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Director's Message:

There was much success at our Annual Tech Seminar that was held at Parker's Packards new location in Rutland, MA. Over 50 members from our region and the Packard Club were present. The content and presenters were excellent. Please enjoy the article in this issue.

The Wilbraham Hill Climb that took place in May 12-13. We had over 30 cars sign up for the hill climb while many more gathered at the local high school to form a car exhibit for the public to enjoy. As one of the organizers of the event I am proud to be part of the car events and clubs here in New England. I have personally met some of the most interesting car people who are passionate about their cars and thwweir willingness to share their collections with the public is amazing.

Our club members are the same. Whenever we gather for a tour or grand classic members of the



public show up to see the cars and their owners. We are in the process of putting together some regional tours and encourage you to join in the fun. In October we have been invited by the VSCCA Club to join them at Castle Hill for an event. There will be a car tour, hill climb and exhibition of prewar cars. Information on who to contact for registration is included in this issue. - *Ieff*

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Editor's Notes:



It's been a busy summer with lots of car activities, from museum gatherings, a hill climb, cruise nights, a retirement village 4th of July Parade and local car shows. Something for everyone.

— Heidi Ann





These events are subject to change

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- Foreign Auto Show ~ September 30 October 1, 2023

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THE BOSTON CUP ~ September 24, 2023

AUDRAIN CONCOURS ~ September 28 - October 1, 2023

HERSHEY AACA FALL MEET ~ October 3-6, 2023

VSCCA ~ October 14-15, 2023 – Castle Hill

NER FALL TOUR ~ October, 2023 TBD

CCCA NER ANNUAL MEETING ~ October 29, 2023

at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, Boylston, MA



NEW ENGLAND REGION



Spring Fling "AKA NER Annual Tech Seminar"

By David Greenman

t's 7:15 on the morning of April 22nd, and Elliot Friend and I are leaving Plymouth for the CCCA seasonal kickoff, a tech seminar, at Parker's Packards in Rutland, MA. Elliot has dialed the coordinates into his Porsche's navigation system, and Siri, with gentle authority emanating from the dashboard display, is instructing us as to the best way to our destination. The trip was uneventful...that is, until we get to Rutland.

Traveling down a decent, secondary road, Siri says, "Turn right in 200 feet." This gets us onto a dirt road that quickly degrades into a cow path!

Having none of this, Elliot reverses direction, back up to the road we just left. The display shows what appears to be a route that'll loop around the cow path, so off we go in that direction. RECALCULATING! Siri cuts in to straighten us out, and now she's got us going by what seems to be an endless trailer park...WHERE ARE WE! We're both scratching heads, trying to make sense of what's going on, when suddenly, miraculously, there it is... Parker's Packards! Thanks, Siri, for all your "good" advice!!!

But we got there, and it was well worth the frustration. As many of you know, Parker Roaf, the proprietor, acquired Arthur Gould Rebuilders, moving the business to Rutland in 2017 and continuing with the shop's services of rebuilding water and fuel pumps. Packards are

the shop's specialty, but all makes are welcome.

After what seemed to be an interminably long winter, it was great to see old friends, share coffee and doughnuts and catch up on car projects, club events and plans for the season. Of course, there were the usual distractions one encounters at these events, one of which were several fine Packards that were on site. I decided to capture a photo of the beautiful '34 Super 8, but...

...we'll forgive the guilty party her indiscretion (what **was** she doing to that car???).

I was photobombed (have to admit, it nicely enhanced the shot)!



Parker's Packards

The tech sessions began at 11:00, with Parker providing an instructive presentation on the restoration of water pumps, including sealing technics, rope packing and unitized seals.



As he was explaining the various aspects of his craft, he passed around some of the water pump components for all to see up close. This technique is very effective, as you can see, touch, feel what's being discussed and, therefore, get a direct connection to points being made.









Next up was Parker's associate, Bobby Frisch, whose area of expertise is restoration of fuel pumps. He described the finer points of the use of different diaphragm applications and gave detailed explanations of pump seals and seats. Also covered was a discussion of the use of springs to establish pump pressure.

As before, Bobby passed around various parts to get a tangible sense of the objects under discussion. Really good stuff!

Lunch came up unexpectedly...hard to believe the morning passed by that quickly.

