



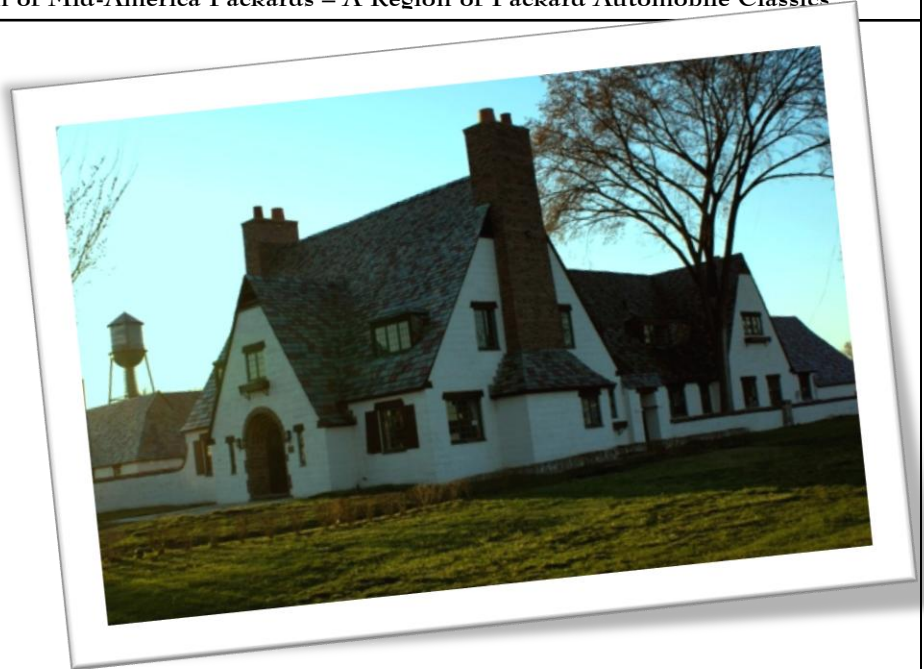
THE DATA PLATE



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This Month's Program June 24, 2011

Recently, Jeff Pachl was able to combine a little pleasure with business, and visit the Packard Proving Grounds after hours. A personal tour by one of the many volunteers allowed an individual tour during the quiet hours of the late afternoon. Jeff will be presenting a selection of photos from his tour of the ongoing project that combines Packard's past with its future.



2011 National Meet Caravan to Galena, IL

Are you planning on hitting the road to Galena this summer for the PAC National? If so, you might want to join the Caravan! All fellow travelers will assemble at the Holt rest stop on I-35 at 8:00 a.m. and leave shortly after to follow I 35 past Des Moines to Iowa 20 east to Dubuque and on to Galena. With all the other rest stops etc. it is anticipated to be about an 8 hour trip.



Refreshments for
June Meeting
McGinness, MAP

July Meeting
Pachl, Norton

Dues Reminder

Have you renewed your Mid-America Packards membership? Perhaps you would consider doing so while at the next meeting, or by mail for your convenience. Dues are still \$20 for 12 months of the Data Plate, and 12 months of Packard fun.

The national Packard Club would like to remind you that all members of PAC regions like ours are required to be members of Packard Automobile Classics. Don't forget to renew your PAC membership for 2011 as well!

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TO BECOME A MEMBER OF MAP, ONE MUST ALSO BE A MEMBER OF PACKARD AUTOMOBILE CLASSICS. WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIPS FROM OTHER PACKARD REGIONS. OWNERSHIP OF A PACKARD IS NOT NECESSARY.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE TRAILSIDE CENTER, 9901 HOLMES ROAD, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI AT 7:30 PM ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

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A Few Words From Your Editor

June 2011

By Steve Christy

This past month Mid-America Packards had a great joint meet with Hawkeye Packards in Kansas City. We always have a fantastic time when the two clubs get together and have seen some phenomenal car collections over the years. We have also participated in some very fun activities as well. The highlight of our joint get together this time for me was stopping by Joe and Jean Zacher's on Sunday morning for a brief visit. Joe and Jean are charter members of Mid-America Packards and have hosted some fantastic Packard events at their home. Jean and Joe don't get out as much these days and I mentioned to Jeff that we literally would be driving by their home Sunday morning on our way to Ehinger's car collection. Jeff emailed them to see if they would like to have company Sunday morning and they responded that they would love to. I know everyone had a great time and for me personally it's always a treat visiting with Jean and Joe.



June 2nd to the 5th was the 8th Euro Packard Meet in Normandy, France. Jerome Hardy did a fantastic job chairing the event. The Euro Packard Meet is held every other year. In 2013 the Euro Packard Meet will be held in Belgium and will be chaired by Marius Butaye. Next month's Data Plate will be devoted exclusively to this year's Euro Packard Meet in Normandy.

