



The OLD DOMINION Packard CLUB

Fall Newsletter

September/October 2017

5th Issue

See You in Staunton!



A view of beautiful downtown Staunton, Virginia, site of the Old Dominion Packard Club's 60th Fall Tour October 18 to 22, 2017



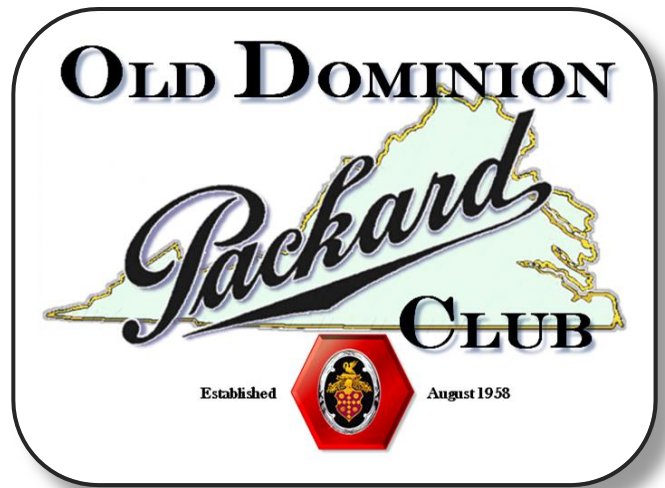
Our 60th year ...

The Old Dominion Packard Club was founded in 1958 to preserve and enjoy Packard automobiles, as well as the interesting and diverse history of the Packard Motor Car Company. The idea sprang from the mind of Herb Hulvey. Postcards were sent to all known Virginia Packard owners proposing the establishment of a club devoted to the Packard marque, since it was clear that Packards would no longer be built.

The Old Dominion Packard Club is independent and not affiliated with any other organization. The Club holds two functions each year — a Spring Tour held during the fourth weekend of April and a Fall Tour during the fourth weekend of October. Cars are judged every other year during the Fall Tour.

Dues for the Old Dominion Packard Club are \$20 annually.

Our website is:
olddominionpackardclub.org



Those no longer with us ...

The following ODPC members passed away this summer:

Trish Barnhart	July 24
Rita McCormick	August 2
Al Morkunas	August 8

Old Dominion Packard Club Officers

Bob Woolfitt	President	<i>rwoolfitt@cox.net</i>
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Glenn Koogler	Western & Southwestern Virginia	Bob Woolfitt	Southeastern Virginia
Blair Hildebrand	South of Virginia	Lynn Rogerson	Northern Virginia & Maryland
Jon Hatfield	Central Virginia	Andrew Rosen	Pennsylvania

Upcoming Events

September 16	Manassas, VA	42nd Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Show ACA Bull Run Region
September 17-22	Hastings, NE	71st ACA/AAA Revival Glidden Tour pre-1943
October 3-6	Hershey, PA	ACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet



Fall Tour ~ Staunton, Virginia

Accommodations:

The Stonewall Jackson Hotel

Nestled in Historic Downtown Staunton, Virginia, this 124-room hotel was originally built in 1924. The hotel underwent a complete renovation in 2005, restored to its original grandeur with modern amenities. For ODPC members, there is free parking in the adjacent garage and daily breakfast for two in the hotel restaurant.



The Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center is located at 24 Market Street, Staunton, Virginia. Call 540-885-4848 for ODPC reservations.

If you are trailering your car, contact Tour Hosts Richard and Claudette Obenschain who will send you directions to the trailer parking near the hotel.



Wednesday, October 18

When you arrive at the hotel, pick up your packets for the tour.

We will meet in the hotel lobby at 5:45 p.m. and we will walk a short distance to the Depot Grille. Dinner is on your own.

ODPC Fall Tour, Staunton, Virginia

Thursday, October 19

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for the **American Frontier Culture Museum**.

This is a living history museum that tells the story of those who settled in America from England, Ireland, Germany, and Africa.

