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Pennsylvania Orange Ride

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The ride starts and ends near Windber, which is situated in the narrow valley of the Big Paint Creek about 10 miles southeast of Johnstown on the northern edge of Somerset County. As you travel the 148.7 mile loop, you will come across a diverse landscape not only of the making of Mother Nature but of Man.

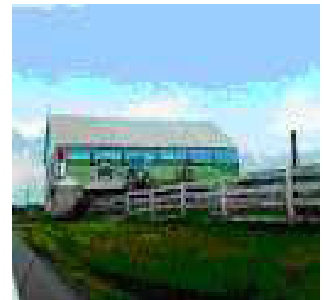
The roads are well maintained and provide you with many panoramas as you reach the many crest and ridges of the Allegheny Mountains along the route. Rolling along the valleys you will have a good time enjoying the scenic beauty of the many farms and forests that populate the rich bottom land. The scenery is full of natural beauty and historic sites. Part of the route follows the Lincoln Highway (the first highway planned for motorized travel that spanned the continent, from coast to coast) and goes close to Route 40 (known in this part as the "Wilderness Road" – originally a path used by native Americans and settlers). 7.6-mile gravel road to the summit of New England's highest peak.



While enjoying the freedom of the open road, take a somber detour to visit Shanksville – a short side-trip well worth the drive. Near here is the Flight 93 crash site. At the site you will appreciate what the passengers and flight crew did to help save our country from ever more disaster in or around our Nation's Capital on September 11, 2001.

At Confluence - note: this is where the Youghiogheny River, Casselman River and Laurel Hill Creek meet. If you enjoy fishing or the great outdoors, then from here to Ohiopyle to Normalville you will find plenty of diversions to hike, picnic, enjoy a swim or a whitewater rafting experience. If architecture is an interest, be sure to check out "Falling Water" a house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright – or a full-scale, on-site reconstruction of a 1758-1766 fort at Ligonier.

All along the route you will have the chance to stop at various antique stores, flea markets (in season) and odd establishments. This part of Pennsylvania has been settled for many years, and the first wave of auto enthusiasts ensured plenty of roadside businesses that either went bust or are crumbling, or they have found new life as tourist stops, eating establishments or other eye-ball popping sights. Be sure to slow down and check out the well maintained barn on Route 30 just outside of Schellsburg. The owner has gone to great lengths to paint a mural on the structure that recalls the heyday of Route 30.



If you have the desire to experience what it was like to sleep along the Lincoln Highway in the 1940's or 50's, you can probably find a place that was there then and still has the original décor and structures

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intact. If you yearn for modern luxury, then those places too can be found.

The route has segments that will satisfy most everyone's taste: Great vistas, climbing grades, sharp curves, good road food locations and historic attractions. The route sounds short at just under 150 miles, but if you immerse yourself into the culture of the route, and experience the adventures along the way, you will do more than travel miles, you will travel decades and more.

As they say when you enter Pennsylvania "America Starts Here" and in many ways, they're right.



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Got Your Motors Running for the 2009 Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia?

Got your motor running? Looking for adventure? Beginning April 4, motorcyclists with a Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia passport can head out on the highway and find adventure at more than 50 premier tourism destinations and attractions throughout the commonwealth and win some great prizes as well.

The Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia is a motorcyclist's dream, celebrating 40 years of "Virginia is for Lovers" - not to mention the movie *Easy Rider* and Arlo Guthrie's *The Motorcycle Song*. Through October 2009, riders and their passengers can express their passion for riding and for Virginia by collecting prize points when their passport is stamped at each participating location. More stamps mean more fun and more prizes.

Participants completing the entire tour with a total of 164 points will receive a Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia jacket and be in the running to win one of the following - two season passes for Virginia International Raceway 2010, a 1000-watt generator from Fredericksburg Motorsports, a \$500 gift certificate from California Sidecar Factory in Nellysford, a \$500 cash award from Dr Pepper, or a two-night stay at Wintergreen Resort in Nelson County.

For riders accumulating more than 100 points, names will be entered into a random drawing for prizes ranging from gift certificates from motorcycle dealers across the state, overnight stays at participating hotels and resorts, motorcycle tires, tour books and cash awards.

The official kick-off of the 2009 Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia is at Kings Dominion on Saturday, April 4. On-site registration is available from 10 a.m. - noon along with special half-priced tickets for admission to Kings Dominion for riders presenting their ride passport during the official kick-off. Purchase your discounted tickets in advance at <http://www.kingsdominion.com/> today!

