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Williamsport Ride-In was great!



The Ride-In at Williamsport was the BEST time! Over 80 chapter members from around the state made the trip and enjoyed fellowship, baseball, ice cream, laughs, awards, riding, and everything a family reunion should be!



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From the Directors' Desk...

Good Day All, we are two weeks removed from the third PA State District Ride In—what we consider to be one of the most successful so far. Once again it was great to see an empty registration and meeting area for the most part which meant to us that everyone was out enjoying themselves in some manner.

Friday evening, even though we had to forgo the light parade, I believe all that went enjoyed the ball game and Ice Cream. Saturday was an eventful day as once again most either went on their own excursions, self guided or guided rides enjoying the Williamsport area.

Both days involved training classes, which I believe were well attended and hope everyone came away with a fresh idea. A big Thank You for those chapters and individuals that donated baskets for the raffle, it was a great boost to the Ride In.



Also, a huge congratulations to Saturday nights banquet crowd for stepping up and helping Williamsport's charity when the basket was passed. WHAT A FANTASTIC OFFERING, I am so proud to be the director of this family.

After Saturday's training course we had a directors-only meeting to determine a path forward and or the continuation of a state organization. While not represented I was informed that Black Rose Wings had joined the Eagle Wings organization. Only one other chapter, Keystone Wings, has decided to stay independent at this time. The unanimous vote of directors minus Keystone Wings voted to form an independent state association. We are working very hard to build a state structure from the bottom up looking at this from the members perspective and taking all suggestions to form a productive and forward looking organization. We hope to form a board of directors that help guide decisions made by the state team. My intentions are to have by-laws, structure, and pertinent information



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From the Directors' Desk...

to the chapter directors by October 15th, 2025. Would like to start off January 1st, 2026 fresh and new.

Please remember to support your neighbors in their charity events, and fall parties and Christmas Parties. I'm pleased to announce Warrior Riders had a wonderful and rewarding Shop with a Cop ride with a nice amount of funds received and great support from some of our neighboring chapters. We could not have done it without our extended FAMILY.

We hope Arlene is healing well so she can ride again. Missed you at the Ride In. Thoughts and Prayers for anyone having health issues. Get well soon.

PA State Directors

Eldon and Kerri Mickel



State Team



Little Miss Sunshine Message

To the PA District and my friends,

Alan and I had an awesome fun time at the PA District Ride-in. Big thanks to the River Valley Riders and District staff for pulling this wonderful event together. It is very much needed to keep our groups together and continue riding together. Eldon Mickel, Kerri, Mickel, Jim and Kathy McClintock were on top of their game at the registration table. Raffle baskets, 50/50 and several unguided and guided rides were listed. Thanks go out to John Markley for being our guide for the first ride to World's End State Park. (Alan enjoyed the chocolate peanut butter ice cream). Thanks to Reuben Stugart who guided the second ride to Hyner View State Park where hang gliders usually use.



There is so much to be thankful for but the most important for me is just meeting (and hugging) all my friends that I have missed. Some friends I have nicknames for like Bonnie Kerkeslager is my Sweet pea, Peggy is the Teddy Bear lady and Carla is my soul sister...to name a few. I wish I could have

spent time with every single person to chat with. I have been blessed with having so many wonderful, totally fun friends.

At the dinner it was proven just how many friends I have by receiving the "Little Miss Sunshine" certificate. WOW!!!! I was floored by the presentation.....could you tell? What an honor and I will be proud to have the title and keep the sunshine going because every member is part of my sun rays that keep me shining. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Alan and I look forward to many more ride-ins with our friends!

Hugs, Ellie Cowfer



Scenes from Williamsport - Winners



The Ride For Fellowship Winners this year was again the Cumberland Valley Riders! Pictured above are John and Glenda Leib accepting the award for their chapter.

At right we see John Markley accepting a motorcycle boat award and a certificate for hosting this year's Ride-In in Williamsport.

Below, left, Ellie Cowfer received the Little Miss Sunshine award to her great surprise!

And, right, Ed Dawejko received a Pirate Cup in honor of his Chapter "RRRRRRR".



