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This is our New District!



The State Directors have begun to receive memberships from the chapters listed above. So our new organization is underway! As of this writing there are over 60 official members with more planning to make their entrance as the New Year opens. Chapters are \$35 annually and members are \$15 each for the year. Chapters must have at least six members within their unit. There is also an option for individuals to become members of the state organization without being affiliated to a chapter. Stay tuned for more details on how this membership category will operate.

Don't forget we have a brand new state website to keep us all informed. But it is imperative that you send Carla your events and calendar information so we know what each chapter is offering. Even if you do not have a flyer yet for your event, let her know of the date so it can be added to the website.

It's going to be a great riding year and these chapters have a lot of fun planned for everyone. So

PA Road Riders welcome, 2026! We can't wait to start riding!



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From the Directors' Desk...

Well here we are at the beginning of another year. The Christmas parties are all a memory now. Hope all have had a joyous and Merry Christmas enjoying family and friends.

Kerri and Christie pulled off another wonderful Christmas party for our Warrior Riders and friends that attended. Great food, good facility, and a lot of fun. Ellie and Alan Cowfer and Kathy and Jim McClintock attended from the Pittsburg area Dan Walker and Charlie Snyder from Juniata Riders, and Glenda and John from Cumberland Valley riders were also in attendance. Not to forget former chapter director Ellen Faupel and friend Elaine Callihan were also in attendance.

We had a short lived Bingo that on the first game we gave away all of our door prizes. Also would like to give a shout out to Jerry Woods for providing background music for everyone's enjoyment. We were finally able to make long time member Mable Washington's Shining Star presentation from the Ride In. The Dirty Santa gifting turned into a bit of a tussle over a case of toilet paper, Ellie got it first, then Jim decided to steal it, then I had my gift card stolen so I decided I needed more toilet paper. I won, and there are pictures to prove it. All seemed to have a good time as I kept announcing values of gift cards, prizes and whatnot at extravagant values.



Kerri and I would like to thank everyone that attended and the Warrior Rider chapter for their support in 2025. I don't know what has happened to us but we managed to attend 5 Christmas parties in a matter of two weeks, where it used to take us 5 to 6 years to attend this many parties. We would like to congratulate Carla and Glenda on very nice Christmas parties that we attended on the same day, one up north and the other in the south of the state. Had a great time at both Thank You both.

Happy 2026 fellow PA Road Riders. Meeting January 4th with Jim and Myron to tweak the new By-Laws so they can be sent to the Lawyer and filed with the state. Condolences go out to the Stan Gipe family for the passing of his lovely wife Carol. Kerri and I attended the viewing along with Cumberland Valley Riders and Mason Dixon Riders.

Going to discuss on Sunday with Myron some details for the Ride In. We will have particulars no later than February Newsletter. Hoping to have a flyer on the website before then. Date are set for July 17 & 18 at Roxbury Camp Grounds. Hoping for another good attendance. Also looking to possibly coordinate with some chapters to have a day or overnight ride in their areas, more to come.

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Eldon & Kerri Mickel
PA Road Rider Directors

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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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Get a Trailer!



Ever find yourself not having enough room on your bike when packing for a trip? Do you travel 2up and need extra room to pack for two? What to do? Get a trailer!

We have been traveling for years with a trailer and really enjoy the benefits of having that extra room. The first trailer could be a home built one.

This is easy. Just go to your local freight store and purchase a trailer frame, then add a car top carrier. Put the two together and you have yourself a neat little cargo trailer. If you want something a little more refined, you can find a few companies that make a ready made cargo trailer. Either way there are benefits of using a cargo trailer when traveling.

Using a cargo trailer not only gives you more space for your stuff but takes the weight of your gear off the bike. This is really helpful especially when traveling 2 up. Now I am not saying to take everything including the kitchen sink, just the little extras for those extended trips. Even

camping trips become a little more doable. Using a large motorcycle like a Gold Wing has no problem pulling a small cargo trailer. Most of the time you won't even know it's there. While this is easy to do with a Gold Wing the rider will still have to make some adjustments and considerations while pulling the trailer.



Here are some thing to keep in mind.

- Pulling a trailer will increase your stopping distance
- The trailer will push the bike while braking or deceleration
- Uses more available traction
- Adds weight directly to the rear suspension
- Adds length to the whole rig. This means you must give yourself more room when passing, 4 wheelers may not expect it, and harder to park.
- More fuel stops (less gas mileage) Just like your bike, it's important to maintain your trailer and do a pre-ride check.
- Tire wear and pressure
- Bearings are in good condition and lubed.

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- Check bearing seals.
- Suspension is in good working order
- Trailer lights are working properly
- Connecting the trailer to the bike.
 - Make sure the trailer is properly connected to the ball or pin on the hitch and latched.
 - The latched is locked with either a latch pin or trailer lock. To prevent the latched from releasing.
 - Lubricate the latch and ball.
 - Safety chains are properly connected. Use two safety chains that are crossed and connected to the hitch frame. Not the receiver insert! This keeps the trailer connected to the bike in case the trailer tongue comes of the ball or pin. Having the chains crossed forms a cradle for the trailer tongue in case the tongue comes off the ball or pin.

