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Contemplating the circle of Packard life

Please plan to attend our Annual Holiday Dinner, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant

Cocktails at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm. Please bring a pot-luck dessert. Check email for "Annual Holiday Dinner" Mail-in Form

Packard. The perfect gift.



Two of the youngest, most petite, and bluest participants on the Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance Vineyard Tour — Emi Santana with Tim Walbridge's 1962 VW Beetle.

Concours d'Elegance Road Tour through Oregon Vineyards

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Perfect weather, superb organization and outstanding participation made the 2019 Forest Grove pre-concours winery tour an exciting event for participants and their guests. What a great way to introduce friends to the hobby!

From the Editors

reetings once again Packard lovers! Fall is upon us and the cool days, and unfortunately the rain, have returned. I'm sure many of you are in the process of either putting your cars to bed for the winter or getting ready to work on those deferred projects so your car will be ready to go for next year's tour season.

ndspeaking of tours, it's been about a month since some of us returned from the big fall tour with the Classic Car Club. While it was technically a CCCA event, Packards and our Packard Club were well represented. The tour was really spectacular with about fifteen old cars, of which six were Packards, and the rest being modern iron. We toured through eastern Oregon up into eastern Washington traveling about 150-180 miles per day. Staying two days in Coeur d'Alene, we enjoyed the beautiful setting in the resort hotel right on the lake and even took a dinner cruise our last night in town. That was followed by a drive up into Canada where we spent another two days in Nelson, BC. The ferry ride crossing the lake to get to Nelson was particularly fun and very scenic! Our return home took us to Spokane and the Historic Davenport Hotel. If you've never stayed there, I highly recommend it! It's a gorgeous, fancy old hotel with wonderful amenities and restaurants. With the exception of a few days of less than wonderful weather and the odd mishap here and there, which must be expected with eighty-year-old cars, it was a great tour! Great cars, wonderful people, and lovely scenery!





s I mentioned last year, we really would like to "sync up" our activities better with the Oregon CCCA since many of us are member of both clubs. Tour Director Joe Munsch and I attended the CCCA planning meeting on November 9th, so that we could come back and put together our Packard Club activities and avoid as much competition as possible. One BIG activity we have on the books for next year is the Packard Club National meet in Northern California. The meet will be centered near Sonoma, about 50 miles north of San Francisco, June 29th to July 3rd. Since the national meet does not often get this close to us, it seems to me that this would be a great opportunity to take two days to tour down and enjoy the meet. We'll try to stir up some interest in the Seattle Club as well. More info on that later in this issue....

inally, we still have two important things coming up this year. The first is the selection of officers for next year. Please plan to attend our November 12th Club meeting at the Peppermill if you wish to vote! The second is our annual Holiday Dinner which is planned for December 1st and, by semi-popular request, has been moved to a new location. So, for this year, the Stockpot is out and Ernesto's Italian Restaurant on Beaverton-Hillsdale highway is in. The food is good and affordable, the room is quite nice, and they will allow us to bring our desserts. We look forward to seeing you at both of these events!

John Imlay Joe Santana

From the Tour Director

Joe Munsch

ou remember how sunny this summer wasn't?
Back on September 22, the bold and brave few of us gathered in Oregon City to embark upon a voyage - er - tour down to Scio and the 85th running of the Jordan Chicken Run. They've been doing this since before either of the Packards on this tour had left the factory!

hris Cataldo and his wife, Yoshiko, drove their '41 160 Touring Sedan and Pat Shriver and I were there with our '40 110 Touring Sedan. It was a good day for touring sedans. Did I mention the weather? Not that I'm complaining - any day driving the Packard is better than a day at work. A couple other Packards of Oregon members were along in their allegedly more comfy modern cars, including Bill & Mary Jabs and our fearless leader 'Wet' Will Price. There were also a couple of CCCA folks along for the ride.

espite the precipitation, it was a very pleasant run on the back roads, following the route dictated by Alan Viewig, an old friend of Will's. Will claims he's "known Alan for 50 years and he's always been a bit eccentric." Must be the water. Anyway Alan knows the back roads. We cruised through places named on the map, but seemingly lacking presence on the landscape. Maybe that was just an effect of 80 year old wipers and fog on the windows. Chris' '41 did a fine job and cruised right along. On we went past places like Oregon Gardens in Silverton and then through Sublimity and Stayton, across the Shimanek and Hannah covered bridges, and on down to Scio and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, on whose grounds this meet is held every year.

