

2024 Fall

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*The Dominion  
Packard Club*  
Est. 1958

ASK • THE • MAN • WHO • OWNS • ONE

FALL MEET ~ OCTOBER 23 TO 27, 2024

SMITHFIELD,  
VIRGINIA



# In Our 66<sup>th</sup> 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 \$30 annually.

Our website is: [olddominionpackardclub.org](http://olddominionpackardclub.org)

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# A look back at the 1971 Spring Tour

## Springtime in Our Packard

*[The following story was written by ODPC member Harriet Sadler about her Packard touring in 1971, including the ODPC Spring Tour in 1971. A special thanks to ODPC Historian Rod Hobbs.]*

**B**eing so very anxious to greet Springtime this year we more than met it halfway — in fact, we traveled 2,200 miles and in so doing we not only met it once, but have witnessed that “Glorious Transformation of Nature,” now, for the third time in about as many weeks.

The Tennessee Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) held their Spring Assembly in Music City, USA (Nashville). A fun packed long weekend, and we made it even longer by leaving Cincinnati on Wednesday and going to Nashville via North Carolina. Not exactly as the crow flies! We visited friends in N.C. and all the time were looking out the corner of our eye for an old Packard in “Mint Condition” that might be stashed away in somebody’s barn. No luck, I might add.

So, on to Nashville to a great meet of beautiful cars and beautiful people. Our first evening there we attended the Grand Ole Opry, and should your thirst be for Country music, you certainly could drink your fill. The ladies had an “Old Clothes” fashion show and luncheon on Saturday while the men spit and polished and swapped stories of restoration while judging was underway. The banquet that evening (500 attending) found Johnny Cash and June Carter (Mrs. Cash) presenting the awards to the lucky winners.

Sunday, many of us visited the home of Andrew Jackson before starting for home. The weather was a delight — the country beautiful with blossoms of dogwood, red bud, magnolia, and green grass!

Back to Cincinnati long enough to reorganize and repack our Packard to leave for the Old Dominion Packard Club on Wednesday in Winchester, VA. Our first day with the ODPC found us touring to Harpers Ferry, W.Va. and if you remember your history and John Brown, it was here that he “did his thing” “had his fling” and ended up with his neck in a sling! Historic and informative — a well-planned and enjoyable day.

The next day we went to Berkeley Springs — a beautiful health spa in the majestic mountains of West Virginia. You no doubt have heard all about where George Washington “slept.” Well, he bathed in Berkeley Springs and you should see his crazy bathtub! Natural formation, bottom and sides of limestone, or was it sandstone? Ouch! And full of warm water flowing in the mineral springs of Berkeley. No wonder he was the “Father of Our Country.”

After this delightful day, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shade made us all welcome at their home in Winchester, which was filled with various stages of restoration, antique furniture, clothing and dishes, etc. You name it, they had it! This was a most enjoyable evening and their “Open House” was an excellent demonstration of “Southern Hospitality” at its best.

The following day was spit and polish time again and that evening after a very social hour and a delectable banquet, all the work paid off for some who were presented awards by our very able President, Jeff Diffie, a Southern gentleman if I ever saw one. And, of course, behind every successful man there is a woman — in this case Jeff’s lovely wife, Mildred.

There were many beautiful Packards at this meet. Four real “jewels,” or at least I think they were, one of which was a 1928 phaeton touring owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher of Hanover, Pennsylvania. This car was voted most popular car and so was awarded, accordingly, Ray and Helen Burton had a beautiful blue 1924 touring; Neva and Wendall Bailey drove, among others, a 1929 touring — likewise beautiful. A very dapper Mr. V.C. Unger, owner of Shirkey’s Steak House, drove a 1927 touring, side curtains, jump seats, and all. These are just a few that caught my fancy. There were many more. An enjoyable and well-planned event, just “Ask The Man Who Owns One,” that was there.

And so back to Cincinnati, again and what is that I see from our back window? The dogwood trees are in bloom, the red bud in budding, and the forsythia is forsythiaing! Ah, Spring at last in Cincinnati, and for the third time in one season — that glorious transformation. But that is where I came in, wasn’t it?

