

# Piney Rail Riders

## Newsletter

May 2026



### WELCOME 2026!!

We are graciously at 572 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](http://pineyrailriders.org)
- through the mail
- at monthly meetings

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!

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

**Newsletter:** Please make sure to update us if your email address has changed. This will ensure that you receive our monthly newsletter with events, maintenance days and project updates.

**Communication:** Communication is important for the success of our club. If you have questions as to what is currently going on, please visit our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, our website, [pineyrailriders.org](http://pineyrailriders.org) or email us at [info@pineyrailriders.org](mailto:info@pineyrailriders.org).

**Meetings:** Regular monthly meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Clarion Eagles, 81 Stone House Road, Clarion, PA 16214 @ 7pm. Exceptions are as follows: March we have a destination meeting and December and January we do not have a meeting at all.

**Membership Stickers/Day Passes:** Please make sure to have your membership sticker visible to other riders and/or have your membership card available should you be asked for it while on the trail. Day pass holders, please make sure to have your email confirmation available should you be asked for proof that you are allowed on the trail.

**Trail Etiquette:** When riding at Piney, we see most riders operating in a safe, courteous manner throughout the entire trail. Although we all know the basics, we can repeat the following tips for good trail etiquette and in some cases, requirements, of the trail system:

**Stop means Stop:** We can't always hear cars when crossing roads. Stop and proceed with caution at every road crossing.

**Yield:** We ask that you stop and allow horses, bicyclists and pedestrians to pass. In case of horses and those walking pets, they can be skittish around foreign noises. Be sure to wave as you pass and do not accelerate until well beyond the other trail user.

**Hand Signals:** Please use hand signals, especially when riding as part of a group.

**Respect the Trail/Landowners:** Nobody likes a "show off" and the actions of a few can ruin things for everyone. If someone in your group is riding like a clown, or disrespecting landowners, you have an obligation to help them obey the rules. All it takes is a few unhappy landowners or municipalities to stop our trail. Remember to travel slow and keep noise to a minimum.

**Local Business:** Please be sure to check our local businesses in the communities near our trail system and support them.

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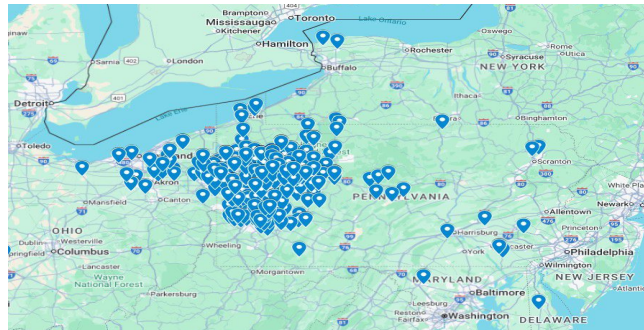
# MEMBERSHIP

## 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.**



## Members locations

## ELECTIONS

Yearly elections are held, in person, each year at our regular monthly meeting. This year's meeting will be on August 20 and held at the Clarion Eagles, 81 Stone House Road, Clarion @7pm. **If you would like to be considered for a position, please contact an officer by our meeting on July 16, at 7pm.**

# 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

Francis J Babyak, Professional Land Surveyor

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](http://pineyrailriders.org) for more details.

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

**Country Palace II**  
139 Fairview Road  
Dayton, PA 16222  
724-525-0107

The Country Palace Bar, is located in Dayton, PA and is known for it's friendly atmosphere, good food and drinks.

A casual, cozy, and trendy bar with focus on good company, food and drinks. They offer a wide selection of beers, cocktails and popular food items, like wings and pizza.

They feature happy hour, daily food specials and DJ nights.

Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating and bar games are available.

No one under 21 is permitted, and there is a small processing fee for credit/debit card payments.


Hours:	Tuesday – Thursday	11am – 10pm
	Friday – Saturday	11am – 12am
	Sunday	12pm - 10pm



**COUNTRY PALACE II LLC**

139 Fairview Road Dayton, PA 16222

(814) 257-8231

 Country Palace II LLC

## **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT**

### **Snow Shoe Rails to Trails**

1145 W Sycamore Road

PO Box 314

Clarence, PA 16829

814-387-6518

Our mission is to provide a safe, family oriented place to ride along with other trail users. We want to show case our Centre Region's natural beauty, making it available for all to enjoy. The SSRTA firmly believes in partnering with local businesses and local government, thus creating a riding experience linking town to town.

The Snow Shoe Rails to Trails was formed in 1999. We are all volunteers and maintain the trail with your membership dues. The trail is for walkers, bikers, equestrians, atvs and snowmobiles. **ABSOLUTELY NO DIRT BIKES.** Dirt bikes are not registered with PA or DCNR and they are not required to carry insurance, so we cannot allow them on our Trail.

