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# North Atlantic Packards 2018 Activity Calendar

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April 27-29

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**Dust-Off Tour**  
Newport, RI

*For more information, see the invitation in this issue or visit [napackards.org](http://napackards.org)*

July 1-6

**PAC National Meet**  
Columbus, OH

July 8

**Endicott Estate Car Show**  
Dedham, MA

*Hosted by the Bay State Antique Auto Club.*

July 21-22

**Misselwood Concours d'Elegance**  
Endicott College

*Packard, Studebaker, and alternative fuel vehicles are features for 2018*

August 18

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**NAP Annual Picnic**  
Connecticut

October (date TBD) **Apple Picking Tour**

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November (date TBD) **Fall Tech Seminar**

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December (date TBD) **Holiday Banquet**

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*Watch for more information on upcoming activities in future issues.*



## A note from the Director:

As we begin a new year, we have a new schedule. The Dust-Off tour is usually the most attended tour of the year. This year the tour is in Newport, Rhode Island. Joel Stern and Bob Nuss have put together a great program and a hotel that will be very enjoyable to be in for the weekend. The dates are a bit earlier than usual, but it does allow us the opportunity pay less to miss the high season. I think that Joel has done a great job scheduling this great weekend. Please see page 6 for details. Please sign up early and make sure you also make hotel reservations.

In past activities, we had a great banquet at the Lafayette House in Foxboro last December. If I can find my camera, I will be able to show some pictures. Although the numbers were not what we are looking for, we were a lively group and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I am looking at The Mill in Princeton, MA for this year's holiday banquet and will give you more information as I get it.

In PAC news, we have two new regions already this year. One is based in San Diego, CA; this appears to be a dynamic group that is ready to charge ahead and is already looking to have a Nationals in southern California. The other region is Tennessee region based in the Nashville area. I think they are looking at a Henry Joy Tour in the future. Both offer new opportunities for the future.

Back in our area, we have the Endicott Show in early July and then Misselwood Show at the Endicott College campus later in the month. The show will concentrate on Packards, Studebaker and alternative powered cars of the past. Please check the web site at [www.misselwood.com](http://www.misselwood.com) for information and how to apply to show at the Concourse. Again, there is a short fuse and you may want to sort this out earlier than later.

Later in August we will go to Connecticut to the Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe house for a visit and then we will move on for Fran and David's famous lunch.

A great summer plan and more to come later.

*Dave*



*The very first Phillips 66 station in Texas, built 1929*

*From the Desk of*  
Drusilla Carter, Editor

Happy new year!

I hope you're all making your motoring plans for spring and will plan to join us at one of our upcoming events. The Dust-Off Tour in Newport, RI should be a wonderful weekend and a great chance to shake the cobwebs off your cars and enjoy the spring weather.

Looking a little further ahead, if you're not planning to attend the Packard Club's National Meet, why not join us at the Endicott Estate for the annual car show? There is always a great mix of cars on display - last time I was there I admired everything from a Model T to a Lamborghini. And of course plenty of Packards!

As ever, please send along your Packard stories and adventures. And don't forget to check out the website at [napackards.org](http://napackards.org) for updates and more information on club activities!

*Drusilla*



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# North Atlantic Packard Club

## Dust Off Tour 2018

April 27 - April 29, 2018

You are cordially invited to participate in this year's  
Dust Off Tour

This year's tour will be held in the beautiful areas of  
*Newport Rhode Island*

Tour two of the grand mansions on the infamous  
*Bellevue Avenue*

Discover and explore the Historic  
*Fort Adams*

Enjoy the impressive exhibits of two wonderful  
*Auto Museums*

Tour and taste the delicious products produced by the  
*Greenvale Vineyard*

Enjoy a roadside lunch along the beautiful and historic  
*Shoreline Drive*

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(per person / per day including tax and gratuity)

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### Saturday Night Dinner:

Salad, Choice of Entree, Carrot Cake

All entrees served with chef's choice of potato and vegetable  
Coffee, Decaf Coffee and Selection of Tea

### CHECK ONE MEAL PER PERSON

Atlantic Chicken with Tarragon Mustard Cream Sauce \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Stuffed Scrod \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*Membership meeting to follow dinner on Saturday evening\*\*

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# Putin's new limousine will pack Porsche power and Packard style

by Jay Ramey  
*Autoweek*  
October 10, 2017



Russia's new state limousine has recently been spotted undergoing winter testing in Scandinavia, shedding light on a mostly secret project that has been successfully kept under wraps for the past few years. Intended as a replacement to the long-serving ZiL 115 family of limousines and sedans, the new Porsche-engined limo is believed to make its debut during Vladimir Putin's expected inauguration next spring. But the best look at the upcoming limo came courtesy of patent filings disclosing the sedan's exterior design earlier this year.

