



# THE OLD DOMINION

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April, 2012**

# Editorial

**As** the new editor of your newsletter, I am very pleased to be able to manage it this year. Unfortunately, I have had little time to devote to it the first two months of this year, so I have used a template of an earlier newsletter to produce this first one of the year, but hope to do much better from now on.

**I would certainly appreciate any suggestions for articles any of you may have, and would also appreciate any submissions of your own to include in future issues.**

**As I have worked on my own Packards, I have found that it would be useful to have some sort of reference for parts available today that can replace the originals. This is particularly true for commonly needed parts such as bearings, seals, belts and such, plus tips for maintaining various parts of the cars. I am thinking that a section in the newsletter devoted to such things might be useful to many of us who work on our cars, and I would like to hear from any of you with your opinions about including such a section. Please e-mail me with any comments.**

**I am looking forward to a great year enjoying my four Packards and great camaraderie with my many friends in the club!**

**Jay Altman, E-mail: [Altman.Jay@gmail.com](mailto:Altman.Jay@gmail.com)**

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1949  
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## Member Profile for Jay Altman

I never realized what a Packard automobile was until a friend, John Karalevycz, a long-time Packard enthusiast and member of the ODPC, invited me to go with him to the Fall Meet at Koogler's in Raphine a couple of years ago. I was amazed at not only the beauty of the many cars in attendance, but truly amazed that they were so well preserved, ran so well, and were actually driven regularly despite many being more than a half century old.

I started doing a little research into the history of the cars and stumbled on a 1941 110 Deluxe that was for sale at what seemed like a very reasonable price. The bug bit, and I bought the car. Although the car looked pretty good and ran fine, it needed some serious work on the brakes and suspension. So started a still ongoing restoration process. I am sure many of you know this story well.

I joined the ODPC immediately, and by the time of the Spring Tour six months later, I had acquired three more Packards, including the 1954 Clipper Deluxe I brought to the last couple of tours.

I had no idea that I would wind up with so many of these great automobiles when I attended that first meeting as a guest two and a half years ago.

## UPCOMING MEET NEWS

2012

May 11-12, All-Packard swap meet in Frederick, Md.  
At new location

June 3-8, Shenandoah Valley AACA Sentimental Tour

Aug. 27-31 AACA Reliability Tour - Richmond, VA

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

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

Oct. 26-27, ODPC Fall Meet, Orange/Culpeper, VA

## Current slate of District Representatives

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## 2012 OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB SPRING TOUR

### April 25 through 29

The ODPC Spring Tour is almost upon us. It will be in the Wilmington, Delaware area, where we have not toured since 1987! This will be a "Something Old and Something New" tour. That is, we will do some of the things we did 25 years ago, but also some new things. Our host hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton in Wilmington. Mention the ODPC to receive the group rate of \$89 (*plus tax*) per night. Make your reservations by April 4th to get the club rate.

#### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

##### Wednesday, April 25

Arrive at the hotel and pick up your packet. For those that arrive in time, we will start with an early bird tour of the Herr Snack Factory in Nottingham, PA, leaving the hotel at 12:45 p.m. As this is the farthest West we will tour, you may want to meet us there for our tour of the factory beginning at 2:00 p.m. and then return to the host hotel afterwards.

Dinner is on your own; suggestions will be in your packet.

##### Thursday, April 26

We will tour the Tom Marshall Steam Car Collection and his former house, then have lunch on the grounds of the Hagley Museum, followed by our tour of the Hagley Museum. The Hagley is where the du Ponts began in Delaware.

After the museum tour, we'll head back to the host hotel. Dinner is on your own.

##### Friday, April 27

On Friday, we will tour Winterthur, one of the most important collections of Americana in the country. It was the former home of Henry Francis du Pont. After lunch on your own at Winterthur, we will drive to Longwood Gardens and visit one of the premier botanical gardens in the U.S. We will also tour the Peirce-Du Pont house before heading back to the host hotel. Dinner will be on your own tonight.

##### Saturday, April 28

On Saturday, by special permission, we will tour Nemours Mansion, the 300 acre estate of Alfred I. du Pont. It has had a recent expensive renovation. We will have lunch at the du Pont County Club and then have a fun visit to the QVC shopping studios in West Chester, PA.

Saturday night is our traditional banquet at the host hotel with cash bar and entertainment following our business meeting.

##### Sunday, April 29

On Sunday, check out of the hotel and have a safe trip home.

Please make your room reservations and return your registration form with a check promptly. The cut-off date for the room reservations at our club rate is April 4th. This promises to be a wonderful tour and we hope to see many of you there.

## Interesting Places We Will Visit On The Spring Tour



**Herr's Snack Factory Tour**—Herr Foods is a leader in the snack food industry. They continually introduce the innovative products and packaging needed to satisfy ever-changing appetites and tastes. Their full line of quality snacks currently consists of more than 340 items including potato chips, pretzels, tortilla chips, cheese curls, popcorn, crackers, nuts, pork rinds, onion rings and meat sticks. All are available in a variety of shapes, sizes and flavors. On the tour, there's no fake machinery or actors - it's the REAL factory, the REAL workers, and the REAL process producing REAL products.

Auburn Heights Preserve is Delaware's newest State Park site thanks to the generosity of Thomas and Ruth Marshall. The preserve encompasses nearly 200 acres of protected land, with the 4-acre core estate located on a hilltop adjacent to the Red Clay Creek and the original family mill buildings.

