

Packards International's

Membership Meet 2010

***Official Registration Information and
Application***



January 29th through 31st, 2010

Doubletree Hotel

Orange, CA

Packard's
INTERNATIONAL

47th Annual National Membership Meet

January 29, 30, and 31, 2010

**The Doubletree Hotel
Orange, California**

Don't look now but 2010 is looming right over the horizon and we are assured that the recession is over! Time to celebrate!. Once again, it is time to mark your calendars, make your reservations and rush the Cormorant on your Packard through its molting season. Head the bird south and west because it's Membership Meet time in Orange County once again. January 29th through January 31st, 2010 is the weekend for Packards International's 47th Annual Membership Meet. A full weekend of exciting activities awaits the Packard enthusiast, guaranteed to stir the blood and provide as much [automotive] stimulation as you can handle. For this 47 year old, fun is the byword.

Your National Board of Directors has arranged for a weekend of activities that will commemorate the automobile and the company while providing historical information and unique perspectives, to participating enthusiasts. This is your invitation to be a part of a memorable event. Some of the weekends planned activities include:

- Friday tour of the Petersen Museum including exclusive access to their "Vault".
- Friday Evening business meeting and special presentation: The Magic of Packard
- The Packard Grand Salon Concour d'Elegance including a Darrin corral. .
- Dinner / Dance / Grand Salon Awards presentation
- "All Packard Parts and Literature Exchange", the largest Packard only Swap Meet west of the Mississippi.!
- Featured Car: "Junior Packard". This year we will feature the Packard cars that saved Packard from the Great Depression to live another day.
- Silent Auction of Packard "treasures" to benefit the National Packard Museum in Warren, OH

All of our weekend's activities will be based around the Doubletree Hotel in Orange, our host for the previous 19 Membership Meets. A block of rooms at an especially favorable price has been reserved in the name of Packards International for this special event. Hotel Room reservation information is provided elsewhere on this invitation. Also note that internet reservations are available.

Friday, January 29, 2010:

Your weekend of Packard activities begins bright and early on Friday morning. Make sure you make your travel plans accordingly. If you are coming from out of town, we suggest arriving on Thursday evening.

For 2010, we will visit the magnificent automobile collection and display, in full Hollywood style, of the Petersen Automotive museum. The Petersen Museum is a diverse collection established by Robert Petersen of Petersen Publications. Homage to a wide variety of vehicles including classics, hot rods, milestone vehicles and the full gamut of motorized transportation is presented to visitors. Along with the static street scene display and the cars of Hollywood display at the museum, two special exhibitions, "California Car Design" and "Misfits of Motordom" will be on display. For Packards International guests only, we will have an additional guided tour of the museums "Vault" by museum director, Dick Messer. Finally, we will enjoy a private lunch in the Petersen's fourth floor penthouse

Our Friday evening will be occupied with our business meeting as well as a special treat of "The Magic of Packard". Also, be sure to look for the "Silent Auction" of Packard items to support the Packard Museum at Warren!!

8:00 am (sharp!): Chartered buses depart Doubletree Hotel for Petersen Museum. The buses are provided as an alternative to driving to the Museum. Separate registration for the bus ride is available. Note that traffic between West LA and Orange County is notoriously bad, we encourage using the bus.

9:30 am: Arrival at the Petersen Museum. *(For those not using the chartered bus transportation option, parking is free for Packard automobiles. For all others vehicles, there is a separate charge of \$8.00 to park. The Petersen discourages arrival before 9:30 am (parking lot not open)).*

Approx 2:30 pm: Buses depart the Museum

Approx. 4:30 pm – Buses return to Doubletree Hotel. Actual return time will depend upon traffic.

6:00pm - No Host Cocktails and Registration in the Grand Ballroom. Take time to view the examples of the "Junior Packards".

7:00pm – 10:00pm - Dinner followed by our yearly Packard International business meeting. We will also have the great honor of having David Charvet, award-winning magician, author, Packard owner, and long time member of Packards International, present "THE MAGIC OF PACKARD" an interactive performance blending Packard history, baffling magic, comedy and audience participation. For over 30 years, David's magic has been seen around the world in theaters, clubs, cruise ships and network television. This is sure to be an entertaining evening you won't want to miss. "Silent Auction" opens to benefit the National Packard Museum in Warren, OH.

