

The Packard Virginian

The Newsletter of Packards Virginia - Spring 2016



Celebrating 40 years!

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News – Notes – Other Stuff



A reminder for all Packards Virginia members that 2016 dues are now due. As in 2015, the dues are only \$5 per year—the cheapest of any club we are aware of.. Please send your checks to Packards Virginia, P.O. Box 4012, Falls Church, VA 22044 or bring them with you to the Jump Start Brunch. Thanks!

2016 DUES ARE DUE -- only \$5!!

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Director: Orin Kerr

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From the Editor



Hello Packards Virginia!

As I put final touches on this short newsletter, we are promised over a week of great weather! Spring has sprung! I hear of 70 degree days and clear blue skies. I am thinking that these will be ideal conditions to get your Packard on the road. Please do.

In this issue, I've reprinted with permission the very first newsletter of Packards Virginia. It's truly a fun time-capsule. The artwork – hand-done. The profile – very informal. Dated January 1976, we are celebrating our 40th anniversary! We should all do our part to celebrate the anniversary, celebrate the cars, and celebrate life – by getting your car out of the garage!

We've laid out a number of upcoming local and national events which may be of interest to you. I hope that we get to see you and your car out there.

Until next we see you and your Packard.....

Happy Packarding!

Tim English
Packards Virginia
Deputy Director & Newsletter Editor

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PACKARDS VIRGINIA

a region of

Packard Automobile Classics

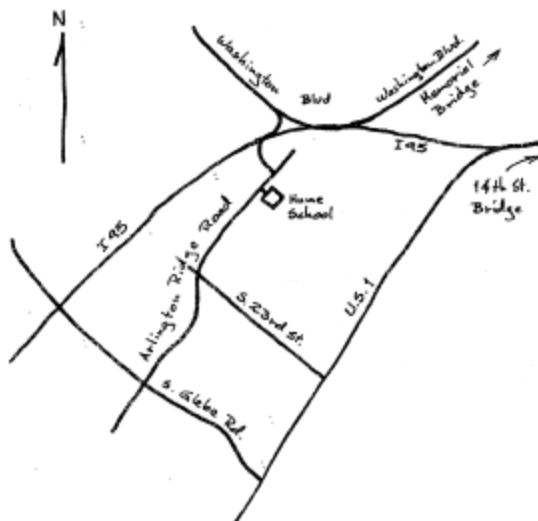
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The first Packards Virginia Board.

Packards Virginia
First Meet
Sunday: January 18, 1976 1:00 to 4:00 PM



Arlington Historical Society
Home School Museum
1805 S. Arlington Ridge Rd.
Arlington, Virginia

The first Packards Virginia event was held at the Arlington Historical Society on January 18, 1976. Oh, how that area has changed!

.... and for the record – mailing cost was 13 cents!

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Director's Page

Dear Fellow Packard Owners,

We're off and running. Packard Automobile Classics' newest region, Packards Virginia, is on it's way. All the papers have been signed and sent to the National Club and will be acted upon at the January National Board meeting.

Our own Board has already met twice. We have been working on, what we believe, will be some really exciting activities for 1976. Originally our first meet was to be held at Bon Air Park in North Arlington but because of the possibility of adverse weather January is sometimes noted for, we have decided to change the location to the Arlington County Historical Society's Hume School Museum, which has a black top parking lot and rooms inside where we will be able to set up coffee urns and warmth for those who lack the stamina to withstand a Washington area winter. (It will probably be 60 degrees!!) You will find more on this meet elsewhere in this issue.

Other items acted upon by the Board were goals of the region, policy, projects, regional seal, and others. Future ideas include such things as lists of garages and mechanics fellow local members have found to be reliable, lists of suppliers of parts and accessories for our cars, and perhaps a regional library of parts and service manuals for access to members in need of such information.

