

2024

Summer

EDITION

No. 2

The

Old Dominion Packard Club

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Tri-City Spring Tour



Chester

Hopewell

Petersburg



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 company. The idea sprang from the mind of Herb Hulvey. Postcards were sent to all known Virginia Packard owners proposing 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.

Old Dominion Packard Club



Our website is: olddominionpackardclub.org

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Ron Pack	Southeastern Virginia
Clif Edwards	Central Virginia
Glenn Koogler	Western & Southwestern Virginia
Barry Lowe	South of Virginia
Andrew Rosen	Pennsylvania

Fall Meet - Smithfield, VA

Make a note on your calendar — the Old Dominion Packard Club's Fall Meet will be held from October 24 to 28 in Smithfield, Virginia. Your tour masters, Ron Pack, Gary Terwilliger, and Dan Kirby, have planned great meet and look forward to seeing you this fall!

Check-in is Wednesday afternoon at the host Hotel Smithfield Station, 409 South Church St, Smithfield, Va 23430 (757-357-7700). Event packets will be available in the Station Hospitality Room. There will be a cocktail party at The Bank, 303 Main St.

On Thursday, we will drive to the Mariners Museum in Newport News. From there we will drive to the Dock of the Bay restaurant in Carrollton. That afternoon, we will either visit the Audrain Private Collection in Surry, VA or visit ODPC member Dwight Dwight Schaubach's car collection in Carrollton. We'll have dinner at the Vintage Tavern in Suffolk.

On Friday, we drive to the Military Museum in Pungo, VA. On Saturday morning we will park our cars in The Bank parking lot, 303 Main St., for public appreciation and club judging. In the afternoon we will have a walking tour of Smithfield homes and at 6 p.m. we will have a social hour before our closing banquet in Smithfield Station Main. See you there!



IN REMEMBRANCE



Don Kahler, Lynn Shirey and Steve Shirey at the 2018 ODPC Fall Meet in Gainesville, VA.

Don Scott Kahler, 94, passed away peacefully on Father's Day, June 16, 2024, after a lengthy struggle with heart disease with his daughter, Lynn Shirey, holding his hand. Don was born in Davenport, IA, and grew up in Oklahoma City. He graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering from Oklahoma University in 1950. He married Betty Lou Dennis in 1951. Don served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. He worked for the Dow Chemical Co. for 50 years, retiring in 2000. Don and his lived in Brazil, Germany, and Argentina during his career.

Don joined the Old Dominion Packard Club in 2016 and participated in many tours and ODPC members will dearly miss his gentle, friendly nature, and sense of humor. He is survived by Lynn, her husband Steve Shirey, his granddaughter Olivia Rogerson, and several nieces and nephews. The Memorial Service is scheduled at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S Pitt St., Alexandria, VA. Donations in memory of Don may be made to Sweet Briar College,

Bernice Ann Mrotek, 86, the wife of ODPC Past President John Mrotek, passed away on May 9, 2024, in Gainesville, VA. Bernice was born in Baker, OR in 1937 and she married John on March 22, 1958, in Falls Church. Bernice is survived by her husband, John; her daughter, Linda Alexander, of Berryville, VA; her son, Todd Mrotek, of King George, VA; and four grandchildren, Morgan Alexander, Mark Alexander, Sidney Mrotek, Julia Mrotek.

There will be a celebration of her life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Mt. Zion Church of the Brethren, 1177 Mt. Zion Road, Luray, VA, with lunch and a social to follow. Lynn Shirey reminds members that they are invited to drive their Packards to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Farris Road, Greenville, SC 29605, or to the Mrotek Family Scholarship Fund, Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO 64506.



Bernice and John Mrotek Lynn Shirey at the 2022 ODPC Fall Meet in Fredericksburg. Bernice received a certificate of appreciation for her many years of work

2024 Old Dominion Packard Club Spring Tour

Historic Tri-Cities

**April 24
to 28**

Shiny & New!
Members gather
around Jon Hatfield's
1948 Station Sedan on
Wednesday afternoon
in the parking lot of
the Chester Courtyard
Marriott Hotel.



Our Tour Masters



**Jon Hatfield
& Bruce Brooks**



**Bob Montague, Richard
Obenschain, Chris and
Fara Harris-Evans.**

Together Again

**Harry
Hoyt
and
Bruce
Brooks**



**John Mrotek and
Kathy Duke.**



**Mary Coulombe, Jon Hatfield,
and Craig Coulombe.**

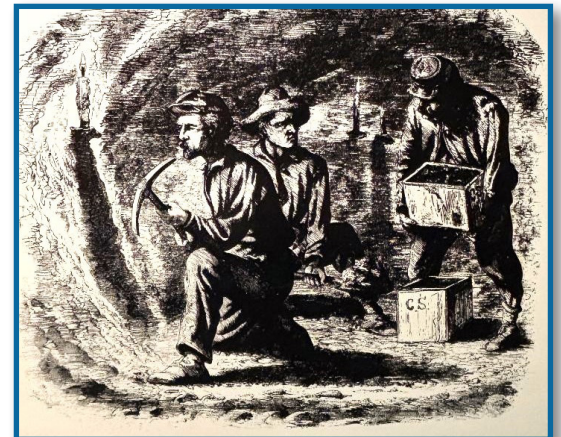
Thursday, April 25



Above, Jon Hatfield gives instructions before ODPG members set off on Thursday morning. At left, members gather in front of the Petersburg Battlefield Visitors Center.



