



Lovely Sunsets at the PPG

The long dark nights of winter will slowly start to give way to more daylight as we inch toward warmer weather once again. Inside the buildings there is lots of activity though!



Dynamometer Restoration Begins

There is excitement in the air as a team of volunteers gets started restoring the PPG dynamometer that has been stored for many years. The restoration will be to a level 5 based on the *Old Cars Price Guide* condition rating of 1-6. (1=Concours 6=scrap) The goal is a fully operational rolling display, with a non-running power-train.

The chassis and parts have been moved to the Tank Test building maintenance area for better access to tools and heat. The crew made a careful inventory and developed a list of missing parts, and then they got busy taking it apart. We're excited to have a display that is so unique to the PPG, and we're already thinking about outreach possibilities when it's completed.

If you'd like to get involved, there are lots of opportunities for donations in-kind with some specific automotive parts and/or services, and cash donations are always helpful. We're also open to sponsorships. Contact **Dave Dolby** for more specifics, or drop a check in the mail with 'Dyna' in the subject line and you can be a part of the restoration of this important artifact of PPG history.



(left) **Larry Telles** is driving the Hilo, **Dennis Kuhn**, and **Ethan Jackson** assist - **Steve Cizmas** is the cameraman. (right) Bare frame, the team is making good progress.



GEMS FROM THE VAULT

Phil Cunningham

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the December summary of the Proving Ground's Image digitizing project.

Snow-covered or otherwise, the elm tree boulevard is a beautiful piece of the Proving Grounds. Like the rest of the PPG's buildings and collections, these trees have a special history, one that's been supported by a host of generous donors and volunteers. [Click here to read more about the Elms of Honor project.](#)

New Donor Boards in the Lodge

Special thanks to **Tom Tuls**, PMCF Trustee who handcrafted two

beautiful replica boards. The center board was the original from the office of the Packard Plant where top salesmen stats were recorded. We're now planning to use these boards for displaying top donors to the PMCF. **Ken Snyder** created some covers to camouflage the boards for events as needed.



Rhonda the Riveter

Rhonda got to play dress up in coveralls that belonged to Frances Palo who was a real live Rosie that worked for Packard during WWII. Her son donated them to the PMCF and **Rhonda** really brought them to life for a photoshoot. Many thanks to Rhonda for being such a good sport!



Cub Scout Pack 92 - Pinewood Derby

The PMCF has sponsored Cub Scout Pack 92 for several years now, and it's always fun to host their Pinewood Derby. Imagine what automotive design will be like when these young people become adults!



Daisy Scouts

We're getting to know some new Daisy Scouts that were without a meeting location this winter. Special thanks to **Ray and Ro** who are willing to come out and chaperone for this group. It's awesome for local kids to learn about the PPG at such a young age since they could be part of the future of the site.



Upcoming Event Dates

Thursday, Feb 10th - Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday & Saturday, Feb 25 & 26th - Croppin' with the Cars - scrapbooking event

Sunday, Feb 27th - Model Train Show

Sunday, March 20th - Packard Weddings Garage Sale

Sunday, March 27th - Packard Wedding Show

Sunday, April 24th - North Oakland Mopar Muscle Car Show

Sunday, May 8th - Mother's Day Brunch



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2022 CROPPIN' WITH THE CARS SCRAPBOOKING EVENT](#)

Model Train Show

Sunday,
Feb 27, 2022
10 am-3 pm

Admission: \$7
Age 11 & under free w/adult
paid admission



Info: Mike 586-271-6024
or mikelj@comcast.net

Vendor tables \$25 each
Set up starts at 7 am



Register at: PackardProvingGrounds.org/Events

Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site
49965 Van Dyke Ave Shelby Twp, MI 48317
586-739-4800

CROPPIN' WITH THE CARS

2nd Annual Scrapbooking Event

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 6-10 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 9 AM-9 PM

Friday/Saturday crop \$60 per person

Admission includes: Friday night snacks, Saturday light
breakfast, lunch & dinner - 2 croppers per 8 ft table



- MAKE & TAKES
- MESSAGES ON SITE
- RAFFLE BASKETS
- GOODY BAGS
- VENDORS ON SITE
- DOOR PRIZES

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MODEL TRAIN SHOW](#)**



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Wedding Show & Wedding Garage Sale

After a two year hiatus, it will be nice to have our wedding show again this year. There are a very limited number of vendor spaces available. [Click here](#) for vendor registration.

The Wedding Garage Sale has grown a bit each year, and now we've opened it up to vendors that might have some decorative items that

they would like to sell too. PPG wedding alumni couples get a vendor space for free, they just need to call Rene at 586-739-4800 to sign up. Vendor cost is a \$25 donation to the PMCF. We won't open the doors until 1pm this time around, and admission is free and open to the public. Bring your cash and get ready to wheel and deal. It's also a great opportunity to network with other PPG wedding couples.

Wedding Show
at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site
Sunday • March 27, 2022 1-4pm



Discover wonderful resources & inspirations for your wedding.

- Caterers
- Specialty Linens
- Florists
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- Hotels
- Wedding Planners
- Bakeries
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- Transportation
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- Bar Rentals

Check out this rustic, industrial venue!

View classic Packard cars onsite

PACKARD WEDDINGS

49965 Van Dyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48317

PackardWeddings.org
\$5 person admission donation
586-739-4800

PACKARD PROVING GROUNDS

WEDDING GARAGE SALE



Recycle
Repurpose
Reuse



1-3pm Sunday, March 20, 2022
(costumes optional!)

49965 Van Dyke Ave Shelby Twp, MI 48317





CONSIDERING MAKING A DONATION TO THE PPG?

*We appreciate your
continued support!*

Visit PackardProvingGrounds.org to schedule a free historic tour - our docents are standing by! At the end of your tour if you'd like to make a donation, we will happily accept it.

You can also drop a check in the mail to us at: 49965 Van Dyke Ave Shelby Twp, MI 48317 or [click on this link](#) to donate via credit card - we're very flexible when it comes to donation opportunities. :)



Thanks for your interest in the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site!

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