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May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May is [National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month](#). We want to take this time to remind all drivers how important it is to stay focused on the road whether you're on two wheels or four. Here are some quick tips and things to keep in mind when sharing the road:

- Remember, motorcyclists have the same rights to the road as any other motorist. Give them the same respect.
- Always wear a DOT compliant helmet when operating a motorcycle. The [NHTSA](#) estimates that helmets saved more than 1,800 lives of motorcyclists in 2017.
- Motorcyclists should use reflective tape and gear when possible so they can be more visible to all motorists.
- Keep a safe following distance. This is especially important when following a motorcycle since they are more prone to sudden maneuvers around potholes, gravel and slippery surfaces that may not affect cars as much.
- Be aware of your blind spot. Drivers should always look for motorcycles before switching lanes.
- Motorcycles are often moving faster than they appear. Do not turn quickly in front of an oncoming motorcycle.
- Be alert. This applies to all motorists — do not get behind the wheel or handlebars when you are feeling drowsy.
- Keep an eye on the weather. All drivers should avoid hazardous conditions like wet roads, snow and ice. Wet and slippery conditions are even more dangerous to motorcyclists because they are exposed to all elements. Play it safe and wait it out before hitting the road.



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From the President's Desk...

Well the warm weather of April is a distant memory. Let's all hope May brings a pleasant return to sunny skies and warm temperatures. Let's not forget our friends at Keystone Wings and their Spring Fest on the 16th and hope they have some favorable weather. The insurance has been secured for the year.



We have a nice group pre-registered for the Ride In in Roxbury. Anyone thinking of coming you must be registered to do the Gettysburg Tour. FYI 8 to 10 spots left on the bus. We are expecting to have a good time with a few surprises thrown in just to keep you on your toes. As always looking for some nice baskets, we are also looking to have membership cards available at the Ride In. There will be at least

one training session scheduled for Friday afternoon will have a time ironed out by next months newsletter.

It doesn't look good for HOBBO STEW this weekend but it's a great time rain or shine. Good food and fellowship John Markley and his crew always do a great job. Don't forget the other chapters having events and help support their charities.

Sorry for a short newsletter, but there just isn't that much going on until the weather send something warmer. Let's send good wishes and prayers to members who are under the weather and hope they get recuperated soon.

We had a very nice visitation this weekend from Mason Dixon Riders who attended our monthly meeting. Keep the visitations up.

Pa Road Riders President

Warrior Riders Director

Eldon Mickel



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July 17-19, 2026

roxbury
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

**13763 Cumberland Highway
Orrstown, PA 17244
717.532.2208**

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**Ride-In
2026**



Friday, July 17
10:00 a.m. Check-in
1:00 p.m. Guided Ride
5:30 p.m. Pizza
7:00 p.m. Ice Cream & 50/50
Bring your lawn chairs



Saturday, July 18
6:00-10:00 a.m. Check-in
6:00-7:30 a.m. Breakfast

**Saturday Guided Bus Tour Through
Gettysburg Battlefield
by Historian Doug Mastriano**

8:00 a.m. Leave Camp on Motorcycles
9:00 a.m. Meet in Gettysburg for 6 hour bus tour
Lunch on your own
Extra Cost of \$10 - Limited Seating



Unguided tours available for those not on bus tour

One unguided ride to a Casino
6:00 p.m. Banquet
including 50/50 and Basket Raffle

Sunday, July 19
7:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast



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PA Road Riders Ride-In 2026 Registration Form

RIDER: _____ PA Road Rider Member? Yes No Chapter _____

CO-RIDER: _____ PA Road Rider Member? Yes No Chapter _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

2026 PA District and Chapter Position(s) _____

Registration will be confirmed by email

I/we agree to hold harmless PA Road Riders, co-sponsoring Organizations, and/or any Property Owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of, or participation in this event and agree to assume responsibility for any property I/we knowingly damage.

