

The Packard Virginian

The Newsletter of Packards Virginia - Summer/Fall 2014



Busy Busy Days



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Editor's Message



Greetings Packards Virginia -

It has been quite a year. The touring season of calendar year 2014 soon draws to a close. But, the month of October surely offers a few great touring opportunities. Hopefully, you will have your car out there

Packards Virginia – as always - talk about it.... make friends.... The best way to grow the hobby is by being out there in the community with our cars, thus piquing curiosity about these Packard people. New interest can be sparked and a potential new member might come up to you and

Ask the Man Who Owns One!

Tim English

Deputy Director and PV Newsletter Editor 2014

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2014



Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show

Saturday, October 18, 2014 • 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park

603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851

Rain Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014

(In case of inclement weather, call 240-314-5022)

Schedule of Events

- 8:30 a.m. Field opens to show cars, flea market and car sales
- 11 a.m. All cars on the field; registration table and gates closed
- 11 a.m. Field opens to spectators – FREE ADMISSION
- 11:30 a.m. ... Band performance
- 2 p.m. People’s Choice voting ends
- 2:45 p.m. Mayor & Council Trophy and People’s Choice Award
- 3:30 p.m. Show closes



See reverse side for directions and general information.

Keep this information for reference. It will not be sent out again. Detach and send in the form below with check.

2014 Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show

REGISTRATION FORM

Early registration is encouraged to assure receiving a plaque and a space on the field.

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Car Club Affiliations: (if any) _____

Show Car Registration – \$10 per car before Sept. 12 and \$20 after Sept. 12
(1931 & older vehicles FREE for pre-registration only – Must pay at gate on day of event.)
The last day to pre-register is Friday, Oct. 3, after this date you can register at the show.

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION

Flea Market Space – \$30 per space before Sept. 12 and \$40 after Sept. 12 (one space equals two parking spaces – 18’ x 20’)

Items For Sale (Must be motor vehicle related) _____

Car Sale Space – \$30 per space before Sept. 12 and \$40 after Sept. 12. (Space equals one parking space – 10’ x 18’)

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE!

Please fill out the applicable portion of this form, make checks payable to: City of Rockville, and mail to: Rockville City Hall, Events Specialist, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850



IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Please Read

General Information, Eligibility and Policy:

- All registration fees are nonrefundable.
- The 2014 Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show is open to all motor vehicles up to and including 1989.
- *No replicars, hot rods, custom/modified cars or any other non-authentic or altered vehicles will be admitted to the display field.*
- Vehicles will not be judged; however, all vehicles admitted to the field must be in a condition of preservation or restoration that would not reflect discredit on the show or hobby. The Car Show Committee reserves the right to register and permit only those vehicles so described. All show vehicles are subject to final inspection and acceptance.
- All pre-registered vehicles that are received by Sept. 12 and owners will be listed in the 2014 Car Show program.
- *Day of Registration closes at 11 a.m. SHARP! No late-comers will be allowed on show field.*
- All pre-registered vehicles must arrive on the field by 11 a.m. to receive solid brass-etched dash plaque awards.
- *Pre-registration tickets will not be mailed to registrants.* Tickets will be distributed on site the day of the show.
- Pre-registration does not guarantee a reserved place at the show; first-come, first-served rule applies.
- *Please observe AACA safety standards. You are required to have a fire extinguisher and wheel chock for your vehicle.*
- All participating vehicle owners and vendors are requested to remain for the entire length of the show.
- Car sales will not be permitted on the display field.
- Show cars must be driven onto the field. *Trailers will not be allowed on the field.* Off-field trailer parking will be available.
- Sponsoring clubs may award prizes to their participating members.
- All flea market vendors shall be in compliance with AACA rules regarding flea market sales. *Flea market sale items must relate to motor vehicle parts or accessories ONLY.* Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the show. Available space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The show takes place on the Rockville Civic Center grounds. The field is grassy and hilly. Handicapped parking for spectators is available. Any individual with disabilities who may require assistance to attend this event, or who has questions about accessibility, may contact the ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8108 (TTY 240-314-8137).

The Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show is under the auspices of:

National Capital Region AACA
Mid-Atlantic Packards, A Region of the Packard Club
Potomac Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club
Nation's Capital Chapter Model T Ford Club International
Potomac Chapter Classic Thunderbird Club
Chesapeake Bay Chapter Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club
Potomac Chapter, The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.
George Washington Chapter Model "A" Ford Club of America
Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club
Washington Area Chapter (Group Corvair) Corvair Society of America
National Capital Region Mustang Club
Chrysler Product Owners Club, Inc.
Early Ford V-8 Club of America, National Capital Regional Group
Chesapeake Region Rolls Royce Owners Club

Capitol City Rockets, Oldsmobile Club of America
Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACA
Metro Area Chapter Buick Club of America
Mid-Maryland Ford Club
Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club
Lincoln and Mercury Friends
The National Capital Fiat Club
Mid-Atlantic Region Ferrari Club of America
Capital Chapter Alfa Romeo Owners Club
Pontiac Early Times Chapter Club
Potomac 356 Owners Group
Pontiac-Oakland Club International, Inc. - National Capitol Area Chapter
AlfaRomeoOwners.org
Greater Washington Area Mercedes Club of America
Lotus, Ltd. - DC Chapter

**Sponsored by the City of Rockville and the Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show Committee.
This is a City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Department Special Event production.**

**For more information please visit the City of Rockville's website at
www.rockvillemd.gov/events or call our Direction Line at 240-314-5004**

Packards Virginia Trip to Dodona Manor



By Tom Brooks

On June 1, Packards Virginia took a trip to Leesburg to visit Dodona Manor, the former home of General George C. Marshall. Six groups including five Packards made the trip on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

General Marshall and his wife purchased the home shortly before the United States entered World War II, and he returned to the home and lived there full time after the war. The home has since been restored to how it looked in the 1950s, with about 90% of the furniture and the items in the home that which originally belonged to the Marshalls. In addition to a tour of the house, the group enjoyed watching a film of General Marshall's remarkable military career.



Packards Virginia Trip to Dodona Manor



Importantly for us, General Marshall also was a Packard enthusiast. When he was named a Brigadier General in 1936, he received a significant pay increase. For the first time, he could afford a new car. General Marshall celebrated by purchasing a new Packard. Marshall's wife later commented about coming home that day and seeing the new car in the driveway: "In front of the cottage stood a beautiful new Packard Car – to replace our little Ford. So [General Marshall] had one thrill out of his generalcy, for a Packard in those times of depression was indeed a marvelous thrill. I was quite overcome with joy."



The group poses for a picture after enjoying the tour

PACVA members asked the docents what had become of General Marshall's Packard. None knew the answer, but they promised to research the question and report back to us. We will include that report, if we receive one, in future editions of the newsletter.



Packards Virginia Trip to Dodona Manor



After the tour of Dodona Manor, most of the group enjoyed frozen yogurt at a nearby store before returning home. The spectacular weather certainly added to the occasion: It was sunny, dry, and 80 degrees during most of the day.

The Dodona Manor home was particularly impressive because of the quality of its restoration, something members of PACVA can appreciate. The details of the house were very close to what they had been, including a vintage kitchen.



At Left - Claire Brooks and Hal Hermann ponder some of the details of the vintage kitchen. At RIGHT - The Leafs head out after enjoying the tour

Although PACVA brought five Packards to Dodona Manor, it turned out that there were six Packards on the block, not five. Two houses down from Dodona Manor stood a funeral home, with this 1940 Packard hearse prominently displayed in the front entrance.

An Image from our Packard Truck friends



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My thanks to Tim Gosling of England for the above excellent picture Tim is a noted period historian and a highly talented antique truck restorer. In this issue—a passing of a good friend in Serbia, Armed Forces Day @ Carlisle Army Heritage and Education Center and a Packard Army truck in the Washington DC Memorial Day parade as a participant unit with the WW-I Centennial Commission.

Sully Plantation

Er, National Historic Site



Packards Virginia represented well at this annual Father's Day event. Folks enjoyed a spectacular day of weather for an event as you can see by the pictures below. A lot of familiar faces graced the field and some new. One young fella seems to have an eye for Packards already! Looks like a smart young man!



