## Texas Packard Meet e-Letter

August 20, 2015

## SPECIAL EDITION August 20, 2015

I have been asked by the Meet organizers to provide the following to those participants on my e-Letter address list. In addition, it will be posted on the Meet's website.

Please be advised that if your region wants to suggest another venue, "closer to home", for the Texas Packard Meet, it will be your responsibility to do all of the research. This includes all costs involved in providing our needs. The site selected must meet the following criteria:

>75-100 guest rooms, price is important and can be negotiated, that includes good prices for meeting rooms.

>The date of the first weekend in April is important; Easter is April 16th so that should not present a conflict.

>A room which can be used for registration, hospitality, perhaps a meal and can comfortably seat 150-200 for the awards program and for the Sunday morning business meeting. This room needs to be available from

4:00 pm - 11:00 pm on Thursday, 7:00 am - 11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 9:00 am – 12:00 noon on Sunday.

>The ability to provide our own snacks and drinks for the hospitality room.

>Ability to provide finger foods for Saturday noon, at a reasonable price.

>A room to accommodate individuals who attend tech sessions. It needs to be available from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Saturday.

>A room available for a National Board Meeting.

>A banquet room which will seat at least 100 people and the capability of providing the Saturday evening dinner.

>It should have a restaurant on location so that people can get a meal; the Stage Coach Inn coffee shop was often closed.

>An area which will accommodate 50 to 65 cars to be displayed on Saturday, and an area to handle trailers that haul the cars.

>A location suitable for the Friday tour.

>One of most important issues is traffic. We are trying to stay away from cities where there is a lot of traffic.

Please include all of the costs involved, for the entire weekend, in your presentation. Please understand that if your site is chosen, it will be your responsibility to make all of the arrangements for the entire weekend and buy the items for the hospitality room.

At the April, 2016 Texas Packard Meet, each proponent for a new venue will be given a short time to make a full presentation with the above criteria, and the whole membership attending will take a vote. New ideas are always welcome. The registrar has done her best to set up a suitable location on such a short notice, to find available the date we needed and to keep it within our means. If you are not satisfied with the Inn of the Hills for future meets, please have your presentation ready for the meeting.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The 39th Annual Texas Packard Meet will be held at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center, 1001 Junction Highway, Kerrville, Texas. We are fortunate to be able to keep the first weekend in April for the meet (April 1-3). Rooms in the block will be available Thursday (March 31), Friday and Saturday nights.

When making individual reservations, please call Inn of the Hills Resort & Conference Center @ 800-292-5690 and request the Texas Packard Meet block to secure the negotiated group room rate. For any additional questions please contact the Texas Packard Meet coordinator or Inn of the Hills Sales Department at 830-895-6018.

The block of rooms will be held until MARCH 01, 2016 at which time those rooms not reserved will be released for sale to others. Reservations received after this date will be accepted based on availability. Cancellation of a guaranteed individual reservation must be received 24 hours prior to the day of arrival to avoid a no-show charge at the group rate. Rooms will be available for check-in on the day of arrival at 4:00 pm. Checkout time is 12:00 noon.