

Packard Plaque Dedication

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On May 26th, Memorial Day weekend, Club members traveled to the AACA Library & Research Center in Hershey to make the formal presentation of a commemorative plaque and a \$500 contribution honoring John N. Packard. The plaque will be placed in a prominent area of the Library.

John was a member of the Chesapeake Region, AACA for more than 40 years (1965), serving as President, Director, Editor of *The Chesapeake Bulletin*, and Webmaster. At the AACA National level, John Packard became involved in supporting the Library & Research Center activities as the Library began to establish itself as one of the premier collections of automotive history materials. He was elected to the Library Board of Directors for three terms and served as Board President in 2000 and 2001.

A tireless advocate of the AACA Library & Research

Center's mission, John participated in many fundraising activities for the Library and was active in governance. At the AACA Annual Meeting, John often had a presentation at the Library seminar about some aspect of automotive history that he had researched using Library materials and resources.

John Packard's spirit and dedication to the Chesapeake Region, the AACA, and the Library & Research Center are some of the reasons that we should remember his many contributions to the hobby.

Participating in the dedication ceremony were three generations of Packards: Eleanor Packard, her daughter and son-in-law Laura and Dan Hulsey, plus their children – Ashlynn, Miranda, Justine, and Wesley. The Hulsey's will be the caretakers of the 1937 Packard from John's collection. Representing the AACA Library & Research Center were Steve Moskowitz – AACA Executive Director, and Kim Miller – AACA Librarian. Representing the Chesapeake Region were: Mary & Ed Allen, Larry Butcher, Bud Currey, Helen & Jerry Gordon, Ginny & Paul Habicht, Art Petrucci, Ted Schneider, Mary & Harry Wilhelm, and Linda & Tom Young.



Packard family members and friends from the Chesapeake Region presenting the plaque at the Library entrance.