

**PRESS RELEASE: 2020 ORPHAN CAR TOUR     3-15-2020 -- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.**

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## **Plans finalized for 29<sup>th</sup> Orphan Car Tour**

The 2020 Orphan Car Tour will get underway on the morning of Saturday, June 6 in Burkittsville, Maryland. From there, participants will drive their cars along a 60-mile route over mostly-rural roads to Bluemont, Virginia, following printed directions and proceeding at their own pace.

Along the way, drivers and their passengers 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 enjoy a buffet dinner. The Tour's nickname this year is "A River Runs Through It", because of the route's several river crossings.

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> running of the Orphan 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, and whose low-speed roads are old-car friendly. Over the years "orphaned" nameplates spotted on the Tour have ranged from the familiar (Pontiac, Mercury) to the obscure (Moline-Knight, Hupmobile), and cars dating back to 1912 have been driven.

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 are available on the Tour's website at <http://www.orphancartour.org/>. In the unlikely event of cancellation of the meal and/or driving tour due to the coronavirus, those who have pre-registered will be notified and pre-payments will be refunded. Further information is available from Jon Battle at (540) 364-1770, or via e-mail at [tourdirector@orphancartour.org](mailto:tourdirector@orphancartour.org).

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## **CALENDAR LISTING:**

June 6, 2020: 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tourdirector@orphancartour.org) .