The basic goals of the region are to attract Packard owners to a region of PAC, namely our region, access they would not otherwise have since there is no other region of PAC actively recruiting owners in Virginia. Our ultimate plan is to initially work on owners in Northern Virginia and then eventually encompass other areas and even perhaps the entire Commonwealth. All members of PAC in Virginia will receive a

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mailing of invitations to join first and then we plan on inviting non-members of PAC with Packards registered in Virginia to join.

The policy of this region is to recognize all Packards, 1899-1958. Any Packard and owners are welcome to participate in any regular function of Packards Virginia. We wish to make it clear that this club is in no way limited to owners of 98 or 100 point winners at meets as we know all owners of Packards are proud of their cars. And many plan to restore their cars while other members with "original" cars plan to keep them that way. The only exception to this rule would be if we were at any time in the future to participate in a recognized antique auto show or we wanted to show some cars in a shopping center or other exhibition, we would want to impress the public and would need nice original or restored cars. But at our own meets, if a car needs paint or has a few dents or whatever, wash it up and bring it out. And if you don't own a Packard but like them, come on out too as Packard ownership is not a prerequisite to Packard club membership, either regional or national. Also, all our memberships are family memberships. This means for your \$5 dues, every member of your family is a member of PV. The only limitation is we must insist only adult members vote at our general membership meetings.

We are planning on all of our meets being family oriented so they can be enjoyed by every member of your family. So, you won't have any excuse to leave the kids home. After all they are future Packard owners, aren't they? And we know that children of Packard owners know how to act around Packards and who can influence their non-Packard owning peers better?

The regional seal you see on the cover of this first issue of the Packard Virginian is the handiwork of Membership Director and Editor, Douglass Hayes. The design was inspired by the hub cap of Doug's 1933 Eight. The design was voted on and passed by the regional board to be the official regional seal of PV. One of our future projects will be to have this seal made into a bumper badge for mounting on your car.

Other projects are in the works also.

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Your board is here to serve you. Feel free to call on any of us for any reason. We will try to do the very best we can to direct this region.

Your assistant director Peter Vliet owns two Packard products, a 1953 convertible and a 1956 Clipper. Pete lives in Arlington.

Ingrid Keune (pronounced Coin-e) our secretary treasurer and husband Russell are the proud owners of a 1951 Patrician. The car is a family heirloom. They also live in Arlington.

Another Arlingtonian, our Membership Director and Editor, and wife Rebecca are the proud owners of a 1949 Sedan, a 1952 200 Club Sedan and a 1955 Clipper in addition to their favorite '33 Eight.

Activities director Ken Thompson and wife Rose are working on a 1941 LeBaron Sport Brougham. They hope to have it ready for the PAC National meet in Minneapolis.

Between the two of us, my wife Carol and I own five Packards, the oldest being a 1929 Opera Coupe and the latest model a 1956 Caribbean convertible. So, we begin our first year and we think we will have a pretty good program but we still need your support to make it a smashing success.

Bob

Bob Robb, Regional Director

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Packard Virginian! We're mailing this first newsletter to prospective members of Packards Virginia to announce the new PAC region and to try to recruit as many new members as we can. We hope that this club can be a real service as well as a pleasure to Virginia Packard people, and we'll try to do our best to accomplish these goals.

I feel that the family orientation, and the informal meet policies of PV will be an excellent foundation for a useful and interesting local club. It is PAC's intention that the regions handle the job of local meets and I feel that this is one of the real joys of the old car hobby. Both my wife and I greatly enjoy the friendship

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and a gathering of old car enthusiasts gathered at a meet. It's a great way to renew old and to make new friendships, talk shop about Packards, and just have a good time. And so, with that big build-up I'd like to extend my personal as well as the club's invitation to Packards Virginia's first meet. It will be held, as Bob mentioned, at the Hume School Museum of the Arlington Historical Society 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Rd. in Arlington Va. Inside the back cover of this issue is a map and directions to the museum. The meet is scheduled to run from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday January 18, 1976. So take the electric blankets off the hood of your Packard, and bring it out to our inaugural meet. If you can't bring your Packard, or don't have one, bring yourself, your wife, the kids or a friend and we'll have a cup of hot coffee waiting for you. We hope it'll be a very pleasant meet.

