

# Piney Rail Riders

## Newsletter

June 2025

### President Message

#### Hello all Piney Rail Riders ATV Club Members

Hello members,

This past month, the officers met with our landowner to go over the details of the purchase. In that meeting, he rolled out the maps for us and explained each section. Things like adjoining landowners, the width of what we now own and the potential for some areas. It was very informative! We received the entire amount from DCNR, paid the appraiser and surveyor, worked with the law offices on the deed and, as of Friday 5/30/25 all papers have been signed. Monday, June 2, 2025, it will be recorded in the County Courthouse, we will receive a copy of the deed! We are officially the proud owners of the Piney Rail Corridor!

Our plans for the future are to fix and make safe all our bridges and road crossings along with developing a trail head at the Brookville end. Some of those projects will require help from DCNR while others will be funded by us. Hopefully, with this chapter closing, a new chapter opens and we continue to see our numbers climb. This was not possible without Mr Rapp, Mr Huwar, our sponsors and you our members!!

Be safe out there, if you pack it in, pack it out, and leave no man behind!

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# ATV/UTV NEWS!!

GREAT NEWS FOR for ATV/UTV enthusiasts across the Commonwealth!!



From PA State Rep. Josh Bashline

I applaud my colleagues for their hard work to make this happen.

A group of lawmakers announced portions of state highways could soon be opened to serve as connector roads between trail heads under a new PennDOT policy.

[PA State Rep. Clint Owlett](#) (R-Tioga/Bradford), [PA State Rep. Martin Causer](#) (R-Cameron/McKean/Potter) and [PA State Rep. Brian Smith](#) (R-Jefferson/Indiana) have been vocal advocates for expanding ATV riding opportunities both for riders' enjoyment and for the opportunities it can create for regional economies in the Commonwealth.

At a meeting with PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll earlier this week, the lawmakers learned the agency has established a new policy that will help facilitate the opening of certain sections of state highways to serve as connector roads between trail heads. Under the policy, municipal officials can identify a specific section or roadway to serve as a connector and request a PennDOT review of their proposal. If PennDOT agrees, the municipality or municipalities in which the section of state highway is located must enact a resolution affirming the use of the road as a connector.

# MEMBERSHIP

We have 593 memberships and counting. Let's spread the word of our trail and club. If you know anyone that is interested in joining Piney Rail Riders:

We have a couple ways to join:

- 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

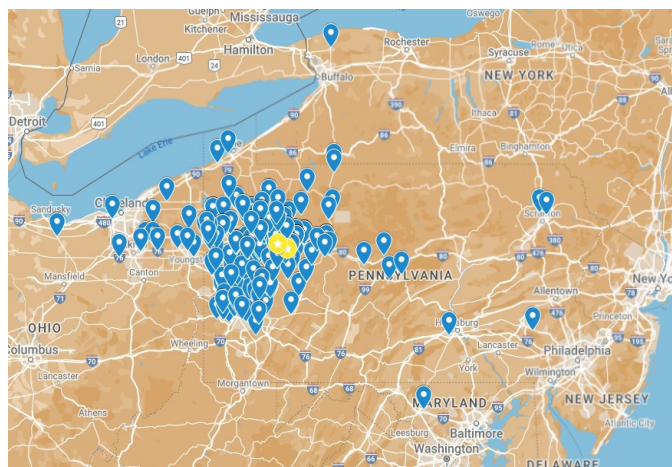
## In the 2025 packet you will receive:

- 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 do not organize, only promote

## We now offer the following:

- lifetime membership for a donation of \$1,000.00
- lifetime sponsorship for a donation of \$1,000.00

## OUR MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS



# MEMBERSHIP

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When our membership packets are mailed out at the beginning of the year. You receive a map of the trail that the club has. This is the only property being a member gives you access to. Being a member does not come with perks to ride trails off of the approved route on the map. You either have to A: ride ATV approved roads or B: PERSONALLY get the land owners permission. You should carry written permission to use the adjoining property just like you would need to for hunting in PA. The club is not liable if you leave the trail at that point all liability is on you and anyone who follows you off the club designated route.

