

PA Road Riders



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From the Directors' Desk...

Happy December Members and Friends.

The holidays have invaded us along with the weather and cold. I for one do not enjoy the enthusiasm as a younger self for this weather. But, we have chosen to live in Pennsylvania so I guess it's expected.

Getting the State set up is moving along well now, new EIN has been attained, PA Road Riders has been registered, articles of incorporation-non profit have been filed. Now waiting on By-Laws from the lawyer for us to critique all looks well at this point. Hope to have a MAIL registration form available this weekend for anyone wanting to join without chapter affiliation. Myron and I have discussed the need to work out some details for the July Ride In and hope to have them worked out so a registration flyer can be available the first of the year. Don't forget the dates are set at 17th,18th at Roxbury campground with a motel on site and others close by.



Chapter and membership forms can start to be returned at your convenience they can be added to at any time please keep a copy for your own records and return one to us. Make checks out and mail to PA Road Riders 4099 Cortland Drive New Paris, PA 15554. We are excited to see what 2026 has in store for our PA Road Riders family.

Kerri and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, and would love to wish all a very Merry Christmas and of course a Happy New Year. We will be enjoying a few Chapter Christmas Parties and wish we could enjoy them all, but scheduling just don't allow it.

I would really like to give a special Thank You to a wonderful little elf named Ellie or otherwise known as Miss Sunshine for the Gnome, Love it. Let's keep those who are under the weather or recuperating in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy Holidays,

Pa Road Riders Directors

Eldon & Kerri Mickel



From the Editor...

Your state communications coordinator has a request for all of you fun loving riders. We are working hard to make this new organization accessible to all riders. In order to do this I need each of the chapters and the independent members to send me information on all the fun you are having on your bikes or with your groups.



If I am able to post fabulous pictures and write ups of your excursions in the monthly newsletter and on the new website, then people will take up and notice! They will say, "Wow, the PA Road Riders seem to have a lot of fun, and I think I would like to join in!"

So, to get more people attending your various events, and to attract brand new people to PA Road Riders, would you please send me photos, stories, memories, thoughts, ideas, etc. Especially send me your events and flyers, so I can fill up the calendar! You can email me, text me, or use old fashioned snail mail. Just let me know what you and your group are doing!

These are **your** publications - so please let me know anything you want to see



in them and send in both your comments or criticisms.

I will be working on the website's membership portal as soon as chapters and individuals start registering their members. We will give you access to member's information all across the state (as long as each member has approved this access). The public will not have access to this information.

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you to make this new organization vibrant and active!

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Never Get Too Comfortable



Consider some statistics from the Hurt Report about riding experience: If the average risk is considered to be 1.0 and above 1.0 is a higher than average risk and below 1.0 is less than average risk, consider the following chart for experience and riding:

Experience Riding in Traffic Risk

0-6 months	1.40
7-12 months	0.96
13-24 months	0.93
25-36 months	1.52
37-48 months	0.98
48+ months	0.83

Statistics from Hurt Report

Looking at these numbers as expected the new rider has an above average risk.

From 6 months to 24 months riders are about average risk. Thinking about this time frame a rider's skills are proficient and they are still maintaining a respect for the risk associated with riding. They are trying to be safe.

From 25 to 36 months there is a drastic rise in a rider's risk. Why does this happen? The theory here is riders get comfortable, perhaps think they have learned it all, they have not had an accident or good scare in a while and start getting a little cocky perhaps.

After 36 months risk drop below average. Theory for me here is during the 25-36 month stage those that stopped being vigilant either died, were scared into better practices, or wised up for other reasons. Result is if you can remain vigilant during the 2-3 year time frame, after your 3 year anniversary most riders are better and better as time goes on, no playing around. We should never become too comfortable. It can happen at any time.

Always remember, you can

- Reduce your risk by being vigilant mentally while riding.
- Being safe is more mental than physical skills, just because you know how to physically operate your ride, we must keep a high level of mental attention always, or do not ride.
- Stay vigilant mentally while riding on every ride, no matter how long you have been riding.

