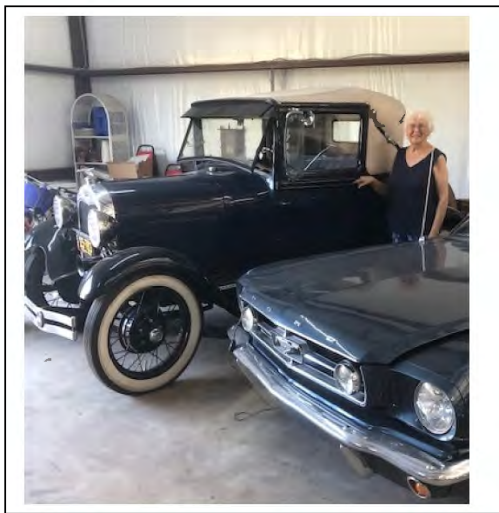
*See pages 4 & 5 for pictures and a list of vehicles Jamie would like to sell. If anyone is interested call **713-598-5692**.*



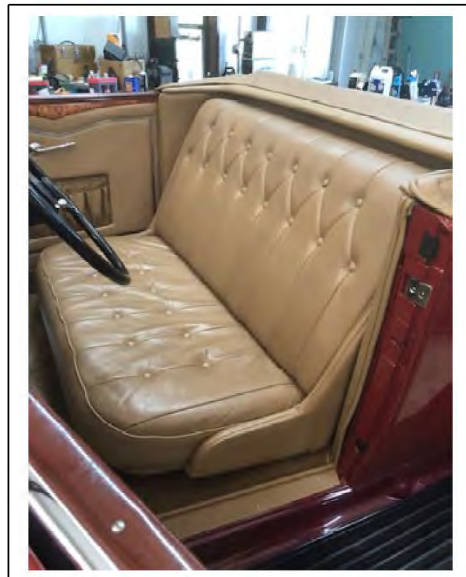
Jamie & Martha



Jamie in his special '32 Packard Roadster



Martha and '29 Model A – first Car Jamie restored



Unique Waffle design leather seat and in rumble seat



'58 Chevrolet Convertible



'65 Thunderbird



Back yard of their home in Brenham



J. W. Roberts Middle School in Fulsher

In addition to the Packard listed on page 2, Jamie is selling the following vehicles:

'40 DeSoto

'56 Ford Fairlane

'58 Black Bel Air Chevrolet

'65 Mustang Convertible

'47 Fast Back Cadillac

His cell # is 713-598-5692



'65 Mustang

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

September Birthdays

- 1 Ed Fleming
- 3 Martha Roberts
- 4 Johnny Scott
- 5 Gregg Jeter
- 9 Bill Osborne
- 13 John Lortz
- 15 Janice Carter
- 15 Cathy Grilli
- 15 Eva Sakkis
- 19 Jamie Roberts
- 25 Richard Mitchell

A WARNING TO US ALL!

Shampoo Warning!

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner!

I use shampoo in the shower!

When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "**FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME!**"

No wonder I have been gaining weight!
Well! I have gotten rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn dish soap instead.

Its label reads, "**DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE!**"

2021 Calendar of Meetings and Events

- January** Meeting at Dalton's postponed due to Covid concerns – no meeting
- February 17** First Zoom Meeting
- March 20** Second Zoom Meeting
- March 27** Hot Wheels and Heroes Car Show Second Baptist Church Katy
- April 17** Third Zoom Meeting with PAC President Craig Handley
- May 1** Keels & Wheels in Seabrook where LSP Members were big winners
- May 15** John & Mary Ann Dalton's Ranch in Cleveland for lunch and car collection
- June 26** Joined AACA at Dr. Williams Car Collection & Lunch at Lunas in League City
- July 24** Summer Picnic at Sartin's Car Barn in Katy
- August 21** Spring Creek BBQ in Humble hosted by Tony & Shirley Darrow
- September 18** Join AACA for Hot Dog and Ice Cream at Spring Creek Park in Tomball
- October 16** Rudy's BBQ in Webster hosted by Tommy & Carol Baccaro
- November** Ole Railroad Café Rosenberg Bob Supina coordinating with local paper
- December 5** Christmas Party Lunch Babin's Seafood Restaurant, Katy, TX

Going on down the road....

2022 Calendar of Meetings

- January** Lunch in the Heights and tour Ed Flemings Collection
- February 5** Bob & Gayle Bucher in Willis, TX lunch and view their car collection
- March** Bellville hosted by Jay and Mary Mathews and view Jay's Car Collection
- April** Salado



**THE INTERNET WENT DOWN AND I HAD TO
SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY
THEY SEEM LIKE GOOD PEOPLE**

**I would agree with you
but then we'd both be wrong.**

**WINE IS TO WOMEN, AS DUCT TAPE IS TO MEN
IT FIXES EVERYTHING.**

A blonde woman bought herself a new sports car. She could drive it during the day, but at night the car wouldn't move at all. She tried driving the car at night for a week with no luck.

Furious, she called the dealership, told them the problem and they sent a mechanic to the house. The mechanic gave the car a thorough inspection and could not find anything wrong.

Eventually, he asked the blonde "Are you sure you're using the right gears?"

Of course, I am. I'm not stupid. I use "D" for during the day, and "N" at night!



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**ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE
AND NOW ASK THE WOMAN WHO OWNS ONE**