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# Corner Concert series kicks off with Cloud 9

By Andy Stine  
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The Corner Concert Series in Clearfield has been going strong for close to 15 years. The concerts happen on Friday nights in the summer, and the season will start this year on June 5 with Cloud 9 playing in Lower Witmer Park.

Steve Albert, a volunteer who organizes the Corner Concert Series since the beginning in either 2012 or 2013, said it started on a little street corner in Clearfield.

The idea of concerts every Friday night came when Clearfield's Ritz Theater needed to upgrade to a digital system, with the proceeds being split between various bands and the theater.

"The town kind of rallied around it, and everyone did a little bit and helped get it up," Albert said.

What turned out as an idea for one summer to raise money for the town's movie theater turned out to be a project going on for more than a decade for Albert, who owns BioGraphics in Clearfield. The only thing that changes is the



nonprofit organizations that proceeds are donated for the year.

"We were just going to do it one summer, and it got to be so popular we just decided to keep doing it every summer," Albert said.

This year, the proceeds will benefit the youth mentorship program at Children's Aid Society in Clearfield.

The following is the band schedule for this summer. All concerts are

from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

- June 5 - Cloud 9
- June 12 - Riverfront Festival
- June 19 - Voorhees Blues Band
- June 26 - Nis-n-Nat
- July 3 - Twin Reverb
- July 10 - Megan McGarry
- July 17 - Locked In (Grove stage at the fair)
- July 24 - Spencer Graham
- July 31 - Heather Olson & The Silver Bullet Band

- August 7 - Temptation Alley
- August 14 - Over the Influence
- August 21 - RHODES
- August 28 - Somerville
- Sept. 4 - Lloyd Gray
- Sept. 11 - 3 of M

The nonprofit organizations that have been benefited by the Corner Concert Series in the past are all in Clearfield County. Last year's concerts benefited the Freedom House in Osceola Mills. The Freedom

House is a residence for women that are out of incarceration and rejoining their communities.

"We try to keep it Clearfield County," Albert said. "Usually we try to do smaller or start-up non-profits, ones that are trying to get off the ground. Things that a lot of people aren't aware of yet."

Albert said the most the concert series has raised in one summer was just under \$5,000 dollars, but averages

around \$3,000 to \$4,000 dollars.

Albert said the concerts on Friday nights are very community-oriented and very family-friendly.

"It's a real easy-going, casual event," Albert said. "People kind of plan their whole week to come to the Friday night event. We get a lot of the same people every week. Everyone kind of gets to know each other."

For more information, visit the Corner Concert Series on Facebook.

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**FOOD RESTROOM BRING CHAIR**

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**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Nice clean sale, a lot of hunting & related items.

**AUCTIONEERS:** Pat Errigo AU-3311L,

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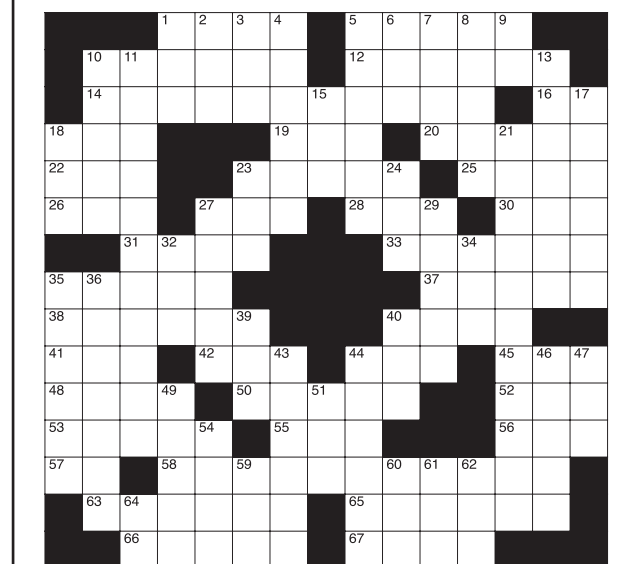
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**AD BARGAIN Crossword Puzzle**  
Solution on page 5



**CLUES ACROSS**

- Streetcar
- Take \_\_\_ of it!
- SW Asia peninsula
- Beating wings to escape from a perch
- One who revitalizes
- Indicates position
- Dishonorable man
- Singer King Cole
- Short-tailed marten
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
- Dirt
- Superconducting super collider
- Not good
- A way to sink
- Unwell
- Follow orders
- Deep ravine
- Perfumery practice
- Indian film director Sultan
- Member of U.S. Navy
- Wing-like
- Very fast airplane
- Slang for cigarette
- Most cars still need it
- Political war chest
- Cools down
- Diminish toward one end
- Indigenous person of Thailand
- Combined
- Container
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thou
- Return a favor
- Go over once more
- Removed
- "Silence of the \_\_\_"
- Comedian Rogen

**CLUES DOWN**

- Children's game
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Own (Scottish)
- Female follower of Bacchus
- Subsides
- Protects from weather
- Spanish municipality
- Supermarket chain
- Domain name
- Semitic peoples
- Designs anew
- City associated with Jesus
- Cool!
- Bank employee
- Central nervous system
- Standardized piece of text
- A type of fever
- Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Threaten persistently
- Aspirations
- Baby's eating accessory
- Actress Thurman
- Turn into bone
- One who saves you
- Consume
- Swiss river
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Categories
- Expressed amazement
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Greek war dance
- Bland, semi-liquid food
- Regard in a specified way
- Taxi
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Feline
- Post-burning residue
- Elevated railroad

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- '16 Audi A3 - 2.0L, AWD, 112K
- '15 Honda Pilot - 3.5L, 4x4, 112K
- '15 Chevy Cruze - 1.4LT, FWD, 118K
- '15 Jeep Cherokee - 3.2L, 4x4, 185K
- '15 Toyota Corolla - 1.8L, FWD, 168K
- '14 Jeep Gr. Cherokee - 3.2L, 4x4, 153K
- '14 Jeep Cherokee - 2.4L, 4x4, 162K
- '14 Ford Escape - 1.6L, 4x4, 131K
- '13 Jeep Wrangler - 3.6L, 4x4, 158K
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**Paws & Claws**

**Plants that can deter insects and wildlife**

Few things can upset an otherwise beautiful and relaxing day spent in an outdoor living space more quickly than insects and pests. Whether it's mosquitoes trying to bite homeowners and their guests, flies looking to land on food, or wildlife leaving trails of excrement throughout a yard, these unwelcome guests can make it hard for people to fully enjoy an outdoor living space. Some people might be unknowingly inviting insects and wildlife into their yards with the plants they've chosen to decorate their properties. But some strategic choices regarding plants can greatly reduce the risk that insects and wildlife show up uninvited.


