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State Director Message

Greetings PA State Wing'd Riders from the new State Directors,

For those who don't know us, we are Eldon and Kerri Mickel from Warrior Riders WR, Everett, PA. We live in New Paris, PA, have been riding Goldwings since 2006, and four years previous to that we had a Kawasaki Voyager XII. In 2015 we bought a new Goldwing with a Roadsmith trike kit and it's what we still currently ride.

We've been married for 50 years, had two children - both sons, but unfortunately one passed away in 2018. The other is married and lives in Cream Ridge, New Jersey. We have been blessed over the years with six grandchildren and six great grandchildren, but they are a long distance away.

Our main priority this first year is to keep the PA State WR District going and hoping to expand. We want every chapter to emphasize that we are a motorcycle riding, having fun, and eating ice cream organization.

We have been working on this year's PA Ride In and hope to have an announcement for the February newsletter. We are keeping most of the District Staff with the addition of Myron and Audrey Wenger to take over our District position. We believe they will be an excellent fit as the Mason Dixon Wing'd Riders former directors. Mason Dixon Wing'd Riders are a thriving chapter and our hopes are that Myron and Audrey can bring some enthusiasm to the state organization. It is with sad hearts that we have to announce the closing of Liberty Wings WR chapter. We are aware some of the members are keeping their WR memberships and it is our hope to possibly get them reactivated in the future.



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One of our priorities this year will be to hopefully have an easier to navigate, easier to post, and easier to access state webpage. In the last two to three months Kerri and I have made a concerted effort to visit most all the chapters. According to our records we have three more to visit. We are excited by the receptions we have gotten and everyone's input as to what they feel is needed to have the state organization prosper. This is the response we were hoping for when we accepted the PA State WR Director position.

We want all chapters to keep in mind there have been changes to the Ride for Fellowship points system. Please check the state website or check with Bonnie VanArt. Also we hope the chapters use Gerry and Bonnie Kerkslager for any training they would be interested in.

We hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years.

Elson and Kerri Mickel
PA State WR Directors
PA Warrior Riders WR Directors

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The organization meeting of PA Wing'd Rider WR is set for Jan. 18th 1 PM sharp at Gilligan's 987 Eisenhower Blvd. Harrisburg Pa. 17111.

This will be a lunch meeting to discuss the path forward for our group - this is not the normal yearly meeting. This is for the state officers It will not be an all-day affair just a couple hours. We are not providing lunch you are on your own there.

I have secured a room for the meeting where we can do both. I hope as many can attend as possible so I can get a clear read on the group. Most of you know I am a no-nonsense person and will tell you what I am thinking I expect the same. As I have told those of you that I have talked to if you are not engaged in trying to help make this work and are committed, please inform me.

Hope to see all there that can make it. Eldon and Kerri Mickel



Winter Riding



Riding at high speeds during the winter is cold—like, really cold. A wintertime highway ride will chill you to the bone faster than you'd ever believe possible thanks to the brutal wind and the relative lack of full-body movement to warm you up. That means that dangerous cold-weather conditions like hypothermia and frostbite can come into play if you haven't insulated yourself properly.

The rubber in your tires will shrink, decreasing their ability to grip the road. Your tires will warm up as you ride, but it's not smart to rely on this (especially since they'll cool right back down if you stop moving). If your tires don't have enough tread, you'll have even less traction. Lack of traction also means longer stopping distances, both for you and for other vehicles on the road.

Weather conditions like snow and ice can make traction even worse and decrease visibility as well. You'll start to lose dexterity in your fingers and toes as your body rushes to conserve heat for your vital organs. That means less agility when you're working the brakes and throttle and slower reaction times when you need your reflexes to be at their quickest.

Put these things together and you'll get the picture: A bike is harder to control in the winter, and your body is less able to handle the conditions. The solution to these problems is a mixture of gearing up and adjusting your riding and mindset to the conditions.

Dressing for Winter Riding

"All the gear, all the time," as they say - and if your "all the time" includes riding in the winter, "all the gear" is often going to mean taking the extra steps to bundle up. When it comes to your winter riding outfit, the word is "insulation," and lots of it. The more insulation you can get around your body, the better protected you'll be from the cold.

Improve your tires' traction by getting them warmed up before you take a ride. Different riders recommend different ways to warm up your tires, so try a few and choose the one that works for you even if it's just taking a few laps around the neighborhood before getting on the road.

Increase the following distance that you give to other vehicles, since both they and you will likely have longer stopping distances in the winter.

