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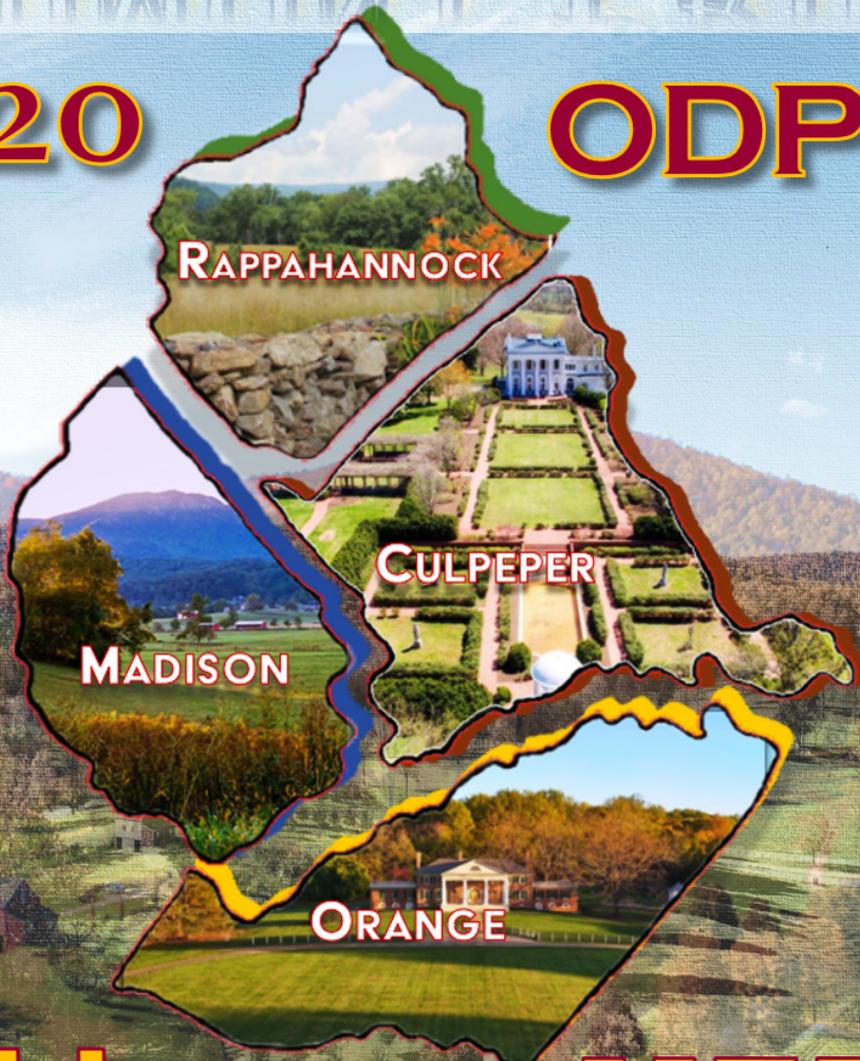
Old Dominion Packard Club

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MEET

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

In Our 62nd 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 Note to Our Members

It was a very difficult decision to cancel this year's Spring Tour in Holly Springs, North Carolina. At the time that the Board of Directors made that decision, some of us wondered if it might have been an over-reaction. This ultimately turned out to be the only decision we could have made.

Robert Adams, ODPC Vice President and tour master of the Holly Springs tour, is a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, and in his discussions with the school's epidemiologists and other doctors, he became convinced that the risk to our members was too great and advised the Board that we should cancel the tour. And so on March 11, the ODPC Board did just that. Those who had paid the registration fees were reimbursed.

The cancellation of our Spring Tour was an anomaly. If Covid-19 follows expected medical models, it should begin to wane as summer commences. But in the meantime, there is no way of knowing for certain that the virus will either be contained or have died back by late April.

Since the Spring Tour is off, this newsletter focuses on the Fall Meet in Culpeper, Virginia. Chris Overcash has already put in a lot of hard work to organize events, book a hotel and restaurants, and plan driving routes that optimize the beauty of the Virginia Piedmont in the fall.

In the meantime, please take very good care of yourselves and stay healthy. The ODPC Fall Meet in Culpeper is on for this October, barring any changes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Editor's Note – You may have noticed various changes to the format of this newsletter. I have changed from a Word-based platform to Adobe InDesign for its pagination.

