

Piney Rail Riders

Newsletter

March 2026



WELCOME 2026!!

As we begin another new year, we are graciously already at 435 yearly/2yr/5yr memberships, that includes 24 lifetime memberships.

Beginning January 1, 2026, the rate is \$50 for renewing members and new members. We have a couple ways for everyone to renew or join:

- on line at pineyrailriders.org
- through the mail
- at monthly meetings

Packets were mailed out January 23, 2026. Please allow 2 weeks for the those to arrive. If after that time, you have not received your packet, please contact Tiffany Nolan at.

The private Facebook page "Ride the Pine" has been reset to reflect 2026 members.

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

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WELCOME 2026!!

Shapiro Administration Invests \$1.4 Million to Expand and Improve ATV Trails Across Pennsylvania

Funding supports four projects statewide – strengthening rural economies and enhancing Pennsylvania’s \$19 billion outdoor recreation industry.

A spring grant round for ATV and snowmobile trails and facilities will open Feb. 2 and run through March 31, offering funding support to municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit entities.

January 28, 2026

Harrisburg, PA– The Shapiro Administration today announced \$1.4 million in new investments to expand and improve all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails and facilities across Pennsylvania – strengthening the Commonwealth’s \$19 billion outdoor recreation industry.

“These grants expand safe, high-quality ATV opportunities and help support outdoor recreation and its role in strengthening and supporting rural economies across Pennsylvania,” said Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn. “We are eager to see the impact of these projects, and we urge organizations and municipalities to apply for the next grant round before the March 31 deadline.”

Funding is provided through the ATV Management Restricted Account, Snowmobile Management Restricted Account, and the Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Program. DCNR awarded the grants that will support four projects statewide for trail acquisition, planning and construction.

Projects funded for this round include:

- Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (Mercer County): \$124,600 for a trail study to explore the feasibility of ATV trails in Mercer County
- Piney Rail Riders (Clarion County): \$403,700 for construction of a bridge over Little Piney Creek on the Piney Rail Corridor in Limestone Township
- Potter County ATV UTV Club (Potter County): \$205,100 for the acquisition of approximately 61 acres in Keating Township for the expansion of ATV trail
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- Rock Run Recreation Area, Inc. (Cambria and Clearfield counties): \$749,978 for construction of comfort stations, electrical utility upgrades, and expansion of the trail system in Chest Township

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DCNR awards grants twice a year to municipalities and organizations for development of publicly accessible ATV and snowmobile trails and facilities. The [spring grant round](#) will open on February 2 and close on March 31.

Eligible projects include planning, land acquisition, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, purchase of equipment for construction and maintenance, and development of educational programs. Grants are open to municipalities, non-profits, and for-profit organizations. While no match is required, applications with matching funds will receive additional consideration.

With a few limited exceptions, all snowmobiles and ATVs in Pennsylvania must have a registration issued by DCNR. Statewide, Pennsylvania has more than 32,500 active snowmobiles and nearly 288,000 ATVs. Grants are administered by DCNR with funding provided from registrations.

From day one, the Shapiro Administration has been dedicated to supporting Pennsylvania's growing outdoor recreation industry and boosting rural economic development. Investments in ATV and snowmobile projects help ensure safe, high-quality trails and facilities that benefit communities across the Commonwealth.

Last summer, Governor Josh Shapiro [visited Potter County](#) to announce a \$162,461 Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) grant for the White Pine Country Store, Café & Lodge to replace its gas pump storage tanks – reopening the only gas pump for miles. Located along the 600-mile [Northcentral Regional ATV Trail](#) across Clinton, Lycoming, Potter, and Tioga counties, the store serves as a hub for riders, anglers, and tourists, with the trail generating \$13.1 million in economic impact for Potter and Tioga counties in 2022 and 2023.

The Northcentral Regional ATV Trail will again be accessible to riders in the spring. DCNR is working with partners at the local and state level, including the [Pennsylvania Department of Transportation](#), to expand ATV riding opportunities. Route 49 in the Borough of Westfield, Tioga County is the first example of a new process where municipalities or regional organizations that manage trail networks can request an ATV route designation from PennDOT.

More information about [ATV and Snowmobile grants](#) can be found on the DCNR website and check out [DCNR's Calendar of Events](#) for events on public lands.

WELCOME 2026!

Welcome to returning members and new members. We would like to take the opportunity to review some information concerning the club.

NEWSLETTER: Every month, you are emailed a newsletter. We ask that you read it. This will hopefully stop any misinformation that may spill over into negative facebook page posts with false information. This publication contains past and future events, meeting dates, parade information, trail closures or detours, grants status, how to become a member or renew a membership for the next year, yearly officer elections, merchandise sales, an up-to-date list of our sponsors and their discounts, if any, ride photos, fundraising information etc. Each month brings a mixture of repeat information and new information. The information is usually placed in the newsletter up to 2 months before the actual event. The newsletter is meant as a guide for everything that is going on with the club along with the private members-only Facebook page, ride the pine, members-only. The newsletter is kept on the public website all year until the end of the year when they are removed.

FACEBOOK MEMBERS-ONLY PAGE: Once you have joined and have received your club packet, you are assigned a member number. With that number and other information, you are able to join the members-only page. This page is meant for information that is for paid members only. Please **DO NOT** invite others to join the page unless they are members. They will not be approved. You must also answer **ALL** the questions to be approved.

Piney Rail Riders is run completely on member volunteers so putting much needed information where it is accessible to you as a member is important.