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Registration: *Includes Events each day and Banquet. (Reservations must be in by 6/30/26)*

PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$65 .00 = \$ _____

Non-PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$75.00 = \$ _____

Friday Day Pass Only: *Includes Ice Cream Social*

PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Non-PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$45.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Day Pass Only: *Includes Banquet*

PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Non-PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$45.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Day Pass Only: *without Banquet*

PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Non-PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Gettysburg Bus Pass:

PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Non-PA Road Rider Members # _____ attending X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Wish to participate in guided rides

Yes _____

No _____

Food allergies

Shippensburg Hotels—5 miles away

[Courtyard by Marriott](#), 503 Newburg Rd 717-477-0680

[Holiday Inn Express](#), 120 Walnut Bottom Road 717-532-1100

[University Hotel & Suites by Wyndham](#), 32 E. Knight 717-532-4141

Roxbury Campsite Reservation

Days Needed: July 16 _____ July 17 _____ July 18 _____ July 19 _____ X \$42 per day = _____

30 amp required _____ 50 amp required _____

Payable to: **PA Road Riders**

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Send Registration to – **Jim McClintock, 112 Trotwood Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146**

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A Few Riding Tips



1. Safety. Glasses or goggles are a must if you have an open-faced helmet and to protect your hands, you should always wear gloves. In warm weather there is specially designed gear that is intended for ventilation and cooling. And it should go without saying, never ride without a DOT approved helmet—it doesn't

matter if you look silly because you are the only one wearing a helmet—because it will help keep you alive.

2. Use Your Head. While mirrors are there for a reason, you can't solely rely on them to remain aware of what is in your immediate riding space. To keep cognizant of your surroundings and your position in relationship to those around you, you need to use your head. Experienced riders know that it's important to keep your head and eyes up while rounding corners and that the safest way to change lanes is to actually turn and look over your shoulder to make sure you are clear. You will also be able to get a feeling for whether other drivers are paying attention to you.

3. Watch The Road. As a motorcyclist, you need to pay attention to the road you are riding on. Err on the side of caution when going into curves; be vigilant for potential gravel or other unstable road conditions. Be careful when crossing railroad tracks because the paint can be slippery—the same goes for the white lines at stoplights.

4. Find Your Happy Place. One of the biggest dangers to a rider is getting on your bike in the wrong state of mind. Riding angry, drowsy or distracted can be a recipe for disaster. Remember, when you're on a motorcycle you are ultimately the only one on the road looking out for you. If your mind and emotions are anywhere other than the road ahead, you are susceptible to making rookies mistakes that can end in a crash, injuries or worse.

5. Know the Forecast. Weather is a regular foil to perfect driving conditions and the dangers of wet or icy roads multiply when you're on two wheels. Not only do you have half the stability of a car, but the lack of a windshield and your body's exposure to driving rain add to the risk. Lack of visibility is a rider's worst nightmare and until you've been caught on your bike in the rain, you will never understand just how much being pelted by rain drops at 50 or even 30 miles per hour can hurt

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

Time to Ride!



Greetings PA District Friends!

With the month of May finally here, our riding season is in full swing! I hope you are getting out and enjoying the warmer weather we are having! Ice cream rides, dinner rides, gatherings, and chapter events are all out there for your enjoyment.

If your Chapter is planning an event for this year, don't forget to submit a flyer to Carla to put on the PA Road Riders Web Site. Also, check out the

District Web Site occasionally to find out what else is going on. There may be an Event listed there that you might be interested in! Also, don't forget to check out the web site for the PA Road Riders Ride-in coming up at Roxbury Camp! 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.

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! The Guidelines for this program are on the Website (<https://paroadriders.org/>) along with the introductory letter. If you check the "Programs" tab on the website you'll also find an updated Points Chart.

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

Enjoy the month of May and all it has to offer!

Bonnie & Gerry VanArt

PA District Ride for Fellowship Coordinators



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PA DISTRICT OUTSTANDING STARS

Looking forward to summer events!



Hi All,

I believe the riding season is here! By now we have already enjoyed Ice Cream on a ride to start off the season. I look back to when I started with a Chapter in 2003. I got my first taste of a group ride after my first gathering. I believe we rode better than 200 miles that afternoon. That was all I talked about for weeks! Ice Cream I have enjoyed at places I never knew existed till you ride with a Chapter!

