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The Director Says...

The February Chapter meeting is right around the corner. We will be making some announcements regarding the primary activities for the year. I will be sharing the details of a ride contest and a few other surprises! Let's just say that I hope you are ready to ride this year as you are going to get plenty opportunity to do so. Between the Chapter riding contest, the regular Chapter rides, and the planned long ride, you are going to get to visit some familiar, some new, and some definitely interesting places this year.

For the new members, the HOG Chapter is about riding and having fun. I know we say this a lot but we are pushing some boundaries this year to try new and exciting things. We want everyone to come out and have some fun while supporting the Chapter. No matter if you're a seasoned rider, or new to riding, there will be something for everyone...

I have some things that I want to let the Chapter in on. I consider my tenure as Director to be pretty transparent. I'm willing to share, except when it might spoil a surprise for others! I would like to share some things with you all in hopes that maybe someone will come forward with some suggestions that may help.

We are having difficulty finding restaurants that can support a group our size, especially on Saturdays. Most restaurants want to charge \$100, or more, just to use their room even when we know the majority of the Chapter members will eat there.

During the summer months, we will be looking at moving the Chapter meetings to during the week, possibly on a Thursday night. This way the members will have their weekends to ride or participate in other activities. Why Thursday? No night we pick is going to work for everyone but Thursday is close to the weekend and, in my experience, people are more willing to get out closer to the weekend.

I need help finding alternate locations to have Chapter meetings. If you work for, own, or know someone with a business that has a large conference room and seating for 60-70 that we could use for a couple of hours once a month, please let me know. I am willing to just have a meeting without food, or just provide snacks and drinks. I'm trying to limit meeting locations to places where we can have a little privacy and everyone can hear what's being said. Ideas or suggestions are requested; call or email me with your best ideas.

Several new members have expressed they appreciate the name tags and the meet and greet that we did at the January meeting. I heard a couple of cases where new members had been to meetings and no one ever spoke to them. I know most every one of you and I know we are a friendly bunch. However, we get caught up in conversation and miss the opportunity to meet other members. I would appreciate it if you continue the momentum and wear your HOG name tag or a peel and stick name tag that the Chapter provides at the meetings. Every one of us was "new" at some time and probably have similar stories, so just introduce yourself next time you see someone you don't know. By the way, we are currently sending email blast to new members that join by purchasing a new bike or just join the Chapter. We are making an effort to invite new members to meetings and events, so this is another reason to say hi.

There is something for everyone planned in February. I hope you are following the Chapter calendar: <http://www.memphishog.com/#!/calendar/c1nf7>. There are parties, meet and greets, and LOH activities, including "Quilting 101" from our very own members J Carolyn Rice and Vicki Czynnik. Ladies, ask Ladies of

FEBRUARY CHAPTER EVENTS

- 6 Chapter Meeting: 11:30a @Corky's Ribs & BBQ (Cordova)
- 11 Road Captain Meeting: 6:30pm @ Joe's Crabshack
- 14 Valentine's Dinner: 7pm @ Side Porch Steak House
- 18 Dinner Social: 6:30pm @ Soul Fish (Germantown)
- 22 Gun Range Date Night: 6p @ Range USA
- 27 Meet and Greet with Officers: 10a @ Bumpus HD

Harley Officer Sue Cobb (sueacobb@att.net) how to participate. We also have a date night at the gun range scheduled this month, which is always a good time.

Please make plans to attend the Valentine's Day Party, at the Side Porch Restaurant, on Sunday February 14th. We need you to use the Facebook event or the Chapter email memphishogactivities@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend. There will be a special valentine basket available to some lucky winner. I hope to see you there!

Don't forget to register for the HOG State Rally held in Memphis May 31 - June 4th. You can register here: <http://www.tnstatehogrally.com>. Let's show the other Chapters that Memphis knows how to support our city and throw an event second to none! The rally committee will need our support and volunteerism to pull this event off. Get registered and get involved!

We have a great chapter thanks to our members...and that's you. From the Membership, to the Road Captains, to the Officers, we make this Chapter work. I appreciate each and every one of you that come out and support the Chapter events and the Chapter officers. If you haven't already done so, please renew your Chapter membership for 2016. Remember you must be a HOG National Member to be a local Chapter member. Don't let your membership lapse and get dropped from the emails and Chapter notifications. We will miss you as much as you will miss us!