Also coming up this month is another local meet of interest. It's sponsored by the Nations Capital Chapter of the Model T Ford Club, and will be held at the Gaithersburg, Md. fairgrounds on January 24 and 25. This meet is that club's annual winter parts swap meet, and don't think that because it's sponsored by a Ford club there won't be any Packard parts. This meet is probably the largest old car flea market in the Washington, D.C. area each year. Also on the Packard meet calendar for 1976 is the PAC national meet to be held this year in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 20 to 24. There will be more about this meet in future issues of the Packard Virginian.

I'd like to thank Bob for his mention of the new PV club seal, but I can't take all the credit. The idea for the Packard hubcap theme came from a Cadillac collector and good friend of mine, Dennis Kerley. We're still trying to get him to join the club!

See you at the meet!

Doug

Doug Hayes, Editor

Jump Started! Packards VA 2016



Thanks to everyone for making the March Jump Start a delightful event. The weather proved a touch wet and thus the number of Packards in attendance was few. But spirits were high as members gathered at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria Virginia. Thank you especially to Paul & Helen Delaney for opening the country club doors to us and especially for their work in coordinating the day's event.

The gathering hour was followed by a sumptuous buffet-style brunch. For those who missed.... REALLY MISSED.... the salmon, roast beef, the omelet station... it was all divine.



Jump Started! Packards VA 2016



The 2016 slate of candidates was introduced and unanimously approved. Funny that, the team looks a LOT like the 2015 slate!

Orin laid out a moderately ambitious calendar of events for the assemblage of Packard enthusiasts. Please review the rest of this newsletter for an outline of events to come in 2016.

And lastly, if you missed the Jump Start this year – please try to attend the next. It truly is a treat!!





April 16, 2016



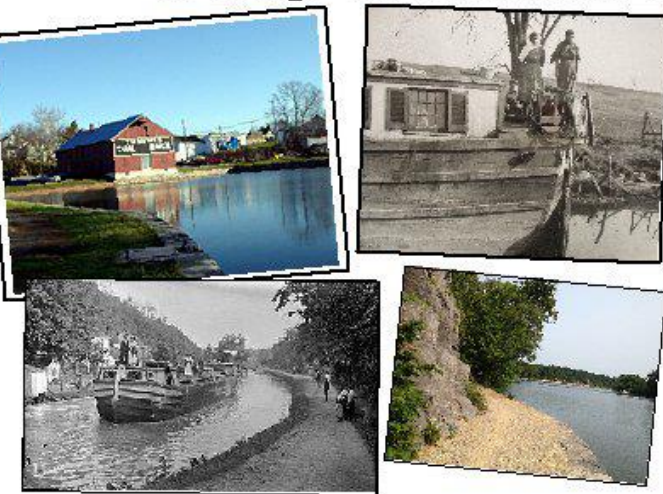
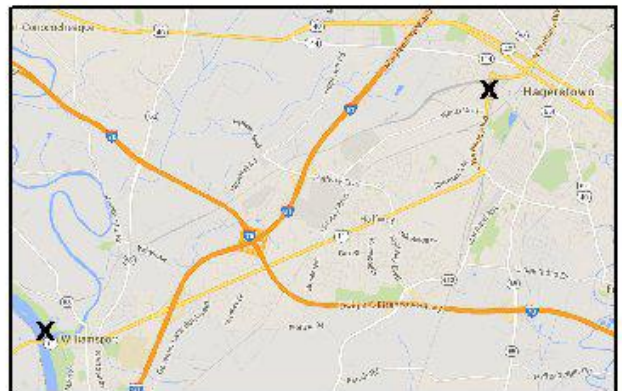
Join MAP and our PCS friends as we enjoy a day of waterways and railways!

11:30 AM

We will meet in Williamsport MD at the "Williamsport Visitor Center" at 205 West Potomac Street to visit this rural canal town.