An extensive buffet was set up for us, and the setting was perfect for committed motor heads: the shop floor, itself! It was a pleasant hour of dining in the manner to which we have become accustomed, with talk of the morning's presentations and just about everything else.

At the conclusion of lunch, our presaident Jeff DeMarey and Elliot Friend rose to make a proposal to prospective CCCA members. The offer was, if you join today, you get the chance of taking home a somewhat rare book on automotive history: The Classic Era by Beverly Rae Kimes,

published by CCCA. This tour de force is a compendium of historical accounts of cars of the Classic Era, a "must have" for any enthusiast's library.

What an enticement! Apparently, it worked. Eleven new members joined the Club, and we welcome Ray and April Belsito, Jack and Sarah Chandler, Bobby Frisch, Henry and Deb Kandzerski, Harry Pape, Richard & Kathy Penna and Dan Smith.

And congratulations to lottery winners Henry and Deb. I know it'll be a good read. Actually, all should be congratulated as winners: you joined a great club!

Lunch over, our last presenter was Dan Smith. Dan is a specialist in the restoration of starters and generators, and he gave a n entertaining delivery on how to save yourself money by avoiding his services. The solution: maintenance, Maintenance, MORE MAINTENANCE! He



hammered
home the point
about keeping
grounds clean.
Bad grounding
leads to excessive
heat, leads to
the weakening
of solder
connections,
leads to unit
failure, ultimately
leading the
frustrated owner
to his shop for a





fix. \$\$\$ It was a most informative session. All told, the day was an unqualified success.

Certainly, it was worth the price of admission for the tech talks, alone. But reconnecting after winter doldrums, conversation about the upcoming season

and just gathering with old friends with a common interest made the day a perfection. That's a bonus on which you can't put a price!



Time to leave and Elliot and I climbed back into his Porsche for the trip home. Firing up the engine, we again hear the seductive voice of Siri instructing us to return the way we came. Feeling a bit put off by our earlier experience, I suggested to Elliot we go in the

opposite direction, as it seemed most cars were heading that way. In approximately a quarter mile, there was the main road, turn left and we're on our way home. Elliot, a suggestion: Next time, let's uninvite Siri! LOL

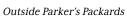














Goodie Table at Tech Seminar





"A Packard Returns Home" A 1941 Packard Limousine Story

By Garth Story

n about 2007 I was scouring the area for Packard parts and was specifically interested in 1941 Packards. At that time Karen and I were making the annual pilgrimage to Hershey and were selling Packard parts. While getting some spare Packard parts from Dick Bartram in New Hartford, CT, I spotted a nice looking fairly original Packard limousine in his garage. I sort of tucked that information away, but an original car really appealed to me. We ended up purchasing that car in 2009 from Dick. In 1941 about 1,200 of model 1908 were manufactured. Making this car even rarer is it came with factory air conditioning. It is difficult to prove, but generally agreed, that only about 300 +/- cars came with factory air! In the 13 years we owned the car, we put on new tires and had to put in a new battery. Not bad!

The car was originally sold to a single lady from Waterbury, CT, who had a chauffeur to drive her around. Her name was Miss Chase. When she passed away the car was left to the chauffeur who sold it to Al McGarra. Mr. McGarra was very patriotic and had flag holders installed at the ends of the front bumper, one for an American flag, and one for the Connecticut state flag. He drove the car in every parade he could and it became the "unofficial" Connecticut State car. Folks said it looked like President Roosevelt was in the parade as it passed by! Some of the above is

Fast forward to December of 2022. As time has marched on, Karen and I had decided to "thin the herd". We had several older vehicles and two old farm tractors. The Packard was selected, partly by family opinion, as the first to go. I had even composed an ad to be published. Shortly thereafter I received an e-mail from Jeffrey Lepak of the PAC on behalf of the grandson of Al McGarra, who was looking for his grandfather's Packard.

difficult to document, but it is the story passed

on with the car.

