

**2022
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Edition No. 1**

The

Old Dominion Packard Club

Packard



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**Let's Hit the Road on the
ODPC 2022 Spring Tour in**

Asheboro, NC

In Our 63rd 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.

Old Dominion Packard Club



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

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Old Dominion Packard Club Profiles: Mark & Shannon Fingerholz

ODPC Members since 2016

Story by Mark Fingerholz

It started with a desire to own a classic car. One with swooping fenders, a butterfly hood, great for just cruising around, and worthy of attending any car show or cruise. A Packard fit all the above, in addition to fitting with my fondness of cool cars that most of the public doesn't know about.

In 2016, after a 2-year search, I came across the ultimate combination of year, chassis, and model I had wanted in Hemming Motor News. I hopped on a plane and headed to Moorpark, California in Simi Valley north of Los Angeles to inspect the car. After a day of inspecting the car and talking with Dave Dwyhalo, the owner of Backalley Restorations in Moorpark, I purchased the car and made arrangement to have it



Mark, Crimora and Shannon Fingerholz at the 2020 Fall Tour shipped back to Virginia. I drove the car on the Old Dominion Packard Club tour in the 2016 Fall Meet in Richmond.

I have been a car nut my entire life, competing in vehicle competitions in high school (super-high-mileage vehicle) and college (Formula SAE), I eventually became a mechanical engineer and now manage vehicle development programs for the U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command.

Here is the history of my car:

The 1937 Super Eight Touring Limousine was originally sold on August 28, 1937 at the Leonard Williams & Co. English Packard dealership. While most Packards were assembled at the Williams facility in West London in order to avoid high English tariffs, I'm not sure if my car was shipped to England already assembled or in pieces. I would image at a minimum that Leonard Williams added the trafficators and Marchal headlights and driving lights, rather than the standard U.S. headlights.



The Fingerholz Packard on its first ODPC Meet in 2016

Please see Mark Fingerholz, Page 9

Editor's Note: Page 3 of our Newsletters is reserved for stories about our members and their cars. If you would like to tell ODPC about what made you interested in Packards, how you acquired your car, or any story you think would interest members, please contact Rod Hobbs, 623 Lakeland Road Street, Severna Park, MD 21146, or email him at packardV8@hotmail.com.

ASHEBORO

NORTH CAROLINA

HEART OF CAROLINA SPRING TOUR APRIL 20 TO 24

Our lodging —

Hampton Inn

Asheboro, NC

1137 E. Dixie Drive,

Asheboro, NC 27203

Participants should call Hampton Inn Asheboro for room reservations before March 30, 2022. The hotel's website is:



<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/asbnchx-hampton-asheboro/>

Ask for the ODPC package: Single rooms are \$115 a night, and doubles are \$129 a night. **Reservations must be in by March 30.** Be sure to check the appropriate space on the registration form if you will be bringing a trailer or motor home.

Be sure to mention ODPC to get our club discount!

