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*Packard*

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**Old Dominion  
Packard Club**

ASK ♦ THE ♦ MAN ♦ WHO ♦ OWNS ♦ ONE

**Happy  
Holidays!**



**Our 2021 Fall Tour in  
Williamsburg, Virginia**



# In Our 63<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://olddominionpackardclub.org)

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# Old Dominion Packard Club Profile: RAdm Tom Brooks, retired

ODPC Member since 1982

ODPC President, 1988-89

Jefferson Diffie Distinguished Member Award, 1995

Owner of a 1940 Packard Super Eight Victoria

**Rod Hobbs:** How long have you been an Old Dominion Packard Club member?

**Tom Brooks:** Since 1982 when I was down in Norfolk and resumed when I came back up here to Virginia.

**Rod:** Do you have any personal or familial connection to the Packard Motor Car Company?

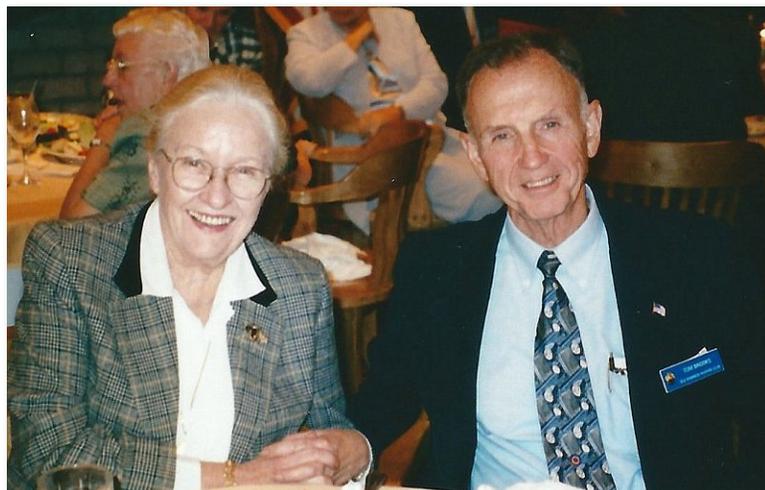


*By Rod Hobbs*

**Tom:** No, not to the company, but only in family-owned cars. All family members had Packards and I grew up thinking it was the best car to buy. I inherited a 1956 Packard 400 from my grandfather.



Tom & Clare with their 1940 Super 8, 2015 Spring Tour



Clare & Tom Brooks, 2002 Fall Meet

**Rod:** What is your favorite Packard-related memory?

**Tom:** I have so many. So many wonderful tours with ODPC and the wonderful friendships I have had. We had a 1941 110 Special 4-door and had it three or four years before I bought the '40. It was a great family adventure going on tours with the club. Clare liked the '41 since it was so easy to drive and handled so easy.

**Rod:** What was the first Packard you owned?

**Tom:** The '41 110 Special 4-dr. was our first Packard and was attractive in two-tone green. It was like the one my father had. His was an upgrade model with the higher level upholstery. He traded in a pre-war senior car and wanted a 110 due to the coming of World War II and possible gasoline shortages. I had learned to drive on that car.

After we were married, we saw one advertised locally in the newspaper and it was for sale by the original owner. We bought it

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**Editor's Note:** Page 3 of our Newsletters is reserved 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 Hobbs, 623 Lakeland Road Street, Severna Park, MD 21146, or email him at packardV8@hotmail.com.

# ODPC receives a warm Williamsburg welcome

**J**UST LIKE LAST FALL, OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB MEMBERS AGAIN HAD to contend with Covid-19, and as a result, many of our regular Fall Meet attendees were not there due to health concerns, but that did not inhibit the pleasure and good companionship during our late October Tour. The combination of great venues and excellent dining, as well as being able to walk around Colonial Williamsburg, made our Fall Tour most memorable.



