

## Some Upcoming Events

### **Pirates and Wenches Fantasy Weekend**

Rock Hall, Maryland  
August 8 – 9, 2009

[www.rockhallpirates.com](http://www.rockhallpirates.com)

### **Motor Cycle Rally**

Parksley, Virginia  
August 14 – 15, 2009

[www.parksleyvfc.org](http://www.parksleyvfc.org)

### **Broadkill River Canoe & Kayak Race**

Milton, Delaware  
August 22, 2009

[www.miltontheatre.org](http://www.miltontheatre.org)

### **New Castle Antiques Show**

New Castle, Delaware  
August 30, 2009

### **Hard Crab Derby & Fair**

Crisfield, Maryland  
September 4 – 6, 2009

[www.crisfieldchamber.com](http://www.crisfieldchamber.com)

### **Amish Country Bike Tour**

Dover, Delaware  
September 12, 2009

### **Maryland Lighthouse Challenge**

Chesapeake Bay  
September 18 – 20, 2009

[www.cheslights.org/challenge.htm](http://www.cheslights.org/challenge.htm)

More information on these and other events  
can be found at ShoreTobeFun.com -  
Calendar of Events

## **Summer Wanes**

When I was a kid the month of August was one that always gave me mixed feelings. I was born near the end of August so when the month began I always knew that my birthday would be coming soon.

But I also knew that as August came to an end it would be back to school and that the summer was coming to an end as well. Even as it seemed that the days were getting hotter.

As I got older the fact that school was about to begin became less of a factor. That was other than the five Augusts that I was working at a college working what seemed to be all of the time in getting ready for the students to start class.

But for the last few years August has been a time for reflections. Reflection on life as a child on the Delmarva Peninsula. Reflection on how some days it is obvious that the sun is shining less with each passing day. Reflection that Summer is moving to an end. Reflection that 2009 is one of the longest summers.

Yes that's right, 2009 has been a long summer, especially for those who view the summer as beginning with the Memorial Day weekend and ending with Labor Day. This year Memorial Day came as early and Labor Day as late as they can be giving us the longest possible summer.

But as August ends and with Labor Day being right around the corner,

one should remember that calendar Summer doesn't end until the Autumn Equinox on September 22, 2009 at 5:18 pm EDT.

Even then there is still plenty of fine weather to enjoy throughout September and into October.

And is there really any place better to be than on the Delmarva Peninsula when Autumn arrives.

But it's still the beginning of August and there are still a few weekends to enjoy before Labor Day.

So let's get out there.

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## 2009 Delmarva Fairs

### State Fairs

**Delaware State Fair**  
July 23 - August 1, 2009  
Delaware Fairground  
Harrington, Delaware  
[www.delawarestatefair.com](http://www.delawarestatefair.com)

**Maryland State Fair**  
August 28 - September 7, 2009  
Timonium, Maryland  
[www.bcpl.net/~mdstfair](http://www.bcpl.net/~mdstfair)

### County Fairs

**Talbot County Fair**  
July 8 - 11, 2009  
Easton, Maryland

**Kent County Fair**  
July 16 - 18, 2009  
Tolchester, Maryland  
[www.kentcounty.com/events/4-hfair](http://www.kentcounty.com/events/4-hfair)

**Somerset County Fair**  
July 20 - 22, 2009  
Princess Anne, Maryland  
[thegreatpocomokefair.org](http://thegreatpocomokefair.org)

**Cecil County Fair**  
July 24 - August 1, 2009  
Fair Hill, Maryland  
[www.cecilcountyfair.org](http://www.cecilcountyfair.org)

**Caroline-Dorchester County Fair**  
August 5 - 9, 2009  
4-H Park, Denton, Maryland  
[www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org](http://www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org)

**Worcester County Fair**  
August 7 - 9, 2009  
Snow Hill, Maryland  
[worcestercountyfair.com](http://worcestercountyfair.com)

**Queen Anne's County Fair**  
August 10 - 15, 2009  
4-H Park, Centreville, Maryland  
[www.queenannescofair.com](http://www.queenannescofair.com)

**Wicomico Farm and Home Show**  
August 13 - 15, 2009  
Salisbury, Maryland  
[www.wicomicofarmandhomeshow.com](http://www.wicomicofarmandhomeshow.com)

## Wicomico County Maryland

Wicomico County was created from portions of Somerset and Worcester Counties in 1867. The name comes from the American Indian words *wicko mekee*, which means a place where houses are built. The name Wicomico was first given to the Wicomico River.

There are eight municipalities in Wicomico County. The oldest of these is Salisbury, the county seat, incorporated in 1854. Sharptown formed its own government in 1874, Delmar in 1888, Mardela Springs in 1906, Pittsville and Willards in 1906, Hebron in 1931, and Fruitland in 1947.

About 8 miles northeast of Salisbury is the point where the Mason and Dixon Line intersect with the midpoint of the Transpeninsular Line creating the southwestern corner of Delaware. These two lines after years of dispute created the border between Maryland and Pennsylvania. Prior to 1776 Delaware was an independent part of Pennsylvania and known as the Lower Three Counties.

With the history of the cities and towns or Wicomico, the county has many different things to offer from the local festivals to the fireman's carnivals, the history and natural beauty. And it's even close to the Atlantic beaches.

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## City of Fruitland

When traveling Business Route 13 through Salisbury, Maryland, you may not even realize that shortly after passing Salisbury University you left Salisbury and entered the City of Fruitland. That is unless you noticed that sign welcoming you to Fruitland.

With a population of over 4,000 it is one of the larger of the incorporated areas on the Delmarva Peninsula. But it is dwarfed by Salisbury.

The town wasn't incorporated until 1947 but does have a long history. The first house was built in 1772 and the village that formed there was known as Disharoon's Crossroads. It was a crossroads town on the border between Somerset and Worcester County. Wicomico County, the county in which it now is a part of, was formed from parts of those two counties in 1867.

By the 1820's roads met in the area and were used by stagecoaches between towns in Virginia and Pennsylvania. Development was established at the fork where the roads met and in the 1820's it was called Forktown.

In 1873 the town's name was changed to Fruitland. With the arrival of the railroad, it became a railroad town and a large number of fruits were exported through the station.

From the 1890's until December 1968, Fruitland held an annual holly auction. Holly trees are native to the woods of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties.