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Chapter R installs new Chapter Directors



Bill and Janice Rowe were initiated to their new office as Chapter Directors at the 2023 Christmas Party



**Saturday
July 20, 2024
Chapter PA-R
GUMBALL RIDE**
Meet at Comfort Inn, Sayre, PA

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



We hope that you all had a great Christmas with family and friends and that you will have a safe and healthy New Year.

Chapter "R"s Christmas Party at the Grille was a good time with great food and fellowship. A special thank you to Ed and Carla for lining up games that were enjoyed by all. We also want to thank everyone who came to make this event so enjoyable.

As we start our new year as Chapter Directors, we will be having some tough shoes to fill. We appreciate your patience with us and also any help and support you can give will be greatly appreciated. We want to thank everyone who was willing to step in and fill the positions needed for 2024.



One of our goals for this year for the month of April is to recruit new members. I'm sure you can all think of someone who has a bike that would like to join in on our fun and maybe become members. We are hoping by the end of April to have some new ones join us for our first ride of the year to "Our House Restaurant" for an enjoyable time of food and fellowship.

Here it is January already and our calendar is getting filled with good rides and overnight trips. If anyone has any ideas for some nice rides, please let us know soon. Also, if you can think of any work you need to have done on your bike you might want to talk to your dealer or mechanic about getting that worked into his schedule.

Your Chapter R Directors,
Bill & Janice Rowe



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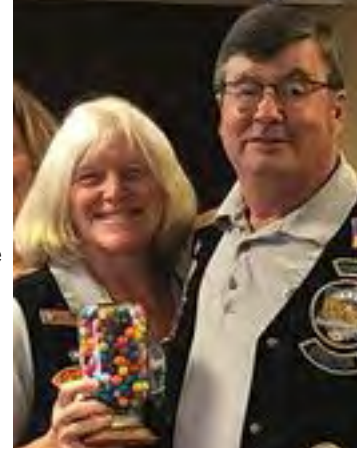
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Assistant Directors



Happy New Year, Chapter Family!!!

We are SO excited to welcome Bill and Janice Rowe as the new Chapter Directors of our group. It is going to be fantastic to throw some new blood into our activities and planning. These two are already great leaders! They have often planned and led some amazing rides, have MC'd the Gumball prize drawings, and they were always there as our assistants to back us up when we could not attend Gatherings. Here's wishing a great 2024 to our new leaders!!!



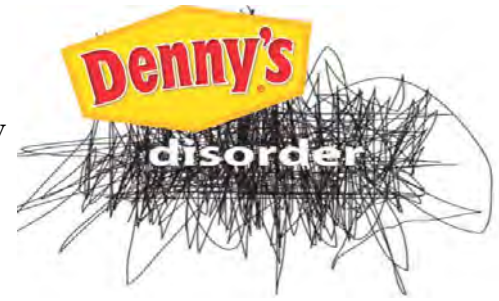
It has been quite a three year journey! We got thrown into the Director chairs during a national pandemic!!! Covid was ramping up again through the holidays that year and we couldn't have our first official Gathering until April! But this Endless Mountains Riders family is so fantastic that they welcomed these very green members as "leaders" and we definitely bumbled our way through it.

We learned so much over our time as Directors. We learned how to stand up in front of the group and talk!!! We learned how to transfer from a GWRRA organization to a Wing'd Rider organization. One of us learned how to drive a motorcycle and lead a ride!!! We learned how to create some memorable summer vacations, and we learned how to organize the group into some pretty funny talent shows. We have had a blast being your Directors these past years, and we definitely are not going anywhere. We love this group too much. We will be right here behind Bill & Janice to give them the kick they need to have a tremendous year of their own!

Cheers to 2024 and all the great stuff we have planned!!!

**Ed & Carla Dawejko,
Assistant Directors**

Denny's Disorder



I thought running into December was something last month. Now we are moving on to a NEW YEAR!!! Admit it, how many of you thought you'd make it this far? I know when I started working at Sylvania they used to send me retirement information dated 2010. I remember thinking, "I don't need to worry about that, I'll probably never make it that far!!" Well, here it is. Welcome to the New Year!!!

Didn't make it to the Christmas Party? You missed a whale of a good time. Good food, good time and Great People. Carla, as usual, came up with games to keep us entertained. These games, though, made me think. I had to go home and rest as the old brain was wore out. Then, with one of the clues Ed gave me during the charades game, I am going to need intensive therapy. I WILL be sending the group some bills!! By the way, his clue was spot on and I got it right away, but I was soooooo traumatized!! Like I said, a whale of a good time.



Barb was so surprised and very appreciative of her Special Person Award. I think the Group may be in trouble. On the way home discussing her award, she mentioned she did not realize she did as much as you guys mentioned.

After this past year and all the travels and activities we had, Barb & I are looking forward to the New Year. The trip to the Hudson Valley looks like it might exceed the trip to Alexandria

Bay. Now, we have new leadership with Bill & Janice stepping up to take over as Directors. I am so excited. Bill & Janice have been an integral part of the Chapter for many years. I look forward to their new ideas and thinking moving forward.

