



2021 Fall Open House

We were blessed with wonderful weather for the fall open house this year. Our best estimate is over 500 classic cars turned out for the event, and a few thousand of our closest friends. It's nice to know that the community is interested in the work that we are doing to preserve this wonderful bit of Packard and automotive history. Drone photo by Roy Rogers.



It was all hands on deck with volunteer help on Open House day - thanks to everyone that helped out before, during and after this wonderful event. (upper left) Mary Mabbott works the classic car registration table and (upper right) her husband Alan drives the Packard taxi again this year. Left photo by Rick Mayer and photo on the right by Roy Rogers.



Here's a look at the grounds facing West and a shot of the welcoming crew at the main entrance in front of the Lodge. From left to right is Nancy Hendren, Roberta VanderMarliere, Kathy & Tom Mitchell, missing is Bernie Siemion. This crew of longtime volunteers encouraged donations as visitors arrived onsite. Photos by Roy Rogers.



Marcia Arnold managed the bake sale again this year, special thanks to Militelo Bakery for donating brownies, and Yates Cider Mill for donating donuts and cider plus all the volunteers that brought in baked goods and helped with the bake sale.

On the right is the expanded gift shop in action headed up by Risha & Rene plus some NHS students from Utica High School. Photos by Rick Mayer.



The Belgian American Association band provided live music for the festivities. The large group filled up the entire Lodge Garage and you could hear them quite well in the surrounding area. Do you recognize the tuba player on the right in the red shirt? Yep that's our own volunteer and emeritus trustee John MacArthur.

[Click here for a short video sample.](#)

Upcoming Event Dates

Saturday, November 20th - Harvest Holiday Indoor Farmers Market

Sunday, December 5th - Polish Food Drive Up event

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



A Volunteer Visit to the West Coast!

In October, while visiting their youngest daughter and her husband, volunteers **Pam and Tim Propst** visited David Moe, a popular west coast Packard parts supplier. David advertises in the Packard Yellow Pages, included in the Membership Directory. His warehouse and operations are located in Marysville, Washington, a half hour north of Seattle.

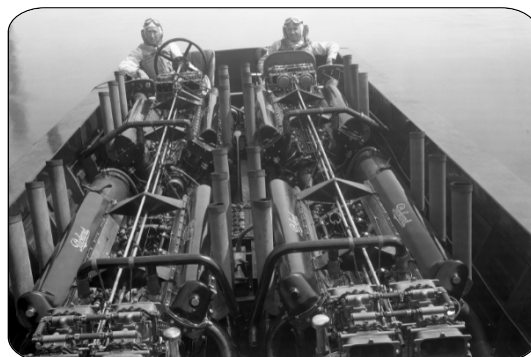
David has never seen the Packard Proving Grounds, but he knows many of the people associated with the PPG and has a trip to the Detroit area on his bucket list. He sees a strong interest in preserving Packards out west, with young owners restoring cars and leaving them "bone stock". David regaled Pam and Tim with tales of chance Packard acquisitions and starting his business at the age of fourteen! Despite the enormous storehouse of parts, Tim found nothing to upgrade his 1947 Custom Super Clipper.



GEMS FROM THE VAULT

Phil Cunningham

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



Packard's history took its engines to the roads, the skies, and the water. During WWII, Packard assisted the production of wartime vehicles and equipment - notably, aircraft and marine engines. Our collections feature various materials related to these efforts - including a host of original photographs, the marine engine, and a made-to-scale model of a WWII PT boat.

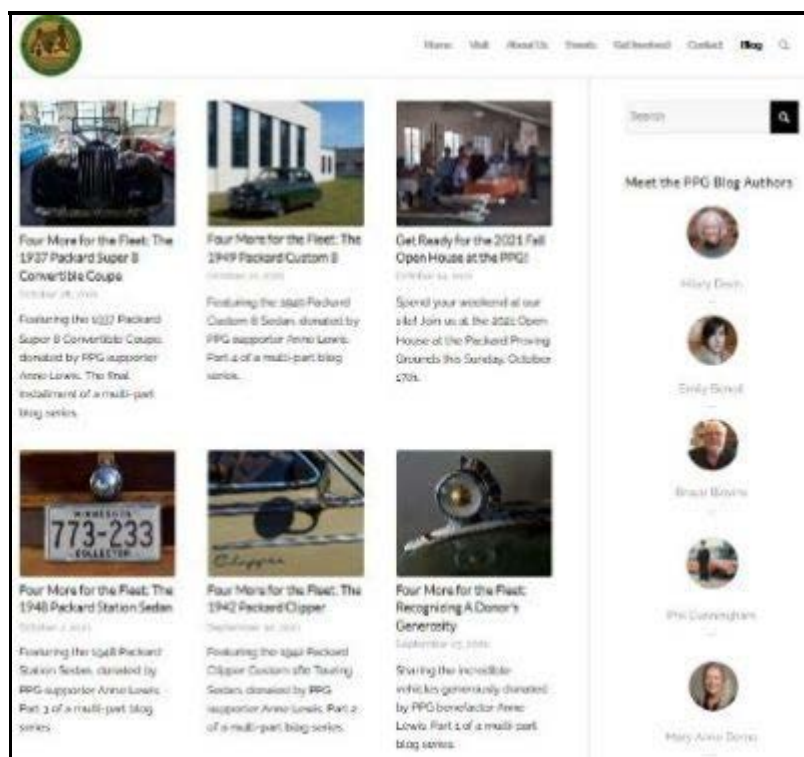
[Click here to read about the return of the PT Boat model on our blog page.](#)



The PT boat replica (left); and Bob Hickl, the artist who restored the model (right).

Updates from the PPG Library & Archives

Emily Benoit, MA, MILS



The PPG blog page is a treasure trove of information!

One of the best parts of working with historic materials and locations is the chance to engage in storytelling. History isn't just the place where things happened, it consists *specifically* of the happenings themselves that make history. And whether it's past or present happenings, we love to tell our audience about them.

In addition to our other social media accounts (like Facebook and Instagram), our blog page is a great way to follow the goings-on at our site. We share news about special events - both past and present - on that platform, and it's a great source of stories and news. And we're always looking for more.

Do **YOU** have a Packard-related story you'd like to share with our readers? We've created a fillable form for you to send us the details. Although we can't guarantee that every submission will result in a blog post, we want to give our readers the chance to contribute to the narratives we're able to tell about this historic site. [Click here to be taken to the fillable form.](#)



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donation to the PPG.

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1932 Light Eight 'Shove Nose' Coupe-Sedan Painting

Dennis Kuhn and Dave Dolby, PMCF Trustee took care of hanging this beautiful painting in the Lodge.

It's an original oil painting of a 1932 Light Eight, Coupe-Sedan. The sepia/gray toned oil on canvas is 24 x 37". Packard used these paintings as masters for lithographs which when copied would be used for printing ads. This image can be seen in the 1932 brochure featuring the light eight. That brochure also shows similar images of three other 'Shovel Noses'. Wouldn't it be great to have the other three as well?

Last month we forgot to mention that this was donated by the Motor City Packards car club!

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

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