**Preventing deer**  
Deer are majestic animals but they also can wreak havoc on a property. Deer tend to leave lots of droppings on properties they visit frequently. And the frequency of visits may be governed by the food sources on the property. While the Farmer's Almanac notes there's no such thing as a 100 percent deer-proof plant, there are some deer typically avoid, including:  
• Boxwood  
• Coneflower  
• Daffodils

• Flossflower  
• Foxglove  
• Lamb's ear  
• Lavender  
• Peonies  
• Russian sage  
• Salvia  
• Snapdragons

**Rabbit-resistant plants**  
Rabbits are another backyard guest that can be difficult to dislike. With their big ears and small frames, rabbits are undeniably adorable. But they're also an adversary to gardening enthusiasts because they tend to eat plants without regard for the effort gardeners put into preparing soil and planting beautiful blooms. If rabbits are wreaking havoc in your garden, these plants tend to be less pleasing to them, and it's worth noting many of these also are among the plants deer tend to avoid.  
• Artemisia  
• Calamint  
• Catmint  
• Daffodils  
• Flossflower  
• Hummingbird mint (agastache)  
• Lamb's ear  
• Peonies  
• Russian sage  
• Sedum  
• Thyme

**Insects**  
Scent bears significant influence over biting insects that can make it difficult to enjoy outdoor living spaces to the fullest. The Farmer's Almanac notes that mosquitoes are drawn to their victims by odors those victims give off, including body odor from sweat. Scented plants can help block the receptors that alert insects to such odors. Such plants include:  
• Basil  
• Citronella grass  
• Lavender  
• Lemongrass  
• Lemon thyme  
• Lemon balm  
• Petunias  
• Rosemary

Homeowners whose backyards attract both insects and wildlife are urged to work with a local landscaper or garden center to identify how to keep such unwelcome guests away from their outdoor living spaces. While the plants noted above can repel some unwelcome guests, they might attract others. For example, petunias are effective at repelling some types of insects, but they're also known to attract rabbits. While that doesn't mean homeowners are helpless, it does mean a multifaceted, professionally orchestrated solution may be necessary.



# Affordable entertainment that may be a short drive from home

Summer is full of opportunities to rest and unwind. It's also a prime time for people to embark on vacations, road trips or take in activities around their hometowns. According to InsureMyTrip, millennials prefer to travel the most during summer. July is repeatedly ranked highest, with Transportation Security Administration volume records indicating various dates during July are particularly busy times for travel.

Summer is synonymous with school breaks and time off from work, and it makes sense that people will look to entertainment options to fill their time. But not everyone has the budget for lavish two-week vacations or big-ticket excursions. Fortunately, having fun doesn't have to involve going broke. The following are some low-cost options for active daily or overnight adventures when the mercury rises.

## Local sports game

While the draw of a Major League Baseball stadium certainly has its merits, unless inexpensive tickets can be secured, more local options may be a more budget-friendly fit. Minor league games can provide the thrill of watching sports without the high price tag. Plus, they draw smaller crowds and are closer to home for most fans.

## Fairs and carnivals

The average cost of a day at an amusement park can be eye-opening. BestLifeOnline.com says major park tickets for a family of four now range from \$370 to more than \$1,100, depending on the park's luxury level. Smaller regional parks may have lower-priced tickets, but even then, costs can add up when considering food and drink, too. Church carnivals and local county fairs tend to be much more affordable and offer similar thrills and games.

## Day at the beach

Few things can be more relaxing and fun than

spending time by the ocean. Families and friends can spice things up by picking different beach locales and packing the car to check them out. Create a list of possible beaches to visit on weekdays or weekends. Purchasing beach tags well before the start of the season can reduce the costs of beaches, as some charge

around \$10 to \$12 per person for daily rates. But there also may be plenty of free or low-cost options.

Summertime activities are numerous, and there are many ideas that can appeal to those looking for affordable adventures close to home.



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## Obituaries

### Dorothy Jeneski

**Dorothy Jeneski, 95, of Osceola Mills, PA, died on Friday, May 15, 2026 at the Ridgeview Elder Care and Rehab Center in Curwensville, PA.**

Born on March 25, 1931, in Osceola Mills, PA, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Frederick Drochak & Eva (Malaniak) Drochak. She married Gerald J. Jeneski, Sr. on August 2, 1952 in the former St. Joseph Catholic Church in Osceola Mills, PA. He preceded her in death on June 30, 2012. Dorothy was a member of the St. Barbara's Polish National Catholic Church in Houtzdale, PA. She was a homemaker. In addition to her parents and husband, Dorothy was preceded in death by a son, Gerald J. Jeneski, Jr.; a sister, Ann Beres; and five brothers, John, Nick, Joseph, Alex, and Michael Drochak. Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Eileen M. Williams & her husband Ross of Philipsburg, PA; a son, David A. Jeneski & his companion Michele Gochenaur of Camp Hill, PA; a brother, Andrew Drochak of OH; and two grandchildren, Anthony Jeneski and Cody Williams. Private services were held at the Heath Funeral Home & Cremation Services, LLC. Father Rick Rueberger officiated. Interment: St. Barbara's Polish National Catholic Cemetery in Houtzdale, PA.

