

The Packard

Virginian

The Newsletter of Packards Virginia Summer 2018



PACKARDS VIRGINIA 4TH ANNUAL SPRING TOUR



Rippon Lodge
Woodbridge, Va.

OUR BIG 4TH ANNUAL TOUR

Rippon Lodge



1955 Caribbean—Clare Brooks



1932 Light Eight—Bob Montague



1935 12—Miles White

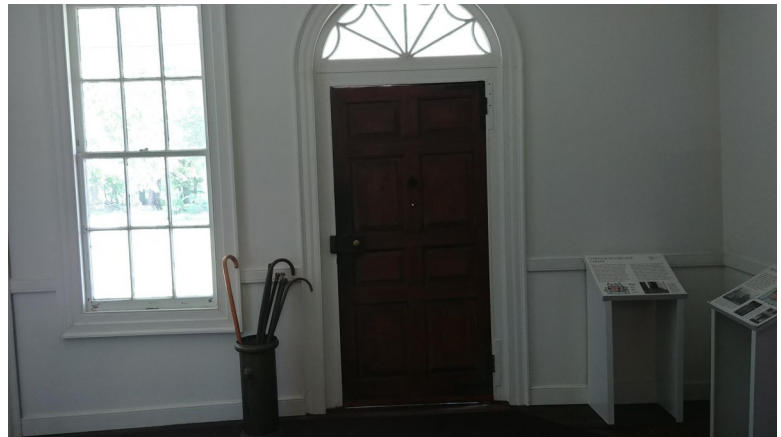


1933 Eight—Hal and Kathy Hermann



1933 Eight—Scott Leaf

The tour to Rippon Lodge was very nice. Although we had a succession of rain events in the week previous, we had great weather for the tour and temperatures in the low 90's.



Rippon Lodge has a great history. Built by Richard Blackburn, the house was



passed to his son, Col. Thomas Blackburn. It was sold around 1820 to the Atkinson family who

lived there for about 100 years. In 1924 the property was sold again.

The buyers were a Washington, D.C. federal judge and his wife,



Judge Ellis both renovated and preserved the property. Sometime after buying Rippon Lodge, the judge discovered that he was a descendant of Richard Blackburn, but it is not clear at what point during his tenure this became known and how much it influenced the preservation efforts.

Regardless, the Ellis' sold the house to another Blackburn family member, Admiral Richard Blackburn Black, an Arctic explorer and compatriot of [Admiral Byrd](#). Admiral Black's daughter inherited the house in 1989 and sold it to Prince William County in 2000.

During the tour, the very knowledgeable docent pointed out many of the details of the home regarding its inception, construction and decoration. We all were amazed at the colors, but was told that the colors were rigorously researched to determine the correct colors. Many of the furnishings were unique to the home as were many of the pictures and photographs. Considering how the house was constructed, it is believable that it has withstood the rigors of weather and mother nature. The property adjacent was blooming with many types of flowers.



Ladies Rule

Debbie Leaf, Belle Brent Duchin,
Lynn Rogerson, Kathy Hermann

Attendees at

Our Big 4th Annual Tour

Bob Montague and Belle Brent Duchin

Tom and Clare Brooks

Lynn Rogerson and Steve Shirey

Miles White

Rod Hobbs

Hal and Kathy Hermann

Scott and Debbie Leaf

2018 OLD CAR CALENDAR

Courtesy of Dwight Heinmueller

Jun	2	North Central Maryland	28 th Orphan Car Tour
	2	York Springs, PA	Keystone Packards Picnic at the Lockards
	3-8	Westport, MA	VMCCA Heritage Tour
	8-10	Hershey, PA	CCCA Elegance at Hershey
	10	Utica, MI	Annual Cars R Stars at the Packard Proving Grounds
	17	Chantilly, VA	45th Sully Plantation Car Show
	24-29	Perrysburg, OH	Chrome Glidden Tour®, VMCCA
	25-29	Lock Haven PA	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour
Jul	2-6	Columbus, OH	53 rd Packard Club National Meet, Buckeye Packards
	6-8	Warren, OH	National Packard Museum 29 th Legacy Weekend
	11-14	Gettysburg, PA	AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Chesapeake Region
Aug	3-5	Macungie, PA	Das Awkscht Fescht, AACA Ontelaunee Region Packard is featured
	4	Timonium, MD	Fire Museum of Maryland Car Show, AACA Chesapeake Region
	17-19	Pebble Beach, CA	CCCA Concours d'Elegance
	20-24	Geneva, NY	AACA Reliability Tour
	26	Baltimore, MD	Baltimore Museum of Industry Car Show, AACA Chesapeake Region
Sep	TBA	Canada	CCCA Grand Classic
	7-9	Malvern, PA	22 nd Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance
	8	Manchester, MD	Autumn Harvest Car Show, AACA Chesapeake Region
	22	Alexandria, Va.	OUR BIG SHOW at the Lyceum
	16-22	Twin Falls, ID	AACA 73 rd Revival Glidden Tour®
Oct	10-13	Hershey, PA	63 rd AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet
	14	York Springs, PA	Final Packard Truck Meet
	15-19	French Lick, IN	11 th Henry Joy Tour©
	20	Rockville, MD	Antique & Classic Car Show
	21	Utica, MI	Open House at the Packard Proving Grounds
	21	Media, PA	Historical Car Club of PA Car Show Excursion
	21-16	Metropolis, IL	AACA Founders Tour
	24-27	Leesburg, VA	Old Dominion Packard Club Fall Tour
Nov	27	Fork, MD	Antique Car Show, Sunshine Grille, AACA Chesapeake Region
	11	Upperco, MD	Annual Banquet, AACA Chesapeake Region at Friendly F

A note from Roger Luksik and the Packard Proving Ground.....

