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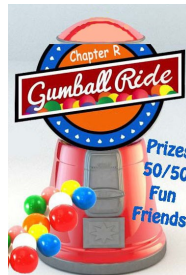
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**Winter doesn't stop these  
hard-core motorcyclists**



When it's too cold to ride, we eat! The group met at Oliver's in Wysox on January 27th for some great food and fellowship.



**Saturday  
July 20, 2024  
Chapter PA-R  
GUMBALL RIDE**

Meet at Comfort Inn, Sayre, PA

Chapter R Gathering meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



It doesn't seem possible as you are reading this newsletter that January has gone by already. We want to thank everyone who is supporting us as your new Chapter Directors.

We are fast approaching our February Gathering and we still have a lot on our agenda to discuss. We still need to select what we want for our chapter's banner. We will be discussing any and all suggestions at our February get together.

Also, mark your calendars for February 24, for our next luncheon get together at 591 Conklin Rd., Binghamton, NY. at 1:00 p.m. So please come and join us. Many thanks to Don and Marie Roberts for making arrangements for us to go there.



Janice and I are really looking forward to April as our recruiting month but please don't wait until then to start recruiting new members. Feel free to invite anyone to our gatherings or luncheons.

As I was working in the garage, January 26th, two motorcycles went past our place. I looked at the temperature and it said "60 degrees". Nice for January here in northeastern Pa. Just then I thought I heard a noise in the other side of the garage. It must have been my son-in-law's Harley and our Can-Am talking and saying, "That should be us out there!" Oh well, I must be getting the Spring Fever!!!

For all of you guys out there, don't forget Valentine's Day and buy your sweetheart a little something and tell her that you love her. And for everyone, have a safe and happy Valentine's Day!!!

Your Chapter Directors,  
Bill and Janice Rowe



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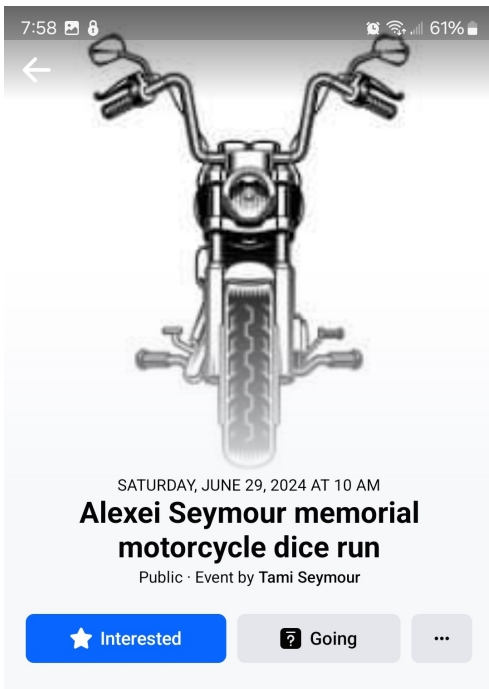
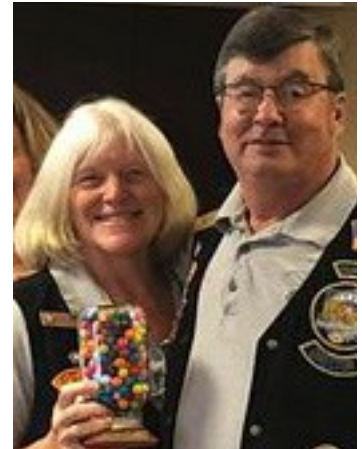
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It's Valentine's month and I just want to share all the LOVE I have for our great Chapter!!! The folks in this group have actually become like family to us! So hugs to each and every one of you!

January has been a pretty weird month - we've had gloomy fog, chilling temperatures and spring-like weather all in the space of some 30 days. I must say that I am just eager for February and March to go away so we can get the bikes back out. We made some new friends at church, and I am already eager to give them a ride on the trike!!! I am a little nervous about the first ride but Ed says it will come back to me very fast.