# Old Dominion Packard Club 2024 Fall Meet Smithfield, Virginia

## Smithfield Station Hotel

415 S. Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia 757-357-7700

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

**S**mithfield Station Restaurant, Lodge and Marina offers deluxe, updated accommodations plus fantastic views of the Pagan River, the marina and the marsh that goes for miles.

A restful, peaceful, outstanding venue you will enjoy, along with the quality breakfasts included for our members.

Rooms at the Smithfield Station are sold out, but there are rooms available in close proximity at these bed & breakfasts:

**Mansion on Main Street**, 36 Main Street, Smithfield (757-357-0006), or

**Smithfield Inn**, 112 Main Street, Smithfield (757) 357-1752.

Registration and Tour packets will be available in the Station Hospitality Room.

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### TOURMASTERS

Ron Pack ..... 757-620-9000

Gary Terwilliger ..... 757-287-6721

Dan Kirby ..... 757-544-1502



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Registration and Tour packets will be available in the Station Hospitality Room.

We welcome you on Wednesday evening Oct 23 promptly at 5 p.m. to a lavish, catered Cocktail & Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres reception free of charge, at The Bank-Vintage Car Cave, 303 Main Street.

There is ample parking available in rear of building. Cash bar. With the quantity of hors d'oeuvres, an evening meal may be superfluous. But if desired, dinner on your own is available nearby at the Station or in the same block as The Bank on Main Street are the Smithfield Ice Cream Parlor, 208 Main Street; Smithfield Gourmet Bakery, 218, Main Street; Taste of Smithfield, 217 Main Street; and Fiddlin Pig Pub, 100 Main Street; and Wharf Hill Brewing Co., 25 Main Street.

Chauffeured golf carts will be available to return guests to the nearby lodge at Smithfield Station.

## **The Bank-Vintage Car Cave**



This occasion is the official Grand Opening of The Bank-Vintage Car Cave, a newly remodeled facility, now redesigned for the care and preservation of classic collector cars, some of which will be on display.

The building was built in the Williamsburg architectural tradition with Flemish bond brick, slate roof, dormers, brick water table, brick fence out front with rounded brickwork on top, working fireplace from the original manor house that sat on this property.

It was a Bank of America branch until it closed in 2021, The Bank will now house treasured classic 20th century automobiles instead of cash. Complete with a massive room sized Mosler Safe original to the building.



# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

At 9 a.m., we will undertake a 15-mile drive to the Mariners Museum and Park (left) in Newport News. Entree price is \$10 each, which includes a docent-led tour.

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From the Mariners Museum we will drive 10 miles to the Dock of the Bay restaurant (right), 13162 Carrollton Blvd., Carrollton.

That afternoon, we will either visit the Audrain Private Collection in Surry, VA or visit the eclectic car collection of Old Dominion Packard Club member Dwight Schaubach in Carrollton.



A pair of Model J Duesenbergs from Dwight Schaubach's collection.



Dinner will be fine dining at the historic Smithfield Inn, 112 Main Street, near the 1752 Courthouse. Options will include seafood, chicken or beef.

Chauffeured cars or golf carts will be available to transport folks to and from Smithfield Station.



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

We will depart from the hotel at 9 a.m. and drive 45 miles to the Military Aviation Museum (right) in Pungo, VA. home to one of the world's largest collections of flying vintage military aircraft.

The purpose-built airport facility has more than 50 aircraft from the World War I- and World War II-eras. The museum is also home to historical structures located on 130 acres.



At noon we will have a box lunch at the Museum after which we will return to Smithfield. The ODPC Board Meeting will be held in Hospitality Room at 4 p.m.

Dinner that evening will be on your own.

# A HISTORY OF SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA



Smithfield and surrounding Isle of Wight County are as old as Virginia itself, having been first colonized in 1634. Located on the banks of the Pagan River, and lying on the opposite shore of the James River, across from Jamestown, the area was soon discovered by Captain John Smith and other early settlers.

Smithfield and surrounding counties saw action during the

Revolutionary and Civil wars, mainly because of its proximity to the James River.

Smithfield was born on the banks of the Pagan River and incorporated in 1752 by Arthur Smith IV. “Nurtured by trade and commerce, Smithfield was, from its very beginning, a ‘river town,’ and its whole life and growth have been conditioned by the river.” Arthur Smith IV parceled out his family farm into 72 lots and four streets to house British merchants and ship captains. Today, visitors will find that Smithfield still has its historical charm.

