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OLD HOLLYWOOD PROM

Michiana Packards

The Packard Motor Car Club serving North Central Indiana and Southwest Lower Michigan

The New PACKARD

WITH EXCLUSIVE TORSION-LEVEL RIDE

THE NEW PACKARD "FOUR HUNDRED"

Discover for yourself . . . *nothing on earth rides like a Packard!*

Across America there is tremendous acclaim for the distinguished styling, the luxurious elegance of the new Packard. But only when you drive it, will you get a true picture of the greatness of this one new car in the fine car field.

The exclusive Packard Torsion-Level Suspension system eliminates conventional springs and utilizes torsion action to smother road shocks. The roughest roads become velvety smooth and the fatigue factor of travel is reduced to a minimum.

In the new Packard *you see the road but never feel it!*

The new Packard has the world's most powerful V-8 engine . . . 275 horsepower in the Caribbean, 260 in the Patrician and Four Hundred models. Linked to the engine is the new Packard Twin Ultramatic Transmission—two drives in one—with finger-tip choice of flashing getaway or smooth cruising glide.

Impressively styled . . . elegantly upholstered . . . distinctively color harmonized . . . the new Packard is designed to *reflect your pride in the finest!* Your Packard dealer will be happy to place the keys to a new Packard at your disposal. Call him soon . . . drive the new Packard and *let the ride decide.*

Wherever You Go, People Know... Packard

Go where you will in a 1958 Packard and you will note the car is always a standout. In any setting, elegance is immediately apparent in every line of the Packard's carefully crafted exterior. And admirers looking into the car will notice luxurious appointments such as they have rarely seen before in any automobile.

But the most striking feature of the new Packard styling is its *originality*. A long, forward sloping hood sweeps down to a simple, tastefully proportioned grille that is unmistakably identifiable on the highway. In fact, Packard cars are the most original on the American road.

Flatter yourself . . . with this distinction. Guest-drive a 1958 Packard *today!*

See the all-new Packards:

- The panoramic Packard Hardtop
- The luxurious Packard 4-door Sedan
- The supercharged Packard Hawk
- The versatile Packard Station Wagon

Studebaker-Packard
CORPORATION
Where pride of Workmanship comes first!

Mention the National Geographic—It identifies you

Parts Department

aka Club Projects

Jim Locke has volunteered to be our Projects Director and promises to have some interesting ideas for us to pursue as a club. Please share any ideas you have with him as soon as possible. This has the potential to be a great fund raiser for our future activities.

Sales Department

Got a Packard or parts to sell?

Need something for your Packard?

Submit an ad today!

Michiana Packards members get a free ad!

Pricing for non-members coming soon

Service Department

Coming soon! We need a Service Department Manager!

Someone to come up with Technical information, restoration and repair ideas , questions, answers…

Next Issues...

Items planned for upcoming issues…

More members in the Spotlight

Updates on the Packard Plant in Detroit

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Michiana Packards Membership Dues are due in January of each year:

Membership is $20.00

Owning a Packard is NOT a requirement

Membership in our National Club IS required.

Email is the Primary means of delivery for **The Spotlight, if no email is available an additional fee may be required.*

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Calendar of Events

Official Club Events in Bold and Regal Red

TBD

Driving Tour to Dowagiac Packard Restoration Shop

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Sunday, DEC 1, 2013 @ 1:00 pm

Executive & Membership Meeting

Studebaker National Museum

201 Chapin St, South Bend, IN

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Sunday, JAN 12, 2014 @ 3:00 pm

Executive & Membership Meeting

(After SDC Meeting)

Studebaker National Museum

201 Chapin St South Bend, IN

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Friday-Saturday, May 2-3, 2014

Michiana Chapter SDC Studebaker Indiana

Open Car Show and Swap Meet

CAR SHOW SATURDAY ONLY—w/ Packard Class

Parade to Downtown South Bend Friday!

