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2017 Activity Calendar

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| April 29-30 <i>Packard</i> | Dust Off Tour <i>(see article in this issue)</i> Cape Cod, MA | Tom Hickey and Bob Nuss |
| June 19-23 | 52nd PAC National Meet South Bend, IN <i>For more information visit packardclub.org</i> | |
| July 9 | 46th Annual BSAAC Car Show Endicott Estate, Dedham MA <i>BSAAC invites members of NAP to join them for their 46th annual car show at the beautiful Endicott Estate.</i> | John Evers Bay State Antique Auto Club |
| July 15-16 <i>Packard</i> | Vermont Tour <i>(see article in this issue)</i> Springfield, VT | Dave Robinson |
| August 5 <i>Packard</i> | New England Air Museum Tour and Picnic East Windsor, CT <i>Join NAP members for a visit to the largest aviation museum in New England, with over one hundred aircraft, followed by a picnic and membership meeting.</i> | Fran Mayer Drusilla Carter |
| September 24 <i>Packard</i> | Apple Picking Massachusetts <i>Take your Packard out for one last drive and join us for the quintessential autumn activity in scenic Massachusetts.</i> | |
| October 4-8 | AACA Eastern Regional Meet Hershey, PA <i>It's Hershey. Enough said.</i> | |
| November 4 <i>Packard</i> | Tech Seminar Parker's Packards, Holden MA <i>Add to your technical knowledge and admire the cars being restored.</i> | Parker Roaf |
| December 16 <i>Packard</i> | Holiday Banquet Lafayette House, Foxboro MA <i>Celebrate the holidays with friends from NAP - Packards welcome if weather permits.</i> | George Sweezey |



A note from the Director:

To all,

Here we are in a new year, 2017. That means the youngest Packard built in Detroit is now 61 years old. How time flies! I look forward to seeing these and older Packards at the activities listed elsewhere in these Pelican Papers. This list was created through meetings held at Parker's Packards on 12 November 2016 and the NAP Board meeting on 28 January of this year. The list has several items that are done each year and several new

ideas. The Dust-Off tour looks very good, with us travelling to the Cape for a couple of days at the end of April; I hope to see many of us there. The Dust-Off tour has been one of the most well-attended events of the season. Other events include the August picnic, which will begin at the Bradley Airport Museum. A tour in southeastern Vermont in July will take us to Windsor, VT, Cornish, NH, and several other locations of interest. In the Fall, we plan to have an apple orchard event to allow us to show our cars at a timeless venue as well as being able to pick apples for pies, crisps, and general eating. The Holiday Banquet will be held this year at the Lafayette House in Foxboro.

I hope everyone is able to attend a number of these events and will enjoy being a part of North Atlantic Packards.

Many of the activities will have a hotel listed too, so those of us from farther away don't have to drive both ways in one day; a central location allows us to meet up the night before the event. If you would like to host an activity, please don't be shy - contact our Activity Chair, George Sweezey, whose email appears on the second page of the Pelican Papers.

Spring is coming sooner than we think, then we can really use the Packards we stored so carefully last Fall.

Dave

From the Desk of Drusilla Carter, Editor

In this issue you'll find information galore on upcoming events and our calendar of activities for 2017. Keep the calendar page somewhere handy and you'll always know where to find the club. And of course if you know of other events or want to plan one of your own, you're always welcome to contact our Activities Director, George Sweezey (you can find his contact information at the front of this and every issue of the Pelican Papers).

My stack of articles for future issues is running low, so please consider contributing to the cause. Stories about your Packard adventures, technical articles, historical snippets, biographies of your cars...all would be of interest to other members, and all would be most welcome!

Hope to see you all at the Dust-Off Tour, and in the meantime wait out the winter weather by writing an article for the Pelican Papers.



Drusilla

Report of the Nominating Committee:

The North Atlantic Packard Nominating Committee this year consists of Tom Hickey, Les Herzog and John Evers. They recommend the following list of candidates:

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| Director: | Dave Robinson |
| Vice Director: | Parker Roaf |
| Activities: | George Sweezey |
| Treasurer: | Bob Nuss |
| Membership: | Sheri Roaf |
| Secretary: | Fran Mayer |
| Pelican Papers Editor: | Drusilla Carter |

The election will be held at least 45 days after the publication of this issue of the Pelican Papers. Any member desiring to run for any of the offices listed above, please contact Tom Hickey at thomhickey@aol.com and include 9 NAP Member signatures on the petition to be placed on the ballot. Tom will be able to add your name to the ballot for the membership's consideration.

