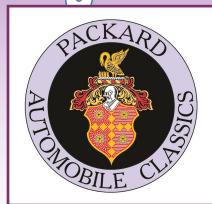
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#### 2020 Old Car Calendar Courtesy of Dwight Heinmuller, Feb 2020



# Tentatively scheduled events Call ahead before attending

•		Maryland Eastern Shore	
•	8-9	Frederick, MD	25th Packard Swap Meet, CANCELLED!!
•	8	Winchester, VA	62nd AACA Apple Blossom Meet, Shenandoah Region
•	5-14	Montreal-Buffalo	CCCA CARavan
: : May			
•	26-M	ay 1 Maryville, TN	39th VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour
•	19	Landenberg, PA	AACA Brandywine Region
•	18	Baltimore, MD	MAP at the B&O Railroad Museum CANCELLED
•	11	Adamstown, PA	Keystone Packards Annual Kick-Off Banquet, Weavers
•	3-5	Salado, TX	43 rd Annual Texas Packard Meet
Apr			
•	25-28	Valley Forge, PA	75th CCCA Annual Meeting
Mar			

Tours of both the mansion and gardens are available and lunch can be purchased on site at the Cafe. We need to be at the entrance by 10 am, parking has been arranged. Updates to follow mid to late April.

#### Jun --

6 Burtkittsville, Md Orphan Car Tour Burkittsville to Bluemont, WVA

Stops include a car collection, gist mill, & late afternoon dinner. More information will be forthcoming as plans are finalized. I can coordinate for our members or reach out to John Battle at 540-364-1770.

#### 2020 Old Car Calendar Courtesy of Dwight Heinmuller, Feb 2020

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	6	Hershey, PA	Elegance at Hershey "On hiatus for 2020"
	7-12	Davis, WV	AACA Sentimental Tour, Mountain State Classics Region, 1928-1958
	13	York Springs, PA	AACA Auto & Truck Show, Gettysburg Region
	4-19	Fremont, OH	VMCCA One & Down Two Cylinder Tour
	21	Chantilly, VA	47th Sully Plantation Car Show
	20	Richmond, VA	51st AACA Car Show & Damp; Swap Meet, Richmond Region
	22-27	Albany, NY	Professional Car Society International Meet
	24-27	Beckley, WV	AACA Eastern Spring National, White Water Region
	9-Jul 4	Rohnert Park, CA	55th Packard Club National Meet
Jul			
	11	Lutherville, MD	AACA at the Fire Museum of Maryland, Ches apeake Region
	19-24	Lock Haven / Wellsboro, P	A AACA Reliability Tour, thru 1915
	23-25	Allentown, PA	AACA Grand National
	31-Aug 2	Macungie, PA	57th Das Awkscht Fescht, AACA Ontelaunee Region
Aug 5	i <b>-8</b>	Chattanooga, TN	56th Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet
	16	Pebble Beach, CA	70th Concours d'Elegance
	22-23	Geneva, Switzerland	CCCA Tour
	23	Baltimore, MD	AACA at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, Chesa peake Region
	29	Boyertown, PA	55th Duryea Day, Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

#### 2020 Old Car Calendar Courtesy of Dwight Heinmuller, Feb 2020

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11-13 Malvern, PA 24th Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance

13-18 Saratoga Springs, NY75th VMCCA Revival Glidden Tour®, thru 1942 (the Glidden Tour sponsorship alternates yearly between AACA, AAA and VMCCA)

19 Alexandria Va. Annual Packard's VA - Lyceum Orphan Car Show

Oct

7-10 Hershey, PA **66th AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet** 

17 Rockville, MD 59th Antique & Dassic Car Show 22-24 TBA 63rd **Old Dominion Packard Club Fall Meet** 

Nov

**TBD** Emmitsburg, MD 55 th MAP Year End Banquet, Carriage

**House Inn** 

Upperco, MD **Annual Banquet, AACA Chesapeake Region at Friendly** 

Farm

Dec

**Gadsbys Tavern, end of year dinner.** 

Back by popular demand we will gather here again for great food, drinks, and con versations

