

Piney Rail Riders

Newsletter

April 2026



WELCOME 2026!!

As we begin another new year, we are graciously already at 489 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. If after that you have not received your packet, please contact Tiffany Nolan at 724-355-2366 or tnolan@ieinsurancepa.com

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!

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. John Shirey 2016-2017. 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.

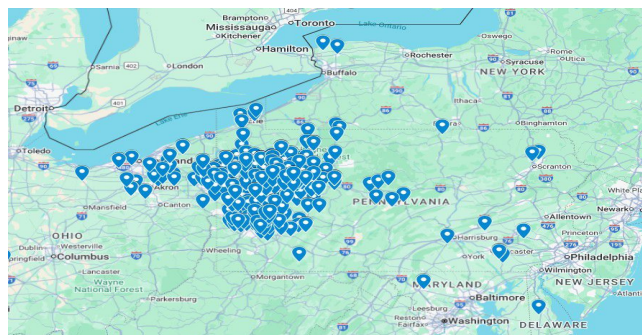
MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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)		489	



Members locations

SPONSORSHIP

Appalachian ADV – Adventure & Dual Sport Motorbiking LLC
Air Systems Heating & Cooling

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

Fryburg Sportsman Club

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 SPOTLIGHT

Dommy's Pizza North

8476 PA 949

Sigel, PA 15860

814-751-0021

Formerly located in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania: Dommy's Pizza is a slice of history and a haven for pizza enthusiasts in the outskirts of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. What started as Buddy's back in 1980 transformed over the years, undergoing a change in ownership and a name evolution to become the beloved Duddy's. In 2007, the legacy continued as Dommy's Pizza emerged, keeping the tradition of crafting delicious pizzas with fresh dough alive.

What sets Dommy's apart is not just their mouthwatering pizzas but also their commitment to offering the area's largest selection of craft and microbrews. With a staggering collection of different beer selections, it's a paradise for beer aficionados seeking unique and flavorful brews. The ambiance at Dommy's is not just about the pizza and beer; it's a celebration of community, flavor, and the love for good times.

In 2023, Dommy's Pizza relocated its footprint with the grand opening of Dommy's Pizza North in Sigel, PA. This new location brings the same dedication to quality and a diverse beer selection to a new community, inviting even more people to savor the taste of Dommy's signature pizzas and experience the warmth of their hospitality.

With roots firmly planted in the local history and a commitment to serving up the best pizza and beer, Dommy's Pizza continues to be a hometown favorite, embodying the spirit of delicious tradition since 1980.

Hours:	Thursday	11am-9pm
	Friday/Saturday	11am-0pm
	Sunday	11am-8pm



Thank you to Dommy's for being a Lifetime Sponsor at Piney Rail Riders.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Mealy Excavating and Construction Inc.

128 Lake Lucy Road
Tionesta, PA 16353
814-354-2311

Mealy Excavating & Construction, Inc. was founded in 1979 and has provided services to the northwestern Pennsylvania region and beyond ever since. Over the years, D. Scott Mealy has worked tirelessly to cultivate a strong team of skilled employees and to establish Mealy Excavating & Construction, Inc within the field.

As seasoned professionals in the industry, it is our goal to meet/exceed the expectations of our clients each and every day. We hold ourselves to high standards and we strive to live up to our reputation for honesty and integrity. At Mealy Excavating & Construction, Inc., we believe in promoting a safe and efficient work culture where the job is done right the first time. We offer a wide range of services, all of which are tailored to meet the individual needs of each client.

As the company continues to grow, our promise of providing high quality services remains the same. We are confident that we will continue evolving to meet the needs of our clients.



Thank you for being a Lifetime Sponsor of Piney Rail Riders.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/11/2026 Maintenance Day

4/16/2026 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles 7pm

5/9/2026 Maintenance Day

5/16/2026 Dale Marsh Memorial Ride**

5/21/2026 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles 7pm

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.

DALE MARSH MEMORIAL RIDE

Organizers, (PRR Members), are in need of volunteers for the Dale Marsh Memorial ride on May 16. They are also asking for donations of items for the Chinese Auction. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact James Dehner 814-648-8484. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.

CALENDAR UPDATE

When doing our yearly calendar in advance 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.

Who was the first President of Piney Rail Riders and how long did he or she serve?

BRIDGE GRANT

On February 9, 2026, Cinnamon and Kenny met with Leslie Sarvis for the first meeting after being awarded the grant for the Little Piney Creek Bridge Project. At that meeting, she laid out the timeline for moving forward. The next step was to have the contract signed by everyone, that process would normally take 4 to 6 weeks. We were notified that the fully executed contract was signed in 4 weeks. We had our next meeting with Leslie, Ron Kopko (our engineer), Kenny and Cinnamon on March 23rd. At this meeting, Leslie explained the DCNR portal and how to navigate the uploading of documents, meeting each item on the checklist and moving to each phase. At that time, we submitted a request for 50% of the grant money to get started. This project is going to take around 2-3 years to complete. Not because of the bridge itself, but for all the requirements the club must meet for both DCNR and DEP. The trail will still be open during this time, please use the existing bridge. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.

The creek crossing at One Eyes Valley (between East Reidsburg Road and the Allison 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.



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 April 11. We will meet at the Limestone Trailhead at 9 am. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for future updates and weather announcements.



Maintenance

Bob Guthrie
bobbyg43@yahoo.com

TRAIL NEWS

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.



PENNDOT

We have been notified that Rose Township has declined to open their township roads at this time. The committee will stay on top of any new developments. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.



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

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