



# THE OLD DOMINION

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A couple of old postcards—contributed by John Mrotek



# President's Letter

Greetings Fellow Packard Lovers,

Our fall tour is fast approaching. Hotel information has been available for some time on the web site and enclosed with this newsletter is the tour registration. Please take a few moments to be sure you are registered for what sounds like another great 'Robb' tour, this time to Orange, VA.

While on the subject of tours, Tom Inman approached us with the idea of making the 'Mt. Airy' tour for spring of '13 a joint event with the Blue Ridge Packard Club. Our Board of Directors agreed that this would be a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and new Packards. Curtis Easter, the Director of BRPC has agreed, and he and Tom are starting to work out the details. More to come!

Although Kathy and I have really just started our term as President, I would to take this opportunity to pass on a few observations:

- \* This is truly a social club every bit as much as it is a car club. Board decisions seem to pivot on that fact; enjoy the cars and trading information but always keep the people in mind and together.
- \* Although initially there was a flurry of chores for the position, it is really just a matter of e-mails and staying in touch with the people that are putting on the tours which is of course our main club function.
- \* Being in office really helps to familiarize you with all the members. Maybe like me, you have a hard time with names but working in the club really helps to introduce you to everyone.
- \* As with most organizations there are a number of members that really provide the backbone of the club. They quietly work on keeping things on track and providing guidance for the Presidents office. They are and have been the ones that get things done and the President just takes credit for it!

With these things said, I would like to encourage more members to join in the running of the club. You will find the benefits far outweigh the efforts. It does not have to be an office position. Any project or support that you can volunteer for will help you as well as the club. Perhaps you can be responsible for one day's activities on a tour. All you need to do is contact the tour chair and ask. We always need judges for our fall meet. It is easy (no real experience required) and if you are interested but concerned about your skill level, then volunteer as a 'student judge' one time and then take it from there. Bob Woolfitt as VP is in charge of judging for the Orange tour; give him a call now and see what he needs. Another area that will give you exposure without any real commitment is the newsletter. Pictures of your car, stories concerning it on other trips or during its restoration or previous ownership are all things that other members like to read. Technical tips if you are so inclined or little things you have learned along the way with you car are great things to pass on.

Please think about this and consider some level of involvement. I can almost guarantee that you won't regret it. However, if you find you do not like it, just stop doing it. I promise you won't be flogged, tarred and feathered or banished from the club.

As a member of our Richmond AACA and an ESSO aficionado likes to say,

Happy Motoring!

George and Kathy Duke

**For lots of pictures from previous tours,  
visit our new website listed on the cover  
Of this newsletter and choose the Gallery.**

**UPCOMING MEET NEWS - 2012**

**Sept 17-23, Mon-Sun, 47th National Packard Meet,  
Williamsburg, VA**

**October 10-13, AACA Hershey Fall meet, Hershey Pa**

**Oct. 25-27, ODPC Fall Meet, Orange/Culpeper, VA**

## Current slate of District Representatives

Lynn Rogerson - North of Virginia  
Glenn Koogler-Western Virginia  
Jon Hatfield - Central Virginia  
Bob Woolfitt - Eastern Virginia  
Blair Hildebrand - South of Virginia  
Dick Stoltzfus-Pennsylvania

# Old Dominion Packard Club

## 2012 ODPC Fall Meet

Orange & Culpeper Counties, Virginia  
October 25-28, 2012



Our host hotel is:  
**Holiday Inn Express Hotel**  
750 Round Hill Drive  
Orange, VA 22960

Phone; 540-672-6691

*(Please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel)*

As with all Holiday Inn Express Hotels, breakfast is included with your room.

**Please bring goodies for the Hospitality Suite which will be open for the duration of the Meet except on Saturday.**

### Thursday, October 25

It's been several years since we have been to Orange and the Virginia Piedmont so pack up your gear, load the Packard and take the delightful mostly country drive to this beautiful part of our Commonwealth. Plan to arrive early to get checked in your room and rest before we depart for our Early-Bird dinner at Restaurant Pomme, a delightful French restaurant about 11 miles from our hotel. If your lights are not so bright, you might plan to ride with someone as it get really dark in Orange County.