The District Ride In is in the books for July 17, 18 & 19! Time to get your registration in the mail! There is plenty to enjoy as always! Good Food, Riding and Fellowship! Saturday evening will be a banquet as well. Look forward to seeing you there!

Just a reminder - Outstanding Star's we are looking for your Chapter to join the Fun! Chapter Directors I am looking to have a write up the last week of June. A reminder will be sent.

Mother's Day is May 10th!

Memorial Day is May 25th!

Ride Safe! Watch out for the Motorist NOT Looking for You!

Barry & Rhonda



PA DISTRICT CHAPTER NEWS

Endless Mountains Riders' "First Ride"



Our chapter took our first ride of the season on April 23rd. It was scheduled for Saturday the 25th, but with rain predicted, as usual for the day we schedule our First Ride, we moved it up a couple days and we ended up with a beautiful sunny day.

The group headed out from Monroeton down route 414 until we hit a detour and had to jump on Route 15 for the final 10 minutes. Our destination was the Trout Run Hotel Inn, where we enjoyed great food and our wonderful waitress 'Jean Bean'.

On the ride back we stopped in Canton for some ice cream, always a great ending to a ride!



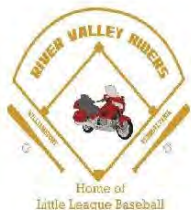
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RIVER VALLEY RIDERS

38th ANNUAL



HOBO STEW

DICE RUN

LARGEST GROUP

OLDEST RIDER/CO-RIDER

YOUNGEST RIDER/CO-RIDER

**Awards and Food following the ride
at Memorial Park**

All proceeds benefit



Serving All Veterans All Wars
Providing friendly accessible camp environment
and therapeutic outdoor activities
like hunting and fishing for all veterans.
LEEK believes in encouraging our wounded
heroes to focus on their abilities without
compromising their current physical limitations.

<https://www.savaw.org/>



Lycoming County Helping Our Warriors

Assisting active military members and veterans
with necessary costs (that are not covered by other
agencies) to live a healthy life.
Helping to pay utility bills, medical bills, overdue
property taxes, provide oil in the winter,
and rent and security deposits.
Helping veterans with Christmas gifts
for their children and sending overseas
care packages working with our local VFWs.

<https://lycominghow.org/>



1st PLACE DICE ROLL

2nd PLACE DICE ROLL

3rd PLACE DICE ROLL

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026

**REGISTRATION FROM
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
AT**

**MEMORIAL PARK
1700 WEST FOURTH STREET
WILLIAMSPORT, PA. 17701**

**ALL BIKES, TRIKES &
4-WHEELERS WELCOME
RAIN OR SHINE**

**DONATION - \$15.00 PLUS 1 CAN
OF SOUP FOR EACH PERSON
NO CREAM STYLE SOUPS PLEASE**

**For MORE Info CONTACT:
John Markley
(570) 326-0947
jandmarkley@gmail.com**

**Come join the fun
and support our Vets!!**

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NEW DATE!
No Chapter Meeting
now on May 9



2026 TRAINING DAY



Saturday
May 2, 2026



9:00-11:00	Riding with New, Inexperienced Riders Distracted Drivers	Smouse House 5442 Millstone Rd Monroeton, PA 18832
11:00 ~ Noon	Lunch ~ Bring a Dish to Pass	
Noon ~ 5:00	Parking Lot Practice for 2 & 3 wheel bikes- 10 Range Exercises	Nearby Parking Lot

Training provided by
PA Road Riders District Educator
Gerry Kerkeslager



This event is sponsored by:



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

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34th Annual Spring Fest May 16th, 2026

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

Agenda:

- 10:00 am Check-in/Ride Registration
- 10:20 am Blessing of the Bikes—No Rules BINGO and Trivia Games for Non-Riders
- 10:30 to 12:45 Guided Ride (weather and safety permitting)
- 1:00—3:30 pm Luncheon, Desserts, Meeting, and Drawings for Grand Prizes