### Robert E. Hughes

**Robert E. Hughes, 86, of Osceola Mills, PA, died on Monday, May 18, 2026 at Embassy of Hearthsides in State College, PA.**

Born on March 7, 1940, in Osceola Mills, PA, Robert was the son of the late William & Gladys (Vaughn) Hughes Fields. He married Claudia A. (Flegal) Hughes on September 14, 1962 in Philipsburg, PA. She preceded him in death on August 11, 2024. Robert was a member of the Centre United Methodist Church in Osceola Mills, PA. He was also an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War Era. He retired as a Heavy Equipment Operator for James Cowfer Coal & Forcey Coal. Robert was a 1958 graduate from P.O. High School. In addition to his parents and wife, Robert was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Hughes. Robert is survived by a daughter, Bobbi Joy Scovern & her husband David of Lemont, PA; two sons, Leslie S. Hughes of Moodus, CT, and Stephen K. Pollard & his wife Kim of Philipsburg, PA; two sisters, Lanetta Knowles & her husband Lynn of Philipsburg, PA, and Jean Myers & her husband Eric of Corsicana, TX; a brother, William Hughes & his wife Shirley of Osceola Mills, PA; seven grandchildren, McKenzie Walker, Kurtis Walker, Kylie Scovern Forbes, Rachel Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Stephen Pollard, and Jessica Pollard; and three great-grandchildren, Charlee Walker, Gray Walker, and Iris Walker. A private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Interment: Centre Cemetery in Osceola Mills, PA.

### Renee M. Hess

**Renee M. Hess, 45, of Clearfield, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2026**

Born May 1, 1981, in Clearfield, the daughter of Douglas and Patricia "Patty" (Odrosky) Hess. She was a graduate of Clearfield Area High School. Renee had worked for the Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf, Pittsburgh and more recently the dietary department at Mt. Laurel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was a member of the Pittsburgh Deaf Club and was an amazing and meaningful person to their community. She also loved all animals, especially cats. Renee is survived by her parents, her son, River Forest Hawk, a half-brother, Justin Strickland and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her life partner, William "Jeff" Hawk. A Celebration of Life was held at the Bennett and Houser Funeral Home, Inc., Clearfield, with Rev. Robert Croft officiating.

### Gorman "Gorm" Peters Jr.

**Gorman "Gorm" Peters Jr., 86, of Gallitzin, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026, at Garvey Manor, Altoona.**

Born April 30, 1940, in Altoona, he was the son of the late Gorman Sr. and Bertha (Clark) Peters. Gorm was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lois (Cox) Peters. They were married on April 28, 1962 at St. Patrick's Church and shared nearly fifty-nine years of love, laughter, and happiness while raising their family in faith. He is lovingly remembered by his children: Renee (Donald) McHugh, Leah (Donald) DeGol, Christopher (Maria) Peters, Heather (Alan) Wahl, and Brandon (Sarah) Peters; as well as grandchildren; Sean, Angela, and Rachel McHugh, Joshua and Hailey DeGol, Jaimei, Christopher, and Anthony Peters, Nathan and Taylor Wahl, and Abigail, Cameron, and Julian Peters; as well as eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Judy (Bryon) Mazzocco and Daniel (Leslie) Peters. A hardworking and devoted family man, Gorm dedicated many years to his work at Calandra's and JennMar before retiring. He was proud to serve his community as a member of the Gallitzin Volunteer Fire Company, where he volunteered as a fire policeman. Gorm found joy in life's simple pleasures — tending his garden, enjoying sports, playing cards, and spending time outdoors. He enjoyed sharing memories from his youth playing basketball for Gallitzin High School, advancing to the Western Finals in 1959. His grandchildren held a special place in his heart as he truly cherished every moment watching them grow. Above all, he treasured time with family, celebrating holidays and special occasions, and the many adventures he shared with Lois over the years. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, devotion to family, and the love he showed to those around him. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Demetrius Catholic Church, with Fr. Albert Ledoux, celebrant. Entombment: Resurrection Mausoleum.

### Edward A. Nishida

**Edward A. Nishida, 85, of Clearfield, passed away Monday, May 18, 2026, at Penn Highlands DuBois.**

Born February 18, 1941, in Honolulu, HI, the son of Douglas Katsumi Nishida and Elinor Teruko Tada Nishida. Ed had worked as a Chef for various restaurants. Mr. Nishida was Catholic by Faith. He was an avid bowler. Mr. Nishida was a United States Army veteran during the Vietnam Era. Edward is survived by four children; Scott Edward Nishida of Woodland, James Nishida and his wife Candy of Shawville, Jennifer Nishida of Clearfield and Jade Ronquillo of Honolulu, HI, eleven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, a sister Lynn Mizusawa of Honolulu, HI, three brothers; Dean, Rod and Tim Kanemitsu all of Honolulu, HI and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Beryl B. (Foster) Nishida whom he married June 20, 1971, and who passed away March 11, 2022, and a sister, Eunice Nishida. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Interment: Hillcrest Cemetery.

### William A. 'Bill' Condon

**William A. 'Bill' Condon, 77, of Hyde, passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at Mount Nittany Medical Center, State College.**

Born January 15, 1949 in Clearfield, he was the son of the late Theodore and Helen 'Till' (Hurley) Condon. Bill had been employed at Clearfield Taxidermy for several years, and also was a self-employed painter and hung wallpaper. He was a member of the St. Francis Catholic Church, Clearfield. He loved to watch classic TV shows and he absolutely loved to work. He would often be found at Legend's eating his lunch. Bill also had a passion for cooking and playing the role of chef for his friends. He will truly be missed by his friends and family. Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (Krebs) Condon; a son, David Solarczyk and his wife Colleen of New Jersey; a granddaughter, Lilly Solarczyk; a nephew, Jason Pentz; and many dear friends and family. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Pentz. A service for Bill was held at Bennett and Houser Funeral Home.