Cape Cod Dust-Off Tour

April 29-30



We will be touring many of the scenic areas of Cape Cod with stops at some of the interesting places. You may consider this tour also as a preview of places you may want to see on future visits. We will meet on Saturday morning at the Hampton Inn Parking lot in West Yarmouth at 11 AM. Our tour group will drive to The Lobster Claw in Orleans (www.lobsterclaw.com) for lunch. We will be on historic 6A heading from the Lower Cape towards the Outer Cape. After lunch, from the Orleans Circle the tour heads south towards Chatham. (Chatham is known as a quaint little drinking village with a fishing problem.) We will be driving through some of the most expensive real estate on the Cape. The Marconi Wireless Museum will provide a private tour for us. (<http://chathammarconi.org>) This is a fairly new and popular attraction. From there, a short drive gets us to the Coast Guard Station. We will take beautiful pictures of the North Atlantic from the scenic parking area and see the Coast Guard boat that was used in "The Finest Hours" starring Chris Pine and Casey Affleck.

Our final drive on Saturday will take us up Route 28 through Chatham, Harwich, and Dennis, arriving at the Whydah Pirate's Museum in West Yarmouth. This is a popular new museum displaying authentic pirate treasure discovered in 1984. (www.discoverpirates.com) From there we will head to the hotel in Yarmouth for a freshening up before dinner. We will have dinner at Riverway Lobster House, dinner is prepaid, including tax and tip, with the tour fee. You will select from prime rib, baked stuffed sole, or a turkey dinner. We will need your dinner selections with your invitation response. Dinner also includes a cheese platter appetizer, desert, and coffee. There will be a membership meeting after dinner. That was Saturday!

Sunday will be another big day. We will meet at Patriot's Square (exit 9A from route 6) at 9:30 AM and head in the other direction up historic route 6A. This is the original road, called Old King's Highway, which traversed the Cape. It was a stage coach route before there was a canal and you didn't need a bridge to get to the Cape. We will stop at Chapin Beach for views of Cape Cod Bay and another photo session. From there, the tour will continue up 6A to Sandwich stopping at the Sandwich Glass Museum. We will see exhibits of art glass and see a glass blowing demonstration. (www.sandwichglassmuseum.org) Lunch will be at Fishermen's View, the hit new restaurant for 2016. (www.fishermensview.com) And, then, the finale of the tour - we will visit the auto collection at The Heritage Museum and Gardens in Sandwich. (heritagemuseumsandgardens.org) We will have "extra" access because fellow NAP member, and Heritage Collection lead volunteer, Jon Elmendorf will help us appreciate the cars. From Heritage you will depart for home, or to the hotel to continue your Cape Cod vacation, at your leisure.

If you plan to arrive on Friday, we will have some socializing time in the evening. When you arrive on Friday, after dinner on your own, please join us at Sons of Erin for cocktails (cash) and Irish music. It is easy to find and close to the hotel. (<http://sonsoferincc.org>) From the hotel turn right and continue down Rt. 28. You will pass DiParma Italian restaurant (good food, moderate price) and The Yarmouth House (better food, higher price), both restaurants are on the right. Continue further to The Sons of Erin on the right. Please come in the front door, you will be signed in to this private club as the guest of Tom Hickey. Thanks, Tom!

We have reserved a block of rooms at The Hampton Inn in West Yarmouth. The rate is \$117 + tax per night. That nets \$130.69 and includes a hot breakfast. You can use this link to book your room: <https://tinyurl.com/3ke86fv> Or, you can call the hotel at (508) 862-9010 and touch “3” to get the front desk. Ask for the Packard Club Rate. DO NOT touch the reservation number (one) or you will get to the nationwide call center who has no clue! Hang up and start over. Remember, you must book by March 28 to get the rate and be assured a room.

To get to the hotel take exit 7 from route 6 and turn left. At route 28 turn left at the light. Hampton Inn is .7 mile on the right. If you are starting the tour on Sunday, you can reach Patriot’s Square by taking exit 9A from route 6. Patriot’s Square is immediately on the left. If you are trailering your Packard for the tour you may park the trailer in the back lot at the hotel. Please let us know if you will be taking advantage of this.

The cost for the tour is \$70 per person and includes all entrance fees and Saturday dinner. Friday night cocktails, Saturday and Sunday lunches are your responsibility. We have guaranteed a minimum count for the venues and we are counting on the membership to come through for this terrific event. If you can’t take the whole weekend, RSVP “Yes” to the evite and note in the comment section which parts of the tour you can be with us. Our email to you will give you the cost. We are expecting to do more than just get the cars dusted off for a new season with this tour. We hope to strengthen the club, attract new members, and get ready to host a national event soon. We plan to provide name tags for everyone. Please include the names in your party in the comment section of the evite.

