

2020  
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The

# Old Dominion Packard Club



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## *Season's Greetings!*



## *Packards in the Piedmont!*

After several tough months, we reunite for a great time



# In Our 62<sup>nd</sup> 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.

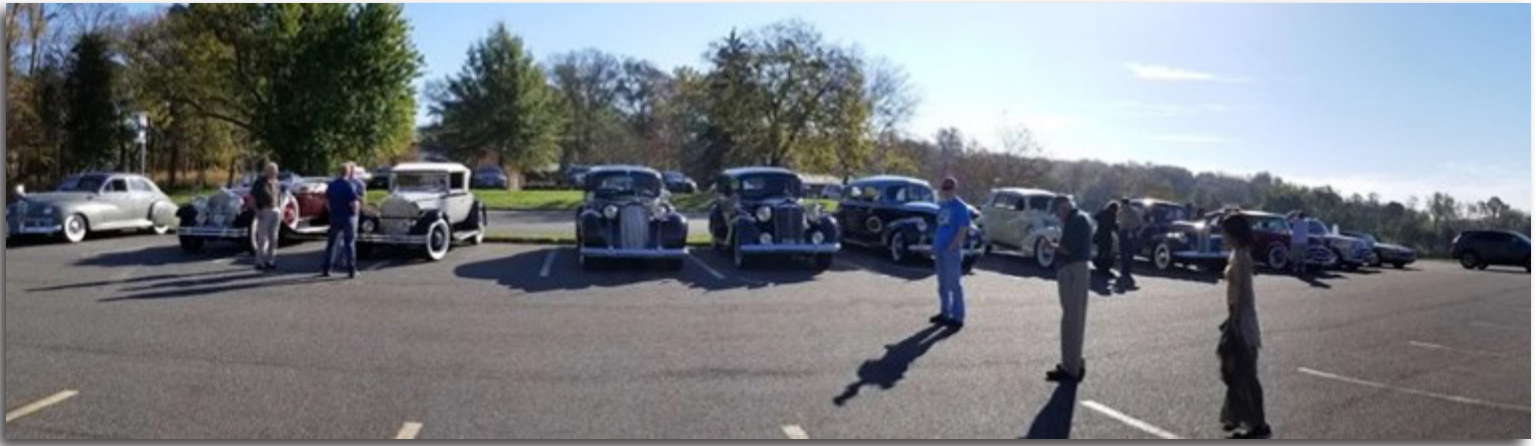
Our website is: [olddominionpackardclub.org](http://olddominionpackardclub.org)

## OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATION

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## DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

<b>Glenn Koogler</b>	<b>Western &amp; Southwestern Virginia</b>
<b>Bob Woolfitt</b>	<b>Southeastern Virginia</b>
<b>Robert Adams</b>	<b>South of Virginia</b>
<b>Lynn Rogerson Shirey</b>	<b>Northern Virginia &amp; Maryland</b>
<b>Jon Hatfield</b>	<b>Central Virginia</b>
<b>Andrew Rosen</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>



# A Special Thanks to Friends and Our Club

2020 has been a year that challenged our country and our club. A pandemic forced us to cancel our Spring Tour, but Chris and Denise Overcash (in photo with their 1946 Clipper) rose to the challenge and helped turn a lost year into a successful Meet in Culpeper. Those of us who decided to attend the Meet enjoyed a good driving tour, good food and comfortable, safe lodging; but most of all, we enjoyed the pleasure of being in each others' company.



After months of worry, physical isolation, and high stress, our 2020 Fall Meet reminded us that a pandemic is not a permanent state and that looking forward to a return to a state of normalcy, hope, and joy is still out there. Special thanks to Chris and Denise, as well as our immediate Past President, Richard Obenschain, for ensuring a fun, safe Meet.

— Craig Coulombe

# Thursday, October 22

We left the hotel bound for Montpelier (left), the plantation home of James Madison, our fourth president and author of the U.S. Constitution. Because of Covid-19, the mansion is closed to the public.



