

The Packard Virginian

The Newsletter of Packards Virginia - Fall 2013



You shoulda been there!



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Director's Message



Another successful season of Packards Virginia has come to a close. As always, we enjoyed our usual slate of activities from the Jump Start brunch in early March to the Rockville Show in late October. We also enjoyed several new activities, such as our visit to the Bealeton "Flying Circus" vintage airplane show. And best of all, we were happy to welcome several new members, including Scott Leaf and Michael and Allison Caron.

I also wanted to thank Newsletter Editor Tim English for his fantastic job reviving the newsletter. As the former newsletter editor, I'm delighted to recognize the remarkable improvement of Tim's newsletters over mine. Tim has put my prior efforts to shame by producing a professional and readable product. I will continue to contribute photographs, but Tim deserves all the credit for creating the terrific publication you are reading right now. Tim, thanks from the entire PV family for all your hard work.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Packards Virginia events in 2014.

Orin Kerr

PV Director 2013

Editor's note: Thanks for the kind words, Orin. THANKS to all who contribute time, pictures, and most of all, content! Happy to do my part for the hobby.

Notes from the Board



OFFICERS FOR 2013

Director: Orin Kerr

Deputy Director and newsletter editor: Tim English

Treasurer: Hal Hermann

Membership and activities coordinator: Tom Brooks

Update: Spring AACA Tour will not affect Frederick Swap Meet

We had noted a possible conflict of dates with the AACA Spring tour in VA with the Frederick Swap meet. George Hamlin has spoken with and confirmed AACA WILL NOT be touring on May 9 - 10th. Therefore, our date for the Frederick Swap meet will not be impacted.

FREDERICK SWAP MEET - MARK YOUR CALENDAR - MAY 9 - 10, 2014 ! ! ! !

PACKARDS VIRGINIA IS ON FACEBOOK!

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
"Photo"

Visit our page: <http://www.facebook.com/packards.virginia>

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.

The Flying Circus Airshow!

Isn't it a great day to fly?.... And drive?



Sunday, 15 September, proved to be perfect weather for old Packards and old airplanes: sunny and cool with bright blue skies. Just right for taking your Packard to Bealton, Virginia, for the Flying Circus Air Show. Arriving about an hour or so before show time in order to enjoy a nice picnic lunch were Bill and Sue Johnson in their '56 Executive, Hal and Kathy Hermann in their '57 Clipper, Tom and Clare Brooks in their '55 Caribbean, Russ and Ingrid Keune in their '51 Patrician, Tim English and fiancé Edith (driving modern iron), Michael and Allison Caron in their '56 Patrician and PACVA Director Orin Kerr and Ainsley in their '35 Twelve roadster. The cars were able to park together and attracted almost as much attention as the airplanes.



