

**SPRING
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No. 1**

The

Old Dominion Packard Club



ASK ♦ THE ♦ MAN ♦ WHO ♦ OWNS ♦ ONE

ROANOKE

VIRGINIA

SPRING

APRIL 23 — 27, 2025



In Our 67th 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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Western & Southwestern Virginia
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Pennsylvania

A HISTORY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The site of Roanoke lies near the intersection of the Great Wagon Road and the Carolina Road, two branches of a network of early colonial roads that developed from Native American trails in the Appalachian region.

The name “Roanoke” is said to have originated from a Native American word for shell beads used as currency.

Many of those settlers were Scotch-Irish who arrived in the region during the 18th and early 19th centuries following the Plantation of Ulster. They were followed by significant numbers of Germans from Pennsylvania via the Great Wagon Road. By 1838, Roanoke County was created out of parts of Botetourt and Montgomery counties, and the area's first railroad, the Virginia and Tennessee, arrived in 1852.



Shortly after the Civil War, Norfolk & Western Railroad made Roanoke its headquarters and built the luxurious Hotel Roanoke, left. In 1882, the same year the town became Roanoke.

With the rapid influx of railroad employees and others in associated industries, Roanoke's population soared and, by the end of 1883, had passed 5,000. That milestone made the town eligible for a city charter, and on January 31, 1884, the town became the City of Roanoke.

With a population that ballooned from under 700 residents in 1880 to more than 16,000 in 1890. Roanoke suffered many of the same difficulties that affected other 19th century boomtowns. Its infrastructure was essentially nonexistent, and a lack of sewers combined with the area's marshy terrain contributed to regular outbreaks of diphtheria and cholera. The Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Completed in 1900 as Roanoke Hospital, the building has undergone many expansions and today is the flagship of the Carilion Clinic healthcare group.

Roanoke now has a population of more than 100,011 and is Virginia's largest city west of Richmond.

Big Lick?

The City of Roanoke's history began in the 1740s. Mark Evans and Tasker Tosh came from Pennsylvania and took up land near the salt licks where Indian and animal trails crossed in the center of the valley.



For generations, those salt marshes, or licks as they were called, had been a gathering place for buffalo, elk and deer, as well as for the Indians who hunted them.

The salt marshes were to lend their name to the first village in the Roanoke Valley, which started on the east-west path as Gainsborough in 1834. The town soon came to be known as **Big Lick**.

ODPC Tour Registration Online

Here is the link: https://near.tl/sm/eC0UvBn_r
or focus your phone camera on this QR code:



This link
really
works!
Try it!

2025 ODPC Spring Tour in Roanoke, Virginia

April 23 – 27, 2025

~ Your Tour Master: Gunther Hoyt ~

Tour Accommodations



Hampton Inn in Salem, VA

1886 Electric Road,
Salem, VA 24153
540-776-6500

ODPC has reserved a block of hotel rooms. Regular rooms with double beds are \$129 per night, and suites are \$149 per night.

Wednesday, April 23

When you arrive the hotel in Salem, pick up your Tour packet in the Hospitality Room. There will be an area at the hotel to park your Packard and trailer.

Our Early Bird Dinner will be at **Mac and Bob's**, 316 East Main Street, Salem. (540-389-5999 / macandbobs.com). The restaurant features a variety ranging from tacos, wraps, sandwiches, to salads. Bob is a good friend of Gunther's.



Thursday, April 24

In the morning we will drive to Bedford, Virginia to visit the **National D-Day Memorial**, which was erected to honor the 25 “Bedford Boys,” who left their town to serve their country and were killed during the Normandy Campaign.

The assault on the German Atlantic Wall was the largest amphibious landing in history and was comprised of troops from the United States, Great Britain, and Canada.



No community in the United States suffered more losses proportionately during the June 6, 1944 Normandy landings than Bedford, Virginia. With a population of 3,200, 19 of the 34 Virginia National Guard soldiers from Bedford in Company A, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, were killed on D-Day, and four more died during the rest of the Normandy campaign, two of them from other 116th companies.

