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Chapter R hosts the District Rally



Endless Mountains Riders put on a great show at the Best Western for the state rally this year. They did a parody of the Wizard of Oz in the No Talent Show and took our guests on a beautiful ride across two states.



Chapter R Gathering meets on the 2nd **Saturday** of every month except Dec. - 9:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. Meeting.
Comfort Inn, Elmira Street, Sayre, PA

Chapter Directors



Ed's
Comments

OMG...I don't know about you folks but this has been one of the busiest travel summers of my life. We went to Litchfield, IL, then we went to Arkansas, then we went to Alexandria Bay, then the District Rally rides, and it's still not over. We still have our last trip of the season. This year after Carla received a great deal of confidence driving the trike, she is now taking the trike and I am taking my 2 wheel Goldwing on the trips. It has been a real blessing from her going from "Oh my Gosh—here comes a stop sign" and being concerned about stopping and pulling out, and driving in traffic. It seems like the Wing'd Rider Wizard took his wand and removed all of those insecurities about driving the trike! I am looking so forward, and at the same time regretting, that this will be the last trip of the season. It's going to be nice traveling again, staying overnight at a house, and interacting as a family. ..and then visiting the magnificent display of miniature railroads. Lord willing, Mother Nature will cooperate with us and we'll have a beautiful weather down and back and nobody will lose their rainsuits out the back of their bike!



So once again we're asking everyone to put their input into places to go, and things to do for next year. I don't believe that next year I want to put so many trips on the docket, but I definitely want to do some and space them out over the warm weather riding season. Please make sure that you try your best to participate in the chapter Gatherings, Team Meetings, events and trips. Just a reminder that the main reason GWRRA went under was lack of participation by their members. Let's not let that happen to Chapter R! Once again, thanks goes out to all those people that have given help or otherwise been involved in our events to date.



Carla's
Comments

This has been the most amazing month ever for me! I was so nervous but excited to not only drive the trike all by myself - without Ed anywhere near me— to the District Rally that first day, and THEN to actually lead a ride. I want to thank Dale McClelland and Barb & Joe Seymour for being my first guinea pigs. Despite the threat of rain, they let me lead them for my very first guided ride. And I brought them all back safely! So when Peggy decided she wanted to ride with me the next day, Ed chose to drive his own Goldwing, and AGAIN, I was going to be the leader. But this time, there were 11 bikes lined up behind me. And, oh my goodness, I had the likes of Ellie & Allen Cowfer, John and Glenda Leib, AND the District Educator and safety guru Gerry Kerkeslager in my pack! Wow— I was going to have to do it right! Well these riders were all very encouraging, and I learned so much! Everything from how to say "Left Track, Center Track, Right Track" for debris on the road...to going slowly, but not too slowly after a red light...to picking the right location to lead a long line of bikes into a parking lot. And yes, let's not forget the biggest lesson of all. Gerry told me to do a CB check each time you stop before heading out again. I wasn't sure why, until I did my last CB check and when I asked for confirmation, no one raised their hand. What was wrong? Gerry laughed so hard—THAT is why we do the CB check! I hadn't even plugged in my headset!

The other super exciting part of the District Rally for me was completing that crazy UNTalent skit. I had put it off for months, and then we practiced the skit at the August Gathering, and I actually saw potential for it being a little funny! The people who were the characters in

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the skit were really hamming it up! I was having a hard time keeping a straight face while I narrated the story. I am especially proud of Nina Ross, our youngest member of Chapter R. She did an AMAZING job as the lead character in our rendition of 'The Wing'd Rider Wizard of Sayre!' You can catch the whole skit up on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/QtAsMhjyxrw>. Thanks to everyone who participated—as a character, or holding up a sign, or creating the great costumes! We make such a great team when we get together.

I was also blown away by being nominated for an Outstanding Star award from my chapter and presented with a certificate at the Banquet. I just want to thank everyone who had a part in this. It was a very great honor from you all.

The Rally was a huge amount of success. It was fun right from Thursday night through Saturday night. Thursday night Arline suggested we throw Dennis a little surprise party for his 70th birthday that day. A lot of people would be coming in early for the Rally from the District, and we could invite our chapter members, and it truly turned out to be a hoot. Dennis realized Arline was taking him to dinner and started inviting District folks to come along and join them, and gee, if there were a lot of people he would pay for the back banquet room at the Grille. Little did he know—that was exactly what we already had planned! The fact that 20 people from Chapter R and the District showed up really gave him a surprise. It was great! It is always great to see all the folks from around the state at these annual events. It feels like such a family reunion to get to visit with everyone again. So kudos to Dennis for leading us through our first Wing'd Rider Rally!!

Well fall is now upon us, so get out there and ride! It will be too soon before we have to put up these bikes until spring!

