

Piney Rail Riders Newsletter

September 2026



September

07 Summerville Labor Day Parade

12 Redbank Poker Run***

17 Monthly Meeting Clarion Eagles @7pm – Public Welcome

19 Maintenance Day

October

10 Maintenance Day

10 Clarion Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

15 Monthly Meeting Clarion Eagles @7pm – Public Welcome

31 Halloween Ride

****THERE WILL NOT BE A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR PINEY RAIL RIDERS FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY. WE WILL RESUME OUR REGULAR MEETINGS AT THE CLARION EAGLES IN FEBRUARY 2027.**

*****Highlighted** events are **NOT SPONSORED BY PINEY RAIL RIDERS**, therefore, we do not have all details for the event. You would need to contact the individual business or facebook page.

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ELECTIONS

Yearly elections were held at our August 20th meeting at the Clarion Eagles. Our Board for 2027 will be as follows:

President – John McCall
Vice President – Kenny Shaffer
Tresurer – Ginny Kodrich
Secretary – Jennifer Walker

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

MERCHANDISE

We will **NOT** have merchandise at the September meeting. All **2025 (GRAY COLOR)** merchandise will be available at the last 2 meetings of the year. Any size and any style for \$10 **CASH ONLY**.

HUNTING SEASON

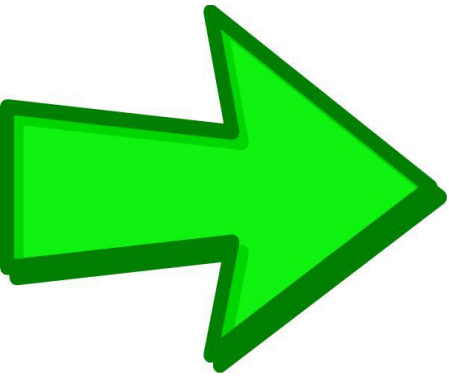
Hunting season will soon be upon us. Please keep these dates in mind when planning to ride.

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 3 (archery) to mid January 24th (archery and muzzleloader)**, please limit your riding during the daylight hours on those days.

TRAIL BOUNDARIES

Included in 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.

LOOKING TO 2027!!



- Memberships for 2026 expire December 31st.
- **October 1, renewals start and are \$45 until December 31st.**
- To renew after December 31st, it is \$50
- New memberships are \$50. Includes the remainder of 2026 and all of 2027.

We have a couple ways for everyone to renew or join:

- on line at pineyrailriders.org
- through the mail
- at monthly meetings
(**NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY**)

We will have packets available at the Halloween Ride on Saturday, October 31st and the last meeting of the year on Thursday, November 19th at the Clarion Eagles, this meeting starts at 7pm on Stone House Road, Clarion. If you are picking up for someone else, you are responsible for getting that packet to the person you are picking up for.

If you are a current member and haven't renewed by February 1, we will attach an application to our newsletter starting in March.

The private Facebook page, "Ride the Pine" will reset to reflect 2027 members by March. Once you renew, you can request to join and will be approved once you have answered all 3 questions. **PLEASE DO NOT INVITE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE PAGE IF THEY ARE NOT A MEMBER.** To find information on becoming a member, direct them to our web site pineyrailriders.org.

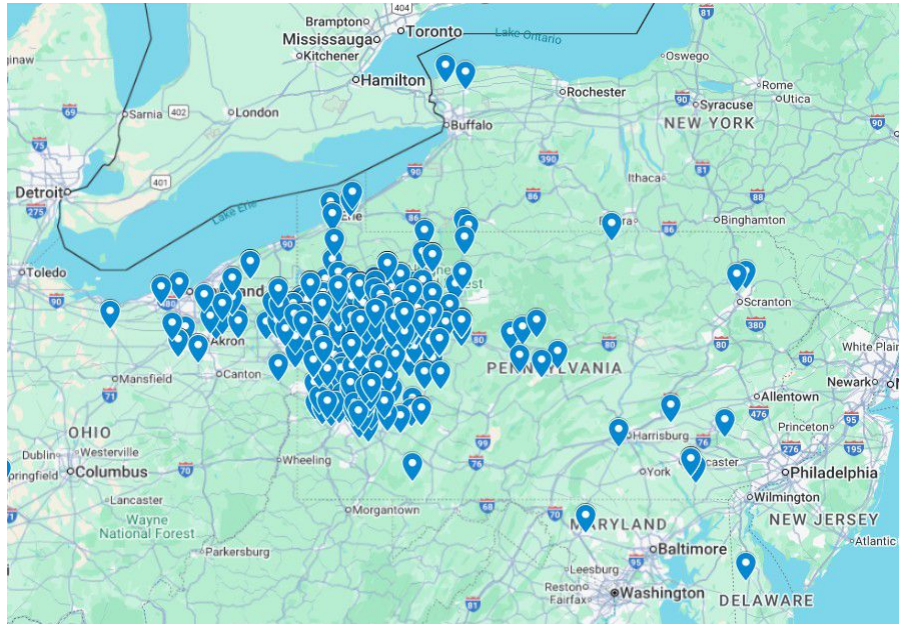
In the packet you will receive:

- a map
- membership card
- your numbered sticker(s)
- 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 also now offer a lifetime membership and lifetime sponsorship for \$1000 each.

MEMBERSHIP

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.



682 members-to-date

MEMBERS LOCATIONS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Welcome to returning 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 trail closures, events, maintenance days, project updates and more. If you are not receiving the newsletter, it is on our website. Drop down menu from main page...information....resources. The monthly minutes are there too.

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 or email us at info@pineyrailriders.org.

Meetings: Regular monthly meetings are held every 3rd 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 **NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.**

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, not order number, 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 out our local businesses in the communities near our trail system and support them.

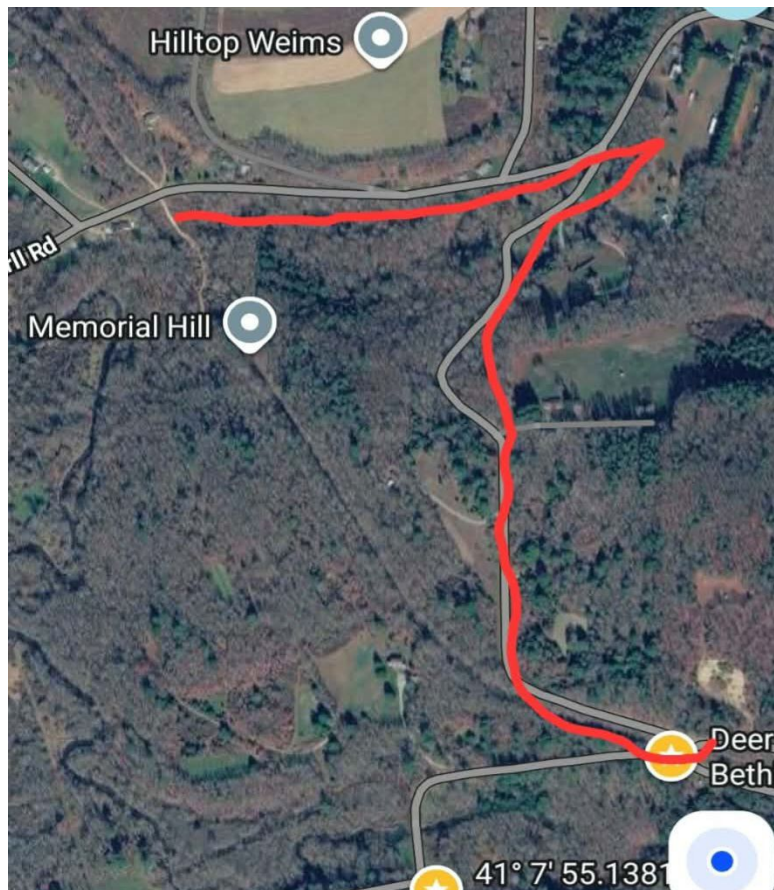
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ONE EYE'S VALLEY GRANT (Little Piney Creek Project)

A recent meeting was held on Thursday, August 27th. Our engineer, Ron Kopko, attended and reported that he met with DEP. There were a few items that needed to be updated and resubmitted and he was able to do that for them. We are now waiting for the permit which needs to be attached to the bid package that will then be submitted to DCNR for approval. This will take about a month to circulate through their departments for review. In the meantime, it was suggested to get the bridge ordered while we are waiting. We spoke to our DCNR contact and it was approved that we could do that. This will be worked on over the next several weeks.

ONE EYE'S VALLEY BRIDGE

We last reported that the truck bridge at One Eye's Valley (between East Reidsburg Road and Allison Road) was closed because it was unsafe. The rain storms have hit again. The big storm that moved through the area on August 19th took the bridge and moved it downstream about 80' . We do have both sides closed off and detour signs up to route riders around the area. All who are involved in the bridge project, know are unable to use this section. Everyone is doing their best to move this along so we can go back to using it as quickly as possible.