Top prize:

- Gift Certificate* to American Music Theater, Lancaster, PA (*\$200 gift card that never expires)
- Second Prize: Shady Maple Gift Card (\$50.00)
- Third Prize: 2 Tickets to Keystone Wings 45th Anniversary Celebration Event in 2027

Amish Themed Luncheon Featuring:

- Fried Chicken and Home-Made Pork Bar-B-Q with Roll
- Home-Made Baked Beans
- Amish Style Potato Salad
- Apple Sauce
- Drinks—Water, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Diet Tea
- Home Made Desserts

Questions? Contact: Don Engle, at 717-587-5252 or email: dfenglejr@gmail.com
Information can also be found on our website "Events" webpage at: www.keystonewings.org

Please detach and return the form below with your non-refundable payment made out to: Keystone Wings. Mail check to: c/o: Linda Clavier, 3 Sandalwood Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078

SPRING FEST REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: MAY 3, 2026

No registration at the door is accepted—pre-registration is a must due to food allocation.

Guest #1 (print):	\$25.00	
Guest email address:		
Guest #2 (print):	\$25.00	I/We agree to hold harmless Keystone Wings 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.
Address:		
State:	Zip Code:	I/We agree to assume all responsibility for any property I/we damage.
Phone:		
	\$ ____ .00	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

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SAFE RIDER REFRESHER CLASS

**June 6, 2026
8:00 a.m.**

**Antrim Brethren
in Christ Church**
24 Kauffman Rd, E.
Chambersburg, PA

After a long winter break, it's time to get back on those 2 wheels, 3 wheels, sidecars, Can-Am's, etc. But first let's refresh our riding skills. This also goes for the co-riders. There is no cost for the class, all bikes are welcome, and there are no maximum number of bikes for the class since it will be conducted like a PLP class. Bring water and snacks with you. Restrooms will be available. We will go for lunch somewhere after the class.



INSTRUCTOR:
Gerry Kerkeslager
**PA Road Riders
Educator**

SPONSORED BY:
**Cumberland Valley
Riders and Mason-
Dixon Road Riders**

RSVP
crabcakelady@yahoo.com
**by Saturday,
May 23, 2026.**

The more you know, the better it gets.

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To benefit the Northern Tier Veterans Group

Saturday July 11, 2026

\$20/person
Top Cash Prize
Gifts & Trophies

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

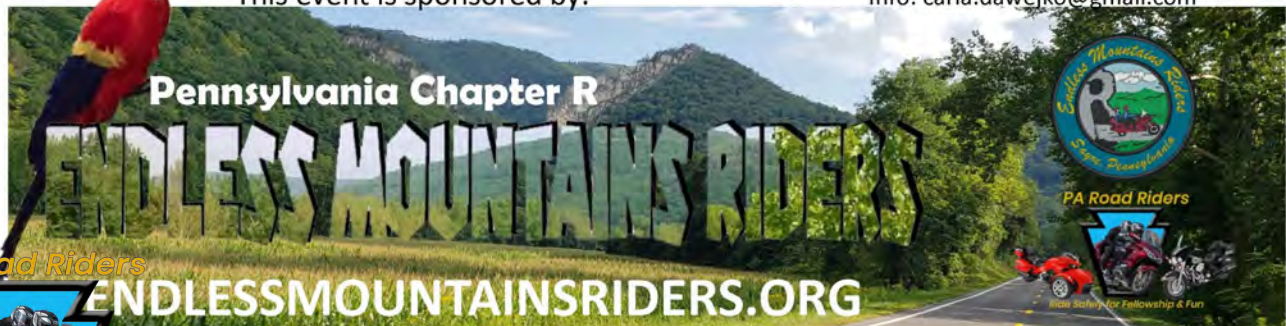
Rain or Shine!
Registration
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Comfort Inn
2160 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA

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

Coffee and baked goods at the Starting Line
Guided Ride starts at 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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Christmas in