#### 29th Orphan Car Tour Scheduled for June, 2020

Dozens of antique cars will take to the road on Saturday, June 6, as the 29th Orphan Car Tour gets underway. This year's route runs from Burkittsville, Md. to Bluemont, Virginia, where participants will enjoy a lateafternoon dinner together. Along the way, drivers will pause to see several attractions including a car collection, an antique grist mill, and an auto restoration shop.

For years the Orphan Tour has provided owners of antique "orphan" (discontinued make) vehicles the opportunity for a leisurely afternoon cruise over scenic, mostly-rural roads, traveling at their own pace. The Tour takes place in a different location each year around the greater Washington-Baltimore region. Cars manufactured as early as 1912 have been driven, and over sixty cars have participated on some Tours. Orphan nameplates glimpsed on a typical Tour can be as familiar as Pontiac, Mercury and Plymouth, and as obscure as Flanders, Hupmobile and Moline-Knight. The Tour is open to all "orphans" which are at least 25 years old.

Details for this year's event are being finalized, and a flyer with complete information is scheduled for March. Updates will be published at the Tour's website, http://www.orphancartour.org/. Further information is available from Jon Battle at (540) 364-1770, or via e-mail at tourdirector@orphancartour.org.

The Tour's six sponsors -- all local chapters or regions of national clubs -- are the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the H-E-T Club, the DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland, the Keystone Region Chapter of the Studebaker Driver's Club (SDC), Mid-Atlantic Packards (a region of The Packard Club), The Potomac Region of the SDC, and The Potomac Ramblers (an affiliate of the AMO and AMCRC clubs).

# PRESS RELEASE: 2020 ORPHAN CAR TOUR 3-15-2020 -- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

For questions contact Jon Battle, detailed@verizon.net, tel. 540-364-1770

Plans finalized for 29th Orphan Car Tour

The 2020 Orphan Car Tour will get underway on the morning of Saturday, June 6 in Burkittsville, Maryland. From there, participants will drive their cars along a 60-mile route over mostly-rural roads to Bluemont, Virginia, following printed directions and proceeding at their own pace.

Along the way, drivers and their passengers will have the opportunity to stop and visit a private collection of 25 cars (1908-1970), an operating grist mill, the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, an antique auto repair and restoration shop, and several other places of interest. Upon arrival at Bluemont, participants will enjoy a buffet dinner. The Tour's nickname this year is "A River Runs Through It", because of the route's several river crossings.

This is the 29th running of the Orphan Tour, an event designed to encourage the driving enjoyment of antique "orphan" (discontinued-make) vehicles which are at least 25 years old. Each Tour takes place in a different location in the greater Washington-Baltimore area, usually rural, and whose low-speed roads are old-car friendly. Over the years "orphaned" nameplates spotted on the Tour have ranged from the familiar (Pontiac, Mercury) to the obscure (Moline-Knight, Hupmobile), and cars dating back to 1912 have been driven.

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Further details, a flyer and tour updates are available on the Tour's website at:

#### http://www.orphancartour.org/.

In the unlikely event of cancellation of the meal and/or driving tour due to the coronavirus, those who have pre-registered will be notified and pre-payments will be refunded.

Further information is available from Jon Battle at (540) 364-1770, or via e-mail at tourdirector@orphancartour.org.

#### 29th Annual Orphan Car\* Tour

# RB RIINS THROI

#### Saturday, June 6, 2020

Burkittsville, MD.