Recognize that in winter weather conditions, drivers will be even more distracted and less able to see you than normal. By the same token, conditions like snow and sleet will seriously cut down your vision, too, so make sure to stay even more keenly aware of your blind spots.

Get familiar with some techniques for snow and ice riding. Riding on snow and ice is a whole different animal from typical winter riding and has its own set of techniques that borrows a lot from dirt skills.



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Even if you don't plan on seeking out snow and ice to ride on (and most people shouldn't), these skills can save your life if you get caught in a snowstorm or hit a patch of ice unexpectedly.

Resist the urge to panic if you find yourself in some wild weather. The smartest move you can make in adverse weather conditions is to acknowledge when you're out of your depth and ride calmly, slowly and carefully to the nearest place where you can get some shelter and wait out the storm.

Remember,

ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME. (ATGATT)

Most of all ride safe and have fun

Your PA District Educators

Gerry and Bonnie Kerkeslager

Come ride with us as we explore the Pennsylvania scenery!



Come check out Pennsylvania WR, a District of Wing'd Riders. Seeking adventure? Fellowship? Ice Cream? Join a Wing'd Rider Chapter! We are always looking for like-minded people to join us in exploring all the great lands Pennsylvania has to offer! Day rides, Ice cream stops, Weekend getaways, and Weeklong trips!

No Chapter close to you? It's easy to start a Chapter in your area. Wing'd Rider offers you liability insurance, motorcycle towing available, and a quarterly full-color magazine. Two-wheels, three-wheels, four wheels are all invited!

We value Safety while Riding Together for Fun and Fellowship
For information, contact Dennis Smouse 570-265-8073
dsmouse@frontiernet.net
pennsylvaniawr.org

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PA DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STARS

Looking Back on our Accomplishments



Hi All,

Happy New Year! Yes, another year in our history book & memories of all we enjoyed in 2024! It's that time to be thinking of where we are going for 2025? There are some of us who get out there for a Polar Ride to start the year January 1 weather permitting. Tradition is eating Pork & Sauerkraut on New Year's Day.

Be sure to check PA District Wing D Rider Website as Chapter's post their events for all to join them for a ride or an event that are hosting. Put on the Thinking Cap for your Chapter Planning Meeting!

Barry & Rhonda

Outstanding Star Coordinators



PA DISTRICT RIDE FOR FELLOWSHIP

Note the changes in the Points System



Hello PA District WR friends:

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had a very Merry Christmas, and enjoyed all of the Christmas Parties hosted by the various chapters in 2024. Now, after Christmas Parties (along with Polar Bear Runs) and Dinner Rides are being hosted for your riding and visiting pleasure, along with Gatherings and events to pique your interest, so whether it's on 2, 3, or 4 wheels, get out there and enjoy!

The 2025 Guidelines are posted on the District Web Site. Please read the points section carefully, as there are changes from last year. Hopefully, this will allow more opportunities for all our chapters to get in on the FUN. Remember, this is strictly for FUN & Fellowship!

The 2025 Ride for Fellowship is in full swing with several chapters participating! I've already had quite a few replies. Keep them coming!! The latest updated Chart for 2024-2025 is on the Web Site now. Please review it and let me know if you have any questions, concerns or comments. I encourage you to visit your friends, both old and new, and send your photos to: ride4fellowship@gmail.com along with your Chapter name, chapter you visited, and attendees. I will update and post the points chart and include all your photos in the 2025 slideshow.

Be safe in your travels, have Fun!

Bonnie & Gerry VanArt

PA District WR Ride for Fellowship coordinators



Keystone Wings First Ride

We had four brave riders on January 1 for the Polar Bear Ride: Don Engle, Duayne, Craig and Sandi. It wasn't too bad a ride other than the wind in a few spots. We had a total of 20 members attend the dinner, including the riders. The service, the food and ice cream was fantastic. I was interviewed by Jake Reyes of WGAL8 news but other than a 13 second clip and a background shot of my back in another 3 second clip, it apparently wasn't much. Both of which I did not get to see. Anyway, I tried to get us some publicity. Our group also was in the background of a newscast by ABC27. Members who were wearing our colors made us stand out, so a "Thanks" goes out to those members who did that.



Endless Mountains Riders Christmas Party

Our Chapter held their annual Christmas Party this year at the Wildfire Grill in Wysox. What a great meal - and so much fun! We played so many games. Tom Wasluck won the candy bowl by choosing the correct number of items in the bowl. Hearing and Memory awards went to Bill & Janice Rowe; Beware of the Student Driver award went to Peggy Berhannan; the Lame Duck award went to our outgoing District Directors Dennis & Barb Smouse; and a Get out of Jail Free card went to Bill Rowe based on his actions at our summer vacation!!! Our Special Person of the Year award went to Dale McClelland. And just about the entire chapter participated in this year's Firehouse Challenge, but the biggest winner there was Dennis Smouse with 52 firehouses attended! All in all 2024 has been a great year and we look forward to more fun in 2025.