2011 Calendar of Events

June	24 – Regular Meeting – Refreshments: McGinness, MAP 26 – Art of the Car – Kansas City Art Institute, 10 a.m to 4 p.m.
July	11-15 PAC National Meet, Galena, Illinois 20-24 – 22 nd Annual National Packard Museum Car Show – “Packard for the People” 22 – Regular Meeting – Refreshments: Pachl, Norton
August	13 – Lackman-Thompson Estate Tour – 10 a.m. – the MAP 30 th Anniversary Celebration!! 26 – Regular Meeting – Refreshments: Norman, Pavlicek
September	8-12 – Experimental Aircraft Association – Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast, featuring a Ford Tri-Motor (More details to come on this show at Lees Summit Municipal Airport and flights aboard the Tri-Motor) 9-11 – Salisbury House Concours d’Elegance, Des Moines, Iowa – Packards are Feature Car 11-15 – Henry Joy Tour VI, Clinton, New Jersey 23 – Regular Meeting – Refreshments: Reese, Reiter
October	5-8 – AACA Meet/Show, Hershey, Pennsylvania, followed by the PTO ?? – Chili Supper and Regular Meeting
November	--- – No Meeting
December	2 – Regular Meeting – Refreshments: Root, Skaggs ?? – Annual Holiday Banquet

If you cannot supply refreshments as scheduled above, please find a family to swap with, or contact the editor [(816) 628-0003] – this is for planning purposes, and never carved in stone!

A Few Thoughts on Fuel Economy....

By Jeff Pachl

During our recent tour to Clinton, Missouri, I had the pleasure of driving our 1955 Packard Patrician. This was the first time in over 5 years it was driven any appreciable distance, and since it is about to head to Galena, Illinois for the PAC National Meet, I wanted to give it a good shake down. All in all, it performed nearly flawlessly, with the exception of twice blowing a cloud of smoke out the tailpipe when restarted after being parked for a while. On both legs of the trip, I kept it at around 65 mph. (Our Garmin works great as a speedometer, by the way.) During the whole weekend, I put about 500 miles on the odometer, and consumed about 40 gallons of gasoline, making the fuel economy roughly **12 m.p.g.** Hmm... have you ever wondered if your Packard is getting anywhere near the same mileage it did when new? A couple of weeks later I found my answer, in the September 1955 issue of *Motor Trend*. In comparing the top cars of '55, they published all manner of performance values for the different makes, including fuel mileage. Here is what they reported:

Fuel Consumption	30	45	60	75	Traffic	Average
1955 Packard 400	18.4	16.3	14.6	12.5	11.3	14.6
1955 Clipper Custom	19.1	18.7	15.8	12.9	11.9	15.7



All in all, I'd say that it is still performing pretty well, as long as I am willing to keep my eyes on our lovely Packard and not look at the gas pump while refueling!

Mid-America Packards / Hawkeye Packards Joint Meet

What a great weekend we had hosting our friends from the north – thanks to all the Hawkeye folks that ventured south for some long distance touring, a night out on the town, and witnessing a couple of “new” Packards making their debut! It’s great to see our Packard fleet growing and out on the road – we have to say, it’s rather inspiring! The following are just a few of the many photos taken over the weekend.



Mid-America Packards / Hawkeye Packards Joint Meet



Don't Miss These Two Great Upcoming Events!



The Art of the Car
At The Kansas City Art Institute



Sunday, June 26, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



This memorable invitational on the grounds of the KC Art Institute is a "not miss" for auto enthusiasts of every stripe. Last year several of our MAP members were featured on the lawn – come see what surprises this year holds!

Mid-America Packards 30th Anniversary Tour to the Lackman-Thompson Estate

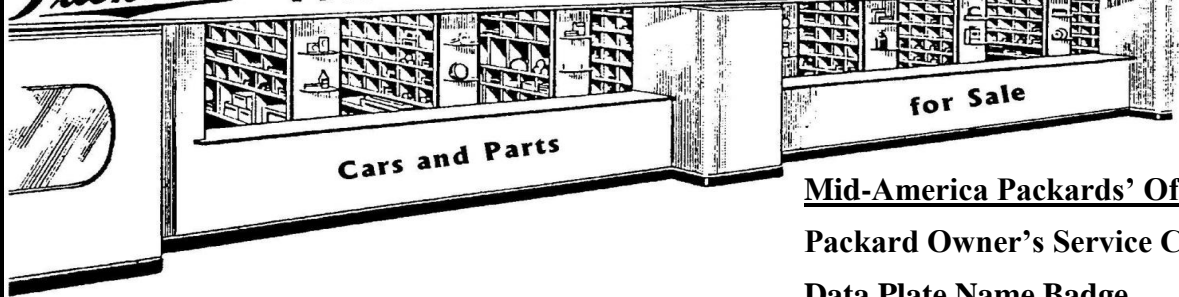
Calling ALL Charter Members!

Come help celebrate MAP's 30th year with a tour on Saturday, August 13, 2011. We will be exploring the historic and exclusive Lackman-Thompson estate as well as the Legler Barn Museum. We hope that all members, especially our Charter Members, will be able to attend, Packards included!



Lunch to follow at Johnny Cascone's. Additional details will appear in the July Data Plate!

Packard PARTS and ACCESSORIES BULLETIN



Parting Out – part or whole car: 1955 Packard 2-dr hardtop Constellation Clipper, big engine, torsion bar suspension, power brakes, Wonder Bar radio, electric seat. (Not running); **Parts:** 1952 Packard Model 200 radiator, drive shaft, and connecting rods. Call: Vic Macek 913-631-9699 email: lcmakek@aol.com

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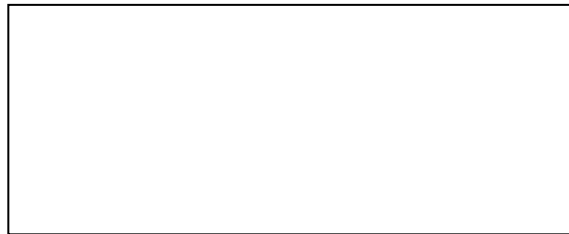
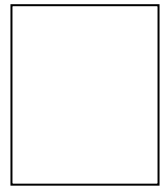
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