Benefiting

July 25, 2026

**Five Star Powersports
Bedford, PA**



Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.
Ride begins at 12:00 Noon

Monetary Donation or NEW unwrapped toy

Approximately 1 hour ride followed by
Picnic Style food and Door Prizes

emickel37@yahoo.com
814-660-5453

COME HELP SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE

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Susquehanna Wings



DICE RUN / PICNIC



Sunday, August 23, 2026

Pre-registrations are encouraged

9:30am—10:30am



Complimentary
Coffee & Donuts



Donation: \$17.00 pre-registered
\$20.00 on site

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 8, 2026

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

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

Adults attending: \$17.00 X ___ = \$ _____ Children 6-12 attending: \$8.00 X ___ = \$ _____ Children Under 6 Free

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

Send to: Tony Cameron, 734 West Butler Dr., Sugarloaf, PA 18249

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Cumberland Valley Riders PA-K
3rd Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, September 26, 2026
Monroe Twp. Building
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Event Schedule:

9:00AM Check In/
 Arrival
 10:15AM Guided Dice
 Run Departs
 1:00PM Meal

Held Rain or Shine



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

All Day: Socializing & games

All proceeds benefits Charity

Pre-Registrations is encouraged and must be post-marked by Sept. 5, 2026. PA Road Rider Members \$20/Non-members \$25. On-site Registration available for \$30 with no guarantee of meal.

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Rider _____ Registration cost PA Road Rider member\$20;;
 _____ Non-members \$25; On-site Registration \$30

CO-Rider _____

Address _____ # people _____ PA Road Riders @ \$20 _____
 _____ #people _____ Non-members @\$25 _____
 _____ #people _____ registered on-site @ \$30 _____

Phone# _____ Chapter _____ 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.. Mail to John Crosson, Treasurer, 203 W. Cabin Hollow Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019 (Payment is non-refundable)

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- Make sure you and your motorcycle are in good working order. This means that you **are** properly licensed, have motorcycle insurance and are physically road ready. If you haven't ridden in a while, you may want to take a refresher class.
- Never ride or drive when distracted. It is never worth the risk of injuring yourself or someone else.

Motorcycle riders continue to be overrepresented in fatal traffic crashes. In 2024, there were 6,228 motorcyclists killed — 15% of all traffic fatalities. NHTSA data show that this is one of the highest number of motorcyclists killed since at least 1975. To keep everyone safe, we urge drivers and motorcyclists to share the road and be alert, and we're reminding motorcyclists to make themselves visible, to use DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets, and to always ride sober.



If you ride a motorcycle, you already know how much fun riding can be. You understand the exhilaration of cruising the open road and the challenge of controlling a motorcycle. But motorcycling can also be dangerous. Per vehicle miles traveled fatality rate in 2024, motorcyclists were almost 27 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were almost 5 times more likely to be injured. Safe motorcycling takes balance, coordination, and good judgment.

Practice Operating Your Motorcycle

Given the fact that motorcycles vary in handling and responsiveness, be sure to take the time to get accustomed to the feel of a new or unfamiliar motorcycle by riding it in a controlled area. Once you feel comfortable with your bike, you can take it into traffic. Make sure you know how to handle your motorcycle in a variety of conditions (e.g., inclement weather or encountering hazards such as slick roads, potholes, and road debris).

Before Every Ride

Check your motorcycle's tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, headlights and signal indicators, and fluid levels before you ride. You should also check under the motorcycle for signs of oil or gas leaks. If you're carrying cargo, you should secure and balance the load on the cycle; and adjust the suspension and tire pressure to accommodate the extra weight. If you're carrying a passenger, he or she should mount the motorcycle only after the engine has started; should sit as far forward as possible, directly behind you; and should keep both feet on the foot rests at all times, even when the motorcycle is stopped. Remind your passenger to keep his or her legs and feet away from the muffler. Tell your passenger to hold on firmly to your waist, hips, or belt; keep movement to a minimum; and

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lean at the same time and in the same direction as you do. Do not let your passenger dismount the motorcycle until you say it is safe.



On the Road

If you're ever in a serious motorcycle crash, the best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. Always wear a helmet that meets U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. Snell and ANSI labels located inside the helmet also show that the helmet meets the standards of those private, non-profit organizations. Learn more about [choosing the right helmet](#).