**Crimora Fingerholz with James and Dolly Madison**



**Shannon Fingerholz**



**Old Dominion Packard Club cars parked at Montpelier**



**Left, reconstructed slave quarters at Montpelier**



**From left, Faith Blee, Andrew Rosen, Al Becker, David and Kathy Edge at the Montpelier Visitor Center**

**A view of the Blue Ridge from Montpelier**

**Photos by Mark Fingerholz and Mary Coulombe**





**Arched gate at Montpelier**



**Grave's Mountain Inn, where ODP  
members had lunch after visiting  
Montpelier**



**Photos by Mark Fingerholz  
and Mary Coulombe**

**At left, from foreground left, Jim Ridenour,  
Tamara Ridenour, Glenn Koogler, Charlotte  
Koogler, Crimora Fingerholz, Richard  
Obenschain (in background), Mark  
Fingerholz, Faith Blee and Andrew Rosen**



**Craig Coulombe next to Mark Fingerholz at  
the wheel of his 1937 Super 8 limousine**



**Front to back, 1939 convertible sedan, 1937 Super 8  
limousine, 1935 5-passenger coupe, 1931 833 convertible  
coupe, 1930, roadster, 1946 Clipper**

# ODPC Packards at Copper Fox Distillery in Sperryville



**Andrew Rosen's 1953 Caribbean**



**Jim Ridenour's 1939 convertible sedan**

Photos by  
Edward R.  
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**Barry Lowe's 1931 convertible coupe**



**Michael Karalevicz's 1954 Clipper Panama**



**Packard Hood  
Ornaments**

From left, 1939 convertible sedan;  
1930 roadster; 1935 5-passenger coupe;  
bottom left, 1954 Clipper Panama



**Mark Fingerholz in his 1937 Super 8 limousine**



**Al Becker with his 1930 745 roadster**

# Friday, October 23

That morning, we drove south to Gordonsville, a town in Orange County founded by Nathaniel Gordon in the early 19th century. We visited the Exchange Hotel Museum, which was built on the site of Nathaniel Gordon's original tavern, which burned down in 1859, by Richard Omohundro. This hotel near Gordonsville's railroad station. Gordonsville was successfully defended by Confederates during the Civil War and the Exchange Hotel served as a hospital during the war. Following the museum visit, ODPC



**Above, the Exchange Hotel Museum in Gordonsville**



**Left, ODPC members arrive at the museum**

members had lunch at the Exchange Barbecue across the street from the Museum.

After leaving Gordonsville, we drove to Barboursville, located at the junction of Albemarle, Orange, and Greene counties. We sampled wines at Barboursville Vineyards and saw the ruins of the mansion built by Virginia Gov. James Barbour, which burned on Christmas Day 1884. This mansion had been designed by Thomas Jefferson and built in 1822.

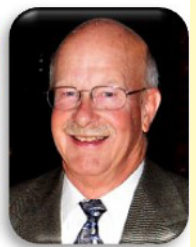


**Left, view of Barboursville ruins from the winery**

**Photos by Mary Coulombe and Mark Fingerholz**

## **New ODPC Officers**

**From left, Gunther Hoyt, President;  
Andrew Rosen, Vice President;  
Craig Coulombe, Treasurer;  
Steve Shirey, Secretary;  
Richard Obenschain, Past President**



# Saturday, October 24



Top left, Chris Overcash talks with David Edge, while Michael Karalevicz talks with Bob Montague



Above, Bob Powell brought this 1955 Clipper Panama which he had just purchased.



Andrew Rosen's 1953 Caribbean



Left, Chris & Fara Harris-Evans with Jere & Carol Avenson



From left, Michael Karalevicz, Craig Coulombe, David & Kathy Edge, and Chris Overcash. Not sure about the folks with their backs to the camera!



Photos by Mark Fingerholz and Mary Coulombe

From left, Claudette Obenschain, Charlotte & Glenn Koogler, Faith Blee & Andrew Rosen at the picnic. In the background are Mark, Shannon & Crimora Fingerholz.