Our route winds through the Maryland and Virginia countryside, over river and stream. In your printed directions you'll be given the choice of several places to visit along the way: a collection of 25 cars, 1908-1970, Early American Auto Repair (a restoration shop), the Burwell Morgan grist mill, the C.S. Arms antique firearms shop, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, various wineries and antique shops. The route's a pretty one, and you may even recognize some of the roads or stops from previ-

This year we've decided to put our traditional "observational quiz" on hold, so that you can turn your full attention to enjoying the scenery!

We'll meet at the Burkittsville Ruritan Club starting at noon. Cars will be released onto the route starting at 11:00 AM (and for the next half hour). We suggest you grab lunch before arriving. The nearest gas at the start will be outside Brunswick, Md., but there are stations along the way.

Dinner will be a barbecue, with home-made sides, at the Blueridge Volunteer Fire & Rescue hall, outside of Bluemont. (Dinner reservations reouired.)

As always, the Tour will be held "rain or shine". If it rains, bring an um-brella (and if necessary, drive a modern car). We'll still have a great time and see some beautiful scenery, and several of the stops along the way, will be indoors.

There's "real" gas at the Liberty in Charles Town, and you'll find trailer parking at the Walmart there as well. So, join the fun. Bring friends, family and your "orphan" and your thirst for adventure!

NOTE: We are monitoring the coronavirus situation. Should it become necessary to cancel the Tour and/or meal, we will advise those who've pre-registered, and all pre-payments will be refunded. Watch our website for updates!

The Orghan Car Tour is againstead by Mid-Arlando Packards is region of The Rockard Club, the Cheespeake Stay Chapter of the Rudson-Essen-Terrapione Club, the Percental Otoper of the Studeboker Drivers Club, the Potomic Rambles stoper of the ISIC Rambler Club, and the Keystone-Region-Chapter of the Studeboker Drivers Club



10:30 AM	Registration begins at Burkitts- ville Rusitan Club, 500 E Main St, Burkittsville, MD 21718
11:00 AM	Cars will released onto tour, one- by-one, for next half hour.
5:00 PM	Assemble for dinner, Blueriège Vol. Fire & Reseue Co., 131 Retrest Rd., Bluemont, VA 20135

Important: Brine a naviester to read driving directions! Tour will be held RAIN or SHINE Dinner reservations must be postmarked by June 1. Entry fee of \$10 per car can be paid beforehand or at the Tour. (Note: you may do both the dinner and tour, or either one!)

Buffet menu: choice of barbecued glazed grilled chicken or smoked beef brisket; herbed red getstoca; whole green beans with shallot butter, or reasted asparagus; reasted carrots with brown sugar & butter; tossed salad with asserted dressings; rolls & butter; assorted cakes & pies; sweet and unsweet lead to water and coffee.

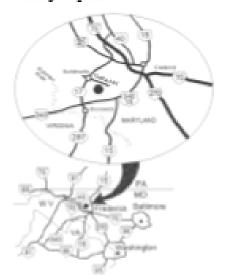
Reservations required (deadline: June 1). Your meal ticket will be given to you at the Tour. No meal refunds are guaranteed after June 1, but we'll attempt to sell your ticket for you if you cancel before June 5.



The Tour is open to entique "cryshone"— vehicles at least 25 years old which were produced other by nowdefence manufacturers or the discontinued divisions of still-adming companies.

Info: (540) 364-1770 before tour: (703) 986-8785 on tour day only (nell) e-mail: tourdirector@orphancartour.org

Check for updates at www.orphancarto/ur.org



DIRECTIONS: Take Rie. 17 north from Rie. 340 or. south from Pite 70 ( 40 / Alt 40, to Burkittsville, Go. east on Gasland Rd. 1/4 mile to Rusten Club.

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RESERVATION	- PLEASE	POSTMARK	BY JUNE 1!	
Make checks payable to "Potomac Car	Events' and mail to	Harley Smith, 357 Prior ?	Trail, Annandia, IMD 21401, Dinn	en.

