



# Piney Rail Riders Newsletter

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## JOIN US.....

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/28 Winter Ride

**NO DECEMBER MEETING  
SEE YOU IN 2025!!**



# A YEAR END LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

So much has happened this year! Our feasibility study was accepted and we were finally able to apply for the acquisition grant.

In the meantime, YOU, the members raised money to help us offset the shortfall we expected with the grant. Through membership, sponsorship, merchandise sales and donations, you raised around \$30,000.

We had a busy summer on the trail too, among other improvements, our maintenance crew cleared and named Memorial Hill, where we had our annual Friends and Family Day in August. We look forward to many more years of that event in that location.

Right after our monthly members meeting in August, we got the word that our grant had been....granted!! In the full amount requested, no less! Since then, we have been working behind the scenes with our bank, Bryan Huwar and DCNR to line everything up to begin the process of purchasing.

The club started as an idea by a small group of riders in 2016. We will be closing our 8<sup>th</sup> year with over 600 family memberships and close to 1400 total members.

Not only have those numbers grown, but our knowledge, experience and visions of the future have grown too. We have great members in the officer and committee head positions and with that teamwork, we are ready to step into the future.

The importance of word of mouth can not be overstated. Because you enjoy riding the trail and share that enjoyment with family and friends who then do the same, our numbers continue to grow. Please continue sharing that enjoyment. It will last for generations to come. And, in the end, isn't that what this is all about?

Cinnamon Vosburg

# 2024 SPONSORS

**As we close out 2024, a super year for Piney Rail Riders, we want to thank all our sponsors for their generous support. Your belief in our mission and comitment to our cause is truly appreciated. With your continued support, we look forward to growing as a club. Thank you for being an essential part of our success.**

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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  
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Piney Meadows Campground  
Relevate Business Advisors LLC  
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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](http://pineyrailriders.org) to find out how you can become a sponsor today.

# **LOOKING TO 2025!!**

We would like to honor our special membership holders that will start in 2025 and continue accordingly.

## **2 YEAR**

Tammy Palmer  
Richard Fleis

## **5 YEAR**

Amy Pfaff  
Bill & Barb Birch  
Brian Vecellio  
Wanda & Don Shoop

## **LIFETIME**

Bridget Kriebel  
Kevin Andrusky  
Chuck & Sarah Bauer  
Lucas Bauer  
Jerrod Vosburg  
Greg Brocious  
Clarion Rod & Gun Club  
Brad & Traci Gosser  
Chris & Betsy Dworek  
Bernie Daly  
Tiffany Nolan



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

# LOOKING TO 2025!!

Renewals started 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](http://pineyrailriders.org) – (ctrl left click on this link which takes you to the website and click on membership tab not arrow)
- through the mail
- at monthly meetings (**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**)

We will have everyone's packets at the January 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **EMAIL** 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, we offer a family membership that would expire December 2025 for \$40. They would get their packet for the remainder of 2024 (while supplies last) and would then be able to get the 2025 packet at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting or have it mailed out.

**New this coming year... we will be offering the following:**  
lifetime membership for a donation of \$1,000.00

## In the packet you will receive:

- a map
- your numbered sticker
- calendar of events that includes meeting dates and any events the club has planned
- dates of local poker runs by other organizations in the area that we only promote

# LOOKING TO 2025!!



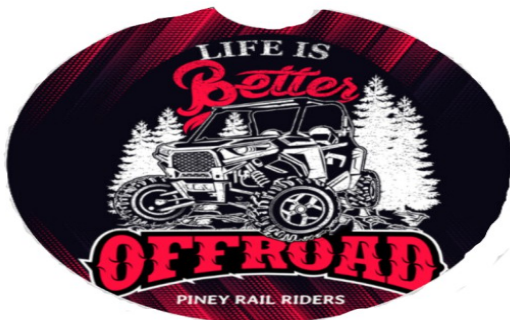
The members have spoken and our membership decals will be yellow for 2025.

## MERCHANDISE

A sneak peek at our new merchandise design for 2025. Join us at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to get your new merchandise.



Short sleeve and long sleeve unisex shirts, men and women's tank tops, hats, crew neck sweatshirts and hoodies, jackets, beanies, tumblers and drink cup coasters will all be available.



# LOOKING TO 2025!!

## VOLUNTEER REWARD SYSTEM

If our officers are the heart of our organization, our members and volunteers are the blood. We depend on our volunteers to help at every event we sponsor or participate in and to help maintain the safety of the trail system. To provide you with a guide as to how much your service is needed, we put together a point system that helps to show how much you are contributing, we well as, the level of involvement in each task.

Each person can accumulate points by volunteering at various events during the calendar year. A minimum 25 points must be earned to attain a reward. Points are valid during the current year only, have no cash value to be reimbursed or refunded monetarily, do not carry forward to future years and are non-transferable from one volunteer to another.

Mowing, weed whacking or landscaping	3
Maintenance day volunteer – min of 2 hours	2 ea hr
Maintenance day volunteer equipment	5
Committee member for full year	2
Event chairperson	5
Event volunteer – min of 2 hours	2 ea hr
Event donation – food, paper products, drinks	3
Bring in new sponsor	5
Sell book of tickets	2 ea bk
On location selling merch, tix and memberships min of 2 hours	3
Submit viable event photos – 5 max per event 10 total per year	1 ea

Volunteer hours must be logged by the end of the month you are submitting.

Points may be redeemed for multiple rewards as long as the point balance supports the total of the items

25 points	Beanie, Hat, Current year Tank Top or T-shirt
30 points	Tumbler, Current year hoodie, zip hoodie or crew sweatshirt
50 points	½ off yearly membership
100 points	Free yearly membership

All current members of Piney Rail Riders, as of 1/1/25, will be eligible to enroll in the reward system.

# CLUB NEWS!!

## HALLOWEEN RIDE

We had a great day for the Halloween/Fall Ride on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We counted 52 machines. David Urbansky was our 50/50 winner with \$305. Thank you David for your donation to the club. We had a variety of costumes and fun antics along the way. Some naughty escapees, a political hopeful, 90's shock jock, a wolf, the devil, Luigi, witches, a hot dog, scarecrows and a police officer and a lone little piggy!! Thank you to everyone who dressed up and to those with radios helping to keep a large group together. A special shout out to Sportsman's Paradise for having us and making everything go smoothly.





# CLUB NEWS!!

## CHICORA THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS PARADE

Thank you to all who came out Saturday, November 23 in Chicora. A cold and rainy day didn't stop our members from representing.



## UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year's Ugly Sweater Parade will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Follow our Facebook page for further details.





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## TRAIL NEWS!!

### 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.

### HUNTING SEASON

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 3 Sunday dates, November 17, 24 and December 1 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.



# TRAIL NEWS!!

## BRIDGES

Our Bridge Committee has been established to begin working on the club's ongoing plans to repair our 7 bridges. Robert Smith, Bernie Daly, John McCall, Kevin Andrusky, Andy Griebel and Dave Safrayos all have volunteered their time to help bring information to the officers to make decisions to get our bridge repairs completed not only in a timely manner but to make financially sound decisions. On October 25, Kevin hauled bridge pieces and Andy unloaded them to bridge 1. Planning on the next stage will begin soon. We are continuing to move forward in our bridge repair goals. Thank you to everyone who is helping make that happen.

Keep Up  
The  
Good  
Work



# **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**

6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Clarion, PA 16214  
814-226-5400

## **Sarah's Snack Shack**

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

## **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 a 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.

## **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.