PAC National – Warren Ohio



PAC President Steve Christy welcomes Allegheny Region member Forrest White who brought his 1924 1st Series Six to the National meet.



PAC National – Warren Ohio



(Reprinted with permission from Mid-Atlantic Packards)

Your acting editor and wife Jane drove from Gettysburg caravanning with Ray Tennyson and his son Colby from Carlisle. We drove our 1952 '200' 2 door (with 288 and overdrive!), and Ray drove his 1955 Clipper. Ray was concerned about oil use, since he thought he had a leak in the timing chain area. Stopping for oil check was primary, and gas was secondary, and the trip from central PA to Warren Ohio was uneventful. The cell phones with MAP apps were frustrating but informative to use.

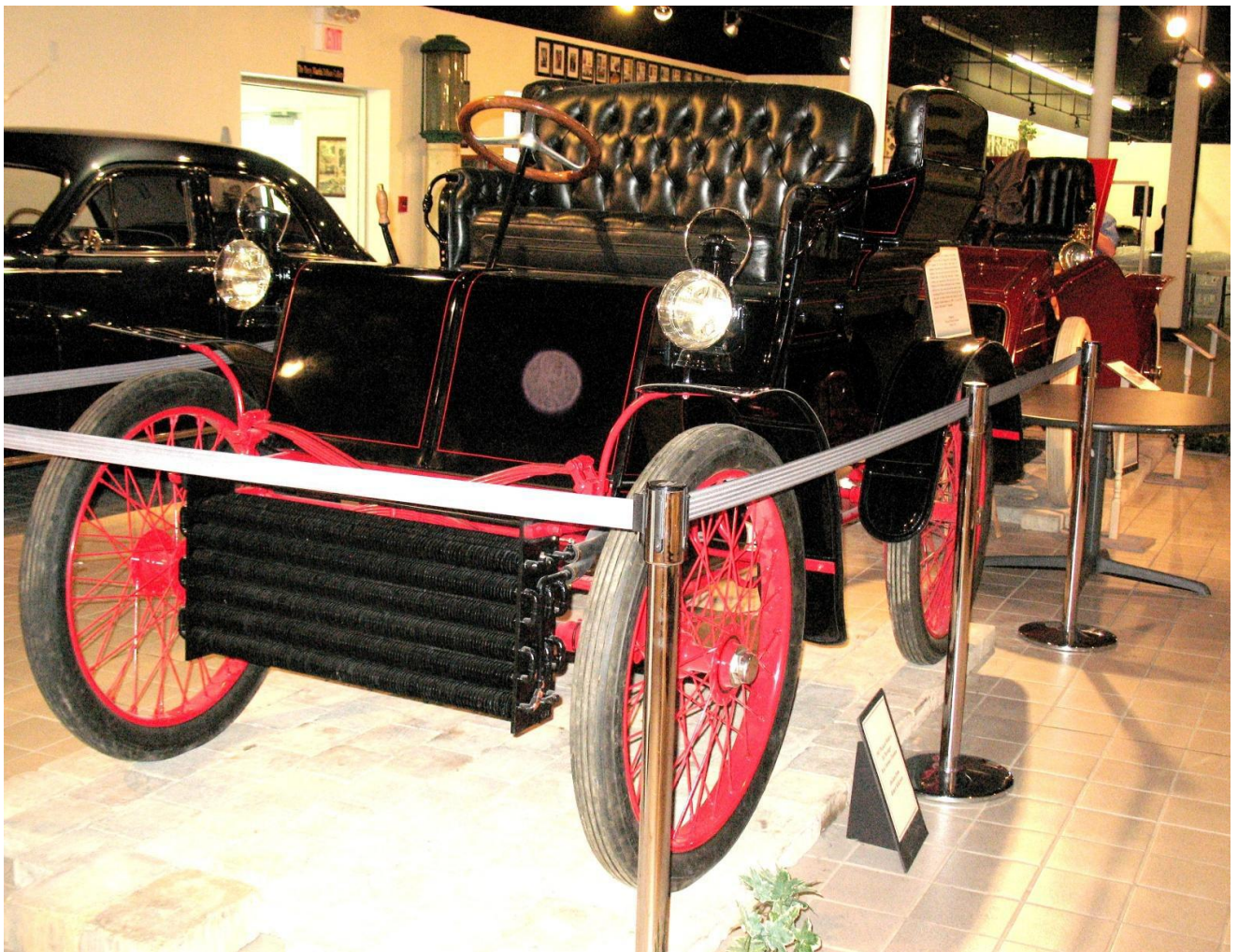
The meet headquarters was at the National Packard Museum on Mahoning Ave in Warren. As we drove out to the museum, it brought back our memories of 1999 and the 100th anniversary celebration for Packard Motor Car Co. The homes and other structures with Packard associations along Mahoning Ave are well maintained and beautiful.



