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Ron Erpelding's 1949 Packard Deluxe Eight



This 49 Packard looks great coming or going.



It's a nice original interior.



Look at that fastback!



“Ask the Man Who Owns One”
Ron Erpelding

TC Eggingtons

by Duane Gunn

It was another nice warm day in Phoenix for a breakfast. We all met at TC Eggington's. 4 Packards came: McAtee 53 Derham, Price 48 Sedan, Marks 56 Patrician, Gunn 55 Clipper. We had Roy Crowe and his 69 GTO, Tom & Martha Ferran, Bill Lauer, Robert McAtee, John & Ellie Povinelli, Marvin & Rosemary Price, Kent Ridgeway, David McCartney, John & Shielah Marks and family; Willard & Ruth Pike and friends; and hosts Duane & Debi Gunn with son Richard and his 1965 Mustang. we had 25 people show up on a very warm Saturday morning in May. We had a few more people than the restaurant was ready for but they did a fine job serving us and no one walked away hungry with their generous servings. They will even welcome us back anytime as long as we bring "those beautiful Packards". So keep those Packards running, people do notice them and admire them. May is the Club's 35th anniversary and we will be celebrating that in a few months. See you at the next Packard event!



John Marks, left, is telling John & Ellie Povinelli about upcoming Packard events.



Marvin & Rosemary Price talk with Bill Lauer and Robert McAtee



On the upper left picture Martha Ferran, Ellie & John Povinelli and Robert McAtee enjoy the warm weather. At right, Robert McAtee's 1953 Derham. Above is the Price's 1948 Sedan.

Packards at the IHOP

by Terry Dunlap

In June we has a treat by a few souls driving their Packards in the heat to an IHOP for breakfast. Our Hosts Terry Dunlap and Tonya Bonanno eagerly greeted each attendee. While there were only 3 Packards that dared the heat, the breakfast was a success. We did have 22 who came out for Breakfast. Those who drove the Packards were Robert McAtee 54 Patrician, Duane & Debi Gunn 55 Clipper, Marvin & Rosemary Price 48 Sedan. Terry had invited others from different car clubs, from his work and others. All in all, we had a good turn out. The food was enjoyed by all who came.



Bill Gatley, John Povinelli, Roy Crowe getting ready to order



Robert McAtee's 1954 Patrician, Duane Gunn's 1955 Clipper, Marvin Price's 1948 Sedan



John Marks, Bill James, Robert McAtee and Roy Crowe



Debi & Duane Gunn

Packards of Arizona's Annual Swim Party

by Duane Gunn

Our Annual swim Party was held on a hot August evening Phoenix, Arizona. The Party was held at the beautiful home of Raoul & Tutsie Jacques, in the backyard with the pool of course. 5 Packards came and were greeted by 2 Packards that resided there. Those cars that came were: Bill Spragins 1929 Sedan Limo, Robert McAtee's 1954 Patrician, Duane Gunn's 1955 Clipper, John Mark's 1956 Executive and Rod Ricker's 1946 Clipper Sedan. We had about 25 Packardites and guests



Bill Spragins 1929 Limo



Rod Ricker's 1946 4 door sedan



Above: Raoul Jacques 1931 833 Club Sedan
 Below is from the right: Robert McAtee's 1954 Patrician, Duane Gunn's 1955 Clipper, John Marks' 1956 Patrician and Raoul Jacques' 1951 convertible.



come to the Swim Party and Barbeque. With the festivities in the backyard starting with those brave enough to come and some even went into the pool! The main event was, as always, the food. This is a low key pot luck dinner with the club providing the hamburgers and hot dogs. This year we got a treat by having barbequed steak, chicken and fish! What a treat! If that was not enough to fill our bellies, the host supplied us with some entertainment that was a surprise and a treat. Our host put on some music and called out for our activities director, John Marks, to show us some of his dance moves when out came our entertainment a belly dancer. This dancer got every ones attention as she danced around the pool and the crowd. If your heart wasn't fluttering from too much food, it now was fluttering while watching the dancer. While the evening could not get hotter, all events must come to an end and too soon it was time to go. If the rest of the club hears about this event we may have too many people come to the next one and will have to search out a larger backyard! See you next time and keep those Packards running!



Sheila Marks and Kerry Warrick prepare the surprise Steak and Fish for the barbeque and swim party we were expecting burgers and hotdogs, This was great!



