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**Next chapter meeting at the dealership
Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30 PM.**

Glory Days July 2026



Director – Victor Ponte

Hello, Members,
We are halfway through the year. The first half has been both a challenge and a valuable learning experience for all of the officers. Some of our most significant events have included the Regional Officer Connection training in Wilmington, the transition to our new website hosted by HOGScan, participation in primary events at Baltimore, Fort Washington, and 1st

State, the Blessing of the Bikes event, our monthly socials, the baseball game, and the blood drive. In addition, we have enjoyed many rides that have helped all of you have fun on your motorcycles.

I encourage you to look through the newsletter for rides scheduled in the coming months. Our road captains have planned a variety of rides, with some being more challenging than others. The schedule includes weekday rides, weekend rides, and multi-day rides. Also, don't forget about the Chapter Passport Challenge. This is a great opportunity to ride on your own to the locations listed in the Passport book. You can contact the ride programs officer to obtain a Passport book or print one from our website at www.oldgloryhog.com.

The Harley-Davidson Demo Truck will be at Old Glory on July 10, 11, and 12. I invite you and all of your licensed friends to join us and test ride any of the new motorcycles in the Harley-Davidson lineup. This is a fun event that our chapter is proud to support. Let's follow Len's example from previous years and earn compliments for the outstanding job we do at this event. If you have volunteered, thank you—I sincerely appreciate your help. If you haven't volunteered, come out, ride, and have fun.

I have decided to discontinue the Orientation Rides that we scheduled twice a month over the past three months. Unfortunately, we did not receive a positive response from new chapter members or new motorcycle owners. I appreciate the dealership staff for promoting the program and the dedication of the road captains who supported it.

Beginning in August, we will continue our Get Acquainted Rides (GAR). These rides will be scheduled on the Saturday following each monthly chapter meeting.



**Ride 365
Mileage Status**

Members with:
Two or more readings: 28
One reading: 35
No readings: 102

Total Chapter Miles
133,586






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★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

	LETTERFLY PINSTRIPING ARTIST & AUTHOR ON-SITE	JULY 01, 2026 9:00AM – JULY 05, 2026 5:00PM
	ALL-AMERICAN BIRTHDAY BASH 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM CELEBRATION	JULY 04, 2026 11:00AM – 4:00PM 
	OFFICIAL HARLEY-DAVIDSON DEMO FLEET ON-SITE	JULY 10, 2026 10:00AM – JULY 12, 2026 4:00PM
	STARS & STRIPES BIKE NIGHT	JULY 17, 2026 5:00PM – 9:00PM 
	NACHO AVERAGE PARTY	JULY 18, 2026 11:00AM – 4:00PM 

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Secretary –Joe Bourke

Hi everybody,

Summer is here with nice long riding days so let's do what we do best, ride, ride, ride. There are rides every week on the calendar. There are two overnight rides this month; one led by Eddie and one by me. There is still time to consider both of these chapter rides which would also help add to our total for the Chapter Mileage Challenge. If you wish to give back to the chapter, consider becoming an officer for the coming year. I will be stepping down as secretary at the end of the year and we will need someone to serve in this capacity. Please know that I pray for each and every chapter member daily. As always, if you hear of an occasion to recognize any chapter member or have news about chapter members please email me at Secretary@oldgloryhog.com.



Safety –Tyrone Jones

Hazards Of Riding in The Heat

Riding a motorcycle in extreme heat presents unique, often invisible dangers that go far beyond simple discomfort. When summer temperatures soar, riders face severe physiological risks and critical gear dilemmas that can compromise safety. Understanding these hazards is essential for surviving the riding season unscathed.

The Dehydration Trap

When riding, wind blast instantly evaporates sweat. This creates a cooling illusion while actually accelerating fluid loss. Riders often do not realize they are dehydrating until severe symptoms strike.

Rapid Fluid Loss: High speeds mask how much you are sweating.

Cognitive Decline: Mild dehydration degrades concentration and slows reaction times.