St. Joseph County 4H Fairground

South Bend, Indiana

www.Michiana-Chapter-SDC.net

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2014 SDC International Meet

June 30-July 5

Dover, Delaware

http://www.sdcmeet.com/

Regional Director's Note

It is that time of year when we put the cars away and start thinking about Spring. We also need to think about how to move forward as a club as 2014 nears.

Our November meeting was well attended, positive AND very productive, which makes the next meeting in December very important. It will determine the direction this club takes in 2014 and beyond. We have sent out several emails with attachments to help get everyone on the same page as we continue to set the foundation of this club. P**lease make plans now to attend. Help us grow and finalize becoming a PAC Region!** *There will even be a drawing for a gift card at the end of the meeting*.

If you have any ideas for or want to submit an article please let me know as all help and input is GREATLY appreciated. And please enjoy our first centerfold thanks to Barry Wertz!

Happy Packarding!

Mike

Michiana Packards 2013 Membership Application

You do not have to own a Packard to be a member!

RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBER _____ Annual Dues 20.00 due January 1st

Dues cover most of the expenses for the "The Spotlight" newsletter as well as many of the activities that are sponsored by Michiana Packards during the year.

Our parent club, "Packard Automobile Classics" requires that all Regional members (MPAC) also be members of PAC

PAC Membership Number: _____ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____
First, Middle, Last

Address: _____
Number and Street

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Home ◯ Work ◯ Cell ◯ Primary ◯
(Area code) XXX-XXXX

Phone Number: _____ Home ◯ Work ◯ Cell ◯ Primary ◯
(Area code) XXX-XXXX

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(Area code) XXX-XXXX

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

Newsletter delivery preference: Email (Standard Delivery) ◯ USPS Mail ◯ *(may require an additional fee)*

Vehicles:

Year	Make	Model	Series

Would you be willing to assist the club by serving as a board member, committee member, or volunteer?
Yes ___ If yes, where?

Activities Committee____ Spring Tour_____ Fall Tour _____ Color Tour_____ Educating youth about Packard____ Spotlight Newsletter _____ Club Projects _____ Board of Directors _____
Other: _____

Mail Check and Application to:
Michiana Packards – Membership
C/O Mike Lepay
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Old Hollywood 2013 Prom

At the Palais Royale South Bend, IN

Michiana Packards Member

Dr. Mark Smucker's 1931 Packard

What would you prefer in new club wear?

It is time to start considering Club shirts, etc. so we are asking for input for new club wear.

Please fill out this survey and return via snail mail to Mike Lepay, 50930 Cobus Ridge Lane, Granger, IN 46530, or via email to mlepay@frontier.com

Club Shirts Style

- ◊ Polo
- ◊ Button Down
- ◊ Other (Please specify)

Jacket Price

- ◊ 25-35
- ◊ 35-45
- ◊ 45+

Shirt Price

- ◊ 15-25
- ◊ 25-35
- ◊ 35-45
- ◊ 45+

Other items with club logo

- ◊ Ball cap
- ◊ Window Decal
- ◊ Coffee Mug
- ◊ Other (please specify)

Jackets

- ◊ Windbreaker
- ◊ satin jacket
- ◊ winter jacket
- ◊ other (please specify)

Preferred logo:

- ◊ Two States club logo
- ◊ Lincoln Highway Style club logo

Are you interested in helping to build and operate a club store:

- ◊ Yes

The Studebaker National Museum supports us—Lets help support them!

TUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM

Membership

There are so many benefits to being a member of The Studebaker National Museum – from free admission and priority access to exhibits and events to special discounts at the Museum store. The Museum offers a variety of membership options, including a combined Campus membership with The Studebaker National Museum and the Center for History right next door. We truly hope you will become a member of the Museum and enjoy its many great opportunities.

http://www.studebakermuseum.org/p/membership/

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Barry Wertz

I purchased the Packard (#5682-2517) in October 2005. It was stored in a barn in Wagner, South Dakota. The seller's description was "Barn stored, original equipment vehicle in need of love and restoration", and it had been stored 28 years. It has approximately 60,000 miles on the odometer. The seller's description about the car needing love was pretty much on target. I have painted the car, rebuilt the engine and transmission, and replaced the carpeting and headliner. Key mechanical and body work was done by WD Carbox in South Bend, Sun Ray Restorations in Dowagiac (Bill Godisak), Cobra Enterprises (Red Loob), and Ridge Machine Shop in South Bend.

