

The Packard Virginian

The Newsletter of Packards Virginia Spring 2017



Jump Start

The Ides of March did not delay the successful start of the Packard season for the persevering Packards Virginia group. The annual sumptuous brunch at Belle Haven



Country club was well attended and we all were well fed. Beginning at 12:30, the Belle Haven Country Club provided us two rooms for our event which we quickly filled with our attendees. After some milling and greeting, we adjourned into the dining room to take advantage of the sumptuous meal.



No one came away hungry.





A REQUEST FROM THE new EDITOR , Rod Hobbs...

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! I'll be at all the events to get some pictures, so put your smiles on.

Director's Message

The weather is quickly warming up here in the Commonwealth, which means it's time to get your Packard out of the garage. Packards Virginia will have several events this year to give you more excuses to drive. Our annual Swap Meet with Mid-Atlantic Packards is fast approaching, and that will be followed by the 3rd annual Memorial Day mini-tour arranged by Scott Leaf. We'll have several more events later in the year, which might include an All-Packards Car Show in Alexandria and a trip to the National Capital Trolley Museum in Colesville, Maryland.

We owe special thanks to two PACVA members, Tim English and Rodney Hobbs. Tim has been the newsletter editor for the last several years, and he has done a wonderful job with it. The newsletter was never better. His work was certainly far better than that of the prior editor (me). Tim has now stepped down, and Rodney has agreed to be a guest newsletter editor with this issue. Writing up the newsletter is hard but important work:

The newsletter really makes the club. Thanks to Tim, and now to Rodney, for your efforts.

Orin Kerr

Director, Packards Virginia

Old PV photos
From the files of Bob Robb



Carol Robb, Doug Hayes, Bill McCoskey, Rod Hobbs, Bob Robb, J.P. McVicker, Ingrid Keune, Jim Beek, Russell Keune

WHERE IS THE BANNER NOW???



Rebecca Hayes, Doug Hayes, Rod Hobbs, Carol Robb, ?

PICNIC AT BOB SOMMERS

The Packard Reminder

Thru Apr	22	Hershey, Pa.	Museum display Italian vehicles
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May	13	Hershey, Pa.	Museum display Unrestored cars –Oct. 8
May	11-13	Frederick, MD	All-Packard Swap Meet & Car Show
May	20	Fairfax City, Va.	City Hall 10:00-3:00pm—see page 8
Jun	4-9	Gettysburg, PA	AACA Founders Tour (1932+)
	11-17	South Bend, IN	The Packard Club's 51st National Meet
Jun	18	Sully Plantation	Annual Car Show & PV event
	21– 24	Gettysburg, PA	AMC International Meet
Jul	9-14	Roanoke, VA	VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour®
Aug	20	Pebble Beach	CCCA Annual Concours d'Elegance
Sep	11-	Altoona, PA	The Packard Club's 10th Henry Joy Tour©
	17-22	Hastings,	AACA/AAA Glidden Tour ®
	23	Alexandria, Va.	Lyceum Hall
Sep ton	23	Gettysburg, Pa.	On W. High Street between Baltimore and S. Washing- Streets.
Oct	3-6	Hershey, PA	AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet
	26-28	Staunton, VA	ODPC 60th Fall Tour (no judging)
			At The Stonewall Jackson Hotel
Apr	25-28, <u>2018</u>	York, PA	ODPC 60th Anniv. Spring Tour (one week later than usual)

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Saturday May 20, 2017

10:00AM - 3:00PM

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More Upcoming events...

Packard National Meet
South Bend, Ind.
June 19th—June 23rd

Host Hotel:

Waterford Estates Lodge
52890 SR 933 N
South Bend, IN 46637

Call (574) 272-5220 and Ask for the 'Packard Club' group rate, which is \$90.00 per night. (Rate is good from Friday, 6/16/2017 thru Saturday, 6/24/2017) Hotel is ready to take reservations.

This just in...

10th Henry Joy Tour
September 11-14, 2017

Headquarters in
the Altoona Grand Hotel
Conference Center and Residences
1 Sheraton Dr.
Altoona, Pa.

See your Cormorant News Bulletin for details

Even more upcoming events...

Packards Virginia Mini-tour

Sat. May 27th

Leaving Old Town Alexandria at 10:45am

Drive to Surratt House in Clinton, Md.

Tour Surratt House at noon

Lunch at a restaurant nearby (on your own)

Return to Old town after lunch.

For any more details, contact Scott Leaf

Event Coordinator @

leafdds@aol.com

Lyceum show

Sat. Sept. 23rd

201 S. Washington St. Alexandria, Va.

10:00am to 1:00pm

16 spaces available

Packard cars given first choice

Dash plaques for all entrants

Non judged

Donuts, coffee, and water for free!

Entry form to follow

Stay tuned!!

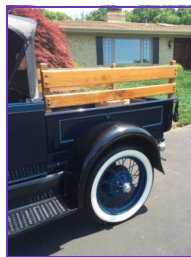
PV Marketplace

Ingrid is selling the '53 convertible...



This car comes with VOLUMES of maintenance records listing in chronologic order the work that was done from the initial purchase. For details, contact Ingrid Keune at rkeune@earthlink.net

Dolly Siltanen is selling her 1926 7 pass. and a 1929 Ford Model A roadster Pick up. Details are available from her at dollysiltanen@yahoo.com.



President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Packard to be restored and make public appearances in NYS



Introduced at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City, the Ninth Series Packards resurrected the Twin Six name, though this time attached to a Cornelius Van Ranst-designed 67-degree V-12 good for 160 horsepower. The Twin Six-powered cars assumed the position of flagship, aimed toward buyers of the Cadillac V-12 and V-16 models and, despite the ongoing Depression, continued to power Packards through 1939.

Roosevelt didn't use his Packard for long; after his election to president in 1932, the Packard went into the state's fleet. Governor Thomas Dewey's purchase of a 1942 Cadillac effectively sidelined the Packard, though it did emerge again briefly in 1982 for Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus of the Netherlands during their visit to Albany.

With about 40,000 miles on it, the Packard – last inspected in 1988 – has since resided largely out of public view in the museum. Before it will make any public appearances, it is first scheduled to go through a preservation process with an unnamed shop in Connecticut.

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Car care: cleaning your whitewalls

In a recent automotive publication we read about a fellow who used Bleche-Wite on his tires and returned to the car to find all four of them flat! The prevailing theory is that the chemicals in the Bleche-Wite had not been thoroughly rinsed off, and dissolved the bond between tire and rim, allowing the air to leak out. Um, not sure about that, but if it's true, that's just one more reason to add to our stack of reasons for which we stopped recommending the stuff a while back. Tire retailers now often attach labels warning about using products that "bleach" tires. Several have assured us that this product is the one they mean. We found it to be less efficient in cleaning a whitewall than Spray Nine or 409 anyway, and the tire people we talked to insisted that the "bleach" product shortens tire life. We had enough sidewalls prematurely age to believe that. We note that there are discussions on the Internet now, speculating whether the change in ownership (it isn't a Westley's product any more) had something to do with the negative reviews it is getting. We'd suggest that you visit the sites and make up your own minds, of course.

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2017 Dues are due-only \$5!!

RENEWAL NOTICE

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 :

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