The entry fee for the Memorial is included in the registration form..

After our visit at the Memorial we will eat lunch at the historic Liberty Station (the town was originally named Liberty), 515 Bedford Ave, Bedford. After lunch we will return to the hotel.

We will have dinner at the **Wasena Tap Room & Grill**, 806 Wasena Ave SW, Roanoke. (wasenacitytaproom.com)

Wasena offers casual dining with a wide variety of burgers, sandwiches, and pizza. Leave room for dessert that includes chocolate peanut butter brownie or a root beer float!

Dinner is on separate checks.



Friday, April 25



We will leave the hotel and drive to **Smith Mountain Lake State Park** in Bedford County. It is a 1,248-acre park on the second-largest lake in Virginia and is used for swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, camping, biking, picnicking and more.

The lake is a 20,600-acre reservoir on the Roanoke River and Blackwater River at the Smith Mountain gorge and was built to generate electricity and the Smith Mountain Dam was completed in 1963.



After our visit to the park, we will drive to the **Old Oak Cafe**, 400 Scruggs Road Ste, 900, Moneta, VA. Old Oak is a community restaurant serving home-style meals in generous portions. After lunch, we will depart for Roanoke at 2:30 p.m.

The Old Dominion Packard Club officers will meet in the Hospitality Room at 3:45 p.m.

At 5 p.m., we will drive into downtown Roanoke to **Fortunato** restaurant, 104 Kirk Avenue SW. We will enjoy a Northern Italian dinner.,



Saturday, April 26

On Saturday, ODPC members will have three choices as to how they want to spend the time ...

1. At 9:30 a.m., members can leave to go to the **Virginia Museum of Transportation,**



2. Visit the **Taubman Museum of Art, 110 Salem Avenue SE Roanoke, VA.**



3. Walk About Roanoke.

2025 Spring Tour Closing Banquet

At 4:30 p.m. we will meet in the parking lot of the Shenandoah Club, 24 Franklin Road SW, Roanoke.



There we will hold a Packard



Car Show and Cocktails at 5 p.m.
The Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

See Page 9 for the details about Banquet theme.



Sunday, April 27

Time to hit the Road! Be safe, drive carefully, and see you in the Outer Banks in October.

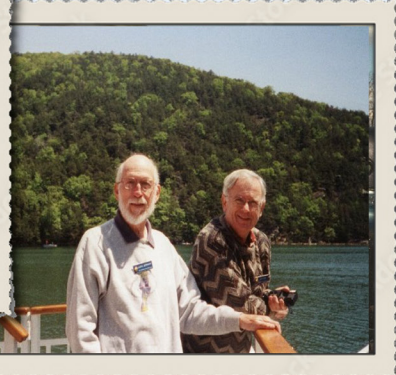
2002 ODPC Spring Tour in Roanoke, VA



Bob Montague, Ivan Joslin, Gunther Hoyt

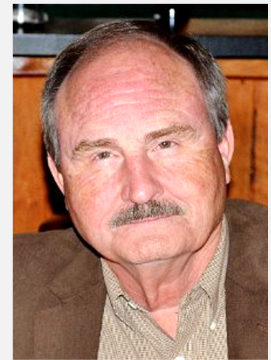


Clare Brooks, Rod Hobbs,
Jim Ridenour, Charlie Taylor



Louis
Barnhart &
Bob Robb

Bob Powell is a long-time member of the Old Dominion Packard Club. Bob has several Packards offered for sale and he wants to give ODPC members the first opportunity to buy.



Contact Bob at
rlpkp@comcast.net



1941 Station Wagon

Original wood, rebuilt motor manual transmission with overdrive, new glass, interior and top.

\$45,000



1953 Caribbean

Rebuilt engine, manual transmission, repainted, new interior and top.

\$53,000



1941 160

Two-door convertible. Concourse restoration.