### Calvin James Ates

**Calvin James Ates, 27, Nanty Glo, passed away Monday morning, May 18, 2026.**

Born September 9, 1998 in Johnstown, son of James and Lori (Stoy) Ates. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Dorothy (Replogle) Stoy; aunt, Louise (Stoy) Baker; paternal grandfather, Calvin L. Ates and paternal grandmother, Virginia Ates; and uncle, Donald Ates. He is survived by his parents; siblings, Savannah Ates of Pleasant Gap, and Jimmy (Quinique) Ates of New Florence; grandfather, James (Gus) Stoy of Spindley; aunt, Dessa Walbeck who treated him like a grandson; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Calvin was a graduate of Blacklick Valley High School. He worked as a Senior Officer Specialist at the Federal Prison in Loretto, PA and was previously employed at the Cambria County Prison in multiple positions. His favorite thing to do was working on anything his father would help him with. His other passions included riding his motorcycle and quad, doing projects with his tractor, and hanging out with his friends, especially his best friend Andrew Watroba. Calvin had a loving soul, and helped anyone that needed it. He had the greatest work ethic, and was loved unconditionally and will be missed by all. A funeral mass was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Rev. Justin Treon, Officiating. Pallbearers included Jimmy Ates, Andrew Watroba, Nate Planell, Joe Frontino, Dakota Sheesley, and Max Rager. Interment: St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery.

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## Poetry in motion

### State College's poet laureate taking medium to the masses

By COLETTE COSTLOW  
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As a young girl living in Jamaica, Queens, New York, Carmin Wong remembers that journaling helped her reflect on her experience as a first-generation immigrant in America.

"Writing was the place that felt safe, as though I could try and voice the myriad of experiences I was having all at once," she said.

What started as a self-expression tool morphed into an appreciation for the written word as she studied English, playwriting and poetry at multiple institutions and participated in workshops.

As an enrolled student in Penn State University's dual-title PhD program in English literature and African American and Diaspora Studies, she's also the State College Borough's inaugural poet laureate since fall 2025, working on creative writing with area students and adults.

She said writing and poetry events can bring community members closer together while making education accessible to the masses.

"It has its own agency, and we can use it as a resource and a tool to better understand each other," she said.

Born in Georgetown, Guyana, Wong and her family immigrated to New York City in 2000 when she was 4 years old, as her parents were in search of a better educational experience for their children.

Her father was a saw operator, while her mother worked in health care to support their young family in a new country. They lived in a Caribbean household with their three daughters speaking English and other varieties of the language.

Having a first-generation immigrant experience taught her to be self-sufficient, nurturing and present for each other, she said, and she still feels grateful for those lessons.

With an interest in writing, Wong began to explore literature and poetry while attending Boys and Girls High School in Brooklyn, where educators and her eldest sister, Charmin Wong, guided her toward writing programs, such as the Girls Write Now non-profit organization, which partners adult female writers with girls attending New York City public schools.

Hearing about the program, Charmin said that she suggested it to her younger sister, who at the time was writing in her free time. Wong eventually returned to the program years later as a mentor to help female writers in high school.

"She's a writing activist," Charmin said with a laugh.

#### Finding her voice

Being mentored in the Girls Write Now program propelled Wong to pursue English language and literature at Howard University in 2014, where she said she felt inspired by African American writers, such as Toni Morrison and Zora Neale Hurston, who had walked the halls before her.

"And there was something I delighted in about knowing that I wanted to be in those spaces," she said, adding that she was fortunate to attend a college that continues its own successful reputation today.

While studying poetry in the classroom, she also participated in numerous youth poetry slams, exploring both the analytical and performance sides of the medium.

"I was interested in how come in the classrooms, their (poetry) is taught separately," she said. "I have both experiences. I have published works and at the time I was on a stage constantly, and that's how I ventured into the theatre department at Howard University."

She didn't expect to get a minor in playwriting from the Chadwick Boseman College of Fine Arts, but she said she became inspired in the literary section of theater after reading a play written by a contemporary Black writer.

As a result, her first monologue, "3 Generations" — centered around the voices of Black women from three generations exploring their own womanhood and sexuality — was selected to represent the Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington, D.C., in the 2018 Women's Voices Theatre Festival.

Seeing the work she and others had written performed on stage gave Wong a new feeling of inspiration.

"I remember feeling that I could do this for the rest of my life," she said. "I don't know what this is, but whatever this is, I want it."

After graduation, she worked as a summer editorial intern at HarperCollins Publishing before attending the University of New Orleans for a master of fine arts degree in creative writing.

She said she had a challenging experience transitioning from a historically Black university to a predominantly white institution, where many students didn't have the same experiences she did, and they made her feel that difference.

Overcoming challenges, she became the associate poetry editor for the Bayou Magazine, a literary magazine with a national circulation, and connected with supportive faculty members who encouraged her to apply to some doctoral programs, including Penn State University.

Wanting to pursue a dual degree in both English and African American studies,



she packed her bags and moved to Centre County in 2021, which she said was an entirely new experience, considering the landscape.

#### Inspiring young poets

While working on her doctoral degree, Wong first became involved with the community through organizing a monthly mic series at the art gallery and teaching creative writing to incarcerated students and formerly incarcerated individuals at Centre County's Correctional Facility.

Wilson Kwamogi Okello, poet and associate professor of education at Penn State, described Wong as an "architect of community." "She is a thoughtful builder, a curator, somebody who takes being with people seriously," he said, adding that she does a wonderful job in bringing art into the community.

Wong said she resonated with residents over the five years she's been in State College, as she's formed connections with those in the community who've lived there for generations.

"It offers me the opportunity to learn more about kinship and the need, desires and the closeness of community, and I think that's been reciprocated back to me," she said.

State College Borough recognized Wong's name over the years because she participated in community groups, including the borough's racial equity advisory committee.

"People were noticing the work, and that began to develop into a series of conversations about what could be next," she said, adding that Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Director Chiluvya Zulu spoke with Wong about bringing poetry into the borough.

In June 2025, the borough created a two-year poet laureate position and appointed Wong to the role, beginning her work in fall 2025.

As poet laureate, she's partnered with local libraries and area schools to host community writing workshops. Most recently, she held a lunch and learn session on April 20 with State College Area High School students.

"I think that it's important that young people know there is a path forward for them in this," she said.

She also spreads her love for reading and writing onto her 8-year-old niece, Charmin's daughter, by buying her children's books.

