

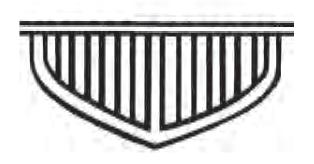




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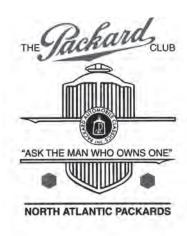
## North Atlantic Packards 2022 Activity Calendar

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April 24	Early Ford V8 Club Swap Meet - Fitchburg Airport Fitchburg, MA
May 21	American Heritage Museum Tank Weekend Hudson, MA (Rain date May 22)
June 3-5	Greenwich Concours d'Elegance (www.greenwichconcours.com) Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, Greenwich CT
June 15-18	Pilgrim CCCA Tour and Classic (www.classiccarclub.org/events/283) Sandwich, MA
July 4-9	PAC National Meet Alexandria, VA
July 16	Bahre Collection Founder's Day (www.hamlin.lib.me.us/founders_day.html) Paris, ME
July 17	Misselwood Councours d'Elegance (www.misselwood.com/concours-delegance) Endicott College, Beverly MA
August (date TBD) Gachard	NAP Club Picnic Bloomfield, CT
September (date TBD)	Back Roads of New Hampshire and Vermont Tour Brattleboro/Keene areas
October 1	Vintage Sports Car Club Fall Finale at Lime Rock Lakeville, CT
October 2	Newport Concours at Vanderbilt Mansion Newport, RI
October (date TBD) Gackard	New Hampshire Lakes Region Tour New Hampshire
November (date TBD) Gackard	Tech Seminar and Membership Meeting Holden, MA

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#### **Director's Comments**



Happy Spring my fellow Packard enthusiasts!

We began the 2022 season with an incredible Holiday Party at the Wayside Inn. We had over 30 club members in attendance and even a few Packards as the weather cooperated. It was nice to finally see everyone face to face and enjoy a good meal together. A huge thank you to Fred for suggesting the restaurant and Gene for pulling everything together.

Mid March we held a very successful Activities meeting with Membership via Zoom. We have some incredible things planned for 2022 and we've included some really great New England Car Shows that shouldn't be missed. Stay tuned for more information regarding the Dust Off Tour at the end of May. We will meet at the Parker's Packards in Holden in the morning and then cruise out to the American Heritage Museum in Hudson. It should be a great kick off to an even greater driving season

Yours, Parker

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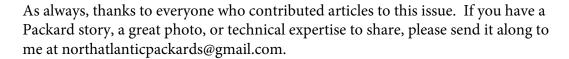
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# From the Desk of Drusilla Carter, Editor

Happy Spring! (Or almost, anyway.) It was great to see so many members in person at our gathering at the Wayside Inn last month, and I hope you've all got your Packards dusted off and have plans to join your fellow NAP members at one of our many upcoming events. Check the calendar for the list - at least the list of all of them that would fit. There are more to come as the year goes on!





- Drusilla



## **Audrain Concours d'Elegance**

by Debi & Henry Kandzerski

We are so excited to tell you about our visits to the Audrain Concours d'elegance, the first of which took place in 2019. The Audrain Museum had opened in 2014 amidst a lot of hubbub – after all, Newport has a reputation for the "best of the best", and a history of fine motorcars within its city limits. It was so invigorating to feel life being breathed back into the hobby with the opening of the museum. When the announcement came that there would be a Concours – the excitement was palpable. It had been YEARS! This was a first for Audrain – and for us....we'd never shown a car in such a prestigious show and we couldn't wait to get our hands on the entry forms!!

We completed the application, uploaded photos of our 1933 Reo Royale, and waited patiently for that coveted invitation. When it arrived, we were convinced that such a rare coupe with low mileage was sure to take home a trophy! Clearly, we had no idea of the competition we would face. But, I digress...

