

The Packard **Virginian**

The Newsletter of Packards Virginia - Winter 2013



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BONUS – All-Packard Swap Meet Flyer

Notes from the Board



DUES ARE DUE A new year and a new plea for membership renewal and dues!! The good news is that we have reduced dues to only \$5. We don't know of any other clubs whose dues are so cheap. So please renew and send your dues to Packards Virginia, P.O. Box 4012, Falls Church VA 22044. Thanks.

ANNUAL JUMP-START BRUNCH We begin the new Packarding year with our customary Jump-Start Brunch at Belle Haven Country Club, Sunday, 3 March 2013. We are maintaining the cost at \$35 per person. Those who have attended our previous Belle Haven Jump-Start brunches know that the food is great and the fellowship is even better. We promise only a short business meeting. So dust off the Packards and plan on arriving around 11:30AM to join your friends on 3 March. Please notify Helen Delaney at helala1213@aol.com or 703-768-0367.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2013 We will present the 2013 slate of officers for membership approval at the Jump-Start Brunch on 3 March. The slate is as follows:

Director: Orin Kerr

Deputy Director and newsletter editor: Tim English

Treasurer: Hal Hermann

Membership and activities coordinator: Tom Brooks

ACTIVITIES FOR 2013 Last year was a very busy year with PACVA sponsoring the national meet in Williamsburg. This year we hope to sponsor our annual picnic in the Fall – possibly at The Flying Circus in Bealeton VA in September-- plus one or two cruise-ins in the northern Virginia area, possibly an overnight trip to Stevens City VA to the only operating drive-in movie theater in the state.and we have some other ideas we are thinking about as well. Stay tuned! Please get in touch with Tom Brooks if you have any ideas on other activities we might want to undertake. Ta-ccb Brooks@att.net

Upcoming Events



JUMP-START BRUNCH

When: 3 MAR 2013 at 11:30 AM
Where: Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Rd
Alexandria, VA



Cost: \$35 / person

RSVP : Helen or Paul Delaney at [703-768-0367](tel:703-768-0367) or helala1213@aol.com

18th ANNUAL ALL-PACKARD INDOOR SWAP MEET

When: 10-11 MAY 2013 – 8AM to 5PM daily
Where: American Legion - Francis Scott Key Post 11
1450 Taney Avenue
Frederick, MD 27702



HOTEL: Hampton Inn (301) 696-1565

Special rate: \$119.95/ night for “The Packard Club” – by 10 April

Exciting dining options are planned for each evening at several of Frederick's finest dining spots - including a closing dinner you won't want to miss!

**Attendee or vendor information, please contact
Bill Johnson at [\(301\) 384-4433](tel:301-384-4433) or billinsuer@aol.com**

Sponsored by: The Packard Club, Packards Virginia, and Mid-Atlantic Packards.

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Williamsburg 2012 – 35 Years in the Making ... And Worth the Wait



47th Annual PAC National Meet in Review

Having been no less than 35 years in the planning, the 47th PAC National Meet likely was the only National Meet with such a long duration of preparation. Well, not all that time was spent in setting up the meet. Way back when we were just kids in the Packard Club, I casually mentioned to George Hamlin, “You know, George, Williamsburg would be a nice place to hold a National Meet”. That was all it took. For the next 35+ years, at the conclusion of every National Meet George would ask me when I planned to host the Williamsburg National. So it was more or less a foregone conclusion that Bob Robb would chair the Williamsburg National Meet, *sometime*.



The time finally came at the Gettysburg National. The slot was open and George said to me, “might as well do it and get it over with”. So we did.

Fortunately because the Gettysburg National was on the east coast there were a large number of committee members to call upon who were willing to help host another east coast meet. And thank goodness they were not burned out.

We called a meeting together a few months later and we were off and running. We soon recognized we were a very cordial group and that things were going to progress smoothly and they did. Everyone chose items on the agenda that fit their abilities and went with them.



... And Worth the Wait

47th Annual PAC National Review, Part II



We only had to meet in Williamsburg three times during the planning stages. Since we were the closest, Carol, who was corralled into being Co-Chair, and I did visit Williamsburg more often but Tom and Clare Brooks, Hal and Kathy Hermann and Paul and Helen Delaney also would go down to visit with the various vendors to plan the several activities they had chosen to achieve. Tom and Clare ran the tours to Jamestown and Yorktown several times to make sure they would go smoothly. Bill Aske and Bill Johnson checked out and planned in great detail, the field layout for the car judging.