Jim Ferguson
2016 Memphis Chapter Director
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Head Road Captain Report

I have been asked a few times, especially from new members, about how we line up for our Chapter rides. For a Chapter ride, we will always have a short ride briefing announcing the Road Captains for the groups. At this time we will also go over the route and the proper hand signals and if you need to sign a waiver as a guest.

If you are new to the Chapter and especially to group riding and have questions, please seek out one of the Road Captains; we are here to help. We have all been new members at one time and we understand that the lining up can be a little intimidating. If you prefer to ride in a specific spot within a group, let us know. Also if you have ridden with specific road captains and feel better riding with them, let them know and jump in their group.

If you can't meet us to ride, come by car. The address of the restaurants is posted on the Calendar, so just meet us there. Nobody has said that you have to ride, but it does make it more enjoyable to ride with the group.

The road captains have a lot of riding experience. They put in many hours working on routes once a destination is picked for our rides. Once a route is planned one of them or a group will ride that route to make sure it is enjoyable, has gas stops, etc. Many hours are spent behind the scenes working on, planning and pre-riding routes to try and insure the groups safety and enjoyment on the ride.

Greg Patton
Head Road Captain 2016



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I would like to talk about Ladies of Harley (LOH) membership requirements. **You DO NOT have to ride your own bike ladies to be a member.** You just have to be current national and local Memphis chapter HOG members. There is no fee to be LOH. You do not have to be on Facebook. There is a simple sign up form to let us know how you would like to be contacted. We can call, email, text or include you in the LOH Facebook group. We want all ladies to come join in the fun.

Our first LOH gathering for 2016 was the swap meet/yard sale on January 16th at Bumpus Whitten. It was cold, but we had a blast. Thanks to all that participated in the sale, and in coming to shop and support us.

February LOH Events

Valentines Dinner – Side Porch Restaurant- Sunday, Feb. 14th 7:00
LOH will be raffling off (2) “Sweetheart Baskets”.

LOH Meeting – “Pizza & A Movie” – Tuesday, February 16th 6-8 p.m.
Ed Dacus has been gracious enough to host our meeting in his awesome garage. Come join us. We will be planning our 1st overnighter. Anyone want to do a Wine or Murder Mystery Train Ride?

“Quilting with J. Carolyn Rice” – Sunday, February 28th 1-4 p.m.
Don’t miss this event. Location: IEC office, Bartlett

See detailed information from J. Carolyn and map on next page.

“Why do women ride motorcycles?” was a question asked by Chris Best at the LOH yard sale. Nancy Moore and Angie Printup became TV celebrities with their responses. I ride because I can. Love it for many reasons. People you meet, places you see and memories that last a lifetime. I met my best friend, soul mate and husband riding Harleys. It is a life changing adventure. Whether you ride your own, or take in the adventure from the back seat, the same wind hits us all in the face.

I did some research the other night, and found this very interesting website. Please check it out: <https://www.fix.com/blog/why-more-women-are-riding-motorcycles> It’s a great article with lots of good information, and great reading regarding lady riders.

I would like to welcome new members: Teresa Paluso, Michele Plumer, Linda Herring and Katrina Puckett.

Great things taking place this year with your HOG chapter. Ride safe and see ya there!!!