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Warrior Riders WR Christmas Party

Hi, all, Eldon here reporting on chapter Warrior Rider's WR Christmas party held on the 21st of December. We had a large group from Mason Dixon WR attend and a large group from Cumberland Valley Riders attend. It seemed like all had a great time good food, couple of neat games along with dirty Santa. Not sure but Audrey had 70+ words from Christmas we didn't take time to verify but were pretty sure she cleaned up on that game. The dirty Santa was a hit with numerous steels. Kerri did a wonderful job of organizing the party with some additional help of Christie Hull. We want to thank the basket donators that supplied a couple baskets to raffle off. Thanks to all that attended and made for a nice evening of fun and fellowship.





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34th Annual Fruhling Fete

("Spring Fest")

MAY 17th, 2025



Lancaster County Central Park Pavilion #22
1101 Kiwanis Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602

Celebrating everything Lancaster County has to offer. Great food. Tour through Amish farmlands. Made in Lancaster County products. Top prize: 2 tickets to the American Music Theater!

Agenda:

- 10:30 am Check-in/Ride Registration
- 11:00 am Blessing of the Bikes and Social/Game time for non-riders
- 11:15 am "Buggy" Run Ride Leaves (weather and safety permitting)
- 12:30 pm Riders Return
- 12:40 pm **Fruhling Festessen** (Spring Feast)

Amish Themed Picnic Lunch Featuring:

- Fried Chicken or
- Home-Made Pork Bar-B-Q with Roll
- Home-Made Baked Beans
- Amish style potato salad
- Apple Sauce
- Drinks—Water, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee
- Home Made Desserts



- 1:35 pm to 3:00 pm
Desserts, Gathering, and drawings for grand prizes

Top two prizes:

- **A Lancaster County made quilt**
(view quilt photo at www.keystonewings-pab.com EVENTS webpage)

or

- **Two gift card tickets* to American Music Theater, Lancaster, PA**

(*limited value gift card –winners choice from scheduled shows)

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See other side for Registration and more information

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REGISTRATION FORM

The all in one registration price automatically gets you:

- ⇒ A meal ticket (see menu on reverse side)
- ⇒ A "Made in Lancaster" goodie treat
- ⇒ Two tickets (per registered guest) for a chance at winning one of the top prizes
- ⇒ A ticket to participate in the motorcycle "Buggy" Run ride with a chance at winning a cash prize and/or additional tickets for a chance to win one of the top prizes
- ⇒ Bingo/Trivia Games during the Social Hours (each winner gets one more ticket for the grand prize drawings)

Every activity you participate in gives you one more ticket towards winning more prizes!

Questions? Call or text to: Don Engle, Director, at
717-587-5252 or email: dfenglejr@gmail.com

Please detach and return the form below with your non-refundable payment made out to: Keystone Wings PA-B WR

c/o: Linda Clavier, Treasurer, 3 Sandalwood Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2025

Payment at the door is \$5.00 more with no guarantee of a meal.

Rider/Guest (print and signature)	\$25.00	I/We agree to hold harmless Keystone Wings, Wing'd Rider, and/or any property owners for any loss or injury to self or Property in which I/we become involved by reason of, or participation in this event.
Co-Rider/Spouse (print and signature)	\$20.00	
Address		I/We agree to assume all responsibility for any property I/we damage.
State Zip Code		
Affiliation		
	\$ _____ .00	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

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To benefit the Northern Tier Veterans Group

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:

Info: carla.daweiko@gmail.com

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A Wing'd Rider District Member

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The attached form was just released from Wing'D Rider. Paper applications will now be accepted. Although the preferred method to become a member or renew your membership is on-line. Also, please take note that there is a 2 year option.

Wing'D Rider will be keeping the magazine mailing list separate from the WRider website mailing data ,,, and keep it updated each month, by hand if necessary, so that everyone gets their magazines in a timely manner and the mailing list is kept straight with expiration date code etc.



1415 S Cherry Ave Tucson AZ 85713 www.WingdRider.com Support@WingdRider.com

Membership Application

All Wing'd Rider memberships include:

- 12 or 24 month subscription to the enhanced digital and printed versions of WING'D RIDER Magazine.
- Access to all premium features of Wing'd Riders website including discounts on apparel and other merchandise.
- Access to the new Wing'd Rider Forums and its state, chapter and international sections.
- Access to Wing'd Rider Rally advanced registration, discounts and promotions.