Physical Fatigue: Loss of electrolytes causes muscle cramps and reduced grip strength.

Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

Once the ambient temperature exceeds your core body temperature (around 98.6°F / 37°C), wind no longer cools you. Instead, the rushing air acts like a convection oven, actively heating your body.

Heat Exhaustion: Symptoms include heavy sweating, dizziness, nausea, and a rapid pulse.

Heat Stroke: This is a life-threatening medical emergency where the body loses its ability to cool down. Symptoms include confusion, hot/dry skin, and fainting.

Impaired Judgment: A overheated brain cannot effectively process complex traffic patterns or make split-second survival decisions.

The "Squid" Dilemma: Comfort vs. Protection

Extreme heat tempts riders to shed protective gear in favor of t-shirts and shorts—a practice known in the motorcycle community as "squidding."

Vulnerability: Riding without gear leaves you completely unprotected against road rash in a crash.

Sunburn Exhaustion: Exposed skin sunburns quickly, which actually increases body temperature and accelerates fatigue.

Hot Air Exposure: Directly exposing skin to air hotter than 99°F accelerates dehydration and heat stroke faster than wearing a mesh jacket.

Environmental and Mechanical Hazards

Summer heat also alters the physical riding environment and puts immense strain on your machine.

Melting Asphalt: Scorching pavement can sweat oil, reducing tire traction. Kickstands can sink into softened asphalt, tipping parked bikes.

Tar Snakes: The rubberized sealant used to fix road cracks becomes slick and greasy, causing tires to wiggle or slide.

Engine Strain: Air-cooled engines easily overheat in stop-and-go traffic, leading to mechanical failure.

Tire Blowouts: High road temperatures increase tire pressure and stress the rubber, elevating the risk of a blowout.

Strategic Mitigation for Hot Weather Riding

To stay safe when the mercury rises, modify your riding habits and equipment:

Wear Mesh Gear: Use armored, light-colored mesh jackets and pants that allow airflow while maintaining abrasion protection.

Hydrate Preemptively: Drink water and electrolytes before you feel thirsty. Use a hydration backpack for sipping while riding.

Use a Wet Cooling Vest: Evaporative cooling vests worn under a mesh jacket can lower body temperature effectively for a few hours.

Avoid Peak Heat: Schedule your rides for early morning or late evening to bypass the harshest sun.

Take Frequent Breaks: Stop in the shade or air conditioning every hour to let your core temperature drop.



Activities/Ladies of Harley – Karen Busso

A Hog Night at the Ball Game

On Saturday, June 6th, 54 adults and 12 children attended the Chesapeake Bay Sox's game. We had a sky box with a great view, air conditioning and outside seating. A severe thunder storm rolled in during the game and we watched the field staff prepare the field for the storm. When it was over, Mother Nature treated us to a beautiful rainbow. The rain delay did not dampen anyone's spirits for the game and it ended with an awesome fireworks display. The event was a great success thanks to Mark Torsani and Chesapeake Catering who provided great service and delicious food. A big thank you goes out to Mark and his staff.

COME OUT TO THE JULY SOCIAL

When: Saturday, July 18, 2026

Where: Home Slyce

Location: Home Slyce, 9400 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia, MD
www.homeslyce.com

Please make suggestions for future restaurant locations: Activities@OldGloryHOG.com Also, **HELP WANTED** for an activities coordinator.

THE DEMO TRUCK IS COMING TO OLD GLORY

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 10-12

This is a great time to test drive all the 2026 models as many times as you would like.

Volunteers needed for registration! It's more fun than work.

Registration times are four (4) hour blocks, morning or afternoon – any day during the weekend. Please RSVP to setup the schedule at Activities@OldGloryHOG.com

COMING SOON

Old Glory Chapter Best Hand Primary Event

Saturday, August 22, 2026

(See the flyer in this newsletter for details)



Ride Programs – Ernie Staples, Jr.