## 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 businesses including East American Motorsports, i.e. Insurance, J&B Motorsports, M&S Meats, Microtel Inn & Suites, Stiller Motorsports and Country Palace II. As we add sponsors that will offer a discount, we will post them on our website and in the newsletter. **Please note that not all sponsors offer a discount.**





# **SPONSORSHIP**

Clarion Rod and Gun

**\*\*Country Palace – 5% off 1 dozen regular priced wings**

Drew's Septic Tank Pumping LLC

**\*\*East American Motorsports – 10% off parts & accessories**

Extreme Metal Products

Fox Farm Inn

**\*\*ie Insurance (Lifetime Sponsor) – Ask for qualifying discount(s)**

**\*\*J&B Motorsports – 10% off service fees**

**\*\*M&S Meats – 10% off with membership**

**\*\*Microtel Inn & Suites – 10% off**

Palmer's Country Store

Piney Meadows Campground

Rickard Trucking

Sarah's Snack Shack

Snow Shoe Rails to Trails

Sportsmen Outfitters

**\*\*Stiller Motorsports – Ask for qualifying discount(s)**

**Vinyl Graphics Unlimited LLC (Lifetime Sponsor)**

**\*\*Show your membership card and ask about the Piney Rail Riders discount at these local sponsors. Watch our website for additional sponsors that may offer discounts.**

If you or someone you know who is interested in becoming a sponsor, please go to [pineyrailriders.org](http://pineyrailriders.org) for more details.

# **SPONSORSHIP**

## **2025 SSRTA EVENTS**

### **Saturday, July 19th**

Best Line Powersports/SSRTA Chicken BBQ - Members, ride as you please and return to Gillentown Trail head at 11:30am for meal. Meal available until all food is gone. Public welcome for meal and take out will be available.

### **Saturday, September 27th**

Carns Equipment/SSRTA Pig Roast - Members, ride as you please and return to Gillentown Trail head for meal starting at 11:30am until all food is gone. Public welcome for meal and take out will be available.

### **Saturday, October 11th**

2025 SSRTA Raffle - A free meal will be served around noon until all food is gone. Raffle starts at 2pm. Event held at the Gillentown Pavilion

You must be an SSRTA member to operate a  
buggy

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## **2025 PINEY MEADOWS EVENTS**

Friday, June 6-Movie Night (FREE) Starts at Dark

Saturday, June 7-VW Cruise (Event by Knox Patton III) 10am-1pm Car Show

1pm departure for cruise (approximately 50 miles) return to park for music and raffle

Saturday, June 14-Fathers Day Texas Holdem-Poker Tournament Registration at 1pm Game starts at 2pm  
\$10/person entry fee

Saturday, June 21-Mini Bike Race 10am registration \$20/rider Race at noon-5pm

Saturday, July 5-Independence Day Celebration 10am-10pm Mini Bike Race 10am-3pm Wiffle ball to follow, LIVE MUSIC, Fireworks at Dark

Saturday, July 19-Cornhole Tournament Registration 10am Games start at 11am Random Team Selection

Saturday, August 16-Mini Bike Race 10am registration \$20/rider Race at noon-5pm

Saturday, August 23-Back To School Yard Sale 10am-3pm

Saturday, September 13-Mini Bike Race 10am registration \$20/rider Race at noon-5pm

Saturday, October 25-Trunk or Treat 6pm-7p

# EVENTS/RIDES/FUNDRAISING/MEDIA/ NEWSLETTER NEWS!!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/7 Maintenance Day

6/15 Sligo Poker Run\*\*

6/19 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

6/28 Maintenance Day

7/4 Corsica 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

7/12 Dale Marsh Memorial Ride\*\*

7/17 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

7/19 Maintenance Day

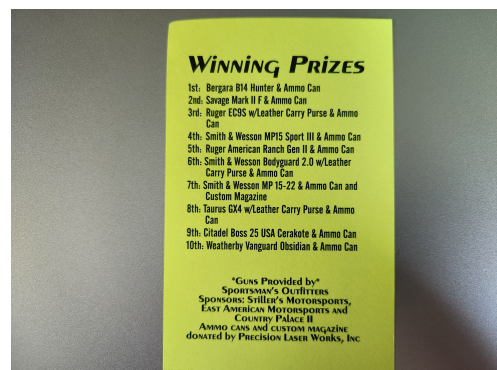
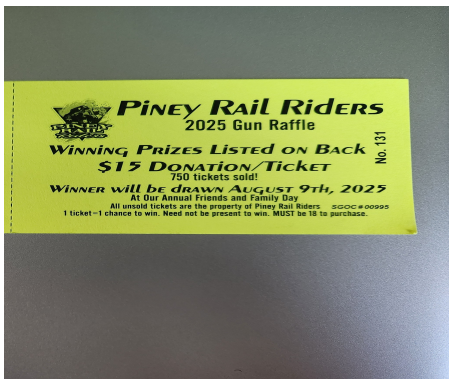
7/26 Callensburg Poker Run\*\*

## REMINDER:

\*\*Events with a double star are **NOT** sponsored by Piney Rail Riders, therefore, we do not have details for the event. You would need to contact the individual business.

## PEW PEW RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Raffle tickets are still available. They are \$15 each and you must be 18 years old to purchase. One ticket = one chance. 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. **We still have 25 books left,** so if you want to sell any or just purchase, contact Deb Clinger through Facebook or text Cinnamon Vosburg at 814-316-5804. Please follow our members-only Facebook page for more details.