Wednesday, April 20

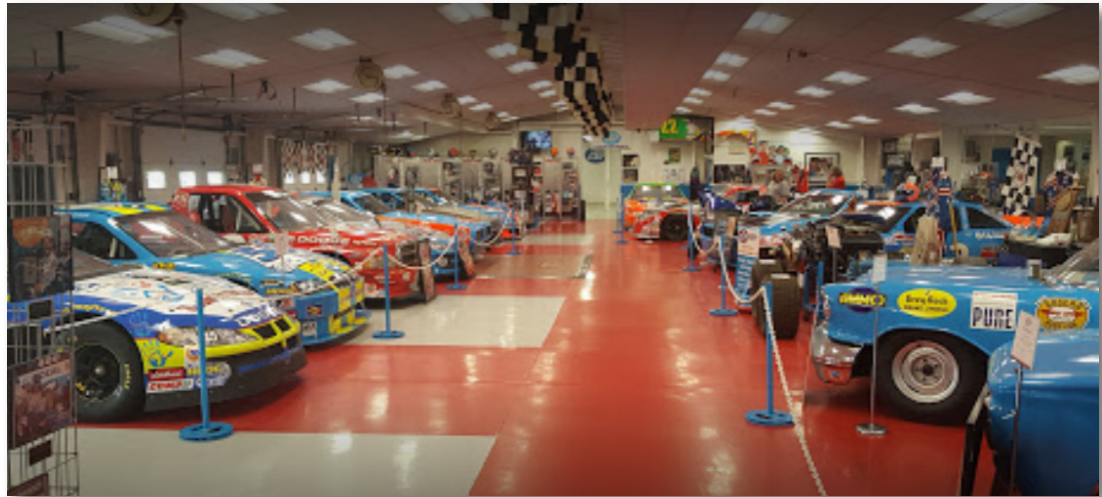
Members will rendezvous at the Hampton Inn Asheboro. You may pick up your registration packets at the ODPAC hospitality suite in the Hampton Inn Board Room. Plan to join us around 5:30 p.m. for an informal Early Bird Dinner at **Kickback Jack's** (a short walk from the Hampton Inn).

We will try to see if we can sit together. We will order off the menu, with separate checks.



Thursday, April 21

At 8:45 a.m. we will begin lining up our cars and will depart the hotel at 9 a.m. for the 20-mile drive to the Richard Petty Museum and Garage in Level Cross, NC. (www.richardpettymuseum.com). Richard Petty, 84, is the undisputed king of NASCAR racing, with



Richard Petty Museum exhibit of Petty race cars

ahad a professional a career in racing spanning 34 years, winning 200 NASCAR races, nearly twice as many as anybody else. The Petty Museum, which opened in 1988, celebrates the story of four generations of Pettys who have left their mark on the sport.

At noon we will depart the Petty museum and drive 25 miles to ODPAC member Barry Lowe's Gatsby Autoworx, 4732 Cobb Road, Liberty, NC 27215. (<https://www.gatsbyautoworx.com/>).

Once there, we will enjoy a lunch buffet and then take a tour of Barry's cars, facilities and operation." We, of course, know Barry as a noted Packard collector and



Richard Petty at his garage



noted Packard collector and restorer, but there's much more. Gatsby Autoworx also restores vehicles for customers and provides long-range maintenance too. At any one time in his shop you may find not only Packards, but also vintage makes like Rolls-Royce, Peerless, Cord, and other road car royalty from the 1920s and '30s being restored from the ground up. We will have a catered lunch at Autoworx after the tour. We will return to the hotel at 3:30 p.m.

We will leave for dinner at 6 p.m. at **Positano Italian Restaurant**, 130 South Church Street Asheboro, NC. The restaurant will provide group parking and seating.



Barry Lowe with his 1931 Packard Opera Coupe at the 2019 ODPF Fall Tour



Friday, April 22

At 8 a.m. we will line up and depart at 8:15 a.m. for an 8-mile drive to the North Carolina Zoo (www.nczoo.org). Those who have signed up for the Zoofari tour on the registration form will meet up at 9:45 a.m. at Junction Plaza Tram Stop area.



The 2,600-acre North Carolina Zoo is the world's largest natural habitat zoo, so the more than 1,800 animals (of 250 species) that live there have plenty of room to roam and live as they would in the wild. The Zoo also



The North Carolina Zoo gives its more than 1,800 animals room to move about, unlike many zoos in which the animals live in confined spaces

leads efforts locally and globally to protect wildlife and wild habitats. At 12:30 p.m. we will meet at “Hippo Beach“ for a buffet with soft drinks included. After lunch, ODP members can stay at the zoo or have the choice of three options:

- **North Carolina Aviation Museum & Hall of Fame** (2222 Pilots View Road, Asheboro, NC 27205) www.ncamhof.com. The Museum houses a large collection of airplanes, artifacts, vehicles, and World War II memorabilia, including displays honoring the famed Tuskegee Airmen, and the contributions of women in aviation history.
- **American Classic Motorcycle Museum** (1170 US-64, Asheboro, NC 27205) <https://www.facebook.com/ACMMofAsheboro>. The museum combines a diner, Harley-Davidson repair shop, 35-40 Harley motorcycles, and Harley memorabilia.
- **North Carolina Pottery Center** (Seagrove, NC) <http://ncpotterycenter.org>. Seagrove is the capital of pottery-making in North Carolina. At the Center you will learn about the area and the potters, and see their wares.



At 5:30 p.m. we will drive to “**Hide-A-Way Farm,**” hosted by Charles and Cynthia Ferree. There we will enjoy an evening of live Country Music, with a catered home-style dinner, a fire pit with Smores, and more. BYOB and bring lawn chairs.

Saturday, April 23

At 9 a.m. we will leave on a 45-mile scenic drive to the **North Carolina Transportation Museum**, 411 S. Salisbury Ave., Spencer, NC 28159 (www.nctrans.org). The museum is built on what for years was Southern Railway’s largest steam locomotive repair facility in the southeast. Hence the main focus of this sprawling 60-acre site is on railroad history (steam and diesel), and a collection of significant cars, commercial vehicles. The price of admission includes an 11 a.m. train ride.

At 5:30 p.m. we will drive to the **Pinewood Country Club** for social hour and our **Heart of Carolina Tour Banquet**. Cocktail/social hour is 6 to 7 p.m. with a cash bar and live jazz by the Gregg Gelb Swing Band from Raleigh, including our own Greg Cagle on cornet. Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Banquet Theme is “**Women and Cars in Packard’s Golden Years — Automobiles and the Suffrage Movement**” (See Page 8). featuring Lynn and the Suffragettes. The Gregg Gelb Swing Band will resume at 9:25 p.m. and will feature vocals by our own Rachel Hubbard. Dancers are welcome!

What! Women in Voting Booths and Cars?

The 19th Amendment, passed by Congress in 1919, put the women's vote on the books. But women had been behind the wheel (and in the driver's seat) far earlier!

In 1888, Bertha Benz drove from Mannheim to Pforzheim in a Benz Model III, becoming the first person to drive an automobile a significant distance. And Bertha was no lightweight when it came to



automotive ingenuity either. During the trip she cleaned a blocked fuel line with her hat pin and used her garter as insulation material.

But those post-war suffragettes were also swingers (well, Swing Dancers)!

The banquet will include live music by the Greg Gelb Swing Band, featuring our own ODPC member Greg Cagle on cornet. The band will perform during the cocktail hour (6 to 7 p.m.) and after dinner for dancing until 10:30 p.m.

While you kick up your heels, kick the tires in Period Dress! We're voting for women attired Suffragette-style: white blouses and long white skirts, or long white dresses, and big, honkin' hats! Suffragette sashes will be distributed at the door to our ODPC Suffragettes.

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And you guys? Dress as gents might have while the ladies addressed audiences from the platforms of their cars. (Think straw, boater, or Homburg hats, or sporting duds or period accessories like a pipe, cane, bow tie, or pocket silk.)

As usual, those attired in Packard era dress earn a complimentary drink chit!

For more information, contact Period Dress Chair Lynn Shirey at 703-589-7275.



Mark Fingerholz

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After World War II, the car returned to the United States. In 1978, the car was in Dunkirk, NY, where Ron Halicki purchased the car from Rexford Johnson and shipped the Packard to his brother, H.B. "Toby" Halicki in Gardena, California.