Speaking of family, I want to mention a ride that is coming up this summer. My cousin lost her grandson this winter in an awful car accident on Route 13 between Horseheads and Ithaca. The young man was just starting his life, and it is so sad. But he loved motorcycles, and his family is planning a dice run on June 29 at Sonny's Bar & Grille in Horseheads. This might be a fun thing for a few of us to do, if you are interested!!!

I see the motorcycle influence all around me. My great-granddaughter's dad is a member of a motorcycle group in Owego called the Misfitz. The little darling just received a new jacket. Isn't it the cutest?



I have been working on flyers for a bunch of upcoming events. You can find them on the following pages.

- First we have our ice cream social planned for March 17. Just come on down and bring either



some ice cream or some toppings, and we will play games, visit and have the best time!

- Then, in April we are having a ride and lunch that we want to invite all sorts of friends to. Let's recruit people into our fun group and show them what a great time we have together.
- The May Gathering is going to be a lot different than normal. We are going to forego the Comfort Inn and meet at Dennis and Barb's house. We can get in a little Gathering, but the day will actually

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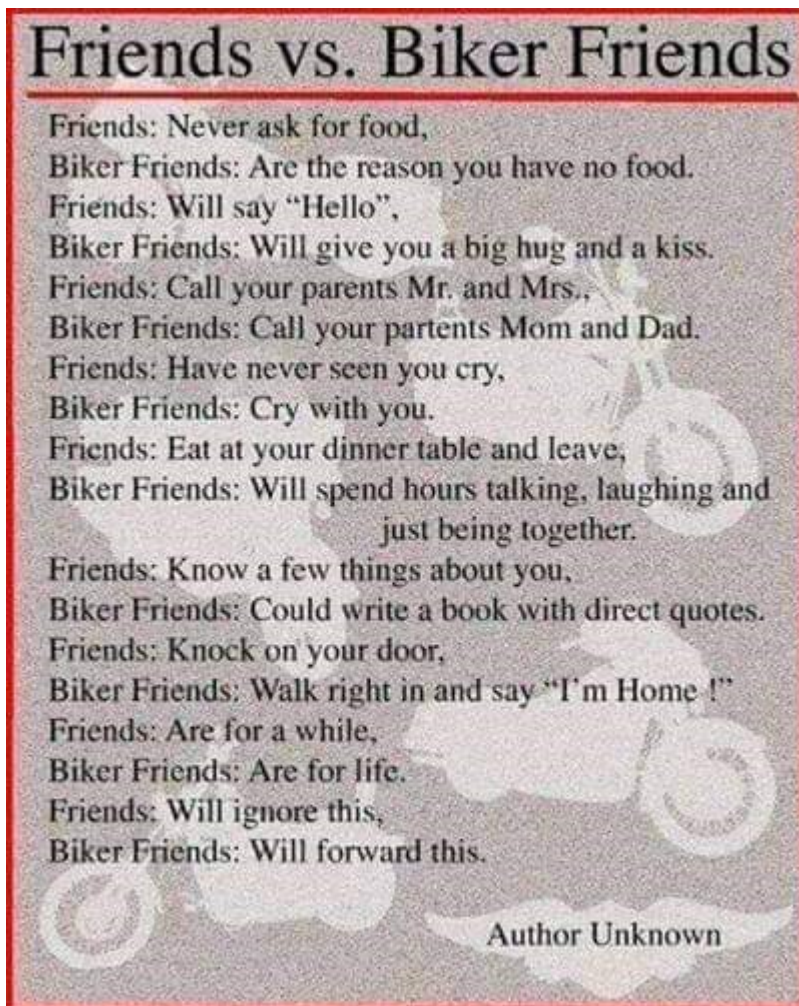


be focused on learning. Gerry Kerkenlager is coming to give us a seminar on what to do in case of an accident, and in the afternoon we will be on our bikes learning some more tips right on the road from the master teacher!

- We are planning our annual Chapter Picnic for May 19. We need to pick a great spot to go—anyone got any suggestions?
- And finally, we are planning our 11th annual Gumball Ride and Poker Run for July 20. We need to start thinking about those prizes we want to offer and see what we all can drum up for donations.