GET HER SPIFFED UP!

Every two years, ODPC judges our cars.
E That's the reason why this fall event is a Meet, not a Tour.
Top prize is awarded to the Ladies' Choice.



So, bring your detailer and towels!



A Brief History of the Virginia Piedmont

Culpeper County, Virginia had its roots in a number of splits from adjoining counties. The area that constitutes the current Culpeper County was a part of Orange County until May 17, 1749, when the first county court convened. The original territory included what is now Culpeper, Madison (cut off from Culpeper in 1792), and Rappahannock (cut off in 1831). Originally this area was Essex County. Spotsylvania County was formed from part of Essex in 1720, followed later by Orange in 1734. Later, Madison and Rappahannock counties split from Culpeper County.

The county was named for Lord Thomas Culpeper (1635-1689), who served as colonial governor of Virginia from 1680 to 1683. He inherited his rights from his father, Lord John Culpeper, to whom King Charles II had given a large land grant. Lord Thomas Culpeper's holdings included the orthern Neck territory, were inherited by his daughter, Catherine, who married Lord Thomas Fairfax.



Lord Thomas Culpeper,
Governor of Virginia, 1680 - 1683

During the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783), the Culpeper Minutemen, a patriot militia, formed in the town of Culpeper Courthouse. Culpeper County was a crossroads for a number of armies marching through central Virginia during the

Civil War, with Union and Confederate forces occupying the town by turn.

Culpeper County and the Town of Culpeper began to grow dramatically during the 1980s, becoming a bedroom community of more densely populated Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. suburbs.

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(Sources: Culpeper County / n Wikipedia)



Union Brevet Lt. Col. George Custor captures
Confederate guns in Culpeper County Sept. 14, 1863.

Orange County, Virginia

The first European settlement in what would become Orange County was named Germanna, a name Governor Alexander Spotswood invented by combining "German" and "Anne," then the queen of England in 1720. The settlement consisted of 12 immigrant families of Westphalia, Germany. The settlement of the Germans came in two waves, one in 1712 and the other in 1717.

Orange County became a legal entity in August 1734 when the Virginia House of Burgesses passed an act to divide Spotsylvania County. At that time, Virginia stretched west to the Mississippi River. Unlike other counties whose boundaries ended at the Blue Ridge Mountains, Orange County, like Virginia, extended to the Mississippi. Until 1738, Orange was the largest American county that ever existed! The Town of Orange was legally established in 1834 (officially becoming a town in 1872) and had already served as the county seat for nearly a century; Gordonsville officially achieved town status in 1870.



Orange County
courthouse

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Old Dominion Packard Club 2020 Fall Meet

“An Historic Tour of the Beautiful Virginia Piedmont”

Wednesday October 21, 2020

Arrive at the Hampton Inn, Culpeper, VA, 18411 Gate Road, Culpeper, VA. Call 540-829-9000 for reservations. The Club room rate is \$139.40 per night and includes free hot breakfast daily and lots of well lighted parking and room for trailers.

Thursday October 22, 2020

Line up at 8:30 a.m. and depart at 9 a.m. for Montpelier, the stately home of President James Madison and his wife, Dolly Madison in beautiful Orange, Virginia. We will receive the Signature Tour, and hopefully we will get a photo event in front of the mansion. The tour lasts about an hour.

At 11:30 a.m., we will leave Orange, drive through Madison County and the town of Madison and on to the Graves Mountain Lodge for lunch. Dining is family style and members will pay at the time of seating. After lunch we will drive to Sperryville, VA and visit the Copper Fox Distillery and nearby antique shops. The tour of the distillery is free. We will have dinner in Culpeper. (Venue not determined at this time)

Friday, October 23, 2020

At 9 a.m. we head south to Gordonsville, VA. Our first stop at 11 a.m. will be the Exchange Hotel and Civil War Museum. The tour is \$12 per person. This hotel was used as a hospital during the Civil War. We will have lunch next door at the BBQ Exchange. Members pay for their orders.