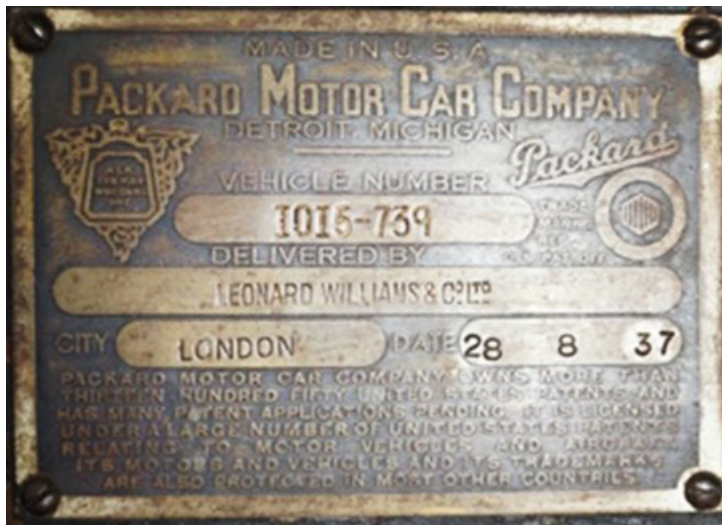


Rexford Johnson



Mark Fingerholz behind the wheel of his 1937 Super Eight limousine

The data plate on Mark's 1937 limousine shows that the car was delivered to Leonard Williams & Co. on Aug. 28, 1937.



Toby's plan was to use the car in his side business of renting cars to the film industry. In 1982, Toby used the car in the credits of his own second movie, "The Junkman."



Henry Blight "Toby" Halicki

Following the success of his first movie, "Gone in 60 Seconds" (1974), Toby amassed a large car collection, keeping our car in his collection until his death in 1989.

The Packard was then sold at his estate auction in 1992 to Larry Cryder, who owned the car until he died in 1999. Larry showed the Packard at the opening of the Peterson Automotive Museum in 1994 and stored the car in his Old Man's Auto Company building on Crenshaw Boulevard in Gardena, CA. The car remained in that building until Larry's wife, Nancy, died in 2014.

In 2015, Dave Dwyhalo, owner of Backalley Restorations, purchased the car from Nancy's estate, got the car running again, and placed it for sale in Hemmings. And this is where Shannon and I come in!

➤ HELP WANTED ◀

For many years, Old Dominion Packard Club had a consistent, reliable touring photographer with Bob Woolfitt. At this time I am hard pressed to get enough photos for the newsletter and for the ODPC webpage Gallery. I would appreciate is a member to volunteer to take many photos of ALL of the tour events. More than one photographer is fine, as long as the tour is covered. Please contact me and let me know that you are interested and will attend each event.

You will receive acknowledgment for your work in the newsletter.

OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB 2022 SPRING TOUR

ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

APRIL 20 TO 24

TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Packard brought: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Body: _____

Trailer space required:

Registration Fees: Member & Spouse/or 1 Guest \$65: _____ Guest[s] \$15 ea. No.: _____ → Total: \$ _____

Event

No. at \$ each → Total

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Check into Hampton Inn, Asheboro, NC ~ Reservations due no later than March 30

Pick up Tour Packet in Hospitality Room

Early Bird Dinner at Kickback Jack's

Order from Menu

Thursday, April 21, 2022

At 9 a.m., we drive to Richard Petty Museum & Garage _____ at \$10 ea. → \$ _____

At noon, we visit Barry Lowe's Gatsby Autoworx & enjoy a catered lunch _____ at \$17 ea. → \$ _____

At 6 p.m., we have dinner at Positano Italian Restaurant, Asheboro _____ Order off Menu

Friday, April 22, 2022

At 8:15 a.m. we drive to the North Carolina Zoo _____ Admission: \$13 adults \$11 seniors