## *Our Hosts:*

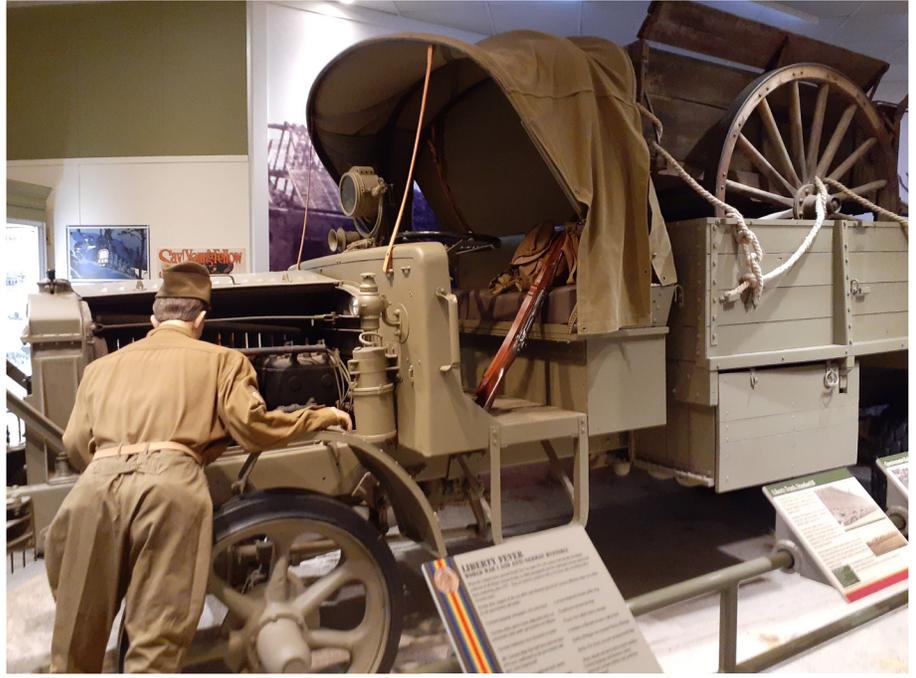
**Carol  
& Jere  
Avenson**

**Bill Wilcox  
& Robyn  
Burnham**



# U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis

On Thursday, Oct. 21, we drove to the U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis and saw displays of Army forms of transportation ranging from horse-drawn during the Revolutionary War to the latest state-of-the-art transports for land, air and water.



Above: A post-World War I era U.S. military truck.



Andrew Rosen & Faith Blee by a modern vehicle display.

## DOUBLE TAKE!



At first glance you might think that you are looking at the identical car parked side by side at the Fort Magruder Hotel, but that is not the case at all. The car on the left is Lynn Shirey's 1934 Super 8 formal sedan and the car on the right is Ron Pack's 1933 Victoria convertible.

## On the road again ... on our Fall

Take a ride in the Obenschain's 1955 Clipper Custom sedan during the Tour via Mark Fingerholz's filming available on the link to the ODCPC site on Facebook!



Copy and Paste this link in your Internet URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esjg3gQsDmg>

# To Smithkfield and Beyond!



Bob Powell in his 1955 Caribbean and Richard Obenschain in his 1955 Clipper Custom sedan wait to board the Jamestown-Scotland Wharf to Surrey County.



Lynn Shirey's 1934 Super Eight Formal Sedan parked on the causeway to the ferry. On the right are Jere Avenson, Faith Blee, and Andrew Rosen.



Mark Fingerholz and Richard Obenschain at the Isle of Wight6 County Museum, homw of the oldest edible ham and oldest peanut.



ODPC cars are parked in front of ODPC member Dwight Schaubach's collection of



Long-time ODPC member Bill Coffman and his daughter, Sandra Fritton, joined club members at Smithfield Station.



View of the docks from the Smithfield Station restaurant.



Richard Obenschain's 1955 Clipper Custom sedan, left, is parked next to Craig Coulombe's 1955 Clipper Custom Constellation. Clipper.

# The Dwight Schaubach Car Collection



At Dwight Schaubach's collection. From left: Unknown, Andrew Rosen, Charles Ferree, unknown, unknown, Richard Obenschain, Jon Hatfield, Susan Myers, Bill Wilcox, Lynn Shirey, Dwight Schaubach, Ron Pack, Chris Harris-Evans, Glenn Koogler.



Right: A bevy of 1950s beauties.



Below: A Cord 810 is admired by, from right, Dave Norris, Fara Harris-Evans, Chris Harris-Evans, Craig Coulombe.