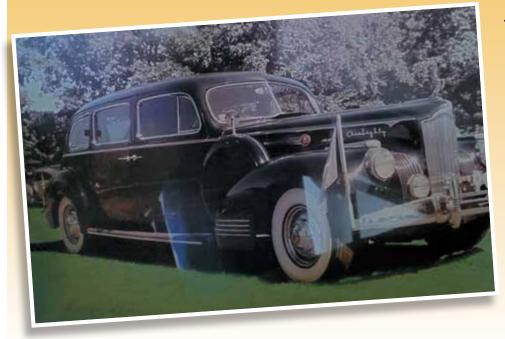
Here is the Inquiry: "Please see the attached photos. This car was formerly owned by Al McGarra of Connecticut, a long-time member of the former Eastern Packard Club. The car is a 1941 180 Model 1908. This car had factory air conditioning. It was sold sometime around 1991 after Mr. McGarra's passing. If you know the current whereabouts of this car, please send me a PM and I will pass the information onto the grandson. He is interested in finding the car and possibly purchasing it if available. Any help will be appreciated.

I remember this car when I was in the EPC. One day back in the 1980's, I was volunteering at a car show. It was near 100 degrees, and I was really sweltering. Mr. McGarra pulled up in the 180 and rolled down the window. I'll never forget being immediately hit with a blast of cold air. That unit really worked! First time I had ever seen a Packard with factory air."

Posted 12/6







Thanks to everyone who responded. I was able to locate the car using the PAC Directory. There were only 10 Model 1908's listed, so I sent an email to each listed owner. I came up with a conclusive match and better yet, the current owner does not live too far away and is actually considering putting it on the market soon. So, the grandson may be able to achieve his dream of owning his grandfather's Packard. I'm sure he is going to be ecstatic.

- Posted 12/7

There are few 1941 Packard limousines listed in the Packard club directory. It only took a few minutes to confirm that we owned the car that they were looking for. Just amazing that we were looking to sell, but had

published nothing yet, and they were looking to buy. Don't you just love the internet!

Enjoy a few pictures of this beautiful Packard, including as it was being loaded onto the trailer by the

grandson and his dad for its new home. Big smiles all around! We were so happy it found a new home with "family"!







THE NOR EASTER

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to report some new members have joined our club. Our total membership is now over 200 members total plus associates. We are excited to share all that our club has to offer. Please welcome the following new members.

David Sullivan ~ Hollis, NH

Lee Cable ~ *Harwinton*, *CT*

Anne Brockington Lee ~ Sparks, NV

David Pyle ~ Newport Beach, CA

Stuart Field ~ Allentown, PA

Edward Owen ~ Waltham, MA

Molly Jozer ~ New Haven, CT

Lysiane Burrowes ~ Fitchburg, MA

Jack & Sarah Chandler ~ Sterling, MA

Regards, Elliot Friend, Membership Chair Richard C. & Kathy Penna ~ Boxford, MA

Ray & April Belsito, Jr. ~ Charlton, MA

Dan Smith ~ Ashby, MA

Gary & Sue Como ~ Warren, MA

Dennis Cusack & Jon Kirwin ~ New York, New York

Henry & Deborah Kandzerski, Jr. ~ Sterling, CT

Bobby Frisch ~ Rutland, MA

Harry Pape ~ Princeton, MA

Scott Andrews ~ Reno, NV







Show Business

he New England Region of the Classic Car Club of America was very well represented at the CCCA Annual meeting in Philadelphia. Some members who were present. Jon Lee, George Holman, Jeff DeMarey, Ryan Brown, Paul Tacy, Chris Charlton, Heidi Ann Charlton, Natalie Charlton, Kevin Murphy, Ashley Charlton, Casey Nava.

We are also pleased to announce that Natalie Charlton was elected to the National Board at this meeting.

We went to several car collections, The Bylgari Collection, 3Dog Garage, The Simeone Collection. The Grand Classic was held inside the Simeone Collection as was the awards dinner and on Sunday the club was invited to the private collection of Steve and Susan Babinsky.

Enjoy the photos:



1971 Corvette and Original Nasa Suit. N/C







Casey Nava, Ashley Charlton, Natalie Charlton, Kevin Murphy



Left: Pam and Lee Wolf; Above: Photo of the Late Dr. Frederick Simeone





Left: Special Dinner Guest, Benjamin Franklin and Jeff DeMarey

Right: Child's Car at 3Dog Garage

Below right: Need a Spare - Bulgari Collection

Below: Original Delivery Truck at 3Dog Garage N/C









Left: Welcome Sign at Hotel

Above right: One of restoration facilities at the Bylgari Collection





Technical Notes:

Instructors,
Gabe Gargiulo
and Assistant
Kenneth Byras
accompanied by
Chuck Niles of American
Honeycomb Radiator,

Bowdoin, Maine and 9 students from Region 10 Technical School, Brunswick, Maine visited Classic Car Services Restoration Shop in Oxford, ME on June 8, 2023.