The museum's extensive exhibits will tell the areas rich history and the importance of the 184+ mile waterway from Georgetown to Cumberland.

Area map for our drive along US RT 11 from Williamsport to Hagerstown



Then a short 6.3 mile scenic drive along US RT 11 to



"Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum"

296 S. Burhans Blvd (US RT 11)

The 25 stall roundhouse, storage buildings and shops were completed in 1939. During the next 50+ years the complex maintained and repaired Western Maryland Railroad cars and locomotives.

Sadly in March of 1999 the complex was demolished.

ADMISSION IS \$5.00



DETAILS

PARKING - Across street 301 S. Burhans Blvd - "Railroad Junction Family Restaurant". Park now . . . we will be back for lunch later

LUNCH - "Railroad Junction Family Restaurant" off menu or buffet

R.S.V.P. by 4-11-16 **MAP Members** - Bill Johnson 301 384-4433 billnsuer@aol.com

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All Indoor Packard Swap Meet

May 6 & 7, 2016



MAY 6th, and 7th, (Friday and Saturday) the 20th
"All Indoor Packard Swap Meet."

Frederick Md, at the American Legion Post, 200 Taney Blvd.
Vendor Set up on Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM.

Due to the unfortunate demise of the meet at Perrysburg,
Frederick will once again host the National Board Meeting
at 8 PM on Friday, at the Legion Hall.

NOTE: NEW HOTEL We will be at The Best Western Historic
Frederick. Located at 420 Prospect Blvd. Frederick, MD
21701 Ph [301-695-6200](tel:301-695-6200) (one exit south at US Rt 15 and US
Rt 340) www.bestwesternfrederick.com Room rate is
\$79.00 double or single per night. FREE BREAKFAST to
registered guests. You must reserve by April 15th, ask for
Packard Club rooms.

There will be dining options Thursday, Friday and Saturday
for those who wish. Packards will be in a special parking
area on Friday and Saturday.

For more information, contact
Bill or Sue Johnson [301-384-4433](tel:301-384-4433) billnsuer@aol.com

City of Fairfax Antique Car Show

May 21, 2016



Saturday May 21, 2016

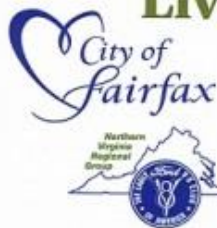
10:00AM - 3:00PM

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Orphan Car Event – June 4, 2016



26th Annual Orphan Car Showcase and Tour...

Saturday, June 4, 2016 – Anne Arundel County, MD

Spend a delightful Saturday in Anne Arundel County in your "orphan" car, with a car show, driving tour and late-afternoon dinner! Come early and display your car in the "Orphan Car Showcase" that starts at 10:00 AM at the Moose Lodge, near Annapolis (see directions below). Coffee, donuts, drinks and sandwiches may be purchased from Moose volunteers during the morning. At noon you can embark on a driving tour, exploring the rural back roads of Anne Arundel County, MD at your own pace. Your printed directions will include a "query" on items observed along the road and at the refreshment and points-of-interest stops, including private car collections, a one-room school house and scenic spots. At 4:00 PM we gather back at the Moose Lodge for a buffet dinner (reservations postmark by May 28). Afterward, we'll have awards for correct answers to the query, for the longest distance driven to the tour, the oldest car, and the saddest hard-luck story. During Dinner there will be a Slide Show featuring pictures of cars and stops on the tour. Following dinner, Door prizes will be drawn.

The Tour is open to "orphan" antique cars—vehicles at least 25 years old that were produced either by now-defunct companies or the discontinued divisions of still-existing companies.

As always, the Tour will be held "rain or shine". If it rains, bring an umbrella (and if necessary, drive a modern car). We'll still have a great time with some nice scenery. Join the fun! Bring your friends, family and camera.

