



Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site

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Annual Fall Open House

Mother Nature really served up a picture perfect day this year and we welcomed over 400 cars to join us for the Fall Open House Celebration.

It's an 'all hands on deck' situation with volunteers pitching in to make this event run like clockwork. It's a thrill to hear the excitement of visitors to the site, and it helps make all the hard work even more worth the effort. **Check out this [blog post](#) to learn more.**



2024 PPG Upcoming Events

Friday, November 1st - Day of the Dead Celebration

Sunday, November 3rd - Harvest Holiday Market

Sunday, November 10th - The Polar Bears Historic Lecture

Sunday, November 10th - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, November 24th - Wedding Garage Sale

Saturday, November 30th - Model Train Show

Sunday, December 1st - Model Train Show

Friday, December 20th - 'Twas a Night Before Christmas 1939

Check out this new event - tonight at the PPG

Craving some really good authentic Mexican food?

Have you seen the **Walt Disney movie Coco?** It does a great job of explaining more about this very special time to honor our ancestors and that seems to go very well with what we're all about at the PPG.



DÍA DE MUERTOS



DAY OF THE DEATH

Friday November 1st, 2024

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

49965 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Twp. MI 48316

Antojitos mexicanos, tamales, champurrado, pan de muerto

COCO movie viewing 7pm - FREE

Play Loteria and win prizes!

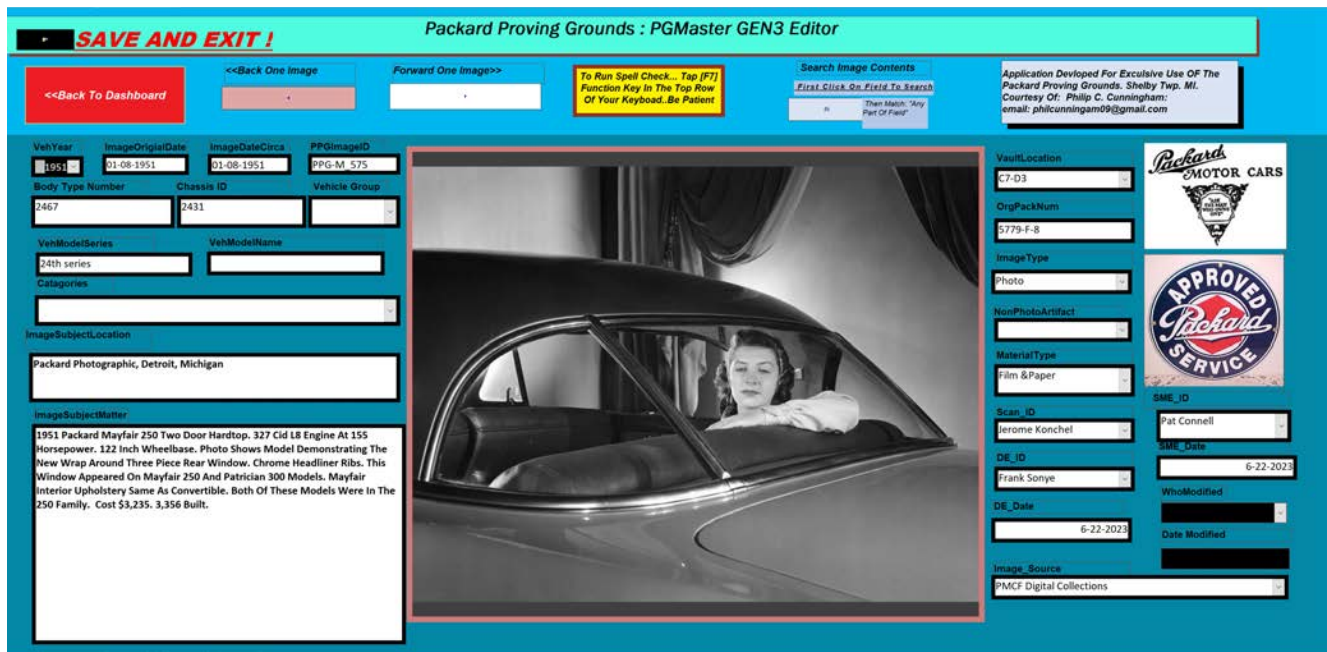
-DJ and live entertainment-

General Admission: \$2

Parking: FREE

Interested being a
VENDOR inquire by email:
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A screenshot of image 12,563 from our Vault's digital collection, the image that made us the largest collection of Packard photos in the world!

