

Packards International's

Membership Meet 2009

***Official Registration Information and
Application***



January 30th, 31st, and February 1st, 2009

Doubletree Hotel

Orange, CA

Packard's
INTERNATIONAL

46th Annual National Membership Meet

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**The Doubletree Hotel
Orange, California**

Well, well its 2009! The panics of 2008 are over and good riddance! Gasoline's yo-yo prices, stock market crashes, financial upheaval! I don't think 2008 will be remembered as one of the better. Now its time for "out with the old, in with the new"! Once again, it is time to mark your calendars, make your reservations and to get Daphne out of the well and dried off. It's Membership Meet time in Orange County once again. January 30th, 31st, and February 1st, 2009 is the weekend for Packards International's 46th 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. 1958 was the year of the last Packard car. Now gone 50 years, the name, the legend, and the cars that were Packard live on in our hearts and at Packards International's Membership Meet.

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 Packard Seminars during the day. Come and learn aspects of Packard restoration and detailing.
- Friday Evening Business Meeting and Welcoming Mixer.
- The Packard Grand Salon Concour d'Elegance.
- Interactive Packard Enthusiast lunch Saturday; interview, questions and answers.
- Saturday Evening Dinner / Dance / Grand Salon Awards presentation
- "All Packard Parts and Literature Exchange", the largest Packard only Swap Meet west of the Mississippi.
- **Bring the Kids and Grandkids!** Youth judging Saturday afternoon. Bring out your future Packard owner!
- Featured Car: "The Twelve Cylinder Packard". Perhaps the epitome of Packard prowess and engineering, the twelve cylinder Packard (Twin-Six and Twelve) will be honored.
- Silent Auction of Packard "treasures" to benefit the National Packard Museum in Warren, OH.

We have also done our very best to keep costs to a minimum while providing you with all of the Packard fun you have come to expect. The package price is the same as 2007

All of our weekend's activities will be based around the Doubletree Hotel in Orange, our host for the previous 18 Membership Meets. A block of rooms at an especially favorable price has been reserved in the name of Packards International for this special event. Reservation information is provided below.

Friday, January 30, 2009:

Your weekend of Packard activities begins 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 2009, we will commence with a morning of Packard related seminars. Included in the seminar sessions will be a review of the judging guidelines (tires/wheels, engine, and the new guide on chassis)

as well as a Judging seminar. The afternoon will be filled with a presentation on waxes, polishes and detailing provided by Maguire's/3M waxes.

As is traditional, our Friday evening will be occupied with our most untraditional business meeting as well as an opportunity to renew Packard Camaraderie.

9:00 am –11:30 am and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm : Seminars will be located in meeting rooms at Doubletree. Lunch will be on your own between 11:30 and 1:00. Take advantage of the many restaurants in the immediate vicinity.

6:00pm - No Host Cocktails and Registration in the Grand Ballroom. Take time to view the examples of our theme cars, the "Twelve Cylinder Packards".

6:00pm – 10:00pm – Buffet dinner followed by our yearly Packard International "business" meeting; definitely not your typical "stuffy" business meeting! Enjoy greeting old friend and meeting new ones, kick a few tires, and then sit back for a most un-corporate business meeting lead by our irrepressible CEO, President Don Hull.

Saturday, January 31, 2009:

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 but don't forget our Packard Enthusiasts Luncheon. This magnificent day is capped off by the evening's gala awards presentation and dinner/dance. The "silent auction" of Packard related items continues throughout the day. 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: trophy winners must be members of Packards International)

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).

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| <p>Note: There is no charge for the Junior Judging Program; however, pre-registration of the Junior judges is required. Look for sign-up location on page two of the registration form.</p> |
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12:00 noon: "Packard Enthusiasts Lunch". You've spent the morning primping and preening your car in anticipation of the arrival of the judges. You've put in seemingly miles of walking as you've walked around every Packard on the grounds and no doubt strained a few neck muscles trying to catch a glimpse of the new one that just came through the gates. Treat yourself to a well deserved rest with a luncheon buffet in the adjacent Grand Ballroom. For 2009, we have the distinct privilege of having as our lunch speakers, Bill and Steve Snyder. Bill Snyder has been an old and collector car hobbyist, advocate and promoter and from the days when they were simply considered worn out old cars junk. His son Steve is the proprietor of The Vault Classic Cars, a seller/consigner/broker of a wonderful selection of classic and collectible cars. Please join us for an interesting and informative discussion as Rich Hack our moderator explores the history of collectible cars, the ups and downs as well as the current and future markets of our cars through the Snyders.

6:00pm: No Host Cocktails in the Grand Ballroom and Foyer. Enjoy the featured "Twelve Cylinder 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.

Sunday, February 1, 2009:

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.

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| <p>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.</p> |
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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 9 am – 12 noon 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 \$104.00 per night (not incl. taxes), single or double, has been reserved in the name of Packards International until **January, 24, 2009**. Reservations after this date will be accepted on a first come, first served 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 9 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,

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/SNACCDT-PI9-20090124/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

