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The

Old Dominion Packard Club

2021 SPRING TOUR



**We came ... We saw ... and we
had a great time in St. Michaels**



In Our 63rd 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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A 1940 Packard Finds Its Way Home

By Richard Obenschain

In 2009 I was working with Al Morkunas at The Motorcar Company. Al had quite a few clients with interesting cars such as a 1915 Peerless, 1947 Cadillac, 1917 Pierce Arrow, 1906 Autocar, and a number of Packards. I had mentioned to Claudette that Al seemed to solicit Packards to work on because there was always one in progress in the shop. She had heard about the Old Dominion Packard Club and suggested that I should become a member since I was spending a lot of time working on Packards and because I like them.

After a few months an ad appeared in the club newsletter for a 1940 5-passenger sedan located in Norfolk, VA. We had discussed getting an older car to enjoy and to work on and this one was not too far out of the price range. We drove to Norfolk to see the car. I looked at the car and had a test drive. The car had plenty of rattles but seemed to drive OK. The overdrive worked intermittently.

On the way home Claudette suggested that I not take my usual long time deciding on things if I wanted the car. I called the person handling the sale with an offer and the family accepted it.

Members of the Old Dominion Packard Club knew the car and the owner very well. I later heard that the owner was "close" with his money and didn't fix things that he felt he could let go. Friends of his had to encourage him to have needed worked done on the car. Interestingly, he did some major work including an engine overhaul, a radiator, and electrical renovations including a new wiring harness. All were nicely done. While he had the engine out he apparently decided it was a good time to paint the hood and front fenders. The result: while sitting in the driver's seat looking forward, it looked like a restored car. From the windshield back however, 70 years of wear and tear was evident.



I borrowed a trailer and headed to Norfolk to pick up my Packard. It started up happily and as we loaded it on the street a couple of neighbor kids asked, "Wow, is that a Rolls Royce?" That made my day, but what really knocked me down was a fellow watching us load the car remarked, "You know, this car came from Fort Defiance, Virginia!" I replied, "No way! There are maybe 20 people who live in Fort Defiance and one of them is ME!" Turns out it had belonged to Herb Hulvey, the postmaster in Fort Defiance and founder and first president of the Old Dominion Packard Club.

Against all odds, my 1940 Packard came back to within two miles of its long-time owner. I often wonder as I drive the roads around Fort Defiance how many times that car has been along the same roads.

When I pass the cemetery at Old Stone Church, I salute Mr. Hulvey with a toot of the horn from his old car.



Richard Obenschain with his 1940 Packard in Fort Defiance. Below, Herb Hulvey, left, with Edgar Bergen in Las Vegas. Herb was honored because he drove his Packard all the way from Virginia.

Editor's Note: After a discussion with Rod Hobbs, I have decided to reserve Page 3 of our Newsletters for stories about our members and their cars. If you would like to tell ODPC about what made you interested in Packards, how you acquired your car, or any story you think would interest members, please contact Rod at: Rod Hobbs, 623 Lakeland Road Street, Severna Park, MD 21146, or email him at packardV8@hotmail.com.

St. Michaels and Maryland's Eastern Chesapeake Bay Shore



After a long, cold winter semi-confined to our homes due to the Covid-19 pandemic, members of the Old Dominion Packard Club couldn't wait to get to St. Michaels, Maryland for our 2021 Spring Tour. The St. Michaels Inn served as our Tour base, where members had first-floor rooms just a few steps away from their cars.

As members began to stream into the hotel, we gathered in the Hospitality Room, where we enjoyed wine, beer, cheese, fruit, crackers, and especially each others' company. Our Tour Hosts, Steve and Lynn Shirey, did a great job of decorating the breakfast room on a maritime theme.

After the get-together, most of us drove to Limoncello restaurant in downtown St. Michaels. This meal set the tone for all of the meals we had on this tour — fantastic food!

We welcomed some new members on this tour and they had a couple of great cars. Clif Edwards from Glenn Allen drove his outstanding 1949 Custom Eight touring sedan, and Ron and Tina Pack of Smithfield brought a beautiful 1933 Super Eight Victoria convertible. The oldest car on the tour was Bob and Lori Powell's 1921 Six touring sedan and the "newest" one was Bob and Carol Robb's 1956 Caribbean. All total, we had 21 Packards driving on the tour. Amazingly no one on our tour received the coveted "Hard Luck" Award!

Our Tour Hosts
Lynn and Steve Shirey



Old Dominion Packard Club 2021 Spring Tour

Richard Obenschain, Mary Coulombe, and Lynn Shirey are ready to enjoy the spread of wine, cheese, and other goodies during the welcoming get-together in the St. Michaels Inn.