Smithfield’s Historic District boasts architectural importance, including and Victorian periods.

To preserve the historical charm, individual property owners took the history of their ancestors by enacting Ordinance in 1979. This ordinance set boundaries for a local historic district and created a Board of Historic and Architectural Review to review proposed changes to the properties in the historic district.

The Zoning Ordinance and the “Historic District Design Guidelines” provide definite standards that take some of the guesswork out of what is appropriate for the district. The “Historic District Design available at Town Hall for town with a rich past and

Learn more about the Wight County at the Isle Museum, located on Main the World’s Oldest Ham.



more than 70 buildings of exceptional residences of the Colonial, Federal,

the Town of Smithfield and steps to protect the integrity and a Historic Preservation District

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Guidelines” are \$5. Smithfield is a wonderful future.

Smithfield and Isle of of Wight County Street and home of

*Text from the Town of Smithfield and Isle of Wight County, VA*

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

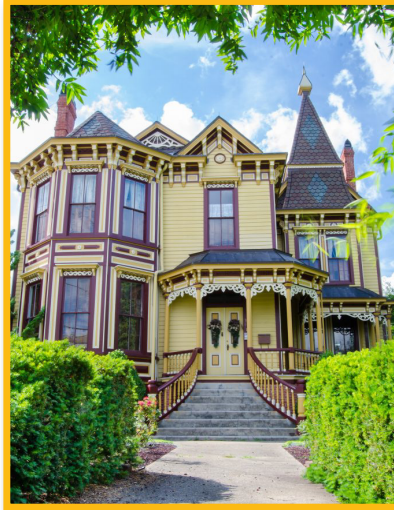
**O**in Saturday morning we will park our cars on The Bank-Vintage Car Cave grounds at 303 Main Street for public appreciation and club judging.

In the afternoon, members can choose to either wander around downtown, take a walking tour of Smithfield homes, or visit the SummerWind Winery, 71 Eagle Nest Lane, Smithfield.



**SummerWind Winery**

## Smithfield Walking Tour ~



**Thomas House, 1889**



**Berryman Mansion, 1902**

At 6 p.m. we will hold a Social Hour in the Smithfield Station Main dining room, followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Along with enjoying the decorations and outfits, we are going to hold a White Elephant auction to benefit of ODPC's coffers. So look in your closets and drawers and find great treasures!



# ON THE BOARDWALK

... is the theme for the closing banquet. Members should dress in swimwear, Hawaiian shirts, popular beach or nautical attire from the 1920s to 1950s. The key here is casual and fun! To assist with the decorations, call Lynn Shirey at 703-589-7275 or email her at [lynnRshirey@gmail.com](mailto:lynnRshirey@gmail.com)





# 2024 Fall Meet Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Packard Brought: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Space Required: YES \_\_\_ / NO \_\_\_

Registration Fees: Driver & Spouse or 1 Guest: \$70 (Under 18 years old, no charge)  
Additional Guest[s]: \$35 each = No.: \_\_\_ Total Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday, October 23

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Check-in Wednesday afternoon at Hotel Smithfield Station, 409 South Church St., Smithfield (757-357-7700). Event packets will be available in the Station Hospitality Room.

At 5:30 p.m., there will be a cocktail party with heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Vintage Car Cave, 303 Main St. Smithfield.

 Compliments of the Smithfield Classic Car Guys Club.

## Thursday, October 24

9 a.m. Drive to **Mariners Museum & Park**, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News (757-596-2222). Museum tour led by docent. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Drive to **Dock of the Bay** restaurant, 13162 Carrollton Blvd., Carrollton. **Order from menu**

**Audrain Private Collection**, Surry, VA OR **Dwight Schaubach's Car Collection** in Carrollton **No charge**

6 p.m. Dinner at **Smithfield Inn**, 112 Main St. (Choices below; includes salad)  
Chicken Piccata \_\_\_ Smoked Duck \_\_\_ Crab Cakes \_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_ @ \$60 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday, October 25

9 a.m. CARavan to the **Military Aircraft Museum** in Pungo, VA. Entry fee: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Box Lunch: Turkey \_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_ Bacon \_\_\_ Tuna \_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Roast \_\_\_ House \_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4 p.m. ODPC Board Meeting in Hospitality Room at Station  
Dinner on your own following Board Meeting.

