

Alexander Macomb Historical Award
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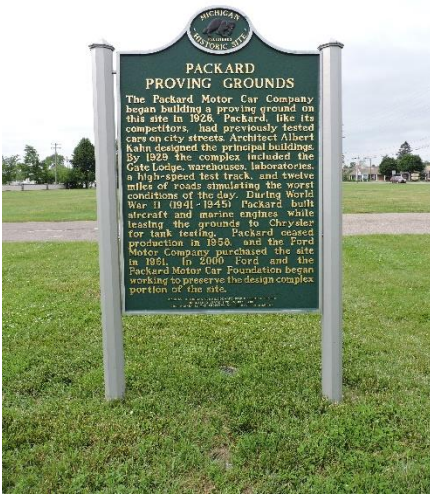
Year Award Given: 2010

Awarded to: Packard Proving Grounds / Packard Motor Car Foundation – Shelby Township, Macomb, MI

Nominated by: Macomb County Historical Commissioners

Presented Where: St. Clair Shores Memorial Park / Michelob Ultra 2010 Music on the Lake Concert Series

Presented By: Macomb County Historical Commission



Founded in 1997, the Packard Motor Car Foundation was organized to preserve the history and assets of the Packard Motor Car Company. The foundation owns 14 acres of the former Packard Proving Grounds located on the west side of Van Dyke north of 22 Mile in Shelby Township. Restoration of the site and its buildings was started in 2000 and over the years, the foundation has done a truly amazing job raising funds and overseeing the restoration of the buildings and grounds. Without the foundation, saving this Macomb County historic asset would not have been

possible. Because of their hard work and dedication, this well-deserved award is given to honor their efforts.

The proving grounds opened in 1928 and was used to test drive Packard automobiles. The site includes grand entrance gates, a Tudor revival lodge, repair garages, a water tower, a timing stand, an aircraft-hanger and an oval track. The buildings were designed by famed architect Albert Kahn, who had been chosen to design the Packard factory buildings in 1903. Kahn, went on to become a world-renowned architect who designed for many well-known companies and prominent people including Ford, Chrysler, General Motors and their executives.

In 2005, the site was honored by being placed on the State of Michigan Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places in 2007.

Today, the restored site serves as a beautiful venue for many wonderful events, including weddings, shows, community events, a farmer's market and a host of other occasions.

To learn more about this group and historic site, please visit their website at <http://www.packardmotorfdn.org>

Information Resources: *The Macomb Daily* / July 8, 2010
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