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AUGUST 2024



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Ride brings in nearly \$500

The Endless Mountains Riders had a very successful 11th annual Gumball Ride and Poker Run on Saturday, July 20th. The charity animal shelters EACH received \$125 in cash and over \$100 in food and supplies. There were four Pennsylvania Wing'd Rider chapters represented, and we want to thank all our local business sponsors.



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'd like to start out with a big thank you to all our members for their help with the Gumball/Poker Run. It was a big success. Many prizes were awarded to the top winners. We'd also like to thank everyone who donated dog food, cat food and other items for our local pet shelters. We appreciate all who donated to this worthy cause.

We are looking forward to our next adventure with a trip to the Catskill's, August 2nd - 8th. At the present there are nine of us going. A big thank you to Arline for lining up things to do while there and also a thank you to Carla for coming up with the house to stay at.

At our August 10th gathering we will have breakfast and a short meeting then we will ride our bikes to Hammondsport to Curtiss' Classic Motorcycle Show and Swap meet from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This will feature vintage motorcycles, food and merchant vendors.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Sportsman's Expo in Rome, Pa, Saturday, September 7, featuring Mountain Man from Duck Dynasty. Free admission, free dinner and lots of door prizes. This starts at 11:00 a.m. through 5 p.m. Mountain Man will be the guest speaker. There will be animal mounts on display, turkey calling contest, and an Alaska Mountain Goat Hunt. Free door prizes, including a cross

bow and much more. This event is hosted by the North Rome Wesleyan Church. The location is Route 187 in Rome, Pa. across from the Dollar General. Janice and I have attended two of these events and they are well worth your time. Where else can you go to get excellent food (all you can eat) and there is no charge?

Former members of ours, Bill and Marion Hird, who moved to Burlington, Vermont, recently contacted us that Marion had a serious fall and injured her head and back. She is presently doing therapy. We had originally planned to meet them in Massachusetts for four days and do some sightseeing. These plans had to be cancelled. We pray for a speedy recovery for Marion.

Continue to check the calendar for upcoming events. It doesn't seem possible that August is here already. We hope you all will continue to have a great summer and a continued great riding season.

Your Chapter Directors,
Bill and Janice Rowe



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11 AM - Sportsman Show with Vendors & Exhibits
11:30 AM - Ice Fishing - Eric Vargason
12:15 PM - National Wild Turkey Federation Sanctioned
Turkey Calling Contest --Sign-ups 11:00AM to Noon
1:45 PM - Amateur Turkey Calling Contest --Sign-ups Noon to 1:15PM
3 PM - Alaska Mountain Goat Hunt - Steve Piatt
3:45 PM - Pig Roast Dinner - donated by Callears BBQ and Shores Sisters
5 PM - Guest Speaker - Mountain Man
--Door Prize Drawing to Follow--

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Chapter Directors



Terry and Connie Hamilton (Bill and Janice's daughter and son-in-law) had a wonderful day last weekend showing the directors their secret spot. Nice little 237 mile day but no ice cream...they were too full from shrimp, chicken, beef, fries, homemade potato chips, and fried cauliflower!

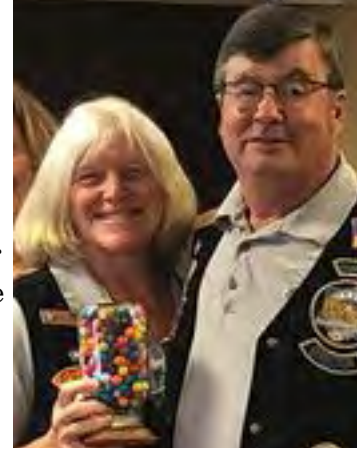


Assistant Directors



Wow—how did it get to be August so fast? I hate that the summer is rushing by. But, wow—what a heat wave we have experienced, right?