Chuck Niles past Director of our region has been very active in visiting the technical school each year to talk about various positions that employers need to fill. To highlight that need, Chuck set up the field trip so that the students got to experience first-hand cars that were in different stages of restoration

and or service work. Chris Charlton, the owner of the shop also shared that the shop has the capability to do machine work, body work, mechanical work, metal work, wood work, welding, casting, paint work and upholstery work. Many of the skills are being taught at the Technical School and would help qualify the students for employment in their home state of Maine. The students were treated to lunch at a local restaurant where they met the Curator of the Bahre Collection, Jeff Orwig. After lunch they traveled to Paris Hill, Maine to view the Bahre Collection. Jeff gave a



Left to right: Ken Byras, Chuck Niles, Gabe Gargiulo and Chris Charlton

wonderful tour of the Car Barn and carefully explained the history of several of the cars. The students and instructors were very much in awe of all that they were able to see on this field trip.

Chuck said that on the ride back to their school the students expressed how they were amazed to find a business that would incorporate their skills. In fact, the students expressed that they would like to make field trips such as this one an annual event giving future students access to employers and businesses that need employees with the skills they are learning.



VSCCA CASTLE HILL WEEKEND October 14 – 15, 2023

We invite you to attend the Castle Hill weekend on October 14 and 15, 2023 *This event is open to all VSCCA members and other clubs that want to enter eligible cars.*

The event will take place at the Castle Hill 2000 acre estate (Crane plumbing) on the shore of Ipswich, MA about 30 miles NE of Boston (290 Argilla Road). The house has a 360 degree view of the Atlantic ocean and its associated salt marsh with spectacular landscaping.

ROAD TOUR

The event will kick off from the Crane Beach parking lot, at the end of Argilla Road, on Saturday at around 9:00 The road tour will be of the Massachusetts North Shore broken up by an off the menu lunch. It will include a number of fun questions and an interesting stop or two on the way. Entry is for 1959 and earlier cars only.

Saturday Night Dinner

This year the dinner will be catered in the Great House (Crane mansion) on the estate. Due to the formality of the building we ask that men ware coats. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Self guided tours of the mansion can be made during cocktails. The address is 290 Argilla Road. Reservations are on **a first come first served basis.**

HILL CLIMB

*To clarify, the hill climb is for is a prewar II cars only. No hot or rat rods, customs etc. HRG, MGTC with 19" wheels and CCCA post war eligible cars are acceptable.

On Sunday at 9:30 we will have a hill climb on the estates' $\frac{1}{2}$ mile very picturesque driveway ending up in the courtyard of the mansion.

The event will be open to **PREWAR** cars of VMC club members (VSCCA, VRG etc.). We require fire

extinguishers, seat belts and drivers must ware crash helmets. No passengers are permitted. All cars must be numbered on both sides. If you are not a VMC member please contact Tom Ellsworth at 978-768-7000 for entry approval. **Entries are limited so acceptance is on a first come first served basis.**

Coffee will be available before the climb and sandwiches will be available in the courtyard for lunch (included in the hill climb entry fee.

EXHIBITION OF PREWAR CARS

During the hill climb on Sunday we invite you to exhibit your prewar car (non hill climb cars) adjacent to the courtyard in front of the mansion. Your car must be in place by 9:00 am on Sunday as you will be using the same access road as the hill climb. You will not be allowed to exit until lunch or when the event is over in the afternoon. You will have **free** access to the even

PARKING

Parking of tow vehicles, trailers etc. will be in the beach parking lot, just a half mile beyond the estate on Argilla Road. You can drive your prewar car back to the hill climb.

The lot will be open from sunrise to 8:00 pm on Friday, sunrise to 10pm on Saturday and from sunrise to sunset on Sunday. The lot is gated and we will have limited security on Friday and Saturday nights. **No street vehicles are permitted on the estate.**

ACCESS PASS

Passes will be mailed to you after you have registered.

For Registration and Accommodation information, please contact Steve Silverstein at 774-232-2990 or Tom Ellsworth at 978-768-7000. For the Tour information contact Ben Bragg at 617- 694-4176.

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Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, Internet Photo

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