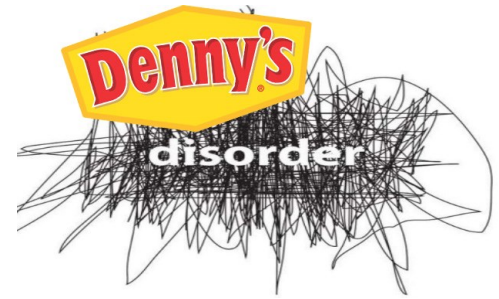
It's going to be a great year. I just can't wait til this snow and cold disappears so we can get started! Meantime, we will enjoy the winter lunches that we have planned! Hope to see you there!

**Ed & Carla Dawejko,**  
Assistant Directors





# Denny's Disorder



So, I'm late with my article again this month. I've been writing an article for the Chapter Newsletter for several years. I got to thinking, why? I'm not a Director, Assistant or Safety Officer. So why? Well, mostly because someone asks me. Being a 'JAM' (Just a Member), anyone can write an article and I think the powers to be would be happy to include some. Just like a Gathering, when more are involved, it is more fun for everyone. So think about it. You can see I'm desperate to come up with something to say this month, eh?

I do want to comment on our January Lunch at Oliver's in Wysox. Barb & I have eaten there many times and this time was no exception, really good food. I'd been looking forward to this for some time, not sure why, just was. I was not disappointed. As I said, Good Food, but more importantly, Great Friends who made for a special time. I would like to point out that Oliver's has two accesses to their parking lot, an 'In' and an 'Out'. Or if you'd rather, an Entrance and an Exit. I noticed a couple of our Group decided to use the Entrance for their Exit. I don't want to mention any names but one was a former leader and the other has red hair. Draw your own conclusions. Then to top the afternoon off, they threw us out!! Okay, they actually said they had another reservation for the table and could we leave. I told her we've been thrown out of a lot better places than this!! As I said, a really good time. I look forward to the next one.

Well, ol' Punxsutawney (by the way – I don't have to look up the spelling) Phil will be doing his act this coming Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, as usual. And as usual, he is expected to see his Shadow, indicating six more weeks of winter, like he most always does. The snowmobiler in me is happy while the motorcyclist in me is not. It's Punxsutawney's biggest day of the year.

Speaking of snowmobiling, I took a short trip to visit my son, Jim, in Pulaski, NY. We rode all day Saturday and it *Sucked* big time. Trails were horrendous or as a riding buddy of mine calls them, "Lunpy". Many water holes across the trails. I almost didn't make one. Only got about 75 miles for the day. We got to this cute little restaurant, got a cup of hot chocolate (delicious) and called his wife. She brought my truck and trailer. (Read the next paragraph. I blamed my daughter-in-law for breaking my truck.) We loaded the sleds and went home that way. As I said, trails were TERRIBLE,



but it was a great time spending the entire day with my son.

One last thing, I'd decided to upgrade my truck this fall and am in the process of getting the money around to do that. October is 'Truck Month' with normally great deals. I've made a couple of trips north with it, one to Boonville to get the trailer worked on and the other to my son's. Coming back from each, I got a Check Engine light. First one cost over \$500 to fix and the second one over \$600. I don't care what my original plans are, but anything else happens to the truck and I go to the dealer and buy a new one, not waiting for October. I've already got a couple of people who want to purchase my



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truck. While there is nothing wrong with it, it's 12 years old with only 89,000 miles on it. But when you want to haul a four place trailer 800 miles one way, I'm getting a little anxious with the recent events. So, down the road it goes. While I've always been a GM guy, my nephew works for Ford in Buffalo. I've been told I can get the same 'Friends & Family' discount he can. When talking to my dealer, he figured out I could buy a Ford truck \$100 less than he could, saving me \$7-\$8k off the purchase price. This is before any incentives they may have at the time. Ford makes a nice truck. I'm anxious to see how it all works out when I finally get one, GMC, Chevy or Ford. Right now leaning heavily in the GMC direction.

Okay, it's still February – Everyone do a Snow Dance!!

Dennis & Barb





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# Chapter Celebrations



**February 15**  
**Barb Smouse**

**February 26**  
**Bill Rowe**



**February 19**  
**Dennis & Barb Smouse**



Former GWRRA members Bob and Sally Eiffert got a surprise visit from State Representative Tina Pickett last month presenting them with a citation for celebrating their 70th anniversary. Congratulations!!!