We have over 40 miles of approved trails and roadways. In August 2011, DCNR connected us to the Bloody Skillet Trail near Orviston. The Snow Shoe Rails to Trails System is open year round. However, the Bloody Skillet Trail is a state system and is closed certain times of the year. So, check the DCNR web site to determine specific dates etc. Motorized units must be registered with the club to ride the trail. You must provide state registration and insurance information to register your motorized units.

Visit us on our website for membership information at [ssrt.org](http://ssrt.org)

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



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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/9/2026 Maintenance Day

**5/16/2026 Dale Marsh Memorial Ride\*\***

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

6/6/2026 Maintenance Day

6/18/2026 Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Eagles 7pm

**6/20/2026 Sligo Poker Run\*\***

6/27/2026 Maintenance Day

## 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.

## 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.

## TRIVIA

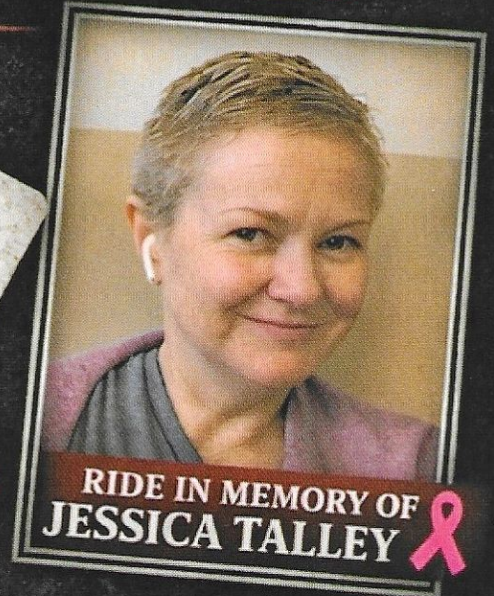
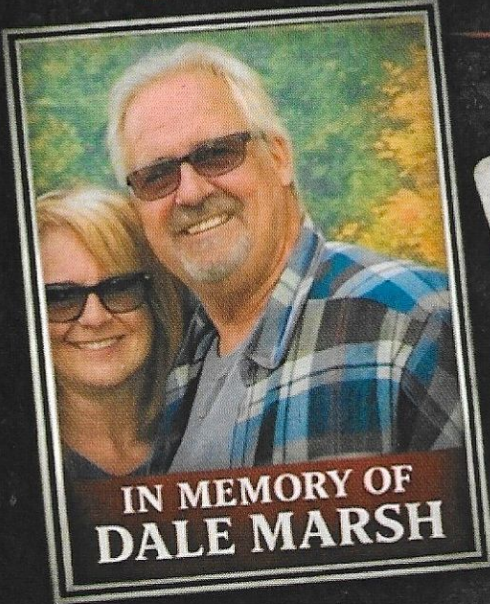
Let's learn a little about the trail/club and have some fun each month with some trivia. Look for the answer in the newsletter.

**When were the railroad tracks removed, creating the Piney Rail Trail?**

4TH ANNUAL  
**DALE MARSH**

MEMORIAL RIDE

POKER RUN



**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 ♠ PINEY RAIL RIDERS TRAIL**

On behalf of the organizers of the 4th Annual Dale Marsh Memorial Ride, we respectfully request your support for this meaningful community event.

The Dale Marsh Memorial Ride is dedicated to honoring the life and legacy of Dale Marsh, a cherished member of the riding community whose love for the trails and commitment to responsible riding left a lasting impact. This year's event also rides in memory of Jessica Talley, with proceeds supporting the National Breast Cancer Foundation in her honor.

This ride-at-your-own-pace poker run will take place on the Piney Rail Riders Trail System and welcomes riders of all experience levels. In addition to the ride, the event includes food, raffles, and community activities focused on remembrance and giving back.

We kindly ask you to consider a donation to support this event. Contributions may include monetary donations, gift cards, merchandise, or services for raffle prizes. Fifty percent (50%) of all proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, with remaining funds supporting event operations and responsible riding initiatives.

Your generosity helps honor two lives, strengthens community bonds, and supports a cause that affects so many families.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of our community.