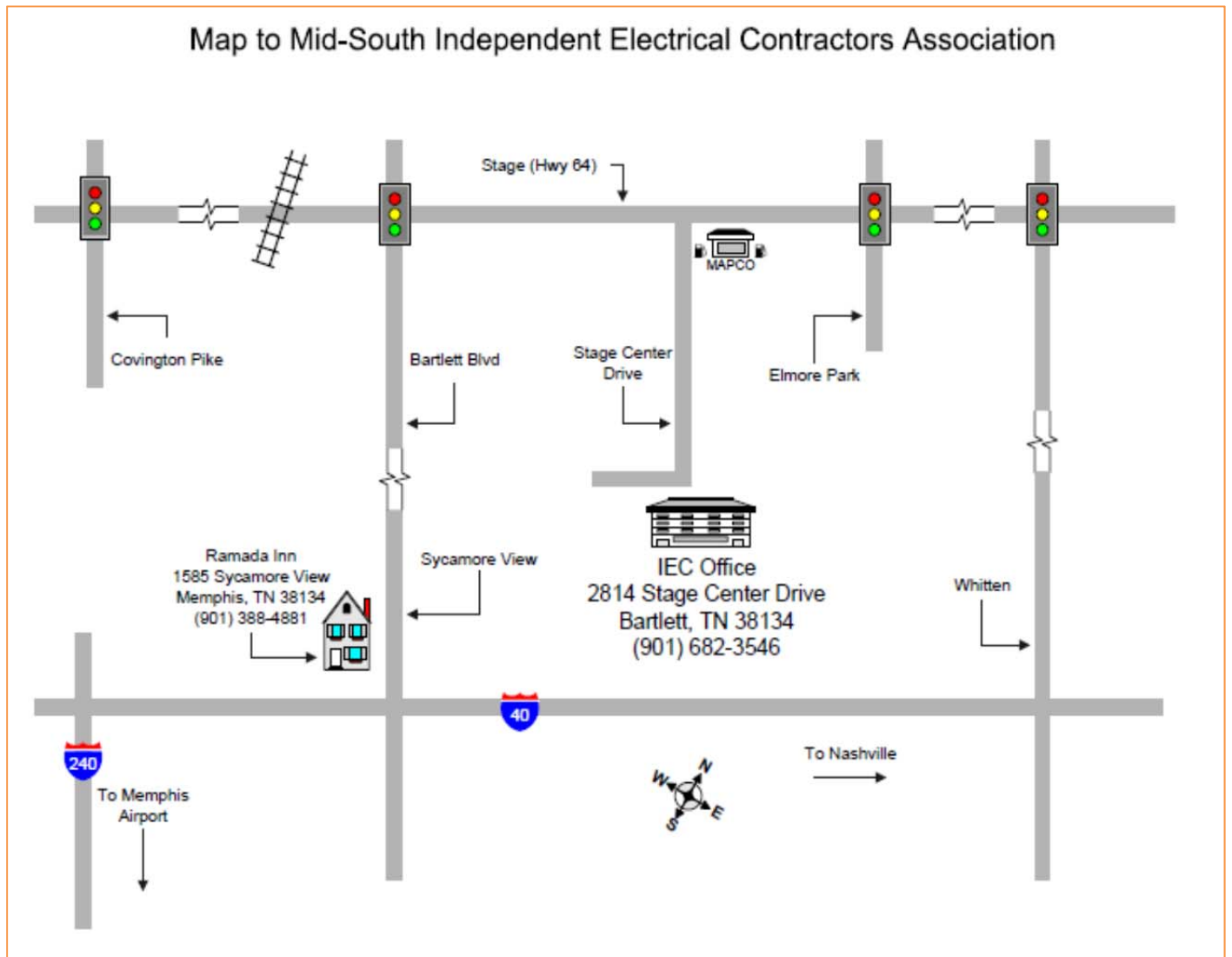
So You Want to Make a T-Shirt Quilt??
Quilting with J. Carolyn

February 28, 2016 – 1-4 pm
Mid-South IEC, 2814 Stage Center Drive, Bartlett, TN 38134

Several LOH ladies have asked me to teach a class on making T-Shirt quilts. At 1 pm, Sunday, February 28, 2016, at Mid-South IEC, we will have a general meeting to observe and discuss expectations about this process. You need not bring anything to this class other than a notebook, pen and yourself. I think it best to start at the beginning with quilting, understanding the task at hand before jumping in and spending money on supplies for the project.

At the completion of the class, if there is interest in a hands-on advanced class executing the quilting process we have discussed, a future date will be set. Even if you are not going to make a T-Shirt quilt but are just curious, feel free to join us. This class is open to all active HOG members.