PAC National – Warren Ohio



The registration desk at the Packard Museum was busy and preparations for the Welcome Dinner were evident. Many Packards rested in the parking lot, while members greeted one another inside. During the excellent buffet dinner, the Mayor of Warren, William D Franklin welcomed the group to his city. He emphasized the importance of the Packard Museum to Warren, its people, and the local economy. It was enjoyable to sit among the early Packards and study the robust nature of their construction and marvel at their survival. Terry Martin, the Honorary Chairman of the meet, has played a major role in restoring and driving these wonderful early machines.





The Best Weekend of Our Lives

By Tim English

It was the best weekend of our lives. Edith Wiseman and I said “I Do” on May 25th, 2014 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. When we got engaged in last year, I was thrilled that she said “Yes” and my only requirement for our wedding?.... Well, there will be at least one Packard there! And so there were.



Newlyweds!
Mr & Mrs English

The first 6 months of our year were consumed by wedding work as you can imagine. Visits with caterers, photographers, pastors and the rest filled our evenings and weekends. Meanwhile, Dad & Mom (MAP members Dave & Jane English) were super-duper supportive in the very best ways possible. Dad meticulously planned the logistics, nay – the choreography, of the Packard-studded car service of the day. And both Mom & Dad supported us with every visit as we ground through decisions and the process of pulling off our big day.



The Bride arrives in style -
1930 740 Packard Limousine



The Bride emerges...

The Best Weekend of Our Lives



Packards Virginia was ably represented by Orin & Ainsley Kerr, who brought young Jonah (and his staff!) to the event. As you can see, Edith and I were showered with love and support at every turn. Good Packard friends, we're off to a great start!



**At top, the bridal party arrives at the reception....
The happy couple - all smiles in a 1927 443 Touring
At right, the same happy couple in different wheels!**



The Best Weekend of Our Lives

The day was about the bride and groom... well, as it should be. But, the classic Packards added an extra touch of class to the day's events. All the cars performed admirably. Only the groom's 1953 Clipper, freshly cleaned and detailed, failed to make the event. With all the effort put into the cars for the day – somehow, the logistics staff forgot to check for gas!!



I could go on, but it is sufficient to say that Edith and I are so very happy – thrilled – as we start our new life together... and we hope to see the club and more of our Packard friends again soon.



Good Night,
Friends

The Bridal Party blocks the view of the cars – but on this day, it's okay



Henry B. Joy Tour

Reprinted courtesy Mid-Atlantic Packards

Held on Lake Otsego NY, at Cooperstown, home of the baseball Hall of Fame, Chuck and Janet Flinchbaugh did a masterful job of selecting a site and preparing an itinerary for an enjoyable Packard tour. They really have a knack for finding outstanding accommodations and venues.

Almost all of the 89 registrants stayed at the 135 room Otesaga Hotel. The 43 registered Packards found lots of room in the spacious parking areas, and plenty of admiring guests and helpful staff. MAP and Packards Virginia were well represented with 8 and 15 members respectively (some attendees belong to both regions).

MAP members and their cars were: Dave and Jane English '26 236 phaeton, Ole Book '56 Executive HT, Miles White '48 super 8, Ross Miller Pack-up, Hal and Kathy Hermann '57 Clipper, Tom and Clare Brooks '40 160 convertible. Attending from Packards Virginia were: Scott Leaf '36 120B sedan with Pierre and Gaetane Gagnon, Dwight Heinmuller '54 Patrician, and Rodney Hobbs '56 Patrician.

