

PRESS RELEASE: 2021 ORPHAN CAR TOUR

Plans finalized for 29th Orphan Car Tour

The 2021 Orphan Car Tour, scheduled for Saturday, June 5, will follow a 60-mile circuitous path from Burkittsville, Maryland to Bluemont, Virginia. Along the way, participants will have the opportunity to stop and visit a private collection of 25 cars (1908-1970), an operating grist mill, the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, an antique auto repair and restoration shop, and several other places of interest. Upon arrival at Bluemont, participants will partake in a buffet dinner. The Tour's nickname this year is "A River Runs Through It", because of the route's several river crossings.

This year's tour is a replay of the 2020 tour which was canceled due to the pandemic. The 2021 event is contingent upon the continued improvement of the coronavirus situation. That situation will be reviewed by Tour officials in mid-April, and a decision to go ahead or cancel will be made at that time.

This will be the 29th Orphan Car Tour, an event designed to encourage the driving enjoyment of antique "orphan" (discontinued-make) vehicles which are at least 25 years old. Each Tour takes place in a different location in the greater Washington-Baltimore area, usually rural, whose low-speed roads are old-car friendly. Participants follow printed directions and travel at their own pace. As many as 64 cars have been driven on past Tours, bearing nameplates that ranged from the familiar (Pontiac, Mercury, Plymouth) to the obscure (Moline-Knight, Flanders and Alvis). The oldest cars ever driven date back to 1912.

The Tour's six sponsors -- all local chapters or regions of national "orphan" car clubs -- are the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the H-E-T Club, the DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland, the Keystone Region Chapter of the Studebaker Driver's Club (SDC), Mid-Atlantic Packards (a region of The Packard Club), the Potomac Region of the SDC, and The Potomac Ramblers (an affiliate of the AMO and AMCRC clubs).

Further details, a flyer and tour updates will be available by late March on the Tour's website at <http://www.orphancartour.org/>. Further information is available from Jon Battle at (540) 364-1770, or via e-mail at tourdirector@orphancartour.org.

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SUGGESTED CALENDAR LISTING:

June 5, 2021 (Sat.): 29th Orphan Car Tour, Burkittsville, MD to Bluemont, VA. Limited to "orphan" (discontinued-make) vehicles at least 25 years old. See website <http://www.orphancartour.org/>. Further information: Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 or tourdirector@orphancartour.org.