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NAME	
ADDRESS	
E-mail address	Phone
ADULT MEALS @ \$ 19 .	
KID'8 MEAL (age 5-12)	@ \$9.50 (4 & under, free!)
CAR REGISTRATIONS	@ \$10 (you may also register at Tour) \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$



#### May 8 & 9, 2020





#### Mid - Atlantic Packards and Packards Virginia

Invite you to join us for our 25th Annual



The meet hotel is the Best Western Historic Frederick, 429 Prospect Blvd. Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 695-6200. Mention "The Packard Club" before April 10 for a special rate, double or king \$89, breakfast included.

Dinner reservations will be made daily for our group.

On Friday night at 8PM, there will be a PAC Board Meeting at the legion hall. All members are welcome to attend.

For additional information contact Ross Miller at:

speedwellgarage57@gmail.com

## Mid-Atlantic Packards & Packards Virginia 25<sup>th</sup> Annual All PACKARD INDOOR SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW

MAY 8 & 9, 2020

The 2020 ALL PACKARD Gathering will be held at the Francis Scott Key American Legion Post, 1450 Taney Avenue, Frederick, Maryland 21702. The swap meet hall is climate controlled.

Our host hotel is "Best Western Historic Frederick", see hotel reservation information below.

Vendor Registration

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email	_ Phone	Mobile
Swap Meet Spaces:	previous years \$60 ea	ach, now only \$40
Vending Space - indoor size 10 = \$  Vending Space - How Many?	NCELL de	ep How Many?@\$40 each  EDD outdoor parking space@\$30 each =
Tables, size 30 inches x 8 feet	How Many?	
Chairs	How Many?	
NOTE: Late registration, at the	door, add \$10 to the norm	nal costs above
Please make your <u>check</u> made Please <u>mail</u> this form with your Load in time: Thursday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> Flea Market & Car Show: open Tear down time: Sat. afternoon NIGHT	payment to: Packards Vi Falls ( until 5 pm. to the public Friday 8 am	rginia – P.O. Box 4012 Church, VA 22044-0012 to 5 pm & Saturday 8 am to 1 pm
Dinner reservations will be dete Thursday - Gladchuk I	• •	

Make your hotel reservations directly with "Best Western Historic Frederick" 301-695-6200 420 Prospect Blvd. Frederick, MD 21701. Mention "The Packard Club" to receive the special rate of \$89.00 per dbl. or king plus tax, Breakfast is included. Reservation deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions call or email Ross Miller 410-357-4561, speedwellgarage57@gmail.com

#### 2020 Antique Automobile Show



New this Year: Kids' Pedal Car Display (Call Show Chairman for Details)

#### 2020 - Show Activities

Saturday Fashion Presentation: We encourage you to come to our show dressed in attire appropriate to the vintage of your car. A fashion display / show with special recognition of all participants will take place during our trophy award ceremony at 3 p.m. For additional information please call the Meet Chairman.

- Judges meeting 11:30 AM at Show Central
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in each class.
- Trophies will be awarded for best GM, Ford, Chrysler and Independent cars.
- Chief Judge's decisions on the awards are final.
- Trunks must be opened and hoods must be raised.
- Convertible tops must be up and window glass must be raised.

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#### Fredericksburg car show entry forms

#### Show Entry Form

Make Payment to:

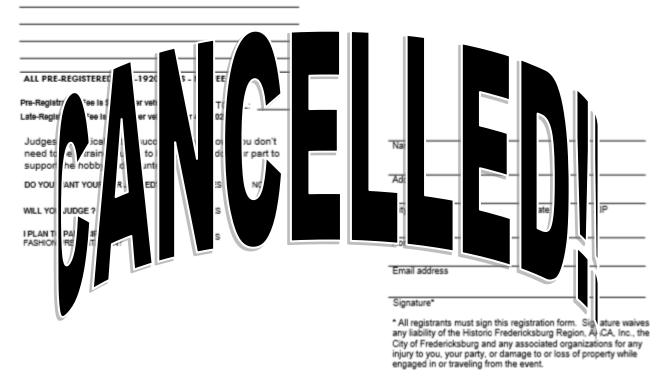
Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA, Inc. by 4/20/2020