Duesenberg Model J dual-cowl phaeton.

# Our Williamsburg Banquet & Auction

After a smaller than usual Fall Tour, we wrapped things up with a great banquet dinner, followed by a fun auction of art, clothing, books, etc., presided over by Rachel Hubbard (with assistance by her daughter, Gigi)!



Gigi Hubbard & Don Kahler



Robyn Burnham & Bill Wilcox



Ben & Suzanne Clark



Left: Richard Obenschain, Tamara Ridenour, Andrew Rosen & Robyn Burnham



Glenn & Charlotte Koogler



Donna & Jon Hatfield



Claudette Obenschain, Lynn Shirey, Susan Myers & Gigi Hubbard



Dave Norris & Craig Coulombe



Rachel, Mark & Gigi Hubbard



Chris & Fara Harris-Evans

# Asheboro Heart of Carolina Tour

ODPC Spring Tour April 20 to 24

## Lodging: Hampton Inn, Asheboro, NC

Call 855-605-0317 for reservations (Cutoff date: March 30, 2022)

### Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Pick up registration packets at ODPC hospitality suite in the hotel Board Room. We will have an Early Bird Dinner at Kick Back Jacks.

### Thursday, April 21, 2022

Activities include:

- ◆ Visit the Richard Petty Museum and Garage in Level Cross, NC.
- ◆ Tour ODPC member Barry Lowe's Gatsby Autoworx in Liberty, NC. Catered Lunch after tour.
- ◆ Dinner at Positano Italian Restaurant, Asheboro. Group parking and seating, order off menu.



North Carolina Zoo

### Friday, April 22, 2022

Activities include:

- ◆ Visit the North Carolina Zoo the world's largest natural habitat zoo. Members can indicate a need for mobility assistance on the tour registration form. We will have a box lunch at the zoo.
- ◆ Tour the North Carolina Aviation Museum & Hall of Fame or the American Motorcycle Museum.
- ◆ Tour the North Carolina Pottery Center.
- ◆ Visit the Hide Away Farm for dinner, country music and cow pie chunking contest.

### Saturday, April 23, 2022

Take a guided tour of the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. Box lunch at the museum (bring chairs).

### Heart of Carolina Tour Banquet

Banquet Theme will be The Feminine Mystique in Packard's Golden Years — Automobiles and the Suffrage Movement featuring Lynn Shirey and the Suffragettes.

The Greg Gelb Swing Band featuring ODPC member Greg Cagle on cornet will perform.

### Sunday, April 24, 2022

End of tour.

*☞ The Spring Newsletter will contain more Tour information and the Tour Registration Form . ☞*

## ➤ HELP WANTED ◀

For many years, Old Dominion Packard Club had a consistent, reliable touring photographer with Bob Woolfitt. At this time I am hard pressed to get enough photos for the newsletter and for the ODPC webpage Gallery. I would appreciate is a member to volunteer to take many photos of ALL of the tour events. More than one photographer is fine, as long as the tour is covered. Please contact me and let me know that you are interested and will attend each event.

You will receive acknowledgment for your work in the newsletter.

# MILES WHITE, ODPC HONOREE, PASSES AWAY

One of the saddest parts of creating a newsletter is being the bearer of news about the death of one of our beloved members, in this case, Miles White. He passed away on November 15 as a result of an apparent heart attack.

Miles was a kind and gentle soul. He had a wry sense of humor, enjoyed conversations, and although he pretended not to, was quite proud of his family's history. Miles was not only active in the Old Dominion Packard Club, but also in Mid-Atlantic Packards, Packard Automotive Classics, Packards Virginia, and other antique car clubs.

I took over as ODPC treasurer from Miles in 2016 and continued to work closely with him regarding club activities for years. I visited him at his home in Frederick, Maryland a few times, including once with my brother, James, who also lives in Frederick County.



**Former ODPC President Richard Obenschain and Lynn Shirey present Miles White the Jefferson Duffie Distinguished Member Award at the 2017 Fall Meet.**



Miles, who was 74 years old, joined ODPC in 2004 and at that time, owned the 1932 Packard Eight sedan that had been in his family ever since his parents received it as a wedding present in 1932. Later, Miles added a 1948 Custom Eight 2-door fastback club sedan. In 2019, Miles purchased a 1935 Twelve touring sedan.