Members listen to the Park Service ranger tell the story of the explosion ignited by the Union army on July 30, 1864 during the siege of Petersburg.



Ben and Suzanne Clark and Jon Hatfield. Below left, Fara and Chris Harris-Evans. Below right, our cars at the battlefield.



A Civil War era depiction of Union soldiers from Pennsylvania work in the tunnel to the explosion site. The blast leveled 500 yards and killed 278 Confederate soldiers.



Historic Blandford Church

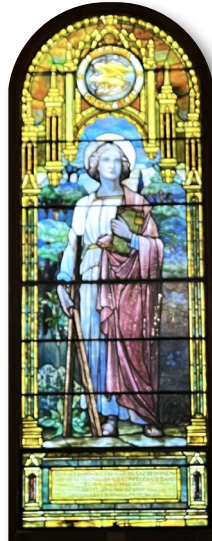
Following our tour of the battlefield, we went to the **Blandford Church**, also known as St. Paul's Church, was erected in 1736 on Well's Hill, the highest point in Petersburg. In 1781, during the American Revolution, the Battle of Blandford, also known as the Battle of Petersburg, was fought nearby. The church building was abandoned in 1806 after the construction of another Episcopal church in Petersburg.

During the Civil War the church served as a major telegraph station. It was used as a field hospital, most notably after the Battle of the Crater on July 30, 1864. In the late 1880s, the church underwent

a restoration and between 1904 and 1912, stained-glass windows were created and installed by Louis Comfort Tiffany. Each of the large windows contains the image of a saint, and symbols associated with that saint. In addition to the 13 Confederate state windows, Tiffany donated one, as did the Ladies Memorial Association.



Virginia
St. John the Apostle
installed 1903



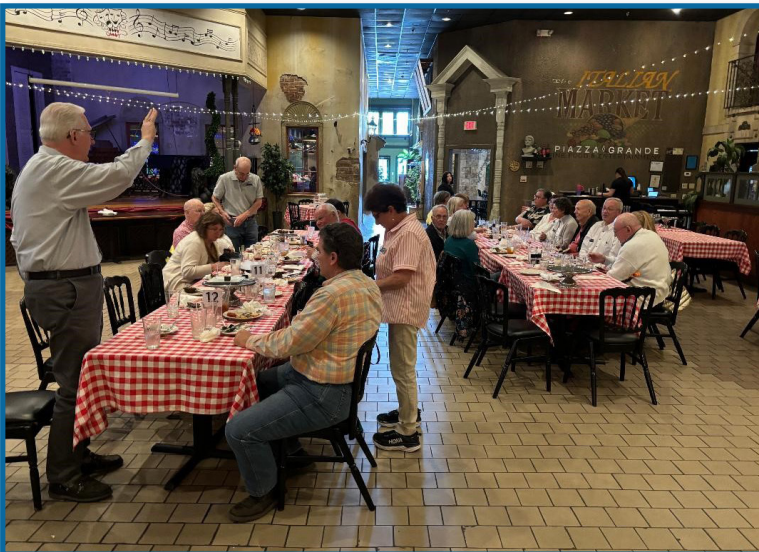
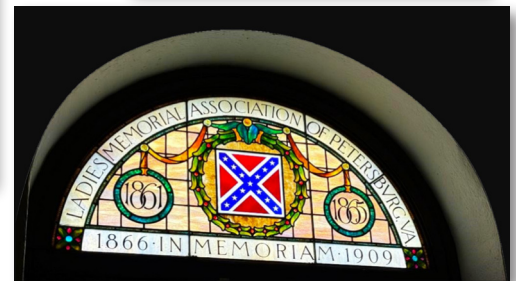
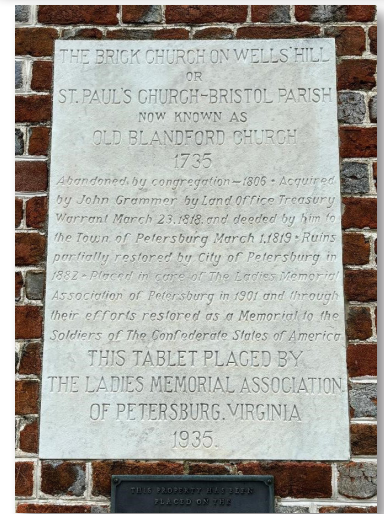
Alabama
St. Andrew
installed 1908



Georgia
St. Thomas
installed 1912



Mississippi
St. James
installed 1908



Jon Hatfield speaks to members during the luncheon at Maria's Ristorante Italiano.