Zoofari Tour _____ at \$25 ea. → \$ _____

Buffet Lunch _____ at \$19 ea. → \$ _____

North Carolina Aviation Museum _____ Admission at door

American Classic Motorcycle Museum _____ Admission at door

North Carolina Pottery Center _____ Admission at door

ODPC Board Meeting, 3:30 p.m. in the Hotel Hospitality Room

Hide-Away-Farm Dinner & Country Music _____ at \$30 ea. → \$ _____

Saturday, April 23, 2022

North Carolina Transportation Museum & Train Ride _____ at \$11 ea. → \$ _____

Lunch _____ at \$10 ea. → \$ _____

Tour Banquet Dinner & Entertainment _____ at \$65 ea. → \$ _____

Tour Total: → \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 30, 2022

Make check payable to "Old Dominion Packard Club" and mail this form to:

Dave Norris, 4700 Shadow Ridge Court, Holly Springs, NC 27540

If you have questions or need more information, call Dave at 919-741-9473

Please remember your ODPC Name Tags and goodies for the Hospitality Room



OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM

2022



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail: _____ Year joined: _____

PACKARDS OWNED

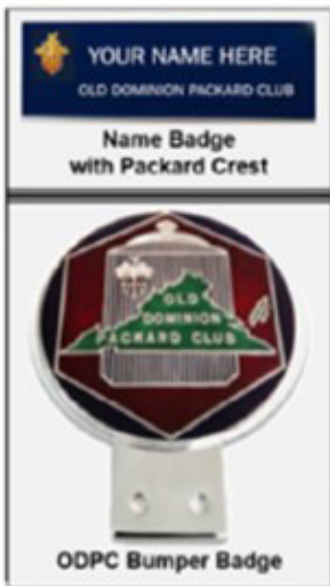
This listing is for the Club's annual Membership Roster. You do not have to own a Packard to be a member.

Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
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Please list additional cars using the above criteria on a separate piece of paper. Thank you.

Annual Dues (Dues are for calendar year and includes spouse) \$30.00

**Old Dominion Packard Club
Accessories**



Number of club badges: _____ Price for each badge: \$9.00 \$ _____

Name as you wish it to appear on the name badge:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

ODPC Cloisonné bumper badge \$70.00 \$ _____

Number of badges: _____ Plus \$7.00 Shipping = Sub-total: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

I wish to receive the ODP Newsletter by: E-mail PDF: U.S. Mail: Both:

I wish to receive the ODP Membership Roster by: E-mail PDF: U.S. Mail: Both:

Make checks payable to: Old Dominion Packard Club

Mail the 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 weekend in April and Fall Tour on the fourth weekend in October. Every other year ODP holds a Fall Meet, which includes judging of cars. Locations vary.

Our ODP Newsletter is published quarterly and contains information on club activities. Come join us!

OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB

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3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214

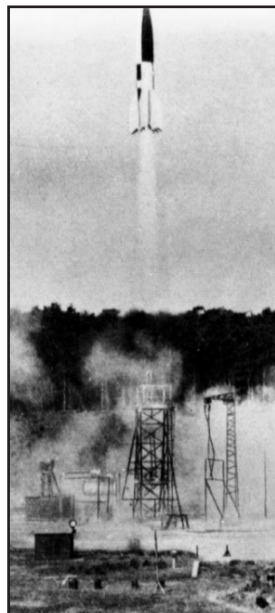


Founded 1958

Leonard Williams Packard Dealership Destroyed by V-2 Rocket

On March 21, 1945 a German V-2 rocket destroyed Leonard Williams and Co., Ltd. Packard Car Works and Showroom in Brentford, a suburb of London, England. All that remains are the original steps to the showroom.

This was one of the last V-2 rockets launched against Britain during World War II. Between September 1944 and March 1945, more than 1,100 V-2 (Vergeltungswaffe 2, "Retaliation Weapon 2") rockets rained down on the British Isles, mostly in and around London. Estimates put the death toll from the missiles in the British Isles at about 2,700 people and injured thousands more. About 9,000 were killed in total. The V-2 rocket was the first artificial object to travel into space.



Clockwise from above: The Leonard Williams showroom in 1929; the assembly area of 1937 Packards; the remains of the Williams showroom after the attack; and a V-2 rocket launching.