Packard Vault Digital Collection

The Packard Proving Grounds Vault digital collection could very well be the largest in the world, surpassing PackardInfo.com's collection of 12,562 Packard photos!

While PackardInfo.com's photo library consists mainly of current photos uploaded by Packard enthusiasts, it is noteworthy to mention that our collection is almost exclusively of OEM Packard Motor Car Company's photo department, legacy photos. The count is still growing, too. We have over 13,664 images in the vault.

Thank you to **Phil Cunningham** and our vault team for making this milestone a reality.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Guy LaFalce

This month, we're delighted to shine the spotlight on one of our dedicated volunteers, Guy LaFalce, who brings not only his passion for classic cars and engineering but also a warm, social spirit to the Packard Proving Grounds (PPG). Guy's journey with us began last year when he was seeking an opportunity to

stay active and meet new people. Since then, he's been a valuable part of our volunteer team, working with car shows, special events, and being a Parking Attendant.



We're also fortunate to have a second generation of LaFalce volunteer support here at Packard—Guy's son, Mike, who is also a dedicated PPG volunteer and an engineer. It's inspiring to see a father and son team supporting our community!

Guy's background as an engineer, including 42 years with General Motors, shines through in his passion for classic cars. He's rebuilt seven or eight cars to date. Guy describes the work as more than just a hobby: "It's not about buying something; it's about doing something yourself!" His expertise and appreciation for classic cars make him a perfect fit for the Packard Proving Grounds.

Reflecting on his time at PPG, Guy appreciates the variety of volunteer roles and the learning opportunities each brings. "There are so many different things you can do here, and you learn so much from all of them!" Guy shared, adding that socializing and staying active are key parts of what he enjoys most about volunteering. For anyone considering joining the volunteer team at Packard, Guy's advice is simple: dive in! The chance to meet people and contribute to our historic site is immensely rewarding. We're grateful to have Guy and his family's support in helping PPG continue its mission, and we thank him for his dedication and camaraderie.

[Learn more about Volunteer Opportunities at the PPG](#)

Mark your Calendar for the 2025 Salon

Earlier this year we recreated a 1931 Salon which took place on the Packard Proving Grounds back in the day.

It was awesome to see such a beautiful collection of Packards lined up on the boulevard by the rows of elm trees.

We have set the date for the 2025 Salon and we're reaching out to the owners of Packard Twelves which includes the 1932 Twin Sixes all the way up to 1939s.

We'll share more specific details and the date draws near - stay tuned!



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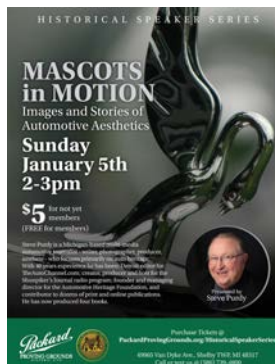
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The Michigan WWII Historic Trail



The Packard Motor Car Foundation hopes to join the **Michigan WWII Historic Trail** to help showcase the Packard Proving Ground's Arsenal of Democracy involvement in WWII.

The Michigan WWII Historic Trail is a statewide opportunity for communities and businesses to celebrate their war heroes and triumphs. By highlighting significant WWII events, businesses or individuals, the Historical Trail will recognize the courage, ingenuity and resiliency shown when the country needed them most.

If you would like to make a donation to help in this endeavor, please mail a check made payable to 'Packard Motor Car Foundation' and include 'WWII Historic Trail' in the memo, and mail it to the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site 49965 Van Dyke Shelby Twp, MI 48317 or **[click on this link](#)** to donate via credit card.



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The farmers market is done for the season, but not forgotten. If you like to purchase farm fresh eggs, check with your farmer because many of them carry on selling them through the winter.

Titus farms is one that does, Sheryl's next egg delivery date is Saturday, November 9th. Send her a text to join her text message group so you can place your order for pick up Saturday morning at the PPG.

Text us at 586-739-4800 for more info.

Once you start eating farm fresh eggs from happy chickens that can run around and eat what nature intended, it's hard to go back to factory farm eggs from the grocery store, and rightly so!

Have a question?

You can text us at the PPG main phone #586-739-4800



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