# First Gathering of 2024



Our first Gathering of 2024 was squeezed into the smaller board room at the Comfort Inn since the large room was unavailable. But the Endless Mountain Riders are good at adapting! Bill and Janice Rowe did a great job heading up their first Gathering as Chapter Directors. The group blended a regular Gathering along with the monthly Team Meeting and covered a lot of ground in decisions for the new year.







ENDLESS MOUNTAINS RIDERS



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Our group loves restaurants, ice cream stands, picnics, day rides, and overnight trips. You only need a bike, trike, CanAm, car, or some type of transportation to join us! We are inviting you to our first ride of 2024 - a ride to Our House Restaurant. Don't know where that is? Only our leader does! And he will take us on a two hour trip to this fun destination. Please join us! We will head to the Parkview in Owego for a light lunch and then on the Our House for desserts.

### **Saturday, April 27, 2024**

Meet at the Sayre Dandy, 2686 Elmira St., Sayre, PA at 11 a.m.

Please RSVP to [bjrowe71@hotmail.com](mailto:bjrowe71@hotmail.com) or 570.247.2513



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## Saturday July 20, 2024

**Rain or Shine!**  
Registration  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Starts at the  
Comfort Inn  
2160 Elmira Street  
Sayre, PA

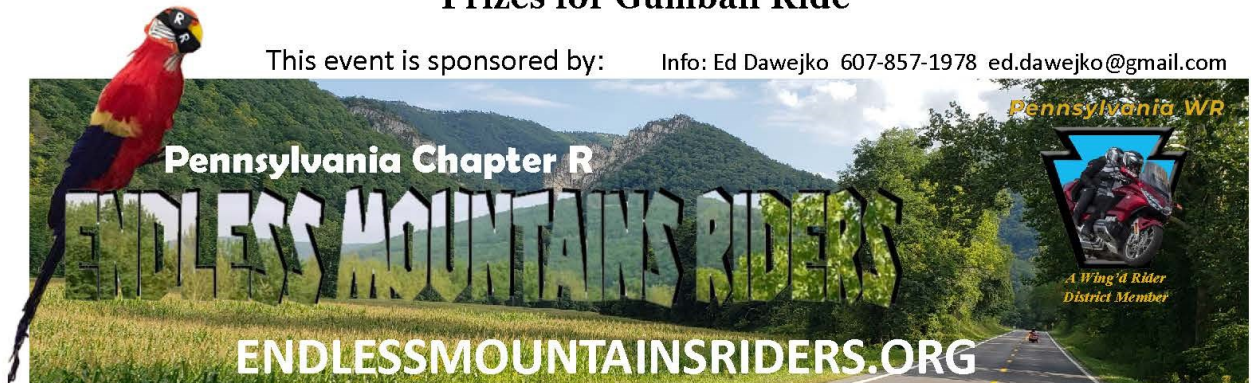
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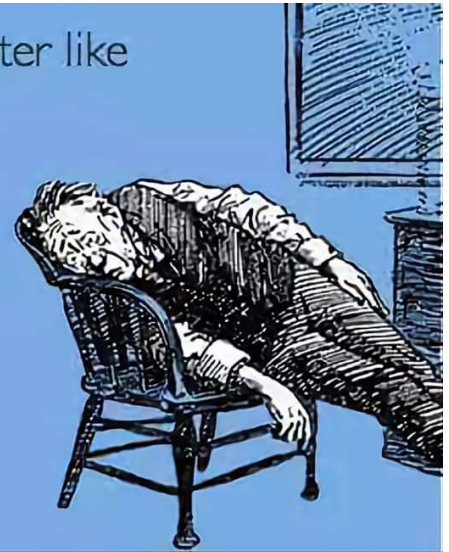




# Chapter Events



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# Calendar



## 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	Jane's Diner, 591 Conklin Rd Binghamton, NY

## 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



# Calendar



## 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
Wednesday June 26 - Saturday June 29	Wing'd Rider Rally #2		Litchfield, IL

## 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

# Calendar



## 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

## 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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