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So what's up with.... Gussie Sommers

Gussie Sommers lives in Florida now and is content. She says that I will not recognize her since her hair is iron gray. She reminisces about her years with Bob and will never forget him. She reads the newsletter whenever it comes out and her window on the world is her computer. She is available at Stewsom214@att.net.

Gussie writes, "I especially liked the names under the pictures. I know the OLD faces and now maybe I will be able to identify some I have not met. I plan to keep my membership for my own good and in remembrance with Bob Sommers. He had been president before I met him. He laughed at me because I did not know about antique cars, thought they were only owned by those not able to afford a new car! What a wrong impression, it takes money for upkeep of those beautiful antique cars." It's good hearing from our senior members.

Car for sale

1954 Patrician 1,000 miles on engine rebuild. The car has a selectronic radio, power antenna, PB, PS, Ultramatic, rear seat heater etc. The rocker panels are rusted out and there is some other rust so I do not know whether the car would be considered restorable or not. This is for sale by former ODPC member David C. (Dave) Nimmer 410-474-6328 (Cell)

Cars under construction...

Bob and Carol Robb are almost there. They have had their '56 Caribbean in the restoration shop since 2007 and are now getting to the end of the road with the work. The body was off the frame and restored then it went to Ohio for upholstery work and a new convertible top. It returned to



Staunton to be put back together and the engine was started. It ran!!! All of the paint and upholstery has been



redone to the original color and fabric so it will be as new as it was when it came out of the factory. But are they gonna' drive it? Bob and Carol say YES affirmatively. And yes, the top will be folded. They have owned and loved this



car since 1974 and expect to continue the love affair for a long time to come.



Our members on the road...



seum meet in Warren, Oh In July.

Even when our fellow members are not with us they are still out and about in the Packard world with their cars. Recently, Bob and Lori Powell met up with Ted Bunnell and Paul Teets at the annual Packard Mu-

Paul Teet's car is now featured in the museum showroom and will be there for the next two years. The Packard Museum must be crazy about Paul's car since it has been there as a featured car before.



The 1950 Custom 8 convertible is one of only a few made and is probably the best restored car of that model in the nation. His car was feature before here with the story of how Paul found it and also of the original famous owner.

Upcoming events

SEPT. 17 -- 36th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet. Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA. 10 AM to 3 PM. Antique vehicles through 1986; street rods; trucks; motorcycles; "HPOF" vehicles through 1976. Swap meet and car corral. Rain or Shine. Sponsored by Bull Run Region, AACA. Free spectator admission and parking (across street). Situated in historic Old Town Manassas with nearby shops, 8th Annual Old World Festival, and "Bands, Brews and Barbecue" festival. Registration: \$15 before 9/9/11, \$20 thereafter. Info: Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770, terraplane@verizon.net Website: <http://www.bullrunaaca.org/>

Fall Carlisle—Sept. 28—Oct. 2
AACA Hershey—Oct. 5-8
Rockville —Oct. 15

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Wilmington, De.
Orange County, Va.

Urbanna, 2011

For the second time, we will go to the northern neck of Virginia and for the first time visit the most unusual sites we have ever seen. In addition, we will have a personal tour guide that will be none other than our own Dudley Brown. Dudley tells me, “there is nothing like it”. Not only will we see the inside of the homes, we will also see the existing homes from their establishment in the 18th century.

After our free hot breakfast at the hotel, we will be leaving at 10:00am. Driving for a short time, we will go up to neighboring Rosewell Plantation. The ruins of one of the finest mansions built in the colonies sit on the banks of the York River in Gloucester County. Here, you may see the brick work and grace of form and scale which have inspired poets and architects since Thomas Jefferson. Our next stop in the Gloucester area is Toddsbury.

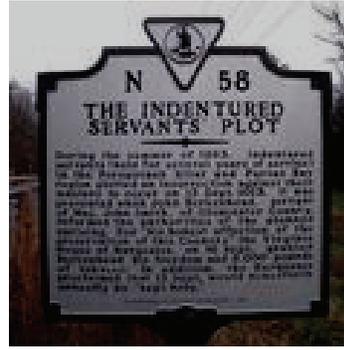


Rosewell Plantation

At a comfortable distance from one of the county's modern highways and reached by a narrow rustic lane, lies one of the Old Dominions celebrated early homes, Toddsbury. Surrounded by a wide expanse of lawn extending to the water on three sides, and gracefully accepting the comfortable shade of many tall and majestic trees, it provides today, as it has for many years, a most pleasant abiding place. We leave Toddsbury and head to Saluda.

For lunch, we will enjoy a box lunch in the Parish house at Christ Church, Saluda. This church has been the family church of the Montague family for generations and we can see the cemetery nearby. From there we head to Warsaw.

Our next stop will be at Sabine Hall Plantation. On the U.S. National Register of Historic Places as well as a U.S. National Historic Landmark, Sabine Hall was built in 1738 by Landon Carter, the fourth son of Robert “King” Carter, of Corotoman. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter Wellford IV are the current owners and the home is not open to the public. We will be granted permission for admittance by the owners as a favor to Bob Montague.



After Sabine Hall we head to Warsaw, Virginia to Menokin ruins, also known as the Francis Lightfoot Lee house. Built in 1769, this home was a Lee family home that fell to ruins in the 1920's. It was the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee and Rebecca Tayloe Lee.

Francis Lightfoot Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the original builder of Octagon House in Washington, D.C. received Menokin on the occasion of his marriage to Rebecca Tayloe and it is located on Cat Point Creek.