After dinner we will return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening in our Hospitality Suite which will be open the entire Meet with the exception of Saturday (the Hospitality Suite is part of what will be our Banquet Room). Get a good night's rest.

### Friday, October 26

We will breakfast at the hotel and have a leisurely departure time of 9:30 a.m. Today's tour will be a total of approximately 50 miles.

Start your engines for our short 5-1/2 mile drive to Montpelier, home of U.S. President James Madison and Dolly Madison. James Madison is known as the Father of the U.S. Constitution.



We will see a movie at the visitor's center and then tour the house. Wear comfortable shoes as there is some walking involved. Tickets will be paid for in advance with your registration. **We will have box lunches available with the choices shown on the registration form.** There is an optional garden tour available.



We will leave Montpelier at about 1:30 p.m. and head into Culpeper County (about 21 miles) and visit Chuck and Jeanette Miller's Belmont Farm, Distillery & Gift Shop. Chuck and Jeanette bought Belmont Farm in 1975 and it has the unique distinction of being the home of Virginia Lightning Whiskey the first (and maybe the only) legal "moonshine" whiskey distillery.

We will enjoy a tour of this "living museum" and learn the "secrets" of the still and learn how "moonshine" is made. This distillery is so unique that both the History Channel and National Geographic filmed on site. Despite his seemingly country bumpkin character, owner, Chuck Miller who will be leading us on the tour holds an aviation engineering degree from the University of Maryland.



We will have some time to visit the Belmont gift shop but we understand there are no "tastings". However, you may purchase their product in the different proofs.

At about 2:45 p.m. we now head back to our hotel (about 20 miles). When we arrive home, you have your choice of resting, or you may want to shop in downtown Orange or drive the approximate 19 miles to the town of Culpeper. There are shopping venues at both places but Culpeper definitely has more choice. There are some antique and some "junque" shops in Orange as well as the James Madison Museum.

Dinner will be on your own this evening. Don't be late and save some room for:



## ICE CREAM



To honor Dolly Madison, we will be hosting an Ice Cream Social at our hotel down in the Breakfast Area with your choice of toppings or no toppings. Dolly Madison was a big fan of ice cream, so much so that she served it at her husband, President James Madison's Inaugural Ball and made it a feature at all White House dinners. Do you know what Dolly

Madison's favorite flavor was? Well you will never guess, so it was Oyster!! YEP!! No typo, OYSTER! Realizing, of course, it's a break with tradition, but ***we will not have Oyster or even Oyster-Flavored ice cream at our social!!***

*Hospitality Suite is OPEN.*

*On Saturday our Awards Banquet will occupy the same space as the Hospitality Suite. Therefore, please remove your goodies and sweets from the Hospitality Room after this evening.*

## **Saturday, October 27**

### **Breakfast at the Hotel**

Our Annual Judging Event will be held at our hotel on the back lawn on the south side of the hotel. It will be on the grass if the weather is favorable. Vice President and Chief Judge Bob Woolfitt asks that you please have your car in its proper location by 10:00 a.m. for judging. If you choose to not have your Packard judged the schedule is not so strict, but for the convenience of the judges we'd appreciate your adhering to the same schedule. During and after the judging, those who have chosen to can set up for an impromptu Swap Meet. This reflects back to ODPC meets of the 1960s and 1970s. There are no other official planned activities today so you are on your own. If you choose you can go antique or other shopping either in Orange, Gordonsville or Culpeper. Recommendation: In your tour pack is a copy of the downtown Orange walking tour. If you are able—do it!! Very interesting. Historical venues available for visiting are the James Madison Museum and the Orange County Historical Society.

**6:00 p.m., Social Hour (*Wine & Beer Only*)**

**7:00 p.m., Awards Banquet**

Our Awards Banquet will be held in the expanded room where our Hospitality Suite has been. We have the entire room that is an expansion of the suite. We are having our buffet dinner this evening catered by the prestigious Orange, Virginia, restaurant/caterer, Elmwood at Sparks. We hope you choose to wear vintage or near-vintage garments as we judge vintage dress at our Fall Meets.