Packing a trailer will take some care. The load weight must be properly distributed to give the trailer the proper tongue weight. The tongue weight standard is 10 to 15% of the trailer total weight. Example: 150lb trailer with a 100lb load = 250lb. This means that the tongue should be 25 to 37.5 lbs. If the tongue weight is too light may push up on the back of the bike during braking and cause the trailer to sway. To much weight may light the front wheel of the bike, overstress the suspension and cause excessive tire wear and heat buildup. Read your trailer owner's manual for specific recommendations.

We enjoy the benefits of traveling with a trailer. To be able to keep the weight down on the bike and pack for extending traveling is a plus. If you would like more information on traveling with a trailer either take a trailering course or seminar.

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 RIDE FOR FELLOWSHIP

Riding season will soon be over!



Greetings PA District Friends!

Happy New Year everyone! With all this cold weather, I'm sure, if you can, that you are hibernating now. At home in our warm cozy sweats is our favorite place to be right now! Although the bikes are in hibernation, don't be afraid to go out on four wheels, weather permitting, if you get the urge. Just bundle up, watch for patches of ice on the road and for other drivers who may not be so cautious. If you do go out, why not send me a

photo and let me know!

Check out our District Web Site occasionally to find out what's going on. There may see an Event listed there that you might be interested in! While you're at it, why not think about joining your friends at a Gathering or impromptu ride! 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 is making a few changes, as is this program, so stay tuned! The new Guidelines are on the Website (<https://paroadriders.org/>) along with the introductory letter. Keep an eye out for an updated Points Chart which will hopefully 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 Happy Healthy New Year!

Bonnie & Gerry VanArt

PA District Ride for Fellowship Coordinators



PA DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STARS

Thinking about resolutions



Hi All,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2026! Always thinking of what our New Year resolutions for the New Year. Something to say have I kept my resolution from years past? Did you make one for 2026? We look forward to new adventures, traveling to places we have not been before, family time & good health as we age older.

We are officially “PA Road Riders”! Out with the Old and in with the New! This will opportunity to invite New Riders we will meet in our travels to join us for a fun ride, gathering or a special event your Chapter is hosting. Thanks to all who have worked to bring us “PA Road Riders”!

Keep a watch on your emails as information will be available on joining “PA Road Riders “

Barry & Rhonda

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Cumberland Valley/Mason Dixon Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 13, 2025 CVR and Mason-Dixon held a combined Christmas Party at Mt.



Holly Church of God. What a wonderful evening we had with our friends not only from Mason-Dixon but also with Warrior Riders.

After a delicious meal prepared by the group from the Church, it was time to relax and play games. We started with how many words can you make with "Merry Christmas". Yes, you can make 100 words from this phrase. Stan Gipe and Lisa Musser came the closest with 64 and 54 words respectively.



Christmas Bingo was a great hit where you were to make your own bingo card from a list of 42 words to choose from. If the word that was pulled from the bag was on your card, you covered it either with a button or bingo disk. Hey, it's just a game, so we used whatever we had available! Reminds you of when you

were a kid and played bingo. "Hey mom, may I borrow your tin can of buttons?"

There was a surprise twist to Dirty Santa this year. Before you could select your gift or steal, you must give your Elf name. Oh, the names you would not believe! The letter of your first name was



associated with a name and your birth month was associated with another name. Put the two together and you had your Elf name.



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Although the weather was not the greatest, the fun and fellowship made up for it. Hope more can join us in 2026.



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Endless Mountains Riders Christmas Party



Our chapter enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Wyalusing Hotel. Even though several members were unable to attend due to illness, we enjoyed the company of our state directors.

After an enjoyable meal we played several interactive games. Opening a gift with oven mitts turned out to be quite challenging! The mens' team bested the women's team in the balloon tic tac toe, and



everyone did pretty well with the ping pong ball pull.

Ed Dawejko was honored as our 2025 Special Person of the Year, and was given a dozen handkerchiefs, one by one, by the members, as a joke gift. Dennis & Barb were honored as the winners of our Hamburger Challenge.



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It was a great party to celebrate the end of a fantastic riding year.



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Warrior Riders Christmas Party



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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

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.

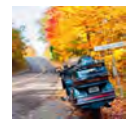
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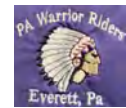
Meets the 2nd Saturday (except December). Comfort Inn & Suites, 2160 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast (\$8.00 per person), Gathering at 10:00 a.m.

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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NAME	STAFF POSITION
Eldon & Kerri Mickel	District Directors
Tom & Renee Wasluck	Deputy Directors
Jack Wagner	Deputy Director
Barry & Rhonda Blyler	Ride Coordinators
James McClintock	Treasurer
OPEN POSIITON	Membership Enhancement
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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