



# THE OLD DOMINION



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## PACKARDS, PEOPLE, PLACES

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**EDITORIAL**  
**Shameless self-promotion**



**S**o this is my last newsletter for the Old Dominion Packard club. When I began to write this in 2004, the words Microsoft and Publisher were two separate words in my language. I had not done a newsletter before and thought it might be fun to try one. I had to learn what all these symbols mean and how to design a text box. Inserting an empty picture frame and designing text was not easy either, but I survived.

I must acknowledge the help I received from Bob Robb, former editor, and from Audrey Bronk, former treasurer. I took the tips they gave me and tried to make the words work. I also can't forget Bob Woolfitt who took the majority of the pictures as well as all the others who sent along pictures they had taken. Writer and photographer are just two of the jobs I had to master as well as making the format of the articles work together.

The newsletter was just called The Newsletter. I wanted to give it a name; I wanted it to be something special. I wanted to make it so good that folks would call me and email me to find out where the newsletter was and when it was coming out. That happened. Folks began to look forward to seeing it. I did receive special mention by Old Cars newspaper one time.

One of the things I remember Audrey saying is that this newsletter is about the members. She was very correct in saying that. I made a special effort to focus on the members and their lives and events. I tried to depict them as many times as possible. We are a close knit group and we enjoy keeping up with each other.

I specifically enjoyed talking to the members whenever I did the "So what's up with..." I found so many great stories from so many that we all had never heard before. One of my first was

Dick Robertson and his 1938 Super 8. His car had a marvelous story from beginning to end and Dick's enthusiasm was overflowing.

Another story I enjoyed was Benson Shank. Benson is a real car guy. Until recently, Benson had a Citroen SM in his garage that he had driven regularly and it was the last in a string of French cars that he owned. He marveled at George Dukes garage as he looked at each one of the tools there. Although Benson is not able to join us any longer, his daughter Kaffa still drives him around in the 1949 8 that he bought and restored. I will always remember Benson and his enthusiasm.

I remembered the old-timers, too. Jim and Joyce Smith were long-time members. Jim bought his first Packard after he got out of WWII. In the ensuing years, he had many cars and then he bought the '52 Patrician that we remember seeing at our events. That car ended up in the Packard history on a color plate. After retiring from DuPont, Jim took a job selling Oldsmobiles and continued until nearly his passing. Jim was a car guy, too.

I would have to say one of my best efforts was the story on Clare Brooks. We only have two women in the club whose cars are listed in their names. I asked Clare if I could do a story on hers. I went through my books of Packard advertisements and found just the right one that I wanted to use as a pattern. After many painstaking changes of clothes and the addition of elbow-length gloves, Tom and I finally settled on an outfit. Clare was ever so patient with all of this and I got the pictures taken on that hot summer day. When I finished the layout, I changed the color of the printing and the text box to be the same as one of the colors of the car. All in all it looked like the Packard ad and it was perfect. I look at this as my best effort.

Over the years, when anyone wanted help with something or needed something, they called me. I dunno' why. My favorite word was, "YES!!" And I got yelled at for it, too. All in all, I hope I made a lotta' folks happy with what they read.

Our new editor will be Jay Altman. Jay is eager to begin transforming the newsletter into another award-winning piece. His style will be different from mine but he will bring a fresh, new, look to what we enjoy seeing. The Old Dominion will live on in it's new form and hopefully will satisfy you all again. Thanks for all the cards and letters, folks. I really appreciated every one of them. See you again.



**On our cover this time is an exact picture of the Urbanna dash plaque that was comprised of photographs by Rod and designed by Bill Pettit.**

# ATTENDEES

NAME	CAR	PHONE #
Altman, Jay with Jannene and Bob Sack	1954 Clipper	703-906-9006
Avenson, Jere and Carol	1941 110 DE	757-646-2165
Banks, Tom and Linda Spruill		757-580-6473
Brooks, Tom and Clare	1940 Super 8	540-622-8751
Brown, Dudley		
Bunnell, Ted		
Duke, George and Kathy	1937 Super 8	804-356-4382
Hatfield, Jon and Donna	1941 160 Conv. Sedan	804-894-3604
Hermann, Hal and Kathy	1933 Eight Sedan	703-587-1560
Hobbs, Rod		410-440-1930
Hildebrand, Blair	1956 Patrician	
Hummer, Roy and Ginny		
Koogler, Glenn and Charlotte	1958 Hawk	540-255-2890
Meadows, Dana and Debbie	1949 Station Sedan	757-718-0483
Montague, Bob w/ Sheila Stampfi	1932 Light Eight	703-609-0744
Morrison, Dudley	1956 Patrician	919-637-2690
Mrotek, John and Bernice	1934 1105 7-pass	540-860-2751
Obenschain, Rich and Claudette	1940 1804 Sedan	540-292-2620
Powell, Bob and Lori		804-389-2555
Ridenour, Jim with Tamara and Dottie Brainerd	1939 120 Conv. Sedan	540-448-0308
Robb, Bob and Carol		804-347-9301
Scheutz, George and Gay Watson	1929 640 Phaeton	757-403-0983
Sedel, Bruce w/ Bill Chandler	1949 Super Dlx	757-288-6860
Seibel, Gil	1949 Custom 8	
Stoltzfus, Dick and Lore		941-302-7422
White, Miles	1932 901 Sedan	301-693-9035
Wilcox, Bill	1932 903 Conv. Sedan	
Woolfitt, Bob	1934 Formal	757-434-4505