*Since our Banquet occupies the same space as our Hospitality Suite, there will be no official Hospitality Suite open after the Banquet.*

## **Sunday, October 28**

Breakfast at the hotel and time to head for home.



# Old Dominion Packard Club

**2012 Fall Meet - Registration Form**

**Orange/Culpeper Counties, Virginia**

**October 25-28, 2012**

\_\_\_ Please check here if you are willing to judge. Prior experience not required.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Packard Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description	No.	@ \$Each	Total Price
Registration fee, car, driver and spouse or one guest	_____	@ \$35.00	_____
Registration fee for each additional guest	_____	@ \$6.00	_____

**Thursday, October 25, 2012**

Early Bird dinner at Restaurant Pomme, Gordonsville, VA (Order off menu) \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, October 26, 2012**

Tour to Montpelier, home of James and Dolly Madison \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$34.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*(includes box lunch on grounds),* \_\_\_ Ham& Swiss \_\_\_ Turkey & Swiss

Tour of Belmont Farm Distillery (the only legal moonshine still in VA) \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner on your own

Ice Cream Social (8:00 p.m. in Holiday Inn Express Breakfast Room) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, October 27, 2012**

Judging will be held on the south grass behind the hotel.

Cars must be on the field no later than 10:00 a.m. to be eligible for judging.

**Note: There is no planned activity for today. We encourage an informal swap Meet and tire kicking in conjunction with and following the Packard judging.**

**Ladies may wish to go shopping in downtown Orange or Culpeper, about 18 miles north.**

Banquet Dinner Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$39.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5, 2012 \*Don't forget to add \_\_\_\_\_ \*TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**In the REGISTRATION FEE, the first item on this form.**

Please send this form with your check made out to **Old Dominion Packard Club** no later than October 5, 2012 to Carol Robb, Registrar, 11226 Fanwood Court, Richmond, VA 23233-1854.

Please note that when some activities are pre-paid by ODPC, refunds may not be available under any circumstances.

**Make your hotel reservations directly with the Holiday Inn Express, 540-672-6691**

**Just a reminder**— Our spring tour in April, 2013, will be held in Mount Airy, NC and we will be joined by the Blue Ridge Packard Club for a joint tour. In the town of Mayberry from “The Andy Griffith Show,” a small town sheriff and his trusty deputy always outwitted big-city crooks, and problems never got much bigger than a trigger-happy kid with a slingshot. But, while Mayberry was fiction, it was inspired by a real place: Mount Airy, NC. More on this in the next newsletter.

## FOR SALE



1954 Packard Patrician, 110,000 miles - Hal Hester of Waverly, VA, has owned and driven his 1954 Patrician for 12 years, putting 10,000 miles on it at various tours and events. It has all original interior carpet, upholstery showing a little wear, and headliner like new. It has been repainted with the original color in the past. Its automatic transmission, power brakes, power windows, and power antenna all work well, and its professionally totally rebuilt engine runs well. The radio has stopped working, and the chrome on the bumpers needs some attention. Hal is asking \$7,500 for the car. If you are interested in the car, call Hal at 804-834-2227 for more details.



1941 120 4-door touring sedan - \$21,500 or best offer



1949 Eight 4-door sedan - \$10,500 or best offer

Both offered by Jay Altman - 540-946-8292 or e-mail: [Altman.Jay@gmail.com](mailto:Altman.Jay@gmail.com). For more pictures and complete descriptions, please visit <http://www.stereophotoman.com/Packards4sale> (The “P” of Packards must be upper case, rest lower.)

# Old Dominion Packard Club Club Projects



This four-inch round, heavy, chrome-backed, four-color Cloisonné bumper badge is \$60 plus \$5 shipping.



Every hat or jacket needs this 1 1/4 inch four color cloisonné lapel pin for only \$3.50 including shipping.



At only \$3.50 each (including shipping) these iron-on embroidered club patches can be put on hats, jackets, shirts, etc. Order several.

**James Ward Packard**  
Old Dominion Packard Club

**Name badge; \$9.00 including shipping.**

## Order Form

Bumper Badge,      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60. Shipping \$5. Ship Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lapel Pin              Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.50      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Embroidered Patch      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.50      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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