Diners from left are Gary and Gayle Terwilliger, Harry and Gunther Hoyt.



Members arrive at City Point.

City Point, Hopewell

During the Siege of Petersburg, Union commander Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant established Appomattox Manor, the Eppes family plantation home, as his headquarters.

City Point is at the confluence of the James and Appomattox rivers. The property is part of the National Park Service's Petersburg National Battlefield Park.



Appomattox Manor served as the command center during the Battle of Petersburg.



Members pose by the small cabin Grant stayed in during his time at City Point.



Friday, April 26

KEYSTONE TRACTOR MUSEUM



The museum is home to a variety of vehicles, including a 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk and a 1927 HUG Roadbuilder 4-2 4- to 6-ton truck





A 1953 Minneapolis-Moline tractor.

This 1925 Thermobile, was an advertising vehicle that was used by American Thermos Bottle Company from 1913 until 1925.



Mary Coulombe found this tractor "Deere" to her heart.

Taylor-Made Chocolate Factory



ODPC members listen to Steve Taylor, owner of Taylor-Made Chocolate Factory in Chester.



A 1943 Lanz Bulldog German-built tractor



At dinner at the Dancing Kilt Brewery near the Marriott in Chester on Friday night are Jon and Donna Hatfield, Kathy Duke, Claudette and Richard Obenschain, Mary and Craig Coulombe, Mark Fingerholz, and George Duke



SOME OF OUR CARS: From left, Michael Fistere's 1934 Super 8 convertible, Gary Terwilliger's 1942 160 convertible, Gunther Hoyt's 1937 coupe, Lynn Shirey's 1953 Clipper sedan

Saturday, April 27

On Saturday morning we drove to Henricus Historical Park in Hopewell. In 1611, Sir Thomas Dale establishes “Henryco,” the colony’s second settlement. Prior to the English colonists’ arrival, about 250 Arrohatock Indians, part of the Powhatan Tribe, lived in the area.

Dale expanded downriver to adjacent land, naming this area Bermuda Hundred. Bermuda Hundred and Bermuda City would become the largest and most vibrant community in the colony and only leading planters allowed to reside there. Its deep water port and confluence of rivers made it a leading choice for a new capital.



A park curator dressed as an early 17th century colonialist tells the story of the establishment of the town of Henricus.



One of the first structures built in Henricus was the village’s church. Members learn about the church inside the replica church building.

Members listen to information about farming at the Henricus settlement.



Weston Manor

One of the few remaining plantation homes on the Appomattox River, Weston was originally patented in 1637. This Hopewell house was built in 1789.

Weston was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.





Spring Tour Banquet

Our final banquet was held at the Chester Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Chester, marking the end of a fun and successful tour.



Fara and Chris Harris-Evans, and Gina Brooks.



From left, William Coffman and Sandra Fritton; Middle, Steve Shirey and Jon Hatfield; Right, Donna Hatfield and Tina Pack.

Lynn Shirey and Jon Hatfield.



Nancy Orvis, Kathy Duke, Beth Kirby, Lynn Shirey, and Susan Myers.



Michael Fistere, Nancy Orvis, and Jon Hatfield.



In photos from left, Fara and Chris Harris Evans, Gina and Bruce Brooks, George and Kathy Duke.



ODPC President Jon Hatfield addresses members, how appear at right in a group photo.



OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____ New member?

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 #: _____
Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____

Please list additional cars using the above criteria on a separate piece of paper. Thank you.

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

Bumper Badge



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

No. of badges requested: _____

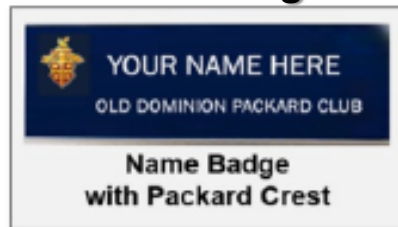
Subtotals for:

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:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Mailing Preferences

I wish to receive the ODPC Newsletter via:

E-mail:

Postage:

Both:

I wish to receive the ODPC Club Roster via:

E-mail:

Postage:

Both:

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 SUMMER EDITION

3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

TIME TO UPDATE OUR ROSTER

Between the release of Old Dominion Packard Club Newsletter, I review the Club's Registration/Renewal Forms to make updates, such as new members, changes of addresses, additions or changes of cars, and preferences for newsletter mailing. While I am doing this, I am also taking note of members' status, i.e., who is currently up to date on their dues and who is behind.

It is not a pleasant task to decide who is still an active member and who is not, but we must stay current, especially considering rising printing and mailing costs. A few years ago, I contacted individuals who had not paid ODPC dues for 2 years or more to see if they were still interested in remaining members of the Club. This time I am asking those of you who are delinquent to either a) call me at **703-244-2791**; b) e-mail the Club at ***ODPC1958@gmail.com***, or better yet, update the form and send in your check.

Thank you,
Craig Coulombe, ODPC Treasurer