raveling as a group gives an opportunity to park on the field as a group — like the two Packards. We looked nice and shiny in the rain. Chris' '41 is actually shiny. The Patina Packard, not so much. There were a number of other groups, including several

Model A and Ts, the usual muscle cars, vintage pickups, and sports cars. They kept coming in as the day progressed and the rain ceased. All together about 100 cars, a nice turnout, considering the weather. There were also arts and crafts vendors, and the chicken barbeque that couldn't be beat. By the time we got back out to the car, the sun was peeking through. Pat and I decided to turn our cruise into a wine tour and headed for the Chehalem Mountains. Even if it was damp, it was a nice day to take the Packard out for a drive.



Crossing the covered Hannah Bridge, built in 1936.



The Munsch 110 sedan looks great wet. Chris Cataldo's 1941 160 Touring Sedan looks great in any weather.

Cloudy skies prevailed over the field of about 100 cars.



SZERLIP CONCERT TOUR

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOHN IMLAY

BROOKS ROBERTSON

The concert at Jerry Szerlip and BJ Bennett's place is becoming an annual event with Brooks Robertson playing guitar this year on July 28th. Brooks, a gifted "finger-style" guitarist, played a two-hour solo concert under the giant maple tree to about 150 attendees. What's finger style you ask??? Well, it's more than just strumming chords. "Finger-style" refers to the technique. Bare fingers are used to pluck the strings versus using a single pick. Everything is in the fingers – melody, accompaniment, harmony—like Chet Atkins, or one of Brook's idols, Buster B. Jones.

The day started with several of us at the Sherwood Safeway for the drive down to Junction City. The weather was perfect and our nine cars hit the road about 10:15 am. We headed south down highway 99W through wine country until we arrived in Amity for a brief stop. We assumed that others had preceded us there to enjoy Amity's annual pancake feed and car show, but we learned they had been there and were already on the road ahead of us, so we forged on.

Further down the road, Howard Freedman called about Tom Taylor's Caribbean smoking badly, so we pulled into the Monmouth Police Station parking lot where Bob Earls checked it out. The transmission fluid was leaking, then cooking off to make the smoke. Tom had some spare fluid and the leak was slow enough that he could continue, keeping an eye on the fluid level. So, we were off again! As we passed through Corvallis, Dennis Gilman and Patty Brown joined us in his '39 Ford. I apologize to Jeff Smith and his 1927 LaSalle. Jeff had arranged to join the caravan as we passed through Eugene. However, I failed to notify him that the caravan would be going 55 MPH. Jeff soon fell behind due to my lack of foresight.

Around 12:45 PM, we arrived at Jerry and BJ's place. Jerry was out in the driveway greeting each of us as we arrived and directing traffic. After all our cars were arranged properly, most of us spread out our blankets and chairs by the Big Tree. The concert was set to begin at 2 PM which gave us all time to enjoy the food and drink we had brought.

Right on schedule at 2 PM, Jerry reminded us of concert etiquette and introduced Brooks who played for the first hour straight. After a long intermission while everyone mingled, chatted, ate and drank some more and, of course, admired the many cars assembled on Jerry and BJ's lawn, we settled back in our chairs and the concert resumed. It really was delightful music and quite a display of virtuosity.

As 5 PM rolled around, those remaining said our good-byes and hit the road for home. All-in-all a perfect day with great friends, great weather, great hospitality and of course, great cars. THANK YOU to Jerry and BJ for again offering their lovely place and this wonderful artist.



Larry and Pat Cox, Dennis Gilman, Mona Marsh, Orv Krull and Ruth George enjoy lunch and chat before the concert kicks off.



Jerry steps up to offer a few words and introduce our headliner – Brooks Robertson.





1 JEFF SMITH'S 1927 LASALLE. A FINE FIGURE.

2 CARS, CARS, EVERYWHERE CARS!





Just a small portion of the 100+ attendees.

Our group lined up and ready to go at the Sherwood Safeway parking lot.



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PER. Granted, it is a major event in the car world for us Northwesterners, so it is certainly worthy of inclusion. This year, however, the editors have limited the text about the show and, instead, focused on the wine country tour that precedes it.