# EVENTS/RIDES/FUNDRAISING/MEDIA/ NEWSLETTER NEWS!!



## 3rd Annual Dale Marsh Memorial Ride.

July 12, 2025

This year, we are doing things a little differently. The ride will be run on the Trail owned by the Piney Rail Riders. For those of you who are not familiar with them, they are a Non-Profit Organization focused on preserving places to legally and responsibly enjoy riding motorized off-road vehicles. Check them out on Facebook! Parking will be at the Piney or Limestone Trailheads. There will be no parking for Trailers at the Campground or Pavilion unless you are camping. Camping will be available by reservation. Contact Piney Meadows Campground at 814-715-3681.

Registration will begin at 8:30am, and riders will leave the campground at 10am, departing in both directions at your own pace. This year, there will be no appointed leaders, but you are welcome to come and join a group and enjoy a day of riding together.

Since the Poker Run will be run on a private trail, Prices for members and non-members will be different. Piney Rail Riders Members' Price will be \$20 per person. Anyone under 18 is not eligible to partake in the poker run but may ride free with a signed waiver. Non-Members Price will be \$20 a person and \$10 per Machine for a Day Pass for the Trail.

### EVERYONE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT MUST SIGN A WAIVER

#### Poker Run:

There will be 4 STOPs on the Trail and 1 at the Start of the ride. \* Piney Campground Pavilion, Toward Brookville \* The Log, \* The Top of 949, Toward Clarion (Piney Trailhead), \* Memorial Hill, \* At Piney Trailhead IF THERE IS NOT A PERSON POSTED AT EACH STOP, CARDS CAN BE DRAWN WHEN RETURNING TO THE PAVILLION.

\*\*\* **BACK ALLEY BBQ** WILL BE AT THE PAVILLION FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER.

Please bring **cash** to purchase food from the food truck.

There will also be a 50/50, Music, and Possible Chinese Auction (TBD).

50% of Take in for Poker Run will be paid out as followed

Winners = Best hand = 50% , 2nd Best = 25%, 3rd Best = 20%, worst hand =5%

The remaining 50% of the take in will be donated to *the National Breast Cancer Foundation!*

Memberships for the Piney Rail Riders are also available at \$ 40 per year. Ask how you can join a fun and upcoming club!



# EVENTS/RIDES/FUNDRAISING/MEDIA/ NEWSLETTER NEWS!!

## TRAIL RIDE

Saturday, May 17 was our first trail ride. We had 44 buggies complete 70+ miles out and back with a trip to Reigning Cardinals for lunch. The money collected from our 50/50 was all donated to Crystal Hargenrader, a member battling cancer.





# **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:



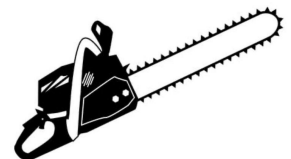
**Radio Channel 2 or FRS2  
Frequency 462.5875**

## **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 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 Guthrie or any officer.

## **MAINTENANCE DAYS**

May 10 was our fourth maintenance day of the year. We had 19 volunteers with 55 man hours. We cleared the trees left from the loggers. Thank you to all who came out to help. Our next day will be June 7 at the Limestone Trailhead @9 am and we will be working on cleaning up where the logging is finished . Please follow our members-only Facebook page for more details and for weather updates.



**Maintenance**  
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# TRAIL NEWS

## RESTRICTIONS

The creek crossing at One Eyes Valley (between East Reidsburg Road and the Allison Intersection) is blocked off. We are working with DEP to meet their requirements so we aren't fined for anything. **PLEASE DO NOT CROSS ANY CREEKS.** If there isn't a bridge, it's not a crossing.



## RT 949

Heading East on the trail at mile marker 16.5 or as we have nicknamed it, the SS Minnow, there is a very dangerous area that is not ideal for entering the highway.

Please use the following detour: At around mile marker 16, make a right onto Swine Ford Road. At the next 4-way intersection, make a left onto Love Road. Run this out to the main road to make a right onto Rt. 949. Travel a short distance and take a left onto Dickey Road. This is sort of a blind turn so be careful. At the Y, stay to the left and you will intersect with the trail again. To continue heading East, make a right onto the trail.





# **BRIDGE/EQUIPMENT NEWS**

## **BRIDGE COMMITTEE**



Thank you to Josh Sommers and Jon Bowser for picking up the guard rails that we need to finish Bridge #2.

## **EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**



We have a maintenance tractor. Thanks to Polaris, board members and members that helped search. After service, we hope to have it on the next trail maintenance day. It's another step as this great organization moves forward into the future.



# **BRIDGE/EQUIPMENT NEWS**

## **EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Dave Safranyos, the club is also the proud owners of a brush hog and a back blade.



# **RIDING THE TRAIL**

When riding, 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

## **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

## **Sarah's Snack Shack**

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

