Piney Rail Riders Newsletter

September 2025

President Message Hello all Piney Rail Riders ATV Club Members

So many things have taught us lessons this year in the club. The pride of re-decking bridge one with money our members raised. The high of finally buying the trail. The "oh \$hit" moment when DEP reached out to tell us that we would need to start another project that we were not prepared for financially.

There has been some good news on that front. Some very positive feedback from DCNR on the grant. When we submit the grant though, we will have to wait around 4 months to find out if it's been approved and possibly another few months before we can expect to see anything financially. In the meantime, we had unexpected expenses that had to be met and that has us searching for different ways to recoup and rebuild the reserve we had.

We raise funds in a lot of different ways, membership, sponsorship, merchandise, raffles and the rides that we put on and ask for a donation. Over the next several months, the officers will be working through ways to cut costs and hopefully raise money.

This time of year, we gear up for next year, that means membership packets, the maps, calendar of events, decals and membership cards. We also get the ball rolling on apparel. The thought is that instead of putting out a few grand for stock merchandise, we are going to try prepaid orders. Don't worry, you won't have to figure anything out, we will make sure everyone knows what we have for the year and how to order it. This is one really big expense that we have decided needs to be changed for 2026.

Please bear with us as we navigate our way through the next 6 months. Going from leasing property to being property owner has been a big adjustment. We may stumble, but we will not fall!

Cinnamon Club President

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ELECTIONS

Yearly elections were held at our August 21 meeting held at the Clarion Eagles. Our Board Members for 2026 will remain the same as this year.

President – Cinnamon Vosburg Vice President – KennyShaffer Treasurer – Ginny Kodrich Secretary – Gerald Fetterman

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

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 during hunting season. From October 4 (archery) to mid January (late archery and muzzleloader), please limit your riding during the daylight hours on those days.

MERCHANDISE SALE

Out with the old and in with the new. Starting October 1, all 2025 merchandise will be \$5 off. You will be able to purchase online and at our regular monthly meetings. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members-only, for details for our more details on our 2026 merchandise.

LOOKING TO 2026!!

Currently, we have 700 memberships, that includes 18 lifetime memberships, and renewals are right around the corner! The way we have done this is in the past, to alleviate the work of our volunteers, is to open renewals starting October 1. Membership for 2025 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 <u>pineyrailriders.org</u>
- · through the mail
- at monthly meetings (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)

We will have all packets at the January 15th 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.

If you are a current member and haven't renewed by January 1, we will attach an application to our newsletters starting in February. The private Facebook page "Ride the Pine" will reset to reflect 2026 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 becoming a member. 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 2025 (while supplies last) and would then be able to get the 2026 packets at the January 15 meeting or have it mailed out.

In the packet you will receive:

- a map
- · membership card
- 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

We now offer the following:

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

MEMBERSHIP

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When you receive your membership packet, you will receive a map of the trail that the club owns. 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 are distributed with your membership packet. 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.**



Members locations

SPONSORSHIP

**BEEM Logistics Inc. (Lifetime Sponsor)
**Clarion Rod and Gun (Lifetime Sponsor)

**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.

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR

SUPPORT!

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

SPONSORSHIP

2025 SSRTA EVENTS

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

2025 PINEY MEADOWS EVENTS

Saturday,September 13-Mini Bike Race 10am registration \$20/rider Race at noon-5pm Saturday,October 25-Trunk or Treat 6pm-7p



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/1 Summerville Parade

9/6 Redbank Poker Run**

9/13 Maintenance Day

9/18 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

9/20 Peanut Butter Festival Parade - New Bethlehem

10/4-5 Tour De Forest - Marienville**

10/11 Maintenance Day

10/16 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

10/25 Autumn Leaf Festival Parade - Clarion

REMINDER:

**Highlighed events are NOT sponsored by Piney Rail Riders, therefore, we do not have details for the event. You would need to contact the individual business.



Come out and support Perry Twp. Fall Fest and stop by our stand for some Piney Rail Riders merchandise.



PENGUINS GAME RAFFLE

We are excited to announce we are raffling off 2 Penguin Game Tickets. Tickets are available and are \$10 ea. ONLY 275 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. Winner will be drawn at our October 16 meeting at the Clarion Eagles. A huge thank you to our Lifetime Sponsor, i.e. Insurance, for this donation.

