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# Piney Rail Riders Newsletter

February 2024

# Club Membership

There are still some members who have yet to renew their membership for 2024. If you will be returning as a member, please go to our website and renew through PayPal or print and mail us a membership application with fees. Please return the form or go online ASAP so we can continue sending you club information and you will have access to our members only Facebook page.

Membership packets will be mailed if you renew(ed) or join(ed) after the January meeting the meeting. Each packet will include a calendar of events, trail map and buggy sticker. All stickers will be sequentially numbered this year. All additional stickers will be assigned to the original member.

Please spread the word and invite others interested in becoming a member or a sponsor to visit our website, <a href="ridethepine.org">ridethepine.org</a> where they can find the necessary applications for both. Let's continue to work together and grow.

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2/15 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

3/16 Maintenance Day

3/21 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

3/30 Maintenance Day

# **CLUB NEWS!!**

#### WHAT'S NEXT FOR PINEY RAIL RIDERS

At the first meeting of the year, Mr. Bryan Huwar discussed what the club is facing with the acquisition grant. An appraisal is currently being completed to have a more exact dollar amount that will be needed to purchase the trail which has always been the main goal. Membership fees were established and a feasibility study was completed to prove we had something of value to offer. We now face the task of fundraising monies to make up for what we may not be able to be eligible for through the grant process with DCNR. Possible ideas may be to raise yearly membership fees, offer a lifetime membership, increase sponsorship fees and also offer a lifetime sponsorship. The grant committee would like to hear from our members and will be sending out a survey to give them an ideas to move forward.

#### **COMMITTEE HEADS**

We still need help with 3 of our committees. Merchandise, events and sponsorship is open. If you are able to volunteer your time for any of the committees, please contact one of our officers.

# **GUN RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

There will be a slight change in our gun raffle fundraiser this year. Tickets will be available starting on February 15, at our monthly meeting at the Clarion Eagles @7pm. Tickets are \$10 each and the winner will be drawn at our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Clarion Eagle @7pm. Winner does not need to be present to win, but you must be 18 years old to purchase tickets. Contact Deb Clinger for tickets to sell and they will be due back April 1. Please follow our members only Facebook page for more details.

# **CLUB NEWS!!**

Come out and spend the evening with Piney Rail Riders and Woodlands Tavern on Friday, February 16.



# **ANNOUNCING THE NEW 2024 MERCHANDISE**

Available at our online store at <u>ridethepine.org</u> and our February monthly meeting.

We will also have a limited amount of a special calendar with Piney Rail Riders event pictures available for purchase



# **2024 SPONSORS**

Blue Town Tavern
Clarion County Rod & Gun Club
i.e. Insurance
Maria Marburger Hair Design – 20% off first service for new clients
Piney Meadows Campground
Relevate Business Advisors LLC
Sportsmen Outfitters
The Loomis Bar & Restaurant

Visit our webpage ridethepine.org to find out how you can become a sponsor today and have your business' events listed here each month for our members to enjoy.

# **SPONSOR EVENTS**



i.e.Insurance
Refer Friends!! Grow our i.e. Insurance Family
<a href="https://ieinsurancepa.com">https://ieinsurancepa.com</a>





**Piney Meadows Campground:** Call or text Tonya at 814-715-3681 or message on Facebook to book a pavilion for your birthday party, reunion, wedding etc.

They have 2 pavilions to choose from, both are about the same size. A contract must be signed. Price is \$100/day plus \$100 deposit that will be refunded once everything is cleaned. There are bathrooms located close to each pavilion and there is a fridge at each one. They are booking fast.

Clarion County Rod & Gun Club: Hunter's Safety Course, July 13 @ 8am-2pm. Class fills up quickly, start watching for details at <a href="https://www.pgc.pa.gov">www.pgc.pa.gov</a>.

# <u>SPONSORSHIP SPOTLIGHT</u>

# Clarion County Rod & Gun Club 305 Miller Street Knox, PA 16232 814-797-2437

Is a non-profit organization that is a community of outdoor enthusiasts who have a passion for wildlife management, hunting, fishing and other activities. They promote good sportsmanship, safe hunting and charitable giving.

With 80+ acres of property off of Route 338, it houses a full shooting range, three stocked fishing ponds, a pavilion and 3 primitive campsites.

The Club is located at 105 Miller Street, Knox, PA 16232. There is a banquet room to be used by members, for a minimal fee, for all types of partys. They have Halloween, Christmas and Easter partys with gifts for the youth and homemade dinners (except Halloween) for everyone. They host DJs, Bands and Karaoke for adult entertainment at least 2 times a month. They play Euchre on Thursday evenings and pool tournaments with the American Legion every other Wednesday thru the winter months. They raise pheasant and donate to other sportsman's clubs for their projects and they aid in purchasing fuel for trout stocking.

Visit their Facebook page (the one with two adults and one child in a boat) to see more inforamton on their events.

They are always looking for new members. You can stop at the Club and fill out an application for \$20. You must be 21 years of age to be a member. If you do not know a current member, they will find a sponsor for you.



# TRAIL MAINTENANCE

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# **TRAIL NEWS!!**



USE CAUTION!!
After the last bridge
Before Lawrence Road

## **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Keep in touch with other riders in case of breakdowns or emergencies. Below are the most common channels that riders in the area use.

Radio Channel 2 or FRS2 Frequency 462.5875

#### TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Please remember that Piney Rail Riders has access to the railbed only and any side trails that are not leased or maintained by the club must have permission from the land owner to access. As respectful riders, please keep your speed and noise to a minimum when passing camps or houses, and if you see suspicious activity or items that should not be on the trail, take a picture and contact Bob Gutherie or any officer.

# **TRAIL NEWS!!**

#### **BRIDGE WORK**





Thank you to Aaron Lingenfelter for placing a side wooden tire guard on the bridge off Bish Road.

#### **MAINTENANCE DAYS**

Mark your calendars for March 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting our first maintenance days of this riding season. We need all the volunteers we can get to started with clearing and cleaning the trail. Please watch our facebook page, ride the pine, for more details on the upcoming dates for time and location.

### **WATER HOLE WORK**

Thank you Dave Safranyos for working on the water hole by the gas well by Mendenhall Road.





