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# North Atlantic Packards

## 2018 Activity Calendar

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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      **NAP Annual Picnic**  
 Connecticut

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


October 21      **Studebaker/Packard Day**  
Larz Anderson Museum

*Visit [larzanderson.org](http://larzanderson.org) for more information*

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


December 9      **Holiday Banquet**  
 The Mill, Westminster MA

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



## A note from the Director:

I was beginning to wonder if summer was going to come after the winter that went from below zero to over 70 (in February, no less!). As I write this today has a high of 54 and it is early June. How do I know it is Spring? Our '56 is in spring repair and we have taken the '30 to our first cruise night of the season. We also had a great Dust-Off tour in April, as you will read about in this issue of the Pelican Papers.

A major item in this issue is the club roster. This is our annual listing; this issue of the Pelican Papers is mailed to you so you can have a hard copy of the roster. It also makes sure that the roster does not appear on the internet where others could inappropriately use the information it contains. The remainder of the issue will be available by email and in on the web page.

Looking down the pike, July's activity is the Misselwood Concours D'Elegance. The Marque makes this year are Packards, Studebakers and Alternate Fuel vehicles. The Concours will have a driving day on Saturday and then the show on Sunday July 22. Please check the webpage <https://www.misselwood.com/concours-delegance> for information and applications. I intend to be there both days so I look forward to seeing you there.

August will bring us to the Annual Fran and David Picnic in Connecticut. The final pieces are being put together, but we will start with a tour of the Harriet Beecher Stowe house. The Mark Twain house and museum are also on site. He was a contemporary of Harriet and Henry Ward Beecher. After the visit we will drive up to Bloomfield, CT for our great Picnic and Membership meeting.

It is good to see our Packards out there.

*Dave*



Where better to take your Packard than to Packard's Pharmacy?  
*Photo courtesy of the Manchester Historical Society.*

*From the Desk of*  
**Drusilla Carter, Editor**

Welcome to the annual roster issue of the Pelican Papers. This annual issue includes our membership roster as a center "pull out" section. Please save this for your records!

If you're used to receiving the Pelican Papers by email, you will notice that this issue comes to you only by mail in order to preserve the privacy of our members. Don't worry - next issue will be back to the usual method of delivery!

Take a look at our upcoming events and plan to join us for any that you can. We always have a great time! As well as a couple of "unofficial" events on the schedule we have the annual picnic in Connecticut on August 18th, which will include a visit to the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center and a brief membership meeting - and plenty of time to catch up with friends and admire some Packards.

Hope to see you this summer. And happy Packarding!

*Drusilla*





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## North Atlantic Packard Club Summer Picnic 2018



August 18th will be the date of our annual "Fran and Dave Picnic."

This year we will begin the day with a visit to the Harriet Beecher Stowe House and Center in Hartford, CT. We will meet there at 10am for a guided tour and some time to explore the gardens before traveling to Bloomfield for a picnic and brief membership meeting. Cost per person for the museum is \$13.

Watch your email and check your voicemail for the upcoming announcement with details for registration!

For those coming from out of town, the host hotel for this year's event will be the Holiday Inn Downtown at East River Drive in East Hartford, just a short drive from the Stowe House and easily accessible from the interstate. Call 860-528-9703 for reservations and mention North Atlantic Packards. (If you prefer to book online, use Group Code NAP to receive the group rate.)

For more information on the Harriet Beecher Stowe House, visit [harrietbeecherstowecenter.org](http://harrietbeecherstowecenter.org)



How much fun do NAP members have at our events?  
Plenty, as evidenced by this photo from the winery visit during this year's Dust-Off Tour.

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# Spring Dust-Off Tour 2018

by Fran Mayer; Pics David Weill and Dave Robinson

April can be a very cruel month in New England...weather wise. However, the luck of the NAP club shone through - for the most part - for our spring dust-off on the shores of Narragansett Bay.

The weekend started Friday Night with an impromptu cocktail party in the lounge of the host hotel – The Cambria. Let me start by saying that the choice of the Cambria could not have been better. Close to all of our events, it was new and crammed full of modern luxury appointments. The only missing option seemed to be Torsion Level Suspension☺! Some of the early arrivals on Friday participated in the cocktail party titled – “Come Cry Into Your Beer”. Everyone made it to bed eventually for the necessary rest that the Saturday schedule would require.



Saturday arrived bright and breezy with comfortable temperatures (some may argue the “comfortable” adjective but I’m from Buffalo....and I’m sticking with “comfortable”). Our Packard caravan assembled at the front entrance to the hotel. We had 8 Packards represented.

- 1939 - 110 sedan
- 1939 – Victoria convertible
- 1931 – 833 convertible
- 1951 - Patrician
- 1956 Patrician
- 1953 Clipper Deluxe
- 1952 Packard Convertible
- We were joined later by a 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk

Our caravan departed the hotel at 10:30 AM for a tour to our first stop – The Audrain Auto Museum. This is on Bellevue Ave. in the heart of the shopping area of Newport. It is adjacent to the Tennis Hall of Fame and is housed on the ground floor of a beautifully restored historic edifice. Parking for our cars was in a lot directly across the street from the museum and I will say that automobile interest was brisk both inside the museum and in the area of the parking lot populated by Packards!

The current display at the Audrain museum is titled – “Muscle Car Madness”. There was horsepower galore! The vehicles represented were the best of the muscle car era. All flawlessly restored and displayed in a well thought out venue. The staff could not have been more welcoming. The display theme is changed several times a year and all of the vehicles on display are the property of the museum owners.





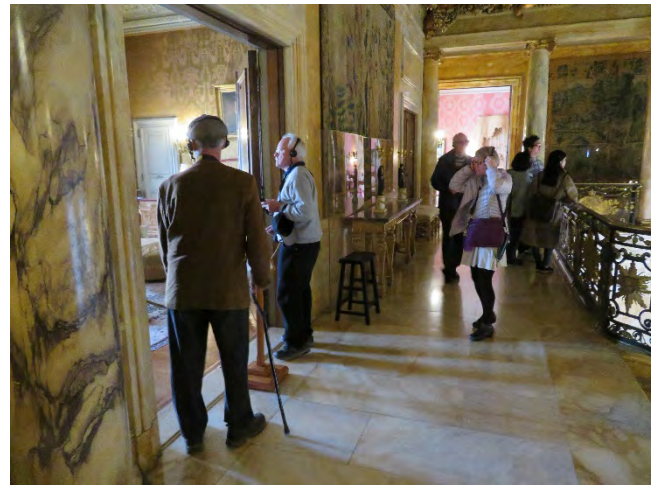


We left the museum late in the morning and set our next destination to the Greenvale Vineyards in Portsmouth, RI. We parked in the circular drive in front of the vineyard. The good weather was now secure enough that Tom and Tori Burns decided to put the top down on their '39 Victoria....Oh for the days when the chauffeur took care of that procedure! We tasted several samples of the fruits of the vineyard and enjoyed a box lunch on the patio of the tasting building sharing the space with several parties of future brides and their friends. This made for a very festive atmosphere.

Our next stop was back in Newport. Destination Marble House. This is, in the opinion of many visitors to Newport, the epitome of the "Summer Cottage" for those of extremely wealthy in the gilded age – the parents of future Packard owners.

The house tours are now self-guided with the use of an electronic device in place of the former docent, usually a genteel lady, somewhat frail and of a certain age. Both methods of guidance have their benefits – I miss the human interaction, but the pre-recorded tour does present a more factual tour.

I remember a visit to Marble House perhaps 30 years ago when the docent assigned to our tour describing the demise of one of the Vanderbilt sons explained the event thusly – "he was killed, dead in a fatal automobile accident..." A triple redundancy!



We were able to tour the house and grounds for over two hours, then it was back to the hotel to rest up and get ready for the banquet and membership meeting.

We met in the private dining room at 7:00 for cocktails, and canapés. Dinner was at 8:00 followed by a brief membership meeting.



At the end of the meeting door prizes were drawn and the late evening festivities and talk were transported to the Cambria bar.





Sunday morning started sunny, but the weather people on the local TV station were not too hopeful for a completely sunny day.....A CHANCE OF SOME RAIN...! Oh No!



Our schedule had us visiting The Elms, arriving at the mansion at 9:45. It was just drizzling a bit as we caravanned to The Elms, but nothing that would stop a Packard!

We convened in the parking lot and waited for the museum to open - at 10:00 AM.

The Elms was built by the coal baron Edward Berwind and many consider it the most livable of the Newport mansions. The scale of the rooms seem more comfortable than most of the other homes open to the public.

At 11:15 we left The Elms and motored down Bellevue Ave. to Shoreline Drive to take in the beautiful ocean views. Mother Nature saw fit to remind us that Packards are equipped with windshield wipers just as we approached Brenton Point State Park – our designated spot for a lunch break.

Lunch was provided by a local pizza restaurant that Joel Stern found on one of his many trips to Newport to plan the weekend. Indeed they provided very fine pie, and there certainly was more than enough to satisfy the hungriest of Packard owners.



After lunch, we continued our drive out to Fort Adams State Park for a guided tour of the facility. There was a great deal of activity going on due to the impending Volvo Ocean Race occurring in late May. We spent 2 hours touring a fascinating facility with one of the most energetic and entertaining

guides that I have ever had the privilege of being guided by. We got into everything. A must do if you have never done the fort.



You will notice that by the time we entered the fort, Mother Nature saw fit to provide us with blue skies again. These skies lasted for the remainder of the day with the exception of one big cloud looming overhead at our last event of the day...but NO rain!



Our final event on Sunday was a tour of the Newport Car Museum in Portsmouth, RI. This museum contains primarily newer cars, '50s to '70s fast vehicles. They do own a Packard and had it on display out front where we all parked. This is another beautifully displayed auto museum that offers some hands on attractions. For those wishing to try a race simulator, there were attendants available to set you up for a try.



I was again impressed by the quality of both the cars on display as well as the methods of displaying the autos. Displays will be changing during the year to keep the museum fresh.

By 4:30 on Sunday our spring Dust-off 2018 had been declared a success. We had 8 Packards and 25 club members enjoying a Kick-off for the 2018 Packarding season.



**A special thanks goes out to Joel Stern for all the effort he put in to making this Dust-off such a great success. Thank you Joel and Kathy!**



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the summer?

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