



PT Boat Display

It all started back in 2018 when Laura Scaccia donated an 81" long PT boat model honoring her lifelong companion Gary Kohs (owner of Fine Art Modeling).

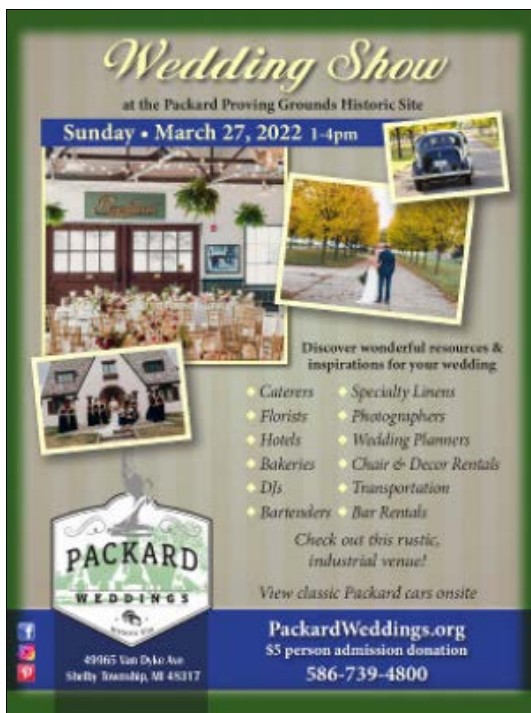
The model was restored by Bob Hickl, former FAM employee, in 2021. Dennis Fowler of D F Plastics in Harrison Twp constructed the plexiglass cover.

PPG volunteer Ken Snyder built the display table with wood donated by Mark Smucker, President of the PMCF. Next PPG volunteer Dennis Olivieri installed a new LED light above the new display in the Tank building, next to the PT boat motor. It really makes a nice addition to the PMCF collections.

You can read more about this in a recent blog post:

[Sailing Home: The Refurbished Return of the PT Boat Model](#)





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 to all others 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.

Upcoming Event Dates

Sunday, March 20th - Packard Weddings Garage Sale

Sunday, March 27th - Packard Wedding Show

Sunday, May 8th - Mother's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 14th - Shelby Farmers Market Opening Day

Sunday, May 15th - North Oakland Mopar Muscle Car Show (new date!)

Sunday, June 5th - Vintage & Handmade Market

Scrapbooking Event & Model Train Show Back to Back

It was a busy weekend at the PPG with these two events. It was the 2nd annual Croppin with the Cars Scrapbooking event - with a year off in between. The event went well, and there were some attendees that returned for another year of fun. Thanks for all the donations for raffle baskets, and everyone that worked so hard to make it a success - **Rene, Risha, Lori, Mary, Joannie, Pam, Steve, Jim, Dante, and the high school volunteers**, it was indeed a labor of love.



The model train show was a new event for us this year. We partnered with **Mike Neuendorf**, and he really knows a lot about model trains and train shows.

We also discovered that several of our PPG volunteers are into model trains. **Ken Snyder** put together a little display with Packard boxcars and he even added a model Packard that appears to be pretty close to scale. He knows lots of cool tricks to make the rocks and dirt look very realistic. **Dennis Olivieri** was part of the fun plus **Walter & JoAnn Schirmacher** worked the scrapbooking event and train show back to back!

Dante coordinated a food offering for the show with his sister **Donna** serving as cashier. Local high school students from both Utica HS and Eisenhower HS were on hand to help out and earn some of their community service hours. **Larry Telles, Ray Hollingsworth and Rick Mayer** gave tours to train show visitors that were interested in checking out the classic Packards stored in the Tank building. It was wonderful to welcome so many new visitors to the PPG.



Special thanks to **Jim Mischel and Dante Sabatino** who go above and beyond the call of duty keeping the roads, paths and walkways cleared and walkable. There are so many things like this that happen behind the scenes that help make our events possible.





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Operation Dynamometer Progresses

The frame and the front and rear axles are back from stripping and painting. A little more work is required on the smaller parts and the reassembly can begin.

Thanks to everyone that has sent in a donation specified for this project, it has really helped to encourage the guys to keep up the hard work. If you'd like to join in the fun (virtually and financially) just drop a check in the mail made payable to 'Packard Motor Car Foundation' and list 'dynamometer' in the memo line and then mail it to us at 49965 Van Dyke Ave Shelby Twp, MI 48317 or [click here](#) to donate via credit card. We really appreciate your support!

We'll list all the contributors (in cash and services rendered or donations in kind) on our website as we get ready to unveil the finished project.



Gems from the Vault

The vault team has been hard at work with scanning and data entry. January numbers were lower due to some system maintenance that needed to be taken care of. [Click here](#) to check out their numbers.



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

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