



H.O.G. Trails

Screw it, Lets ride!

July Events:

At Bluegrass H-D:

Bike Nights: Every Tuesday at
Bud's Tavern in J-town, 6-9



HOG Members Only:

Sun., July 13, Noon sign-in a
Lunch ride to Huber's!



Sat., July 26, 10 a.m. sign-in
a Lunch ride to Overlook!



**And as a reminder our
Chapter Social
gathering is 9:30 a.m.,
every SECOND
Saturday of the month!
(Be there early)**



America The Beautiful

Home of the Brave, land of the Free with the unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Let freedom ring!

As we all plan our summer travels through our One Nation Under God, the scenery is the best part of the journey! From the Purple Mountains majesty, from Sea to Shining Sea, and through the patchwork of farmlands, it connects us to what America is all about. Enjoy our Nation's birthday and safe travels!

To see what other patchwork that our members love, keep reading.....

While many of us enjoy a fireworks celebration, be mindful of those who don't.





Every Vest Tells A Story

By: Sherry Weir (Patches McRider)

People enjoy talking about themselves, sharing hobbies, interests and personal experiences. As for motorcyclists, they visually express their individual experiences, opinions and adventures through decorative vest patches.

Several years ago, I started sewing patches for motorcyclists which provided knowledge pertaining to various riding groups, clubs, and individuals. A patch-laden vest expresses something about every biker's character. They are typically chosen for a specific reason and are a powerful representation of a his or her character and identification, whether in a club or a solo rider.

Adventure riders sport patches from challenging places they have ridden motorcycles such as annual Sturgis and Daytona Bike Rallies, legendary mountainous terrains, biker bars, different states and events. These vests are usually marked with colorful, conversational patches, and some with limited room to spare.

HOG chapter members proudly wear accomplishment milestone patches such as the mileage rockers, some with over 100,000 miles, which is a visually well-respected achievement. Their rockers and center patches demonstrate the camaraderie and association among the group.

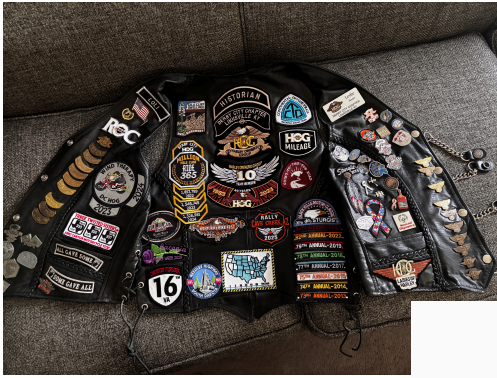
Motorcycle club riders officiously display organizational color patches, including position patches such as "President", as well as earned or assigned road names. Many exhibit patches of patriotism, military, first responder, police services and more.

Christian club riders share religious testimonial patches with the purpose of evangelizing the motorcycle community as well as fostering a Christian relationship. There are over one hundred Christian motorcycle clubs nationally.

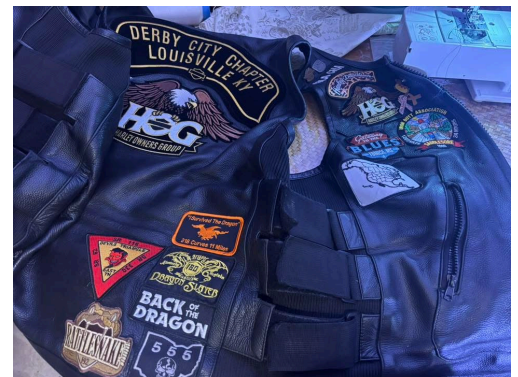
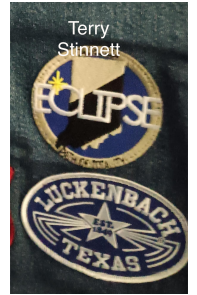
New riders are easily recognized with blank vests until they discover the world of patches and can gradually create a personal identity or join an official motorcycle riding club. Seasoned riders wearing a blank vest is usually a sign of a new vest with patches to be added.

Then there are those who boldly share sarcastic or even offensive patches. Reading these insignias generally indicates a humorous personality or a possibly abrasive viewpoint shared by a rider with an audaciously distinctive personality.

Biker vests and patches aren't necessarily for every rider but the next time you venture out on bike night or a charity ride, observe the various vests and patch collections. You can read, laugh, admire or even strike up conversations about the patches because ***every vest tells a story.***



Every patch, every vest has a message, story and reason to the person who wears it. Whether to honor someone, a charity, a state, a ride or what makes a rider happy it's uniquely theirs.



Vicky Bouchard's dad has a favorite patch on his 50 year old vest that reads: "It's only kinky the first time"

(She never asked about the story behind that patch) LOL