1935 Packard Victoria Convertible, Stan Dickison

his year was the seventeenth annual pre-concours tour and I have participated in the last four or five. Thetouriscoordinated each year by Rick Johnston with, of course, the strong support of his wife, Debra. It is always well planned, well executed, very enjoyable, and definitely worth

participating in if you have

not done so.

by John Imlay

Saturday, July 20th was a perfect day for the tour — a cool sunny morning followed by a "just-warmenough" afternoon. Cars began assembling early on the cordoned-offsection of Main Street in Downtown Forest Grove and eventually, there were fifty-three cars lined up and ready to go. This pre-departure time is always a great op-

Rick Johnston welcomes everyone and lays out tour instructions.





Gail and Bhagwan Mayer with Carol Baynes at Abbey Road

portunity to chat with old

friends, make some new

ones, and of course, look

at the marvelous assem-

blage of automobiles. As

we approached the des-

ignated departure time,

the group was called to-

gether for a brief driver's

meeting with Rick and to

enjoy some of the wit and wisdom of our celebrity

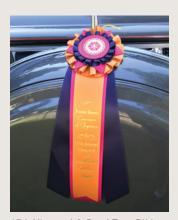
hosts. Donald Osborne and

Nic Waller. Osborne said pre-show tours are becoming more popular at concours events – and he, for one, is thrilled. "There's a growing appreciation that these cars are meant to be driven, which is phenomenal," said Osborne, who makes regular appearances on the TV shows "What's My Car Worth" and "Jay Leno's Garage."



Awards presentation at Abbey Road

"The best part of having a collector car is standing around and talking about it. The second-best part is actually driving it." I'd have to agree with him on that, although one could debate over which is his or her first or second choice.



17th Vineyard & Road Tour Ribbon

1928 Sport Runabout - Bhagwan Mayer, 1931 840 Phaeton - Lewis & Carol Baynes, 1928 5-Passenger Sport Phaeton - Bhagwan Mayer, and 1958 Cadillac 60 Special





1939 120 Convertible - John Imlay, the Mayer Runabout, Baynes Phaeton, 1940 160 Conv. Sedan - Joe Santana



Santana took the trophy for Longest Owned in One Family, just over 70 years.

While at Abbey Road, par-



Deb McCarthy, Emi and Molly Santana rejoiced in the thrill of riding in a 1940 Super 8 convertible.

Santana's 1940, a 1931 Baynes' Phaeton, Mayer's 1928 Runabout, and the center of attention, John Imlay's 1939 120 Convertible



Shortly before 10 a.m., we setoffonourleisurelydrive south into Oregon's picturesque wine country. As always, the drive was well thought out and very scenic. Our destination was Abbey Road Farm in the Willamette Valley which is kind of a combination winery and Bed & Breakfast. It is home to the Silo Suites which are just that, renovated Butler grain silos that offer some upscale rooms in a lovely setting.

ticipants were treated to a delicious, light catered lunch and wine tasting. For the cars on the tour, trophies were presented by emcees Donald Osborne and Nic Waller for categories like 'Furthest Driven' and 'Oldest Car on Tour.' Our very own Co-Editor Joe Santana received the trophy for Longest Owned in One Family, since 1948!

1941 LeBaron 180 Sport Brougham - Frank Daly 1935 Victoria Convertible - Stan Dickison









Picnic games at Sake One

After lunch and more mutual admiration discussions, we set off for our next destination which was the Sake' One Company. Another lovely drive got us there as the day warmed up a bit. This place is not referred to as a brewery, or distillery or even a winery. Technically, Sake is really none of those things. It rather stands alone. Made from rice, water, a fungus called Koji, and yeast, it's a unique beverage that tastes like nothing else.

Our crowd assembled on a number of umbrellacovered picnic tables to enjoy a couple samples of Sake' One's offeringslight, refreshing and quite tasty. Our hosts Rick and Debra, along with Donald Osborne helped hand out the Sake' and each driver also collected his ribbon for participating in the tour. One of the benefits of being on the tour is that if your car is being judged the next day and your scored is tied with another car in your category, the win goes to the tour participant. That ribbon is your proof and may be just that extra boost to get you across the stage!

