

**2022
SUMMER
Edition No. 2**

The

Old Dominion Packard Club



ASK ♦ THE ♦ MAN ♦ WHO ♦ OWNS ♦ ONE

2022 SPRING TOUR



ASHEBORO, N.C.



*Enjoying the
Heart of*



*North
Carolina!*

In Our 64th 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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2022 “Heart of Carolina” Spring Tour

Classic Southern Hospitality ... Packard Style!

In the epilogue of his book, *Packard: The Complete Story*, Michael Scott writes:

In the opening pages of my 1940 Packard’s owner’s manual, it is suggested that Packard owners were looked at by other motorists as “the better class of drivers, and are expected, as such, to set an example of safe and considerate driving.”

After 64 years of touring, ODPK Packard owners continue the tradition to be “a better class of drivers,” and a better class of tourers as well. We approach our tours not only as stewards, restorers and drivers of world-class cars, but also as considerate, caring guests of the communities we visit on our biennial tours. The 2022 Spring Tour showed us at our best as classy drivers and as a classy group of experienced tourers.

Folks in Asheboro, surrounding Randolph County, and central North Carolina in general took a personal interest in welcoming us into their communities, and went out of their way to make our tour a success. For example, two Asheboro restaurants —Kick Back Jack’s and Positano’s Italian Restaurant — volunteered to stay open past regular closing hours to better serve our group. The staff at the Pinewood Country Club and Hampton Inn went all out to accommodate every need and wish of our group too; the hotel even installed a refrigerator in the hospitality suite for our club’s convenience. Barry



Lowe shut down his operations at Gatsby Autoworx in Liberty and cleared out space so that we could have a buffet lunch, then assigned staff members to guide us on our afternoon shop tour. And Charles and Cynthia Ferree spent days preparing to host our open-air experience at their family’s Hide-Away-Farm, featuring bluegrass music, a firepit with s’mores, and a fishing pond. Homemade cakes and desserts would finish off anyone who survived the sumptuous home cooking buffet.

So, our drives were beautiful, our venues were fun, and our hosts were generous. But the most enjoyable experience for us in leading this tour was hearing so many of our local hosts say, “This was the nicest group of people you brought down here. Hope y’all will come back.” That was the icing on the cake for us. We loved hosting the 2022 Heart of Carolina Tour. Thank you all for coming to Asheboro and for being such a bunch of “classy drivers”. See you all in Fredericksburg!

Your hosts,

Dave Norris, Charles Ferree, and Greg Cagle

Asheboro, North Carolina



View of our cars at the hotel as they arrived on Wednesday, April 20.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL FISTERE

Thursday, April 21

Following breakfast at the Hampton Inn Asheboro, members' cars lined up and took off for the Richard Petty Museum. On the newsletter cover, ODPC members posed for a photo under the museum sign. Following our tour there, we drove to Barry Lowe's Gatsby restoration shop.



Breakfast at the hotel.

Above, Ron Pack and Andrew Rosen

Bottom left, Lori Powell and Jon Hatfield

Bottom right, George and Kathy Duke





Old Dominion Packard Club member's cars add elegance to any parking lot!



Carol and Jere Avenson are served lunch at Gatsby Autoworx, owned and operated by ODPK member Barry Lowe in Liberty, NC. Below, a 1955 Ford Thunderbird in the shop.





A pair of '34 Packards. Lynn Shirey's Super 8 5-passenger sedan with Michael Fistere's 8 convertible coupe



A pair of '53 Caribbeans. Andrew Rosen's red car is parked beside Bob & Lori Powell's car



From left, George & Kathy Duke, Barry Lowe, Gatsby crew members, Tamara Ridenour



Barry Lowe



From left, Jon & Donna Hatfield, Chris & Fara Harris-Evans, Cliff Edwards, Bob Montague, Kathy & David Edge



From left, Gunther Hoyt, Nancy Orvis, Donna & Jon Hatfield, unidentified, Ron Pack



From left, Rachael & Mark Hubbard, Lynn Shirey, Gigi Hubbard

Friday, April 22

We started the day on the road to the North Carolina Zoo. We got to see the zoo from the Zoofari

Tour tram, after which we had lunch at the Hippo Beach.





“Something tells me it’s all happening at the zoo ...”
— Simon & Garfunkel



Members grab a bite to eat during the picnic sponsored by Charles and Cynthis Ferree at the Hide-A-Way Farm on Friday evening.

Above right, the bluegrass band performs a number for an appreciative audience.

At right, Glenn & Charlotte Koogler enjoy some quality time during the picnic.



Saturday, April 23

We started the morning with a drive to the North Carolina Transportation Museum located at the Southern Railway's largest locomotive repair facility and largest roundhouse in North America.

Old Dominion Packard Club to Give Women *the* Vote!



2022 Spring Tour Closing Banquet



ODPC's "Suffragettes" stand for a photo at the banquet held at the Pinewood Country Club.

At right, Gigi Hubbard, Rachael Hubbard and Tamara Ridenour belt out a song with the Gregg Gelb Swing Band



At left, Gigi Hubbard dances with ODPC President GnterHoyt



ODPC member Greg Cagle plays cornet with the band.