Scenes from Williamsport - Ice Cream Party



The Ice Cream Social at this year's Ride-In was a trip to the Crosscutters baseball game. And what a fun time this crowd had! They lost the game, but we all had fun having hotdogs, popcorn and visiting with the mascot! They even welcomed our group on the jumbotron!

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Scenes from Williamsport – Daily Rides



The Daily Guided Rides were amazing. Friday's ride took us up to World's End State Park and Big Mike's cheesesteaks. Saturday's ride took us to Little Pine and Hyner View State Parks where we caught view of a bald eagle



and some awesome scenery. And several folks took advantage of the Williamsport Hiawatha Paddleboat tour.



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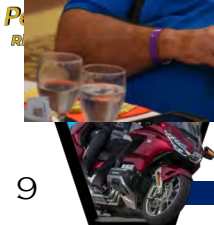
State Ride In Banquet



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Scenes from Williamsport – Basket Winners



Scenes from Williamsport



When this family gets together there is always a lot of fun and laughs. The Ride In provides times for all the chapters to come together and share our riding adventures. We thank River Valley Riders for providing us with a great time in Williamsport, and for making sure the weather cooperated so we could RIDE!!!

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Top Three Rider Training Topics



When it comes to rider training, there are three things that are the focus of instruction; cornering, swerving and stopping. The reason for this is because of the Hurt report. Dr. Hurt did an extensive study of motorcycle crashes between 1976 and 1977 and it was found that riders lacked these skills to safely avoid a crash. Let's look at each one:

Cornering:

Crashes that involve a single vehicle usually happen when navigating the motorcycle through a turn. Riders lacking the proper cornering technique will get into a panic mode if they feel that they may not make the turn, usually because of improper speed. Studies have shown that the rider would have successfully navigated the corner with the proper technique:

- Slow to a proper entry speed
- Look through the turn
- Press the handle bar in the direction of the turn.
- Roll on the throttle to stabilize the suspension and push the bike through the turn.

Braking:

When braking, the front brakes account for 70% of the total braking force. This does not mean that a rider only uses the front brake, but puts more emphasis on the front while also applying pressure to the rear. If the front wheel locks up, release then reapply. If the rear wheel locks up, keep the rear brake locked until the bike comes to a stop.

Swerving:

This is a quick maneuver that will change the motorcycle's path of travel to avoid an obstacle. When you encounter an obstacle in your path of travel, stopping may not be an option if there is not enough distance to do so. This is where a swerve gets you out of trouble. The rider must first choose the escape route then perform the swerve. The swerve is done by first pressing the handle bars in the direction of the escape route, then pressing the opposite handle bar to straighten the bike. Allow the bike to move independently of your body. These are valuable skills that all riders must be proficient for basic street survival. If you find yourself having any difficulty with any of these techniques, please consider taking a rider course.



Remember,

ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME. (ATGATT);

Most of all ride safe and have fun,

Your PA District Educators,

Gerry and Bonnie Kerkeslager



PA DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STARS Congratulations Outstanding Stars



Hi Everyone,
The District Ride In Williamsport was Fantastic! New area for many of us to explore with guided rides & some just went on their own. The Baseball Game was really a enjoyable Friday evening! Just something we don't always take time even with A or AA baseball leagues so close to where we live. Thanks to Chapter M for all their work making sure we enjoyed the Williamsport area! Where are we going in 2026? Stay

Tuned for the answer!

Outstanding Star's is in the third year for this program. This is a chance for all our Chapter's to honor a couple or a single person. We all have a life beyond what we do for our Chapter. Perhaps care takers, veteran organizations, church just to name a few. So with that it's time to meet 2025 Outstanding Star's!

Endless Mountains Riders Star is full of enthusiasm. When she first met a chapter member at church she didn't have a motorcycle but came & volunteered as if she knew the group for years! She joined by riding on the back of a trike. She was a kid inside a candy store! One of the older Chapter members was selling so the opportunity to buy a full package trike and trailer was there for her. It was off to the parking lots to learn to ride. She stalled every time but then came the voila and she got it going! A fantastic giving person! She was fighting cancer but that didn't stop her! She cares for her elderly husband, kids and grandkids! Thank You for all you do! Please welcome Peggy Bright Berhannan as the Endless Mountains Riders Star for 2025!