See you there.
J. Carolyn
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2016 Leadership Team

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Membership: Rob & Leigh Williams
Ladies of Harley (LOH): Sue Anne Cobb
Photographer: John Grisham
Greeter: Richard Cooley
Safety Officer: Dave Stockton

2016 Road Captains

Head Road Captain: Greg Patton

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Brian Bryant	Michael O'Rourke
Gene Cofer	Denisce Paine
Richard Cooley	Jeff Poland
Peter Doorley	Burt Powell
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Bob Gasko	Michael Smith
Jerry Hayes	Jim Stingley
Mac Hill	Dave Stockton
Robert Hunt	John Trainor
Laura LeDuc	Randy Wagley
David Lester	Dan White
David Leutwyler	Rob Williams

Have you renewed your Memphis HOG membership for 2016?

Membership renewal forms are available at the Bumpus HD Parts Counter AND our February chapter meeting.

Pay by cash or check at either location.

Don't forget to renew your National HOG membership too.



Larry Allen
Lee Bowling
Walter Hill
Mike Latham
Linda Sones



Register at <http://www.tnstatehogrally.com/registration.php>

Membership: Rob Williams

Hi everyone! I am Rob Williams and I am part of the Membership team this year. I have been an active HOG member since 2012. During that time, I have been a member of several different chapters over the past several years. Most of that time was spent with the Hellbender Chapter in Marietta, GA. In my previous chapter, I also held the position of Membership officer in 2014. My wife Leigh and I joined the Chapter literally days after moving in here in Memphis. I have been a Road Captain since 2013.

I had always wanted to ride but kept putting it off for one reason or another. It has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. My first motorcycle was a Harley. There was never a doubt in my mind what brand of motorcycle I was going to ride once I decided to get licensed. I've had people ask me, "Why a Harley?" I always have the same two answers: The ride or the feel of the bike and the sound. My first bike was a 2005 Sportster 883 Custom. That bike was a lot of fun and completely in its element riding around the mountains in North Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee every weekend. Once we were settled in Memphis, I upgraded to a 2007 Ultra Classic so that Leigh would be more comfortable. Although I have to admit the Ultra Classic is a very comfortable ride, I do miss the handling of my old Sportster. Maybe a second bike will find its way into the garage at some point in the future.

Newsletter/Membership: Leigh Williams

I'm excited to be serving as an officer in our Memphis HOG chapter. I'll be working on your newsletter each month and assisting Rob with membership duties.

When Rob and I first moved to Memphis at the end of July 2014, we checked out the local HOG chapter website. I was impressed with how much the Memphis chapter did together. We went to the August meeting and signed up as members before the night was through. Everyone was so friendly to the "new folks in town".

That friendliness didn't stop at the first meeting. I was encouraged to join LOH even though I don't ride on my own. We were always welcomed at each event we attended. We had to deal with some sad and stressful circumstances with my parents last year, and the friendliness stretched across the miles in the form of Facebook posts and messages and personalized cards, while Rob and I were out of town for an extended period of time.

As your newsletter editor and half of the membership team, I will work to ensure that all HOG chapter members feel welcome and valued, so that you get the most that you can out of your membership. If you have something you'd like to share with the chapter, such as details of a past ride that you really enjoyed or a link to an article about riding, or something that you'd like to sell through the newsletter, please let me know.



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The Motorcycle Tourer's Forum (MTF) is an internet group of non-brand affiliated riders that gather in various places several times a year, to accommodate the group's different 'styles' of riding. To be inclusive to its riders interests the MTF has developed three mainstay riding venues: Touring two-up (Flower Sniffin'), Dual Sport (Rough Road Riding, RRR), and Long Distance riding (LD). The MTF has no dues, fees or charges for any of its events, it is strictly run by volunteer riders. Read more about the MTF here: <http://www.mctourer.com>

I have ridden with the MFT for many years and have participated in all three type venues, and the experiences I've had are truly memory makers. As you can see from the above photo the next Flower Sniffin' ride is going to be in Patagonia, AZ, April 19-22 Tues-Fri, 2016, and the area looks to offer absolutely beautiful riding. The web link: <http://www.mctourer.com/rides/2016/Arizona/index.htm> . As you can see the MTF has arranged the host hotel, daily rides, and nightly dinners, all you have to do is show up! I guarantee a GREAT time will be had by all. I plan on being there and if you have any questions please email me and I'll be happy to answer them.

