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Outer Banks, North Carolina

2025 ODPC Fall Tour



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 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.

Our website is: olddominionpackardclub.org



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Pennsylvania



2025 ODPC Fall Tour

Going to the Outer Banks in North Carolina is always fun and unexpected, but going to the Outer Banks with a bevy of beautiful Packard automobiles is off the charts! Our Tourmasters, **Chris and Fara Harris-Evans**, right, found a great hotel — the Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk — located on the beach and included a wharf. Moreover, it was a perfect jumping-off point for our travels up and down the down the barrier islands.

In the early evening on Wednesday, ODPC members walked from the hotel to the **Run Down Cafe**, which was kind of a local hangout. The food was delicious and it was great reuniting with friends we hadn't seen since the



From bottom left, **Diana and Robert Barrows, Al Becker, Mary Coulombe, Jon Hatfield, Chris and Fara Harris-Evans.**

2025 Spring or previous tours.

Gina Brooks and Faith Blee.



Dan and Beth Kirby.

Left, Donna and Jon Hatfield.



Thursday, October 23



After breakfast at the hotel, we went out to the parking lot to wipe off and start our cars. We departed at 9:30 a.m. up Highway 12, bound for Corolla on the northern end of the Outer Banks.

About a half hour later, we turned into Historic Corolla Park, which is located along the Currituck Sound. The grounds were beautiful and well-maintained, with



Bob Montague in his 1921 Lincoln touring car

an inlet splitting the park between the **Whalehead Mansion** and the **Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education, Currituck Maritime Museum**. Due to the size of our tour, we were split into two groups, with one visiting the Whalehead, and the other visited the other attractions.

The Whalehead was built by industrialist Edward and Louise Knight. The couple enjoyed duck and goose hunting, and they found the

northern Outer Banks excellent for this pursuit.

(See **Corolla**, next page)

From top, clockwise: The Whalehead mansion; Currituck Beach Lighthouse keeper's quarters; and the interior of the Whalehead.



Whaleshead at Historical Corolla Park



Andrew Rosen and Faith Blee in his 1953 Caribbean.



Al Becker's 1930 745 Roadster.



Dan and Beth Kirby in their 1940 160 Convertible Coupe.



Fara Evans Harris sits in their 1941 160 Coupe.



Tina and Ron Pack wowed the Club members with his 1937 Twelve Victoria, right.



Corolla

Construction on the 21,000-square-foot "cottage" began in 1922 and was completed in 1925. Following our visit to Corolla Historic Park, we drove down Highway 12 to the Sanderling Resort where we enjoyed at the **Lifesaving Station Restaurant** (photo at right).



Members relax on the porch before they tour Whalehead.





Friday, October 24

We started down the narrow Highway 12 that runs between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pimlico Sound. Our first stop on our Friday tour was to the **Bodie Island Light Station**, right, which is located between the Pimlico Sound and the ocean. Due to the federal government shutdown, the lighthouse was not open to the public.



We returned to Highway 12 and continued to the 2.8-mile long Marc Basnight Bridge crossing the Nags Head Passage to the Pea Island Wildlife Refuge. Our cars rolled along on the smooth roadway, passing over the Nags Head Passage waterway between the ocean and the sound.



Andrew Rosen talks with Howard Irvin, seated in his 1929 649 Coupe.



Chicamacomico Life-Saving Site and Museum.

Further down the road, we came to the 2.5-mile-long Jug Handle Bridge which leads to the town of Roddanthe. Shortly, we turned onto the driveway the driveway leading to the **Chicamacomico Life-Saving Site and Museum.**

The main building, at left, was erected in 1874 and managed by the U.S. Treasury Department.

From this site and eventually 28 other Life-Saving stations, brave men — called surfmen — would battle high waves and surf in large wooden boats to rescue passengers and crew from ships foundering off the shore.

The site consists of the superintendent's and surfmens' quarters, a watchtower, boat house, and several other buildings.

Following our tour of the Life-Saving station, we drove south on Highway 12 to have lunch at the **Good Winds Restaurant** in Roddanthe. After lunch, we headed back to the hotel.

Getting ready to go into the Good Winds Restaurant are, from left, Robert and Diana Barrows, Fara Harris, Lynn Shirey, and Dan Kirby.



ODPC members listen to a Station employee explain the and history of the Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station.



George and Kathy Duke, and Jim Ridenour and Rod Hobbs at the station.



Saturday, October 25



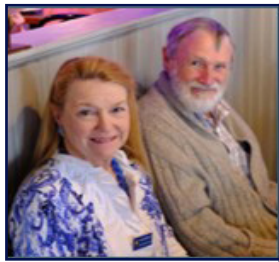
On the last full day of our tour, we took a short drive from the hotel to the **Wright Brothers National Memorial**, the site of the first fixed wing, powered flight on December 17, 1903. With the wind as strong as it was this day, it wasn't hard to imagine what it would have been like for Orville and Wilbur Wright as they prepared the Flyer.

Following our visit to the memorial, we drove to Manteo Island to tour **Fort Raleigh** of the Lost Colony (photos on back page).