"It's more than writing and reading, she's getting them involved and interactive," Charmin said. "If I had a teacher like her, I would be more into school."

With one more year to go as poet laureate, Wong hopes to participate in more educational and accessible programs, such as bringing a TEDx series to Centre County.

"Building spaces where poetry is felt and seen and read, and doing all of these things brings people together and shares their prac-

tices," she said. "For us to be able to have community showcases to teach each other and make language accessible to each other."

Okello said that Wong has laid the foundation of

what comes next for the borough of State College's poet laureate position.

"She's really provided a vision for what the position can be, but most importantly, what poetry can

look like in public places in State College and surrounding areas," he said.

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### The Wong file

<b>Name:</b> Carmin Wong	 <b>Wong</b>
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<b>Hometown:</b> Jamaica, Queens, New York	
<b>Family:</b> Parents, Claxton and Raywattie Wong; sisters, Charmin, 31, and Chanelle, 27	

**Education:** Boys and Girls High School (2014); Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University (2018); Master of Fine Arts from the University of New Orleans (2020); and currently enrolled in a Doctor of Philosophy program at Penn State University (2021-present)

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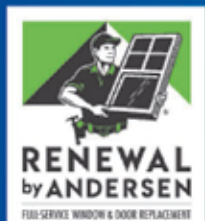
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- 13 **WPSU KIDS' DAY** 
- 17 **ALLIED MILK PRODUCERS DAIRY DAY** 
- 21 **FATHER'S & MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

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# RUMBLE THROUGH THE VALLEY

Southwestern PA's Homegrown Motorcycle Rally

July 31 & August 1 from 10 am to 11 pm

American Legion Fairgrounds, Ebsenburg, PA

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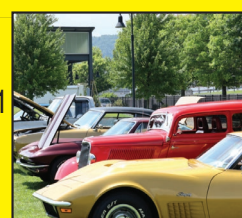
### SATURDAY BIKE RUN

Saturday, August 1  
Registration at 10 am  
Kickstands up at 11 am  
Flight 93 Memorial  
\$20 pp, \$30 couple



### CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN

Saturday, August 1  
at 12 pm  
\$10 per person



**BACK WHEEL GANG: MOTORCYCLE STUNT SHOW**  
Saturday, August 1 at 12 pm



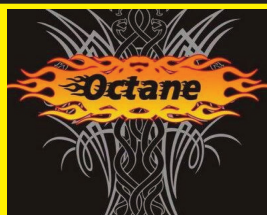
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**INSIDE-OUT (Hard Rock)**  
Friday, July 31 at 12 pm



**JUKEHOUSE BOMBERS (Blues/Rock)**  
Friday, July 31 at 2 pm



**OCTANE (Rock/Covers)**  
Friday, July 31 at 4 pm



**GLITZ (Hair Band Tribute)**  
Friday, July 31 at 6 pm



**BUCKWILD (Country/Classic Rock)**  
Friday, July 31 at 8 pm



**FELIX AND THE HURRICANES (Blues/Southern Rock)**  
Saturday, August 1 at 12 pm



**AVENUE OF KINGS (Hard Rock Covers)**  
Saturday, August 1 at 2 pm



**BOOMTOWN (Country)**  
Saturday, August 1 at 4 pm



**THIS INDECISION (Classic Rock)**  
Saturday, August 1 at 6 pm



**HELLS BELLS (AC/DC Tribute)**  
Saturday, August 1 at 8 pm



### ON SITE CAMPING AVAILABLE

Camping will be available at the American Legion Fairgrounds during the event weekend!

- Tent camping spaces
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### BE PART OF THE RUMBLE

This rally thrives because of the people who show up and get involved. Whether you want to sell, sponsor, or volunteer, there's a place for you!



## MOTORCYCLES | WHY WE RIDE

# Freedom and Exploration

Ever wondered why that rider who just passed chose to become a motorcyclist?

This open and exciting form of transportation helps people reconnect with the fun of driving all over again, while saving a little money, too. Each ride is its own unique, thrilling experience.

## RECONNECTING WITH LIFE

When we confine ourselves inside a passenger vehicle, we tend to miss out on the wonders that surround us. Riding a motorcycle, on the other hand, allows us to notice the finer details of the scenes before us and feel the rush of the wind. Every twist in the road becomes another unforgettable moment. This lifestyle is often linked to discovery, since motorcycles can access areas that other vehicles might not be able to reach. But even if you stick to city streets and familiar routes, few activities can make you feel as invigorated as riding a motorcycle does.



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## SENSE OF COMMUNITY

The communal aspect of motorcycling is a huge draw for many. Riding requires a set of special skills and that brings a sense of achievement. The same feeling accompanies the completion of your latest journey.

Motorcycle maintenance is a distinct art, as well. Once immersed in this special community, you become tight-knit with other riders — even if they start off as strangers. When you meet fellow enthusiasts, you recognize the effort they've invested, too. You can

recount stories from your travels, share practical advice for bike upkeep and discuss plans for future adventures.

## SAFETY FIRST

It's important to acknowledge the risks involved. You don't have the protection of a

car or truck's metal frame during a crash, so drive safely. Use all recommended safety gear and be aware of poor road conditions or inattentive drivers.

Consider enrolling in a safety course, particularly if you're new to riding.

## BIG SAVINGS

Motorcycles represent more than just a means of adventure. They're a reliable way to save money. In comparison to standard vehicles, you will see significant savings on gas. Both maintenance and insurance can be less expensive.

## MOTORCYCLES | TECHNOLOGY

# The Latest Cool Gadgetry

Cars and trucks now come with impressive technology as standard equipment, and in some cases, the same advancements have taken place in motorcycle manufacturing.

There have been big leaps forward in rider safety. Other new gadgetry is simply meant to improve the overall riding experience. Here's a look:

## SAFETY FEATURES

A big focus on improving the safety of motorcycle riders has led to advanced airbag technology, better lighting and new communication systems. The goal with all of them is to reduce the number of motorcycle-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. There are still thousands of rider deaths a year. These advancements are designed to reduce those numbers.