We were able to have a fabulous ride after our July Gathering. We took our giant thank you card up to Southern Tier Honda to give to Gary House for their support as our chapter sponsor. Instead of buying the dealership pizza or hot dogs or a plaque, Gary asked that the chapter donate money to the chapter treasury, and that is exactly what we did, and raised over \$125 in doing so! We want to thank Dennis' grandson for designing the card, as well! After we visited Southern Tier Honda, the group headed up the road to Montour Falls to the Blue Ribbon Diner and had a great lunch. Then I got to lead the group on a ride through Horseheads and Erin to get to the ice cream shop in Spencer. It was funny that Gary took off up Route 224, but I headed down Route 14 with the group. We thought Gary just went home, but when we stopped in front of the Erin Fire Department to get a firehouse photo, who flew by from the other direction...but Gary!!! So up to Swartwood Hill we went, and went



right by my 93-year-old mom's house. She was sitting outside on her porch waving to all of us as we drove by! After ice cream, we headed down Halsey Valley Road toward Nichols. We lost folks along the way as each one headed in their own directions to get back home. What a fun ride!



July was a busy month for us. I went kayaking on the Chemung River with my cousin one day. We tried out the

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Assistant Directors

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Big Flats to Fitches Bridge/Elmira run this time. I also got to kayak when I went up to Cayuga Lake with some girlfriends from church. We've had a lot of pool time in our back yard with this awesome weather. Now the question is... will August be as warm? Lots of years we are pretty much finished with our pool by early August!



So much coming up for this month as well. First we have our chapter vacation starts this weekend! We'll have lots of pictures for you next month. Then we have the District Rally Weekend just a couple weeks after that trip. Also our Gathering is right after we return from our vacation...we have plans for a great ride up to Penn Yan to visit the Curtiss Museum following that morning. Such a fun summer with our chapter family!



We hope you can join us for any of these great events.

Get out a ride this summer!!!

Ed & Carla Dawejko,
Assistant Directors



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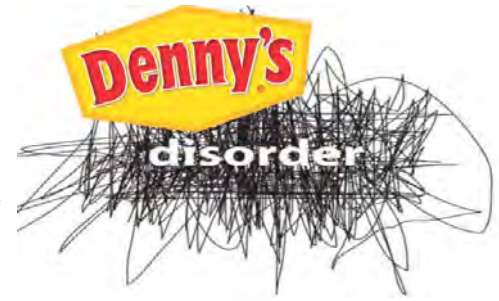


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Denny's Disorder



My excitement is building. The beginning of August we'll take our trip to the Catskills for most of a week. Another house rented for all of us to stay in. Sure makes it much more enjoyable and fun, all staying together rather than separate rooms in a hotel. I'm sure several of us will have tons to report on next month. I wouldn't be surprised if there were a couple of pictures!

We took our ride to Southern Tier Honda after our July Gathering. The whole Southern Tier Honda crew was there and Gary posted our card on the wall right away. I think he was impressed with the money we raised for our Treasury rather than spending on them. Leaving there, we stopped right down the road and had a nice lunch, I don't remember the name of the restaurant. Then we took the long way home stopping for ice cream, what else. A nice day of riding.



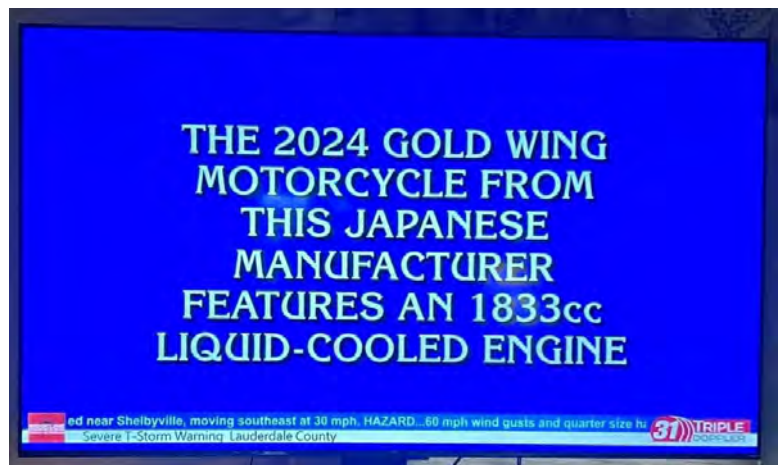
I want to congratulate our Chapter Team on a Superb Gumball/Poker Ride. While the weather did not cooperate fully, Barb & I never saw any rain, a few got wet riding in and some got wet on the ride. We saw some wet roads, but never any rain. Ed tried out the new grill he had just won and cooked up some really good hotdogs. Some homemade desserts topped it off. Then the myriad of door prizes were handed out with everyone there getting a prize. That should get some word of mouth for next year!

