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Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family.

On Saturday, 9/19/2026, 20 members of our group were treated to one of the most educational and sometimes entertaining activities we have ever experienced.

In Galveston, The Bryan Museum exhibits begin with the explorers such as Galvez and Cabeza de Vaca and goes through the settlement of Texas, the Texas revolution, the settlement of the west, the 1900 Hurricane and much more.

Before the tour began there was a bit of interesting information about Mr. J. P. Bryan, who is now 86 years old and began his fantastic collection of Texas memorabilia when he was 10 years old. Another interesting fact is that Stephen F. Austin was his great, great, great uncle. We had an excellent docent who gave us a lot of information about each exhibit and at times some funny antidotes. The building itself is beautiful and for 90 years it was operated as an orphanage, (boys on one side and girls on the other). If you missed this opportunity, we encourage you to go on your own when you can.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



October 24 - Jay & Mary Matthews – Bellville

Nov. 14 – Car Show w/Holiday Vendors - Spring

December 5 – Christmas Lunch - Somewhere

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It is difficult to think
anything but pleasant
thoughts while eating a
homegrown tomato.

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This activity was planned and organized by **Dave and Sandra Lucas**. Thank you so much for one of our best activities ever. Following our tour, we went to one of our family's favorite eateries on the island. At Mario's on the Seawall, we got to choose from a variety of pizzas as well as various pasta dishes. In addition, they have great deserts!

Upcoming Meetings

Our next meeting will be a drive to Bellville to visit **Jay and Mary's collection** as well as we will make our second visit to the Kenney Place for lunch.

In November, Stephen's car show in Spring will serve as our official monthly meeting.

John Lortz is working on finding a suitable restaurant for our Christmas luncheon on December 5th. More information on these events will be coming soon.

Tommy's Packard troubles

On a personal note, those of you who attended the 2026 Texas Packard Meet may remember we were experiencing a low-pressure tire on our 55 Clipper. I aired it up Saturday before the banquet and again Sunday before leaving. Monday morning, it was flat again with no sign of a puncture. I thought it might be a valve stem, but a new one did not fix the problem. Finally, the tire store in Dickinson put it in their tank deep enough to expose a crack in the wheel itself. I am guessing the wheel was damaged as I remember hitting a huge chug hole. I have been owning Packards since 1969 and this is the first time I have ever experienced a split in a wheel!

Thanks to **John Lortz** I now have a replacement. As soon as I can paint our trusty Clipper wheel, we will be back on the road.

If you have an interesting story to share, send it to Jan for future publication.

See you in Bellville, Tommy

Gordon Clunn looking for mechanic

Our member **Gordon Clunn** would appreciate help with his 1935 Packard Twelve Limousine he brought from Colorado. It was running fine there, but here it is sputtering and missing out. I am looking for a mechanic that may know these engines in the Houston area. I believe it could be in the carburetor and the jets, but beyond my skill set.

Replaced the plugs, batteries, new fuel and the mechanic in Colorado seems to think it may be a fuel issue, because of the altitude.?? Any help is appreciated. Thanks
gclunn@clonnacoustical.com

THESE PACKARD STILL FOR SALE

Bill Anderson '41 110 Coupe Special, Price reduced to \$18,000. Contact him at 281-235-7057.

Lenny Holzband 713-823-9369 1941, 120 Sedan. This is fully restored and ready to sell.

Sherry Hairrell 713-557-7617 1940 160 sedan with new motor and partially installed harness.

Nancy Eudy 281-383-9704 1949 Standard Sedan

Juanita Jordan 713-614-2156 1956 Caribbean Convertible.

Leon Ahlers 281-324-9393 1941 restored 120 Convertible 4 door

Dan Becker '40 180 Formal Sedan. Contact Dan at d.r.becker@comcast.net.

Evelyn Timmins selling **1928 Graham-Paige model 619 Coupe**: Good solid, mostly original car. Very comfortable driving tour car. Total restoration. New tires, top and interior. Sliding gear 4-speed transmission, multiple disk clutch and hydraulic brakes. HP 97 (29.4)
Contact: Evelyn Timmins, Houston, TX (281)797-6788,
evtimmins@aol.com.

Tommy Baccaro - Wanted: Black starter switch located on base of Carter 2-barrel carburetors on Packards from 46 to 50. Also used from 51 to 53 but might be a little different.

NOTIFY US WHEN YOU WANT TO DISCONTINUE AD.

REMEMBERING

Robert Anthony Quinn



November 20, 1962 – April 20, 2026

Robert Anthony Quinn a long-time Seabrook, Texas resident passed away on April 20, 2026 at the age of 63. Robert, known to family and loved ones as Bobby, was born November 20, 1962 in Hawthorne, California. His father moved the family to Texas a few years later and they settled in Jacinto City. Robert graduated from Galena Park High School in 1981 and joined the Houston Police Department. After a brief time, he decided to join the Air Force. He served honorably in the Air Force and the Army before serving with distinction in the Texas Air National Guard. He served several tours of duty in Kuwait, Iraq and Bosnia. He worked at Joint Reserve Base Ellington for over twenty years with the 1-149th Attack Battalion overseeing the maintenance of Apache helicopters. By the time of his retirement in 2015, he had earned the rank of Master Sergeant.