Thanks for listing the Packard Proving Grounds events, Cars-R-Stars show on June 10th and our Open House on October 21. We are celebrating the 90th anniversary of the PPG that first opened on June 14, 1928. One of our special exhibits is the Miller Special race car driven by Leon Duray on opening day to set a new, world's closed-course speed record of 148.174 mph that stood for 24 years. The Indianapolis Speedway Museum is lending us the exact car that Leon drove. It will be on display during June, July and August.

If you or any other Packard Virginia members are going to the PAC National Meet in Columbus, then you need to make the drive up to Detroit to see this record-setting car back at the PPG.

Around PV....



Ingrid Keune's 1951 Patrician 400

Back to the future at the Classic Car Center and will be waiting in line behind the 6 week backlog of fellow patients. She's going for the sympathy plea leaking transmission fluid on the truck bed as it pulls away. Pity the poor schmuck driving behind this truck and wondering where the blood red juice splats, on his windshield were coming from.

We'll be watching to see Ingrid's car at our events soon. Ed.

The Swap Meet



1956 400—Sue Johnson



1941 120—Bill Aske



1935 12—Miles White



1954 Clipper—Bruce Sedel



1931—John Schiech



1951 200—Jim Vines



Sue and Bill Johnson helping an inquirer



Bill Aske and his 1941 120



Kathy Hermann and Helen DeLaney



Miles White and Chris Stoltzfus



George Hamlin
and
Bill Johnson



1956 Packup—Ross Miller



1956 Patrician—Jim Yocum



Joel Ray



Ross Miller, Bob Stoltzfus, Bill Johnson



Bea Hamlin

This year's 23rd Packard Swap Meet had it all!

If PV or MAP were to take a survey of satisfied Swap Meet goers - we would score off the charts. Take the weather for example - not too hot, not too cold . . . JUST RIGHT ! Great vendors with just the right parts - not too many - not too few!

Just the snacks that friends brought. Well There are never enough of those! But we did enjoy golden spicy "Vernor's" ginger ale - compliments of Craig Handley, chocolate chip cookies from Kathy Hermann and Ross Miller's (of good in the kitchen as well as the garage fame!) brought chewy coconut cornmeal cookies - but NO FUDGE ! Shirley Mease's FUDGE! We missed both Shirley (fudge maven) and Dale (Mid-Atlantic "Projects Director".) This year, Dale underwent heart surgery just prior to the meet. We are so glad to report, the procedure went well and Dale is now home recuperating. We also understand, Shirley is the newly appointed "grounds keeper" of the Mease mansion. Beautiful lawns and ornamental shrubs!

On a much sadder note - we also missed Peggy Benson. Terry quietly told us of Peg's ongoing health problems. They are very serious. Peggy and Terry, you are in both our thoughts and prayers. We can only imagine how difficult it is for Terry at this time.

We had one vendor who had planned for an outdoor space - but when he saw the festivities going on inside - he moved in too! When I asked him about next year's indoor or outdoor space . . . with a great grin he told me INSIDE. It is definitely where the party is. It just kind of rolls along from vendor to vendor. We have all heard of "progressive dinner parties" - well this year's gathering had the whole smorgasbord feast under one roof. But the fun didn't stop there. We enjoyed one another's company at dinner each night!. We like to say we are a "close knit" group of friends, but the size of our dinner parties and the space such a large party for dinner needs, gave new meaning to the phrase "close knit". Talk about "close friends". Memorable evenings - memorable friends.

Although the Swap Meet was all fun for most of us - there is also a serious side of running and managing a club of this size. " The Packard Club." has over three thousand members. The PAC Board held it's first meeting of the year. MAP and PV have been hosting this gathering for several years now, with always the invitation for any and all to attend. Craig Handley, President of Packard Automobile Classics Inc chaired the 8 pm meeting. Many other board members were in attendance. Including Paul Delaney, Stella and Stuart Blond, Barbara and John Kefalonitis, Ole Book, Bob Teller and David Robinson. Many of the club's trustees were there as well.

As it always does - our two day party ended all too early. We want to thank our vendors as well as our friends for making the 2018 Swap Meet another success. A special thank you goes to Jim Yocum of "Keystone Packard's" for being our official Swap Meet photographer. Jim is multi talented in that not only does he edit "The Packard Panorama" (official publication of Keystone) but is talented with a camera as well.

Let's do it again next year - say May 10 - 11 2019. Mark your social calendars now.

Have a great Packarding Summer.

Susan Johnson

THE LAST WORD...

NEXT UP!

SULLY HISTORICAL SITE

JUNE 17

JOIN US!