To participate in the 2009 Grand Tour of Virginia, log on to motorcycleva.com to download the registration form. Send the completed form along with the \$25 registration fee to the address indicated on the form. All registrants will receive an official Grand Tour t-shirt, ride pin and passport.

The program kicks-off April 4, 2009, but riders can register until Sept. 1, 2009. Completed Motorcycle Grand Tour of Virginia passports must be mailed and postmarked by Nov. 1, 2009 to be eligible for ride prizes. A complete list of the sponsors, prizes and rules are also posted on motorcycleva.com along with a Virginia map highlighting all of the stops on the Grand Tour.

Motomarathon Association Sanctions Inaugural Ride

Boulder, Colorado (March 20, 2009) – In 1986, a small group of Colorado motorcyclists tried to ride as many mountain passes as they could over four days. Since then, “compressing as many passes as possible into the classic four-day motorcycle getaway became an obsession,” said founding Route Master John Metzger of Boulder, who has organized annual Pass Rides ever since.

In his quest to develop a universal criterion for this evolving form of sport-touring, Metzger was first drawn to the Iron Butt approach, “but soon realized that fatigue-riddled riding at high speed at night in a straight line on Interstates wasn’t my cup of tea. For me, it’s all about making turns.”

In 2006, Metzger celebrated 20 years of Pass Rides by organizing the first Cinquantapassi ride (50 passes). After a Ducati-sponsored junket to Italy and Slovenia for the enduro-style Centopassi in 2007, Metzger and riding buddies Paul DiMarchi and Jon Simisky created a fusion of past approaches to establish a new format – the Motomarathon.

Advertisement The Motomarathon is about riding as many twisties as possible, along the most scenic routes, all day long, for four days,” explained Metzger. “Through a series of self-recorded checkpoints using digital or cell phone cameras, riders attempt 400- to 500-mile routes each day. They have 24 hours to finish, so there’s plenty of time to complete the routes within posted speed limits.”

Metzger formed The Motomarathon Association as the sanctioning body for this new sport, and its inaugural Colorado Motomarathon will take place June 12-15. Routes will remain secret until the evening before each day’s ride.

“Just finishing is what this ride is about, not speed,” said Metzger. “We envision a series of organized Motomarathons around the country, giving riders the chance to ‘chase points’ by participating in as many events as they can, with an overall annual award given to individuals and teams.”

Congress Votes to Restrict OHV Public Access

Washington, D.C. (March 25, 2009) - The U.S. House voted 285 to 140 to approve a bill that designates more than 2 million acres in nine states as wilderness and closes the area to off-highway vehicles. The measure will now go to President Obama to be signed into law.

Under the bill, motorized vehicles won’t be allowed in parts of the Monogahela National Forest in West Virginia; the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia; the Mount Hood, Badlands, Spring Basin and Copper Salmon areas in Oregon; the Sabinoso in New Mexico; Riverside County in California; and Washington County in Utah, according to a release from the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

“The measure unreasonably bans motorized recreation on 2.1 million acres of public lands by inappropriately designating it as wilderness,” Ed Moreland, AMA Vice President for Government Relations, said in the release. “This is a sad day not only for responsible motorized recreation but also for a democratic process that is supposed to welcome public input and the opportunity for congressional review.”

Advertisement The measure was defeated two weeks ago in the House. However, it was revived in the Senate as part of H.R. 146, the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Acquisition Grant Program. In total, the bill contains more than 160 pieces of legislation and more than 1,300 pages of text.

2009 Poker Run \$2000 collected and 70 + riders



Rides & Events

March 2009

March 22nd is the Poker Run PRE-Ride. We'll be meeting at the River City Diner in the Bellgrade Shopping Center. The ride leaves at 10:00 AM.

April 2009

April 5th is the RIDE FOR KIDS POKER RUN!!!! Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the last bike rolls out at 11:00 AM. We'll be meeting at the River City Diner in the Bellgrade Shopping Center.

May 2009

This ride will be on May 24th. We'll be heading to the "Peaks of Otter" in Bedford, VA. The ride will leave at 8:30 AM from the McDonalds on Patterson Avenue.

July 2009

Reedville Run to The Crazy Crab. You ain't tasted nothin' like a softshell crab sandwich. Ask Wayne.

Dinner Rides (TO BEGIN IN SPRING!!!)

The fourth Wednesday of every month, and the first Thursday of every month.

Other Ride Info Coming Soon!!!