After lunch, we will drive to Barbooursville, VA, where we will see the ruins of the home of Gov. James Barbour. This house, designed by Thomas Jefferson, burned to the ground on Christmas day in 1884. We will then visit the Barbooursville Winery and sample its fine wines. After our visit, we will drive to Madison, VA for dinner. Venue to be determined. After dinner, we will return to our hotel.



East Davis Street, Culpeper, Virginia

Saturday, October 24, 2020

After a brief car show and judging at the hotel, we will line up at 9:30 a.m. for a trip to Brandy Station, VA and the Culpeper Airport to visit the Capital Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. We hope to park our Packards with some vintage aircraft for a great photo op! After our visit with the fly boys, we travel to the popular Country Store and Bakery for lunch and an ice cream social. After that, the afternoon is free.

At 4:45 p.m. we will leave for the Piedmont Steak House in downtown Culpeper. Parking is tight and they are assisting us, so it is best we travel there together. Our banquet is at 6 p.m. The cost of the banquet has yet to be determined.

More information about the ODPC Fall Meet will appear in the Fall Newsletter.

Piedmont, from Page 4

Orange County prospered with the development of several railroad routes through Orange and Gordonsville in the 1840s and 1850s. The Orange and Alexandria Railroad and Virginia Central Railroad helped foster a diversified agricultural economy in Orange County, bringing produce and timber to markets in Richmond, Washington D.C. and Norfolk as well as more industrial products.

During the Civil War, the towns of Orange and Gordonsville continued as important railroad hubs and hospital centers for the Confederacy. The 1863 Battle of Mine Run and the 1864 Battle of the Wilderness both occurred in eastern Orange County, as Union troops drove toward the Confederacy's capital. The latter became a significant turning point in the war.

In 1991, the Virginia Landmarks Register designated approximately 31,200 acres in the county's western portion as the Madison-Barbour Rural Historic District. The Gordonsville Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, the Rapidan Historic District in 1987, and the Orange Commercial Historic District added to the NRHP in 1999.

(Source: Wikipedia)

Madison County, Virginia

Madison County was granted a charter in December 1792 well after the earliest colonists had settled the area. It was named for the Madison family that owned a tract of land along the Rapidan River. This family produced one of our nation's early presidents, James Madison, whose estate is in neighboring Orange County.

A significant portion of western Madison County is within Shenandoah National Park, including Hawksbill Mountain, the highest point in both the park and in Madison County, Old Rag Mountain, one of the park's most popular tourist destinations, and Rapidan Camp, the presidential retreat built by Herbert Hoover.

Hoover's Camp was built between 1929 and 1932. The camp consisted of 13 buildings with the main one being "The Brown House." In 2017, only three of these houses are still standing — The Brown House, The Prime Minister Cabin, and The Creel. The camp was donated to Virginia in 1932 so other presidents could use it and in December 1935, it officially became a part of Shenandoah National Park.

(Sources: The Virginia Piedmont - Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission / Wikipedia)

Madison County, Virginia

Rappahannock County was founded by an act of the Virginia General Assembly in 1833, based on the growing population's need to have better access to a county seat. The county's land was carved from Culpeper County. Rappahannock County was named for the river that separates it from Fauquier County.

The land on which Rappahannock County is sited was owned in the early 1700s by Thomas Fairfax 6th Lord Fairfax. It was part of the Northern Neck Proprietary, which consisted of 5.3 million acres of land located between the Rappahannock River and the Potomac River, from their headwaters in the Blue Ridge mountains to the Chesapeake Bay.

Taking its name from the river that has its source in the small streams in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Rappahannock became separate from Culpeper County by an Act of the General Assembly in 1833. The five villages, Amissville, Chester Gap, Flint Hill, Sperryville, Woodville, and Washington, have significant historical value.

Washington is the county seat. Fondly called "the first Washington and sometimes referred to as "little Washington" to distinguish it from Washington, DC., it was surveyed and plotted by George Washington in 1749 and was established as a town in 1796.

(Sources: Rappahannock County government / Wikipedia)



2020 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail: _____ Year joined: _____

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

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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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!

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3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958



Errol Flynn in a 1930s Packard



Buck Jones' customized Packard in 1927



Robert Taylor with his Packard



Clark Gable with his 1932 Packard Twin Six 905 Coupe Roadster



Jean Harlow with her 1932 Packard convertible sedan

Movie Stars & Their Cars