



# Salado e-Letter

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## Welcome...

I decided to change the name of this communication from *Salado Newsletter* to *Salado e-Letter*. I think the new name better describes the mode in which it is distributed. It goes out to all the people who registered for the Meet and provided their e-mail address. I have expanded the address book to include addresses from the last two Meets. Not everyone attends every year, but they are still interested in what happened in Salado. In addition, Bob Supina, Webmaster of the Meet's website ([texaspackardmeet.com](http://texaspackardmeet.com)), posts these letters on the site's web page.

## Possible Fund Raiser

I have been thinking about having some baseball caps made with the Meet's new logo. I know of a source that makes a high quality cap and will inquire about costs. I will get this information out to the e-mail group for any interest. It would be nice if the pricing will allow so part of it can be contributed to the Meet's coffers.

## Photo Links

Due to the number of Packards at Salado, I think it would be better for folks to go to the sites that have room for the photos rather than trying to post here some of the ones I took. A great number of photos can be found on the Texas Packard Meet page on *Facebook* and on the *Packard Information* website in the Shows and Events section in Packard Forums. Here are those links:

[www.facebook.com/Packardmeetsaladotx](http://www.facebook.com/Packardmeetsaladotx)  
[www.packardinfo.com](http://www.packardinfo.com)

## Tributes

Now that we have just concluded the 37<sup>th</sup> annual gathering, I thought it would be a good time to show our appreciation to the many folks who volunteered to make the meet a success. As I started to put this section together, it became apparent that far more people were involved in this year's Meet than I originally thought. Here are the names and descriptions of the hard working and dedicated volunteer staff. I hope no one was missed.

**Pre-Registered Desk** Alice Marshall, Margaret White, and Olga Wright (all from Heart of Texas Packards) were the dedicated trio who worked the pre-registered desk. They handed-out over 90 registration packets in

addition to hundreds of bags of peanuts donated by Feltz Terrill. In addition they kept the goody bag items stocked and orderly. Thank you very much Alice, Margaret and Olga for your time and efforts. Special thanks to Feltz for the traditional peanuts. Thanks too to all the vendors who donated items.

**On-Site Registration Desk** Ann Elsworth and Beverly Clark (Heart of Texas Packards) were at the on-site registration desk. Registering 13 additional participants was just a small part of the work. Thank you Ann.

This desk was the operations center for the Meet. Beverly was busy collecting fees for registrations, guests, and meals; there were door prizes to be organized; there were the many adjustments to be made for adding, changing, and subtracting registrants to existing rolls; there was much coordination to be done with Inn staff and management. The list goes on, but you get the idea. There will be more on Beverly later in this *e-Letter*.

**Parking Coordinator** Larry "The Parking Czar" Myers (Ark-La-Tex Packards) was the parking coordinator this year. It was decided to try something new for the Saturday display. Larry filled the billet with a well thought out plan to have assigned parking spaces for each Packard displayed. Entrants with cars were given a site map with their assigned parking place when they picked up their packets. The plan worked well and with the cooperation of all, parking by display class lent a nice organized look to those viewing the Packards. Thanks, Larry. Larry worked in the role Billy George Vatalos, also

from ALTP region, had for many years. Thanks Billy for all your efforts over the years.

**Visitors** Mary Ann Porinchak attended the Meet and represented the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio. She is becoming a regular attendee. Welcome back Mary Ann.

Steve Christy, PAC President, was also at the Meet. Thanks for attending, Steve. We hope you both enjoyed the Meet and will be back next year.

Many of us are customers of Max Merritt for our hard to find and badly needed Packard parts. This year Fred and Jackie Bruner made the journey from Franklin, Indiana to be with us and share in the camaraderie. In addition, they brought with them some of their wares to sell at the swap meet on Saturday morning. Mixing business and pleasure. They were able to stay at the Inn due to the generosity of David Childs who gave up his room reservation to them. Welcome Bruners, we hope you had a great time and will grace us with your company again next year. And, thanks to David for the room reservation.

**Technical Session** Bob Kuester deserves our thanks for organizing the Saturday afternoon technical session, and Nelson Bates for acting as session master of ceremonies. It was well attended, as usual. First on the agenda was Wallace Wade who gave a presentation on tires. Miles Furlong talked about paint and bodywork. Wallace donated two bottles of Firestone wine for door prizes. Miles brought his 1954 Henney ambulance to the Meet. Thank you Bob and Nelson, and Wallace and Miles. Bob and Nelson assumed this responsibility from David Flack (Packards of North Texas) who did the job for many years. Thank you very much David. Terry Weiss should also be recognized for his many past presentations. Thank you Terry.

**Publicity** Tommy Baccaro is responsible for publicity about the Meet. He writes announcements of the Meet that are posted on the PAC website and in the Cormorant News Bulletin. In addition he writes an article about the Meet that is published in the CNB. Thanks, Tommy.