## UPGRADED HELMETS

Significant progress has been seen with Bluetooth-enabled helmet systems. The helmets are designed to accommodate communication devices, allowing riders to talk safely with one another — either in pairs on a single bike or within a group of riders. The system's high-quality audio makes it easier to receive critical fuel or



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maintenance alerts over road sounds and the wind. Riding gloves are now available that provide fingertip control of headsets and cameras. Some even offer audio and video recording capability, so motorcyclists can capture their riding adventures from either their helmet or a mounted camera.

## BRAKING SYSTEMS

Studies indicate that the anti-lock braking system plays a vital role in enhancing safety, but for many years this vital technology was more often found in cars and trucks. Today, more and more bikes are being made with ABS functionality. It's making a huge difference: Recent research shows

that motorcycles equipped with ABS are around 40 percent less likely to be involved in fatal accidents. If anti-lock brakes aren't standard on a motorcycle, most leading manufacturers now provide it as an option.

## IMPROVED LIGHTS

Adaptive headlights are also making the road much safer

for motorcyclists. These headlights adjust based on the lean angle of the bike. That helps to illuminate previously unseen parts of the road during night rides. LED brake lights are more easily noticed. That visibility is especially important because motorcycles can decelerate quickly, and distracted drivers may not react in time.

# 2026 SUMMER RIDE LISTINGS

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## JUNE

### Indian Motorcycle Riders Group get-together

**June 4-6; Country Inn and Suites - Gettysburg, 1857 Gettysburg Village Drive, Gettysburg**

The Northeast Region IMRG Get-Together is not just another motorcycle event; it's a testament to what happens when a community of like-minded individuals come together to celebrate their love for the open road. Set against the backdrop of historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, this event offers participants a unique blend of adventure, camaraderie, historic landmarks and battlefields, and incredible scenery across our farmlands and back roads. Registration is \$90 per person. More info: [ne.region.imr@gmail.com](mailto:ne.region.imr@gmail.com) or <https://imrgne.com/>

### Charity motorcycle ride and cornhole tournament

**9 a.m. June 6, Battlefield Harley-Davidson, 21 Cavalry Field Road, Gettysburg**

Rev your engines and toss some bags for a great cause! Join for a fun-filled day supporting Hoffman Homes. The annual Charity Motorcycle Ride led by the God Bless America Motorcycle Color Guard returns, with the addition of a cornhole tournament. There will also be food, drinks and refreshments provided. All proceeds from the ride and tournament go directly to supporting Hoffman Homes' programs and services for individuals in their care.

■ Motorcycle ride — Registration: 9 a.m.; kick-off: 10:30 a.m.; fees: single rider, \$15; double rider, \$25; contact: Heather Rohrbaugh – 717-259-7248 ext. 4502 or [hrohrbaugh@hoffmanhomes.com](mailto:hrohrbaugh@hoffmanhomes.com).

■ Cornhole Tournament — Registration: noon; kick-off: 1 p.m.; fees: \$50 per team (separate from motorcycle ride registration); pre-registration required; contact: Wade Rigsby – 609-220-9873 or [wrigsby27@gmail.com](mailto:wrigsby27@gmail.com).

### Ride for Camp Hebron

**June 11-14, Camp Hebron, 957 Camp Hebron Road, Halifax, PA 17032**

The benefit motorcycle ride will travel to the scenic mountains of Holmes County, Ohio. The journey supports Camp Hebron's mission and campership fund, helping provide life-changing experiences for campers and guests. The area offers plenty to explore, including local cheese shops, wineries, Lehman's Hardware, Keim Home Center, David Warther's carving studio and the Behalt Museum, which shares the story of the Amish, Mennonites and Hutterites. More information: [meganm@camphebron.org](mailto:meganm@camphebron.org) or [camphebron.org/events-1/benefit-motorcycle-ride-2026](https://camphebron.org/events-1/benefit-motorcycle-ride-2026)

### Mid-Atlantic Women's Motorcycle Rally 2026

**June 18-20, Gettysburg**

MAWMR is meant to bring together women motorcyclists to foster community and raise funds to support women's health,

specifically women's cancers. Featured will be a bike show, biker bingo, biker games, contests, a light show, scavenger hunt, self-guided rides, silent auction, vendors. For more information, visit <https://mawmr.org/>.

### Indiana County - A.B.A.T.E. of PA June Bike Night

**6-9 p.m. June 18, Sanso's Homer City, 3113 US-119, Homer City**

Join for a night of motorcycles, camaraderie and fun.

### Pennsylvania ABATE State Party Hazen 2026

**June 19-21, 1352 Eagles Nest Road, Brockway**

Live music, bike blessing, bike show, bike games, adult contests and more. Must be a member of a motorcycle rights organization to enter this event or be a guest of a member. Five guests per member (guest must arrive with member). Memberships available at the gate. Must be 21 to enter. Pre-sale is \$50. At the gate is \$60.

### Cambria Summit ABATE Bike Fest

**June 25-26, Cambria County Fairgrounds, 138 Elderwood Drive, Ebensburg**

Great bands, food vendors, tattoo artists, craft vendors, bike run, corn hole tournament and bike games.

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## June Roundhouse Rally

**June 26-27, Roundhouse Harley-Davidson,  
2626 Route 764, Duncansville**

Great bands, cold drinks and vendors will be on site all three days. The Roundhouse Rally event started with a couple of local bike riders who have been riding to bike rallies across the U.S. For more information, visit <https://paroundhouserally.com/>.

## Camp Orenda Charity Ride

**11:45 a.m. June 28, Sheetz,  
825 Franklin St., Clymer**

Enjoy a scenic ride through Indiana County ending at Camp Orenda to meet with campers and enjoy a picnic meal. \$15 per rider and \$10 per passenger. All proceeds benefit Camp Orenda. A camp for people with special needs.

## JULY

## Gettysburg Bike Week 2026

**July 9-12, The Barn Resort,  
75 Cunningham Road, Gettysburg**

Four days of motorcycles, live entertainment, daily poker runs, tattoo contest, bike show, parade of chrome, bike games, burn out contest, swap meet, stunt shows, vendors and more. Bike week admission is open to all ages. Events are held rain or shine. For more information, visit <https://www.gettysburgbikeweek.com/>.