## Down through history in Urbanna, Va.



Andrew Jackson Montague, grandfather



Robert Latane Montague, father



Theophilus Steele, great-great grandfather

Our first evening was a reception and a sumptuous meal served at Sandwich House, the family home of Bob Montague. With the help of Bob's friend Sheila



Sandwich House



Historic marker at entrance to Sandwich

Stampfi, we had a lovely evening warmed by a roaring fire in not one but two fireplaces. There was also an open bar for additional warmth. Our meal consisted of Smithfield Ham biscuits, fruit plate, crudites' and topping it all off a tureen of home made Oyster Stew made by our very own Jay Altman. I'm told we had Tidewater Fare. Urbanna, Virginia is the oyster capital of Virginia and home to the Oyster Festival on the first week of November every year. True to form, we had a great meal and used the evening to "catch-up" with everyone on what's been happening. Our caravan traveled back to the hotel beginning at 8:00pm and the hospitality room was indeed open for relaxation.

The next day started "whenever". Our free hot breakfast began that morning as we languished

over the meal and discussed the upcoming day. We left at 10:00am for our tour.

Friday started with great weather. Jackets were

needed to go outside and warm up the cars. The morning didn't start so well for Dudley Morrison. He started his



On tour



Rosewell ruins

Patrician and when it was put in gear, it would stall. A phone call was made and the problem was identified. The rollback

came and off it went for some minor surgery.

We left in chronological order and proceeded behind Bob Montague in his 1932 900. Our first stop was at Rosewell. Begun in 1725, Rosewell was the home of the Page family for more than 100 years. What remains after the horrendous fire were the walls and chimneys. Dudley Brown spoke to us about the history of Rosewell.

Next stop was up the road to Toddsbury, the former home of the Aunt of Bob Montague.



Toddsbury, home of Bob's brother

Toddsbury today is owned by Bob's brother, Francis Breckinridge Montague and is meticulously landscaped. We had a tour of the house by Bob's Sister-in-law, Mary Montague and a tour of the grounds by Bob Montague. The house originally was small but was enlarged later on. We enjoyed

refreshments after the tour. The home is not open to the public.

We left there and headed for Saluda and Christ Church for lunch. A historical site as it is the gravesite of Gen. Lewis Puller, the most



Christ Church Saluda



Bob and Carol Robb at lunch

decorated marine ever. It is also the site of the gravesites of the Montague family going back to the mid-1900's. The church building was the personal project of Bob's aunt Gay for its restoration. Our lunch was served in the church hall. It was a box lunch

of home made roll, country ham and turkey. Con-



Sabine Hall

ditions made this a delicious lunch along with the iced tea. We received a tour of the church by Bob Montague.

From there we went on to Sabine Hall, the home of Carter Wellford. This home is not open for inspection to the public. Built as a single family house, the wings were added later and enabled two families to live there sharing the center stairway. We enjoyed refreshments there and a guided tour by the owner and his wife.

Our last stop for the day was at Menokin. Menokin was begun in 1769 and we received a video presentation along with an explanation by our own Dudley Brown.

As the sun set, we headed back to Gloucester to relax in the hospitality room as well as get together for dinner at local restaurants.

On Saturday, we caravanned down to Urbanna and parked our cars on a wide expanse of



Interior remains of Menokin

field at Sandwich House, Bob's home on the Tappahannock river. The weather was coolish and with lotsa' sunshine. Our lunch was once again courtesy of Bob Montague as everyone was welcome to come to the dining room once again for more oyster stew ala Jay Altman and more Smithfield Ham biscuits. When we finished we were invited to visit with Dudley Brown at Lansdowne house in downtown Urbanna for a free tour of another most usual home. After we finished with the house tour, we were free to wander quaint Urbanna and shop until we returned to the hotel for the afternoon. The board meeting occurred in the hospitality room with the banquet following after.

Our banquet went very well. We enjoyed a great dinner and after the awards Bob Montague spoke to us regarding the history of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and it's relation to Urbanna. All in all it was a great event.