We spent a great deal of time preparing our car, lovingly known as Molly, making hotel arrangements, and dreaming of the fun we'd have spending a weekend in Newport. It was made even more exciting by the numbers of friends who were also invited and would be there to share this great experience. And, great it was! From the warm welcome we received at registration, to the assistance of museum personnel in making our way through the various events, the Audrain staff could not have been more accommodating. Everything seemed designed to pamper us – a delicious dinner served while Jay Leno regaled us with his stand-up comedy at Ochre Court, eye-popping cars on display at Doris Duke's Rough Point, while the most amazing tidbits and drinks were served up by local restaurants, displays and events at the Tennis Hall of Fame, luncheon at LaForge following a delightful parade/tour through

Newport (with the streets lined with onlookers)... and then, SHOWTIME!

With Molly buffed and polished and looking her best, we ambled along the side streets of Newport to The Breakers early on a Sunday morning, anxious to be directed to our spot on the lawn. With a few last minute swipes of the duster, Molly was ready for the judges. We waved delightedly at our friends who were nearby and stared in awe at the amazing cars making their way onto the lawn. We were so happy to be there, to be with our friends, to be part of this historic event, and to see all these unbelievable cars on the lawn of this remarkable mansion. The judges were friendly, pleasant and asked a lot of questions; they seemed genuinely interested in our old girl and her story. It was a treat to have a chance to tell them all about her, and then listen as several of our friends did the same.

The pandemic changed everything in 2020, of course – the Concours was necessarily replaced by a parade/tour through Newport that was fun, but lacked the glitz and excitement of the previous year. Even so, the chance to see old friends was so satisfying, especially since most of us had been housebound for months. So, when Audrain announced a "regular" Concours in 2021, we couldn't wait to send in our application! Another rare car to be shared, even more friends in attendance, glitz and glitter and wonderful things to eat! Who needs a trophy?

# Spring Meet-Up

On March 20th members of NAP met up for good food and a chance to catch up at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA.



Above: The Inn has been in operation since 1716

Right: A Revolutionary War militia drilling on the lawn of the Inn

Below: In one of the historic photographs of the Inn after a fire in 1955, we spotted a Packard!





## Purchasing and Keeping a New 1953 Clipper

by Dan Reynolds

My dad was a Packard fan from his youth. After owning a series of other cars including a used 1937 Studebaker business coupe, a new 1947 Pontiac 2 Door Sedan, and a new 1950 Pontiac 2 Door Sedan, he was ready to take the plunge. He and mom resided in Hartford, CT at the time and the nearest dealer, Hartford Packard, was less than three miles away from their apartment. On September 23, 1953, Dad perused the cars available on the lot and placed a deposit on a new 1953 Packard Clipper 2 Door Sedan. I assume he got a "good deal", as it was at the model year change over time and the factory would have been clearing out 1953 inventory and bringing in the new 1954s. Of note on the Purchase Agreement:

- Hartford Packard was factory dealership, called "Packard Motor Car Company Inc. (New York Zone Office), Hartford Branch" on the agreement.
- The form is actually based on the 1948 to 1950 product line as it indicates cash deposit requirements for Packard Eight, Deluxe Eight, Super Eight, and Custom Eight, model designations that ended in 1950. They must have had forms left over from 1948-1950 that they were using up.
- Purchase price was \$3191.27, with a trade allowance on the 1950 Pontiac of \$1441.27, sales tax (3%) of \$52.50, for a net total out the door of \$1802.50 after trade.
- Specification and Extra Equipment list is all sales shorthand but by cross checking with the sales invoice, most can be determined: AT=Ultramatic, RPE=radio, power brakes, electric antennae, HE= heater, OB=oil bath air cleaner, OF=Oil Filter, BL=backup lights, OF=oil filter, Color "X" is Black, CL = Trunk Compartment Light, I believe, and LS= luster seal.
- To secure the deal, dad had to pull a \$20.00 bill for a deposit out his wallet leaving \$1782.50 due. Terms were "Cash on Delivery". No dealer/factory financing here.
- On the back of the form is the Warranty information, 90 days or 4,000 miles, whichever came first. This entitled you to two inspections and adjustments at the selling dealer within the warranty period and also testing and inspecting every 30 days or 1,000 miles for the life of the car.
- The Warranty contained "Tourist Privileges", where any required warranty work was covered at any Packard Dealer.