After a very nice outing, the group began to break up and make their individual ways home. The day is perennially topped off by the Evening of Elegance Dinner held at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course. While I have never attended, my understanding is that it's quite a sumptuous affair. If you'relikeme, you'reprobably spending that evening getting your car ready for the next day's show. Maybe next year???

Rick Johnston and Donald Osborne

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Emi Santana





Photos by Molly Santana

With 120 Years of Packard as the 2019 featured theme at Forest Grove, Packards participated en masse. The handsdown champion of the show was James and Mary Lou Harri's 1934 Packard 1107 Twelve Convertible Sedan. Their top-of-the-line Packard is powered by a 445-cubic-inch, side-valve V12 engine. This car is thought to be one of only three 1107 Convertible Sedans ever built. It was found partially dismantled in the basement of a house in central California.

It was originally sold in Philadelphia in March 1934. The Bill of Sale survives. In an Alabama junkyard in the 1940s, a young lawyer bargained to trade his graduation gift, a new Studebaker, for it. It came to be known as the "Judge Rohr" Packard. It wasn't tracked again until the early 1980s. Jim bought it in 1986 and completed a painstaking restoration in 2018. This is only the second time the car was shown. The first time the car was shown in public since its restoration was at the 2018 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. After Forest Grove, it received 400 out of 400 points in July at the PAC National Meet in West Lafayette, IN, and at the end of that month was a Lion Award Winner in American Classic Open Class at the Concours d'Elegance of America in Plymouth, MI.

Here are the other Packard winners and participants.

TRIPLE CROWN WINNER: 1934 Packard 1107 Conv. Sedan V12 owned by James and Mary Lou Harri of Walla Walla leaves the field for the dais to collect the highest honors: BEST IN SHOW (Kuni Lexus sponsor), BEST CLASSIC CAR (Barrett-Jackson Auctions sponsor) and FIRST PLACE CLASSIC (CCCA) PACKARD 1925-1936 (Packards of Oregon sponsor).





ROTARY PRESIDENT'S AWARD Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Forest Grove

1928 Packard Sport Runabout Bhagwan and Gail Mayer Ladysmith, BC,



ALLEN C. STEPHENS ELEGANCE AWARD Sponsored by: The Stephens Family

1935 Packard 12 Victoria Convertible Stan Dickison of Edmonds, WA



CLASSIC PACKARD (CCCA) 1925-1936 - SECOND PLACE Sponsored by: Packards of Oregon 1932 Packard 903 Kenneth Krolikoski of Tigard, OR



CLASSIC PACKARD (CCCA) 1925-1936 - THIRD PLACE Sponsored by: Packards of Oregon 1931 Packard 840 Phaeton Lewis and Carol Baynes of Joseph, OR



CLASSIC PACKARD (CCCA) 1937-1947 - FIRST PLACE Sponsored by: The Johnston Family 1941 Packard LeBaron180 Sport Brougham Frank Daly of Sammamish, WA



CLASSIC PACKARD (CCCA) 1937-1947 - SECOND PLACE Sponsored by: The Johnston Family 1940 Packard 1803 Sedan Larry Cox of Vancouver, WA



FUTURE PACKARD OWNER Emiliana Santana and G.P. Joe



CLASSIC PACKARD (CCCA) 1937-1947 - THIRD PLACE Sponsored by: The Johnston Family 1940 Packard Super 8 160 1377 Conv Sdn Joseph Santana of Portland, OR



PACKARD NON-CLASSIC 1935-1942 - WINNER Sponsored by: Jerry & Margaret Hoerber 1940 Packard 110 Ron Frey of Estacada



LARRY DOUROUX MEMORIAL AWARD Sponsored by: Packards of Oregon 1956 Packard 5697 Caribbean HT Coupe Thomas Taylor, Beaverton



JERRY HANAUSKA MEMORIAL AWARD Sponsored by: Classic Car Club of America - Oregon Region 1910 Packard Model 18 Tom Clarey, Portland



1953 Packard Patrician Sedan Howard Freedman of Portland



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1948 Packard Custom Eight Sedan Dennis Armstrong and Coral Simdorn of Portland



1948 Packard Standard Eight Station Sedan Tom Clarey of Portland

RELAXING AMONG THE BIG TREES <u>OR</u> I THOUGHT <u>YOU</u> CHECKED THE OIL Howard Freedman, Kathryn Randall, Tamera Krajeski, Bob Earls