Mason Dixon Wings Star's are like Glue! The Webster's dictionary says glue is an adhesive used for sticking things! This Couple fits the definition as they have many years and very active in Mason Dixon Wings! She always has a heart of Gold! Loves people in a special way no matter the circumstances. She is almost retired and related to everyone in Franklin County! If she isn't related she still knows them. She is an avid reader and even loves to have books read to her especially at Chapter Christmas Parties! She will never forget that book and the Christmas Party!



PA DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STARS Congratulations Outstanding Stars

Unlike her, he is retired! He is known to do retirement training for other chapter members. Very Low Key which makes a great balance for the house. Wonderful job leading rides especially ones that are assigned to him when he is out hunting NOT at the ride planning meeting! Very innovative and creative when it comes to improving. Loves to work in his wood shop and cooking as well. Thank You for all you do and continue to do making us proud! Please welcome Larry & Linda Dice as Mason Dixon Wings Star's!



PA Warrior Riders have a Special Star! She is there when you need help or a shoulder to cry on. She & her husband Gary have many years with PA Warrior Riders. She and her husband moved through then ranks from membership, Couple of the Year, Assistant Directors and then the Directors seat. Always active good times and bad. Motorcycle troubles and health issues motivated them! Today she is still active although she is missing her #1 passenger. Always ready to lend a hand with a smile ear to ear! Blessed with a great Family and Church members to support her. A asset to PA Warrior Riders! Thank You for all you do and continue to do! Please welcome PA Warrior Riders Outstanding Star Mabel Washington!

As you read, yes we all are Star's in our own way doing something special every day whether something for our Family, Grand Children, Church, Care Giver or Veterans. Thank You to all the Chapter's for submitting their nominations for Outstanding Star's!

Ride Safe and Enjoy the Summer,

Barry & Rhonda Blyler

District Outstanding Star's Coordinators



PA DISTRICT RIDE FOR FELLOWSHIP

And the winner is...



Greetings PA District Friends!

The Third PA District Ride-in is in the books and with it the top 3 Chapters' results were announced, and the big winner was...again?!?...Cumberland Valley Riders! with 19 points! Congratulations!

These Chapters participated this year for a total of 74 points:

Cumberland Valley Riders	19 points
Endless Mountains Riders	12 points
Keystone Wings	9 points
Pennsylvania Warrior Riders	8 points
Susquehanna Wings	8 points
Black Rose Wings	5 points
Mason Dixon	4 points
Northwest PA	3 points
River Valley Riders	3 points
Alan & Ellie Cowfer	3 points

The 2026 Ride For Fellowship is under way! I have received several photos of you at the Rally. A new year of Ride for Fellowship is now started, and I'm enjoying seeing your photos. Keep up the good work, get out there and visit, make new friends, and SEND ME YOUR INFO (Ride, Rally, or Event Date, Participants in photo, where you went, who you visited & PHOTOS!)

All pictures that I receive will be in the 2026 slideshow, regardless of whether the visit received a point. We want to see the fun you've been having! Since we are independent of National, the PA District will be making a few changes, as will this program, so stay tuned!

You can contact me at ride4fellowship@gmail.com , or call me at 570-764-1280 with any questions you might have.

Ride safe, have FUN and be careful out there!
Bonnie & Gerry VanArt
PA District Ride for Fellowship Coordinators



PA DISTRICT RIDE FOR FELLOWSHIP

Ride For Fellowship Photos

Juniata Riders



Ken & Susan Hinick, Mike & MaryAnn Scheve

George & Kathy Fazio



Alan and Ellie Cowfer



Susquehanna Wings



Chris and Christie



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Ride For Fellowship Photos



River Valley Riders

Cumberland Valley Riders



Endless Mountains Riders



Mason Dixon



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Mason Dixon Wings

WE ARE....????

You could substitute with lots of words like Penn State/Mason Dixon Wings/Chapter C/etc..

One thing we know about the recent changes, we know what we are not. We are not GWRRA, Wing'd Rider, JMC, Eagle Wings. But what or who are we?