When we get back from our trip, we have a Gathering with a planned ride to the Curtiss Museum for their vintage motorcycle meet. I'm looking forward to that also. I love looking at the old iron. After that, there is this little thing called our District Weekend at the end of the month. I'm soooo looking forward to it. Kinda my swan song as District Director, so to speak.

Believe it or not, that's all I got for this month.

See ya' on down the road,

Dennis & Barb



Member Feature



This is a new feature to help you get to know our members a little better. This month we highlight Arline Coffelt.

the Endless Mountains Riders chapter of Wing'd Riders in Sayre, PA. Their oldest member will turn 90 next year, and you can't miss her long red hair flowing out from under her helmet as she drives her



bright red Goldwing trike around the country.

Arline Coffelt lives near Owego, New York and has been riding motorcycles for over 35 years. She and her husband, Richard, wanted to learn how to ride so they took a class offered by Bob's Cycle Shop in Sayre, PA in the late 1980's. She ended up buying that class bike – a 250 – that only had about 1,000 miles on it.

Arline's Pennsylvania classmates got their licenses at the end of the bike class, but since Arline lived in New York, there were additional hoops she needed to jump through, so she and Richard just kept riding with their learner permits. They added a 185 Kawasaki and rode the back roads on Sunday mornings when traffic was light.

Later, after Richard had passed, Arline got a Shadow 500 from her daughter-in-law and went to a BOCES

class in Ithaca to finally attain her license. Shortly thereafter, she was dazzled by a red Goldwing trike at the New York State Fair. Her son had given away the saddlebags for the Shadow, so Arline said she couldn't even carry as much as a purse with her when she rode. One rainy day she found herself at Bob's Cycle Shop looking to buy some saddlebags. And there on display was a red Goldwing trike for sale.

It was August 2004 and that red trike now belonged to Arline. As they drew up the paperwork, the people at Bob's Cycle encouraged her to join the local chapter of the Goldwing Road Riders Association. She attended a few of the chapter's breakfast meetings and struggled a bit to fit in since the members were all couples. But the chapter director always greeted her and made her feel welcome. Arline immediately put her organizational skills to work and suggested some streamlining to how the sign in process worked and she took to heart the need to be a welcoming chapter. When she became chapter director a few years later, she made sure new people felt included. She guided the team leaders to bring all issues to the table so they could be discussed in the open and an agreeable solution be found.

Arline developed this leadership style very early. She joined the Navy just a few months after high school graduation. She served almost two years in electronics before meeting a sailor, getting married, and having her first child. She says in those days pregnant women could not remain in the service.

Many years passed and there was finally an opportunity to realize her dream of going to college –

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Member Feature



subsequently graduating from Broome Community College and going on to graduate from Watson School of Engineering at Binghamton University at the age of 50. This led to a job working as an engineer at Link Flight Simulation.

Arline also joined the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and is still involved after 40 years. She worked her way through the required two years as 2nd Vice President and two years as 1st Vice President to become eligible to become President. "I went through all the "chairs" and became President," she says. "I am good at raising my hand!" Later she became state treasurer for the organization and got invited by the state to several chairman positions. She says she has a resume for that organization that fills a whole page.

As one of three children, Arline was good at raising her hand very early on. She became a church organist at the age of 14 and taught piano in her home after she was married. She and her husband built their home where Arline still lives today. She laughs that her brother helped them for a few months but she says, "His idea of helping was to sit in a lawn chair and use a cable to raise up the bundles of shingles to me on the roof."

Arline has a soft heart for all canines. She says she has 14 dogs buried in her back hill – and two in the closet (that are cremated). Her most recent dog lived to almost 19 years old.