Ride Safe,
Robert Rehkopf
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The George A. Wyman Memorial Grand Tour

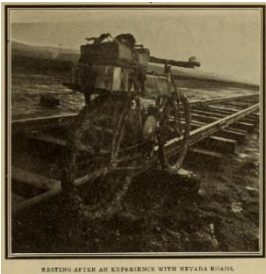
Compiled by Robert Rehkopf



George A. Wyman was the first person to cross America on a motorized vehicle. Wyman started in San Francisco on May 16 and arrived in New York City 50 days later on July 6, 1903. He rode a 90cc, 1.25 horsepower “California” motorcycle designed by [Roy C. Marks](#), inventor of the first American production motorcycle. Wyman wrote five articles chronicling his epic journey. These articles helped launch “The Motorcycle Magazine” and were published in the June, July, August, September and October, 1903 editions.

This historic transcontinental motorcycle journey took place at the beginning of the 20th century when life moved at the pace of the horse and buggy. The “motorcycle” was regarded as a novelty, used by young men to cruise the neighborhood and ride around town. Wyman was a competitive bicycle racer and adventurer. He was the first American to circumnavigate Australia on a bicycle. After his purchase of the “California” in 1902 he was the first to ride a motorcycle over the Sierra Mountains that summer. It was that feat that inspired his transcendental attempt.

The Wyman story is one of personal courage, determination and struggle to overcome adversity. Wyman faced his long-distance motorcycling saga alone, without a backup crew, with only his ingenuity and resourcefulness to keep himself and his motorcycle moving. Crossing mountain ranges, vast stretches of desert and endless prairie Wyman would at times ride along the tracks of the Transcontinental Railroad due to the poor roads of the day. Battling daily breakdowns and disabling mechanical failures, he would ultimately succeed riding from San Francisco to New York City to earn his place in motorcycle history.



After his successful journey there was a brief period of publicity and some public interest. This soon waned as the news of the first automobile crossing by Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson and others dominated the headlines. It was the automobile that would capture the imagination and interest of the motoring public in a way that pushed Wyman's accomplishment to the back pages of history. It would another 70 years before his story surfaced again.

Were it not for a hand full of devoted motorcycle enthusiasts the Wyman saga would have been lost forever. Thanks to [Roger Hull, AMA Hall of Fame](#) inductee, and then publisher of Road Rider Magazine, we now have as much of the story as can be found. By the 1970's there was virtually only one known copy of the original articles, with pictures, still in existence. Road Rider got rare access to [the original articles](#), with rare photos, and was allowed to copy them. In August, 1979, Road Rider Magazine republished the original narrative that was published only once in “The Motorcycle Magazine” between June - October, 1903. Thanks to Mr. Hull's efforts, in 2000, the American Motorcyclist Association inducted George A. Wyman into the [Motorcycle Hall of Fame](#) as the first person to ride a motorcycle across America.



Fast forward to the International Meeting of the Iron Butt Association in Denver, CO held in August 2014. At the Friday night banquet, a small group of IBA members announced the formation of [The George A. Wyman Memorial Project](#). Its mission; promote the Wyman story, mark the points along the way from San Francisco to New York City, educate the motorcycling community and general public of the historic significance of the Wyman accomplishment. Established as a [registered 501\(c\)\(3\) nonprofit organization](#), focusing on historic preservation and education, the Project set out to consolidate all public domain information about the Wyman saga and provide it to the public free of charge as a public service. After extensive research and miles of site surveys along the Wyman route the Project published the most concise and comprehensive narrative of Wyman's historic saga to date.

[The George A. Wyman Memorial Grand Tour](#) – “Points Along the Way” is the chronological listing of all the waypoints mentioned by Wyman in his accounts and those published reports in “Bicycle World and Motorcycle Review.” Published by the Project, free to all, the Grand Tour Rider’s Guide, it is available to download in PDF on the Grand Tour website. Link: <http://goo.gl/dB67ha> If you use a GPS for navigation you can [download the companion GPX file](#).