## Annual HCNR Benefit Ride & Hog Roast

**10 a.m. July 11, Homer City Church  
of the Nazarene, 3513 Route 119 Hwy South,  
Homer City**

Operation Vet NOW is honored to once again partner with the HCN Riders for the Annual Hog Roast & Ride, a grassroots gathering built around riding, community and being there for our veterans for the fifth consecutive year. This year's ride is part of OVN's 2026 Fallen Heroes Tribute Project, and will honor the fallen heroes from Indiana County, ensuring their service and sacrifice are remembered within the communities they came from.

Motorcycle ride — \$20, includes lunch. Begins at 10:15 a.m. Hog roast and lunch opens at noon. \$15 for lunch only.

Ride and eat, or simply come out and enjoy great food and fellowship and learn about the help available to our veterans.

Even if you don't ride, you are encouraged to join us for lunch, view the tribute displays and be part of a day centered on remembrance, appreciation and community.

## Indiana County - A.B.A.T.E. of PA July Bike Night

**6-9 p.m. July 16, Sanso's Homer City,  
3113 US-119, Homer City**

Join for a night of motorcycles, camaraderie and fun.

## Guardians of the Children Keystone

**9 a.m. July 25, Roundhouse Harley-Davidson,  
2626 PA-764, Duncansville**

Join for a 100-mile ride through beautiful central Pennsylvania on the 10th Annual Dice Ride. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and is \$25 per rider and \$10 per passenger. Riders will leave from Roundhouse at noon. All proceeds support the mission of the Keystone Chapter of Guardians of the Children.

## Rumble Through the Valley

**July 31 to Aug. 1, American Legion  
Fairgrounds, 838 North Julian St., Ebensburg**

There will be plenty of activities, vendors and entertainment. The festival will be an all-ages event this year. New for 2026 will be campsites with utility hookups and shower facilities available for rent at the Fairgrounds site to accommodate tents, RVs and campers. Plenty of free parking is available at the Fairgrounds. A Classic Car and Motorcycle Cruise will be held at the Fairgrounds starting at noon Aug. 1. There are motorcycle runs scheduled for Friday and for Saturday. The Saturday motorcycle run will include a tour of Somerset County with a stop at the Flight 93 Memorial Park near Shanksville to honor the 25th anniversary of those who sacrificed their lives.

Anybody interested to volunteer to help during the festival weekend can sign up on the [rumblethroughthevalley.com](http://rumblethroughthevalley.com) website. Visit the [Rumblethroughthevalley.com](http://Rumblethroughthevalley.com) website or Facebook page for more information.

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## AUGUST

### OVN Freedom Festival

**9 a.m. Aug. 1, Z&M Harley-Davidson, 6130 US-30, Greensburg**

As we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation, Operation Vet NOW is bringing together veterans, families, first responders and the greater Westmoreland County community for a day focused on connection, appreciation and honoring service — past and present.

The event includes the OVN Fallen Heroes Ride, honoring fallen service members from Westmoreland County who served in Operation Desert Storm and the War in Afghanistan. The ride returns to the festival for a shared tribute ceremony, uniting riders, Veterans, and the public to honor these heroes together.

There will be veteran support organizations and resources; veteran-owned businesses; live music featuring bands primarily made up of veterans; and food trucks and vendors.

### Brothers Keepers MC Chapter 39 Burn Run

**Aug. 14-15, Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Company 4, 13063 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit**

**Friday - 6-9 p.m. Bike Night**

**Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family-friendly day filled with food, vendors, bike show and scenic ride.**

Don't forget to grab a T-shirt and a chance on a raffle basket. All T-shirt purchases receive a raffle ticket. For more information, visit <https://www.brotherskeepersmc.com/>.

### Indiana County - A.B.A.T.E. of PA August Bike Night

**6-9 p.m. Aug. 20, Sanso's Homer City, 3113 US-119, Homer City**

Join for a night of motorcycles, camaraderie and fun.

## SEPTEMBER

### September Roundhouse Rally

**Sept. 3-5, Roundhouse Harley-Davidson, 2626 Route 764, Duncansville**

Great bands, cold drinks and vendors will be on site all three days. The Roundhouse Rally event started with a couple of local bike riders who have been riding to bike rallies across the U.S. For more information, visit <https://paroundhouserally.com/>.

### Eighth annual Braydon Lingenfelter Memorial Ride

**10 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Sept. 12, Roundhouse Harley Davidson, Duncansville**

Enjoy a 100-mile ride through the mountains starting at Roundhouse Harley Davidson and ending with catered food and live music at a fantastic scenic road and gun club in Coupon.

Riders pay \$25 to join, and passengers will pay \$15. A Harley raffle at \$10 a ticket, max 1,000 tickets, will go off about 8 p.m. Two tickets and you have a 1 in 500 chance of winning. Pre-registration is open until Aug. 1. All proceeds will go to charities and the memorial fund in Braydon's name. More info: Braydon Lingenfelter Memorial Fund on Facebook.

### Indiana County - A.B.A.T.E. of PA September Bike Night

**6-9 p.m. Sept. 17, Sanso's Homer City, 3113 US-119, Homer City**

Join for a night of motorcycles, camaraderie and fun.

### Paul Jr.'s American MotoFest 2026

**Sept. 24-26, Clearfield County Fairgrounds**

General admission to the event is free, with live musical entertainment throughout the day. Tickets must be purchased for the headliner performances on Friday and Saturday night. Event will be open to the public, sponsors and VIPs, with vendors set up and operating on Sept. 24. This "rally style" event will include food, vendors, motocross stunt shows, the "wheel of death" a burn out box, a mobile dyno, bike show and builders contest, car show and builders contest, live meet and greets, beer gardens, a kids zone, live performances by premier headliners and more.