!949 Packard Eight Touring Sedan Thomas Sarpola and Dee Dee Fish of Astoria



1940 Packard 160 David Walmer of Portland



1937 Packard V12 Club Sedan John and Margy Imlay of Beaverton



1936 Packard Convertible Sedan Monte and Elaine Glud of Dundee

ADMIRATION





1931 Packard 840 Victoria Coupe Mike McCready of Dayton



1929 Packard 645 George and Suzy Choban



George and Suzy Choban, our founts of wisdom and Packard celebrities, and family



1939 Packard 120 Convertible Coupe John and Margy Imlay of Beaverton



1937 Packard 120 Touring Sedan Edward and Rebecca Penna of Rickreall



1932 Packard 902 5-Passenger Coupe Bill Jabs of Eagle Creek



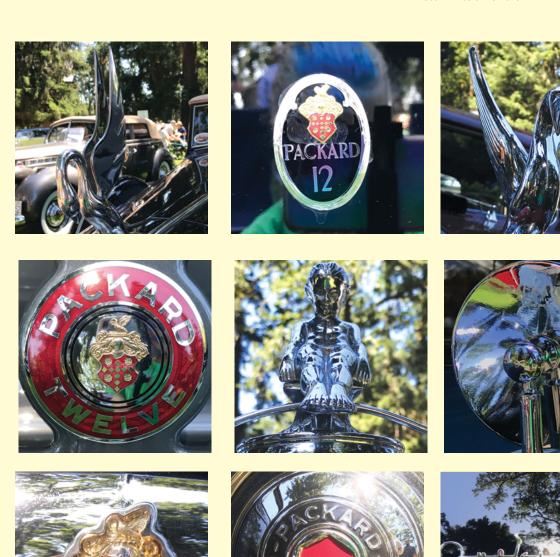
1941 Packard 160 Chris Cataldo of Tualatin



1953 Packard 300 Convertible Thomas Taylor



1931 Packard 840 Roadster Robert Ames of Portland





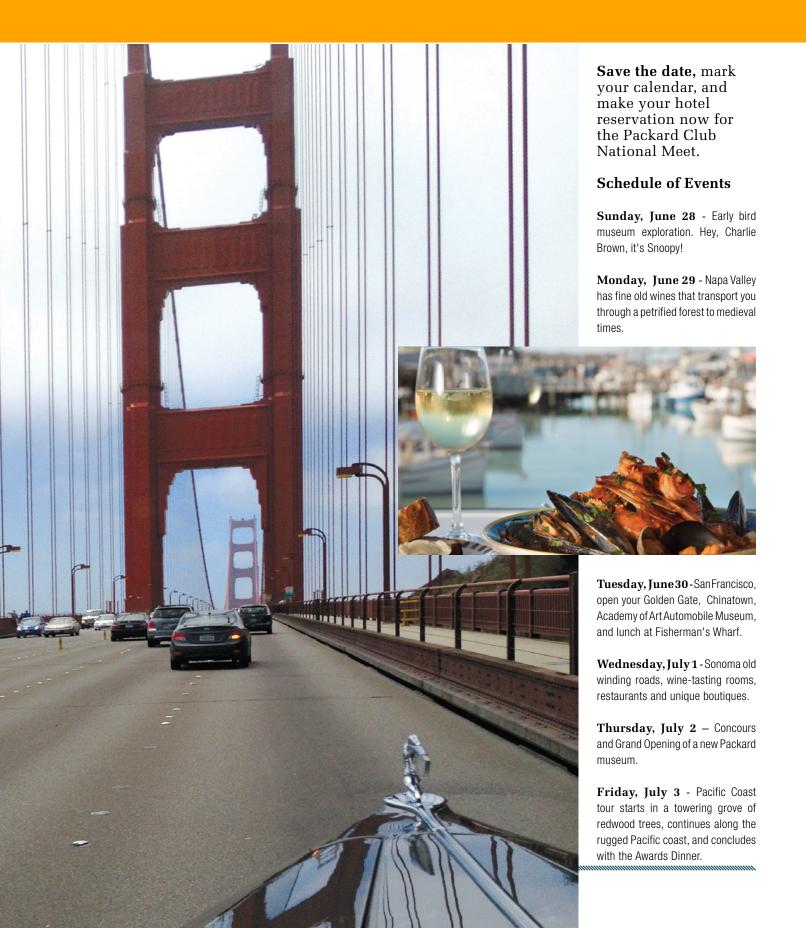
Official stage photographers



John and Margy Imlay chat with Bob Newlands



California Here We Come!