Return Show Registration to:

J. Gordon Brown, 6105 Patrician Ct.

Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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#### **DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:**

J. Gordon Brown—Meet Chairman (703) 725-7948

# National Meet at Rohnert Park, California June 28-July 4, 2020

#### **Host Hotel Information:**

DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country 1 DoubleTree Drive Rohnert Park, CA 94928 Call 707-584-5466

Mention: Packard Meet 2020 for room rate of \$176/night.

Reserve on line: https://tinyurl.com/PackardMeet2020

Arriving: Fly into San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK), Sacramento (SMF) or Santa Rosa (STS)Airport.

Shuttle service from SFO and OAK is available. More information coming on Shuttle service.

#### **Schedule of Events**

Sunday: Early Bird Events

Monday: Napa Valley Drive Tour

Tuesday: San Francisco Sightseeing

Wednesday: Sonoma Valley Drive Tour

Thursday: National Judging Day

Friday: Pacific Coast Drive Tour

All Week: Giant Swap Meet

#### CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE....

#### Concerned about the virus? So are we.

The 2020 National Meet has been in preparation for years and until we know more, the meet planning committee is continuing to plan for what will be a very special event. We will be monitoring the situation over the next couple of months and if circumstances force us to cancel the meet due to health and safety concerns, all registrants will receive full refunds. Some events have limited availability so if you wish to register, go ahead and do so without the fear of losing your registration money.

#### Flight Information

Arriving Fly into San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK), Sacramento (SMF) or Santa Rosa (STS) Airport.

Shuttle service from SFO and OAK is available. More information coming on Shuttle service.

# 2020 Packard National Meet Frequently Asked Questions

#### Where is Rohnert Park?

Located about 1 hour north of San Francisco or Oakland.

#### What are the meal descriptions at the final banquet?

Chicken: toasted pecan crusted organic chicken breast with apricot glaze

Beef: Grilled New York strip with brandy mushroom demi

Fish: Grilled swordfish with smoked paprika buerre blanc

**Vegan/Vegetarian:** Sesame soy tofu stir fry with ginger, scallion & spinach over brown rice Salad and Desert too.

#### Is the hotel "pet friendly?"

Yes, the hotel is pet friendly.

#### Is the hotel smoke free?

Yes, the hotel is totally non-smoking.

#### Where do I park my Packard?

We will have a designated area of the hotel parking lot which is for Packard Parking Only. We will have volunteers from the club out with the cars from 11pm -6am keeping an eye on them.

#### What happens at the Monday Welcome Reception?

Come mix and mingle with your fellow Packard enthusiasts at the BBQ-themed dinner reception that kicks off our National Meet consisting of the following:

Spring mixed salad, potato salad, corn cobettes (1/2 ear), baked Mac and Cheese, Chicken, Pork Ribs, fresh cornbread with whipped honey butter, strawberry shortcake, no-host bar.

#### What Airports are near Rohnert Park?

San Francisco (SFO) approximately 61 miles.

Oakland (OAK) approximately 61 miles.

Sacramento (SMF) approximately 93 miles.

#### Is there a shuttle from the airports to the DoubleTree Hotel?

Yes, Airport Express Incorporated. Visit their website: <a href="www.airportexpressinc.com">www.airportexpressinc.com</a> or call them at 707-837-8700. More than 10 shuttles scheduled daily from both SFO and OAK. Published price in February 2020 is \$38 per adult.

#### Is it possible to take the train to Rohnert Park?

Our research has shown that you'd take a train to the Martinez station and a bus from Martinez to Rohnert Park. The bus stop in Rohnert is at:

Sonoma County Transit bus stop in front of Chipotle Restaurant.