Ed & Carla Dawejko,
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Assistant Directors



It doesn't seem possible that our summer riding season is winding down but we are still hoping for some nice days this fall to enjoy the colorful changing of the leaves. Janice and I have seen some beautiful country having put 6,000 miles so far on the Can Am. Some of those miles were to Litchfield, Illinois.

Then after getting back home we took another trip to Alexandria Bay's Bolt Castle in New York State and then some friends of ours, Bill and Marion Hird came here from Vermont. After they spent a night with us here, we left for Washington, PA and West Virginia on the bikes. We took in many sites including the Palace of Gold. We got some nice pictures of the flower gardens surrounding the palace along with the guided tour that was given of the palace. Of course, after touring around, we always would come back to the Air B & B to play some cards while waiting for our food to be delivered.



So now we are enjoying some local riding of places we haven't been to in quite a while. One of those being Buttermilk Falls State Park which is a beautiful place to visit. They have some great walking trails through the gorge.

We are still hoping to get in some more trips before the weather changes. We are looking forward to coming events including our annual Hot Dog Roast picnic at the home of Dennis and Barb Smouse. We always have an enjoyable time there.

We hope you all can join us for a fun time. Until next time, you all stay safe.

From your Assistant Chapter Directors,

Bill and Janice Rowe

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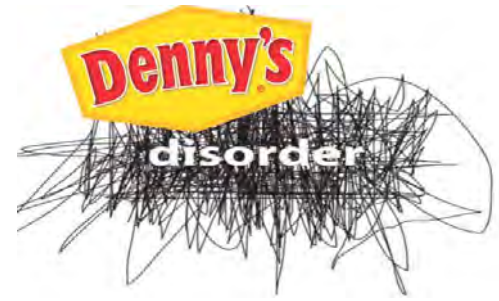
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Denny's Disorder



Here it is Tuesday after the 1st Annual District Rally and I think I'm finally starting to recover. I got home Sunday and I think I slept the rest of the day until it was time for me to go to bed. This getting old sucks!!



Speaking of getting old, I want to thank Arline & Carla and the rest of the Endless Mountains Riders for a memorable evening with the surprise birthday party you all threw for me. I'll let Arline & Carla fill you in on all the details. While I have not seen the Chapter Newsletter yet, there are plenty of pictures of the birthday party in the District Newsletter this month. It was a very memorable evening and I want to send special thanks to all involved.

I know there were many from the Endless Mountains Riders PAR at the Rally. If you missed it, you missed a good time. Good comments from attendees and the Staff of the Hotel, complimenting me on our Group. Very gratifying. We had an Ice Cream Party Friday night followed by the Talent/No Talent Show. Our own put on our own version of the Wizard of Oz. It was well received. There is a link to a video of it in the District Newsletter. On to Saturday night's Banquet where our own Carla was announced as the Outstanding Star for our Chapter for 2023/2024. Congrats to her!

Well it's September. What does that mean? Kids are headed back to school, the weather is turning from summer to fall and there is still much riding to be done. To start off the month, there is Labor Day and the Annual Smouse Hot Dog Roast. We're hoping a lot of you can make it. I enjoy the day. It is one of the few times we get together just to relax and visit with each other.

Another month and late with my article. Carla is waiting for me so she can send the Newsletter out. Maybe I'll finally catch up this month. Nawwwwww.

See ya' on down the road,
Dennis & Barb



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September 11

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September 16

Josh Ross

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Chapter R's Annual Hot Dog Roast



On Saturday, September 2nd, we had a large turnout Barb & Dennis' Annual Hot Dog Roast. It was a perfect day and the food was good and plentiful. Getting to sit around and enjoy each other's company --- Priceless! We had some special guests show up we have not seen in a while starting with Gary & Kay. Then Dwayne & Norma strolled in with Art & Joan not far behind. Bill & Sylvia were also there. Sylvia commented on how it felt like the 'old' days with everyone present. On the other end of the spectrum, our newbies were in attendance, Joe & Barb and Don & Marie. Gary was our cook for the afternoon and served up some delicious hot dogs. One last thing, it was Dan's birthday. I'll bet he never wants to hear this group sing again!