I am a typical old car buff. I find this car interesting because it's one of the last true Packards, built at the Conner Avenue plant in Detroit, and I sought it out for that reason. I made a pilgrimage to the East Grand Boulevard Packard plant in Detroit in 2008. Interesting, but I don't think I'll do a return visit.

Other cars that I own include a 1974 Chrysler Imperial, 1965 Chrysler New Yorker, 1977 AMC Matador, and 1975 Ford Thunderbird. My wife owns a 2006 Mustang GT convertible that I am allowed to drive if I do my chores.

I still build plastic model cars, and that's what got me interested in cars many years ago.

In my "real life" I am a CPA and the owner of Wertz & Co., CPAs, where I work along with my wife, in Mishawaka. When not dabbling in all things automotive, I like to hike, bicycle, and camp. I have two children, Jason, an engineer in California, and Janelle, a nurse in Atlanta. Janelle will be getting married in July.

Ask the man who owns one

NorthWood High School

Nappanee, Indiana

THE PACKARD CLUB

PACKARD AUTOMOBILE CLASSICS, INC.
Founded 1953
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Downloaded from Packard Club Website—*Please print or type*

MAILING INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

If Spouses name is listed, publications will be addressed to both, but each will receive a separate membership card.

Address: _____

City: _____**State:**_____--_____ **ZIP / Postal code:** _____ **Country:** _____

Home phone: ( ) _____ Office: ( ) _____ FAX: ( ) _____

May we list your phone numbers in the Membership Directory? (Select one): Yes _____ No _____

Email Address (Office Use Only): _____

PACKARDS OWNED: *(Not required for membership)*

*Please refer to the "Reference Section" of the PAC website," Identifying Your Packard: Parts A & B" to complete this section for the correct Chassis and Body Type numbers. * Engine # and Firewall # are not published, but used only for committee use.*

YEAR	CHASSIS #	BODY TYPE #	BODY TYPE DESCRIPTION	ENGINE # *	FIREWALL # *

More Packards? Check here _____ and continue to list them on the reverse of this form.

You may enclose a photograph of your Packard(s) if you have one to spare.

DUES INFORMATION: Membership dues include a year's subscription to *The Packard Cormorant* (Quarterly Magazine) and a year's subscription to *The Cormorant News Bulletin* which is issued monthly. New memberships begin with the current *The Cormorant News Bulletin* and run for four quarters of publications. **Membership renewal notices are mailed in the quarter that you joined**.

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: (Please check one) New: _____ Renewal: _____ Gift: _____

DUES AMOUNT: (Please enter the dues amount below)

Regular Membership, USA: ..... $40.00 per year

Regular Membership, Canada (Surface): ..... $45.00 per year

Regular Membership, Mexico (Airmail): ..... $55.00 per year

Overseas Membership, (Surface Mail): ..... $55.00 per year

Overseas Membership, (Airmail): ..... $95.00 per year

Life Membership, (Domestic Only): ..... $1000.00 (one payment)

Note: Patron Members are those who make an optional contribution of at least $10.00 in addition to dues to help The Packard Club improve its publications and other services. **(Patron contributions are not tax deductible.)**

Please make your check or money order
payable to **The Packard Club** and mail
to the address below.

Dues amount: _____

Optional Patron amount: _____

Optional Proving Ground donation: _____

Total Amount: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Card Type: (Please check one) Visa: _____ MasterCard: _____

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date (mm/yy): _____/_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

http://www.packardclub.org/

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Barry & Becky Wertz's 1956 Packard Patrician

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