6335 Commerce Blvd

Rohnert Park, CA 94928

#### Can I go on the Monday tour without signing up for the Castillo de Amorosa?

You are welcome to participate on the driving tour, and you are welcome to stop at the Castillo de Amorosa, but without a ticket you won't be able to join us for the pre-arranged tour of the castle and the exclusive wine tasting. In addition to the Castillo de Amorosa winery there are many other world-class wineries which line the route of the Monday drive tour. You are welcome to visit as many, or as few, wineries as you would like.

#### Where can I find the judging classes?

December 2019 CNB or January 2020 CNB or packardclub.org, scroll down to "judging."

#### What are the hours for the swap meet?

7am – 6 pm. Monday – Thursday; 7am – noon. Friday

#### Can I park my trailer at the hotel?

The hotel does not allow any trailers to be parked in the hotel parking lot. We have arranged for offsite, secure parking for trailers about one mile from the hotel. Please contact Tom Beidleman (925-719-0152, <a href="mailto:tmbeidelman@earthlink.net">tmbeidelman@earthlink.net</a>) and he will ensure that you have parking for your trailer.

#### Is the Meet Shirt a t-shirt or a Polo shirt?

Polo shirt. Please specify men's or women's shirt.

#### What options do I have for breakfast, lunch and dinner if I don't want to eat at the hotel?

The Meet Book includes a list of moderately priced restaurants and coffee shops that are located near the hotel.

#### Where are gas stations?

This will be listed in the Meet Booklet.

#### Where is coffee?

This will be listed in the Meet Booklet.

#### Where are the auto parts stores?

This will be listed in the Meet Booklet.

#### Where is a tire repair store?

This will be listed in the Meet Booklet.

#### Who could receive my car if I shipped it early?

Call the meet Chair Jeff Mihaly (510-501-0415) who can help coordinate a drop-off place and someone to receive it. Cars will be stored in the private yard of a local member. Make sure that your cover is in the trunk.

#### If I have items I wish to sell at the meet, where can I ship it to?

Ron Carpenter 20 Los Ranchitos Alamo, CA 94507

#### Thinking ahead to PAC Wisconsin in 2021...

#### PROPOSED WISCONSIN PACKARD CLUB 2021 PAC NATIONAL SCHEDULE:

#### THE WEEK AT A GLANCE:

#### Sunday, June 13, 2021

EVENING: Tailgate cookout - Host Hotel

Milwaukee brats, burgers, fixings, cheese curds, and

frozen custard for dessert.

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

#### Monday, June 14, 2021

DAY: Bus trip to Experimental Aircraft Association "One of the most extensive aviation attractions in the world" including vintage, historical, and modern planes, virtual cockpit tours, lunch.

NIGHT: Dinner on your own.

#### Tuesday, June 15, 2021

DAY: Self-driving tour with stops at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, Widmer's Cheese

Factory in Theresa, and the Holy Hill Basilica in Hubertus. Lunch on your own.

NIGHT: Dinner on your own.

#### Wednesday, June 16, 2021

DAY: Meetings of Judges; PAC Board; Membership; Directors' Lunch; Editors; Roster Keepers; PMCF Board. Relax or enjoy self-driven trips in-between meetings (Harley Davidson Museum, DiscoveryWorld, Milwaukee Art Museum, Chudnow Museum, Zoo etc.).

#### Wednesday, June 16, 2021 continued

Lunch on your own.

NIGHT: Vintage fashion and talent show at night at host hotel.

Presentation/lecture to follow?

Dinner on your own.

#### Thursday, June 17, 2021

DAY: Show at Brookfield municipal green space (5-mile route from hotel). Bad weather alternate: host hotel parking lot.

NIGHT: Bus trip for Dinner to the Prestash's "BBQ and Blues Night," with

live music and viewing of three private car collections.