Chapter R attends the Cumberland Ride In



Chapter Events



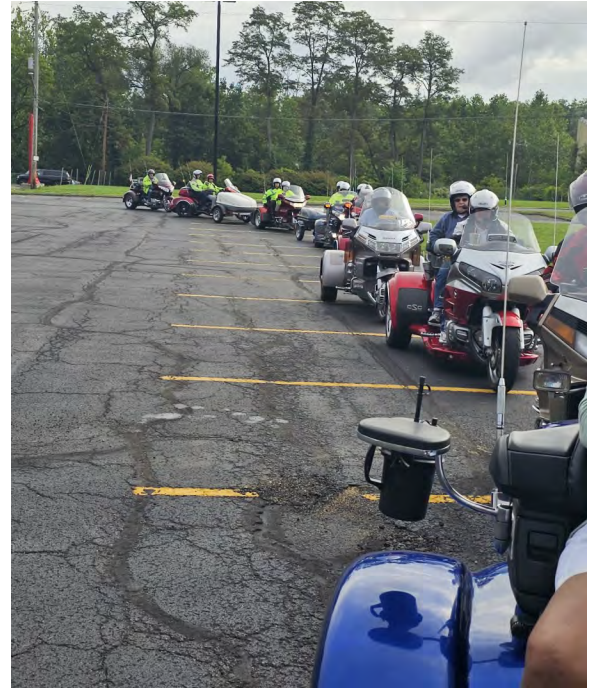
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Chapter R Co-Director Carla Dawejko led a 100-mile ride on both days of the Rally. Friday's ride included just 3 bikes, but Saturday was a beautiful day and included 12 bikes. Lunch in Spencer turned out to be a lot of fun.



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Outstanding Star Awards were given out at the banquet. Black Rose Wings nominated Mike and Shirley Prince. Endless Mountains Riders nominated Carla Dawejko. It is the District's hope that many more chapters will nominate a special member from their chapter at the 2024 District Rally. All Chapter Directors



have a opportunity to submit a Single or Couple. Also at the banquet, Keystone Wings honored Dennis Smouse for his contributions to their chapter.



Chapter Events



Between the Gumball Rally in July and the District Rally in August, we were able to give our local shelters almost \$1,000 worth of supplies and money.



Pictured left at the Bradford County Humane Society in Ulster, PA, with our District Directors Dennis & Barb Smouse and Chapter Co-Director Carla Dawejko is Bobbi Kinner, Shelter Manager. Pictured at right are the Smouses and Carla Dawejko with Lorelei Cole, Office Coordinator of Stray Haven in Waverly, NY. It was great to help out two very worthwhile local organizations with our summer events.



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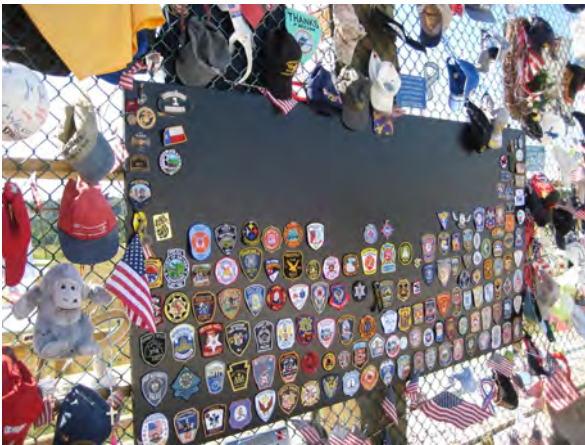
The Ice Cream Challenge is nearing an end! We just have September and October to visit ice cream stands in the area and aim for the prize! Please send a picture or some proof that you were at one of the ice cream stands on our list and you just might be our 2023 Ice Cream Challenge Winner!!!



2023 Chapter Ice Cream Challenge



In Memory of the 9-11 Rides



The attack was September 11, 2001 – and a group of us from PA-R visited the crash site in 2007. There was only a temporary memorial – a small building for a Park Ranger to use, a wire fence, some railing to mark off parking space - and a most devastating

look at a flag in the field marking where the plane had hit...

There were many, many tribute items, some large and some small that folks had left at the site. There were several large plaques from various motorcycle groups and other organizations. After this trip it was decided that PA-R wanted to do something 'concrete' as our contribution to the memorials there and to honor those that had died.

In 2008, PA-R made a second trip to Shanksville to bring and leave a concrete engraved tribute from our group that we had had created by a company that does stone work.. Also there was a place on the wire fence where folks were leaving patches and emblems, so we also left our chapter patch with the others on the fence. There was even more items that folks had left in tribute...



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Calendar



September

Saturday Sept 2	Hot Dog Roast	12:00 noon	Smouse House
Saturday Sept 9	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Sept 14	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	The Grille, Sayre
Friday-Saturday Sept 22-23	New Jersey Trip	TBA	TBA

October

Saturday Oct 14	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Oct 19	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	The Grille, Sayre
Saturday Oct 28	Final Ride	11:00 am	TBA

November

Sunday Nov 5	Chili Party	12:00 noon	Smouse House
Saturday Nov 11	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Nov 16	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	The Grille, Sayre

December

Saturday Dec 9	Christmas Party	12:00 pm	The Grille, Sayre
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**Saturday
July 20, 2024
Chapter PA-R
GUMBALL RIDE
Meet at Comfort Inn, Sayre, PA**