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## 1931 Packard Grand Salon

We recreated the 1931 Salon originally held at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site on the boulevard on Wednesday, May 29th.

There were stunning 1931 custom Packards from across the country all gathered for this very special event. It was amazing to see these elegant cars driving up and down the elm lined boulevards.



Seeing these beautifully preserved vehicles displayed together at the Proving Grounds was a testament to Packard's enduring legacy and we're thrilled to offer up the perfect location to keep the Packard heritage alive.

We are working hard to ensure that the Packard heritage remains vibrant and accessible for hobbyists and historians alike. Our volunteers and staff put in lots of time and effort on this event, and we really appreciate all their efforts to make it a success. Even Mother Nature cooperated with a lovely sunny day!

Stay tuned for details regarding next year's event.



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## Packard Employee Entrance Arch



Photo credit - Rick Mayer

If you've not been in the Tank Test building in the last year or so, you might want to make plans to visit.

**The transformation is pretty incredible.**

The Employee Entrance Arch is the new star of the show with all the large pieces in place and secured to the wall. There is more detail work to be done, but a project of this size takes some time.

It's pretty amazing to have this original artifact from the Packard Plant right here at the PPG.

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**Join us THIS FRIDAY** on June 14th to celebrate the 96th anniversary of the opening of the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site.

We're gonna keep it chill with a relaxed cruise-in car show and some cake & ice cream for anyone that registers to celebrate with us that evening - hope to see you there! **Click here** to register.



## 1956 Packard Patrician could be yours for as little as \$30

Purchase one raffle ticket for \$30 or two for \$50. The winner will be drawn at the Annual Fall Open House on Sunday, October 20th - you need not be present to win.

**Click here** to purchase tickets online, or stop by the site to buy some in person.

Proceeds benefit the Packard Motor Car Foundation a 501c3 nonprofit to help fund restoration work onsite at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site.

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## Volunteer Spotlight - MEET KEN SNYDER

This month we are thrilled to shine the spotlight on our volunteer, Ken Snyder. Ken began volunteering at the PPG while visiting our Farmers Market 3 years ago. Ken noticed a loose shutter on the Lodge and thought he could help in fixing it. Although someone else ultimately repaired the shutter, Ken soon found himself "drafted" to



build a complete set of shutters for the Repair Garage. Ken has been an integral part of our volunteer team ever since. His diverse contributions include tree care, lawn maintenance, door, roof and window repairs, masonry, painting, furniture building, storm drain development and even ethernet and WIFI networking. He also now serves as a trustee on the Board of Directors and as the Building and Maintenance supervisor, and Packard attire fashion model among many other roles.

Ken proudly recalls managing the Tank Test Center (TTC) painting project last year. “The new paint, the lighting, the floor polishing, the Plant Entryway display, the restoration of the TTC is amazing,” he says. The restoration has transformed the space, and visitors often express their amazement, sharing personal connections like, “My grandfather worked for Packard. I am glad you are keeping this place alive.”

Initially, Ken says he saw only the buildings and the market, but after several volunteer visits, he started to meet the people, worked several events and found a community of like minded volunteers that he has established meaningful relationships with. His work updating the memorial tags on the elm trees introduced him to many of the tree sponsors, adding a personal touch to his volunteer experience. He believes what makes the PPG special is the commitment of the volunteers, the historical significance of the site, and its meticulously documented past. He states, “To be able to look at an old photo and then see the same scene today, I try to imagine what the people in the photo were feeling.”

Ken retired after 42 years of being a software developer. Outside of volunteering, he enjoys model railroading, woodworking, bicycling, and spending time with his daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

We are incredibly grateful to Ken for his invaluable contributions, commitment, dedication, passion and service! In parting, Ken gives a word of advice to our volunteers and visitors saying, “On a sunny day, sit on the bench near the entry gate. Face west towards the sunset under the 82 elm trees. Listen to the wind in the leaves. Relax and enjoy the view.”

**[Click here](#)** if you want to join in on the volunteer fun at the PPG!

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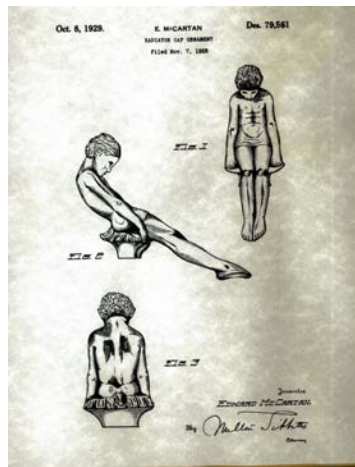
## The Adonis

Written by Kim Parr - Curator

One distinctive characteristic of a Packard vehicle is its hood or radiator ornament. The patent for this beautiful radiator cap ornament was only offered for Packard vehicles from the years 1929 to 1932. Its true name is Adonis, but was also referred to as Daphne at the Well or the Sliding Boy, and was usually placed upon sporty, open Packard vehicles.



Designed by American sculptor Edward Francis McCartan (August 16, 1879 - September 20, 1947), he generally worked with decorative bronzes that can still be found at various museums, parks and gardens. Michiganders might remember his sculpture, titled "The Nude," which was stolen from the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and found at the bottom of the Detroit River years later.



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### 2024 PPG Upcoming Events

**Saturdays - Shelby Farmers Market**

**Friday, June 14th - PPG 96th Birthday & Cruise-in Car Show**

**Sunday, June 29th - Packards & Pints**

**Friday, July 12th - Chic & Unique Night Market**

**Tuesday, July 16th - Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Sunday, July 21st - Easy Rodders Charity Car Show**

**Sunday, July 28th - La Feria - Mexican Festival**

**Sunday, August 4th - Chic & Unique Handmade Market**

**Sunday, August 25th - Wedding Garage Sale**

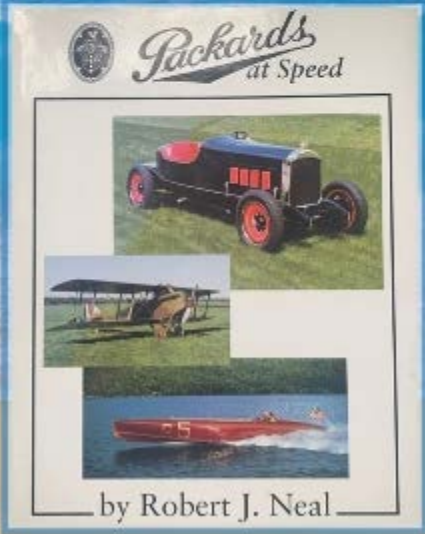
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## The Packard Motor Car Company Employees Search

We are re-creating a listing of the former employees of the Packard Motor Car Company. It's a bit of detective work, but if you can help supply some of the clues - together we may be able to create an accurate historical record of all the men and women that worked for the Packard Motor Car Company throughout its history.

[Fill out the form here](#)



## **Do you have a friend or relative that worked for Packard back in the day?**

If you want to do some historical mystery detective work, this is a great place to start. There is a spot on our website - [www.PackardProvingGrounds.org](http://www.PackardProvingGrounds.org) where you can click the green oval to access a form where you can input any info that you might know about your friend or relative. The form goes to Jim Balfour who is a Packard historian. He has a vast collection of Packard Motor Car Company records, and he'll search through them to see if he can find any mention of the person, and then he'll send you an email with his findings.

He is collecting an archive of the Packard employees and we have a VERY thick binder containing a printed listing of Packard employee names that he was able to verify over the years.

It's amazing some of the things that have been found over the years. Pay stubs, gold watches, photos and more. He might not be able to find anything, but it's pretty simple to check and see.

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## Have a question?

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