After we arrived with our sick battery, we found our way to the Packard crowd on the hotel veranda and met-up with many old friends and making new ones.



Geatane and Pierre Gagnon (1931 833 phaeton owners) join Scott Leaf and Debbie MacKenzie (drivers of their 1936 120B Touring sedan).



Henry B. Joy Tour



Two of our possible venues were the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY and The Baseball Hall of Fame, right in Cooperstown.



Lorraine and Norm Hathaway .. He had his 90th birthday on the tour. **They drove their 1929 640 Sport Phaeton 190 miles to the tour.**

Our PAC Board Secretary Royce Baier is "selling" his wife Shelia on another Packard..she has heard this before and understands!



Henry B. Joy Tour

an early small shower



Chuck promises the downpour will end... SOON!

“ A Revolutionary Ramble” took us thru the Mohawk Valley, where we toured three battle sites ending at the OLD STONE FORT, containing an interesting museum of NY artifacts.



Harry Hoyt wearing his hat, ready to enlist. Your editor agrees!

Our nice box lunch with homemade cookies awaited us at the Carrot Barn. Dave Robinson’s 1930 733 had to be taken back to the hotel with a fuel problem. We then drove to Sharon Springs, an old spa resort which preceded the more fashionable Saratoga Springs.



Paul (and Pam) Friskopp’s 1938 V12 Formal Sedan



Dave and Eric Robinson and their 733 Sedan



Henry B. Joy Tour



We toured the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich N Y. Created by George Staley a past member of PAC, it had many great cars like this Deussenberg!

Some of our tour group used this time as an opportunity to see the Baseball Hall of Fame, and some of the past greats of the new champions of the American League East-- The Baltimore ORIOLES!!

There were only a few occasions where Packards needed attention -- Dave Robinson in his 1930 sedan, had some carburetor trouble, while your acting editor's 1926 -- 236 and Norman Hathaway's 1929 640 touring both had battery trouble. The staff at the hotel could not have been more accommodating. While 'Jeff' made sure Dave was supplied with electrical hook-ups, Norm was off with 'Luther' to the Tractor Supply in Oneonta NY (it was Labor Day, and they were open!). Norm returned with 2 Group 4 batteries and all the 'fixings' for our 2 Packards. That was a 50-mile round trip, and I believe Luther used his own car!

This, like the other "JOY" tours, was special and provided a unique opportunity to tour with friends and Packards. PLEASE consider joining the JOY tour next year sponsored by Packards Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.



Miles White's 1948 SUPER 8 ready to travel!



Henry B. Joy Tour

Frank Wemple's 1934 1104 Super 8



We explored the Eastern side of the lake so see HYDE HALL, Cooperstown's version of "DOWNTON ABBEY", built by George Clarke in early 1800's and home to five future generations of his family . After lunch at PICCOLO's, an old NY Central Railroad station, we visited LOCK #17 of the ERIE Canal and heard a talk about the importance of the canal in opening "the west". Each tour venue was interesting and well done, so you should consider attending our MAP events and drive your PACKARD!



"we have visitors, call the servants!".. A view from HYDE HALL

2014 EVENT CALENDAR

JAN



FEB

23 Train & Old Car Day
(Fairfax, VA)

MAR

2 Jump-Start Brunch!
(Alexandria, VA)

APR

24-25 ODPC Tour
(Lancaster, PA)

MAY

9-10 All-Packards Indoor
Swap Meet
(Frederick, MD)

JUN

1 Packards Virginia
Picnic at the Virginia
State Arboretum
(Boyce, VA)

7 Orphan Car Tour
(Parkton, MD)

13-15 Elegance at Hershey

JUL

15-20 PAC National Event
(Warren, OH)

AUG

2 Wax & Relax
MAP Event
(Parkton, MD)

SEP

1-5 Henry Joy Tour
(Cooperstown, NY)

OCT

8-11 HERSHEY!
12 Packard Truck Show
(York Springs, PA)
18 The Rockville Show
(Rockville, MD)

NOV

DEC

**HAPPY
PACKARDING!**