Don't miss out on the ride givebacks! Each month, March through October, I pick one ride and give chapter members that show up for the ride an opportunity to get something back from the chapter. The June giveback took place on the June 25th ride to the Twinny's 162 restaurant in Galena MD. The 13 chapter members that participated in the ride enjoyed beautiful weather, ate oversized subs, and then the chapter paid for everybody's dessert! Be sure to show up for as many July rides as you can – there's no telling what you might win.

The Old Glory HOG Chapter Passport Contest gives you an opportunity to earn points for doing things that you would be doing anyway: riding, meeting other chapter members, and taking advantage of everything the chapter has to offer. Or, if you like riding on your own, you can get points for that too – there are 59 different locations that you can ride to in order to earn points. Pick up a Passport booklet from me, at a meeting or if you see me on a ride, and then keep it on your motorcycle so that you don't miss an opportunity to earn points. The ten chapter members with the most points at the end of the year will win an Old Glory H-D gift card.

Thank you to all of the chapter members that came out in June to support the Fort Washington and First State primary events. On August 1st, we have a ride scheduled to the Chesapeake Chapter's primary event. I'm hoping that Old Glory can win the most-participating chapter award this year.

So please come out to support Chesapeake's event. Also, you'll earn 10 Passport points for participating in the chapter ride to each primary event.

In order to obtain Chrome Chapter status, we need at least 50% of our members to submit two odometer readings to National HOG this year. It doesn't matter how far you ride, you just need to submit two readings. If you haven't already submitted your first odometer reading, please do so as soon as possible. If you've already submitted your first reading, now is a great time to submit your second reading. There are multiple ways that you can submit a reading:

Ride to any Harley-Davidson dealership and ask for your odometer reading to be submitted.

Join the Let's Ride Challenge, ride to a participating Harley-Davidson dealership, and scan their QR code to have your odometer reading validated.

Email photos of your odometer, VIN, and HOG membership card to one of the following:

Alison Norton <AlisonN@oldgloryharley.com>;

Andrew Schneider <AndrewS@oldgloryharley.com>;

Dan Brennan <DanB@oldgloryharley.com> and ask for your odometer reading to be submitted.



Dates	Event	Time
Thursday, 7/2	Rose Haven	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesday, 7/7	Chapter Meeting	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Tuesday, 7/7	HOG Volunteer	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Friday, 7/10 – Thursday, 7/16	Northeast Tour ***	8:00 AM to ?
Friday, 7/10— Sunday, 7/12	Demo Truck	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesday, 7/15	Mountainview Diner	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday, 7/18	Chapter Social	TBD
Wednesday, 7/22	Best BBQ in Maryland	9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Thursday, 7/23	Heading To Cobb Island	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday, 7/25— Sunday, 7/26	Explore Nelson 151 ***	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Tuesday, 7/28— Friday, 8/14	Sturgis 2026 Ride ***	8:00 AM to ?
Saturday, 8/1	Chesapeake Historical Hysterical Poker Run***	8:30 AM to ?
*** Leaving from alternate location		

FROM THE OPEN ROAD



After 6,662.6 miles, two coasts, countless gas stops, one rear tire replacement, more iced tea than I'd like to admit, and enough bad gas station coffee to fuel a small town, I finally rolled back into my driveway last night from my Route 66 adventure.

I'm still processing it.

What started as "a motorcycle trip" in Glen Burnie, Maryland quickly became something much bigger. The first day brought rain almost immediately — which somehow felt fitting. The bike was loaded, the road was calling, and after months of planning, the journey was finally real. Two days later I was standing at the Begin Route 66 sign in Chicago staring down a road I'd dreamed about riding for years.

From there, Route 66 unfolded exactly the way it's supposed to: slowly. Not interstate slowly. Not modern travel slowly. Real slowly. Small towns.