#### Friday, June 18, 2021

DAY: Bus trip to Lake Geneva - board the Grand Belle, an enclosed, climate controlled replica turn-of-the-century steamer, for a 2 - 1/4 hour guided boat tour of the mansions that make up the "Newport of the West." Includes lunch.

NIGHT: Awards dinner at night at the host hotel.

#### Saturday, June 19, 2021

MORNING: Farewell Breakfast at the host hotel.

Visitors' information provided for those wishing to arrive early or stay the weekend (Wisconsin Dells,

Door County, House on the Rock, etc.)

#### Cars for sale

#### **Packard Cars for sale**

From

Bob Powell

Contact Bob at

rlplkp@comcast.net





1955 400
31,000 miles
new tires, original interior; one repaint
\$22,500

1956 Patrician
Original interior; partial repaint
\$12,500

#### 1936 Packard 120





FOR SALE 1936 Packard 120B Sedan: Original condition. Lots of recent improvements including wide whites, electric fuel pump, rebuilt carb, new wiring harness. Ready for next phase of a distinguished career that includes several 30's movies. Reluctantly, after 35 years, I find that I am unable to spend enough time to justify keeping her going, so looking for a new home. No reasonable offer refused. Transportation included (703) 370-7281 mccarthy3912@aol.com (Alexandria, Va.)

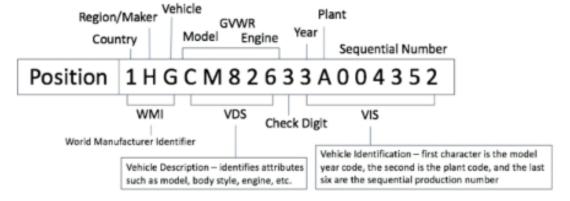
### COUNTRY OF MANUFACTURE FOR AUTOMOBILES Editor

#### Reprinted from Niagara Packards

Sometime when you are cleaning your windshield and look through the newly cleaned glass, you may notice the 17-digit code that is unique to your vehicle. Below is a breakdown of the digits. In 1954 and before, automakers were using a vehicle identification number (VIN) for each vehicle they produced but there was no standard format and VINs varied considerably between manufacturers. Under standards set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), every car and light truck model year 1981 or later has a unique 17-digit VIN in a fixed format.

Why was this standardization necessary? It was done to ensure that no car was ever mistaken for another. The 17 digits in a car's VIN reveal specific information, including the vehicle's year, make, model, country of origin, assembly plant and more, as below.





Country of Origin – First digit above (1). There are further classifications i.e. 1A Year of Manufacture – Runs consecutively A – Z (No I or O) (2018 - J, 2019 - K, etc.)

#### TECHNICAL UPDATE

#### POT METAL—OH, NO!

#### BY BOB MCCOY

#### Reprinted from the PIOUS PELICAN

Early pot metal can be a real problem and difficult to get right. Starting with a bad part can lead to a lot of money and poor results.

Pot metal fails over time the older it gets, especially if it is kept in less than ideal storage conditions. Why? Pot metal is a zinc die casting material often believed to be melted in a "pot" and poured into a mold, however it really is more complicated than that. In the 1920's, there were no standards for zinc materials, and trace amounts of impurities like lead, cadmium, and iron got into the zinc resulting in porous metal.

Here's the good news: After 1935, there were better standards for the metal and parts improved. So, what are the stages of a bad part?

The first stage of failure is swelling and warping: knobs don't rotate, pieces don't fit together perfectly, etc. The second stage is noticeable as plating chips and parts crack or even break. If this is the case with a part that you have, my advice is to look for a replacement in better condition or a reproduction. Trying to repair your part will only be throwing good money away. Parts showing the first stages can often successfully be plated and seem to hold up well. I have door handles on my 1926 Buick which have been re-plated for 20 years with no problems. On the other hand, parts in the more advanced stages of failure may show bubbles under re-plating in as little as a week. This is because of the porous nature of the metal after being soaked in a chemical tank before the final plating metal is applied.