There will be detailed driving instructions for the navigators, as well as a leader and a caboose. Nobody will get lost! The evite will be available soon, remember to get your hotel booking. We will have a lot of fun and some surprises. Please come join us.



Wondering where on the Cape this all is?
Bob Nuss helpfully demonstrates.

NAP Vermont Tour

July 15-16



(If it still looks like this in July I'm going to be really annoyed.-ed)

NAP is sponsoring a 2-day tour of southeastern VT and southwestern New Hampshire on 15-16 July 2017. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield, VT next to Interstate 91 off exit 7. Dinner on Friday night will be at a local restaurant and the activity will begin at 9:30 Saturday. We will leave the hotel and proceed north on RT 5 through Ascutney to Windsor, where we will stop at the American Precision Museum. After visiting the Museum, lunch will be at the Windsor Diner just up RT 5 from the Museum. After lunch we will cross the Windsor-Cornish covered bridge (the longest covered bridge in the country). Turning left in New Hampshire, we will proceed to the Saint Gaudens National Historic Park for a great afternoon looking over the artwork there. You have probably seen his work at the Boston Garden near the state house: the Col Shaw relief. (If any of you have a USPS Golden Pass it will prove handy.) After we return to the hotel, please come to my house for supper and a quiet Vermont evening. We do have 150 acres for hiking and enjoying.

Sunday we will begin by checking out of the hotel and driving through Springfield VT and going to the Vermont Country Store. There are many things to see there and you may want to buy lunch there. After the Country Store, we will go to Chester where there are a number of small shops, an independent bookstore, and several restaurants that will be listed. After an appropriate amount of time we can go to Grafton, VT, which has retained its character through the efforts of the Windham Foundation. After the stop here, we will direct you on RT 121 through my town of Saxtons River and then to RT 91 and RT 12 to head home after a busy weekend in our Green Mountain State.

For those interested on the tour please reserve a room for the 14th and 15th of July at the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield, VT at 802-885-4516. Room rate is \$145.00 plus tax. Mention you are with North Atlantic Packards to receive the discounted rate.

Please fill out the form below and send the form and a check for \$15.00 per person written to NAP to: David Robinson, Box 480, Saxtons River, VT 05154. The fee will help cover the administrative cost and the Saturday night dinner. Space is limited so please let us know soon. Registration deadline is June 15.

Name: First: _____ Last: _____

Are you an NAP Member? _____

\$15.00 pp = _____ total enclosed

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Technical Seminar

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Park Place Holdings, LLC

75 High Point Place, Portsmouth, Rhode Island

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We invite members of North Atlantic Packards to join us at our 2017 Technical Seminar.

Stephen Seiter owns Park Place Holdings and has invited us to host our annual Tech Seminar as his facility. Stephen said "We call Park Place a 'Marina for Cars because we provide complete care and maintenance services just like, well, a Marina for boats."

"The idea for Park Place was rooted in the very simple realization that, here in New England, you can't preserve a car by keeping it in a cold, damp, sometimes hot and humid, normal garage. Which comes first, rust or mold, we don't know but we do know they invade with determination. Proper storage conditions keep the aging away and preserve the original condition. Equally important, every collectible comes with some baggage of ownership. At Park Place, our mission is to take the baggage away so owners need not worry. The car is safe, clean and roadworthy. If old Betsy breaks down or won't start, we'll come to the rescue (We actually have mechanics that can work on older cars as well as new ones.) If you need the car delivered to you or picked up, consider it done."

"You are welcome any time. Please visit and see for yourself. Your car will thank you for it."

Some of the topics slated for this year's Technical Seminar are wiring, upholstery, radiators and mechanics. We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and the seminar will begin at 10:00am.

Registration is \$45.00 per person which includes lunch.

The deadline for registration is March 31.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Number _____ **@ \$45 =** _____ **Total enclosed**

Make checks payable to NER, CCCA and mail with this form to:

Frank Wemple, 223 Puddin Lane, Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Meet the Officers:

Fran Mayer, Secretary



1. What was your first car?

1951 Hudson Hornet coupe

2. What was your dream car as a teenager if money were no issue?

1956 Packard Caribbean

3. What was your first job?

High school Woodshop Teacher

4. Where did you grow up?

What makes you think that I ever grew up??? I got older in a little town south of Buffalo, NY called Hamburg, NY

5. Name something you did as a youth that you would never let your children do today?

I was a perfect child, just ask me. I have no regrets!

6. Name your favorite driving song?

"Beyond the Blue Horizon"

7. Best place that you've ever broken down, run out of gas, etc.?

My second car was a 1974 Fiat 128 station Wagon....There were sooooo many lovely places that I broke down in; I am having trouble deciding on a favorite. OK, probably Binghamton, NY, directly in front of the local Fiat dealer.

8. What piqued your interest in Packards?

A well liked mayor of the township that I matriculated in bought a 1955 Packard 400 new. The mayor died within a year and a half of his Packard purchase. The car sat in the garage as the mayor's widow could not part with her husband's last car. 12 years later the Packard was purchased from his widow by friends Jack and Midge Gilman with 14,000 original miles. The car was turquoise and white. The Gilman family drove only Packard automobiles (with one exception I will relate) and regaled me with stories of the joys of Packard ownership. I had many wonderful rides in that car and as an impressionable "new driver" developed a deep respect for the brand. I set my sights to own one when I could afford to do so.

(Meet Fran Mayer, continued...)

In 1956 the Gilmans (Jack's mom and dad), for an undisclosed reason, bought a 1956 Mercury Monterey. They owned the car 1 week when Mrs. Gilman (a 5'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ball of unbridled energy) declared the Mercury "tinny". This error was corrected within the following week when Mr. Gillman purchased a 2 tone green 1956 Packard 400 hardtop from Osendorf Motors in Buffalo (the building still stands). All was well again in the Gillman household. My first car should have been a Packard, but the garage that our family used for fuel purchases and repairs was owned by a father and son who favored Hudsons. It was much easier to facilitate repairs on a Hudson from this mechanic than for a Packard.

9. Do you own any Packards today?

Yes, I own a 1956 Packard Patrician, and NO, I did not buy it new...

10. What's the best & worst part of owning a Packard?

The best part of owning a Packard is "owning a Packard". A superior automobile which oozes taste and refinement, not unlike myself.... :-)

The worst part is not to be able to regularly drive the Packard due to the inclement winter weather that we usually get in the northeast.



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Meet the Officers: Drusilla Carter, Editor

What was your first car?

A 1991 Ford Tempo with a bad transmission. Followed by a 1988 Chevy pickup with metallic orange paint which my stepfather bought me because "it matched my hair."

What was your dream car as a teenager if money were no issue?

I asked my dad to buy me a 1932 Packard once. I don't remember the model but I do remember his reaction. And when I discovered that Ruxtons came in purple I added those to my wish list.

What was your first job?

Mucking out stalls and grooming horses in a show barn, and shelving books in the library.

Where did you grow up?

Never ask an Army brat that question, It only confuses us. (Both of my parents and my stepmother were in the Army. And all three were drill sergeants. I've lived a lot of places.)

Name something you did as a youth that you would never let your children do today?

Gallop around like a lunatic on a shetland pony with my feet tucked up behind me and no bridle. Also possibly babysit seven children at once.

Name your favorite driving song?

"Route 66" by Chuck Berry, and "Rusty Old American Dream" by David Wilcox.

Best place that you've ever broken down, run out of gas, etc.?

On railroad tracks. In a thunderstorm. In a '51 Packard. It was...interesting.

What piqued your interest in Packards?

My father was a judge for PAC and a past president of Eastern Packards. Growing up there were Packards everywhere - the ones he kept, the ones he fixed up and sold, and the ones that Eastern members had dropped off at our house after having body work so he could look them over and give them the seal of approval. At one point there were sixteen Packards in the yard. (I remember this because I remember being very proud that I could count to sixteen.)

Do you own any Packards today?

Nope. I'm saving my pennies for a 1952 250 convertible. A lavender one. (Yes, they exist. It was a California-only color, and as far as I know there are two of them still floating around.)

What's the best & worst part of owning a Packard?

The best would be the conversations you have with people when you are driving one around, and the fact that you never lose your car in the parking lot. The worst would be the fact that every time you think it's going to let you drive it around it promptly breaks down.



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Need something to keep you busy while you wait for driving weather to arrive? How about perfecting your cocktail mixology? Herewith, a couple of appropriate recipes to get you started.

Convertible:

2 ounces rum
1/4 ounce Maraschino liqueur
2 ounces coconut milk
1 ounce simple syrup
1/2 ounce fresh lime juice
5 ice cubes

Blend all ingredients with ice and pour into wine glass. Garnish with a lime twist.

Twin Six:

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| 2 Jigger | Italian Vermouth (Sweet) |
| 3 Slices | Orange |
| 1 Whole | Egg White |
| 1 Dash | Grenadine |

Shake well with cracked ice and strain.

Limousine:

2 oz lime flavored vodka
1 oz Old Krupnik
4 oz hot camomile tea

Place bar spoon in old fashioned glass, pour ingredients into glass and stir.



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