Your Event Sponsors

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Orphan Car Event – June 4, 2016



Directions

Approaching Annapolis From the North-- Travel on I-97 South or MD-32 South to Exit 5 (Crownsville). At ramp end, go STRAIGHT at 1st Traffic Light onto MD-178 (Generals Hwy.). Continue to 3rd Traffic Light and TURN RIGHT on Crownsville Rd. Go 2.7 miles to Moose Lodge on RIGHT.

Approaching Annapolis From West & South-- Travel to US-50 East from the Washington area or from US-301 in the South. At Bowie, US-50 and US-301 join going East. Drive US-50/301 East 3 miles and take Exit 16 (MD-424 Davidsonville Rd.). Near ramp end, branch left to Traffic Light. TURN LEFT onto MD-424 North and proceed 2.25 miles to MD-450 (Defense Hwy.) and TURN RIGHT. Proceed 5 miles East to Crownsville Rd. and TURN LEFT. Continue 0.1 mile on Crownsville Rd. to Moose Lodge on LEFT.

Approaching Annapolis From the East-- Travel West on US-50/301 and cross Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Proceed West past all Annapolis Exits and take Exit 16 Davidsonville Rd. (MD-424). At ramp end, TURN RIGHT onto MD-424 and proceed 2.0 miles to MD-450 (Defense Hwy.) and TURN RIGHT. Proceed 5 miles East to Crownsville Rd. and TURN LEFT. Continue 0.1 mile on Crownsville Rd. to Moose Lodge on LEFT.

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Memorial Weekend Mini-Tour!

May 28, 2016

Details are coming together! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

Scott Leaf is cobbling together plans for a 2nd mini-tour in the Northern Virginia area this coming Memorial Day weekend. The date is set... the specific trail and activities are not. Please mark your calendars and await further information on this fun event!!



PHOTOS FROM 2015





Father's Day Car Show

June 19, 2016

No better time than now to get ready for the 43rd annual Father's Day Antique Car Show at Sully Historic site in Chantilly, VA.

Up to 400 cars on the show field, Restoration displays, Tour the Historic house, Music and Food, Kid's tent, Flea market, Cars for Sale. Admission fee of \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 per child. Historic house will be open at no additional cost.

A great way to spend an afternoon – especially on DAD'S Day!



PHOTOS FROM 2015

Packard Truck Meet – Oct 9, 2016



The Packard Truck Organization is having their 32 Annual Meet Sunday, October 9th, following the AACA Hershey Fall Meet



Located at 1196 Mountain Road, York Springs, PA, 45 minutes from Hershey, this is a free event with coffee, tea and breakfast snacks early and a full free lunch at noon. Mountain Road is located 12 1/2 miles south of the PA Turnpike off US 15 South (towards Gettysburg). There is no registration cost and you may come modern, in a Packard or any 'Brand X' you desire. We have plenty of free parking.

Weather permitting, Packard trucks rides plan to be offered.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Lockhard, 1196 Mountain Road, York Springs, PA 17372, Tel [717-528-4920](tel:717-528-4920), packardtruckdave@embarqmail.com

PHOTOS FROM 2015



Joint Picnic w/ MAP July 10 or 17, 2016



Please watch this space and watch your email for information regarding our summer picnic to be co-hosted along with our friends of MAP.





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2016 EVENT CALENDAR

JAN



FEB

MAR

13 Jump-Start Brunch!
(Alexandria, VA)

APR

16 MAP & PCS Tour
(Williamsport, MD)

MAY

6-7 All-Packards Indoor
Swap Meet
(Frederick, MD)

21 City of Fairfax Antique
Car Show
(Fairfax, VA)

28 Packards Virginia
Mini-Tour
(Alexandria, VA)

JUN

6 Orphan Car Tour
(West Friendship, MD)

10-12 Elegance at Hershey

19 Sully Plantation

JUL

10 or 17 Packards VA Picnic
(TBD)

AUG

SEP

OCT

5-8 HERSHEY!
9 Packard Truck Show
(York Springs, PA)
15 The Rockville Show
(Rockville, MD)

NOV

DEC

**HAPPY
PACKARDING!**