Neon motel signs glowing at night. Empty stretches of road where your thoughts get louder than the engine. Places like the Boots Court Motel in Carthage, Missouri that feel frozen in time in all the right ways. Lunch stops at roadside legends like the U Drop Inn where a brisket sandwich and an iced tea somehow taste ten times better after hours in the desert heat.

Somewhere around the halfway point of the trip, I realized Route 66 isn't really about the destination at all. It's about rediscovering what travel used to feel like before everything became rushed, sterile, and forgettable.

Santa Fe hit especially hard. The kind of place that immediately tells you a quick stop isn't enough. The colors, the art, the people, the energy — it felt alive in a way so many places don't anymore. Pulling into El Rey Court after a long day in the saddle felt like stepping into the golden age of American road travel. Neon lights, motorcycles parked outside motel rooms, travelers sharing stories after dark. It reminded me that the spirit of the American road trip isn't dead.

You just have to know where to find it.

Of course, the road always gets a vote.

Mine came in the form of a nail in the rear tire somewhere out west. Plans changed and miles got delayed. I spent the morning parked at Thunderbird Harley waiting for a new tire instead of chasing the next stop on the map. But that's all part of a trip like this. You adapt and you laugh about it later. The imperfections become part of the story.

Then there were the moments no photo can really capture properly.

Watching the sunrise over the Grand Canyon in cold morning air before the crowds showed up. Rolling through the Painted Desert feeling impossibly small against the landscape. Crossing mountain roads through the Rockies on the ride home thinking they might be some of the best motorcycle roads I've ever experienced.

Finally reaching Santa Monica was surreal. Standing at the End of the Trail sign after chasing Route 66 across the country felt less like finishing a ride and more like realizing how much happened between the start and the finish. Long days. Random conversations. Desert heat. Small towns. Silence. Time to think. A lot of time to think.

Maybe that's the real gift of a trip like this. Somewhere between exhaustion, clarity, endless miles, and being alone with your thoughts, you reconnect with parts of yourself modern life slowly buries under schedules, notifications, meetings, and routines.

The ride home felt different too. Not because I was done riding — but because I wasn't quite the same person who left.

Most of all, this trip reminded me why we ride in the first place. Not just for destinations or photos or bucket-list roads. We ride for the feeling. For the freedom. For the moments that force you to slow down enough to actually experience life instead of just passing through it.

Now if you'll excuse me... I should probably unpack the bike.

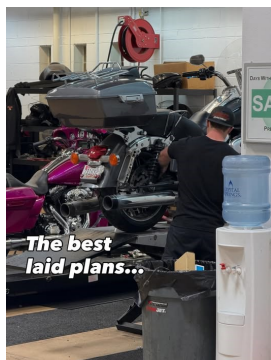
Or maybe just start planning the next ride.

- Carpe Viam my friends

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl R. Forsberg".

Karl R. Forsberg



GIVEAWAYS

Item	Won By
Large HD hog	Tyrone Jones
HD rally patch	Karl Forsberg
HD pin with Dragon	B. Webb
HD pin	John Ricciutti
HD pin	Frank Germanese
HD poker chip	Wayne Aamold
HD poker chip	Ernie Staples JR.
HD poker chip	Rick Smith
HD poker chip	Ranthonny Cotton
HD poker chip	Scott Walter
HD poker chip	Bill Herzing
HD poker chip	Rachel Quade
HD poker chip	Sherrie Payne
HD sun glasses	Chuck Ridgley
HD T shirt	Tom Cagle
Tire gauge	Dave Bernier
HD poker chip	Lance Francioni
HD poker chip	JD Perkins
HD poker chip	Tom Jamrock

Name Tag Winner— James Grizzle
won \$10 and a Harley mug



50/50 Winner – J. D. Perkins won
\$80

Director's Gift— Mike Fike won a
Harley cooler.

