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The

Old Dominion Packard Club



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SEASONS GREETINGS!



2023 Fall Tour ❖ Glen Allen, Virginia



In Our 65th 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.



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

OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATION

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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Lynn Rogerson Shirey
 - Ron Pack
 - Clif Edwards
 - Glenn Koogler
 - Barry Lowe
 - Andrew Rosen
- Northern Virginia & Maryland
Southeastern Virginia
Central Virginia
Western & Southwestern Virginia
South of Virginia
Pennsylvania

Old Dominion Packard Club

NEWS

ODPC Secretary Mark Fingerholz and Vice President Steve Shirey have been busy incorporating a new tool to move a lot of club functions into the 21st century and they want to invite you to take a spin in our ODPC Digital Projects.

The goal of these projects is to preserve Club history and improve information access. Google Drive provides a repository for car judging, meeting minutes, rosters from 1960, newsletters from 2019 to 2023, Club bylaws, tour master duties, and officer duties.

The Old Dominion Packard Club's Gmail account is:

ODPC1958@gmail.com

Mark has set up this account as a personal email account, which includes free Google Forms. You can visit Google Maps and see where we live, the sites of our past tours (locations, seasons and years), and see where future tours are schedules.

For more information, contact Mark or Steve. These sites are being built to increase understanding about our Club and increase member participation.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Charlie & Audrey Bronk

The Old Dominion Packard Club lost prominent members during 2023. Charlie Bronk died Feb. 16 and Audrey Bronk died Aug. 13. The Bronks, both 93 at when they died, were married for 71 years.

They lived in Whispering Pines, NC, and joined ODPC in 1986. In 2005, they were jointly awarded the Jefferson Diffee Distinguished Member Award.



Audrey and Charlie Bronk at 1993 Fall Tour



Donroy Ober

Donroy Ober of Mechanicsville, VA, died to Oct. 1, six days' shy of his 89th birthday.

Donroy and George Hamlin joined ODPC in 1964, making them the longest-time members of the club.

Donroy served as ODPC president in 1982-83 and received the Jefferson Diffee Distinguished Member Award in 1993.

Donroy Ober at the 1989 Fall Tour

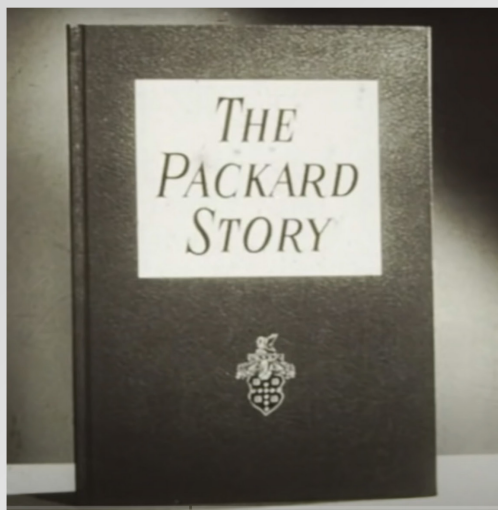
Marjorie Joslin

Marjorie Joslin, wife of Ivan Joslin, died Nov. 16 with her husband and daughter by her side. Marjorie and Ivan were important ODPC members, with Ivan serving as president in 1996/1997 and Ivan receiving the Jefferson Diffee Distinguished Member Award in 1998. The Joslins had the 1954 Packard Patrician now owned by Jere and Carol Avenson.

Send notes and letters to: Ivan Joslin, 5867 E. County Road 466 Unit 3239, The Villages, FL 32162-3577



Marjorie Joslin at the 2002 Spring Tour



The Packard Story – The Story of the Packard Motor Car Company

Old Dominion Packard Club President Jon Hatfield found this interesting, 22.30-minute film on YouTube about the history of Packard. The movie was made by Focus Frame (Wilding Picture Productions, Inc.) in 1948 for use by Packard car dealers. Wilding Production Co. was founded in 1914 in Detroit by Norman Wilding (1892–1947).

To watch “The Packard Story,” use this link:

<https://youtu.be/bTwRn9JbizA>



2023 End-of-the-Year ODPC Financial Report

The following is a summary of the financial state of the Old Dominion Packard Club:

Checking Account Balance
as of 10/17: \$7,710.⁹³

Business Savings Account Balance
as of 10/17: \$1,364.⁷⁵

Total Deposits: \$11,862.⁵⁰

Total Expenditures: \$10,353.⁶⁹

The Old Dominion Packard Club has grand total of **165** members — **98** spouse/partner/single combination of dues-paid members. The influx of new members equals or exceeds the number of members who leave the club. There is a distinct enthusiasm for the Club overall, and as a result, Membership Chairperson Lynn Shirey continually adds new members to the roster. The ODPC implemented an October 31 deadline for dues and the Club has met that deadline. The financial state of our Club is stable and strong.

In 2022, ODPC's printing costs were about \$1,900, which included rosters, newsletters, and tour guides. ODPC paid \$452 for postage. In 2023, our rosters cost almost \$300, up about \$30 more than the cost 2022's roster. The total cost of printing for 2023 (excluding the cost of this Winter Newsletter) was \$1,361. Based on the cost of the Summer Newsletter, I would estimate the cost of printing this newsletter will be about \$532. Postage costs for the year comes to about \$477.

