

EVENTS

CELEBRATE GEORGE WYMAN

Wednesday June 24, 2026 – Community Learning Center

Saturday June 27, 2026 – Kendallville Powersports

HISTORY – GEORGE WYMAN

George Wyman was the first person to cross the United States on a motorized vehicle.

He left San Francisco CA on May 16, 1903, and arrived in New York City on July 6, 1903. His journey took him 50 days.

George Wyman spent the night in Ligonier on Wednesday June 24, 1903. On Thursday June 25, 1903, George Wyman rode across Noble County Indiana. He departed Ligonier at 8:00am and traveled along what is now US 6, through Wawaka and arrived in Kendallville mid-morning. He continued through Downtown Kendallville and turned East on Waits Road to Butler IN.

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Richard Warsham, CEO of Janus Motorcycles of Goshen IN will present *Across America on a Janus Motorcycle*. Richard has ridden George's route on today's roads and is knowledgeable about George Wyman. Attend Richard's travelog at the Community Learning Center at 7:00 pm.

Saturday June 27, 2026, CELEBRATE GEORGE WYMAN. Kendallville Powersports.

8:30 am – Registration for the Vintage Motorcycle Show.

Food vendors, merchants and organizations set up.

9:00 am – Ride #1 Gather at Janus Motorcycles in Goshen IN for ride to Kendallville Powersports.

10:00 am – Wyman Festival opens to the public.

10:30 am – How Fast Can You Eat 10 Hot Dogs? Sponsored by Jen's Bistro.

11:00 am – Riders from Janus Motorcycles in Goshen IN arrive at Kendallville Powersports.

12:30 pm – Awards for How Fast Can You Eat 10 Hot Dogs?

Awards for Wyman Vintage Motorcycle Show.

1:00 pm – George Wyman plaque ceremony. Tim Masterson presents to Mayor Lance Waters and Bill Shultz.

1:30 pm – Ride #2 Vintage Motorcycles will take the lead and recreate George Wyman's historic ride through Downtown Kendallville, culminating in Butler IN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THE GEORGE WYMAN CELEBRATION.

SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON GEORGE'S RIDE THROUGH WAWAKA AND DOWNTOWN KENDALLVILLE!

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