Miles participated in many CCA and PAC t tours, including the Lincoln Highway tour from New York City to San Francisco in his 1932 sedan. He also had the '32 shipped to Europe, where he participated in tours .

At the final baquet during the 2017 Fall Tour in Staunton, Virginia, Miles was award the Jefferson Duffie Distinguished Member Award. He remained active in ODPC and Packards Virginia activities into Fall 2020.

Miles daughter, Lindsay, said the Miles would be cremated in a private ceremony and that after New Years, the White family will



hold a celebration of Miles' life, open to his many friends who wish to thank him for all of the joy that Miles brought to so many people.

**Miles's Packards: Top: 1932 503, a wedding present to his parents. Above: 1948 Custom Eight Club Sedan. Right, 1935 Twelve Touring Sedan.**

## Brooks, from Page 3

and fixed it up and Clare sewed the upholstery for the car. She had done upholstery before, but had never done a car and it turned out to be beautiful. I bought her a commercial sewing-machine and she used the senior broadcloth material. It was a one of one. The original owner was contacted after we fixed it up and they were pleased that the car was well cared for. We kept the car for 10 years and finally realized that along with modern cars, that we had too many cars. We sold the car to a gentleman who had a farm nearby and finally after a few years saw it advertised again.

We knew it was the same car since he had our name and address from paperwork he found in the car. We went over and looked at the car again with thoughts of buying it back and found the car had been stored outside and was derelict and rusted and had broken glass. The upholstery was ruined; Clare was heartbroken. We left disappointed.

**Rod:** What do you get out of Packard ownership?

**Tom:** A lot of fun. Since driving old cars brings back old memories, there is a certain nostalgia with the cars I grew up with. Owning one was always an ambition of mine and I have been driving one now for 50 years.

**Rod:** How often do you drive your Packard?

**Tom:** I take the '40 out every week to charge up the battery. I love driving it. We drove out to Indiana, Detroit, Canandaigua, New York, and many other places. I drive all of my cars at least once a week.

**Rod:** What do you enjoy most about being a part of ODPC?

**Tom:** The people. ODPC is a great club. There is the unifying theme of the Packard automobile with some wonderful people. We have attended most of the ODPC club events until recent time and find the club to be really wonderful. There is such a great tradition of warmth and friendship going back to



the days of the founding fathers of the club; they have always been so welcoming and friendly. That tradition of the club has carried on over the years and is different from other clubs. We belong to many car clubs, but the enjoyment of Old Dominion Packard club is different.

**Clare & Tom Brooks in the 1940 Super 8 Victoria convertible in front of the Belmont Estate during the 2015 Fall Tour in Lynchburg, VA.**



# OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB REGISTRATION / RENEWAL FORM

# 2022



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:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

ODPC Cloisonné bumper badge \$70.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of badges: \_\_\_\_\_ Plus \$7.00 Shipping = Sub-total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I wish to receive the ODPC Newsletter by: E-mail PDF:  U.S. Mail:  Both:

I wish to receive the ODPC Membership Roster by: E-mail PDF:  U.S. Mail:  Both:

**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 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!

# OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB

► NEWSLETTER ◄

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3148 Borge Street, Oakton, VA 2214



Founded 1958

## The Packard/ Bugatti Connection



**P**ackards and Bugattis of the 1920s were great cars, but generally from very different perspectives. Packard focused its attention on building practical, luxurious automobiles while Bugatti built exclusive sports cars the European elite. But Ettore Bugatti and his son, Jean had a very different idea was developing in the minds — Produce a line of cars so expensive and exclusive that only kings, princes, and other wealthy people could afford them.



Bugatti  
Type 41  
Royale

The Bugatti Type 41, also known as the Bugatti Royale, was the top vehicle of the French car manufacturer Bugatti from Molsheim. Ettore Bugatti's goal was to construct a luxury vehicle that would be powered by the most powerful and smoothest engine of its time. Bugatti used the body of a Packard Eight for the Type 41 prototype.



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Wrecked Bugatti/Packard prototype