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2009 Star V Star 950 Tourer

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Throw a leg over the saddle, lift the bike off the sidestand, settle into the commodious seat, turn the key, push the button—Baroom! Good sound, not too loud. Pull in the left lever, left toe snicks the gearbox into first, a little throttle while you let out the clutch, and smooth as a hot knife through cold butter you're away. Could be the start of a 30-mile commute to work. Or cruising Main Street on Saturday evening. Or going to Grandma's house for Sunday lunch. Or heading to Mount Rushmore a thousand miles away. That's what Yamaha's V Star 950 Tourer is for—easy traveling, short trip or long.

Looks good, too, with pleasantly flowing lines and handsome shiny embellishments. I especially like that headlight with the painted shell and the chrome enhancements. Styling sells cruisers, and the design department worked hard on this one.

Advertisement The 950 is an all-new bike, based on old principles. The air-cooled, wet-sump, 60-degree V-twin has an almost square bore and stroke of 85mm x 83mm; for a capacity of 942cc. A chain-driven single overhead camshaft operates four valves in each cylinder, using roller rocker arms—which operate a little more efficiently than the sliding types many engines use. Lightweight aluminum pistons slide up and down in ceramic liners, with a compression ratio of 9.0:1. Mikuni fuel injection runs regular gas through 35mm bores, the Transistor Controlled Ignition sparks the plugs, and the spent gases flow out through a two-into-one exhaust. The multisensored fuel-injection system has a sensor placed in the header pipe just before it goes into the muffler to make it easier to change mufflers, should the rider be so inclined. And in the cruiser crowd, people are often motivated to buy aftermarket mufflers, either for a new look or, perish the thought, more noise. On the Jett Tuning Dynojet dyno the V Star 950 cranked out 47.3 horses at 5,800 rpm at the rear wheel, and 56.1 lb-ft of torque at 3,200 rpm.

On the bumpy roads the suspension was OK, but not great. But that is in the nature of the cruiser...it is intended for easy going, not rough. Star has done a good job in putting together a well-functioning

motorcycle, one that will make a perfect platform for personalization. Perhaps that is the key to cruiser ethos, allowing the owner to make his own machine exceptional in appearance.

This midsize is a hard-fought section of the market, especially among the Japanese players. Honda has its 750 Shadows, Suzuki the 805cc Boulevards, and Kawasaki the Vulcan 900s—not to mention Harley's 883 Sportsters and Triumph's 865 Speedmaster and America models.

In the American market perhaps the most important factor will be price. This new model comes either as the standard V Star 950, for \$7,890, or the trip-equipped V Star 950 Tourer for \$8,990...which was our choice to test as Rider appreciates touring motorcycles. The price is competitive, but more importantly one needs to evaluate the feel and look of the machine. The V Star 950 Tourer does everything well and its price point is very good, so if you like the look you really can't go wrong.

February Meeting Notes

Jerry called the meeting to order and Susie reported that the club's treasury has an available balance of \$1,248.32.

Ride Report: Wayne announced that this would be his last year as Ride Captain.

22 Mar 09: Poker Run pre-ride. Leave River City Diner at 10:00 am. 5 Apr 09: Poker Run.

18 Apr 09: Club ride to Lawrenceville, VA. Lunch will be at the Cinnamon Café. Leave River City Diner at 9:00 am. This is a Saturday ride instead of Sunday

THIS IS A CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH'S MINUTES!!!!

17 May 09: Peaks of Otter Ride. Leave McDonald's on Patterson at 8:30 am.

26 Jul 09: Crazy Crab

OLD BUSINESS:

Poker Run is 5 Apr 09:

Wayne Dunn has spent \$163 and estimates another \$145 to be spent. Wayne needs additional coolers and ice. Henry, Susie and Brian will provide. A donation of \$100 will be made to the Powhatan Fairgrounds.

John will bring a table, PA system, generator and a tent. Henry has a table and a tent that he will bring and Paul will bring a tent. Henry will bring the cash box and then Jo Ann will bring it to the fairgrounds. Kerry will provide 2 cases of water. Rick will bring the doughnuts. Susie gave a check to Wayne for change at the fairgrounds and Henry will get change for the registration. Insurance for the Poker Run has been taken care of by Honda House and RRMC will re-imburse.

Stops: Stop 1 - Kerry, Rey and Langston

Stop 2 - Bruce, Kim and David

Stop 3 - Roy and Susie

Stop 4 - Fairgrounds - Rick and Diane

NEW BUSINESS:

R4K - PBTF has had an increase in donations.

Susie wrote a check for Rick to purchase door prizes for the Poker Run.

50/50 raised \$40.00.

All said and done, the meeting was adjourned.