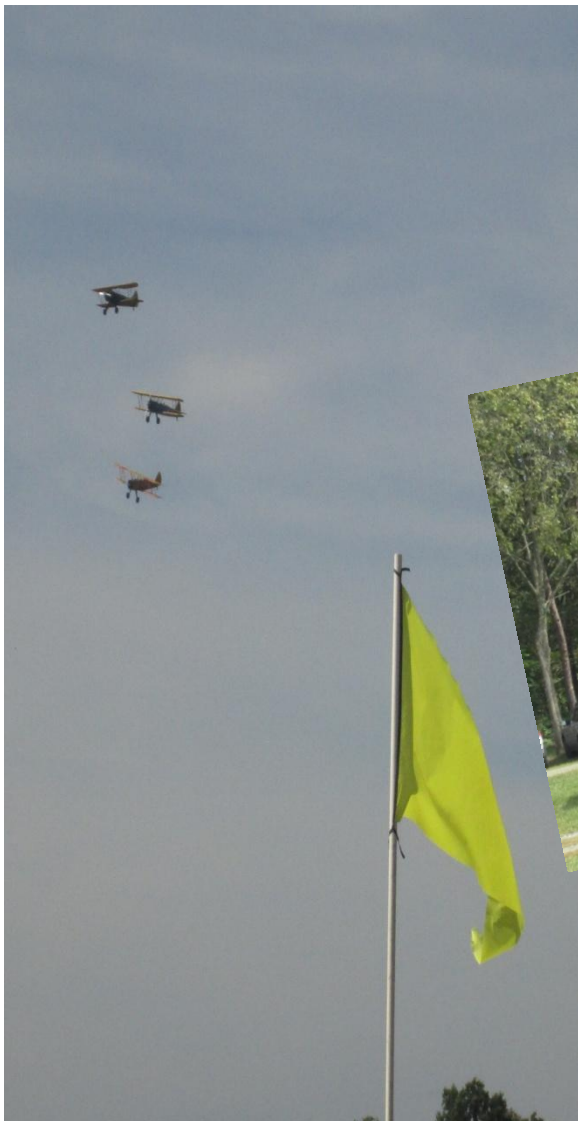
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The air show was great, with eight pre-WWII biplanes airborne flying formation and doing “bombing” runs, ribbon-cutting, aerobatics, wing-walking exhibitions, parachuting, and all of the barnstorming tricks you would have witnessed in a 1920s air show. One of the highlights of the show was a “visiting” (flying from a nearby airport rather than the grass field) modern high-performance stunt plane which performed aerial maneuvers that looked to be darn-near physically impossible. After the show, the biplanes lined up on the grass for all to go and admire them. They are all privately-owned and maintained by their pilots, and a beautiful collection of airplanes they are. Looking them over, you are forced to conclude that collecting Packards is cheap by comparison!

In all, a great day and a great show.



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The Smile that Says it All!

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The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show



Saturday, October 19th found members of Packard's Virginia at the annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show at the Glenview Mansion in Rockville, MD. The Rockville show is traditionally the biggest Packard gathering of the year in the Washington DC area, and PV sought to represent the name in style. Weather was amenable to members and cars alike with a high of 70 degrees and partly cloudy skies. Just another great excuse to get out and enjoy the hobby!

Question for you, good reader - if you were there did you tell a friend? Better yet, did you bring a new one?



The Packard Truck Meet York Springs, PA



Hershey-goers, car nuts, and friends of Dave Lockhard's met at "The Packard Truck Meet" in York Springs, PA on October 12th. An annual mix of fun, fellowship, and friends as folks descend on Dave and Joan's property for the day. Joan and her dining crew prepare picnic fare for the 100 folks in attendance (they work for tips!) while Dave navigates the throngs and vehicles.

Beyond Dave's Packard Trucks, there were a number of nice Packards to view. So, if you ever find yourself at Hershey and want to spend a delightful day unwinding, you won't miss the mark in attending this annual event!





Vern Parker's Car Show - "Out of the Past"

Over the years, a number of Packards Virginia people have had their cars featured in Vern Parker's "Out of the Past" column which appeared in the Washington Times and was syndicated to other newspapers across the country. Vern stopped writing the column several years ago, but it is still syndicated and re-runs appear in the Times and other papers. Thus, some of us have actually had our cars appear *twice!*

While Vern was working for the Times, he initiated an annual car show at Spring Hill Park in McLean for all the cars that had been featured. It was always the Sunday of Labor Day weekend and the Washington Times supported it (although Vern did all the work). It turned out a lot of very pretty cars, and, for the first several years, we parked on a large grassy field surrounded by trees, where you could seek shade. Several Packard have won People's Choice and Owner,s Choice awards over the years. In all, the Packard marquee was well represented.

For the last few years the Washington Times has not supported the show and Vern has done it on his own, with some voluntary contributions from the owners and his fans. At the same time, the park developed the nice grassy field into a soccer field and the show cars had to move into the paved parking lot – nowhere near as nice. So Vern has announced that this year's show, which took place on Sunday, 1 September, will be the last. A sad passing for a very enjoyable event.