\$150,000



1956 Caribbean

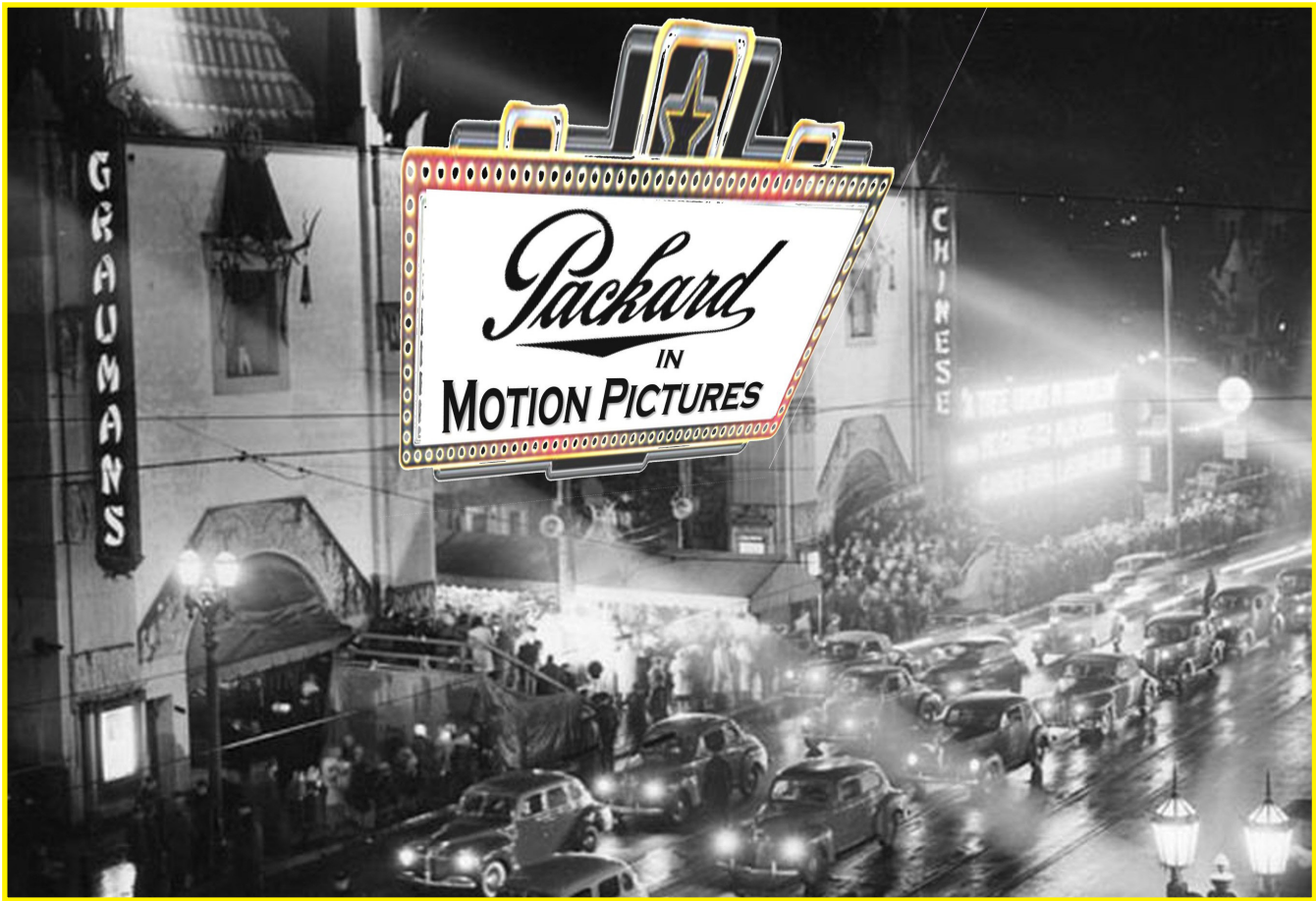
No. 2 off the line — matching engine, push-button trans. Original, never restored.

