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## EMR goes on vacation!

The Endless Mountains Riders found nine of our members vacationing in the Catskills the first week of August. We rented an incredible house and toured several tourist highlights in the area. It is always fun to hang out together, play games, laugh, and find great places to eat! We come back with plenty of stories - like who had a run in with the cops, and who lost the lid of their cup while motoring down the highway?



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photos  
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pages  
9-14.

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



Riding season is about to come to an end so we'd better get all the riding in within this coming month and possibly October will give us a few good days, also.

Nine of us went to the "Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, New York. We were hoping to see an airshow but due to the weather being unfavorable they decided to cancel the airshow. While we were there we decided to take in the tour of the Museum of Aircrafts. Also, we went to the Woodstock Museum. We left there and went through the village of Woodstock. We enjoyed several meals at a nice diner in the area.



We are looking forward to our annual "Hot Dog Roast" get-to-gather at the Smouse's on September first. Maybe we'll see a bear or two while there, which we have seen there in the past.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a Sportsman's Expo in Rome, Pa across the road from the Rome Dollar General. We like to invite everyone to come and enjoy a good time with free admission, free food and lots of vendors. At 5:00 p.m. the special speaker will be Mountain Man from Duck Dynasty.

We hope to see everyone at our next gathering at the Comfort Inn, Sayre, Pa. Bring your appetites for breakfast at 9:00 and ideas for future events to be discussed at our meeting at 10:00 following breakfast.

Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> will be our team meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Sam's Bar & Grille in Sayre, Pa

September 28<sup>th</sup> our chapter ride will be to Cumberland Valley Riders PA-K WR fall festival, at 599 Lewisberry Rd., New Cumberland, PA 17070. Pre-registration must be postmarked by Sept. 7, 2024

Your Chapter Directors,  
Bill & Janice Rowe



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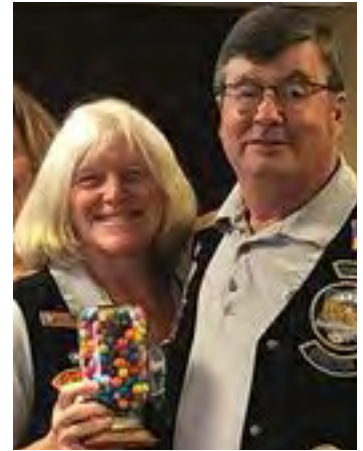
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What a month August has been! We had been planning our summer vacation trip since last November! And it finally came true. We had a beautiful day's ride down to the Catskills. Everything was going very smoothly until the lid of my cup flew off alongside the road on Route 17 below Binghamton. Ed had to stop and go search for it and found it! After that he put a rubber band on it attached to the cup!

We got to the rental house and it was more beautiful than the pictures even showcased. Everyone had their own room—each of the three levels had their own bathroom. There was a garage where we put all the trailers. And the kitchen was beyond gorgeous and well stocked. We enjoyed breakfasts there, and made a spaghetti dinner there the first night and a taco dinner later in the week. Who knew that Arline had never had tacos before????? But we had breakfast (well maybe it was brunch because it was kinda late) one morning at a shiny silver diner in Hyde Park. That became our go-to restaurant and we ate there again two more times!



The first day was our trip to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. What a disappointment that they were NOT running the airshows that weekend. We don't think it was the weather - I think an incident had happened the weekend before. It figures!!! But Ed met a couple who were eyeing our bikes, and we ended up giving them a sample ride!

The next day we headed out to the Motorcyclepedia museum. Over the bridge over the Hudson River we went! Not sure how many times we were charged, but our EZ Pass transporters were on and ready! The museum was fun - all those Indian models, and all those movie bikes!

The third day we went to the Vanderbilt Museum and boy was it hot. The inside was NOT air conditioned, but it was a fun tour. We learned a lot about Mr and Mrs. Vanderbilt and about the door that Mrs. Vanderbilt could lock!!! Hmm...they had no children! After that tour, we headed down to the Culinary Institute to have lunch. Many of the restaurants were closed that day, but we ate at the café. We parked in the garage and Ed immediately found a graduation tassel laying on the floor. Pretty soon a new graduate came up to us and was missing that tassel. We loved visiting with the students and learning about what their plans for the future were. Apparently they were getting pictures done that day, and we saw several of them in their nice outfits and carrying their gowns.

On Tuesday we headed up to the town of Woodstock. The first Woodstock museum was there, and it was a bit strange. Arline had to make an appointment to see it, and when we got there it was down a little, muddy dirt road. Dan actually left his bike out on the hard road and rode in with Ed, who made two trips in. We got there at last and an old hippie showed up to give us some background on the event from 1969. He had been there and apparently knew many of the people who made it happen! We left and the road back that Dennis had chosen was closed, so we took a detour that turned out to be a WONDERFUL motorcycle route!!! It had curves and hills and was so fun!

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# Assistant Directors

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The final day was a little misty and rainy, but we headed out to Kingston anyway. We walked along the river and finally gave up walking in the rain and ate at a cool restaurant. All these restaurants gave us so much food that we were filling up the refrigerator back at the house with leftovers!

We left Thursday morning for home and it was expected to rain, SO DENNIS WOULDN'T TAKE US TO THE PLANNED WOODSTOCK MUSEUM IN BETHAL HILLS. He wanted to head straight home instead. His GPS took us toward Scranton on the Interstate instead of toward Binghamton. And sure enough we hit rain for about an hour of that trip!!! We made a stop at a rest stop to warm up and dry off for a bit.

Two days later was our Gathering and we planned a ride to Hammondsport to the Curtiss Museum that day. Ed and I stopped down and grabbed Peggy and her bike for that trip. Ed drove and she got to take her bike on a chapter ride!!!



Then we had two weeks off and we were on the road AGAIN!!! We left on a Thursday morning and headed down to the District Rally Weekend. It was a blast riding down and going out on a ride both Friday and Saturday. See the pictures page for where we went!!! And it was fun putting together the Talent Show production—yeah not much of a production. We practiced maybe the whole sum of a half hour!!! And our chapter sure went all out for the 70's theme, and it showed! We won several things! And our chapter honored our dear oldest member, Arline, with the Outstanding Star Award. The whole event was a lot of fun. But I've gotta say, I'm glad to be home after all that riding this month!!!

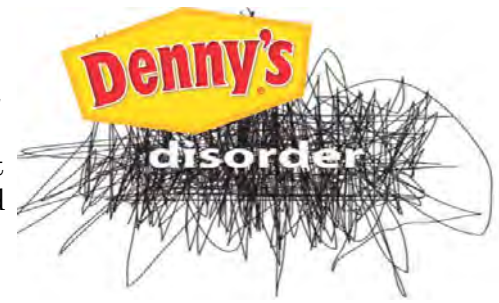


Well maybe not. Two days after we were back I was invited to go up to Wayland, NY to have a get together with a few of my former co-workers. It was one of the final warm days, and I thought, why not take the bike? I was picking up my friend in Horseheads and she was all for a bike ride. I wasn't crazy about the highway stretch, but the second half of the trip was Route 415 which turned out to be awesome! All in all it turned out to be almost 200 miles that day. My friend loved the ride, and one of my other co-workers got a sample ride. She was amazed at the comfort of the bike, the way we could talk through the helmets, and the storage space in the bike. I was so glad that I took the bike that day!

But now I am ready for a break! So glad the summer is winding down. Hope you all have a wonderful Labor day!

**Ed & Carla Dawejko,**  
Assistant Directors

# Denny's Disorder



What a month!! Boy did we have a lot going on, starting with our trip to the Catskills. And what a trip it was! While the weather was iffy, it turned out to be not as bad as we expected, except for the ride home. The house Carla reserved was



nothing short of a mansion. It was really nice. Everyone had their own room. We cooked two meals at the house rather than going out every night which makes it nice. The first day we went to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome to watch the canvas winged by-planes fly. We wanted to go on Sunday to watch the 'dogfights' between the planes but the weather did not look good so we went on Saturday. Well, all flying was cancelled both days. So, got a lot of air but no show. The museum of ancient planes was interesting to go through. But this was a huge letdown as this was the main reason for the trip.

The next day we went to Newburgh to visit the Motorcyclepedia Museum. This ended up being the highlight of the trip as it was unbelievably fantastic!! There are over 650 vintage motorcycles on display. Started off with an Indian display. They had a bike on display for every year Indian manufactured motorcycles starting in 1900 and running into the mid '50s. They had the Easy Rider bikes, Fonzi's bike and the Tron bike from the movie. There were even a couple of Rat Fink creations there. Two floors of wonderful displays. Well worth a trip just to visit this museum.



The next day we toured the Vanderbilt summer vacation home. The tour guide gave an account of how the family interacted with the building and grounds. It was a fascinating tour, learning a lot from that period of history.

Lastly, we toured a Woodstock Memorabilia Museum. This guy has amassed an amazing collection of Woodstock memorabilia. He even put together a 10-minute compilation of newsreels from back in the day. A lot to take in.

One other highlight of the trip was Bill losing his wallet. Well, he went crazy looking for it, even getting on the bike and retracing his steps. While out, he ran into a local police officer who was nice and helped. He got Bill a printout explaining why he does not have any identification or registration on him in case he got pulled over later in the trip. Before Bill got back, the police officer showed up at the house looking for Bill, he had gotten lost on the way back to the house. The police officer wanted to give Bill the paper he had printed out. While waiting, I took him into the house and informed Carla that he was there to arrest her and take her away. Wished I'd had a camera to catch the look on her face!! It all ended well when we heard a scream from Bill's bedroom. The wallet was behind the chest of drawers.

After getting back from our Catskills trip, it was Gathering time. We took off to the Curtiss Museum as they were having a vintage motorcycle swap meet. Because of wet fields, it had to be moved down the road to a fire company. Yes, we got a picture. A nice day of riding, which included ice cream.

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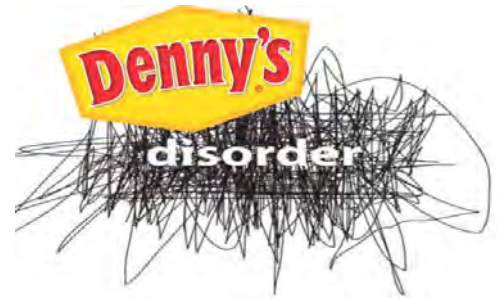


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Lastly this month was the Pennsylvania WR Wing'd Rider Weekend Rally in Johnstown. It was a fantastic weekend. The weather was perfect every day. There was a crew of six of us that rode down on Thursday, two more showing up on Friday. It was a little chilly when we left, but sunshine all day, it warmed up quickly. We stopped at a Meadows Ice Cream Shop for some custard before getting to the motel. If you want to see details of the Rally, check out my article in the District Newsletter this month.



Friday we took off on a ride to the Johnstown Flood Memorial Museum. It is located overlooking the damn that broke. It was fascinating. They have a recording of a 92-year-old man who was 16 and in the middle of all the carnage. It was interesting listening to his firsthand account.



On Friday evening, after the Ice Cream Party, our Chapter took first place in the Talent/No Talent Show. Nobody came close to us, but then there were no other entries either. I was very disappointed to not win the Light Show later that night, but I did get two votes, Barb & I. Sure would like to have a discussion with the rest of our Group on who they voted for. If I knew how, I'd put in a mean faced meme right now! Saturday there were a couple that wanted to go to the Flight 93 Memorial. Our Chapter went there early on after it happened. It was interesting to see it now as a National Memorial. I think there was more emotion at the original, not built-up site. One thing that did fascinate me was the dark walkway out to the edge of the hill. It depicted the flight path the plane took coming over the hill. Gave a whole new perspective on the site. The ride home was just as fun, although not quite as I planned. Oh well, the best laid plans eh? We did stop for ice cream in Salladasburg then found a fire station to get our picture taken. So I fulfilled all my requirements for the ride home.



Barb & I are preparing for our Annual Hot Dog Roast coming up this Sunday. So far the weather looks good. The Hot Dog Roast will be held rain or shine, so come on out. Starting at noon, eating at one.

See ya' on down the road,

Dennis & Barb



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# Summer Vacation to the Catskills



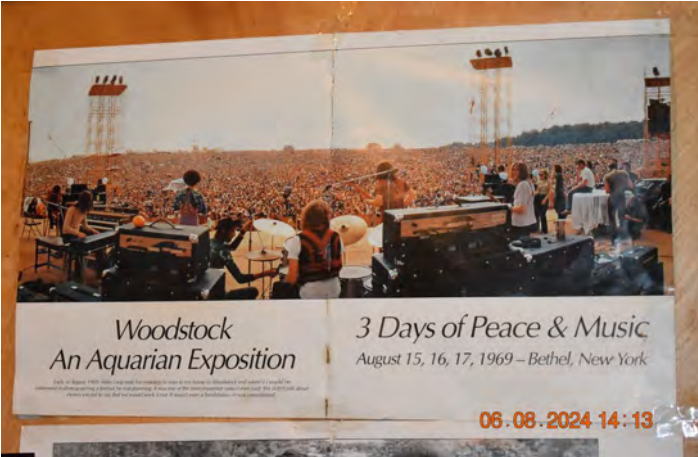
Nine of our members took a wonderful trip this month to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome,

Motorcyclepedia museum, and Vanderbilt mansion in the Catskills. We had a ton of fun and riding adventures.





# Chapter Events



We ate at the café at the Culinary Institute and took a ride to Woodstock, NY to see a little museum of festival memorabilia and films. (DENNIS WOULDN'T LET ME GO TO THE OTHER MUSEUM IN BETHEL HILLS BECAUSE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO RAIN THAT DAY!!!!). On our cloudy and misty final day of the trip we went up to Kingston and walked around, and found a wonderful little restaurant.



(Next Page) We also ate several times at a cool 50's diner in Hyde Park And we had a blast at the "mansion" that we reserved for the week. There was a garage to store our trailers, a pool table, and gorgeous kitchen and large dining table.



# Chapter Events



We don't want to forget to mention that the police came for Bill Rowe while we were at the house!!! See Dennis' article for details!!!





# August Gathering and Ride to Curtiss Museum



After our August Gathering we took a ride up to the Curtiss Museum. Several of us went through the exhibits, and the others went up to the fire house to see the swap meet. It was a beautiful day for a ride, and we ended up in Wat-



kins Glen for ice cream. Join us for the September Gathering when we will be going down to Williamsport to ride the guided ride that was rained out at this year's Hobo Stew Run!





## District Rally Weekend



The Endless Mountains Riders cleaned up in the contests at this year's District Rally in Johnstown, PA. We won the Talent/No Talent Show (maybe because there were no other entries??) and for the costume contest for the 70's theme, we took Best Male, Best Female, and Best Group. And finally our own Arline Coffelt was honored as our chapter's Outstanding Star for the year.





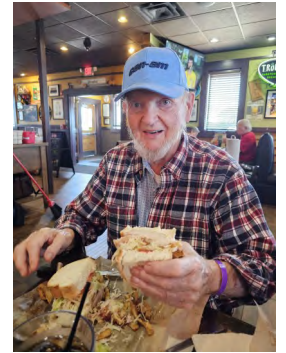
# Chapter Events



We got to see the sights while we were at the District Rally. Friday we took a ride to the Johnstown Flood Visitors Center museum with Alan and Ellie Cowfer.



We ate at Primanti Brothers which served VERY LARGE sandwiches!!! Saturday we rode down to the Flight 93 Museum with George and Kathy Fazio, and accidentally found a great little diner called Shorty's. The weekend ended with an



awesome banquet at the hotel.







## 2024 Chapter Fire House Challenge



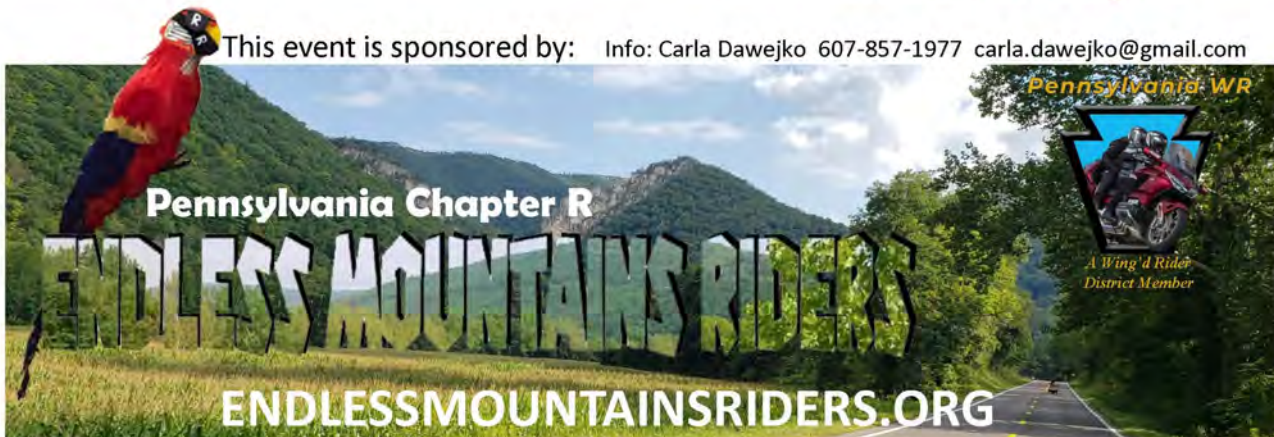
From April 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 visit as many fire stations as you can and submit a picture proving you made the visit to [carla.dawejko@gmail.com](mailto:carla.dawejko@gmail.com)

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**Just two months to go!**

Get your bikes to a firehouse and send your pictures in to Carla at [carla.dawejko@gmail.com](mailto:carla.dawejko@gmail.com) or



## 2024 Chapter Fire House Challenge





# 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 Ride to Williamsport after
Thursday Sept 19	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday Sept 28	Chapter Ride	Leaving Friday	Cumberland Fall Festival

## 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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