The Clipper sales Invoice was drawn up on September 28th, and Dad took delivery on September 30th,1953. Delivered price was \$7.50 dollars higher on the invoice than on the sales agreement for some reason, increasing the final amount due to \$1790.23. The invoice also shortens the dealership name to "Packard Motor Car Company (Hartford Branch), dropping "New York Zone Office".



They were now proud Packard owners and the Clipper would remain their only vehicle until a new 1962 Buick LaSabre was purchased in March of 1962. The Clipper traveled 124,000 miles in those 8½ years. The car was always garaged but used daily in all four seasons. The picture in the driveway is from July 1961, with mileage of about 116,000.

Proving that we never throw anything out, I have most of the service receipts on the Clipper over the years. Shortly after purchase, the folks moved to a new house in a suburb of New Haven, CT, so all the Packard dealer repairs were performed by New Haven Packard and its subsequent iterations. Several local general repair facilities, typically close to his work, were also used and Dad performed other repairs himself. Below are a few of the repairs performed. Costs were a little different back then. Of note:

- December 1954 (the first repair receipt I have) / 24,833 miles / Tune up, Distributor Rebuild, New Plate /New Haven Packard in New Haven, CT / Cost \$15.90
- August 1956 / 48,830 miles / Replace Head Gasket, Tune Up, Replace Auto Trans Fluid & Adjust Bands / Pack Front Wheel Bearings & U Joints, Adjust Brakes / Dontigney Motors in Meriden, CT / Cost - \$59.99
- August 1957 / 60,000 miles / Valve Job, Minor Tune Up, New Manifold Gaskets, Heater Hose / Nelke Motor Co. Studebaker Packard in New Haven, CT / Cost \$71.81
- October 1958 / 82,352 miles / Motor Overhaul; Valve Job, Rod Bearings, Seals, Pins, 6 Pistons Expanded (Knurled), Rings, Rear Main Seal, Accelerator Shaft, Renew Motor Mounts / Nelke Motor Co. Studebaker Packard & Mercedes in New Haven, CT / Cost -\$336.00
- By 1963, at 126,000 miles, the once rebuilt already original engine was tired. A price was obtained from Studebaker Packard for NOS engine parts, block, crankshaft, bearings, gaskets to put together a new short block total price \$225.00. At the same time a "good used" salvage 1953 327cid 9 main bearing engine with 4 barrel carburetor became available and that was installed, cost unknown.

The sometimes maligned Ultramatic transmission has operated extremely well since new. With the exception of governor replacement in 1959, only routine maintenance fluid changes and band adjustments were performed. It has never been apart.

Besides repairs it was equipped with a number of salvage yard upgrades over the years; magic bar radio, under seat heater, windshield washer, senior cormorant hood ornament, and wider wheel rims.

Following its replacement as an everyday car in 1962 it remained garaged and a regular "Sunday driver" until the late 1960s and used sporadically into the 1980s. Total mileage is now 130,000 and the Clipper is currently in storage. Getting it back on the road is in my plans.

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### N.A.P. 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes - The Fall technical Meeting

Membership meeting held Monday, December 13rd, 2021 as the second part of the Fall, NAP Technical Session. The meeting was held via ZOOM. The last Membership meeting was held November 7th, 2019 at Parker's Packards in Holden, MA

• The Technical part of the meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM (EST) by the regional Director, Parker Roaf. Parker presented a program on Packard carburetion. The technical program was completed at 7:40PM (EDT). Once a short break was completed, the Business part of the meeting was started.