He was an avid lover of Star Trek and all things concerning space exploration. He was proud of our nation's space program and would vigorously debate moon landing deniers on Facebook. He also loved classic cars and restored his own classic vehicles. He enjoyed attending car shows and usually showed one of his own treasured vehicles. He was knowledgeable on a range of subjects. If the family had a question about something, we would say, "Bobby would know."

He will be deeply missed by his surviving siblings, Elizabeth, Frances and James as well as by his former wife Ana Maria Quinn, with whom he remained good friends. He will also be greatly missed by his best friend Kim Hinshaw, a fellow GPHS graduate. He is survived by a niece and nephew, and many great friends and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Mangum Quinn and Hattie Charlene Houser Quinn, his paternal grandparents James Stevens Quinn and Molly Adams Quinn and his maternal grandparents Charles Stephen Houser and Jessie Elizabeth Roach Houser.

MY ROUTE 66 STORY BY Leon Ahlers ...

Route 66, the "Mother Road" according to John Steinbeck, turns 100 years old this year. The road was an engineering marvel at the time, as it basically connected the country, running from Chicago to Los Angeles. During the ensuing years, the route developed its own personality, as various businesses and attractions sprang up along the highway. This proved to be a veritable coast to coast tourist trap.

My experiences with Route 66 began in the early fifties.

We would leave Chicago in our 1951 Studebaker, headed for my grandparents' home in Corpus Christi, TX., a fourteen-hundred-mile adventure. Joliet was the last large town before Springfield, IL., then on to ST Louis, cross the Mississippi on the Chain of Rocks bridge, usually stopping for the night around Springfield, MO. The next day would include the drive to Joplin, MO, then turn left off 66 toward Texas. I was learning to read at the time and the signage on the sides of the road provided a fertile environment for my inquisitive mind. There were the Mail Pouch tobacco signs on the barns, See Jesse James hideout cave, and various other offerings, but my favorites were the Burma Shave signs. These signs came in groups of five, red with white letters. The first four were verse, and the final sign was the Burma Shave script logo.

The one which I remember the best was...

**Tempted to try it,
Follow your hunch,
Be top banana,
Not one of the bunch.**

It made sense then just as it does today.

My kinship with Route 66 ended in 1957, when we moved to Houston, however, in 1968, two friends and I took a 1955 Chevy on a three-week road trip to California and drove over the last vestiges of the dying road. Sadly, Route 66 was replaced by interstate Route 40, a sterile, soul-sucking band of concrete spanning the continent. This has bypassed most small towns and runs from city to city, most of which have heavy traffic. Speeds are such that travel is much faster, but the only scenery is the rapidly passing mileposts and an occasional golden arches sign.

Fortunately, there has been a resurgence of interest in the old road, as many younger folks, Europeans, Asians, and even a few seasoned citizens are making pilgrimages to the remaining stretches of the highway to see what America left behind. **God bless Route 66.**



August

- 2 Pam Ahlers
- 16 Glen Grace
- 21 Dee Wanderman
- 21 Lynda Dentler
- 23 Stephen Morris
- 26 Harold Schmaltz
- 28 Mary Fleming
- 29 Bill Anderson

September

- 1 Ed Fleming
- 4 Johnny Scott
- 5 Gregg Jeter
- 6 Maria Hues
- 9 Bill Osborne
- 9 Gianna Baccaro
- 13 John Lortz
- 15 Janice Carter
- 15 Cathy Grilli
- 15 Tommy Lortz
- 30 Gloria Maurer



Gloria Maurer, Gianna Baccaro & John Lortz September Birthdays in Galveston

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BOB'S TRIP TO NATIONAL PACKARD MUSEUM

Bob Supina took a road trip with Lee Brown and John Alkire and wanted to report that May Ann and Charlie gave them a warm welcome and great tour of the National Packard Museum,



NEW MEMBER NEEDS OUR HELP

Received this request from **Fred Elchlepp...**

I joined the club at Keels & Wheels Concours D'Elegance, where I had my '47 Packard entered.

However, due to my age of 81, I can no longer tend to and drive the car as it should be, and I have decided to sell it. It has added cold air/conditioning. Attached are three photos of the car that someone in the club may like to have. Sell for \$27K. **901-849-1188**



Fellow Packard member **Chuck Murphy in North Texas club** has health problems and needs to liquidate his car collection All the cars are said to be ride and drive with older restorations. There is no junk here. If anyone is interested or know someone that may be please contact Louis Murphy at 972-467-7393

The collection includes:

- 1907 Ford Model R
- 1909-Buick Model F
- 1915 Buick C-25
- 1915 Buick C-37
- 1917 Buick D-45
- 1922 Brewster
- 1931 Oldsmobile Their favorite tour car.
- 1942 Packard Model 1904 Super Eight 160 Touring Sedan





John Eanes '54 Caribbean



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