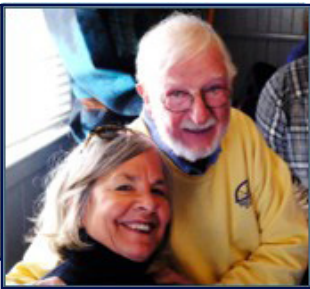


Orville Wright

Wilbur Wright



Lynn Shirey & Robert Barrows



Tina & Ron Pack

Around the tables at the Black Pelican Restaurant



Donna & Jon Hatfield



Chris & Fara Harris-Evans



Andrew Rosen & Faith Blee



Kathy & George Duke



Robyn Burnham & Bill Wilcox



Mary & Craig Coulombe

Old Dominion Packard Club Tour Banquet



SHEPHERDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

2026 OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB SPRING TOUR



**BAVARIAN INN,
RESORT & BREWING CO.**
164 Shepherd Grade Road,
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Reservations: 304-876-2551
(Mention ODPC Membership)

Room Rate: \$230 per night total
(includes all taxes, fees, etc.)



Antietam National Battlefield Park

2026 SPRING TOUR AGENDA

Wednesday, April 22

- Early Bird Dinner at Bavarian Inn Brewing Lounge

Thursday, April 23

- Schifferstadt Architectural Museum, Frederick, Maryland
- Lunch at The Main Cup Restaurant, Middletown, Maryland
- Railroad Roundhouses, Martinsburg, West Virginia
- Dinner at Alma Bea Restaurant, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Friday, April 24

- Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, Virginia
- Lunch: PT at the Woolen Mill Grill, Clear Brook, Virginia
- Dinner on own in Shepherdstown

Saturday, April 25

- Antietam National Battlefield Park, Sharpsburg, Maryland
- Banquet at the Bavarian Inn

Sunday, April 26

- Spring Tour ends

2026 ODPC Fall Meet in Urbana, VA

During our Fall Tour at the Outer Banks, Bob Montague informed the Board of Directors that he has started preparations for the 2026 Fall Meet to be held in Urbana, VA, from October 21 to 25. More info to come.

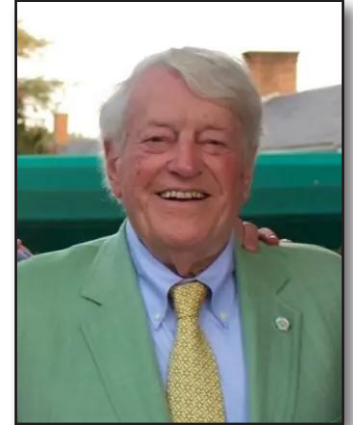


Harold 'Sonny' Via, 38-year ODPC Member, Dies

Harold "Sonny" Via Jr., an ODPC member since 1988, passed away March 25 at age 94. Harold was owner and trainer of award-winning steeplechase champion Long Night Shirt and other great racing horses.

Harold Anderson Via Jr. was born July 18, 1930 in Charlottesville, attended the University of Virginia, then joined the U.S. Navy. He was married to his wife, Ann, for 62 years. She died in 2014.

Harold moved to Hob Knob Farm in Free Union, VA where he raised horses and collected vintage automobiles, including a 1940 Packard 160.



Packard Parts Supply Giants Dan Kanter, Max Merritt, Pass Aaway

Daniel J. Kanter, who with his brother, Fred, ran Kanter Auto Parts, passed away in his home in Denville, NJ, on November 16.

Dan was born in Queens, NY, and settled in Denville five years ago. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Columbia University, where he studied Electrical Engineering, Physics, and Computer Science.



Fred and Dan Kanter

He joined Fred in building Packard Industries, a global antique auto parts business based in Boonton, NJ. He was a Packard enthusiast and provided numerous Packard owners with parts for years.

Daniel is survived by his beloved wife, Adeline (Lake) Kanter; his son, Nicholas Kanter; his stepdaughters, Kristine Lake and Genine Bailey; and his brothers, Fred and Larry Kanter.

Mervin "Max" Merritt, founder of Max Merritt Packard Parts, passed away November 1 in Franklin, IN, following a lengthy decline from the stroke he suffered last December,

Max was born in Indianapolis, IN, on December 29, 1936. After graduating from high school in 1955, he joined the U.S. Army Reserves and the U.S. Air Force in the motor pool where he developed skills that resulted in his founding of M & M Automotive located in Franklin.



Max Merritt

Max recognized the challenges faced by classic car collectors and this led to the creation of Packard Farm. Max's vision of the future resulted in the creation of Max Merritt Packard Parts, which focused exclusively on supporting Packards. His son-in-law, Fred Bruner, joined the business in 1989 and owns the business today.



OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB Annual Registration / Renewal Form

2026

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Phone Cell: _____ Home: _____ 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 #: _____
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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 ODPB Bumper Badge includes screws and nuts for mounting. Badges are \$75 each, with \$8 for shipping.

No. of badges requested: _____

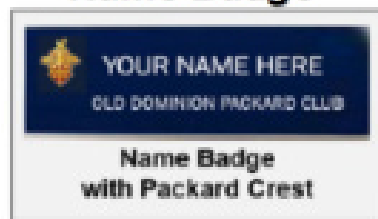
Subtotals for:

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

<p>I wish to receive the ODPB Newsletter via:</p> <p>E-mail: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Postage: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Both: <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I wish to receive the ODPB Club Roster via:</p> <p>E-mail: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Postage: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Both: <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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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 ODPB 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 Fall Edition

3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

A Visit to Fort Raleigh on Manteo Island

List of Photos:

1. *Remains of the original Fort Roanoke*
2. *Al Becker made a dramatic entrance in his 1030 745 Roadster*
3. *Robert and Diana Barrows*
4. *Our Packards*
5. *Donna Hatfield and Gina Brooks*



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