

1916 PACKARD

TWIN-SIX RACER

Packard Motor Car Company - Detroit, MI

ENGINE..... 424 cu. in., V-12 cylinder	HORSEPOWER..... 88 hp
TOP SPEED..... 104 mph	WHEELBASE 112"
PRODUCTION... Factory Experimental	SERIAL #..... PMC-X 0051

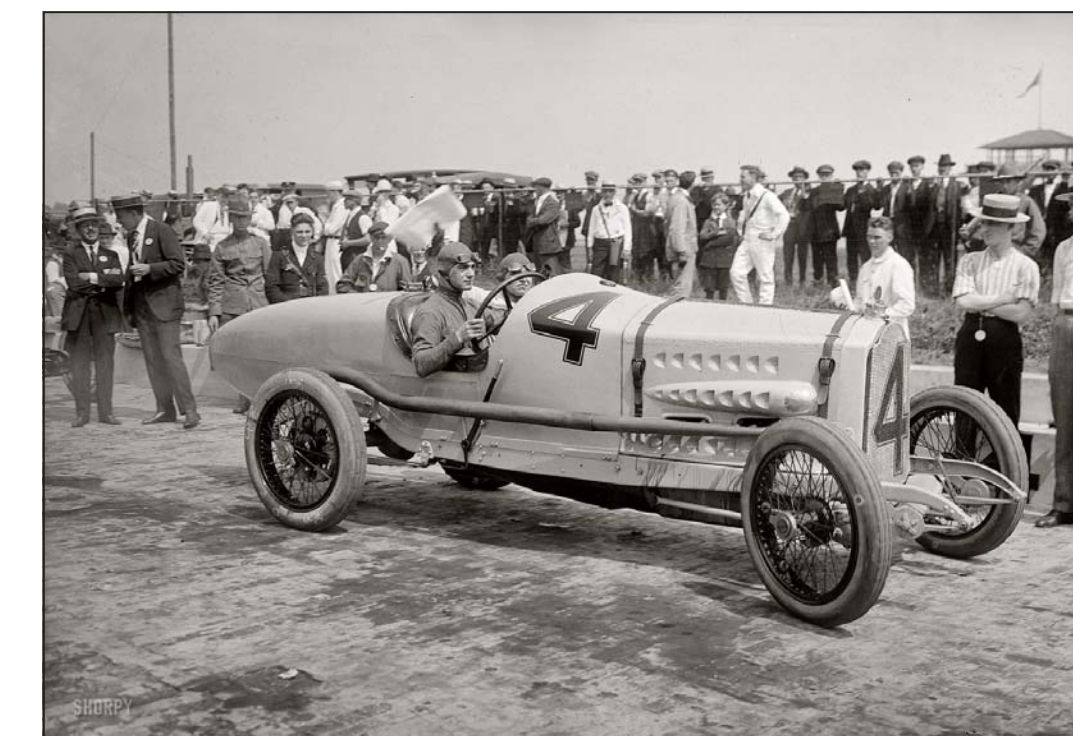


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The Ultimate Barn Find

Packard, best known for the luxury autos it produced between 1899 and 1958, built this experimental Twin-Six racer in 1916, following the racing success of Ralph De Palma in the very similar “Packard 299.” Before the advent of the modern pit crew, a mechanic rode next to the driver and maintained fuel and oil pressure by hand pump. The wooden handle mounted to the dash was his only safety restraint.

In 1920, Packard shipped this car to Argentina where it won the “Championship of the Mile.” It raced successfully throughout South America until the end of the decade, when it was simply placed in a shed and forgotten. It was discovered in Paraguay, amazingly intact, by the donor 70 years later.



Ralph De Palma is at the wheel of this very similar “Packard 299” V-12 racer at the Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, NY board track, circa 1916.