Remember,

ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME. (ATGATT);

Most of all ride safe and have fun,

Your PA District Educators,

Gerry and Bonnie Kerkeslager

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PA DISTRICT RIDE FOR FELLOWSHIP

Riding season will soon be over!



Greetings PA District Friends!

Welcome December! I'm getting ready for Christmas and all that goes with it! I hope you will be celebrating this year with family and friends. Also, several Chapters are hosting Christmas parties this month. Are you attending? If so, send a photo and let me know!

Take a look at our new PA District Web Site (**Thank you Carla for doing such a great job with it!**) and see the Events listed there! While you're at it, why not think about joining your friends at one or two (maybe three)! I'd love to put your pictures in the slide show! I'm keeping track of points, so keep sending your information.

Since the **2026 Ride for Fellowship** is now in full swing, I'm enjoying your photos. Keep up the good work, get out there and visit, make new friends, and SEND ME YOUR INFO (Ride, Rally, Gathering or Event Date, Participants in your 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! As of now, the new Guidelines are on the Website (<https://paroadriders.org/>) along with the introductory letter. The updated Points Chart will be out soon.

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

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Bonnie & Gerry VanArt

PA District Ride for Fellowship Coordinators



PA DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STARS

Share your ride adventures!



Hi All,

The year 2025 is close to being in our History Books. I truly believe that time flies as we get a year older each year. We enjoyed our Ride In to Williamsport in July! A Fun time as always when we get together with Friends to enjoy a weekend. The Outstanding Star's Program is in our 3rd year!

As we journey into 2026 in just a short month, thinking of where our adventure leads us to? Thinking Caps for ride planning meetings. I enjoy reading where Chapters have enjoyed a ride and what they enjoyed along the way. This gives insight for the wheels to move forward.

Looking forward to a Great Year in 2026!

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas & A Fantastic New Year!

Barry & Rhonda



Cumberland Valley makes two donations

PA Wounded Warrior Donation, November 14, 2025

Many of you, as well as other chapters in PA, made 2025 a GREAT year by attending and contributing to CVR's Fall Festival. On Friday, November 14, 2025, Gary, George, John L. and Glenda presented to PA Wounded Warriors a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Helen Sajer, President of PA Wounded Warriors, Inc. and her son, Lt. Col. (Retired) Frank Sajer, who greeted



us with open arms at their business location in Camp Hill. Helen just turned 91 on November 13 and is planning to retire. Frank plans to take over where his mother and dad left off.

Even at the age of 91, Helen is still very active in the organization and travels all over PA to participate in parades, give speeches, etc. promoting PA Wounded Warriors. Hopefully in 2026 Frank will be available to join us at our Fall Festival and talk about their mission.

New Hope Ministries Donation, November 25, 2025

Then on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Gary, John C., George, John L., and Glenda presented a check



in the amount of \$1,000 to Joel Giovannetti, Gift Officer, of New Hope Ministries. Again, it was THANKS to all of those who attended CVR's Fall Festival and contributed in some way along with 50/50's throughout the year. New Hope Ministries mission is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts toward stability.

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Another Fall Festival is planned for September 2026 to again raise funds to assist these two organizations. Come out and join in the festival to help support them!

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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

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 Buttery 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>



Endless Mountains Riders PAR WR

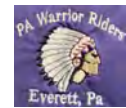
Meets the 2nd Saturday (except December). Comfort Inn & Suites, 2160 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast (\$8.00 per person), Gathering at 10:00 a.m.

www.endlessmountainsriders.org



Juniata Riders PAS WR

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



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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James McClintock	Treasurer
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Gerry/Bonnie Kerkeslager	District Educator
Barry & Rhonda Blyler	Outstanding Star Coordinators
Bonnie & Gerry VanArt	Ride For Fellowship Coordinators
Carla Dawejko	Communications
Ed Dawejko	Photographer



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