Bob Montague, tourmaster



Jim Ridenour and Tamara Brainerd

A wedding is soon to happen within the ODFC. Jim Ridenour and Tamara Brainerd are engaged to be married "towards the end of May, 2012." Tamara was seen wearing an enormous diamond engagement ring at our last event. And no, Jim did not sell the 12. Jim and Tamara met at a Rotary International convention in Chicago in 2005. Tamara and Jim have been presidents for separate counties in Virginia. Tamara likes to sing and Jim likes to listen. How convenient. Jim likes to travel and tour in a Packard and Tamara like cars and touring. We will see them next at the anxiously awaited Spring tour to Wilmington, De.



George and Kathy Duke  
Chief Judges



John Mrotek wins Preservation for his 1934 7-Pass.



George Duke wins Preservation for his 1937 Super 8



Tom Brooks wins Preservation for his 1940 Super 8 160



George Scheutz and Gay Watson win Ladies Choice for his 1929 640



Glenn and Charlotte Koogler win Preservation for their 1958 Hawk



Jere Avenson wins Senior for his 1941 110 DE



Blair Hildebrand wins Long Distance for his 1956 Patrician



Gil Seibel wins Preservation for his 1949 Custom 8



George Scheutz wins First Junior for his 1929 640



Jon Hatfield wins Senior for his 1941 160



Dudley Morrison wins Hard Luck award



Jim Ridenour and Tamara  
and Dottie Brainerd



Bob and Lori Powell



Roy and Ginny Hummer



Ted Bunnell Miles White



Sheila Stampfi Bob Montague III



Gil Seibel Blair Hildebrand



Kathy Hermann  
and Clare Brooks



Bob and Jannene Sack



Jon and Donna Hatfield



Tom Banks and Linda  
Spruill



Richard and Claudette  
Obenschain



Jim and Kelly Fulghum



Tom Brooks and Hal Hermann



Jere and Carol Avenson



Bob and Carol Robb



Dick Stoltzfus



George and Kathy Duke



Glenn and Charlotte Koogler



The Kooglers 1958 Hawk



Bill Wilcox 1932 903



John Mrotek 1934 7-pass



Blair Hildebrand 1956



Dudley Morrison 1956



Station Sedans



Gil Seibel 1949 Custom 8



Bob Montague 1932 Light 8



Hal Hermann 1933 8



George Duke 1937 Super 8



Jon Hatfield 1941 160



Jim Ridenour 1939 120



Bob Woolfitt 1934 12



Miles White 1932 901



Rich Obenschain 1940 1804



## So what's up with...

Bill Pettit

Bill writes from Florida that we should stop sending that cold weather down there. On a select morning, the temperature was 77.5 degrees in the shade and it's too cold on the beach because of that north wind-"Grrrrr!" Also a headwind slows the bike too much when he is riding. In a few months we will not be sympathizing with Bill when we are shoveling snow. Always good to hear from our dash plaque designer and long-time member.



Bill and Helen Diffe Tyler

Our hearts go out to Hellen Diffe Tyler regarding her recent accident. Helen is the daughter of former member and spark plug Jeff Diffe. She recently fell and hit her head and was in a coma for some time. She is now able to recognize husband Bill and is coming around. A get well card was signed by our attending members at the Urbanna event and mailed subsequently. We are sure hoping she is better now and on the mend.

### Upcoming events

Spring tour '12—Wilmington, De.

Fall meet '12—Orange, Va.



Clare Brooks receiving the Diffe Award from Rod Hobbs, ex-President

Outside of the very capable Lynn Rogerson, Clare Brooks is the only woman to ever receive the Diffe Award on her own. During the event in Washington in 2007, she and Tom entertained us at their home in tony Fairfax Station and Clare single-handedly served 75 ODPC members and their spouses at a sumptuous dinner. Considering all the activities that go into meal preparation, this was no small feat and Clare graciously executed this with all the necessary aplomb we could expect. Clare truly did go over the top for ODPC and the Diffe award is truly the perfect thank you for her.



## ODPC 2012 Spring Tour

April 25-29, 2012

"Something Old, Something New"



Nemours Mansion

- Host hotel is DoubleTree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE. Room rate is \$89 + tax. Book on-line now at:  
<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/1/1LGCPDT-OLD-20120425/index.jhtml> or call 1-800-222-TREE(8733)
- Wednesday, April 25: Early bird tour of Herr's Snack Factory
- Thursday, April 26: Tour of Auburn Heights Preserve (Tom Marshall Steam Cars and house), lunch at Hagley Museum with tour to follow
- Friday, April 27: Tour of Winterthur with lunch there, then tour of Longwood Gardens and Pierce DuPont house.
- Saturday, April 28: Tour of Nemours Mansion followed by tour of QVC Studios.
- Board Meeting at 4:30. Banquet at the hotel.

# Articles for Sale



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Old Dominion Packard  
Club**

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Lapel Pin	Quantity _____ @ \$3.50		Total \$ _____
Embroidered Patch	Quantity _____ @ \$3.50		Total \$ _____
			Grand Total \$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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