The week of the National finally arrived. Attendees began arriving with and sans Packards. The Crowne Plaza provided us a superb facility to handle registration. The room was large enough and someone was always willing to lend a hand when we needed such things as more tables and chairs. The room was also a depository for the many signs owned by the club for directing cars on the judging field.

Tom and Clare Brooks did an impeccable job of directing our members during the two days of tours to Jamestown and Yorktown. Hal and Kathy Hermann planned and executed the great dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Norfolk. The bus transportation was on time and no one got lost or left behind. The buffet and entertainment aboard the Spirit was terrific.



... And Worth the Wait

47th Annual PAC National Review, Part III



Judging day was a real hit. The two Bills arrived early and thanks to their pre-planning got the cars into their correct spots so the chief judge could efficiently lead the judging teams. The box lunches arrived early and we even had enough to sell to those who decided after all that they wanted lunch on the field. And the venue, Lee Hall mansion, was so impressive and the staff was so glad we chose their facility. They have invited us back anytime we want to hold another function there.

The awards banquet featured an impressive array of banners from Packard Club regions around the world - thanks to George Hamlin.

It was very gratifying to hear so many of our PAC friends tell that they always wanted to come to Virginia and visit Williamsburg and that a Packard National Meet was the perfect opportunity.

Everyone on the planning committee was great and everything went very smoothly. Few complaints were observed. Thanks to everyone for making this one of the Packard Club's best National Meets.



Author - Bob Robb, National Meet Chairman
All photos courtesy of Bob Woolfitt and Orin Kerr

Rockville Auto Show 2012

Always a Winner



The Rockville Auto show was held on October 20 at the Rockville Civic Center Park. Rockville is one of the nicest meets in the mid-Atlantic area every year. Somehow the weather always seems to be perfect for this show and this year was no exception. It was a beautiful autumn day with well over 500 cars in attendance. All vehicles must be at least twenty-five years old to qualify for display at this event. They are generally displayed by make, and there were at least twenty-five Packards on display this year. Some of the outstanding (non-Packard) vehicles on display included an 1899 DeDion gas tricycle, a 1909 Reo, a 1911 Stanley, a 1920 Hudson phaeton, a 1926 Imperial phaeton, a 1928 Studebaker President touring sedan, a 1930 Willys-Knight 66B convertible, a 1932 Dodge DK8 RS convertible, a 1935 Auburn 653 phaeton, a 1936 Cord 812 phaeton, a 1936 Lincoln Model K convertible sedan, 12 & 16-cylinder Cadillacs, a number of pre-war Bentleys & Rolls-Royces, virtually every conceivable kind of GM, Ford, Chrysler and foreign make and a wide variety of vintage fire-engines, police cars and commercial vehicles!

Article – Peter Johnson

Photos – Orin Kerr





Manifold Destiny

Part II

We met Dean and Chris, who came in on Saturday to meet us and give us the tour. Their business is repair of cast iron, steel and other metals. Their main business seems to be repair of cylinder blocks and large pumps (they even do crankshafts!). After the tour and seeing their work, there was no question that they could do it, and we left our manifold with them with appropriate instructions for drilling, tapping, and the use of heli-coils.

The repair process involved magnafluxing the manifold to identify all cracks which may be in need of repair. They then secure the manifold to a fixture to ensure that it does not warp throughout the actual welding process. The manifold is placed in an oven and heated to cherry red (about 1200° F), and then cast iron is flowed into the repair areas. A lengthy cool down period follows the repair. After repair, the flange areas are machined.



Post-repair and with new porcelain coating

We opted to have new porcelain applied to the manifold at Prairie Auto Porcelain in Minnesota. Tom, the owner, was very knowledgeable, and since we had had other work done there, we had confidence in his work. And so, from that sick feeling of 'Oh, my God, what do I do now?' to a completed repair and finishing, we've done a lot of learning... maybe more than we ever wanted to know! But for those who have to face this problem, there is light at the end of the tunnel, and there are competent craftsmen to address these issues.



Subject 1926 Packard 236 Phaeton....



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Word on the Street

Miscellaneous Thoughts, Ideas, and Sightings

OLD CAR AND TRAIN DAY

SUNDAY - 24 FEBRUARY - 12-5 PM

THE CLEMENT HOME - 12106 GARY HILL DRIVE, FAIRFAX VA 22030

Bring your significant other, kids, parents, and any other toy train, antique or old car lovers to join in the fun and fellowship of antique trains and old cars. Weather permitting, additional antique cars may join us. New additions to the antique train collection are on display and some trains are under power. Bring "show and tell" trains, if you like, and we'll try to run them. If you have trains to be repaired, this is a great time to drop them off. Were you to bring a favorite appetizer, finger food or dessert for sharing, it would be gratefully appreciated.