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MAINTENANCE DAY

Our next maintenance day will be Saturday, September 19. 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.



BRIDGE #3 UPDATE

The rail roads ties have been placed on either side of the metal grating to hold it in place. Please be responsible and travel over bridges at a safe speed. Thank you to our members who came out and helped finish the brige work.



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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.

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

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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

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We had a great turnout this year at Friends and Family Day with 94 people signed in. Lots of food, raffles and laughs. We gained 5 new members and made a profit of \$937.71. Thank you for those who volunteered or donated an raffle item and thank you to all who attended.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY 2026

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KNOX HORSE THIEF DAYS PARADE

What a nice evening for a parade. We had 8 buggies show up to represent PRR and pass out candy for the kids. Thank you to everyone who came out.



SUMMERVILLE LABOR DAY PARADE

Summerville Labor Day Parade will be on Monday, September 7, 2026. Parking directions: you take the second left after you cross the bridge on Rt.28 in Summerville, behind the antique cars. Lineup is at 10:00am and the parade rolls at 10:30am. We need everyone to come out and represent the club and show off your buggy. Decorate your buggy and grab a bag of candy for the kids. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.

AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL PARADE

Fall is coming soon and so will the yearly Autumn Leaf Festival Parade in Clarion. If you are interested in attending, it will be on Saturday, October 10th. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.

HALLOWEEN RIDE

Mark your calendars now for the annual Halloween Ride and get your best costumes ready. This year year it will be held on Halloween, Saturday, October 31th. The cost will be \$10/per person. Please follow our members-only Facebook page, ride the pine members only, for more details.

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MERIT PROGRAM

To help show our gratitude to our members who volunteer in various ways for the club, we have once again implemented a merit program which is outlined below. Start volunteering today and get your free club merchandise.

Requirements to accumulate reward points:

- **Must be a current member with a registered membership number for the current year.**
- Points can be earned by volunteering or participating at various events or providing maintenance hours during the calendar year.
- Points are for one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.
- Points are not able to be combined or transferred to anyone who is not on the current membership number.
- Points have no cash value and cannot be purchased or refunded for money.
- Points do not carry forward to future years. Points not used are forfeited as of Dec. 31 of the current year.
- You are responsible for signing in at each event, with your membership number, to get credit for your hours. If your information is not on the event paper, no credit will be given.
- Hours are given to the coordinator at each monthly meeting, therefore, points will not be credited to you until the 1st of the next month.
- If you have questions regarding your hours/points, please **DO NOT WAIT** until the end of the year.

Maintenance day volunteer – min of 2 hours	3pts/hr
Equipment - Personal	
(Mower, chainsaw, pole saw, weed wacker)	5pts
(Tractor, trailer, truck, excavator)	10pts
Mowing, weedwacking, landscaping, clearing trees/debris	
misc work with Bob, equipment maintenance	3pts/hr
Grading, hauling items, fixing washouts	5pts./hr
Bring new sponsor	15pts
Event chairperson	35pts
Event participation – min of 2 hours	
(parades, friends/family day)	2pts
Event donation – food, paper products, drinks, raffle prize	3pts/product
Sell book of tickets (not eligible if returned unsold)	2pts/ea

Points may be redeemed for multiple rewards as long as the point balance supports the total of the items

30 points	T shirt	100 points	Zip Hoodie
50 points	Regular Hoodie		

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 for more details.



REIGNING CARDINALS

229 Rt. 36

Leeper, PA 16233

814-744-8780

Reigning Cardinals (formerly The Knotty Pines) exudes warmth and welcomes guests with open arms.

With it's friendly staff and a menu with mouthwatering dishes, it's the perfect place to unwind and have a delightful meal. Our diverse menu caters to everybody, whether you are looking for a leisurely dinner with loved ones, a quick lunch with friends, or a solo meal at the bar. Not only a great dining experience but a social venue with a relaxed atmosphere of a traditional pub with the extensive menu of a modern grill and restaurant.

Located off PA-36, they have developed a reputation as a must-visit location for both residents of Clarion County and travelers coming to the region for the scenery, including nearby Cook Forest State Park area.

Reigning Cardinals offers a setting where there is both laughter and conversation. Come as you are and leave relaxed, with a full stomach and a smile on your face.

HOURS OF OPERATION:	SUNDAY	11-8
	MONDAY	11-8
	TUESDAY	11-8
	WEDNESDAY	11-8
	THURSDAY	11-8
	FRIDAY	11-10
	SATURDAY	11-10

Stop by and visit first chance you get.