



### *A model E Packard Truck*

The Richardson Packard truck was purchased from Dalton Rector of Manassas, Virginia. It was made in the period from late 1916-1918.

The Packard had sat in David Lockard's white barn in the States not far from Hershey for a year or so when Dalton lost his garage space in Virginia. Dalton had high hopes to get the truck running but was not able to do so. Dalton had bought the Packard from Nick Capello of Philadelphia, PA.



David and his father once visited Nick Capello in the late 1980's at his home .

Nick bought the truck in California as it had worked it's entire life in a vineyard in California and remained completely original when the Richardson Museum purchased the truck. In California, the truck had been pulled into a storage building and the rear wooden body of the truck stuck out in the weather and consequently the rear rotted away significantly. Nick did not do anything to restore the truck. When Dalton bought the truck he took the engine apart but for whatever reason decided to reassemble the engine minus the pistons which were in boxes.



On August 10, 2012 Jan Ridd and Graeme Williams from the Richardson museum visited with David on a trip to the States. David has a collection of early Packard Trucks .

The truck is now under restoration at Bill Richardson Transport World . The motor has been restored and the pick up tray was being worked on when we visited. They are using Macrocapa timber as replacement wood on the tray.





Bill Richardson Transport World presents the largest private collection of its type in the world. The collection started in 1967 when Bill purchased the remains of his grandfather's 1933 International truck – he went on to purchase a handful of trucks over the next few years with the collection rapidly expanding in the 1980's. Under the directorship of his daughter Joe the collection has grown to some 300 trucks, 150 bowlers and a vast collection of related memorabilia. A significant Henry Ford collection was added to the display in 2014, including Henry Ford letter cars, Model T's and V8's.

A large welcoming entrance at 491 Tay Street now greet visitors as they drive into Invercargill along State Highway 1.

This thoroughly modern museum is fitted out with interactive audio visual displays that make the history of the vehicles more accessible for all.

A Construction Zone play room and movie theatre will keep the children and the young at heart stimulated and entertained.

The Grille café and gift shop cater for all tastes of cuisine and merchandise.



Conferences and events are held in the multi-purpose spaces which are equipped with the latest technology.

Four wheel tractors and five crawler tractors are also in the collection reflecting Bill's interest in farm machinery.

Bill's personal workshop and a large restoration work shop give visitors a look into what goes on behind the scene.



*Trucks that caught my eye in the collection were the 1924 Graham Bros. FE top left, the 1925 Ford T Paddy Wagon-T which is an exact replica of the first motorised Paddy Wagon in New Zealand and the 1928 Model S 1/2 ton, bottom right*

*All the trucks are superbly presented in large display halls.*