**Jim Hollingsworth Memorial Award** This year was the first time the award in the name of the late Jim Hollingsworth was presented to the driver of the Packard driven the longest distance to the Meet. Steve Chapman (Packards of North Texas) presented the award to John and Annet Forsyth (Ark-La-Tex Packards) for driving their 1938 Eight RHD Touring Sedan from Mena,

Arkansas. They drove a 400-mile round trip. Steve and Emerson Duke have taken it upon themselves to fund this trophy. Special thanks to Steve and Emerson for this memorial.

**Early Bird Tour** Gordon Logan was back in the saddle again, albeit on crutches, after missing last year's meet due to a bum ankle. He organized and led the Friday morning tour. Gordon had a chauffeur this year due to recent knee surgery; hence, the need for crutches. His friend from New York drove the 1928 Phaeton lead car. We are looking forward to next year's tour, and seeing Gordon on both feet. Thanks Gordon.

**The Stagecoach** Jim Hill writes, compiles, copies, and mails the Meet's publication. Jim spends much time and effort on this project, and he has been doing it for a long time. Looking forward to the next edition. Thank you Jim.

**Photos and Video Program** Mark Wilson (Packards of North Texas) once again served as the staff photographer for the Meet. He took a large number of photos including all the Packards on display and many candid and activity shots. Mark and Chris Stathopulo, also from PNT, worked together merging Mark's photos with Chris' video program used for the class awards ceremony. A big thanks you to Mark and Chris.

**Vote Counting** Emmit and Betty Koelle (Packards of North Texas) jumped in and took on the tedious and important job of counting the votes from ballots submitted by participants. Tabulating all the votes is an involved and time-consuming job of keeping track of votes for over 65 Packards in 21 display classes from over 100 ballots. Their efforts deserve special thanks. Thank you Emmit and Betty.

**Master of Ceremonies** We had a new master of ceremonies this year. Richard Hellbusch stepped up with little prior notification and took over the duties at the awards ceremony. Richard did not lose his composure with the few slip-ups that occurred during the ceremony (not of his making), but kept the show going and running smoothly. Thank you Richard.

**Meet Web Site** Bob Supina continues to provide his expertise by acting as Webmaster for the Meet's web site (texaspackardmeet.com). Thank you Bob, your time and efforts are appreciated.

Bob has announced that it is time to pass the torch. He is stepping down as webmaster, and thinks it is time to let someone younger have the job. The domain name has been secured until

September 10, 2016, and the hosting will expire on September 10, 2014. The new webmaster needs to be in place before the hosting expires in September. Please contact Bob (bobsupina@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute your time and skills being the Meet's webmaster.

**Facebook Page** Steve Christy, PAC president, presented Anthony Baccaro a certificate of appreciation in recognition of Anthony's efforts in establishing the Texas Packard Meet page on that social media's web site ([www.facebook.com/Packardmeetsaladotx](http://www.facebook.com/Packardmeetsaladotx)). Great job Anthony, well done.

**Registrar** Beverly Clark (Heart of Texas Packards) has functioned in the registrar role for 22 years. This was her last Meet in this position, she has decided to step down and let someone else enjoy the work. If this organization was a corporation, she would be the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chairman of

the Board, President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief-of-Staff. Her attention to detail is a primary requirement for this job, and her concentration on the many moving parts is most impressive. We owe Beverly a ton of thanks for all her time, efforts, and dedication to the Meet. We will still see her in Salado, but in a more reduced role. Maybe she will finally have a chance to go on the Friday tour and look at the Packards on Saturday. Thank you very much Beverly.

Jeannie Clark also of HOTP (no relation to Beverly), has agreed to take on the registrar responsibilities. We thank Jeannie for assuming this job and look forward to working with her for many years.

### **Photos**

Here are a few photos of some of the hard working volunteers and our visitors.



Alice Marshall, Margaret White, and Olga Wright at the Pre-Registered Desk



Ann Elsworth and Beverly Clark at the On-Site Registration desk



Fred Brunner, Max Merritt, selling his wares at the swap meet



Larry Myers, the "Parking Czar" at his post



Mary Ann Porinchak, National Packard Museum and our own Olga Wright



Jackie Bruner, Max Merritt, next to John Lawrence's Clipper



It was a full room at the Saturday afternoon Tech Session



Miles Furlong telling us what to do and what not to do when doing body work on our Packards



Wallace Wade talking about tires at the Tech Session



Jeannie Clark getting some pointers from Beverly Clark on the many jobs of being the Meet's Registrar

### *In Closing...*

As you can see it takes a large cast of volunteers to make the Texas Packard Meet the successful gathering it has become. That said, the Meet would not be possible without the participation of all the people who drive and admire Packard Motor Cars. A big thanks goes to everyone who participated.

Until next time, take care.