Other major expenses for 2023 included Auto-Owners Insurance, \$287; Virginia Crossings Hotel, \$4,344; and Doteasy, \$538 (for hosting the ODPC webpage).

Although the Old Dominion Packard Club generally as treasurer, I do not believe that we will need an increase in our dues for the foreseeable future. Our major expenses are deposits for upcoming tours and the printing of our newsletters and rosters. The costs of these expenses continue to increase due to inflation and we must anticipate and accommodate these costs.

Exciting opportunities for ODPC are on the horizon. Vice President Steve Shirey and Secretary Mark Fingerholz are looking into programs that will allow ODPC members to pay their dues and tour registration through Venmo or PayPal, as well as to pay for names badges and bumper badges.

On behalf of the ODPC Officers and Regional Representatives, I want to thank all of you for participating in the Old Dominion Packard Club and wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Craig Coulombe
ODPC Treasurer

2023 ODPC Fall Tour / Glen Allen Virginia

RICHMOND
SPRING
TOURS

1958

1960

1963

1979

2003



RICHMOND
FALL
TOURS

1959

1966

1972

2008

2016

We last held a tour at the Virginia Crossings Hotel in the fall of 2016, so we knew we would be staying in a first-class environment. With a beautiful array of Packards and plenty of great destinations and, of course, great food, we had a lot to look forward to!



Snapshots from our Tour!

The Old Dominion Packard Club



First stop on Thursday, Oct. 19, was a visit to St. Joseph's Villa in Richmond,



We visited the collection of our friends and ODPG members Reggie & Cindi Nash.



We visited the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of History & Culture.



Crimora Fingerholz poses with ODPG cars at the tour of the Dukes' cars.



Help in a Clutch ...
Micah Lowe, left, helps Richard Obenschain with his 1940 in the Nash's driveway.

Our lunch at the New Kent Winery



From left, Susanne Clark, Al Becker, Ben Clark, Donna Theodore & Dave Norris



Nancy Orvis & Michael Fistere, Rod Hobbs, Kathy & George Duke, Ryan Corcoran



Donna & Jon Hatfield, Barry Lowe, Chris & Fara Harris-Evans



Ken Branum, Faith Blee & Andrew Rosen, Ron & Tina Pack



Jon Hatfield, Ron Pack, Barry Lowe



Mary Coulombe, Tamara & Jim Ridenour, Richard & Claudette Obenshain, Craig Coulombe

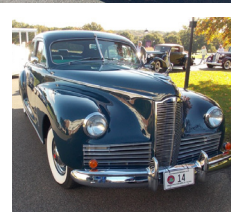


Left, Mark Fingerholz, Clif Edwards, William Coffman & Sandra Fritton, Shannon & Crimora Fingerholz

Right, Gary & Gayle Terwilliger, Lynn & Steve Shirey, Micah Lowe



Frame of the Historic Polegreen Presbyterian Church, destroyed in 1864 by an artillery shell.



Some of our cars on the circle at the hotel.



What a dapper pair! Al Becker, left, and Andrew Rosen.



VP Steve Shirey thanks Co-Tour Masters Kathy Duke & Cliff Edwards



John Musgrove gave a great address about Richmond leaders.



2024 FALL MEET: SMITHFIELD, VA

We are planning to hold the 2024 Fall Meet in the Town of Smithfield and Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Tour masters Ron Pack and Gary Terwilliger will provide more information in the Old Dominion Packard Club's 2024 Spring Edition.



2025 ODPC Fall Tour / Outer Banks, NC

While the details of this Meet are not established at this point, the 2025 Tour is planned to be held in the Outer Banks, North Carolina. The dates of the Meet are October 20 to 24. There will be more information about this Meet in the Spring 2024 Newsletter.



Members of the ODPC Fall Tour pose for a group photo at the Tour's Closing Banquet.

Craig Coulombe receives Jefferson Diffe Distinguished Member Award

Craig joined the Old Dominion Packard Club with his wife, Mary, in the spring of 2012. Since 2015, he has served as the club's treasurer, and in 2016, took over as the editor of the club's publications. He produces four newsletters and a club roster each year and manages the club's website.