We are FAMILY. What really is a family. When you Google Family, there are lots of different definitions. I personally like this one, "Family is a bond. A bond of love and care. It's not just the people we are related by blood but anyone with whom we connect with our heart. These are the people whom we can trust bindly. They will always stand for you and be with you in the thick and thin of your life."

One Saturday, July 26 we got to witness our family at work. We started the day meeting at Milky Way and over the mountain where we went to pick up another brother & sister to venture over several other mountains to Bedford to meet our extended family Chapter W to support their ride to raise money for Shop with the Cops and Toys for Tots campaign. It was a beautiful ride until mother nature tried to spoil it but with rain gear, we made it safe but a tad damp. We met another part of our extended family and had part 2 ride over the river and through the woods to New Enterprise. There we met and had a traditional picnic reunion meal, raffles, 50-50. Afterwards we traveled to where else for ice cream. What a perfect day with friends and family.

On the way home, one of our riders Barry, who did his tire checks prior to the ride, ended up with a flat tire. Did you know that a Goldwing can do a wobble also. Luckily, the gang just pulled into Breezewood at the front of Pizza Hut. We thought nothing could ruin a perfect day. This is when the true bonding of family occurs. The men jumped in and found the culprit a piece of metal. All



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Mason Dixon Wings

the men took their time to help each other looking, discussing what next and went into action and plugged the tire. At times, it was like the old Polish joke, how many men does it take to change a light bulb. Now the next problem, the tire needs air. Opps, the gas station next to Pizza Hut did not have air and no way could they push it up the hill. So, Don went to his home to get a portable air compressor. Opps that didn't work, so he went to truck stop looking and a commercial truck pulled in and had a compressor. So now we have a community of people helping us. Pizza Hut gave us water, and a stranger on the ground helping us. Unfortunately, the tire was damaged beyond repair and wouldn't hold air. Linda had an idea, and we know what that means. Call Stan and tell him we were in trouble, and we needed to be bailed out. So, our fearless leader jumped in at 830 and came with trailer to tow the bike back to Chambersburg 4 hours later.



We all left together knowing that we were family. We did what family does. We stick together during the thick and thin of things and give support and love. We pulled our resources together and got the job done. That is what family do, especially in the motorcycle family. Yes, we also found out there are a lot of nice people that are still willing to help. You know the saying about the eye of the needle.. well in this case a piece of metal didn't stop our journey to have a good time and become stronger.



Endless Mountains Riders

Our group took our annual chapter vacation this year to West Virginia. We had seven members who met up with Carla Dawejko's cousins from York, PA. We were excited to show them how much fun our motorcycle family can be! And I think they got a good dose of it!

We went to the Mingo Saloon and Lodge in Mingo, WV. It was a rustic lodge built for snow lovers who come to Snowshoe Mountain nearby. But the manager took awesome care of us - food, entertainment and plenty of warm hospitality. We spent our days on the road checking out those sharp curves that West Virginia is known for. We discovered a Scenic Byway that showed us some wonderful vistas of the mountains. And we spent the one rainy day at the lodge playing cards, laughing and having a great time.

We checked out a number of great restaurants and ice cream establishments. On the way down we stayed at a very quaint old hotel called Union Hotel in Everett, PA. and on the way home we got an Airbnb house in Pleasantville, PA. Both stays were wonderful But most of all we just hung out as one big happy family. That's what this group is to us. And Carla's cousins agreed that we are pretty fun people and plan to join us again sometime!



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Pediatric Brain Tumor FOUNDATION **Ride for Kids**

WESTERN PA

AUGUST 2, 2025
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
WEST HILLS CENTER
1000 McKee Road
Oakdale, PA 15071

REGISTRATION
Registration: 8:30 - 10 AM
Kickstands Up: 10:30 AM
Online registration: \$40
Day-of registration: \$45

YOU CAN HELP!
1. Register Online
2. Collect Donations
3. Help Kids with Brain Tumors
4. Ride on August 2

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To register, visit rideforkids.org/westpenn or scan the QR code

Event date, times and location subject to change ©2024 by the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation



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Susquehanna Wings WR



DICE RUN / Picnic



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Pre-registrations only

9:30am—10:30am



Complimentary
Coffee & Donuts



Donation: \$15.00
(pre-registrations only)

Departure/Destination
Montour/DeLong Fairgrounds
5848 Broadway Rd.
Danville, PA

Awards Ceremony 2:00pm
50/50, Basket Raffle



Contact info: Tom & Renee Wasluck
Tom (570-239-2353)
Renee (570-239-2354)
E-mail: goldwing@ptd.net

Rain or Shine:
Covered Pavilion, Paved Parking
2,3, or 4 Wheels—All Welcome!

