



Piney Rail Riders Newsletter

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2025 Club Membership

There are still some members who have yet to renew their membership for 2025. If you will be returning as a member, please go to our website and renew through online or print and mail us a membership application with fees. Please do so ASAP so we can continue sending you club information and you will have access to our members-only Facebook page.

Membership packets will be available at the January 16th meeting if you renewed or joined before the meeting. Each packet will include a calendar of events, trail map, buggy sticker and membership card. All stickers will be sequentially numbered again 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, pineyrailriders.org where they can find the necessary applications for both. Let's continue to work together and grow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/16** Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles
Membership Packets Available
- 2/20** Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

LOOKING TO 2025!!

Membership for 2024 expired December 31. Renewals will be \$40. We have a couple ways for everyone to renew:

- on line at 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

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 **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.

Renewals and new members joining after January 1, will have their membership packet mailed to them within 2 weeks of receiving payment and application.

New this coming year... we will be offering the following:

lifetime membership for a donation of \$1,000.00

lifetime sponsorship for a donation of \$1,000.00

In the 2025 packet you will receive:

- membership card
- trail 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 buggy decals will be yellow this year.



HUNTING SEASON

AS A REMINDER!!!!

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.



2025 SPONSORS

**Drew's Septic Tank Pumping LLC
M&S Meats
Microtel Inn & Suites
Palmer's Country Store
Vinyl Graphics Unlimited LLC**

Thank
you...

2024 SPONSORS

In November, we sent each of you sponsorship packets for renewal for 2025. We included an application and letter detailing what is in store for the club in the new year. If you did not receive that envelope, please email us at info@pineyrailriders.org. We would love to have you on board for our coming year.

If you or someone you know who is interested in becoming a sponsor, please go to pineyrailriders.org for more details.

CLUB NEWS!!

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will be back this year. Your card will have the names of our sponsors that will offer a discount to you **ONLY WHEN YOU SHOW YOUR CARD**. We have some great tentative businesses including East American Motorsports, i.e. Insurance, J&B Motorsports, M&S Meats, Microtel Inn & Suites and Stiller Motorsports.



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 April 17th, at our monthly meeting at the Clarion Eagles @7pm. Tickets are \$10 each and the winner will be drawn at our August 9 Friends and Family Day at Memorial Hill. Winner does not need to be present to win, but you must be 18 years old to purchase tickets. Please follow our members only Facebook page for more details.

CLUB NEWS!!

ANNOUNCING THE NEW 2025 MERCHANDISE

****Available for the first time at the January 16th Meeting****

We have added new items this year and brought back some favorites.





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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 only and any side trails that are not leased or maintained by the club must have permission from the and 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 Guthrie or any officer.

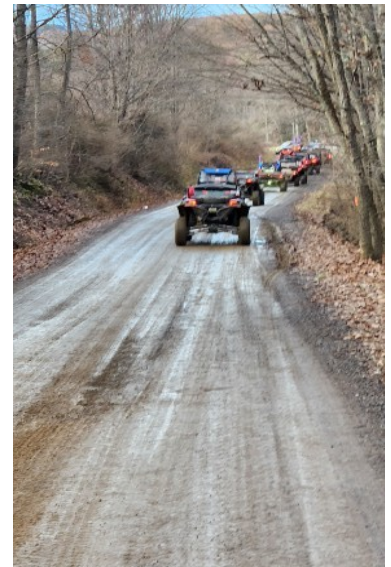
BRIDGE COMMITTEE UPDATE

After our last meeting in November, the Bridge Committee met at bridge #1 and after they realized with our limited amount of equipment and expertise, it was going to be a very long project that may or may not have worked out for the best. The decision to go with Hiles Excavating to replace the bridge. Kenny Shaffer has been in contact with Jase Hiles and they are making plans to move forward.

TRAIL NEWS!!

END OF 2024 RIDE

The last ride of 2024 was an held on Saturday, December 28. With great weather for the end of December, approximately 54 buggys traveled close to 90 miles. A special thank you to Christopher and Megan Manson and their assistant Sam Schreckengost for organizing and planning the ride and to Frank's Country Palace for their great service and food. The club gained \$255.00 in our 50/50 with Bridget Hess being our member winner.



**TODAY WAS A
GOOD DAY!**



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
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