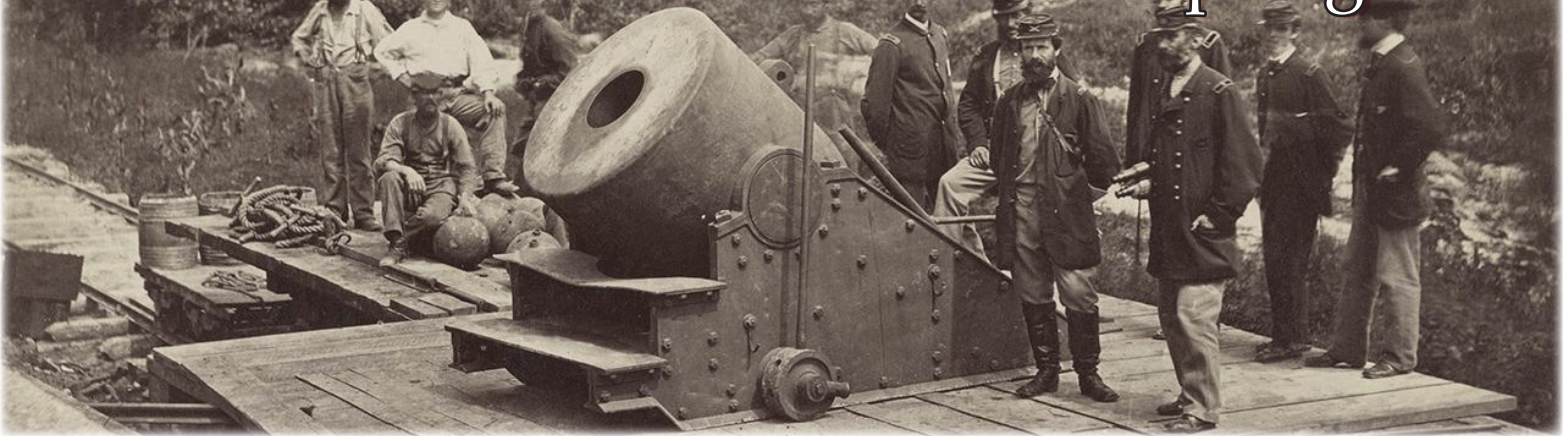
Craig has made changes to the club's collections of dues, shifted from checks to corporate credit cards to make payments, and works closely with members who are managing upcoming tours.

Craig and Mary also sponsored the 2018 Fall Meet in Gainesville/Loudoun County.

ODPC President Jon Hatfield hands Craig the Diffe trophy at the closing banquet. Craig bought his Clipper Constellation from Jon in 2012.



2024 Old Dominion Packard Club Spring Tour



HISTORIC TRI-CITIES, VIRGINIA

— Petersburg, Colonial Heights, and Hopewell —

Lodging: ♣ **Courtyard by Marriott, Chester** ♣
2001 West Hundred Road, Chester, VA 23836

To make your room reservation, call 804-414-1010. Provide the code **ODP** or just mention the ODPC block of rooms.

Wednesday
April 24 Pick up the tour book packets in the Hospitality Room. We'll leave the hotel at 5:30 p.m. for an Early Bird dinner at 6 p.m at Riptides Seafood. (Pay for your own meal)

Thursday
April 25 At 9 a.m. we'll line up by year (oldest first) and drive to the Petersburg National Battlefield. Watch the film at the Visitors' Center, then hear an overview by a Park Ranger at the Crater. We will then go to the Blandford Church, which is the only building in the world with all of its windows by Louis Comfort Tiffany. We will have lunch at Maria's in Old Town Petersburg, then drive to City Point, Hopewell — Gen. Grant's Battle of Petersburg headquarter. A Park Ranger will lead our tour. Return to the hotel and dinner on your own.

Friday
April 26 We will leave the hotel at 9:30 a.m. We will tour Charlie Ford's Car Collection, then tour the Keystone Tractor Museum (tractors, cars, & trucks). We will eat lunch at the Tractor Museum, then drive to Taylor Made Chocolate — a small artisan chocolate operation making great chocolate! Return to hotel on your own. The ODPC Board meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all Club members. Dinner on your own.

Saturday
April 27 We will leave the hotel at 9:30 a.m. We will tour the Henricus Historical Park (established in 1613), have lunch at Boathouse Restaurant (River view), drive to Weston Manor Plantation House for tour (boutique for the ladies), return to hotel on your own. If you need more old cars, you can walk from the hotel to the Southern Knights Cruisers Car Show at Hardee's (Route 10 & Old Stage), starting at 4 p.m. The Banquet at hotel kicks off with a Social Hour 6 to 6:30 p.m., dinner and meeting at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Theme: **Gone with the Winter ~ Blast into Spring in Petersburg.**



OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____ New member?

E-Mail: _____ Year Joined: _____

PACKARDS OWNED	<i>This listing is for the Club's annual Membership Roster. You do <u>not</u> have to own a Packard to be a member.</i>			
	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
	Year: _____	Model: _____	Body #: _____	Model #: _____
<i>Please list additional cars using the above criteria on a separate piece of paper. Thank you.</i>				

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

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:

Bumper Badge



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

No. of badges requested: _____

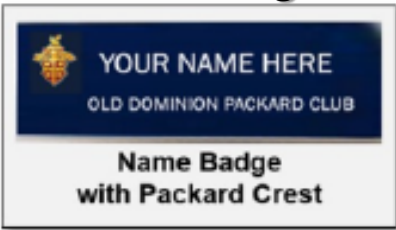
Subtotals for:

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:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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 ◀

2023 Winter Edition

3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

The Packard Motor Car Foundation Announces...

Greet Santa Event

at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site

Dec 10, 2023
1-3 PM



Tickets: \$10 general public / \$7 PPG members
(586) 739-4800 / packardprovinggrounds.org/GreetSantaEvent