First of all, you read that right: This thing is expected to be powered by a twin-turbocharged 4.4-liter Porsche V8 paired with a five-speed automatic, dialed down from 4.6 liters. This powerplant is expected to produce somewhere in the neighborhood of 600 hp and 650 lb-ft of torque. A second domestically developed V12 with a two-stage turbocharger is also expected in the lineup, producing around 860 hp and 737 lb-ft of torque. While the Porsche engine is pretty much confirmed -- this is the engine with which prototypes have been spotted testing -- the V12 is still in development.

What can we glean from the patent scans of Project Cortège, as it is currently known?

For starters, the resemblance to current Rolls-Royce models is mostly incidental, despite first impressions. The cars that Project Cortège is trying to mimic are vintage Packards and Soviet cars inspired by Packards such as the ZiS 110. The 110 was a World War II-era state car whose design and engineering was inspired by prewar Packards that were imported into the USSR and used by top party officials. In fact, if we look some of the later Packard concept cars such as the Packard Request, we can see the outlines of the grille that this sedan wears. Further nods to the Packards of the 1950s can be seen by the U-shaped inlets flanking the grille -- once again prominently featured on the Packard Request concept.

The 1950s Packard themes are no accident, as a classic sedan called the GAZ 13 Chaika and one version of the ZiL 111 drew inspiration from Packard sedans of the 1950s. The Chaika remained in production until 1983. Earlier versions of Project Cortège's design bore a much closer resemblance to 1940s Packards, but these designs were essentially diluted into what we see here. And what we see here, besides some vaguely Gothic themes, are long front and rear overhangs, a high ride height, thin C-pillars and a very slab-sided greenhouse. The result is a very top-heavy appearance with upright pillars and expansive windows -- the opposite of a great place to start when it comes to armoring.

Second, these patent filings only reveal the exterior of the sedan; the project is expected to include a sedan, a six-person limousine, an SUV and even a luxury MPV. But it remains to be seen whether the manufacturer -- the LiAZ bus plant 80 miles east of Moscow in the town of Likino-Dulevo -- will actually get beyond the sedan and the limo. There is no doubt that there is enough will and money to batch-produce a few sedans and limos, but pushing even for Rolls-Royce-level production figures is not being seriously discussed. After all, there is only so much domestic demand for a handmade state sedan.

Third, there is the factor of the price, which is what doomed production of ZiL limousines back in the early 1990s. While the planned economy of the USSR could afford to build a couple of dozen money-no-object V8 limos per year, a spiritual successor to the ZiL limos still has to bear some connection to real-world economics (even though the vast majority of these are expected to be purchased by government agencies). But once again, there are only so many government agencies, and breaking even when it comes to a big, luxury limo with a Porsche V8 means a daunting unit cost.

Finally, there is the issue of the brand. No official name has been announced for the marque, which is unlikely to reuse the ZiL name as that car and truck factory no longer exists. The code-name Project Cortège and various related platform names such as EMP (no relation to electromagnetic pulse) give little hint of the direction that the Ministry of Trade and Industry, which is spearheading the project, will give this newly established marque.

Given the fact that a total of three car plants will assemble major components, not counting Porsche engines and Bosch parts, these sedans and limos will have a lot of parents. It remains to be seen if the project bosses will opt for something internationally and politically-friendly or go with another difficult to pronounce factory acronym starting with the letter Z followed by half a dozen numbers.





# Packards on the Route

by Drusilla Carter



*Another Packard spotted along Route 66, this one on a stretch of original pavement in Missouri.*

*I'm fairly sure the gentleman who owns this spot did not expect someone to walk around this poor Packard muttering "oh no, no no no." Apparently most people find the tableau more entertaining than I did.*

# *The Packard Plant Today*

*Courtesy of our friends at Motor City Packards, an inside look at the Packard Plant as it looks today.*



*Arte Express Detroit, LLC purchased the Packard Plant property in the Wayne County Auction in 2013 and is working to develop a master plan to historically restore this site. Interestingly, one of the lead team members for the group attempting to redevelop the project is the granddaughter of a former steel buyer for the Packard Corporation. A portion of the plant will begin renovations in the spring and will house a brewery and restaurant.*



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