Following a crepes breakfast Thursday morning, we lined up our cars in order of age and drove through downtown St. Michaels to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. We broke up into two groups: One to tour the various buildings containing all sorts of log vessels, commercial sailing boats, and pleasure craft, as well as displays about the origins of the Chesapeake Bay oyster business, and the other group to set sail on the working skipjack *H.M. Krentz* (below)

Under cloudy skies and a cold gusty wind, those hardy Club members who went sailing on the Miles River got a first-hand look at how a skipjack operates, which included dredging for oysters on the bottom of the river. A skipjack is not is not



Cold weather was no match for the ODPC salty dogs sailing on the skipjack.



H.M. Krentz Captain George Duck addresses his passengers before he cast off.

Oysters dredged from the Miles River aboard the *Krentz*..

designed for speed, but rather for extended dredging. During their peak of operating on the Chesapeake, skipjacks ranged from Havre De Grace south to where the bay enters the Atlantic and loaded as many as 100 bushels of oysters each trip.



Skipjack Captain George Duck explains to the first group of passengers how a boat operates while fishing for oysters.



Andrew Rosen ponders moving from Packards to piloting a skipjack.



Within the museum campus, there are displays of oyster shucking, processing, and canning. Other exhibits include recreational water craft, various types of boats used on the Chesapeake, and the 1879 Hooper Strait Lighthouse. Following our visit to the museum, we were warmly welcomed by Susan and Jimmy Hobbs at their home on the waterfront in the Homes at Cabin Perry.

Volunteers work on the reproduction of the 17th century ship Maryland Dove at the Maritime Museum.

We Drive to Hope!

On Friday morning we left St. Michaels Inn and headed north toward Easton. Our destination: the Hope House. This home was built in 1740 and is owned by Peter Stifel, the brother of ODPG member Eddie Stifel. He let us park in front of the house near his own beautiful Packard and opened his house for members to see



ODPG President Gunther Hoyt presents Hope House owner Peter Stifel with a mounted dash plaque to thank him for his hospitality.

the living room and dining room, where he set up coffee and treats for us to enjoy.

The road leading up to the mansion was a long dirt road winding through the trees probably like the ones in the days when the house was new.

After we left Hope House we drove 18 miles to the old Wye Episcopal Church, which was built in 1721.

At right, Lynn Shirey's 1953 Clipper and Bob Powell's 1921 Six touring car



Left, Gunther Hoyt's 1937 Eight coupe



Above from left, Al Becker's 1929 phaeton, Ron Pack's 1933 Victoria & Andrew Rosen's 1936 Victoria

Left, the Duke's 1937 Victoria & Jim Ridenour's 1939 convertible sedan



From left, Chris Harris-Evans' 1941 160 coupe, Jon Hatfield's 1941 160 convertible sedan & Clif Edwards' 1949 Custom sedan



Left, Craig Coulombe's 1955 Clipper Constellation, Glenn Koogler's 1954 convertible & Bob Robb's 1956 Caribbean





ODPC members listen to a deacon from the Old Wye Episcopal Church discusses its history.

Following our visit to the church, we drove to the Suicide Bridge Restaurant for lunch.



An employee at Pop's Old Place Farm talks about the farm's operation.

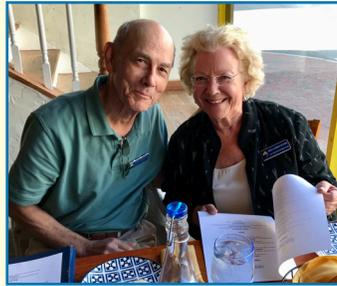


Visiting the farm's petting zoo.



Gigi Hubbard liked the farm!

Lunch at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant



Chris & Fara Harris-Evans



Glenn & Charlotte Koogler



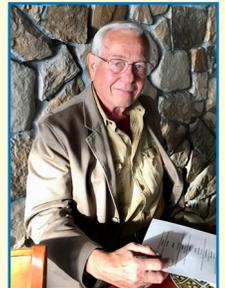
Dale & Shirley Mease & Bud Adams



Susan Burt & Bob Woolfitt



Gunther Hoyt, Craig Hemen, Rod Hobbs



Al Becker



Bob & Lori Powell



Donna & Jon Hatfield



Kathy & George Duke



Left, Carol & Jere Avenson



Clif Edwards



Bob & Carol Robb



Left, Faith Blee & Andrew Rosen



Right, Jim & Tamara Ridenour



Mary & Craig Coulombe



2021 Spring Tour Banquet



Jon Hatfield Receives the 2021 Diffie Award!
After 4-year hiatus, Outstanding Member award has new honoree

Richard Obenschain, left, presents the Diffie trophy to Jon. He also got smaller trophy (right) to keep after the larger one is returned for the next recipient.