But Packard was well represented at the last show. A bright, hot summer day saw an excellent turnout of all makes – probably some three dozen or more cars – including at least four Packards. Present to enjoy Vern's swansong were Bill and Sue Johnson ('56 "400"), Tom and Clare Brooks ('55 Caribbean), Orin Kerr ('35 Twelve convertible coupe) and George Hamlin, who will have to be excused for bringing a Studebaker. Pete and Sharon Sanders also were in attendance with their '35 1203 Sedan.

Thanks to Vern Parker for his great service to the hobby and for his friendship to all of us Packard enthusiasts. We will miss you, Vern!



An Invitation

From Old Dominion Packards



The Old Dominion Packard Club cordially invites Packards Virginia to join a tour of the Bird In Hand area of Pennsylvania in April of 2014. Dwight Heinmuller will be the Tour Chair for this event and as most, if not all of you know he puts on a great tour. The ODPC did a joint tour with Blue Ridge Packards last spring and it was well received. People see some new cars, meet some new people and get to visit with some other old friends as well.

Please keep an eye on the Old Dominion Packards website for more detailed information and application information. The web address is: Olddominionpackardclub.org.

For your information, Bob Robb will be President of ODPC later in 2013.

Regards;

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Images courtesy of the ODPC website



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Edgar Rohr Show

ONLY PACKARD WINS BEST OF SHOW



On Saturday, September 21, 2013, the Bull Run Chapter of the AACA held its annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet at the Manassas Museum in Manassas, VA. This year, only one Packard came to the show: Scott Leaf's 1933 1001 Coupe-Roadster. But Scott's Packard wowed the crowd, earning Best of Show honors in the Pre-War category in an audience vote. Other Packards Virginia members were in attendance at the show either on foot or with other cars, including Hal and Kathy Hermann, Orin Kerr, and Robert Montague. Turn out was relatively modest this year because the weatherman predicted strong rains later in the today. The rains held out until a minute or two after the award ceremony, when the skies opened up and poured rain for the next hour. Everyone made it home safely in the rain, fortunately, with Scott and his '33 Packard enjoying a large trophy.



Scott Leaf's 1933 1001 Coupe-Roadster.

Word on the Street

Miscellaneous Thoughts, Ideas, and Sightings



Barn Find: North Carolina

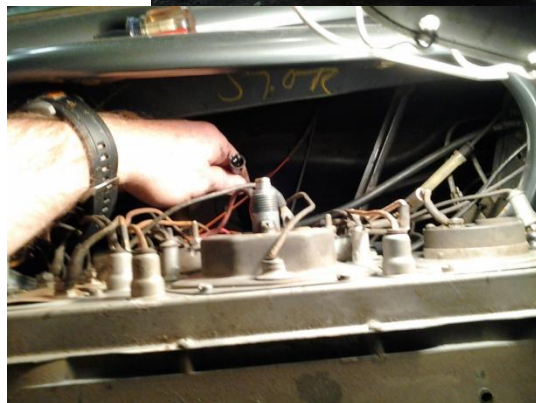
This find comes to your editor from Jim Pearsall, a devout tracker of all-things Packard. The pictured 1929 633 was originally sold out of Glens Falls, NY. Apparently, an original owner car, it has been in storage since late 50's.



They are still out there!

Speedo Repair – '53 Clipper

When the speedometer goes “whirrr” and spins like a top around the dial.... stick a fork in it, she’s done. That it was - kaput! A quick layover at “Dave’s Garage” in Gettysburg, PA was just what my Clipper needed. Your quick replacement guide: Step 1: Detach the speedometer cable by loosening a simple fitting. The instrument panel comes out with 2 screws and a gentle pop to the back. Remove old instrument by pulling 4 screws and loosening a pair of neighboring relay switches... easy enough. Lube the cable with a spot of oil and re-attach. Put the dash together under the watchful eye of the Chief Wrench... and road test!



Moral of the story – Packard repair is usually pretty straight-forward. That, and it helps to know an ace mechanic with a big garage.

Thanks Dad!

Editor removing worn-out speedo

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
16 Sully Historic Site
Father's Day Show
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!