Saturday, January 30, 2010:

As usual, Saturday of Membership Meet is jam packed with activities beginning at day-break and running well into the evening. The Grand Salon presentation of our magnificent Packards and the subsequent judging will dominate the day. As an added attraction for the day, we will be spotlighting Packard Darrin automobiles. In 2009, we were able to assemble several Darrins in a "corral" display; for 2010, the Darrin corral is expected to be even larger, perhaps the largest Darrin gathering on the West Coast. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity. And don't forget the evening gala awards presentation and dinner/dance. The "silent auction" of Packard related items continues. Your money benefits the National Packard Museum, you get a tax deduction, and you can add to your personal collection of Packard treasures.

7:00am – 9:00am: Arrival and positioning of the Packards in preparation for the Grand Salon Concours d'Elegance. We encourage all Packard owners to bring out their Packards, for judging or for display only. They are all products of the Packard Motor Car Company and all are worthy of our appreciation and attention. Please note the reduced entry fee for "display" Packards.

9:00am: Judging begins. The Packard Grand Salon Concours d'Elegance utilizes Packards International's unique and extensive judging procedures to identify and pay tribute to those automobiles and their owners that represent the pinnacle of restoration, preservation and presentation. *PI judging includes an "engine run-up" evaluation where the operation of the engine and other road worthy components will be evaluated. Owners will need to be available to start their car for the judges.* Judged vehicles will be vying for entry into the prestigious "Circle of Champions", awards in Pre- and Post War classes, and recognition as "Most Elegant", "Best Sport Motif" and "Best in Show".

Note: Only pre-registered vehicles will be included in the judging; no on-site registration for judging.

10:00am: Youth Judging Program: Where are the Packard enthusiasts of the future coming from? They will be your own children and grandchildren. Have them join in this unique addition to our Packard weekend where we introduce them to the pleasures of the Packard automobile. Participants will take part in their own junior judging of the cars on the field with their efforts resulting in trophy awards at Saturday's banquet. (Limited to the first 20 children between 6 and 14 yrs old. There is no charge for the Junior

Judging Program; however, pre-registration of the Junior judges is requested. Look for sign-up location on page two of the registration form.)

6:00pm: No Host Cocktails in the Grand Ballroom and Foyer. Enjoy the featured "Junior Packards" positioned in the foyer and Grand Ballroom.

7:00pm: Grand Salon Awards Presentation Dinner. Dinner will be served in the Grand Ballroom followed by the presentation of the judging results from the morning's Concours d'Elegance. Following the awards, music and dancing will commence and continue late into the evening. The silent auction will be completed. Make sure you get in the last minute (and winning bid) on the Packard related items.

Important Note for Vehicle Owners participating in the Concour d'Elegance Judging:

Trophies will be presented to at the banquet only. If you are not present to receive your trophy, they will be held at Club headquarters for you to either pick-up or to make other shipping arrangements. Packards International will **not** automatically ship the any trophies or awards to recipients.

Sunday, January 31, 2010:

6:00am – 8:00am: Vendor arrival for the Parts and Literature Exchange (rain or shine). No overnight arrivals or set-ups are permitted in consideration of hotel guests.

Important Note for Vendors: No tables will be provided nor will they be available from the hotel. All vendors are responsible for making their own arrangements for tables for the event.

8:00am – 2:00pm: Parts and Literature Exchange open to the public (rain or shine).

Silent Auction:

We are soliciting donations of Packard related items suitable for inclusion in the Silent Auction benefiting the National Packard Museum. Receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the donated item. Contact club headquarters for more information: (714) 541-8431 10am – 2pm CA time

Hotel Accommodations:

The Doubletree Hotel (100 The City Drive, Orange, California, located between the 22 and I-5 freeways at the intersection of State College/City Drive and Chapman Avenues) will once again play host to our weekend celebration. A block of rooms at the special rate of \$107.00 per night (not incl. taxes), single or double, has been reserved in the name of Packards International until **January, 28, 2010 or until the block is fully subscribed**. Subsequent reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, space available basis. Reservations can be made either by phone at the number listed below or by internet (URL listed below). If calling be sure to identify yourself as being a part of the Packards International group. **Remember that the Friday events begin at 8 am.**

Note: Hotel policy states that departures before your original scheduled/reserved departure date may be subject to penalty. Consult with hotel for further information and restrictions.

The Doubletree Hotel: Phone Number: (714) 634-4500, FAX Number: (714) 978-2370

Note: Use only the number listed above if making phone reservations.

For internet reservations, link is also available at www.packardsinternational.com, Upcoming Events

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/SNACCDT-P10-20100128/index.jhtml>

Please Note

Participation in the Packards International Membership Meet is open to members of Packards International only. Please contact Packards International (714-541-8431; 9 am – 12 noon CA time) to become a member or download the membership application at www.packardsinternational.com

