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In Maryland

How the “Hoff” Did He do It?

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David Hasselhoff has a bizarre career arc for someone of his size and stature — not for his 6-foot-4-inch, 225-pound frame, either — but I think I know why. Hasselhoff has made a remarkable career out of laughing at himself, who arguably does it better than anyone else out there. He started off slow and really ramped it up, getting better with age. Shows like “The Young and the Restless,” “Knight Rider” and “Baywatch” weren’t hits for being paragons of great acting or for content.

It was the drama and action and sex, man.

Nowadays it seems the “Hoff” is restricted to writing his own self-parodies, like “Jump in My Car,” which is uncommon, to my knowledge, outside the realm of standup comics. My favorite Hoffculture reference, though, belongs to Happy Gilmore. Shooter McGavin says, “This guy spends more time in the sand than David Hasselhoff!”

As some of you may know, Hasselhoff was born in Baltimore, MD. He’s bounced around quite a bit since then, though — hitting Florida, Maine, Scotland, Illinois, Michigan and California, to

name a few.

If you’re not a reality TV junkie, you may not know much about him beyond the hits. Let me give you the “deets.”

The “Hoff” had a U.K. reality show and U.S. reality show that were created around his family, called “Meet The Hasselhoffs” and “The Hasselhoffs,” respectively. He’s been a judge for “Britain’s Got Talent” and “America’s Got Talent,” too. One thing is clear — Hasselhoff likes to move around.

You can say whatever you want about the “Hoff” because he’s living the dream. The drunk cheeseburger bit aside, he’s doing what everyone else wants to do, which is whatever he wants. And the only reason why we care about a boozed-up man eating a cheeseburger in jeans is because he is the “Hoff.”

It’s always better to be interesting than to be boring. And I suggest we vote David Hasselhoff as the most interesting man “Born in Maryland.”

