

# *The Packard* *Virginian*

The Newsletter of Packards Virginia - Summer 2016



# Celebrating 40 years!



***Next stop.... Speedwell Garage!***

# 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 only \$5!!**

## OFFICERS FOR 2016

Director: Orin Kerr

Deputy Director and newsletter editor: Tim English

Treasurer: Hal Hermann

Membership and activities coordinator: Tom Brooks

Website editor: Robert Scott

# From the Editor



Hello Packards Virginia!

Greetings..... these are busy days here in Virginia. Unfortunately, not all w/ Packards Virginia and certainly not enough with my Clipper. I hope your world is less hectic – I am hoping that you and your wheels are well.... And both of you are on the road!

In this issue, I've recounted the Packards Virginia events thus far in the year and put a teaser out for upcoming days of interest. We also must share the recent death of Rebecca Hayes, Packards Virginia charter member and a long-time friend of the club. She and her husband Doug were instrumental in the establishment of the club we all know and love. Doug was Packards Virginia's first membership director and newsletter editor.

As our summer picnic w/ MAP proved a non-starter with the repairs to the Clara Barton park, our next event is called, "A day at Ross Miller's Bar & Grilles", co-hosted with MAP and Keystone. We hope to see you and yours, at the event. Pray for good weather as always!!

Until next we see you.....

Happy Packarding!

Tim English  
Packards Virginia  
Deputy Director & Newsletter Editor

# Remembering Rebecca Hayes



By Hal Hermann

Rebecca Hilliard Gettens Hayes passed away June 13, 2016 after a brief illness. Born June 16, 1937, Rebecca, along with her late husband Douglass, was a founding charter member of Packards Virginia.

Doug and Rebecca were among the strongest supporters of Packards Virginia throughout the years. Many Board of Directors meetings were held at the Hayes home on Van Winkle Drive which was also the setting for numerous annual Packards Virginia picnics. Following Doug's death in 2000, Rebecca gradually sold their sizable collection of Packards, thereby creating space in the large garage they had constructed in their back yard. She then rented out space to various PV members who needed a reasonably priced place to store their cars. By doing this, Rebecca was also able to keep up with the coming and goings and activities of Packards Virginia as well. We will surely miss Rebecca as we have Douglass as our club continues down the road.

From PV President, Orin Kerr, "We invited Rebecca to attend the 2016 Jump Start Brunch as our guest. She was unable to attend because she had plans on that date, but she was very touched that we remembered her fondly and that PV members wanted her to join us. Rebecca learned of her illness soon after the Jump Start Brunch.



Rebecca & Douglass Hayes, Frederick 1999

# Packards Virginia Mini-tour!

## Gunston Hall, Virginia



On May 28<sup>th</sup>, members of Packards Virginia met on a nice warm day in Old Town Virginia for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Day Mini-tour. Hosted by Scott Leaf, our objective was simple enough – get the cars out.... See some friends....

And so it was, with a little jockeying between the 300 and 400 blocks of Montgomery street in Alexandria, our tour emerged with nearly a dozen Packards.

Our first stop of the “tour” would be Gunston Hall. Once the home of Virginia’s own George Mason and situated on 5500 acres, the home is now a museum managed by the commonwealth. Our group enjoyed a short tour of the rooms of the home and toured the grounds.

After touring Gunston Hall, we made our way to lunch! Mission accomplished. Good food. Good friends. A short car tour. Easy enough! Many, many, many thanks to Scott Leaf for acting as tour director. Well-done!

Where to next, Packards Virginia?



# Packard Trucks – Washington DC

## May 30, 2016



By Dave Lockard

When we arrived in DC, there were hundreds of Desert Storm troops assembled opposite Jefferson Drive on the National Mall where they were being staged for the parade. The troopers really seemed to have enjoyed the Packard.

One trooper who had a cigar and sunglasses was the subject of being teased by his buddies so I chimed in when he asked if he could get on the Packard. I said "I'm not sure, it's only a 3 ton truck!" Everyone howled & all the guys lost it! One of his fellow troopers said "We need this guy (me) to hang out with us!"



# Packard Trucks – Washington DC

## May 30, 2016



We had friends from Michigan ride with us - the little 11 year old girl, Ella (with a red shirt & sunglasses) was helping to hold the WW-I Centennial Commission banner up & their other daughter Emily truly enjoyed themselves,



General Pershing stole the show (pictures of him to follow) going down Constitution Ave - from side to side, saluting spectators . There was a medical emergency and we had to pull off to the side - 'Pershing' entertained spectators during the lull/emergency.



Editor's note - Great show, Dave!!



# Father's Day Sully Plantation

## June 19, 2016



Six Packards -- five belonging to Packards Virginia members -- attended the annual Father's Day car show at the Sully Historic Site on June 19th. As befits Father's Day, it was a family affair: The Brooks, Coulombe, Kerr, McMillian, and Leaf families were in attendance. Temperatures were high but the humidity low, making the day very pleasant in the shade where the Packard crew gathered. The Packard parking row was unfortunately infiltrated by a Lincoln Zephyr and a Studebaker, but the six Packards stayed relatively near each other and a wonderful time was had by all." Good job! What a nice way to spend Father's day!







# **A day at Ross's Bars & Grilles!**

## **August 13, 2016**

**START TIME: 10AM**

**Activities to include:**

**Tour of Ross's current projects . . .**

**Rally . . . short and beautiful . . . we are told. . .**

**"Corn Dog" Extravaganza seminar. . . Good eat 'in !**

**Looks like Ross has all bases covered -**

**Food and Fun with great friends and Packard's !**

**A day of fun, discovery, exploration and gluttony !**

**So . . . PLEASE . . . plan on joining us  
in the picturesque Maryland countryside  
for a leisurely day . . . Ross style!**

**Please bring a favorite side dish, salad or dessert.  
It will be a welcome addition!**

**Please call or email and let us know you are coming.**

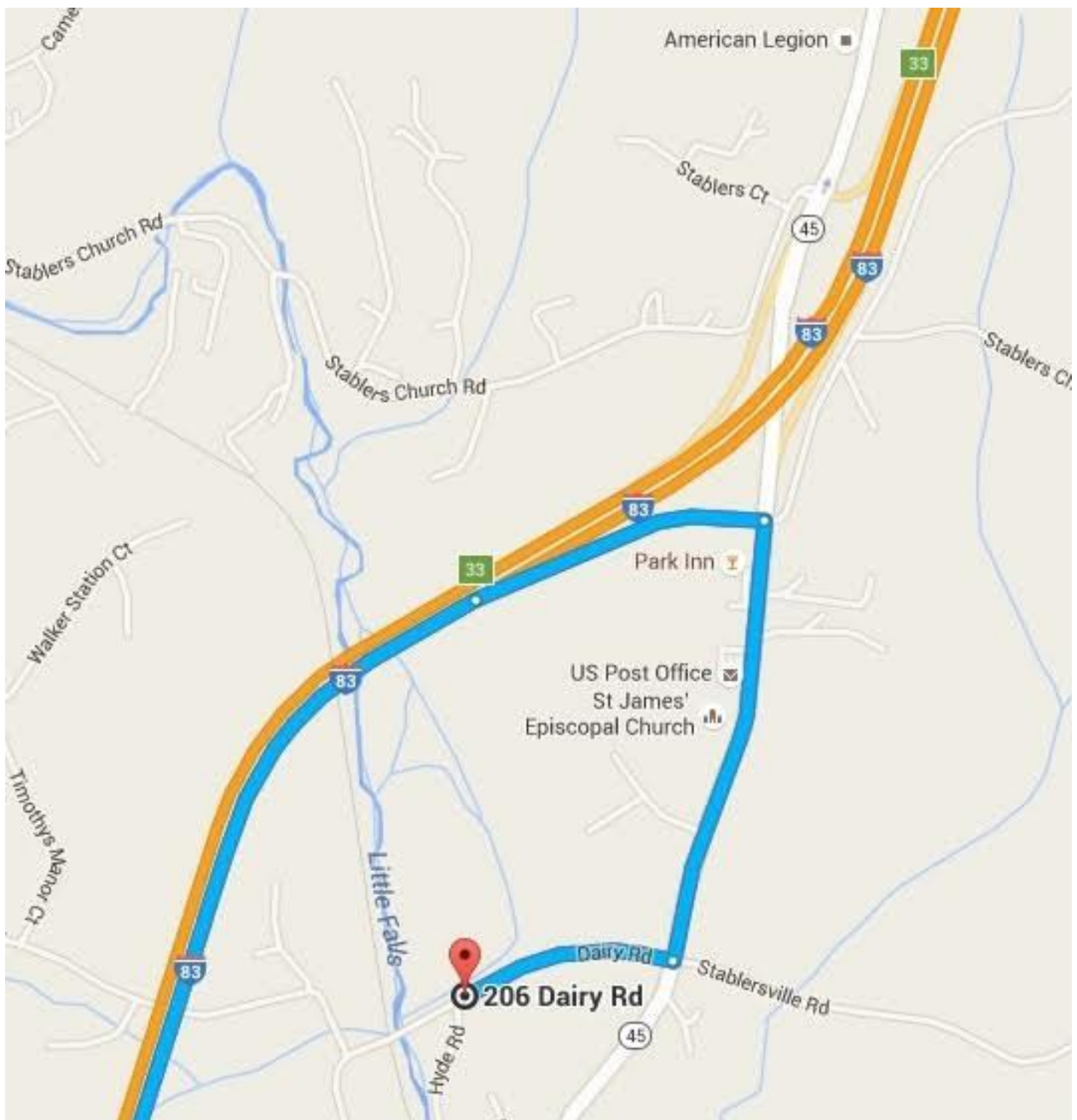
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**"Ross's Bars and Grilles"  
looks forward to seeing and  
entertaining you!**

# Map to Ross's Bars & Grilles!



From I-83 North, take Exit 33, York Road. Turn right onto York Road and go 0.5 miles to Dairy Road. Turn right onto Dairy Road and go 0.2 miles to Ross's Speedwell Garage (206 Dairy Road, Parkton, MD 21120).

# 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 Lockard, 1196 Mountain Road, York Springs, PA 17372, Tel [717-528-4920](tel:717-528-4920), [packardtruckdave@embarqmail.com](mailto:packardtruckdave@embarqmail.com)

**PHOTOS FROM 2015**





# FOR SALE:

## 1941 Packard 180 LeBaron 7-passenger Touring Sedan

frame-off restoration; 148 inch wheelbase; engine #CD500614;  
model 1421; #9; tires 7:50/16; body black with tan interior;  
reported to be one of seven left; \$150,000 OBO. Contact Bob  
Powell (804) 389-2555 or [rlplkp@comcast.net](mailto:rlplkp@comcast.net)



# 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**

**AUG**

13 Ross's Bars and Grilles

**SEP**

**OCT**

5-8 HERSHEY!

9 Packard Truck Show  
(York Springs, PA)

15 The Rockville Show  
(Rockville, MD)

**NOV**

**DEC**

**HAPPY  
PACKARDING!**