

Pennsylvania District
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A Wing'd Rider
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Fellowship and Fun!*



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New District Directors Visits Chapter



Eldon and Kerri Mickel, the new PA District Directors, attended our first Gathering of the New Year. *(More pictures on pages 7-8)*





Saturday
July 12, 2025
GUMBALL & DICE RUN RIDE
Meet at Comfort Inn, Sayre, PA

The Endless Mountains Riders 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



Happy Valentine's Month, everyone! We have gotten a good start on 2025 with our first Chapter Gathering and a group lunch. You can see the photos from



these events on the front page and on our picture pages in this issue. We welcomed our brand new Pennsylvania District Directors, Eldon and Kerri Mickel to Sayre for our Gathering. He felt our chapter is doing a great job of being involved and of the members all participating in the events.



Ed and I, as District Staff members, were invited to Harrisburg earlier in January to join with the rest of the District Staff members for an organizational meeting with the new District Directors. Eldon wanted to hear all of our thoughts, so he could determine if we were all on the same page with where our District is headed, and it looks like we are! ALL of the District Staff showed up and had a fabulous lunch at Gilligans Bar & Grill. We talked about how different chapters are handling the member/non-member issue since Wing'd Riders took over. And basically, we have decided that whatever works for each chapter is what we should do! The most important thing is to have people involved, not to worry about the details. The best way to GET new people involved is to have them enjoy our company in order to WANT to be a part of our membership.



We also were informed of the details for the 2025 District Ride-In. We were sworn to secrecy until the February district newsletter comes out...so be sure to check that issue when it's available! I would love to tell you right now, but Eldon would have my head!!!



We had a wonderful drive down to Harrisburg for that get together, and a wonderful ride home - well almost home. We were in the Hughsville area when new warning lights appeared on the dashboard of my car. Something about a Stabilitrak error. And it caused about three new icons to light up next to the speedometer. It was getting dark, so we just kept moving toward home.

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Assistant Directors



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Took it to the shop and some sensor needed replacing to the tune of \$300. I guess it's not a bad deal seeing the car has 181,000 miles on it. Gonna keep on driving it right up to 200,000!

Our biggest personal news of the month was a brand new great-grandchild! Our oldest granddaughter - the one we took hunting, shooting, to church, and everywhere else we went - had her third child. Now Ed doesn't like babies - he prefers them old enough to put a gun in their hands. But we got him to hold Selina Debra-Rose last weekend and the picture here is proof! Little miracles, they are!



We are gearing up for a fun year with our motorcycles! The vacation trip to West Virginia in July is all set—and we have 9 people all signed up with a couple more possibilities that I have not heard from for sure. Check out the photos on the last page of this issue to see where we are going. It looks to be a “hoot” of a good time!

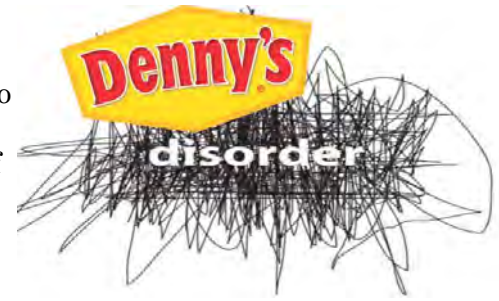
Another announcement is that our February Gathering will be at the Comfort Inn like always, but because of a quilt show, we will be meeting in the smaller conference room across the hall for this one time. No team meeting for one more month, and then we will get started back at Sam's Bar & Grill in March. But come to the February Gathering to get the scoop on everything we are planning for 2025. I should be able to tell you lots more about the District Ride Inn by then!!!

Hope you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day. See you all soon!

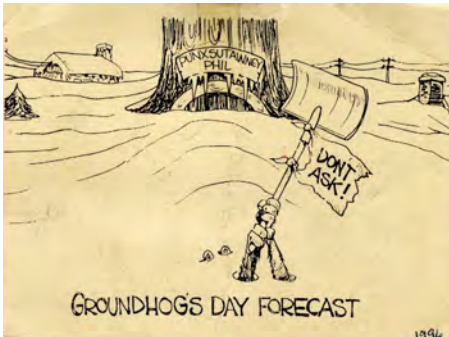


**Ed & Carla Dawejko,
Chapter Directors**

Will he or won't he? That's the question on everyone's mind come the 2nd of February. This is when Punxsutawney Phil pokes his head out to see if he sees his shadow. If he does, then six more weeks of winter. If



not, an early spring. I think most of you know I'm a Punxsutawney, having been born in Punxsutawney. There is a group of men, the Inner Sanctum, that meets to decide if the groundhog sees his shadow or not. I think it's like 90% of the time he sees his shadow. If I was a betting man, I'd bet on the shadow.



At the bar last night, a man got his nipple pierced right in front of me. On a related note, I suck at darts.

While some of you hibernate during the winter months, I trade the motorcycle in for my snowmobile. It has been a couple of lean years. This year is looking up. I've gotten one trip already to Upstate New York. A friend of mine accompanied me to the Old Forge area for three days of riding. It was the coldest it has been in a lot of years, with below zero temperatures in the morning. One morning we waited until 10:00am to take off so the temperature could double. Went from two to four! It was not uncomfortable riding for me. I had on my electric gloves and my electric socks. My helmet is heated along with the seat and handwarmers. My friend told me if I ever have a heart attack, they will just roll me into a water hole and shock me back to life! I learned a couple of lessons riding those three days. First, it was really darn cold. The second is I'm an old man. I rode like I used to the first day and paid for it that night and the next day. Yeah, my body does not take to it as well as it has in the past. The whole crew I normally ride with will be meeting in Old Forge February 10th to ride for the week. It will be the first time in several years we have gotten together. I'm looking forward to it. We are expected to leave there and head to Washburn, Maine for a week of riding, if they get enough snow. It has been slim pickens in Maine so far this year as far as snow goes.



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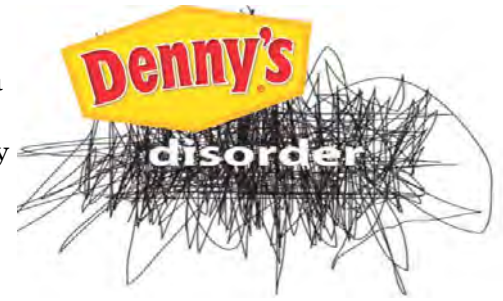
I was drinking whiskey and the bartender screamed, "Does anybody know CPR?" I yelled, "I know the entire alphabet." We all laughed and laughed.....well, except for this one guy.

If you have not heard, the new Wings have a pretty serious recall. There is a bolt in the transmission that can break and cause the bike to lock up while going down the road. I was trying to figure out how to get the recall done before spring when Gary, from Southern Tier Honda, called me and said to come get his enclosed trailer and get the bike up there so they could get it done before the spring rush. The bike is up there now, I believe it might be just about done; it's a six-hour job. After doing my

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Denny's Disorder

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eleven-month riding last year, it crossed my mind I might want to get a January ride in. With the temperatures we have been having, it was a fleeting thought. While there, Gary called me and asked if I wanted my tires replaced. I didn't realize they were worn that much. In addition, changing the air filter on these new Wings is a three-hour job I believe. Since the bike was going to be torn down to almost there, I asked them to change the air filter. Gary called me up and asked me what kind of dog food we have. I explained we do not have a dog. He then asked about these green pellets he found stuffed in the air box. I explained they are the mouse/rat poison I put out in my pole barn to get rid of those pesky varmints. I guess I'm lucky there is a recall! When the bike gets home, I will park it in the house, like normal. Then I won't have to worry about mice as our cat keeps them pretty much under control. When all is done, the bike will be ready to roll this spring.

If you have a snowball in your left hand and a snowball in your right hand, what do you have? Frosty's full attention!

In case you missed it, there were ten of us who got together for lunch recently at the Maple Lawn Dairy. Good food and good fun. I'm hoping Carla puts the picture of her & Ed's desert in the Newsletter. You won't believe it. Eight scoops of ice cream I believe. And they ate the whole thing! There is another lunch scheduled for February. No location yet. Some of us were thinking; go back to Maple Lawn Dairy and just get desert this time.

I'm getting stronger with age. I can now lift \$100 worth of groceries with one hand.

Time to get your thinking cap on and find some places to ride to this year. I'm looking forward to another banner year. Just to keep you updated, because of my schedule, the Soup & Chili Party might have to be moved. I will keep you updated.

That's all I got. See ya at the February Gathering,
Dennis & Barb



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Chapter Celebrations



February 15
Barb Smouse

February 26
Bill Rowe



February 19
Dennis & Barb Smouse



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Our first Gathering of the Year was held at the Comfort Inn in Elmira. And we welcomed our brand new Pennsylvania District Directors as guests! In the photo above, you see Dennis Smouse acting out one of his jokes!



Left, ten of our members got together at the Maple Lawn Dairy in Elmira for our January lunch. It was a cold day, but the place was packed! We all enjoyed getting back together once again.





Despite a healthy sized lunch, SOME of us opted to add ice cream for dessert. Left, Ed and Carla shared the “Everything Sundae” - five huge scoops of ice cream with all sorts of toppings. And look - we finished it!



There were others who chose ice cream as well, but just not quite as big!!!



Chapter Events



Saturday
March 1, 2025

Noon

Smouse House
5442 Millstone Road,
Monroeton, PA

*Bring a pot of soup or
chili to share.
Drinks and Dessert
will be provided.*



Sunday
March 23, 2025

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Comfort Inn
2160 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA



*Bring a tub
of ice cream
or topping to share!*

Games & Fun!



Ice Cream Party

Info: Carla Dawejko 607-857-1977 carla.dawejko@gmail.com

This event is sponsored by:





Training Day

May 10, 2025

In place of our regular Gathering at the Smouse House
5442 Millstone Road, Monroeton, PA

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. CPR/AED Training

Earl Ostrander, Trainer

\$25 per person

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Packing Your Trailer

Gerry Kerkeslager, PA District Educator

12:00-1:00 p.m. LUNCH

Bring a dish to pass

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Packing Your Trailer

CB Questions

Surprise Module - Brand New Session!

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This event is sponsored by:

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To benefit the
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**Saturday
July 12, 2025**

\$20/person
Top Cash Prize
Gifts & Trophies



12th Annual
Chapter R
**Gumball Ride
&
DICE RUN
2025**



All wheels (2, 3 and 4) welcome! Prizes! 50/50!

Rain or Shine!

Registration
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Starts at the
Comfort Inn
2160 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA

The Northern Tier Veterans Group is a nonprofit organization of veterans who support mainly the veterans of Bradford and Sullivan Counties. They provide assistance such as help with heating, car repairs, rent and for those who fall on hard times. They have installed handicapped ramps, assisted the homeless and helped vets find resources to get back on their feet.


Coffee and
baked goods
at the Starting Line

Last rider out
11:00 a.m.

Picnic Food & Prizes
at the Finish Line

This event is sponsored by:


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From April 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 visit as many restaurants, diners or stands serving hamburgers. Prove you were there with your bike and that you had a hamburger. Pictures, receipts, texts are all allowed...send to carla.dawejko@gmail.com 607-857-1977

Each burger location will award you 1 point.

Prizes will be given out at our 2025 Christmas Party!

Everyone who visits at least 25 burger locations will receive a prize!

Carla Dawejko 607-857-1977

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Calendar



February

Saturday

Feb 8 Chapter Gathering 9:00 am Breakfast Comfort Inn, Sayre
(Team Meeting to follow 10:00am Meeting) Small Conference Room

Saturday or Sunday

Feb 22 or 23 Meet For Lunch 1:00 pm Open for Suggestions

March

Saturday)

Mar 1 Chili Party Noon Smouse House

Saturday

Mar 8 Chapter Gathering 9:00 am Breakfast Comfort Inn, Sayre

Thursday

Mar 13 Team Meeting/Dinner 5:00 pm Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre

April

Saturday

Apr 12 Chapter Gathering 9:00 am Breakfast Comfort Inn, Sayre
10:00 am Meeting

Thursday

Apr 17 Team Meeting/Dinner 5:00 pm Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre

Saturday

Apr 26 First Ride of Season 11:00 am Meet Sayre Dandy

Calendar



May

Sunday May 4	Hobo Stew Ride	9:00 am	Meet in Canton
Saturday May 10	Chapter Gathering Training Day	9:00 am Dish to Pass Lunch	Smouse House
Thursday May 15	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre

June

Saturday June 14	Chapter Gathering Appreciation Picnic for Northern Tier Veterans Groups	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday June 19	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sam's Bar & Grill, Sayre
June 21 (June 28 rain date)	Chapter Picnic	Noon	Ricketts Glen

July

Saturday July 12	Gumball/Poker Ride Picnic/Awards	8:00-11:00 am 1:00-3:00 pm	Comfort Inn, Sayre Athens Firehall
Thursday July 17	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Friday-Tuesday July 25-29	Long Weekend Trip	West Virginia	TBA

Calendar



August

Saturday Aug 9	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Aug 14	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill
Sunday August 31	Hot Dog Party	Noon	Smouse house

September

Saturday Sept 13	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Sept 18	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday Sept 27	Chapter Ride	TBA	TBA

October

Saturday Oct 11	Chapter Gathering	9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting	Comfort Inn, Sayre
Thursday Oct 16	Team Meeting/Dinner	5:00 pm	Sams Bar & Grill, Sayre
Saturday Oct 26 ⁵	End of Season Ride	11:00 am	TBA

Calendar



November

Saturday

Nov 8 Chapter Gathering 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Meeting Comfort Inn, Sayre

Thursday

Nov 13 Team Meeting/Dinner 5:00 pm Sam's Bar & Grill, Sayre

December

Sat or Sun

Dec 13-14 Christmas Party 12:00 pm TBA

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From July 25-29 our group will be headed to West Virginia to enjoy some time in this cool lodge. The block of rooms was recently released, but if you still wish to go, please call and see if a room is still available!