If you have no alternative but to continue using your failing part, try using well-know plater but be aware that you may end up with mixed results.

So, what can you do? Your best bet is to find a better part that was maybe made at a different plant, manufactured with better metal or stored in good conditions for years. The Internet is quite adept at helping you find that gently used or NOS needle in the haystack. Next, if the problem is common enough, you may find that he part has been reproduced. Reproduction parts usually work fine, and many are indistinguishable from the true original. A third alternative is to get the part recast in brass and plated or to get it cast in stainless steel. Remember that any part recast from your original will be slightly smaller due to shrinkage.

One final comment. Don't try to save every pot metal part you finds! Let some be thrown away. Impurities in pot metal can cause pits, chips and bubbles, but sometimes it can be repaired and re-plated.

#### Miscellaneous stuff

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A guy in a taxi wanted to speak to the driver, so he leaned forward and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed and yanked the wheel, jumping the curb and hitting a lamppost. The startled passenger said, "I didn't mean to frighten you. I just wanted to ask you something." The taxi driver replied, "It's not your fault sit. It's my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

#### Stromberg

The name "Stromberg" has gotten a lot of traction as hot rodding's most famous carburetor, the 1930's -era EE series - better known as the "97" - has once again become a hot commodity. In fact, it's even back in production.

At Goldberg, renamed Stromberg Motor Devices circa 1909. Stromberg and old friend Carlson brought much needed capital to the designs of John Goldberg. A large factory was erected in Chicago and the company's one-a-day produc-

tion of carburetors for automobiles, motor boats and aircraft, was soon increased to one a minute.

Stromberg's carburetor operation would prove just as successful as his telephone and time-clock efforts. The carburetor company was purchased by Bendix Aviation in 1929, shortly after the death of Carlson. Stromberg himself died in 1913, one day short of his 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The original Stromberg carburetor company would produce its last units for US consumption in 1974, but the name and the famous 97 design live on with the revived Stromberg Carburetor company of Suffolk, England.

#### On another note:

When the Bell telephone patents expired in 1893-94, Stromberg and another Swedish ex-Bell employee named Andrew Carlson joined together to form the firm of Stromberg-Carlson, producing telephones for companies outside of the Bell System. One of the biggest customers of Stromberg-Carlson was the Rochester, NY, telephone company and in 1905 a group of Rochester investors purchased the concern, leaving Stromberg & Carlson wealthy men. They would later expand into radio and photograph production, including car radios.







Bill

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Our shop manager, Bill Grant, has been servicing and repairing classic cars for over 20 years. He blends the expertise that he brings to our shop with the understanding he developed as a successful driver on the sports car racing circuit. His mantra is that no job leaves our shop without it meeting both his highest professional standards as well as our customer's expectations. Each member of his staff shares the same allegiance to that set of standards. Please stop by to see our facility, meet our staff and enjoy—along with us—the many fine vehicles that are in our care. And please bring by your classic so we might enjoy that as well.



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As all of us attempt to understand and react to the challenges of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the agreed-upon watchword is: <u>caution</u>, **particularly in public gatherings**. As of this writing, the Governor of Virginia has banned gatherings of more than 10 people while the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is also recommending a 10-person limit.

Previously scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020, the attendance at our annual Swap Meet and Car Corral has traditionally attracted more than 1,000 car enthusiasts. While events will dictate whether a re-scheduling is possible, right now our conclusion is that the April gathering must be—and is—Cancelled.

For now the Classic Car Center's hours of operation will remain as they have been: Monday-Friday from 9AM-5PM and Saturdays from 10AM to 4PM. We encourage you to schedule a time to bring your vehicles in for sale, service and/or repairs by calling 540-370-4474. Our staff will continue to provide the high level of courtesy and expertise which you have come to expect of us while maintaining your safety by controlling the number of people here at any one time.

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