While there has been a lag in Chapter Activities here in the winter, Barb & I have taken advantage to get together with family, both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Always a special time when we have to opportunity.

Here's a toast to all for a Happy and Successful New Year filled with fun and wonderment.

As I sign all my District
correspondence,
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Dennis & Barb



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Chapter Celebrations



January 22
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January 16
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January 9
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January 27
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2023 Christmas Party



Left to right, Chapter R's new officers: Peggy Bright-Berhannan as Social/Membership Chair, Carla & Ed Dawejko as Assistant Directors, and Janice and Bill Rowe as 2024 Chapter Directors.

Below, Ed bequeaths chapter shirt and horn to new Directors.



At left, New Director Bill Rowe gives a quick pep talk on how the chapter will be run in the new year.

At right, Barbara Smouse is given the Special Person of the year award by the Chapter. Barb has always worked diligently behind the scenes - to support Dennis as District Director, to provide cards for celebrations in the Chapter, to bring candy and other novelties to events, and to think ahead and know that after a 6 hour ride to Alexandria Bay and getting settled in the house we are staying in we would be too tired to think about dinner, so she made sure a huge pot of spaghetti was ready to go!



Chapter Events



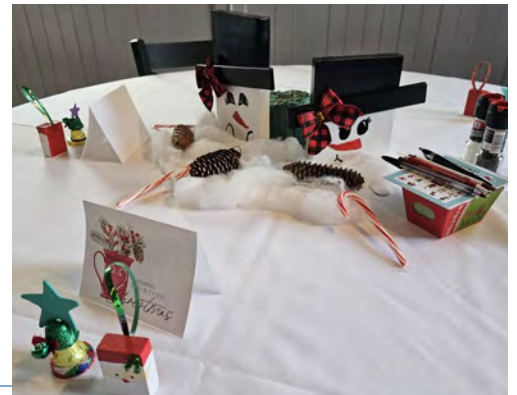
Above and going counterclockwise: Janice Rowe received a plastic poncho because she left the trunk open and lost her raingear on the Alex Bay trip. Arline Coffelt received a Travel Monopoly game for her awesome efforts at planning hotels for our 10-day Litchfield trip. Peggy Bright-Berhannan received Christmas lights for her shining new personality in our Chapter. Dennis awarded the Rows and Dawejkos some complimentary sticks for helping the Smouses stack wood. And Dale McClelland earned the Most Miles award following his cross country trip with his son.



Chapter Events



Our first annual Challenge was a huge success! Don and Marie Roberts took the top prize with 91 points followed by the Rows, Dawejkos and Smouses. In total there were 14 participants.



Chapter Events



Calendar



January

Saturday Jan 13	Chapter Gathering Team Meeting to follow	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Saturday Jan 27	Meet For Lunch	3:00 pm	Open for Suggestions

February

Saturday Feb 10	Chapter Gathering Team Meeting to follow	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Saturday Feb 24	Meet For Lunch	1:00 pm	Open for Suggestions

March

Saturday Mar 11	Chapter Gathering Team Meeting to follow	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Sunday Mar 17	Ice Cream Social	1:00-3:00pm	Comfort Inn, Sayre

April

Saturday Apr 13	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Apr 18	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday April 20	District Staff Meeting	10 a.m.	Clearfield, PA
Saturday Apr 27	First Ride of Season Our House Restaurant	11:00 am	Meet Sayre Dandy

May

Sunday May 5	Hobo Stew Ride	9:00 am	Meet in Canton
Saturday May 11	Chapter Gathering & Training Day	9:00 am Breakfast, Meeting & Indoor Training Lunch, then On the Road Training	Smouse house
Thursday May 16	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Sunday May 19	Chapter Picnic	1:00 am	TBA

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June

Saturday June 8	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
	Drop off Gift Basket	Ride to Southern Tier Honda, Montour Falls, NY	
Thursday June 13	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sam's Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday June 22	Chapter Ride	11:00 a.m.	TBA

July

Saturday July 13	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday July 18	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday July 20	Gumball/Poker Ride Picnic/Awards	8:00-11:00 am 1:00-3:00 pm	Comfort Inn, Sayre Athens Firehall

August

Wednesday Aug 2 - Aug 8	Chapter Trip to Catskills	TBA	TBA
Saturday Aug 10	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Aug 15	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill
Friday-Sat August 23-24	District Rally (Tentative)	TBA	TBA

September

Sunday Sept 1	Hot Dog Roast	12:00 noon	Smouse House
Saturday Sept 14	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Sept 19	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday Sept 28	Chapter Ride	TBA	TBA

Calendar



October

Saturday Oct 12	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Oct 17	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday Oct 26	Final Ride	11:00 am	TBA

November

Sunday Nov 3	Chili Party	12:00 noon	Smouse House
Saturday Nov 9	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Nov 14	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sam's Bar & Grill, Sayre

December

Sat or Sun Dec 14-15	Christmas Party	12:00 pm	TBA
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