Michael Fistere, a long-time ODPC member, took the photos that appear in this Newsletter. He also submitted a narrative about the Spring Tour, but due to space limitations, I was unable to run it in this Newsletter; however, you can read it as a PDF in the Old Dominion Packard Club's Facebook page. Copy and paste this URL link to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1790606277885209>

2022 Fall Meet Destination ~ Fredericksburg, VA

Mark Fingerholz is the Tour Master for this year's Fall Tour to be held from October 19 to 23. The following is a summary of the meet's Itinerary.

The Host Hotel for the Meet is the Hilton Garden Inn, 1060 Hospitality Lane, Fredericksburg. The room rate for ODPC members \$149 per night. For reservations, call 540-548-8822.

(<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dcafhgi-hilton-garden-inn-fredericksburg/>)



Wednesday - October 19

Welcome Reception: Pick up packets in the Hospitality Room

Dinner: Group drive to downtown Fredericksburg. Park in public parking lot at 1016 Charles St., Fredericksburg. Dinner on your own. Provide recommended restaurants within a 1- to 2-block walking distance:

Thursday - October 20

Morning: Tour Kenmore mansion (<https://kenmore.org/visit-kenmore/>). The group rate is \$10 per person. Pay entrance fee for entire group ahead of time. Buffet lunch at the Fredericksburg Country Club (<https://www.fredclub.org/>).

Afternoon: Visit Morais Vineyards, Bealeton, VA. (<https://moraisvineyards.com/>). The winery's owner will show his onsite car collection, offer wine tasting at the tasting room, and explore grounds of winery. Individuals pay their own tabs.

Dinner: Buffet dinner at Basilico New York Deli (<https://basilicodelitogo.com/>).

Friday - October 21

Morning: Not yet confirmed.

Lunch: Crow's Nest Cafe at Shannon Airport. (<http://www.shannonezf.com/cafe-.html>). Select from four sandwich or salad options. The cafe overlooks runway. Diners can watch planes takeoff and land while you eating.

Afternoon: Tour Shannon Airport Museum (<https://shannonairmuseum.com/>). Group rate is \$10 per person.

ODPC Board Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn at 4 p.m.

Dinner: Not yet confirmed.

Saturday - October 22

Morning: Car judging at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Lunch: Not yet confirmed

Afternoon: Tour of Chatham Manor (<https://www.nps.gov/places/chatham-manor.htm>).

Banquet: Hilton Garden Inn.

THE GREATEST PACKARDS OF THEM ALL

The Story of the 1955, 1956 and Proposed 1957 Packards

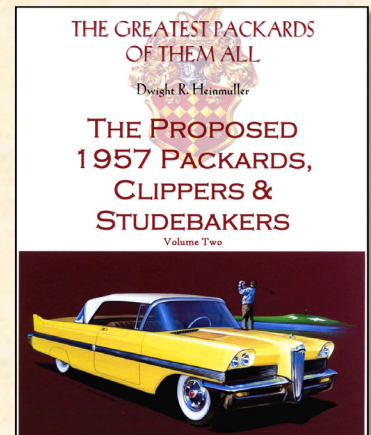
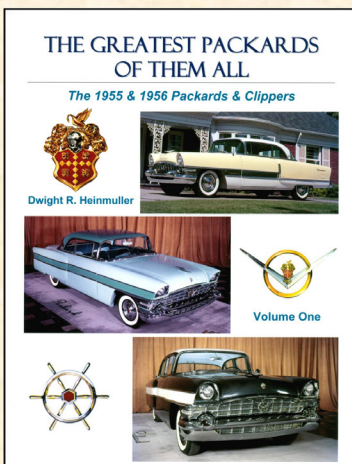
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The complete history of the 1955 and 1956 Packards and Clippers, from their inception to completed cars.

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OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM

2022



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 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Year joined: _____

PACKARDS OWNED

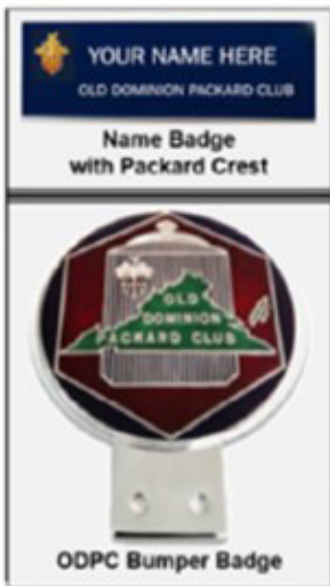
This listing is for the Club's annual Membership Roster. You do not have to own a Packard to be a member.

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:

- _____
- _____
- _____

ODPC Cloisonné bumper badge \$70.00 \$ _____

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

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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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!

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3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

A VISIT FROM AN OLD FRIEND!

By Lynn Shirey

On March 25, I drove to Warrenton, VA to show John Mrotek "his" 1934 Packard Super Eight 5-passenger sedan's beautiful new paint job. I purchased from him in 1997.

I picked up John and Bernice at their senior community and we went to lunch. John drove and he loved being back behind the wheel of his big Packard! We even went for an extra little spin in the countryside, with John at the helm.

(John Mrotek is a past president of ODPC.)