She laughs at the memories of the early years with the Goldwing chapter. She says it took three years before she knew everybody's name. Two of the members – Bob and Bill – she got mixed up until she took their pictures and wrote their names on the back of the pictures. She has seen the chapter go through a number of changes. First, Bob's Cycle burned down and a new sponsor needed to be found. Southern Tier Honda in Montour Falls, New York took over the task. Second, the chapter used to be much, much larger than it is today. When the group went to a state rally, they usually took up two or three tables, but now Arline has seen a number of her bike friends age out of the hobby. And third, The GoldWing Road Riders Association closed its doors in 2022 and the scramble was on to find a new national organization and provide public relations to keep members going strong. Wing'd Riders took on that task in 2023 and chapters are rebuilding. When the chapter needed a new place to hold their Gatherings, she investigated all the potential locations, and struck a deal with the Comfort Inn that has lasted now for nearly a decade.

Through it all Arline has not skipped a beat. She is now in charge of Pins and Patches for the chapter.



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Member Feature



When the group plans its week-long vacation trips, she spends hours looking over maps and attractions to develop itineraries and makes copies for each member. In 2023 she made the 10-day bike trip to Litchfield, Illinois to attend the first National Rally for the Wing'd Riders. At 300 miles per day, she had no problem keeping up with the group.

She states that the most important thing in the chapter is member retention. When you get new members, you need to give them a reason to come back. They need to have a reason to feel they are a part of the group. A good way to do this is to ask the new person to help with a task or take on a responsibility that is needed which will help the chapter.

Arline did exactly that when she asked a new visitor to the chapter to take over the chapter newsletter. That job eventually led to taking on the district newsletter and articles such as this one that you are reading right now. This author wishes to thank Arline for drawing her into a wonderful group of people – actually family!





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Chapter Celebrations



August 6

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August 21

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August 24

Dennis Smouse

August 30

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August 9

Art & Joan Markle

August 21

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Gumball 2024

It was a beautiful day in Sayre, PA for the 11th annual Gumball Ride/Poker Run. The Comfort Inn set us up in front of their hotel and we welcomed riders from all over Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, some of those riders had to ride through rain to get here.



Chapter members and friends enjoyed coffee and donuts as folks registered for the ride. As riders returned to the Athens Fire Hall, we quickly added up the scores and fed our guests a wonderful picnic lunch. Then it was time to announce prizes and 50/50 winners. A great day overall!



Ride Winners



Gumball first place went to our own John Nutting. Second place went to John Leib of Cumberland Valley and last place to our own Don Roberts.



First place in the Poker Run, pictured below, was PA District Educator Gerry Kerkeslager.



Over 30 prizes, donated by numerous local businesses, were given out to all the Poker Run participants.



Chapter Events



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Here are our winners for oldest and youngest riders and co-riders, and the largest group and who came the furthest.

Additional Poker Run Winners



Chapter Events





2024 Chapter Fire House Challenge



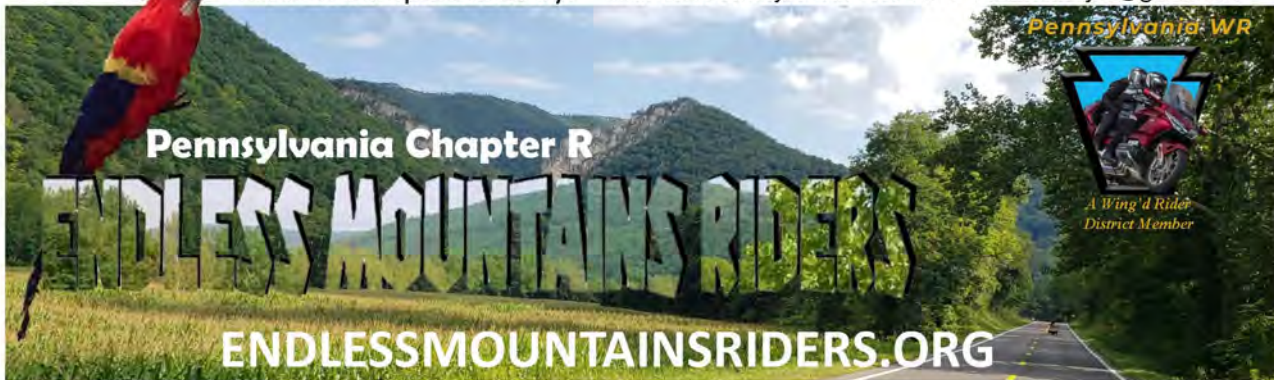
From April 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 visit as many fire stations as you can and submit a picture proving you made the visit to carla.dawejko@gmail.com

You will receive 1 point for each different firehouse visited. Your bike must be in the picture in front of the firehouse with the station name on it.