Tina & Ron Pack with Kathy & George Duke



Bill Wilcox & Robyn Burnham



Lynn Shirley with Andrew Rosen



Clif Edwards



Al Becker



Gigi Hubbard



Lynn Shirey & Susan Myers



Bob Robb & Andrew Rosen



Tamara Ridenour, Bob Woolfitt, Susan Myers

ODPC Fall Tour Destination: Williamsburg

October 20 to 24, 2021

Although many of the details for the Fall Tour are not yet established, Tour organizers Jere and Carol Avenson and Bob Woolfitt are on the right track.

Our venue is the **Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center**, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA. The hotel's registration number is 757-220-2250. The ODPC room rate is \$89.95 plus tax per night. Here is our tentative schedule:

Wednesday, Oct 20 Hotel check-in, at which time you will receive your Tour packets. Group dinner (separate checks) nearby.

Thursday, Oct 21 Tour Tyndall Baucom's Car Collection and Shop, Lunch at Shield's Tavern in Colonial Wmsburg, afternoon exploring Colonial Wmsburg (half-day tickets \$22). Dinner nearby the hotel.

Friday, Oct 22 We will take Jamestown-Scotland Ferry to Surrey County, have lunch at Smithfield Station, and in the afternoon, visit

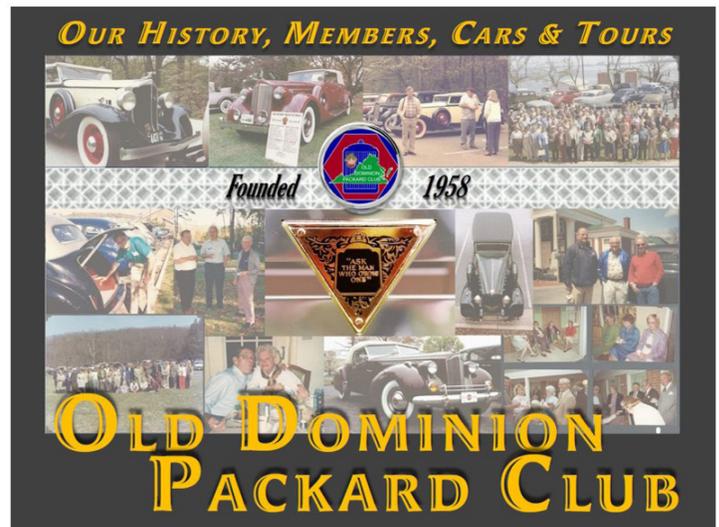


ODPC member Dwight Schaubach's car collection. The Board meets at 4 p.m. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. near the hotel.

Saturday, Oct 23 We take the Colonial Parkway to Yorktown and, visit Museum of the American Revolution. After a box lunch in Yorktown, we will tour of Yorktown Battlefield, Jamestown Settlement, Williamsburg Winery, or go out your own. At 6 p.m. we will have a Social Hour at the hotel, followed by our Banquet at 7 p.m. We will have a special auction of several Packard items to benefit the club, so bring cash!

Get Your ODPC Information Booklet Today!

This is a 36-page, full color spiral-bound booklet that contains the story about how ODPC came about, a list of states where our members live, our past presidents and Diffe Award winners, how long our members have been in the Club, a list of our Packards, and the sites of our Club's tours and meets. This booklet was introduced at the 2021 Spring Tour in St. Michaels, MD. Copies are limited, so if you want one, send an email to Craig Coulombe, coulombe@cox.net, or call him at 703-244-2791.



This booklet costs \$5.⁰⁰ plus \$3.⁵⁰ shipping



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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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: \$ _____

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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!

OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB

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Founded 1958

A few of our cars at St. Michaels, Maryland



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A: Al Becker's 1929 645 Dietrich phaeton; **B:** Bob Powell's 1921 Six touring; **C:** Ron Pack's 1933 Super 8; **D:** Bob Robb's 1956 Caribbean; **E:** Lynn Shirey's 1953 Clipper; **F:** Jon Hatfield's 1941 160 convertible sedan; **G:** Jim Ridenour's 1939 120 convertible sedan; **H:** Craig Coulombe's 1955 Clipper Constellation; **I:** Andrew Rosen's 1936 Super 8 Victoria; **J:** Chris Harris-Evans' 1941 160 coupe.



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