DAY PASSES: We ask that if you will be introducing friends, family members, coworkers or neighbors to the club that you ensure the following:

- Please obtain a permit **24-48 hours PRIOR** to the date you will be on the trail.
- Each machine must have an application with a working phone number and email address.
- Each application must have an emergency contact that is someone who is **NOT** on the trail with them.
- Once payment is made, an order number is generated. An email will be sent with confirmation and will include a map. Make sure your guest has access to this email.
- If no email is received, the day pass has not been confirmed. Your guest is **NOT** permitted to be on the trail.
- Riders may be asked to show proof of membership or day pass confirmation.

As we continue to grow as a club, streamlining our information and purchases is our number one priority, while understanding that our volunteers like to ride as our members do. They cant always be accessible. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

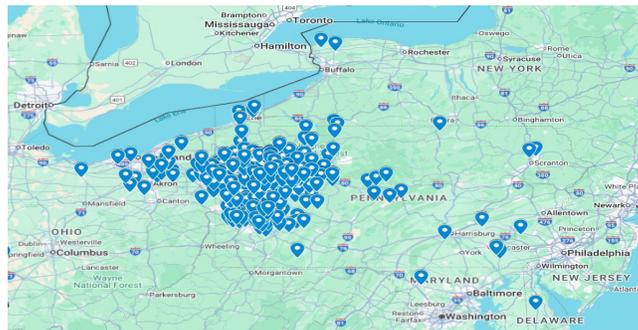
MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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. Seven different colored logos. 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.**

MEMBERSHIP RECAP

A special thank you for our all our current members, past members and officers that have been instrumental in the continued growth of Piney Rail Riders.

2022	452	2024	640
2023	541	2025	760
2026 (to date)		435	



Members locations

SPONSORSHIP

Appalachian ADV – Adventure & Dual Sport Motorbiking LLC

BEEM Logistics Inc. (Lifetime Sponsor)

Clarion Rod and Gun (Lifetime Sponsor)

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

Dommy's Pizza North (Lifetime Sponsor)

Drew's Septic Tank Pumping LLC

****East American Motorsports (Lifetime Sponsor) – 10% off parts & accessories**

Fox Farm Inn and Barn Venue

Handyman Klaus LLC

Hollenbaugh Hometown Meat Market

****ie Insurance L.L.C (Lifetime Sponsor) – Ask for qualifying discount(s)**

****J&B Motorsport – 10% off service fees**

Kriebel Excavating LLC

Labue Printing Inc.

M&M Motorsports

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

Mealy Excavating (Lifetime Sponsor)

****Microtel by Wyndham – 10% off**

Palmer's Country Store

Reigning Cardinals Pub & Grille

Rickard Trucking

Sarah's Snack Shack

****Snow Shoe Rails to Trails (Lifetime Sponsor)**

****Stiller Motorsports – Ask for qualifying discount(s) (Lifetime Sponsor)**

Vinyl Graphics Unlimited (Lifetime Sponsor)

Woodlands Tavern

****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 for more details.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS

Hollenbaugh's Hometown Meat Market
15702 Rte. 322
Clarion, PA 16214
814-393-6151

Hollenbaugh's Hometown Meat Market is known for its high-quality meats, full-service deli and catering, including pig roasts. They offer a wide variety of products including a selection of fresh and frozen meats, unique specialty items such as jerky and smoked meats and stuffed options like meatloaf, meat balls, peppers, cabbage rolls and chicken breast, along with deer processing. They also have a full-service deli with a variety of hams, turkey, bologna and lunch meats, some of which are made in-house. They also offer various sauces and cheeses. Fresh bread, rolls, cookies, cupcakes, pies and fried pies are also available along with snack sticks in a variety of flavors. For more information on their meat selections, you can visit the beef products and catering service pages on their website, hollenbaughsmeats.com.

The market is well known for its friendly, helpful staff and its clean and welcoming store, making it a favorite for both everyday meals and special events.

Stop in today.

Hours:	M-F	8am to 6pm
	S	8am to 3pm



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/07/2026 Maintenance Day

3/20/2026 Monthly Meeting @ Stiller Motorsports

3/28/2026 Maintenance Day

4/7/2026 Maintenance Day

4/16/2026 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles

REMINDER:

****Highlighted** 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.

MARCH MEETING

A reminder that Stiller Motorsports will be hosting our March meeting on **FRIDAY, March 20 @ 7pm** located at 13488 Rt-422, Kittanning, PA 16201.

CALENDAR UPDATE

When doing our yearly calendar in advance is sometimes mistakes happen. Our yearly Friends and Family Day will be held **Saturday, August 8 @ noon**. Please add this date to your calendar. This is our biggest event of the year to honor our current members and promote our club for new members. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.



TRAIL NEWS

TRIVIA

Let's learn a little about the trail/club and have some fun each month with some trivia. Look for the answer in the newsletter.

What is the nick name of a mile marker on the Piney Trail that is named after a boat on a popular 1970's television show?

GRANT STATUS

Currently, we have applied for and submitted the needed permit to start the next phase of the new bridge. The contract with DCNR has been signed and will be moving through its phases for signatures. Lots of administrative items to be completed as we move through the process.

PENNDOT

All of the townships that have state roads that we would be interested in having open have been visited. We now wait for the next step with PennDot.



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 club 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.

BRIDGE AT ONE EYE'S VALLEY/MEMORIAL HILL

AS A REMINDER, the hill climb at Memorial Hill is now closed. This recommendation is to prevent further erosion into the creek at One Eye's Valley where we have officially filed for a permit with DEP for a bridge crossing. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for future updates.

MAINTENANCE DAY

The first maintenance day of 2026 will be March 7. We will meet at the Limestone Trailhead at 8 am. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for future updates.



Maintenance

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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 15.5, 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.



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.

Microtel 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

Woodlands Tavern

8631 Rt. 28
Mayport, PA 16240

thank you
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