## Saturday, October 26

9 a.m. Car judging begins at The **Bank Vintage Car Cave**.

1:30 p.m. **Smithfield Museum** guided Walking Tour. (Alternative choices on own) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6 p.m. Social hour in Main dining room Smithfield Station with cash bar.

7 p.m. Closing Banquet & business meeting. Entrée choices below: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Bourbon chicken \_\_\_ Broiled Crab Cakes \_\_\_ Pork Medallions \_\_\_  
Broiled Seafood Platter (flounder, crabcake, shrimp & scallions) \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Total, including \$70 Registration Fee [plus guest] \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sunday, October 27** Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$17.95 served at the Station (optional).

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2024**

Make check payable to **Old Dominion Packard Club** and mail with registration form to –  
**Ron Pack, 508 Jordan Avenue, Smithfield, VA 23430**

If you have questions or need additional information, call Ron Pack at 757-620-9000.

*Please remember to bring your name tags, period dress, and goodies for the Hospitality Room*



# OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM



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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ New member?

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PACKARDS OWNED</b>	<i>This listing is for the Club's annual Membership Roster. You do <u>not</u> have to own a Packard to be a member.</i>			
	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
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	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
<i>Please list additional cars using the above criteria on a separate piece of paper. Thank you.</i>				

**Annual Dues: \$30**  
***Dues deadline is Oct. 31***

### Mailing Preferences

I wish to receive the ODPC Newsletter via:

E-mail:

Postage:

Both:

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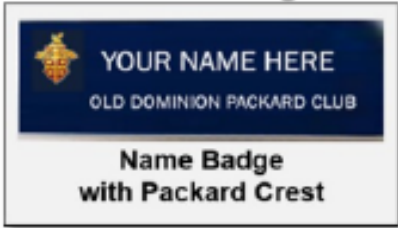
### Bumper Badge



The ODPC Bumper Badge includes screws and nuts for mounting. Badges are \$75 each, with \$8 for shipping.

No. of badges requested: \_\_\_\_\_

### Name Badge



Our Name Badge attaches magnetically so it won't damage your clothes and stays on tight. Each badge includes the Packard logo.

Badges are \$10 each, including shipping.

No. of badges requested: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10 ea.

Name for each badge:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotals for:

Name Badge[s] \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bumper Badge[s] (include shipping): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total for Accessories & Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to:**

**OLD DOMINION  
PACKARD CLUB**

**Mail Registration/Renewal form to:**

**Craig Coulombe**

**3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 22124**

The Old Dominion Packard Club holds two 3-day events per year — Spring Tour on the fourth week of April and Fall Tour on the fourth week of October. Every other year ODPC holds a Fall Meet, which includes the judging of cars. Tour locations vary. Our Newsletter is published quarterly and contains information about Club activities.

# OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB

► NEWSLETTER ◀

2024 Fall Edition

3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

## PACKARDS ON THE POND

### Packards in Boat Racing

By Bill Holder

Even in the early years, Packard realized the importance of on-the-water motorsports and really supported it.

Packard's involvement in boat racing goes back to the early 1920s when the engine of choice was the Model 1237 V12 aero engine with the four numerals indicating its cubic inch displacement. The stock horsepower of the engine was reported as 315 horsepower, but no doubt was probably producing 400 or more in race trim.

A number of famous boats of that era used the powerplant including the 'Packard Chriscraft II and III boats and the 'Miss Packard,' which competed in a number of unlimited races such as the 150-mile International Sweepstakes race.

Packard-powered boats were consistent winners in the Gold Cup series. The boats were often built by the immortal Gar Wood. But in 1922, the governing American Powerboat Association (APBA) decided to lower the engine displacement to only 625 cubic inches, which was about half that of the 1237 cubes of the Packard 1237 engine.

But never fear, Carl Vincent, a chief engineer for Packard, came up with a most innovative solution to the problem when he removed the six cylinders in the right bank of the engine—Merlin and capped them off. All of a sudden, we had a 617 cubic inch engine, eight cubes less than that specified by the new rule. A chief engineer acting as an engine builder, something that certainly was a one-on-one situation.

*From Engine Builder Newsletter Published: April 29, 2016*



*This replica U-4 Miss American VII used a pair of the 1237 engines*