Sandy and Clem Clement - Ph. [\(703\) 830-5597](tel:7038305597) C. [\(571\)-239-1701](tel:5712391701)
Email: clem.clement@cox.net

PACKARDS IN NEED OF LUVIN'

Relayed from Dwight Heinmuller that Packard enthusiast Bill Funk of Frederick, MD states that that are two 1956 Clippers in need of rescue. Either could be a possible restoration candidate, but more likely suited for parts. However, please point out, that ANY Torsion-Level Packard or Clipper is a rare thing and should be saved, if possible. One car is located in the 12300 block of Renner Rd., in Keymar, MD. The Clipper is about 30 yards from the road. The second Clipper is not visible from the road and is located behind a barn ay 4106 New Design Rd., Adamstown, MD. We are hoping that a Packard Club member will seek these and rescue them.

Contact Dwight for more info. dheinmuller@gmail.com>

EVENT IDEA - DRIVE-IN FUN

There is a drive-in theatre in Stephens City, VA. Here is a link to their website at: <http://www.thefamilydriveintheatre.com/> We'd like to assess the interest level, possibly at the Jump Start, before setting up such an outing. Maybe suitable for a drive and an overnight? Express your interest to Tom Brooks!

EVENT IDEA – WANT TO JOIN THE CIRCUS?

What do you think of a visit to the Flying Circus in Bealeton, VA? <http://www.flyingcircusairshow.com/index.htm>. It might be possible to combine a winery visit (with a visit to the Flying Circus) either the same day or as part of an overnight trip. There are many Virginia wineries now worth a visit. Here's a guide to Va wineries: <http://www.virginiawine.org/regions>

This sounds like a great idea, just who might want to investigate and lead??





Word on the Street

Miscellaneous Thoughts, Ideas, and Sightings



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Email: mchinfo@midwestcylinderhead.com

Web: <http://www.midwestcylinderhead.com/>



Prairie Auto Porcelain

17250 Cannon City Blvd
Faribault, MN 55021

Phone: 507-334-9309

Toll-Free: 888-741-7088



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In the interest of spreading the word of our hobby, we now have a presence on FaceBook. If you are a FaceBook member, please "Friend" us and share the hobby. Either we are growing and recruiting new members, or we're not. That is the choice.



Our FaceBook
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A REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR

We are always in search of new Packard-related news, stories, and pictures! Did you make a new friend on the road? Did you get a picture? Could you share your story? Always keep your digital camera handy when you are out and about with your vehicle. This newsletter is the perfect venue to share your experience and thus build excitement within the hobby. You send it and we'll publish it!

Email your editor at VirginiaPackards@yahoo.com.

2013 EVENT CALENDAR

JAN



FEB

24 Train & Old Car Day
Fairfax, VA

MAR

3 Packards Virginia
Jump-Start Brunch
8-11 Amelia Island, FL
29-30 AACA Flea Market
Westminster, MD

APR

6 Keystone Packards
Kick-off
13 MAP Mason-District
Dairy Tour
24-25 Old Dominion
Packards Spring Tour

MAY

10-11 All-Packards Indoor
Swap Meet
Frederick, MD
30 AACA Spring National
Carlisle, PA

JUN

1 AACA Spring National
Carlisle, PA (Show)
8 Orphan Car Tour
Williamsport, MD
14-16 Elegance at Hershey
23-28 PAC National Meet
Pontiac, MI

JUL

1-3 Lincoln Highway
Assoc
Heritage Tour

AUG

4 Macungie, PA
18 Pebble Beach, CA

SEP

3-6 Henry Joy Tour
Solomon's Island, MD

OCT

9-12 HERSHEY
13 Packard Truck Show
York Springs, PA

NOV

DEC

HAPPY

PACKARDING!



DON'T FORGET!!

18th Annual All Packard Indoor Swap Meet May 10 - 11, 2013, 8am - 5pm daily



Location:

**Francis Scott Key American Legion Post #11
1450 Taney Ave.
Frederick, Md 21701**

**All the parts and vendors you walk miles
to find at Hershey.**

**Plus the fun of great Packard friends
from all over the U.S. under one roof.**

Come join us and be a part of it all !

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