Exhibits include a 17th century English farm,



18th century West African farm, 1740s American farm, 1850s American farm, and an early American schoolhouse.

1850s American farm.



Ganatastwi Exhibit of Native American life before the English arrival.

After we leave the Frontier Culture Museum we will drive to Afton Mountain for lunch at the **Blue Mountain Brewery**, followed by a drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Thursday, October 19

We will leave the Parkway at Vesuvius, Virginia, where we will visit the **Cyrus McCormick Farm and Workshop**, which was the home of Cyrus McCormick (1809-1884), the inventor of the mechanical grain reaper.

The farm, called Walnut Grove, was established by Robert McCormick, Cyrus' father, in 1822. After his father's death, Cyrus McCormick designed and engineered the reaper on this farm in the 1830s. He started the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., which later became the International Harvester Co. in 1902.

The Cyrus McCormick Farm and Workshop is a working museum run by the Virginia Agricultural Experimental Station of Virginia Tech University.

After we leave the farm we will drive a short distance to Wade's Mill, circa 1750, a working water-powered grist mill.

Finally, we end our drive in Raphine, Virginia at the **Rockbridge Winery** for a tour and wine tasting.



McCormick Farm water-powered grist mill



Cyrus McCormick



Wade's Mill

Back at the hotel, we can rest up and get ready for a short walk to the **Clocktower** restaurant

Shepherd Rouse of Rockbridge Vineyard

for dinner.

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Columbine II, a Lockheed VC-121A-LO Constellation used by President Eisenhower at Dynamic Aviation

Friday, October 20

At 9 a.m. after breakfast we leave for **Dynamic Aviation** in Bridgewater, Virginia. Dynamic Aviation provides aviation solutions for government and organizations worldwide. The company purchased and is restoring the Columbine II, President Eisenhower's Lockheed Constellation. This was the first airplane to use the Air Force One call sign.

We then take a drive down Scenic Highway to have lunch at **Rimel's Barn** and visit Jim Rimel's car collection.



Rows of varying pipes at Taylor & Boody. At right, Eric Boody hoists a section of an organ console.



After another beautiful country drive we arrive at

Taylor & Boody Organ Builders in Staunton.

George Taylor and John Boody founded Taylor & Boody Organ Builders in 1977, producing high-quality organs in the historical tradition.

Friday, October 20

After a long day, hopefully we get back to the hotel by 3:30 p.m. for the ODPC Board meeting.

Dinner is just a short walk down the street from the hotel at **Emilio's Italian Restaurant**.



Saturday, October 21

After breakfast, feel free to explore downtown Staunton. Your packet contains information about interesting sites and places for lunch. There are tours available to:

- See Trinity Episcopal Church's stained glass windows
- Take a tour of Blackfriar's Playhouse
- Tours of the historical districts and Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library.

Our cars will be on display in the parking lot near the Stonewall Jackson Hotel.

Our closing banquet will be held across the street at the **Mill Street Grill**.

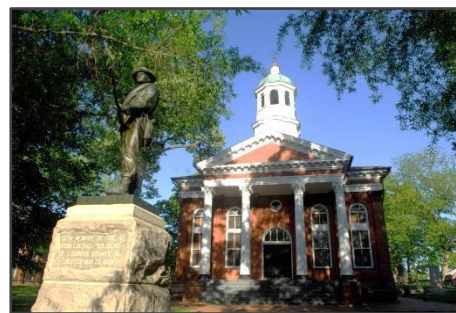
Saturday, October 21

Our farewell breakfast and have a safe drive home.



2018 Old Dominion Packard Club Tours

Spring
Edenton, NC
April 26-28,
2018



Fall
Leesburg, VA
October 24-27,
2018

Old Dominion Packard Club 60th Fall Tour Registration Form

Staunton, VA- October 18-21, 2017

Please print

Name _____ Spouse _____

Guest(s) _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Packard on Tour _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

Will you be trailering a car? ____ yes ____ no (Directions to parking will be emailed to you.)