Volunteers

Pledge: Tim Maier

Name Tag: John Riciutti

Sign In: John Riciutti

50/50: Tommy Torillo, Wayne
Aamold

Giveaways: Karen Busso, Tim
Maier, Paula Schlegel, Len Busso,
Chuck Ridgley, Tom Cagle, Santa
(Rick Smith)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Aamold	Wayne	7/13
Cooper	Buddy	7/16
Kraft	Francine	7/11

**Old Glory Chapter
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Members

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My First Bike Story



by Bob Lawinger

It was the summer of '83. I was 18 years old, working multiple jobs and trying to save as much money as I could before summer ended. One day, driving between jobs, I saw a bike for sale. It had a chrome gas tank, white top, and a red XT blazoned on the side. I had always been an Evel Knievel fan, and something about that bike immediately resonated with me.

I come from a close family. Mom, Dad, and four siblings. I was smack dab in the middle. During the summer, the patio was where Mom and Dad had their evening drinks. Manhattans if my memory is correct. It was a happy place where we gathered and shared the events of the day. One evening I mentioned that I had seen this really cool motorcycle and I was going to check it out. My love of motorcycles and anything remotely Evel Knievel was well known. Dad's response was something like, "Your mother and I don't think it's a good idea for you to have a motorcycle". Looking back as an adult, this made perfect sense. I was what you might call a "colorful youth". The local police knew it, my neighbors knew it, and my parents sure as hell knew it. We were a normal family and all of us kids respected our parents, although some of us pushed those limits. Well, at 18 my arrogance knew no bounds as I blurted out that I wasn't asking permission, I was letting them know what I was going to do.

I'm not 100% sure what my father said after that, but I know it was loud and hostile. I stormed off for my own safety and to find my older sister who was always my partner in crime. The next day while Dad was at work, she drove me to the bank and then to the guy selling the bike. I barely rode it down the block and said I'll take it. Done deal! That was the easy part.

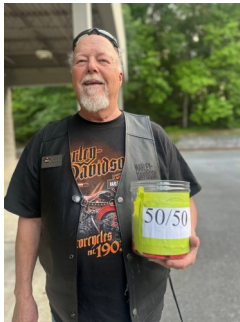
In a close family you can only dodge someone for so long. I managed to avoid my dad for about 10 days when the inevitable happened. We were sitting on the patio when my dad came home earlier than I expected. He came out the door and sat down before I could make a move. I waited for the storm I was sure was coming. The wind stopped blowing, my siblings went quiet and the birds in the trees stopped chirping. I remember thinking, this must be what it was like in the old west right before a showdown. A quiet tension hung in the air as we looked at each other. I braced myself for... I didn't know what, but I was gonna be ready. Finally, my father calmly asked if the bike was at the house. Trying to sound cool I responded, "It's parked on the side of the house". I think when I said the word parked it came out like a basset hound howl. He took another sip of his Manhattan then said, "Why don't you bring it around to the patio and I'll show you why that bike has so much torque". What? He was inviting me to bring the bike onto the patio? In front of my siblings and my mom!

I don't remember the details of what he said, but I will never forget the feeling I had as he pointed at the engine and transmission and explained the suspension and how it all worked together. It was a father-son moment that was branded on me for life.

Years later Mom confided that Dad was furious at my hubris and considered kicking me out of the house. My Irish mother pleaded on my behalf saying, I may just ride off. I'm pretty sure that was not the first time she pleaded for leniency on my behalf. I lost my mom in 2022 but I know she is looking down, watching me ride around on that big green Irish bagger I have today. Dad is 92 and still lives in Chicago and many of our conversations are about my rides. So, on this Father's day I thank him for all the love he showed his family, especially the ones who battled him along the way.

Everyone has a first bike story, and that's mine. God bless you for reading this far and stay on the right side of the mustard lines!

Chapter Meeting June 2, 2026 Old Glory HOG Birthday Celebration





Senior Road Captain - Gary

Rides - Save the Dates

Hi everybody. I think most of you recognize me or know me already. My name is Gary Stratmann. I'm the big guy with the orange shirt in the back of the room. I can't believe they made me the Senior Road Captain again. I guess it's because I love to ride. With that being said, my goal for our chapter is to give the members as many riding options as we can provide. This will show all that the Old Glory Chapter does ride.

