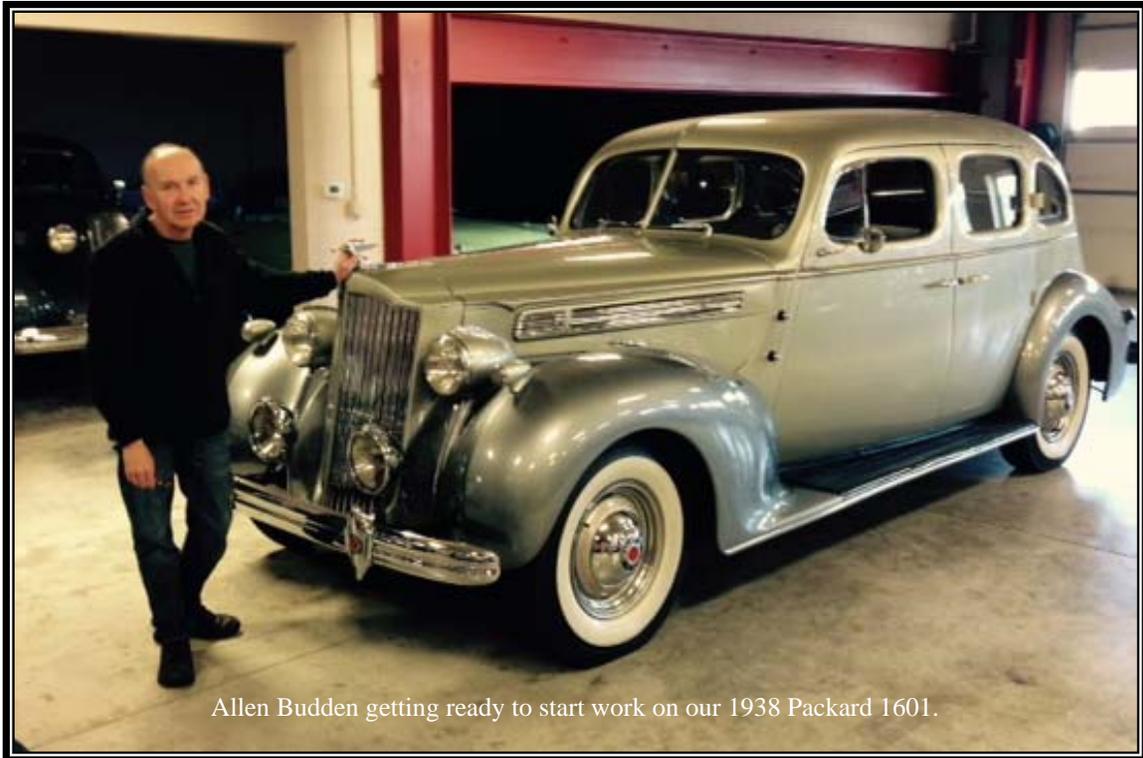


## The Eternal Question for a Parent, "When Is The Child Old Enough For Bling and Makeup?"

By Robert Douglas



Allen Budden getting ready to start work on our 1938 Packard 1601.

Over the years we have often thought about having a pinstripe done along the belt line on our 1938 Packard 1601 but like parents with a young daughter we worried about what would be the best time to let her have make up and a bit of bling! We contacted Howard Freedman and he recommended a good pin striper he has used before, Allen Budden. I called Allen and we discussed what we were thinking about and we set up a time and place to meet.

Well Thursday the 16th of April 2015 was the big day, the Packard went down town to Evelyn and Howard's Gideon Street Shop to get a make over and a bit of bling. At seventy eight we figured that she was old enough, you can't rush into these things you know. At the appointed time Allen arrived with his tool box, looked at the car, I told him what we were thinking of and the color we wanted, which was red to match the center of the hub caps and the pin striping that was already on the wheels.

At this point, like any good parents, we patted her hood ornament told her it would all be fine and turned the Packard over to Allen and let him go to work. He opened his tool box and away he went. It was a pleasure to watch him place the guide tape and align it so that the stripes would flow evenly across the various panels from front to back. After some adjustment out came the can of "One Shot", some exquisitely fine point "dagger brushes" and steady hands began to paint the fine lines down the car.

The process took about an hour and a half to two hours and our Packard was transformed into "the bell of the ball". Frankie and I could see she was very happy with her choice of both color and design. As an Artist myself I was very impressed with how smoothly Allen laid down the paint and how the paint covered in just one coat. I am used to working on canvas or panels so the technique used is a bit different and there are times when I wish acrylic or oils would lay that smoothly.

We were very pleased with Allen's work, he was quiet, confident and professional and the results turned out wonderfully. If you are considering a bit of pin striping for one of your cars you might contact Allen Budden at 503 771 3852 or 503 777 5138. We were very pleased as was our Packard!



A steady hand and a good dagger brush lay a line down the side of the Packard.

Below are a couple of extra detail shots showing the design and the smoothness of the paint application. Since the design is simple and the lines so narrow the work would not show up in a picture of the whole car so the detail shots let you see the quality of the work better.



Pinstripe detail at the front of the hood.



Pinstripe detail at the rear of the line where two lines merge into one.