John Povinelli, Grace & Art Butler, Roy Crowe and Bill Spragins



The Belly Dancer was the other surprise of the evening, we all expected hamburgers and hotdogs not steak and fish and a Belly Dancer, what a night this was, don't miss the next one!



In Tribute to Ken McCartney

As most of you know, our good friend Ken McCartney passed away on Christmas Eve in Carefree, AZ. I am fortunate to count Ken as one of my good friends for most of a decade. I think Ken brought in more club members to the HCCA VSRG and to Packards' of Arizona than anyone else I know. He would meet people with collector cars, get to talking and then invite them to club functions. Invariably they would join up.

Ken outlived the Doctors prognosis by several years as he fought his battle with cancer. His attitude was nothing short of astonishing considering not just the cancer but also his continued responsible care for his wife and son with disabilities.

I have a short anecdote that shows the kind of person Ken was. On the Mormon Lake tour several years back, a new member made an offhand comment at a restaurant that no one understood except for Ken. I believe it was made in one of the Germanic languages. Ken immediately chastised him for the comment, which could have been misunderstood. The individual later apologized (I think he was surprised anyone knew what he said) and Ken accepted it. The huge initial friction was dissipated and later they became friends. We all got together many times with guitar in hand as the new

member played for hours at a time. Ken really enjoyed those times I know. At the Memorial Service, I learned 2 new facts about Ken that I probably shouldn't have been surprised about but was again amazed. The first is that Ken was one of the first Experimental pilots to break the sound barrier (I never even knew he was a pilot!). The second was that he was a PhD, which I should have expected considering his intellect and accomplishments. I list some other facts and statistics below. Born Nov. 10th, 1931. (I jested once in front of his '27 Rolls with a new member that I thought Ken had the car since high school and Ken said he didn't go back quite that far). He was an alumnus of Mishawaka High School (Class of 1950) in Indiana and a graduate from the University of Idaho. He served in the US Navy as a naval aviator. He worked as an Engineering Director for General Electric, Data Products and was the General Manager of PHD of Puerto Rico.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Pauline Elizabeth (Sterling Class of 1950) of 55 years and his five children

Ken loved Dalmatians. He will be missed by his loving family and friends.

By Kent Ridgeway

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General Membership & Board Meetings

Monthly membership and board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - excepting July - at 7:00 P.M. Club matters are determined and all members are invited to attend and be heard in the making of club decisions and policy, although only officers can vote.

We enjoy a separate-check dinner at Jerry's Restaurant, 2323 E. Thomas Road preceding the meeting at 6:00 P.M. A program of general interest follows each meeting

You can accumulate points towards winning the annual activity trophy donated by Win Scott. It's YOUR club! YOU help run it! Come to ALL the meetings!!

Cover Notes - by Ron Erpelding

1949 Packard Deluxe Eight, early 22nd series. I have known the car for about 30 years. I am pretty sure that the car was originally from Iowa. It started out Packard soft cream yellow, but was painted black lacquer back in the 1960's. It was purchased by a Minnesota farmer in the early 1970's and spent the next 30 years in a pole barn with a concrete floor. He and his father were going to restore it back to the original yellow, but Dad got sick and it just sat for years. Then, in the mid 1990's, his father passed away and he agreed to sell it to my friend, Craig and I for \$3000. At the time, I was living in Florida, but spent summers in Minnesota, and we would drive it now and then. It always ran well but smoked. For about 10 years, it was stored winters indoors. Around 5 years ago, I bought out Craig and had the car shipped down to Phoenix, where it has been stored at Art Butler's shop ever since. I was able to locate the original brown and tan herringbone wool broadcloth (an exact match to the original

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material) in London several years ago and had the seats redone, which are very nice. Otherwise the car is original. Just recently, Art's grandson Chris and his friend, Will tore down the old 288 installing new piston rings, replaced some bearings and seals and all new gaskets. So, now, the car runs and drives very well, and no more smoke! The car's body is pretty solid, but has some rust in the front floors and rockers. We purchased new inner and outer rocker panels and front floorboards. When I get a little money ahead, I will have the car stripped to metal to see what additional bodywork is needed and probably paint the car black again, because I think these 2 door coupes look great in black. My friend, Craig, wants me to paint it yellow. That will be a decision for the future, as I plan to enjoy this cool car as is for awhile. The old lacquer is checking and thin in places but still shines and looks great from 20-30 feet away.