YOU MUST ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE TO SIGN IN AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PRE-RIDE BRIEF. ALL RIDES LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRE-RIDE BRIEF. PLEASE CHECK THE CHAPTER HOTLINE (301-660-3150) 2 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE TIME FOR CANCELLATIONS

Remember: Alcohol is NOT allowed before or during chapter rides.

***** Denotes Alternate Departure Location**

Event: Rose Haven
Date: Thursday, July 2, 2026.
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 11:00 am
Destination: Chesapeake Market & Deli
7150 Lake Shore Drive
North Beach, MD 20714

Ride Team: L-Gary / R-
Email: Gary@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 70 miles / 2 hours
Tolls: None
Cost: Gas/Food

Comments: Déjà vu all over again. I love my burgers.

Event: ***Northeast Tour
Date: Friday-Wednesday, July 10-15, 2026
Depart: Dunkin' Donuts
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 08:00 am
Destination: Will email when final.

Ride Team: L-Eddie/ R-
Email: Eddie@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 2000 miles / 7 days
Tolls: Maybe
Cost: Gas/Food/Tolls/Lodging

Comments: The route will take us through PA, NY, VT, NH, ME, MA & CT. Stopping at HOG 50 Rides 1 Nation in each state. Including stops at Pa. Grand Canyon, Whiteface Mountain, Mount Washington Auto Rd, Easternmost Point in US. The lodging and route details provided to members going. Each day will be approximately 350 miles.

Lodging: Each member will be responsible for their own reservation because there is no group code. I picked locations that had a second hotel/ motel close by on most days. Since it is more expensive in the northeast, I also picked some less expensive spots that could save us money.

Event: Demo Truck Rides
Date: Friday, July 10-12, 2026
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: 10:00 am throughout the day until 4:30 pm
Destination: TBD
Comments: This is a short ride for riders considering a new motorcycle.

Ride Team: R/Cs
Email:
Distance: 10 miles / 1/2 hour
Tolls: None
Cost: None

Event: The Mountain House Ride
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2026
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 09:00 am
Destination: The Mountain House Bar & Grill
18734 Lincoln Hwy,
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Ride Team: L-Paul / R-
Email: Paul@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 135 miles / 2.5 hour
Tolls: None
Cost: Gas/Food

Comments: Paul's ride for the Mountain House. We will be using a wide variety of roads to get to this destination. "Yes, it is a biker bar, but you don't have to ride a bike to stop in and eat!"

Event: How About A Mountain View
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 11:00 am
Destination: Mountain View Diner
1300 West Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21703

Ride Team: L-Bill / R-
Email: Bill@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 100 miles / 2.5 hours
Tolls: None
Cost: Gas/Food

Comments: Mostly back roads heading west and north through New Market, Thurmont, Sabillasville and down to Catocin and Gambrills. Ride ends at the Mountain View Diner in Frederick where there is easy access to major routes home.

www.mountainviewdiner.com

Event: Best BBQ in Maryland
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 9:30 am
Destination: Jake's Grill
11950 Falls Road
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Ride Team: L-Victor / R-
Email: Victor@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 172 miles / 5.5 hours
Tolls: None
Cost: Gas/Food

Comments: It will be a ride over back roads, including single and multiple lane roads in Prince Georges, Howard, Carroll and Baltimore Counties. Let's see if it is the best BBQ in Maryland.

Event: Heading to Cobb Island
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 10:00 am
Destination: Capt. John's Seafood
16215 Cobb Island Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Ride Team: L- Tommy / R-
Email: Tommy@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 60 miles / 1 ½ hours
Tolls: None
Cost: Gas/Food

Comments: We are taking back roads South to our destination. So come on out and enjoy the ride.