Name: _____ Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - _____ eMail: _____

C/Card# _____ Exp: _____ Sec Code: _____

Referred By: _____ Mem# _____

12 month membership \$49.99 for single -- \$69.99 for couples

24 month membership \$89.99 for single -- \$129.99 for couples

(Please circle your selection)

(Please send to Wing'd Rider by regular mail or eMail scan)



Join us for Wing'd Rider Rally #3, Box Elder SD! June 25th – 28th, 2025 at the BOX Events Center. Trade Show Expo, Adventure Rides, JMCorp/Vendor Party Night, Rally Games, 50/50, Grand Prize Drawings at Closing Ceremonies & DRAWING FOR 2025 GOLD WING! (must be present to win). Host hotel Courtyard by Marriott with discount hotel block exclusively for members that have registered for the rally, so don't delay! Go to the WRWebsite at www.WINGDRIDER.com



JUNE 25th - JUNE 28th, 2025

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THE BOX
Box Elder, SD, 57719

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- Grand Prize Drawing

WIN a 2025 Gold Wing at Closing Ceremonies!

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Mason Dixon PA "C" WR	Myron Wengert
Susquehanna Wings WR	Tom & Renee Wasluck
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NorthWest PA WR	Keith & Kathleen Eddy
Endless Mountains PAR WR	Ed & Carla Dawejko
Juniata Riders PAS WR	Dan Walker
Black Rose Wings WR	Aaron Domuracki
PA Warrior Riders WR	Eldon & Kerri Mickel



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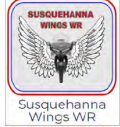
Keystone Wings PA-B

Meets on the 4th Saturday, except May (Spring Fling) and December (our Xmas party), at the Warwick Township Municipal Building, 315 Clay Road, Latitz, PA 17543. 9:00-10:30 a.m. No food or drink except bottled water. www.keystonewings-pab.com



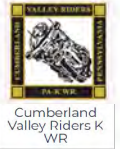
Mason Dixon PA "C" WR

Meets on the 3rd Saturday. Stoner's Restaurant, 615 Wayne Ave., Chambersburg, PA Eat at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at 2:30 p.m.



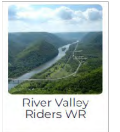
Susquehanna Wings WR

Meets on the 3rd Saturday. Perkins on Rte 93 in Hazleton. 9:00 am breakfast and 10:00 am meeting



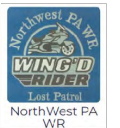
Cumberland Valley Riders PAK WR

Meets on the 1st Saturday. Brothers Diner, 705 Gettysburg Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA; Gathering at 4:30 p.m. Eat at 5:00 p.m.



River Valley Riders WR

Meets on the 4th Sunday. The BATTERY Biscuit, 715 West Southern Ave. Williamsport, PA 17702 8:00 a.m. Breakfast; 9:00 a.m. Gathering; 10:00 a.m. Ride. <https://sites.google.com/view/gwrra-pa-m/home?authuser=0>



NorthWest PA WR

Meets every 3rd Thursday. Fredonia United Presbyterian Church, 24 Water Street, Fredonia, PA at 6:00 p.m. [facebook.com/groups/1113345259379923](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1113345259379923)



Endless Mountains Riders PAR WR

Meets the 2nd Saturday (except December). Comfort Inn & Suites, 2160 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast (\$8.00 per person), Gathering at 10:00 a.m. www.endlessmountainsriders.org



Juniata Riders PAS WR

Meets the 2nd Saturday. Eat'n Park, 137 Bowling Lane, Altoona, PA. at 9:30 a.m.



Black Rose Wings

Meets the 2nd Sunday. Perkins Restaurant, 300 Eisenhower Dr., Hanover, PA Dinner at 5:00 pm - Gathering 6:00 pm. <https://www.blackrosewings.org/>



PA Warrior Riders WR

Meets the 4th Saturday. Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant, 504 E Main St., Everett, PA Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Gathering at 9:00 a.m.



Liberty Wings PA-Y WR

Meets the 4th Saturday. Blue Comets Motorcycle Club Pavilion, 4042 Mensch Rd, Skippack, PA 19473. Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. from January through March, start at 8:30 a.m. from April through October and start at 9:00 a.m. in November. No monthly gathering in December. We generally meet for an hour then go on an after gathering ride or go to brunch. www.libertywingspay.org

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OPEN POSITION	NE Assistant Directors
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