White/blue/bronze.

\$56,000

Bob is also selling a 35-car collection for an estate.

NOW PLAYING



Get your act in gear: the ODPC Spring Tour Banquet theme puts **Packards in Motion Pictures** — a tasty repast featuring Packards in classic black-and-white and silent films and starring ODPC matinee idols. Tourmaster Gunther Hoyt promises a Packard epic to rival iconic Director John Ford's filmography [after all, he was only a Ford]. And ODPC President Steve Shirey will put Cecil through de Mille as Studio Head for the evening.



Be ready for your close-up: leading men [aka ODPC members] clad in tuxedos or dark suits of the period; leading ladies [also aka ODPC members] arrayed in dazzling black-and-white ensembles, and likely smothered in pearls. The stage will be set for a marquee experience. Don't miss your cue. Get the picture?

The Period Packard Committee urges you to choose Hollywood attire linked to your own Packard year, or of any year Packards were bilt, and as always you'll be rewarded with a free drink chit during cocktail hour.



2025 Spring Tour Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

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

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

Registration Fees: Driver & Spouse or 1 Guest: \$80 (Under 18 years old, no charge)

Addition Guest[s]: \$35 each = No.: _____ Total Fees: \$ _____

Event	No.	@	Cost ea.	Total
Wednesday, April 23, 2025				
● The Hospitality Room at the hotel will open at 4 p.m.				
● At 6 p.m., Early Bird Dinner at Mac and Bob's (Separate checks)				No. of diners: _____
Thursday, April 24, 2025				
● At 9:30 a.m., we drive to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA	_____	@	\$15.00	\$ _____
● At 12:30 p.m., we leave for lunch at the Liberty Station (Separate checks)				
● At 5:30 p.m., we'll go to dinner at Wasena Tap Room & Grill (Separate checks)				No. of diners: _____
Friday, April 25, 2025				
● At 9:30 a.m. we drive to Smith Mountain Lake State Park				
● At 12:30 p.m., we have lunch at the Old Oak Café in Westlake for lunch (Separate checks).				
● The ODPK Board meets in the Hospitality Room from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.				
● At 5 p.m., we go to dinner at Fortunato Northern Italian restaurant	_____	@	\$50.00	\$ _____
Saturday, April 26, 2025				
● (3 Options) 1. At 9:30 a.m., drive to the Virginia Museum of Transportation, or 2. Visit the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, or 3. Walkabout in Roanoke				
Banquet at the Shenandoah Club (private dining club), \$70 per person. Mini car show at 5 p.m.				
Meal Choice:	Filet Mignon _____	Sea Bass _____	Total for Meal[s]:	\$ _____
				Tour Registration Total[s]: \$ _____
				TOUR TOTAL: \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2025

Make check payable to **Old Dominion Packard Club** and mail with registration form to:

Gunther Hoyt, 124 Kirk Avenue SW Apt. B, Roanoke, VA 24011

If you have questions or need additional information, call Gunther Hoyt at 540-230-4546.

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: _____

PACKARDS OWNED	<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 #: _____
	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
	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 ODP
Newsletter via:

E-mail:

Postage:

Both:

I wish to receive the ODP Club
Roster via:

E-mail:

Postage:

Both:

Bumper Badge



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

No. of badges requested: _____

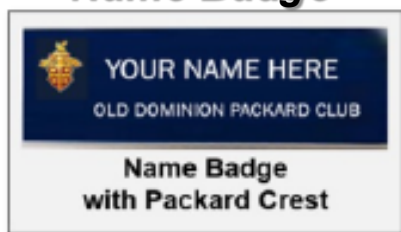
Subtotals for:

Name Badge[s] \$ _____

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

Total for Accessories & Dues: \$ _____

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. _____

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 ◄

2025 Spring Edition

3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

And now for you Packard purists out there!



1949 Packard Custom Clipper Coupe