**Auburn Heights Mansion** served as the residence for three generations of Marshalls. Although Tom and Ruth Marshall no longer live at Auburn Heights, it is not unusual to see them working on the property tending to the cars, gardens, trains, and buildings.

The **Marshall Steam Museum** features the world's largest operating collection of Stanley steam cars. Built by T. Clarence Marshall in 1947 to house his growing collection of antique automobiles, the building (now known as the Marshall Steam Museum) provides more than 6,000 square feet of display space. On display is a remarkable operating collection of antique autos, ranging in date from 1901 to 1937. Fifteen of the cars are "steamers" — including a 1901 Mobile and one White steam car, plus one electric car and two internal-combustion 12-cylinder Packards from the 1930s. The museum also houses exhibits on the history of the Marshall family and the local mill town of Yorklyn, small locomotives and model steam engines, standard-gauge Lionel electric trains from the 1930s, and antique music machines. Of special note is a new hands-on exhibit that reveals how a Stanley power plant functions.



The **Hagley Museum and Library** collects, preserves, and interprets the unfolding history of American enterprise. Located on 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine River in Wilmington, Delaware, Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works founded by E. I. du Pont in 1802. This example of early American industry includes restored mills, a workers' community, and the ancestral home and gardens of the du Pont family. **Soda House** is one of the many buildings on this property, located directly across the bus path from the Hagley Library.

**Winterthur** (pronounced "winter-tour"), Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, is the premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family's life here. Its research library serves scholars from around the world. It has an unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America between about 1640 and 1860. The collection is displayed in the magnificent 175-room house, much as it was when the du Pont family lived here, as well as in permanent and changing exhibition galleries. Winterthur is set amidst a 1,000-acre preserve of rolling meadows and woodlands. Designed by du Pont, its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among America's best, with magnificent specimen plantings and massed displays of color.



**Longwood Gardens** is nestled in the heart of the Brandywine Valley in Kennett Square, PA. Explore one of the great gardens of the world, from the 4-acre Conservatory to the splendor of our outdoor gardens spanning 1,077 acres. Longwood Gardens is sure to delight anyone who loves exquisite flowers, majestic trees, and opulent architecture. Here, amid 1,077 acres with 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens, you'll find beauty at every turn. Discover our storied heritage and the indelible mark of our



founder, Pierre S. du Pont. As Pierre established the Gardens, he paid particular attention to performing arts spaces, and ensured that the Gardens would be a place of grand-style entertaining. Pierre purchased a 1923 Steinway concert grand piano, which now sits majestically in the Conservatory Music Room. Construction was complete in 1929 on the Chimes Tower, which now houses a 62-bell carillon. He constructed the largest residence organ in the world—Longwood's 10,010 pipe Aeolian organ, in 1930.

The **Peirce-du Pont House** was originally built by Joshua Peirce, a Quaker farmer, who built the section of the brick house with the covered porch in 1730 (the porch dates from 1824). Successive generations of the Peirce family enlarged the modest farmhouse during the nearly two centuries it remained in their possession. It was 1906 when Pierre S. du Pont purchased the property to save the amazing trees that were about to be harvested for timber. He expanded the dwelling in 1909, and again in 1914, to serve as his country home and first conservatory. The house was opened to the public in 1976 and now contains the Longwood Heritage Exhibit, a comprehensive collection of historic photos, artifacts, home movies, and video that tells the story of the stewards of the land who preserved and developed the property.



**Nemours Mansion**—Alfred I. du Pont married Alicia, his second wife, in 1907 and loved showering her with gifts. By far the grandest of these was the spectacular new house that he built for her on a 3,000-acre plot of land in Wilmington. He hired a prestigious New York architectural firm to design the mansion in the late-18th-century French style that Alicia adored. Alfred named the estate Nemours, after the French town that his great-great-grandfather represented in the French Estates General. While looking to the past and his ancestors for inspiration, Alfred also ensured that his new home was thoroughly modern by incorporating the latest technology and many of his own inventions.



OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB

2012 Spring Tour Wilmington, Delaware April 25-29, 2012

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

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

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Registration fee, car driver and one guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee for each additional guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

Check-in at DoubleTree by Hilton. Pick up packets in Hospitality Room.

Early Bird tour to Herr's Snack Factory, leaving hotel at 12:45 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ @ FREE

Dinner on your own

**Thursday, April 26, 2012**

Tom Marshall Steam Car Museum and House \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch at Hagley Museum (Soda House) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Hagley Museum Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner on your own

**Friday, April 27, 2012**

Winterthur \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch on own at Winterthur

Longwood Gardens and Peirce-du Pont House Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner on your own

**Saturday, April 28, 2012**

Nemours Mansion \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch at du Pont Country Club \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

QVC Studio Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet: # \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Voluntary** additional donation to the ODPC Blue Ridge College Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2012** **TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check payable to Old Dominion Packard Club & mail with this form to:  
Carol Avenson, 1425 Sommerton Way, Chesapeake, VA 23320-5047**

**Make your hotel reservations directly with: DoubleTree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803.  
Tel: (302) 478-6049 or Central Reservations (800) 222-8733. Mention ODPC for our group rate of \$89/night plus tax.**

**CUTOFF FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 4!**

**Please bring your name tag and something for the Hospitality Room. Thanks!**

# 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.

**Bob Powell**  
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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