### Lifeline Ride Suicide Prevention and Awareness Run

**9 a.m. Sept. 26, Clairton VFW Post 803, 911 N. State St., Clairton**

Presented by the Allegheny County ABATE, there will be a scenic motorcycle ride, food and entertainment, a Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, as well as resources and support. Cost is \$20 per rider and \$15 per passenger or walk-in. All proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

## MOTORCYCLES | CHOOSING A BIKE

# Consider All the Options

Before purchasing a new bike, consider several important factors.

What's its purpose — providing transportation to work or going off-road? Will it just be you, or will there be other riders on board? How much power do you need? And then, of course, there's the cost.

## STANDARD BIKES

In some cases, your budget may be the most important consideration. Standard motorcycles represent the most budget-friendly option, because of their low gas usage and easy upkeep. These bikes typically feature straightforward aesthetics and boast medium-sized engines. They come with user-friendly frames, upright handlebars and seats, and foot pegs that are easy to reach. They are an excellent choice for newcomers and for individuals who do not intend to ride regularly or over long distances.

## TOURING OPTIONS

On the other hand, if long journeys appeal to you, a touring motorcycle might be the best fit. These bikes are designed with a classic upright seating position and larger engines to enhance fuel capacity. They offer additional storage solutions. Touring bikes frequently include substantial fairings in the front, which are meant to protect against



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wind and rain. Just keep in mind that they're generally much larger in size — with a higher cost, as well.

## CRUISERS

Cruisers are recognized for their plentiful low-end power, thanks to a V-twin engine. They're complemented by high handlebars and foot pegs located forward. But these

motorcycles can present a greater challenge for novice riders because of the laid-back seating position. They can be tricky to handle in poor weather conditions.

## SPORT MOTORCYCLES

Craving additional speed? Sport bikes could be what you're looking for. These models come with powerful

engines and lightweight frames that allow for quick acceleration. The positioning on these bikes is typically more parallel, reducing wind resistance. That means the handlebars may be positioned a bit farther away.

## OTHER BIKES

Adventurers in search of off-road capabilities enjoy

dual-sport motorcycles, often known as adventure-sport or dual-purpose bikes. These legal road dirt bikes are made to handle rougher terrains. Their lightweight design and smaller engines make them ideal for newcomers.

If you primarily ride in urban areas, it may be wise to explore lightweight models like mopeds and scooters.

## MOTORCYCLES | PROTECTIVE GEAR

# Safety Starts With a Helmet

Statistics show that helmet use prevents thousands of deaths each year in the U.S.

Yet many riders don't take advantage of this widely available protective gear. Recent advancements mean they've never been more comfortable to wear. They can even be outfitted with cool communication and Bluetooth technology.

## INSIDE THE NUMBERS

As exciting and fun as they are to drive, motorcycles carry inherent risks simply because of their open design. That's why riders have a risk of fatality that is about 30 times higher per mile than those in passenger vehicles. Simply wearing a helmet can lower the chances of suffering head injuries by around 70 percent, while decreasing the likelihood of death by more than 40 percent. Even though some states have repealed helmet laws, riders who do not wear helmets face a much higher risk of injury or death. States without universal helmet requirements consistently report higher fatality rates.

Those preventable injuries come at a cost, contributing billions of dollars in health-care expenses each year.

## SIZING YOUR HELMET

Helmet sizes follow familiar ranges such as small, medium, large and extra-large, but proper fit involves more than



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choosing a size. A helmet needs to fit snugly around the cheeks and neck to provide protection on impact, making an in-person fitting important before purchase. Cheek pads should rest comfortably against the face, with no gaps at the brow or temples. The neck roll should sit securely

without pushing the helmet away from the head.

For full-face helmets, the front should clear the nose even when pressure is applied. Once secured, the strap keeps the helmet stable and properly positioned. A well-fitted helmet allows slight movement from side to

side and up and down, with the skin moving along with it, while still maintaining a close, consistent fit.

## NEW INNOVATIONS

The technology around motorcycle helmets has significantly improved in recent years. Newer models come

packed with sophisticated features aimed at enhancing safety and enriching your riding experience. These helmets can connect to your phone for hands-free calling and use Bluetooth for music playback. Some even prevent the motorcycle from starting if the helmet is out of range.



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**MOTORCYCLES** | AMAZING ADVENTURES

# Time To Get Out There!

There's only so much motorcycling you can do near and around your home base, no matter how picturesque your town happens to be. Here are four great rides to consider.

**PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY**  
(California)

**Distance:** 650+ miles  
**Route:** Leggett to Dana Point, California

**Tips:** Expect heavier traffic near California's major cities, including Los Angeles and San Francisco. Starting early can help you avoid traffic, but there is the risk of coastal fog.

Be aware that this can gather quite suddenly, limiting visibility. Check road conditions online before you ride, since landslides are also possible.

**When to ride:** Spring and fall, when there are fewer tourists and the weather is milder.

**GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD**  
(Montana)

**Distance:** 50 miles  
**Route:** From West Glacier to St. Mary, Montana  
**Tips:** Pre-planning is key, since this road is only open for a short period in the summer because of regular snowfall. Be prepared for narrow lanes and steep drop-offs in this mountainous region.

**When to ride:** July to early September; ride early and you'll catch the incredible morning light.

**BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY**  
(Virginia to North Carolina)

**Distance:** ~ 470 miles  
**Route:** From Waynesboro, Virginia, to Cherokee, North Carolina

**Tips:** The weather at higher elevations can be quite unpredictable, with sudden rain showers.

It can also get pretty chilly, even during the summer months. Watch for wildlife, particularly in the early mornings and evenings. There aren't many gas stations, so fuel up when you see one.

**When to ride:** Find stunning foliage in autumn and comfortable conditions in late spring

**ROUTE 66**  
(Illinois to California)

**Distance:** ~ 2,450 miles  
**Route:** Chicago, IL, to Santa Monica, CA

**Tips:** Research is critical because the original roadway is now fragmented, leaving some segments unmarked or in poor condition. Best to stick to the most-used sections where you can embrace the experience. Make time to stop at the unique roadside attractions along the way.

**When to ride:** Spring or fall



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