For your records: Date sent _____ Check # _____

Please have Registrations postmarked by August 1, 2025 **EXTENDED TO AUGUST 7**

Rider: _____ Co-rider: _____ WR Chapter: _____ (or) Group: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Adults attending: \$15.00 X ___ = \$_____ Children 5-12 attending: \$7.00 X ___ = \$_____ Children Under 5 Free

I / we understand the risks and responsibilities of participation in this event, and agree to hold harmless

Susquehanna Wings WR, Montour/Delong Fairgrounds, and anyone else involved. I /we also agree to assume responsibility for any damages caused by my / our actions. **Please ride safe and have FUN!**

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____

Make checks payable to: Susquehanna Wings WR Send to: Tony Cameron, 734 West Butler Dr., Sugarloaf, PA 18249





Cumberland Valley Riders PA-K WR
2nd Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, September 27, 2025
Monroe Twp. Building
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



Event Schedule:

9:00AM Check In/
 Arrival
 10:15AM Guided Dice
 Run Departs
 2:00PM Meal



Held Rain or Shine

Crockpot entrees
 and sides by Ch. K
 Chapter K's Home-
 made Desserts
 50/50s
 Gift Basket Raffle

All Day: Socializing & games

All proceeds benefits Charity

Pre-Registrations is encouraged and must be post-marked by Sept. 6, 2025.

On-site Registration available for an additional \$5 fee with no guarantee of meal.

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Rider _____

Registration cost is \$15 for Chapter K members and guests. Anyone arriving on event day that has not pre-registered will be additional \$5.

CO-Rider _____

Address _____

people _____ pre-registered @\$15 (see above) _____

Phone# _____

Chapter _____

#people _____ registered on-site @ \$20 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I/We agree to hold harmless Chapter K, CO-sponsoring Organization and/or any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We become involved by reason of, or participate in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/We damage.

Rider Signature _____

CO-Rider Signature _____

Detach form and mail along with check payable to Cumberland Valley Riders PA-K WR. Mail to John Crosson, Treasurer, 203 W. Cabin Hollow Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019 (Payment is non-refundable)



NAME	CHAPTER DIRECTOR
Mason Dixon PA "C" WR	Myron Wengert
Susquehanna Wings WR	Tom & Renee Wasluck
Cumberland Valley Riders PAK WR	John & Glenda Leib
River Valley Riders WR	John & Deb Markly
Endless Mountains Riders PAR WR	Ed & Carla Dawejko
Juniata Riders PAS WR	Dan Walker
PA Warrior Riders WR	Eldon & Kerri Mickel



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Mason Dixon PA 'C' WR

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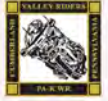
Meets on the 3rd Saturday. Stoner's Restaurant, 615 Wayne Ave., Chambersburg, PA
Eat at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at 2:30 p.m.



Susquehanna Wings WR

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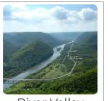
Meets on the 3rd Saturday. Perkins on Rte 93 in Hazleton.
9:00 am breakfast and 10:00 am meeting



Cumberland Valley Riders K WR

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

River Valley Riders WR

Meets on the 4th Sunday. The Buttery Biscuit, 715 West Southern Ave. Williamsport, PA 17702
8:00 a.m. Breakfast; 9:00 a.m. Gathering; 10:00 a.m. Ride.

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Endless Mountains Riders PAR WR

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

Juniata Riders PAS WR

Meets the 2nd Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Valley Dairy, 2724 Plank Road, Altoona, PA, 16601.



PA Warrior Riders WR

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.



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OPEN POSITION	NE Assistant Directors
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