



Piney Rail Riders Newsletter

September 2024

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/2 Summerville Labor Day Parade
- 9/7 Redbank Poker Run
- 9/19 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles
- 9/21 Maintenance Day
- 10/5-6 Tour De Forest
- 10/5 Clarion Autumn Leaf Festival Parade
- TBD Halloween Ride
- 10/12 Maintenance Day
- 10/19 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles



WE DID IT!!!!!!



August 21, 2024

Ms. Cinnamon Vosburg, ms
President
Piney Railriders
63 Vosburg Lane
Strattanville, PA 16258

RE: Piney Rail Riders (Clarion)
Piney Branch ATV Rail Corridor- Acquisition

Dear Ms. Vosburg:

On behalf of Governor Josh Shapiro, I am writing to congratulate you on a grant award in the amount of \$937,900 from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Funding for projects comes from a variety of sources including the state Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, Environmental Stewardship Fund, ATV and Snowmobile Management Restricted Accounts, and Pennsylvania Heritage Area Program; and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Program.

The Department is committed to building community conservation partnerships with local governments and nonprofit organizations to protect critical natural areas and open space, develop greenways and trails, provide quality park, recreation and conservation opportunities, and to improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania's communities.

Your DCNR grant award is a recognition of outstanding recreation and conservation work that should be shared with your community. DCNR staff will be in contact with your project coordinator to finalize the grant agreement and to provide additional information on our grant procedures.

I wish you much success in implementing this project, which will contribute to the quality of life for many Commonwealth citizens. If you have any questions, please contact DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation at 717-783-2658, or via email at DCNR-Grants@pa.gov for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Adams Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Cindy Adams Dunn
Secretary

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT!!

As seen above, we received word on August 21 that we were granted \$937,900. That is the FULL amount to purchase the trail. This has been our goal from the beginning and we could not be happier! This was a team effort, not just for the people that were close up and working directly with the grant but to each of you as a member. The grant process looks at so many different things, they want to know that the money they grant will be used in a positive way for many years to come. For a trail system and club to receive such a large grant, it speaks volumes towards both of those points. No matter if you are a new member or have been a member since the beginning, we have all contributed to the success of this goal.

What's next? In the letter, it states that DCNR will be reaching out to our project manager to go over details and help us set things up to get the money into our account and then over to the trail owner. I have no idea how long that will take. What does that mean for the trail and the club as far as DCNR being involved? I also don't know the answer to that. But if you look at some of the other trail systems that have received grant money, it shows us that things shouldn't change much as far as riding.

This does, however, give us collateral for future grants, we will now own the trail and we can move forward with future grants to address the safety of the bridges, building up the maintenance department to maintain the trail and eventually develop a trailhead on the Brookville end. We also have several state highway crossings that will need to be addressed. So in a sense, the hard part is over, but we have a long road ahead too!

We will keep everyone updated on the progress, through the Facebook pages, the newsletter and the monthly meetings.

2024 SPONSORS

A special thank you to our sponsors and all they do for our club. Please follow our public Facebook page for events and special messages and share to spread the word about Piney Rail Riders.

Blue Town Tavern
Clarion County ABATE
Clarion County Rod & Gun Club
Drew's Septic Pumping
East American Motorsports
Extreme Metal Products
i.e. Insurance
M&S Meats
Maria Marburger Hair Design – **20% off first service for new clients**
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Clarion
Old Mill Park Campground
Palmer's Country Store
Piney Meadows Campground
Relevate Business Advisors LLC
Rickard Trucking LLC
Sarah's Snack Shack
Snow Shoe Rails to Trails Association
Sportsmen Outfitters
Stiller Motorsports – **mention you are a member for discounts**
Summerville Eats and Treats
The Loomis Bar & Restaurant
Unique Fabrication
Unique Gas
Vinyl Graphics Unlimited Inc.
Woodlands Tavern

Visit our webpage pineyrailriders.org to find out how you can become a sponsor today.