With sincere appreciation, Jessica Dehner 814-648-1064

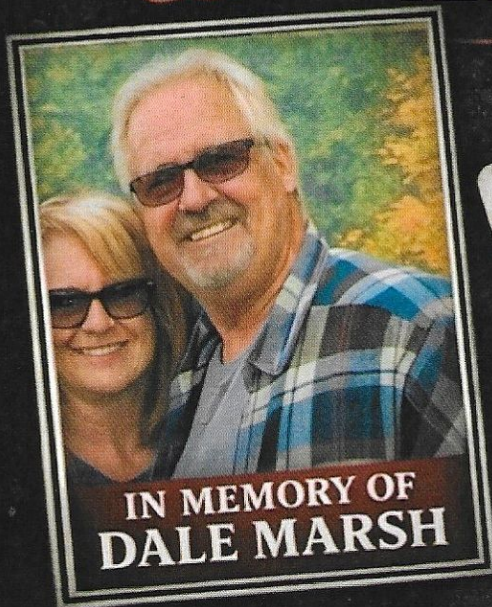
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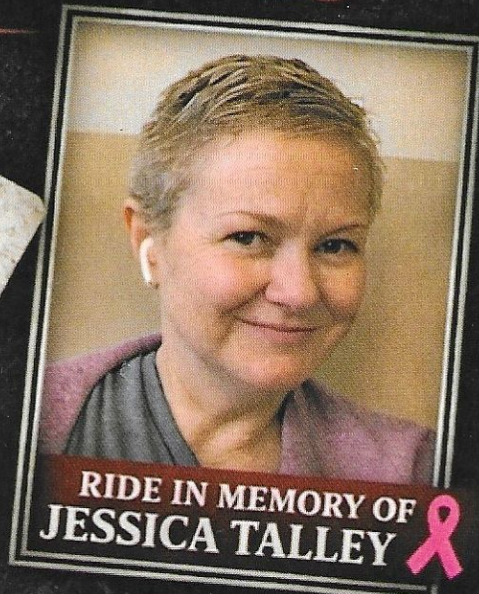
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IN MEMORY OF  
**DALE MARSH**



RIDE IN MEMORY OF  
**JESSICA TALLEY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 ♠ PINEY RAIL RIDERS TRAIL**

Schedule: 8:30 am Registration \* 10:00am Ride at your own Pace

PARKING AVAILABLE @ PINEY AND LIMESTONE TRAILHEADS

CAMPING AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING PINEY MEADOWS CAMPGROUND @ 814-715-3681

Registration Fees: Piney Rail Riders Members – \$20 per person

Non-Members – \$20 per person + \$10 per machine (Day Pass)

\*\*\*Riders under 18: Ride FREE with signed waiver (not eligible for poker run)\*\*\*

ALL participants must sign a waiver

Poker Run Stops: (5 Draws) Start: Piney Meadows Campground Pavilion Toward Brookville – The Log \* Route 28 \* Memorial Hill \* Piney Trailhead \* End at Piney Meadows Pavillion

If a stop is unattended, cards may be drawn upon return to the Pavilion.

Poker Run Payouts 50% of proceeds paid out: Best Hand – 50% 2nd Best – 25% 3rd Best – 20% Worst Hand – 5%

Remaining 50% donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation In memory of  
Jessica Talley

**RIDE. REMEMBER. HONOR. GIVE BACK.**

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC Drinks Will be available for purchase (cash only)

50/50 Raffle and Possible Chinese Auction (TBD)

## TRAIL NEWS

### ONE EYE'S VALLEY BRIDGE/GRANT

We have received 50% of the grant funds. A meeting was held and it was discussed to allow the engineering firm to mark out property lines and get through the bidding process before doing any work in the area. We are waiting to work with the engineer on the next steps

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.



### 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. Removal is reported to be 2011. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for future updates.

### SIGN COMMITTEE

We have several members working on getting signs up and listing what signs we need to order with posts. We should be seeing progress this throughout the summer. Contact Marie if you are interested in helping with this project.

## 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.

## 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 heading East, 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 toward Brookville, make a right onto the trail.



**Maintenance**

Bob Guthrie

bobbyg43@yahoo.com

## **MAINTENANCE DAY**

Our first two maintenance days of this year are in the books. We thank everyone who came out. Saturday March 28, we had 6 volunteers and Saturday, April 11, we had 7 volunteers to help start preparing the trail for the 2026 riding season. The next maintenance day will be Saturday, May 9th. 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.

## **TRAIL ADDITIONS**

We have added new garbage cans in the Kingsville area and at the SS Minnow. When you see any of the cans need to be emptied, please contact Marie or Bob. We will be adding chains to help keep the cans and lids in place.

## **BRIDGE #3 UPDATE**

Material has been obtained for the trailer and we are looking at sometime in Mar to move the decking into place. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for future updates and any trail closures for this project.

## **TRAIL PROPERTY LINES**

A message for the landowners on either side of our trail. The railroad company didn't own a small little 10' path. They (we the club) owned anywhere from 50' to 100' off the center the whole way along the corridor. Think of the width of a power line as an example.

We've noticed trees being marked with purple paint right along the path. Reflectors on our bridges being broken off and we've also seen gates going up. Please double check where your property lines are and stay within them when making changes to your property. If you aren't sure where those lines are, we would be happy to show you our deed and maps to clear up any confusion.

Please also remember that if you have a right-of-way to cross the trail, that doesn't include running the length of the trail. You must be a current member or have a day pass to use it.



# 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*  
*SPONSORS*