Will you be participating in Period Dress fun? ____ yes ____ no

Total

No. @ \$ Each

Registration fee, car, driver and spouse or one guest _____ @ 35.00 \$ _____

Registration fee for additional guest- children under 12 free _____ @ 6.00 \$ _____

Dues for 2018 are payable at this meet. \$20.00 \$ _____

ODPC Cloisonné Bumper Badge (delivered at meet) \$60.00 \$ _____

Wednesday, October 18

Check in at Stonewall Jackson Hotel at 3 pm. Pick up packets in Hospitality Room.

6:00 p.m. – Dinner at Depot Grill (pay on your own). Meet in Lobby at 5:30 pm to walk to the Depot.

Thursday, October 19

9:30 a.m. – American Frontier Culture Museum _____ @ \$10.00/person \$ _____

Lunch – Blue Ridge Brewery (pay on your own)

Drive down the Blue Ridge Parkway to Vesuvius, VA to visit McCormick Farm, Wade's Mill, Rockbridge Winery

6:00 p.m. – Dinner- Clocktower Restaurant (Buffet) _____ @ \$20.00/person \$ _____

Friday, October 20, 2017

9:30 a.m. – Depart for Dynamic Aviation, Bridgewater, VA

Lunch at Hebron Church _____ @ \$15.00/person \$ _____

Tour of Taylor-Boody Organ Factory, Swoope, VA

6 p.m. – Dinner at Emilio's Restaurant. Please indicate choice: N/C

Filet Mignon ____ Salmon ____ _____ @ 35.00/person \$ _____

Manicotti (V) ____ Chicken ____ _____ @26.00/person \$ _____

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Morning – Explore Downtown Staunton: a list of tours, venues, and restaurants will be included in packet. Lunch on your own

Afternoon – Shopping in Downtown Staunton, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, Blackfriars Back Stage Tour

Closing Banquet at Mill Street Grill

Chicken Shrimp Marsala ____ Salmon ____ Half Rack of Ribs ____ _____ @ 40.00per person \$ _____

Sunday, October 22, 2017- Farewell Breakfast

Total Due No Later Than October 1, 2017

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to ODPC and mail this form to: Mr. Miles White, 104 N. Bentz St. Frederick, MD 21701

Make your hotel reservations directly with Stonewall Jackson Hotel, 24 S. Market St. Staunton, VA 24401 Telephone: 540-885-4848. Mention ODPC for a rate per night of \$146 (Wednesday, Thursday) \$246 (Friday, Saturday), which includes a full Breakfast each morning and parking for 1 vehicle.

No refunds can be made for items or events the Club must pay for in advance.

Packards — A Family Affair

By Miles White

For as long as I can remember, my family has been fascinated with the automobile. My grandfather got his first license in 1903 for steam and two months later another to operate a gasoline vehicle. So, it's only natural that they would also be interested in efforts to preserve, show examples and join associated clubs.

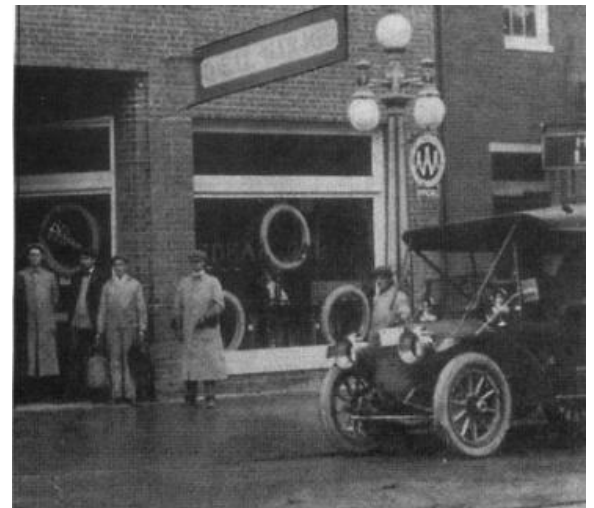
Growing up, we had many “old cars,” mostly family owned and I can say that I virtually grew up being baby sat by cracked horse hair stuffed leather seats. My father didn't believe in side curtains, so anyone in the back seat was resigned to getting a bit wet!