SPONSOR EVENTS!!

Piney Meadows Park: Sunday, September 1 @2pm, Piney Pinball Tournament
Registration opens at 1pm and tournament starts at 2pm. \$20/person. Questions call
Dave at 814-715-6790.

We would like to extend **Congratulations!!** to our sponsor, Snow Shoe
Rails to Trails, on being a recent grant recipient to help continue to maintain
and grow their trails.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Drews Septic Tank Pumping LLC
Parker, PA 16049
814-758-8781
724-399-0045
drewsseptic.com

Established in 2020, Drew's Septic Tank Pumping LLC has quickly become a trusted name in the septic system service industry in Parker, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. As a locally owned and operated company, they take pride in serving the community with integrity, professionalism and exceptional customer service.

Focusing on quality workmanship, attention to detail and customer satisfaction, they have built a solid reputation for excellence by using the highest quality materials, state-of-the-art equipment, and industry best practices to ensure the long-term success and efficiency of their services.

Their team is fully licensed to ensure that they adhere to industry standards and regulations in all services. Customer satisfaction is their top priority to exceed expectations with every service they provide.

They offer a range of septic system services, including maintenance, pumping and repairs. It is recommended that homeowners have their septic systems inspected and pumped every 3 to 5 years, depending on usage and household size.

When you need to schedule a service, contact Drews Septic Tank Pumping LLC to speak with a friendly and knowledgeable team member.

Call or text 814-758-8781

Monday – Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm

LOOKING TO 2025!!

Renewals are right around the corner! The way we have done this in the past to alleviate the work of our volunteers is to open renewals starting October 1. Membership for 2024 will expire December 31. Renewals will be \$40. If you renew from October 1 to December 31, it will be \$35. We have a couple ways for everyone to renew:

- on line at pineyrailriders.org
- through the mail
- at monthly meetings **(NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)**

We will have everyone's packets at the January 16th meeting at the Clarion Eagles, this meeting starts at 7pm. If you are picking up for someone else, you are responsible for getting that packet to the person you are picking up for.

If you are a current member and haven't renewed by January 1, we will send out an application to you by February 1. The private Facebook page "Ride the Pine" will reset to reflect 2025 members by February 15. Once you renew, you can request to join and will be approved.

This is also when we offer a deal to anyone thinking about joining. If you have anyone interested in joining, we offer a family membership that would expire December 2025 for \$40. They would get their packet for 2024 (while supplies last) and would then be able to get the 2025 packets at the January 16 meeting or have it mailed out.

In the packet you will receive:

- a map
- your numbered stickers
- calendar of events that includes meeting dates and any events the club has planned
- local poker runs organized by other organizations that we do not help with only promote

Please spread the word and invite others to join. Let's continue to work together and grow our club.

MERCHANDISE!!

PINEY RAIL RIDERS MERCHANDISE

****End of Year Merchandise Sale****

Available at meetings and online at pineyrailriders.org



Available Items

- Hoodie
- Beanie
- Crew
- Zip Hoodie

CLUB NEWS!!

MEAT RAFFLE WINNERS

Winners of our Meat Raffle

\$250 certificate - Judy Milliron

\$500 certificate - Weston Bearfield

\$700 certificate - Jeff Chienici

Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you to all who sold and bought tickets to make our raffle a success.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Saturday, August 10 was our Friends and Family Day at Piney Rail Riders. We held our very first event at Memorial Hill by One Eye's Valley. We had 83 people sign in, 19 new and renewed memberships, \$487.00 in food donations and \$675.00 apparel sales. After expenses, we brought in approximately \$1800.00. The weather was great and everyone had a great time meeting new riders and visiting with other members.



Winners of our Friends and Family Day Raffles

50/50 – Bill Miller

New Member Winner – Molly Fair

Attendee Winner – Craig Belcik

CLUB NEWS!!