Event: ***Overnight Getaway: Explore Nelson-151 Region
Date: Saturday July 25th to July 26th, 2026
Gerald.Walles.home@comcast.net

Ride Team: L-Tiki / R-
Email:

Depart: Wawa 163 Crain Hwy., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 08:00 am
Destination: Wingate by Wyndam,
20 Windigrove Drive,
Waynesboro, VA, 22980
540-447-5079

Distance: 445 miles R/T / 2 Days
Tolls: EZ-pass
Cost: Gas/Food/Tolls/Lodging

Comments: It will be a ride over back roads, including single and multiple lane roads, and some highways. There are more hotels near the Wingate such as Holiday Inn, Residence Inn and Days Inn, Hwy 64, Exit 94. Once parked, there are several nearby restaurants (Mexican/Outback) that are just walking distance away. So, let's explore this region, from Blue Ridge early morning photo op to twisties such as Route 56 and Route 151. Nelson-151 is well-known for numerous wineries and breweries, such as to Devils Backbone and best pizza at Blue Mountain Brewery. We shall explore these places with 20-minute stops to check-out their locations and menus. We also will be stopping at the Blue Ridge Tunnel. <https://nelsoncounty.com/blue-ridge-tunnel>.

Event: ***Ride to Sturgis
Date: Tuesday, July 28th to August 14th, 2026
Depart: McDonald's 6095 Daybreak Circle
Clarksville, MD.
Time: Pre-ride: 08:00 am

Ride Team: L-Joe Bourke / R-
Email: Secretary@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 6000 miles / 18 days
Tolls: None
Cost: Gas/Food/Lodging

Comments: This ride is to spend several days riding to Sturgis, possibly stopping at several 50 Rides, One Nation, or other sites along the way. Days will likely be about 300 or so miles. We will be lodging in Rapid City from August 2-6 and spending those days on rides like Devil's Tour, Mount Rushmore, Needles Highway, Spearfish Canyon and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Also, we will likely spend a day in Sturgis. This is the week before the rally and we will be leaving prior to the start. Anyone is welcome to stay for part of the rally if they wish. After leaving Rapid City we will head to the Going To The Sun Road and then to Washington State before returning through North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and eventually home. We will be doing some of the 50 Rides, One Nation rides and the 15 for 26 coin stops along the route. The routes can be found in the MyRoute App in My Friends section. I have already secured reservations at the Elevation Inn & Suites, Trademark Collection by Wyndham in Rapid City for Aug 2-6 but this may change.

2026 Overnight Rides

Event: HOGs at the Beach
Date: Thursday, September 24 – September 27, 2026
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 10:00 am
Destination: Francis Scott Key Family Resort
12806 Ocean Gateway
Ocean City, MD 21842
410-213-0088

Ride Team: L-Mike M / R-
Email: MikeM@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 140 miles / 3 days
Tolls: Bay Bridge
Cost: Gas/Food/Tolls/Lodging

Comments: Annual event with MDAMRA, held in Ocean City, MD. It's a get together between the HOG Chapters of Maryland and Delaware. The room block is available under "Biker Bash" for the discounted rate.

Event: HOGs at the Beach
Date: Friday, September 25 – September 27, 2026
Depart: OGH
Depart Time: Pre-ride: 10:00 am
Destination: Francis Scott Key Family Resort
12806 Ocean Gateway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Ride Team: L-Victor / R-
Email: Victor@OldGloryHOG.com
Distance: 140 miles / 3 days
Tolls: Bay Bridge
Cost: Gas/Food/Tolls/Lodging



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BEST HAND PRIMARY EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

\$10.00 - Registration: 9:30 - 11:00AM
Guided Ride leaves Old Glory dealership at **10:30AM**
or take a self- lead ride

SCENIC BACKROADS
with STOPS for cards and raffle tickets
Return to the Old Glory Dealership

Awards for the best 1st and 2nd place hands
at **2:00 pm**

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PRIZES**



**FOOD &
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**50/50
RAFFLE**



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