

Packards International's

Membership Meet 2007

***Official Registration Information and
Application***



February 2nd through 4th, 2007

Doubletree Hotel

Orange, CA

Packard's
INTERNATIONAL

44th Annual National Membership Meet

**February 2, 3, and 4, 2007
The Doubletree Hotel
Orange, California**

Good Gracious, its 2007! 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. February 2nd through February 4th, 2007 is the weekend for Packards International's 44th 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. Gone nearly 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 Special Guest Speaker: David Gooding, CEO of Gooding and Company Auctioneers.
- The Packard Grand Salon Concour d'Elegance.
- Saturday Lunch with previous Packard Company Employees followed by 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 Sporting Packard". Since we finished our year by year count-down in 2005 and we had elegant Packards in 2006, it is appropriate to give the sporting Packards their due.
- 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 16 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, February 2, 2007:

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 2007, we will commence with a morning of Packard related seminars. Included in the seminar sessions will be aspects of judging (an update the new tires and wheels detailing guide), preparing your Packard for touring. The afternoon will be filled with a full demonstration of detailing by John Iverson of Details Matter with numerous tips to give provide you with those vital extra points or to just have your car look its best.

As is traditional, our Friday evening will be occupied with our most untraditional business meeting as well as our distinguished keynote speaker, Mr. David Gooding.

9:00 am –11:30 am and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm : Seminars will be located in meeting rooms at Doubletree and immediately outside of hotel. 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 "Sporting Packard".

6:00pm – 10:00pm - Dinner followed by our yearly Packard International "business" meeting; definitely not your typical "stuffy" business meeting! We will also have the great honor of Mr. David Gooding, founder and CEO of Gooding and Company Auctions, as our evening's guest speaker. Gooding and Company has distinguished itself as a premier automotive auction administrator with annual auctions at Pebble Beach and Palm Beach. In October 2006, Mr. Gooding and his company oversaw the sale of the Otis Chandler Collection in Ventura, setting an auction record with over \$36 million in sales. We look forward to Mr. Gooding's insights into the auction industry, our collector cars in the future, and hobby in general.

Saturday, February 4, 2007:

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 with an extra special Packard expert ready to answer your most detailed Packard questions. 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).

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.
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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 banquet of unique Southwestern fare in the adjacent Grand Ballroom. Lest you think we are only about food, your lunch will include a talk with the one of the great experts in Packard knowledge, our own Cal Soest. Normally up to his elbows in Packard parts and restorations at Custom Auto Service, here is your chance to find out about Cal's history with Packards as well as your chance to get those tough Packard questions answered. Find out the good and the bad of Packards and what was junk from new!

6:00pm: No Host Cocktails in the Grand Ballroom and Foyer. Enjoy the featured "Sporting 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 5, 2007:

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.
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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 \$99.00 per night (not incl. taxes), single or double, has been reserved in the name of Packards International until **January, 22, 2007**. 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, use the special web site set-up specifically for Packards International Membership Meet 2007 event:

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/snaccdt_pac/index.html

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