

Packards International's

Membership Meet 2008

***Official Registration Information and
Application***



February 1st through 3rd, 2008

Doubletree Hotel

Orange, CA

Packard's
INTERNATIONAL

45th Annual National Membership Meet

February 1, 2, and 3, 2008

**The Doubletree Hotel
Orange, California**

Don't look now but 2008 is looming right over the horizon. 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. February 1st through February 3rd, 2008 is the weekend for Packards International's 45th 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; no Viagra necessary. For this 45 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 to the private William Lyon Collection in Coto De Caza.
- Friday Evening Special Guest Speaker: Phil Skinner, Collector Car Editor for Kelly Blue Book.
- The Packard Grand Salon Concour d'Elegance.
- Lunch with previous Packard Company Employees followed by questions and answers.
- Dinner / Dance / Grand Salon Awards presentation
- "All Packard Parts and Literature Exchange", the largest Packard only Swap Meet west of the Mississippi.
- Featured Car: "Custom Packards". This year we will feature Packard cars that have received a hands-on adjustment by the custom bodied designers and suppliers of the 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 17 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, February 1, 2008:

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 2008, we will visit the spectacular Lyon's collection in Coto De Caza.

As is traditional, our Friday evening will be occupied with our business meeting as well as our keynote speaker, Mr. Phil Skinner. Look for the "Silent Auction" of Packard items!!

9:00 am (sharp!): Chartered buses depart Doubletree Hotel for Coto De Caza and the William Lyon collection. Over the years, General Lyon has established a magnificent collection of the upper echelon of vehicles; Duesenberg, Mercedes, and of course Packard. Located at his residence, the collection represents the epitome car collector garages. We will have approximately 2 hours to tour the collection before returning to our buses for a short trip to the Coto De Caza Golf and Racquet Club for lunch.

Please Note These Restrictions for William Lyon Collection Tour.

This tour is limited to 110 people maximum. Priority will be given to participants registering for the "weekend package". No drop-ins will be permitted. Coto De Caza is a private gated community and only the bus group will be permitted to enter the gates. Proper attire is recommended befitting the grandeur and elegance of General Lyon's collection

Approx. 4 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 "Cars of Elegance".

7:00pm – 10:00pm - Dinner followed by our yearly Packard International business meeting. We will also have the great honor of having Phil Skinner, Collector car editor for Kelly Blue Book and author of numerous collector car articles in various hobby publications, as our evening's guest speaker. Mr. Skinner will provide us with a review of the current and future issues in the old car hobby from his broad perspective as well as the values of cars in general and Packards in particular. "Silent Auction" opens to benefit the National Packard Museum in Warren, OH.

Saturday, February 2, 2008:

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 the interesting lunch with former Packard employees and 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".

12:00 noon: "Lunch with Packard Employees of the Past" returns. Take a load off of your feet from the Packards display with an enjoyable California Rancho themed buffet lunch and our Packard Employee past. Our invited guest speaker is Ed Cunningham, former lead of the Trim and Color styling studio at Packard beginning in 1951. Ed has some remarkable and irreverent stories of working at Packard, including the naming of a very special color of leather trim

6:00pm: No Host Cocktails in the Grand Ballroom and Foyer. Enjoy the featured "Custom 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, February 3, 2008:

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 \$101.00 per night (not incl. taxes), single or double, has been reserved in the name of Packards International until **January, 27, 2008 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 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 2008 event:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/SNACCDT-PKI-20080130/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