SUMMERVILLE LABOR DAY PARADE

We have the opportunity again this year to represent Piney Rail Riders in the Summerville Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2. Lineup will be behind the church at 9:30am and the parade starts at 10:30am. For anyone hauling their buggies, you can park at the park and ride to the other side of town to start the parade where we started last year. We will have necklaces to throw to the crowd and popsicles to give out. If you like to throw out candy, you are welcome to do that. There will be a chicken bbq and car show to follow at the fair grounds. Please follow our Facebook page for more details.

CLARION AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL PARADE

Fall will be here soon and so will the the yearly Autumn Leaf Festival Parade in Clarion. If you are interested in attending, it will be on Saturday, October 5. Please let Deb or Cinnamon know. Please follow our Facebook page for more details.

HALLOWEEN RIDE

Date, time and more details to be in October newsletter.

HUNTING SEASON

Hunting season will soon be upon us. Please keep these dates in mind when planning to ride.

Our trail is open every day of the year. With that in mind, we also respect those around us that enjoy hobbies that exist in the same environment as ours. We count hunters, fishermen/women, and others among our members and want to be respectful to their hobby on Saturdays and the occassional Sunday during hunting season. From September 30 (archery) to early January (late archery and muzzleloader), please limit your riding during the daylight hours on those days.

CLUB NEWS!!

ELECTIONS

Yearly elections were held at our August 15 meeting held at the Clarion Eagles. Our Board Members for 2025 will remain the same as this year.

President – Cinnamon Vosburg
Vice President – Kenny Shaffer
Treasurer – Ginny Kodrich
Secretary – Gerald Fetterman

Congratulations!! to our Board Members and we look forward to a new year.

VOLUNTEERS

Membership is the main goal of Piney Rail Riders, but it wouldn't be possible without our volunteers who put in hours to help with trails, events and projects. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please talk to any club officer or attend one of our meetings. We still need help with 2 committees, sponsorship and merchandise. Please follow our Facebook page for events and details.

MERCHANDISE

All 2024 merchandise has been reduced for quick sale. Prices are adjusted at our online store and merchandise will also be back at our monthly meetings. Get your hoodies now and represent Piney Rail Riders at all your fall rides. Help us to make room for the new merchandise coming in 2025.

DAY PASSES

Spread the word to all your buggy friends and family. We offer a day pass to experience Piney Rail Riders trail for the day. They are \$10 per day/per buggy and if a new membership is purchased within 30 days from the day pass purchase, that money will be deducted from the cost of the membership.

TRAIL NEWS!!



TRAIL MAINTENANCE

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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 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 photo and contact Bob Guthrie or any officer.

MAINTENANCE

Our next maintenance day will be held on Saturday, September 21 @ 9am at the Limestone Trailhead to continue mowing and maintain keeping the trail clear. We currently have lots of trees down on the trail. Anyone with a camp or who lives nearby that needs firewood, you are welcome to come and cut it up. **ONLY TREES THAT HAVE FALLEN ON THE TRAIL.** If you are able to help, please let Bob Guthrie or Cinnamon know. If you clear trees from the trail, please notify Bob or Cinnamon where it was and how long it took. This information is important when we apply for grants. Please follow our Facebook page for more details and weather updates.

VISITING THE TRAIL

When planning your visit to ride piney rail, venture out and use our gracious sponsors for lodging, gas and food. Some of the places cannot be reached by machine, so you will need to drive your vehicle. Follow their website or facebook page for specials and summer hours.

Piney Meadows Campground

9281 PA66
Fairmont City, PA 16224
814-715-3681

Old Mill Park Campground

151 Old Mill Park
Summerville, PA 15864
814-227-8423

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Clarion

121 North Point Drive
Clarion, PA 16214
814-227-2223

Palmer's Country Store

10695 PA-66
Clarion, PA 16214
814-764-5930

Summerville Eats & Sweets

161 E. Penn Street
Summerville, PA 15864
814-759-2104

The Loomis Bar

6th Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214
814-226-5400

Sarah's Snack Shack

66 Kemry Road
Rimersburg, PA 15248
724-664-5477