A motion was made to open the Business part of the Membership meeting. That was seconded and the Business part of the meeting started at 7:47PM (EST).

- Director Parker Roaf welcomed those on our first ever ZOOM Membership meeting. He noted that the last membership meeting was held on November 7th, 2019. The meeting continued with reports from the following:
- Secretary Fran Mayer reported that the minutes of the last Membership meeting were printed in a prior edition of the Pelican Papers. A motion was made to accept the prior meeting minutes. This was seconded and the minutes were approved.
- Treasurer Dave Robinson reported that the club was solvent. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. This was seconded and approved.
- Membership Sheri Roaf reported that as of this date there were:
  - o 77 members in good standing.
  - o Renewals would be going out during the second week in January.
- o Renewal amount would remain at \$10.00 for 2022 due to the lack of events because of the Covid issue.
  - o 5 new members were added in 2021
  - o The 2 new members added in November 2021 would carry over membership for 2022.

A motion was made to accept the Membership report. This was seconded and approved

- Activities Gene Wescott stated off planned 2022 activities with:
  - o There will be a club banquet planned for early 2022. Possibly in the January March time frame, depending on the Covid numbers.
  - o It was discussed to possibly have an early spring event in NH or VT, or even Bar Harbor or Bath, ME.
  - There will be an Activity Membership ZOOM meeting scheduled for February or early March when more is known about the current state of the Covid infection.

A motion was made to accept the Activities report. This was seconded and approved.

- Pelican Papers Dave Robinson reported that the hard copy of the Fall, 2021 Pelican Papers went into the US Postal Service last week. Dave is filling in for Drusilla for this issue of the Pelican Papers.
- New Business –
- o Drusilla reported that there was a Packard in a ditch near where she works; possibly a 1951 model. She wondered if any member was interested.
- o Parker reported on the auction of 150 (or so) Packards in a warehouse near Utica, NY during the fall. He reported that one of them followed him home. Sheri remained silent.

The next membership meeting will be during the first quarter of 2022 and will be an Activities meeting. This Membership meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM (EST).

Respectfully submitted, Fran Meyer



# Judge Orders Demolition Of Packard Plant In Detroit

April 13, 2022 - motorius.com



Citing that the structure has become a public nuisance, a judge has ordered the demolition of the deteriorating Packard auto plant in Detroit. Despite its historical significance, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Brian Sullivan ordered the owners to demolish all structures on the former site of Packard production. The owners have 42 days to start the demolition and abatement work, and 90 days to have it totally cleared out.

"Judge Sullivan's order brings us a step closer to finally addressing the dangerous and blighted portions of the Packard Plant Mr. Palazuelo has done virtually nothing with since he bought it out of foreclosure in 2013, other than amass more than a million dollars worth of unpaid drainage bills, property taxes and blight tickets,"

Detroit Acting Corporation Counsel Chuck Raimi said Wednesday.

"If he doesn't meet this requirement, the city will consider its options, which include doing the demolition itself and pursuing both his company and him personally for the considerable cost of that work," Raimi said. "The city fully intends to rid the community of this massive blighted complex once and for all."

Designed by Albert Kahn, the Packard plant was built in the early 1900s and has 36,000 employees by the 1940s. After the complex closed in 1958, it was used by other businesses and for storage until the 1990s. In the late 1990s, the building was used for underground raves. It was purchased by the current owners with the intention of renovating it, but the project was abandoned in October 2020 and listed for sale.

There's likely no way to stop what's coming. If the owner fails to comply, the city will tear it down and send them the bill. If someone bought it with plans to renovate, maybe the judge would grant a temporary halt of the order, but if it hasn't happened at this point, it's not likely. What a sad, whimpering ending to the once booming factory, and appropriate callout to the current state of the spirit of the automotive industry.



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