Pacific Coast tour starts in a towering grove of redwood trees, continues along the rugged Pacific coast, and concludes with the Awards Dinner. The Double Tree's park-like setting for the concours sets the mood for the evening's Grand Opening of a new Packard museum.





Napa Valley tour along the Silverado Trail features the Castello di Amorosa medieval castle, world famous wineries, a petrified forest, and lunch in Calistoga. Plus, Sonoma Valley tour through Glen Ellyn to the historic town of Sonoma with its exceptional restaurants, wine-tasting rooms, and unique boutique shops.





Explore the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens, Charles M. Schulz Museum, or California State Railroad Museum.

Watch for National Meet registration in upcoming PAC publications.

Make an advance room reservation at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country 707-584-5466 or visit https://tinyurl.com/ PackardMeet2020

Club group room rate: \$176/night.

1 DoubleTree Drive Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Caravan down or fly into San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK), Sacramento (SMF) or Santa Rosa (STS)Airport.

Shuttle service from SFO and OAK will be available.







Around the middle of September, Laurie Klein, from Salem, Oregon, contacted me to see if one of our members would consider transporting her father, Gerald "Puzzy" Holland, to his 100th birthday party. After some discussion, it was determined that Puzzy loved rumble seat convertibles of the early '30s, so I thought our 1932 Packard 900 Coupe Roadster would be perfect. Not knowing what the weather would be on October 15th, the backup plan was to use our 1932 Packard 902 5-Passenger Coupe.

This was all a surprise to Puzzy, but he did know there was going to be a party in his honor. The weather was beautiful, so his wife took a little detour to the Canby Pond Park, where there just happened to be a shiny black Packard sitting there with the top down. Puzzy, being a car guy, just had to "have a look".

After some drooling and discussion, I asked Puzzy if he wanted to go for a short spin. His first question was, could he drive? Well, it seems that he just lost his license 4 months ago, so that was not an option. We headed out of the park toward the Canby Grove Retreat Center, where 75 relatives from all over the U.S. were waiting with signs and banners. The group loved seeing Puzzy, but the car was also a hit.

1932 Packard 902 5-Passenger Coupe

The party lasted for two days (what a way to turn 100!), but with nightfall coming and rain threatening, I headed home, with a feeling of great satisfaction. I am not sure if Puzzy or I got the most satisfaction from this short drive in a Packard with the top down.



Calendar of Events

December 1, 2019

Annual Holiday Dinner

Ernesto's Italian Restaurant

December TBD

2020 Planning Meeting

To be determined

January 14, 2020

Monthly Membership Meeting

Peppermill

February 11, 2020

Monthly Membership Meeting

Peppermill

February 16, 2020

Annual Valentine's Day Brunch & Tour

Multnomah Falls Lodge - CCCA*

March 10. 2020

Monthly Membership Meeting

Peppermill

March 21, 2020

Garage Tour

To be determined - CCCA*

April 3-5, 2020

Annual Portland Swap Meet

Portland Expo Center

April 14, 2020

Monthly Membership Meeting

Peppermill

April 18, 2020

Wine Country Tour

Willamette Valley - CCCA*

May 2-3, 2020

Eugene/Albany Area Tour & BBQ

To be determined - CCCA*

May 12, 2020

Monthly Membership Meeting

Peppermill

May 16, 2020

Ladies Tea Outing

To be determined - CCCA*

June 9, 2020

Monthly Membership Meeting

Peppermill

June 14, 2020

Annual Strawberry Social

To be determined - CCCA*

June 28 - July 4, 2020

Packard National Meet and Tour

Northern California

July 14, 2020

Monthly Membership Meeting

Peppermill

July 18, 2020

Forest Grove Pre-Concours Tour

Forest Grove, OR

July 19, 2020

Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance

Pacific University Campus

atch website, email, and monthly meetings for details. Monthly meetings are at the Peppermill Restaurant, Aloha, OR. Dinner

around 5:30 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM.

✗ Joint event of Packards of Oregon and the Oregon Region of CCCA



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