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Dhana	CHED	2 TICKETS TO A PENGUINS GAME Valued at \$275. Seats are located behind the goal Section 107 Row T Game Date: 11/16/25 against the Washington Capitals
Phone		\$10 Donation/Ticket 275 tickets sold!
No. 000		Winner will be drawn October 16, 2025 7pm at the monthly meeting - Clarion Eagles Donated by i.e. Insurance



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SUMMERVILLE LABOR DAY PARADE

The Summerville Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 1st. Lineup will be behind the church at 9:15am and the parade starts at 10:00am. 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.

PEANUT BUTTER FESTIVAL PARADE

The Peanut Butter Festival Parade will be held this year on Saturday, September 20th in New Bethlehem. Lineup will be at 2:00pm and parade will start at 3:00pm

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 25th. Lineup will be at 10:00am and the parade starts at 12:00pm.

If you are interested in attending one of these events, please contact Deb Clinger. We need to have a head count for attendeees for each event. The club will provide bracelets, beads and freeze pops to hand out for participating members. You are also welcome to bring your own candy. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.

HALLOWEEN RIDE

Our yearly Fall/Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, November 1. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Saturday, August 9th was our Friends and Family Day at Piney Rail Riders. We had 121 people sign in, 21 new memberships and \$643.00 apparel sales. The weather was great and everyone had a great time meeting new riders and visiting with other members.

<u> Winners of our Friends and Family Day Raffles</u>

50/50 – Crystal Rosenberger

Attendee Winner #1 - Cherie Lewis

Firepit Camp Chairs Visa Gift Card

<u> Attendee Winner #2 – Kim Frye</u>

Gas Can Tow Rope Kit Sheetz Gift Card

Attendee Winner #3 - Punk Gorley

Mini Keg Sheet Gift Card

Brought New Member - Tim McCall

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<u>New Member – Richard Bacher Jr.</u>

Piney Rail Riders Merchandise



FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY





GUN RAFFLE WINNERS

Bergara B14 Hunter & Ammo Can Savage Mark II F & Ammo Can Ruger EC9S w/ Carry Purse & Ammo Can Smith/Wesson MP15 & Ammo Can Ruger American Ranch Gen II & Ammo Can Smith/Wesson Bodyguard 2.0 w/Carry Purse & Ammo Can Smith/Wesson MP15-22 w/Custom Magazine & Ammo Can Spencer Barnes Taurus GX4 w/Carry Purse & Ammo Can Citadel Boss 25 USA Cerakote & Ammo Can Weatherby Vanguard Obsidian & Ammo Can

Herb McCorkle **Adam Bellotti Donna Williams** Herb McCorkle Kathleen Carroll **Leann Felmlee Brown Pam Sommer Cory Hedrick M&S Meats**

Our raffle brought in \$8,705. Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you to all who sold and bought tickets to make our raffle a success.

HORSETHIEF DAYS PARADE

Another great parade that PRR was represented at. Thank you to all our members for showing up. The kids love to see you coming!!!







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

This year has been the best year yet for volunteers to keep the trail clear and ready to ride. Thank you to all who continue to come out and help. Our next day will be September 13th at the Limestone Trailhead @ 9am. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details and for weather updates.

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TRAIL NEWS

RESTRICTIONS

The creek crossing at One Eyes Valley (between East Reidsburg Road and the Allision Intersection) is blocked off. Please use the bridge for crossing. 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.



TRAIL NEWS

BRIDGE UPDATE

Work is ongoing to have the guard rails and their installation completed. We are estimating October that they will be ready to install.

ONE EYE'S VALLEY

We are currently working with Pashek & Associates to complete the grant application to be submitted in September for help with securing a new bridge at One Eye's Valley. Please follow our members-only FB page, ride the pine members only, for future updates.

VOLUNTEERS

Just a shout out to all the people that give their time and equipment to help us maintain the trail. You are our lifeline to be able to present a good riding experience for all our members and those who come to try our trail out. I speak on behalf of our 1200 members when I say THANK YOU!!

Don't forget about our Volunteer Merit Point System where you can earn merit points to get free merchandise or money off your yearly membership.



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

