

Join Us !

ALBERTA PACKARDS

Packard Motor Car Enthusiasts

We're a group of Packard Motor Car Company product enthusiasts whose home base is Calgary, Alberta, Canada. However, members hail from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, California and beyond.

Many of us are members of the Alberta Region of Packards International. Others are just interested in learning about or sharing their knowledge of these great automobiles.

Some own a Packard, some own too many Packards, some will own a Packard some day soon (we hope).

We meet monthly (except for July and August) alternating between business meetings and dinner meetings.

Participation in various show and shines, swap meets, tours, an annual BBQ and Christmas gathering are also planned each year.

Check out the Events page on the website to confirm meeting and event locations and times.

Membership in Alberta Packards is \$20/year. Membership in the Alberta Region of Packards International is included, however, membership in Packards International is required (www.packardsinternational.com).

Owning a Packard (or any old vehicle) is NOT required to join us. However, if you're interested in owning one, we can help with that !



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Packard Motor Car Company of Detroit, Michigan (1899-1958), began before the turn of the 20th century. It produced some of the finest automobiles available. These were owned by royalty, the Hollywood elite and the upper crust of society. As the depression deepened, less expensive cars (but still costly in comparison to the average Ford, Chev or Dodge) were developed which helped ensure Packard's continued operations unlike many of it's competitors including Stutz, Pearce Arrow and Peerless.

Packard was known as "master motor builders". Early in their history they also produced airplanes and airplane engines and heavy duty vehicles such as trucks and buses.

Some Packard automotive industry firsts include:

- 1900: the H-pattern gear shift arrangement
- 1901: the use of the steering wheel instead of a tiller
- 1915: a mass-produced V12 powered automobile
- 1923: hypoid differential gears allowing a lower floor
- 1942: air conditioning as an option
- 1950: the only independent automobile company to engineer and manufacture their own automatic transmission
- 1955: 4-wheel torsion bar suspension with automatic leveling

For more information on the history of Packard, visit:

www.packardinfo.com
www.packardclub.org

or, as they were known to reply when asked for information about their cars ...

Ask the Man Who Owns One !



Packard-built Lepère bi-plane over McCook Field, Ohio, September 1919. (U.S. Air Force)



WWI Packard-built truck.



Canadian-built AVRO Lancaster heavy bomber with 4 Packard-built engines



WWII PT Boat with Packard-built engines

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