Members of the Iron Butt Association can get credit for riding the Wyman Memorial Grand Tour and companion ride, the Wyman Memorial 50cc Gold by riding from San Francisco to New York City between May 16 and July 6. Members follow strict IBA documentation standards to certify the Memorial Grand Tour ride in under 50 days or 50 hours for the Memorial 50cc Gold. See the official IBA rules here: [The George A. Wyman Memorial Challenge](#)

The Grand Tour gives touring enthusiast the opportunity to ride in the tracks of Wyman’s historic 1903 journey across America. Members of the long distance riding and motorcycle touring communities might be familiar with the format used. It is common to competitive long distance motorcycle rallies. If you are not familiar with this aspect of motorcycling, then the George A. Wyman Memorial Grand Tour will be a great way to experience the fun and navigational challenges of motorcycle rallying. There are some 160 Wyman waypoints contained in the guide. Depending on your long distance riding abilities and navigational skills, you can ride to and document a majority of the Wyman waypoints in the span of a week’s vacation, Saturday through Sunday.

The Grand Tour is divided into “Legs”, matching Wyman’s publish accounts. The Rider’s Guide contains all the location information, a waypoint description and a quote from Wyman “In his own words.” Each “Leg” is preceded with a summary page that contains a table of distances and times for that leg.

[LEG 1 – Over the Sierras and Through the Snow Sheds](#) - San Francisco to Reno

[LEG 2 – Over the Great Deserts to The Rocky Mountains](#) - Reno to Ogden

[LEG 3 – Over the Rockies and The Great Divide to the Prairies](#) - Ogden to Omaha

[LEG 4 – Through the Valleys of the Two Great Rivers to Chicago](#) - Omaha to Chicago

[LEG 5 – Along the Shores of the Great Lakes and Down the Hudson to New York](#) - Chicago to New York City

Note: Click on the “LEG” link to go to the Grand Tour summary page. Click on the Leg Title link to go to Wyman’s published account for that leg.



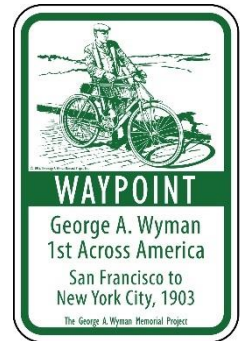
Listed below are the miles and riding times for routes to each of the Wyman waypoints accessible by paved or well-maintained unpaved roads. The routes follow the paved roads and highways available today that closely match Wyman’s 1903 route. West of Indiana many of these road would become part of the “[Lincoln Highway](#)” system. You may choose any route between waypoints. Navigating point-to-point using the “Fastest” GPS route setting may reduce the distances and moving time, but you might miss out on a lot of great riding between the points along the way.

Table of Distances and Times by State

STATE	WAYPOINTS	MILES	MOVING TIME	DWELL TIME	TOTAL TIME
California	18	217.3	4:21	2:50	7:11
Nevada	16	482.1	7:50	2:40	10:30
Utah	8	233.3	3:35	1:20	4:55
Wyoming	28	547.0	9:47	4:40	14:27
Nebraska/Colorado	19	474.9	8:54	3:10	12:04
Iowa	13	372.5	7:19	2:10	9:29
Illinois	10	184.1	5:29	1:40	7:09
Indiana	7	171.4	3:27	1:10	4:37
Ohio	11	261.7	6:25	1:50	8:15
New York	15	608.8	11:20	2:30	13:50
TOTALS	145	3,553.1	68:27	24:00	92:27

(Miles and Moving Time source: Garmin BaseCamp, map set 2015.2) (Dwell Time: 0:10 per Waypoint)

In addition to publishing the Grand Tour the Project has been busy marking the points along the way. Through its [“Friends of George”](#) Sponsorship and [Community Hosting](#) programs the Project has been placing Wyman Memorial Plaques and Wyman Waypoint Signs at waypoint locations to increase public awareness of Wyman’s historic and epic journey. Modeled on the [“Lincoln Highway”](#) and historic [“Route 66”](#) efforts, the goal the Wyman Project is to bring awareness of the Wyman waypoints and route to the general public. To learn more and become a Sponsor, visit the [“Friends of George”](#) page. Help The George A. Wyman Memorial Project to achieve its mission of keeping the Wyman story alive by....



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