Arms and legs should be completely covered when riding a motorcycle, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots or shoes should be high enough to cover your ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

Ride Responsibly

Experienced riders know local traffic laws - and they don't take risks. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes generally are caused when other drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by keeping your motorcycle's headlights on at all times, even using high beams during the day.

Be Alcohol and Drug Free

Alcohol and drugs, including some prescribed medications, negatively affect your judgment, coordination, balance, throttle control, and ability to shift gears. These substances also impair your alertness and reduce your reaction time. Even when you're fully alert, it's impossible to predict what other vehicles or pedestrians are going to do. Therefore, make sure you are alcohol and drug free when you get on your motorcycle. Otherwise, you'll be heading for trouble.

NHTSA is dedicated to promoting safe behaviors on our nation's roads

Motorcyclists continue to be overrepresented in traffic-related fatalities. NHTSA is dedicated to promoting safe behaviors of motorcyclists and other motorists, as spelled out in our [Motorcycle Safety 5-Year Plan](#) and demonstrated by our public awareness campaigns like Rider Safety, *Share the Road* and *Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over*. Additionally, [NHTSA's Safety Assessment Program](#) conducts comprehensive reviews of state motorcycle safety programs, providing insight and tools to refine and improve programming to advance traffic safety.

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*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,
part of the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#)*

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With spring's arrival, more motorcyclists return to the roads, which is why May is designated as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation offers the following tips for drivers and riders so everyone can stay safe on the roadways.

TOP FIVE TIPS TO DRIVERS



1 Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles.

Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots, so check — then check again — before changing lanes or making a turn.



2 Predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.

A motorcycle may look farther away than it is because of its small size, and it may be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it appears.



3 Keep a safe distance.

Motorcyclists often slow by rolling off the throttle or downshifting, thus not activating the brake light, so allow more following distance, about 3 to 4 seconds.



4 Understand lane shifting.

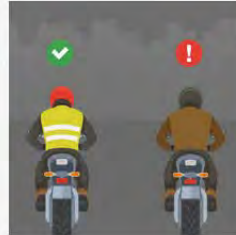
Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.



5 See the person.

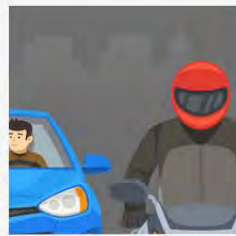
When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle, see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.

TOP FIVE TIPS TO RIDERS



1 Be visible.

Motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles, so wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, day and night, and avoid riding in blind spots of cars and trucks. If possible, flash your brake light when slowing down and before stopping.



2 But pretend you are invisible.

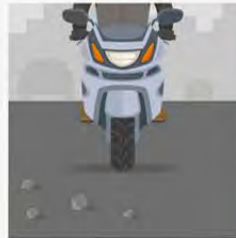
If you assume others on the road can't see you, and any car that can hit you will hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. Take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively.

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3 Gear up every ride.

Wear proper riding gear from head to toe. Full-face helmets provide the best protection, and jackets, pants, gloves, and boots that are made for riding will generally be made of abrasion-resistant material and provide additional comfort and protection around joints and other areas.



4 Use good street strategies.

Constantly search the road for changing conditions and use the Search-Evaluate-Execute strategy (SEE) to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.



5 Before you ride, check over your bike.

Make a habit of doing a pre-ride check, which includes looking over your tires and wheels, checking fluids, cables, your bike's chassis, lights and electronics, and the stands. Use the **T-CLOCS inspection checklist** to help you.



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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Mason Dixon PA "C"

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

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



Cumberland Valley Riders PAK

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

Meets on the 4th Sunday. Dolly's South, 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

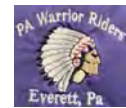
Meets the 2nd Saturday (except December). Comfort Inn & Suites, 2160 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast (\$8.00 per person), Gathering at 10:00 a.m.

www.endlessmountainsriders.org



Juniata Riders PAS

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



PA Warrior Riders

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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