The first event that I clearly remember was the 1953 Glidden Tour. I was 7 or 8 and we made the trip in a 1910 or 11 Model 30 Packard. It had been my grandfather's — the one in the accompanying photo on the lower right taken in front of the Ideal Garage in Frederick, Maryland on the way out of town for a drive. My grandfather is in duster, gauntlets and driving cap. Schley, the chauffeur, stands ready by the car. An unknown attendant is nearby with an extra can of fuel. The Ideal Garage sold Buicks and, remarkably, is still in existence selling Buicks!

Moving on, my parents were married in 1932; the Packard I now have was a wedding present from my grandfather to them.

The body style had to be with rear spare, the color and options his choice alone. My mother always insisted he intended the car for himself.

During the 1930s, as an attorney, he served on several U.S. Senate investigation committees: Wall Street Banking Practice (hmmm, still continues), Commercial Air Mail Contracts, and the Munitions Industry — “Merchants of Death.”



At this time he resided in Manhattan making frequent Washington trips for subcommittee testimony. Travel down from New York was by train and the Packard was put at his disposal while in town. The “Munitions Investigation” concluded in 1936 and my grandfather’s participation in public affairs ended. He returned to the Washington area and died in 1937.

After 1937, the ’32 was seldom used and moved to the family’s summer home at Chesapeake Beach, where it remained until the 1960s. During World War II, I am assuming the family traveled to the beach by train from Union Station. When rescued, the ’32 had 1936 Maryland plates and a partially used ration book issued to my father, dated 1943. This supports the assumption that the Packard was pressed into occasional service. At the shore, renewal of tags was not a priority!

The car came into my possession by chance as the bulk of my parent’s collection was sold to settle their estate. As the 1932 was not listed in the inventory, after some creative legal maneuvering, I was able to take possession in 1968.

After new tires and tinkering, my future wife and I drove to West Point, Virginia in 1972 to an ODPC event at Tyler Bland’s house. After the requisite kids and all that accompanies that, the car sat until 2003. Since then, it has undergone fender and wheel repainting and an engine job. After a lengthy drive to Pinehurst and two weeks later to Danville, Virginia this year, I am seriously considering installation of an overdrive as I still want the car to be a driver.

Here is a photo of Jon Hatfield with his 1941 160 convertible sedan and me with the ’32 in Times Square at the start of the 2013 Lincoln Highway tour.

For the record, this was taken around 6:30 a.m. and the police stopped traffic to allow this photo. Despite much horn blowing, these “fuzz” were sympathetic.





Old Dominion Packard Club



"Ask The Man Who Owns One"

2017 Membership Renewal

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () - _____ Cell: () - _____ Work: () - _____

E-mail _____

Packard(s) Owned – (For Membership Directory) – Packard ownership not required for membership

Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
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Annual Dues: _____ (Dues are for calendar year and include spouses) _____ **\$20.00**

Name Badge with Packard crest Number of badges: _____ Price for each badge: \$9.⁰⁰ \$.⁰⁰

For: _____ (Please list as name should appear)

For: _____

For: _____

Sub-Total: **\$.⁰⁰**

Cloisonné Bumper Badge \$60.⁰⁰ Number requested: _____ Total \$.⁰⁰

Shipping _____ \$5.00 X [] \$.⁰⁰

Total Enclosed: \$.⁰⁰

Please make check payable to: **Old Dominion Packard Club**

Mail application and check to: Craig Coulombe
3148 Borge Street
Oakton, VA 22124

The Old Dominion Packard Club holds two overnight events per year — Spring Tour on the fourth weekend in April and Fall Meet & judging held on the fourth weekend in October. Meet locations vary. Our ODPC Newsletter is published quarterly and contains information on club activities. Please join us!

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