# SPRING TOUR FINAL BANQUET

Held at the Piedmont – A  
Virginia Steakhouse, Culpeper, VA

Photos  
by Mary  
Coulombe



**Amy Barahona, Diga Barahona,  
Michael Karalevicz, Aidan Karalevicz**



**Denise & Chris Overcash**



**Al Becker**



**Lynn Shirey &  
Crimora Fingerholz**



**Craig & Mary Coulombe**



**Steve & Lynn Shirey**

**Faith Blee  
& Andrew  
Rosen,  
Charlotte &  
Glenn Koogler**



**Claudette & Richard  
Obenschain**



**Jerome & Paula  
Beazley**



**Barry Lowe & Sandra Bitting**



**Kathy & George Duke**



**Mark, Crimora & Shannon Fingerholz**



**Carol & Jere Avenson**

**Jim &  
Tamara Ridenour**



# Old Dominion Packard Club Spring Tour

April 21 to 25, 2021

“Roadways  
of the



Colonial  
Era”

## Maryland’s Eastern Shore

### **Lodging: St. Michaels Inn**

1228 S. Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663  
410-745-3333  
[www.stmichaels-inn.com](http://www.stmichaels-inn.com)

**Packard rate:** \$89 Wednesday and Thursday nights /  
\$175 Friday and Saturday nights.  
Room block / special rate released one month out.  
Reservations can be made now. No down payment  
required.

### **Wednesday, April 21**

Welcome reception on the patio courtyard with  
gazebo (rain location inside). Catered dinner  
planned.

### **Thursday, April 22**

At 9:45 a.m., we Drive to the Chesapeake Bay  
Maritime Museum and the 1879 Hopper Street  
Lighthouse. After that we will board the Patriot  
Cruises tour boat at 1:45 p.m. and have a box  
lunch from Awful Arthurs. The cruise begins at  
2:30 p.m.

### **Friday, April 23 — St. Michaels**

We will visit the Classic Motor Museum collection  
of historic cars, then visit the St. Michaels Winery

(609 S. Talbot Street. 410-745-0808). The  
wine-tasting for our Club members will be held  
in a separate room. Following the winery visit,  
the Club Board Meeting will be held at the hotel  
hospitality room.

### **Saturday, April 24 — Cambridge Driving Tour**

We drive through Easton, MD, where we will see  
the Linchester Grist Mill, then visit Pop’s Old Place  
Farm (4657 Skinners Run Road, Hurlock), a Mary-  
land Century Farm raising heritage breeds for  
grass fed meats.

We will then take the Woodland Ferry on the  
Manicoke River, Seaford, DE. This is the oldest  
continuously running ferry in the United States,  
established in the 1740s.

We will have lunch at Fat Daddy’s Bar BQ, then  
visit the Mason-Dixon Line monument.

Following lunch, we drive about 30 miles to the  
Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

Our Club Banquet will be held at Scossa, which  
features Northern Italian cuisine. The banquet  
\$60 apiece and we will have a separate room in  
the back of the restaurant.



# OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM

# 2021



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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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 ODPC Newsletter by: E-mail PDF:  U.S. Mail:  Both:

I wish to receive the ODPC 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 ODPC holds a Fall Meet, which includes judging of cars. Locations vary.

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

# OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB

► NEWSLETTER ◄

SUMMER EDITION 2020

3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

## John Karalevicz, long-time ODPC member, passes away

John Karalevicz, 82, a member of the Old Dominion Packard Club since 1967, died on September 17, 2020 in Staunton, Virginia.

John was born May 12, 1938 in Mount Savage, Maryland. He graduated in 1959 from the University of Dayton with an Associates degree in electrical-mechanical engineering and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. John served as ODPC President from 1972 to 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; four children, including his son, Michael; many grandchildren, including his grandson Aidan; and many great-grandchildren. Michael and Aidan are members of ODPC.



*John Karalevicz, left, received the 1994 Diffie Award from former ODPC President Carl Berrier at the 1995 Spring Tour.*