Many pieces of the home have been salvaged and held by the



Sabine Hall

Menokin Foundation. Although Menokin is now in ruin, a remarkable collection of Colonial architectural elements remains. Approximately 80 percent of Menokin's original materials have survived, including: original stones, brick and mortar; queen posts and dragon beams; intact framing assemblages; and the interior woodwork. In 1940, while the house and one outbuilding were still standing, the Historic American Buildings Survey produced detailed photography and comprehensive measured drawings of the property. There is a visitor center on the property where we will receive an orientation by a docent and a visit to the ruins area with our guide, Dudley.

Our last stop for the afternoon will be back at the hotel in Gloucester where we will have dinner on our own. There is a recommendation of restaurants in Gloucester in the Tour Book that Bob Montague feels we will enjoy.

Saturday will be our judging day. We will



The grounds at Sandwich House

be leaving our hotel after our free hot breakfast to travel to Sandwich House, the home of Bob Montague on the Rappahannock river. Our cars will be parked on his lawn and our judging will occur there. Bob will be available to give us tours of his lovely and historic home, built in 1764. Another opportunity for those who wish to see Urbanna will be a self-guided walking tour of Urbanna and lunch on your own at one of the local restaurants.

guide for a free admission and tour through the house here as well. Many other shops and businesses exist in quaint Urbanna which is just a short walk from Sandwich House. There will even be an opportunity to walk down to the local beach for a visit.

Our judging will take most of the morning and afternoon and when all is completed by our judges, we will travel back to the hotel to return by 4:00pm.

Our next stop will be a short drive down to the Ware River Yacht Club where we will have our evening banquet. We will have the entire facility for parking

and for



Sandwich House

Urbanna is the home of the Oyster Festival of Virginia and many of the res-



The gardens at Sandwich House

anyone who wishes to walk about. Our evening will conclude with the judging results and all will drive back to the hotel to enjoy a last farewell at the hospitality room. A free hot breakfast will cap off the weekend on Sunday morning as we prepare to return home.

restaurants will be serving different types of oysters for their meal to those who may wish to enjoy them.

While walking Urbanna, there will be the opportunity to see Lansdowne.

Originally built as a one story home it was enlarged by a subsequent owner. It was later owned by Arthur Lee who along with Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane went to the Court of Versailles to plead the patriot cause. Dudley will be our

Editorial

This meet is a perfect text-book example of how an event for our club should be handled. Not that previous events have been badly managed, but simply to exemplify



to potential tourmasters that an event is really not that difficult.

Bob Montague had an idea. He felt that since he had been host to the Lincoln club as well as others, that there might be an event in the Urbanna area of Northern Neck that could be of interest to our members. He envisioned some sketchy details and presented it to the board. After board ap-

proval, he contacted his district representative for help. Because his specific district representative was tied up, he called Rod Hobbs.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Tourmaster Handbook. Although the handbook outlines what needs to be done to put on an event, it does not explain the nuances of hotel nego-



Lansdowne

tiation, budget (much less an Excel spreadsheet), dining room choice, proper tour route mapping, meal choices, menus, entertainment, time tables etc.

The day-by-day tour book was written by Rod after agreeing with Bob on a possible route and timetable execution to the plantation homes of interest. The final budget was put in place on Excel in hopes that a profit could be made by factoring in all expenses and possible profits.

All of this is frequently outside the realm of most members unless they have done it before. Most District Representatives have been President and most have been tourmasters and are quite familiar with event planning. Any District Representative can help out with an event and make it a truly memorable event for us. In addition, there are many places in Virginia and the surrounding states that could be visited and found to be quite enjoyable.

If any reader of this feels that he/she has an event in mind, bring the details to the board of directors and a representative will be on hand to help with planning and execution down to the last detail. It can happen in your neighborhood and you can be a star. Plan something today. We will come to you.

Rod Hobbs, Editor



OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB

Fall Meet Urbanna, Va. October 20-22 2011

Registration Form

Name _____ Spouse _____
Guest(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____
Packard: Yr. _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

Number Attending:

Registration Fee, car, driver & one guest _____ @ \$35.00 _____
Registration Fee for additional guest _____ @ \$6.00 _____

Thursday (Early Birds) October 20, 2010

Check-in Days Inn – Pick up Packets at Desk

Welcome reception at Sandwich House, Urbanna _____ free

Friday, October 21, 2010

Free hot breakfast at the hotel

Lunch at Christ Church _____ donation

Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 22, 2010

Free hot breakfast at the hotel

Do you want your car judged?? Circle one: yes no

Lunch – On your own in beautiful Urbanna

6:00pm Cocktails & Dinner _____ @ \$38.00 _____

Blue ridge community College donation _____

TOTAL DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2011 **TOTAL** _____

THINGS TO BRING: NAME BADGE AND HOSPITALITY ROOM FOOD

Make checks payable to **Old Dominion Packard Club** & mail with this form to:

Rod Hobbs, ODPC Tour Treasurer

623 Lakeland Rd. S.

Severna Park, Md. 21146

Make your hotel reservations directly with: **Comfort Inn (804) 695-1900**

6639 Forest Hill Ave.

Gloucester, Va. 23061

and mention Old Dominion Packard Club for special rate of \$65.00 (room includes free hot breakfast).

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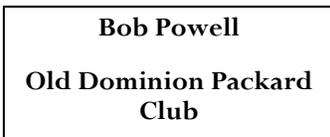
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Lapel Pin	Quantity_____@ \$3.50	Total \$_____
Embroidered Patch	Quantity_____@ \$3.50	Total \$_____
Name Badge	Quantity_____@ \$9.00	Total \$_____
		Grand Total \$ _____

Name_____

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