Three Grand Prizes will be given out at our Christmas Party!

Everyone who visits at least 25 firehouses will receive a prize

This event is sponsored by: Info: Carla Dawejko 607-857-1977 carla.dawejko@gmail.com



Chapter Events

Points are starting to rack up! Get your pictures in to Carla at carla.dawejko@gmail.com or 607-857-1977



2024 Chapter Fire House Challenge



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Wing'd Rider



2024 Pennsylvania WR District Rally Registration Form August 23-24, 2024



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RIDER: _____

Wing'd Rider #: _____ District: _____ Chapter: _____

CO-RIDER: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ First PA Rally: Yes or No

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

2024 Wing'd Rider Position(s) _____

Registration will be confirmed by email

I/we agree to hold harmless Wing'd Rider, Co-sponsoring Organizations, and/or any Property Owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of, or participation in this event. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/we knowingly damage.

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

NO Full Registrations accepted after Aug. 12, 2024

Full Registration: Includes Events each day and Banquet.

Discounted Registration - Postmarked from now – 07/19/2024

Wing'd Rider Members # _____ attending X \$60.00 = \$ _____

Non-Wing'd Rider Members # _____ attending X \$65.00 = \$ _____

Full Price Registration - Postmarked 07/20/2024 – 08/12/2024

Wing'd Rider Members # _____ attending X \$65.00 = \$ _____

Non-Wing'd Rider Members # _____ attending X \$70.00 = \$ _____

Banquet Meal Saturday: I/We would like sugar free dessert # _____

Payable to: Pennsylvania WR Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Send Registration to – **Jim McClintock, 112 Trotwood Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146**

Cancellations must be received by mail or e-mail; no phone calls accepted.

No cancellations after August 12, 2024 There will be a \$10.00 Handling Fee for all cancellations.

Pennsylvania Wing'd Riders Ride-In Weekend

Friday August 23, 2024

- 9:00 – 11:30 Registration – Banquet Hall
- 9:00 – 11:30 Basket Raffle – Banquet Hall
- 1:00 – 4:00 Registration – Banquet Hall
- 1:00 – 4:00 Basket Raffle - Banquet
- 10:00AM Guided Ride
- 3:30 Training Class – Banquet Hall
- Team Riding with Mike Prince
- 3:00 – 4:30 Scavenger Hunt Check-In
- 6:00 Ice Cream Social – Banquet Hall
- 7:00 Talent/No Talent Show – Banquet Hall
- Bike Parade/Light Show following Talent/No Talent Show



Saturday August 21, 2024

- 9:00 – 11:30 Registration – Banquet Hall
- 9:00 – 11:30 Basket Raffle – Banquet Hall
- 9:30 Guided Ride
- 3:30 Training Class – Banquet Hall
- Mountains, Hills & Curves with Jerry Kerkslager
- 3:00 - 4:30 Scavenger Hunt Check-In Ends
- 6:00 Banquet 70's Themed – Dress accordingly
- Prize for the best 70's themed attire
- Single, Couple & Group

Calendar



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 Weekend	Arrive on our own	Holiday Inn, Johnstown, PA

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



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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

Sunday Dec. 15	Christmas Party	12:00 pm	Riverstone, Towanda
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MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS		
	LEFT TURN Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down	
	RIGHT TURN Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clenched	
	STOP Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back	
	SLOW DOWN Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down	
	SPEED UP Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward	
	HAZARD IN ROAD On left point with left hand On right point with right foot	
	FOLLOW ME Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward	
	COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front	
	PULL OFF Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head	
	SINGLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger pointed up	
	DOUBLE FILE Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up	
	RIDE STAGGERED Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up	
	FUEL STOP Point to fuel tank	
	COMFORT STOP Arm extended with clenched fist with short up and down motion	
	REFRESHMENT STOP Fingers closed with thumb to mouth	
	TURN SIGNAL ON Extend arm while opening and closing hand	
	POLICE AHEAD Tap top of head or helmet with palm of hand	