

## Rooster Net



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The Roosters are coming, the Roosters are coming. Again it's time for our only official Rooster event of the year. Mark your calendar and make your plans to attend July 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> in the Valley Forge area. Many of you enjoyed the three hours at Shady Maple this year but the Rooster Weekend will give you three days to visit with all of your Rooster friends. Many new Roosters have crowded-in since the last picnic and we anticipate additional crowd-ins before July. Our numbers are growing and we would like to see all the new faces come out and enjoy making new friends, and sharing the fellowship of our Rooster group.

Hal, K3ATO has volunteered to be picnic chairman and he will be assisted by Ken, W3IPK. We will have our horseshoe tournament and bocce, as well as a few laughs with the annual Rooster chorus and the official Rooster photo. Don't forget, we want this to be a great success which means we will be looking for YOU at the Rooster Weekend gala affair.

The Holiday Inn Express (formerly MacIntosh Motel) in King of Prussia will be the hotel of choice; Jim K3CHJ has made the arrangements. You should call directly to make your reservations as soon as possible; the special group rate should be requested by identifying yourself as part of the Group No. RHR and Roosters - Ham Radio. Room rate per day is \$92.00 single or double. Reservations must be made by June 15 to qualify for the group rate. Rooms may not be available after that. The direct number to the hotel is 610-768-9500. Another hotel possibility in the King of Prussia area is Motel 6 (1-800-466-8356)

Our Thursday night host, Fred, W3PHL and hostess Bobbie, WB3EAO (HR#1) once again have graciously agreed to host the opening event at their home. It is scheduled for 8 P.M. on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> on top of Valley Forge Mountain. This is the time to meet and greet friends, make new acquaintances and renew old friendships. Fred and Bobbie supply the refreshments and we would like to say thanks for the hospitality by having a great attendance.

Our golf chairman Jim, K3CHJ, has chosen Jefferson Golf Club for the Annual Rooster Tournament. Friday begins with tee off time at 9:00 AM for all the "golfers". Pros and duffers alike come out and enjoy the great outdoors and have a few laughs. This year we will be having some competitive play, closest to the pin etc. on a few greens. Breakfast is available at the snack bar and even if you're not playing golf, come out to wish the golfers well prior to tee-off and have a cup of java. Golfers feel free to organize your foursomes or come out to the course to team up with other Roosters. (Greens fees will be \$39.00, which includes your cart. Fees **will not** be collected in advance, they will be payable at the course on the 7<sup>th</sup>.)

This year we have chosen the Galleria Room at Freedoms Foundation for our Friday evening dinner. The Galleria Room features an outstanding view of Valley Forge Park from over 80 feet of windows. This is a return to the Freedoms Foundation from many years ago when we had our picnic in the Medal of Honor Grove. Our Friday evening festivities are scheduled to begin at 6:00 with Happy Hour (bring your own bottle, setups provided) until 7: Dinner will be served at 7:00 **sharp**, please indicate your selection on the attached page with your name, call sign, guest's name and choice of entrée on the Reservation Sheet. All reservations for the banquet should be received no later than June 28th. We will only be able to accommodate a very few additional reservations on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Dress once again will be jacket and tie for the gentlemen and appropriate attire for our ladies.

All entrées are priced at \$27.00. *~Dinner Menu~*

- *Mix Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot Matchsticks tossed in Vinaigrette*

### **Entrée:**

*choice of*

- *New York Strip Steak with Red Wine Sauce*

- *Breast of Chicken with Madeira Wine & Wild Mushrooms*
- *Vegetarian Napoleon: Roasted Vegetables wrapped in Puff Pastry and served with Red pepper Sauce*

*Potatoes baked in Chicken Stock with Sweet Onion*

*Mixed Vegetables with Herb Butter*

*Rolls & Butter*

*Apple Crisp*

*Coffee and Decaffeinated Coffee*

The **ROOSTER PICNIC** will be at the Valley Forge Fire House Picnic Grounds. Any Rooster that would like to lend Myrtle and Glenn a hand in the set-up process should be there by 8:00 (donuts will be provided for the workers). We will also need volunteers for clean up after the picnic. The fun is scheduled to start at 9:00 and continues 'til 4 P.M. We will have hotdogs at 10:00 for those who need something to hold them over until the picnic lunch is served. Again, a swap table will be provided for any unwanted radio item that you want to bring along for "free shopping". In addition to the "swap shopping" table, we will have our prize table for ladies and children manned by Paul (N3CYO) and Carolyn; new 'prize' donations will be greatly appreciated. Please let us know on your reservation if you will be bringing a gift. Myrtle will have all her Rooster items (tee shirts, hats, DVD, and pins) available for purchase. And as mentioned previously, on the agenda is the annual "crow-in", the horse shoe tournament, the always fun Rooster Photo, and the 50/50 drawing. The Rooster of the Year will be announced and we will discuss upcoming events. This year's cost for the day of food and fun is **\$12.00** for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 years of age and under. Please indicate on the Reservation Sheet the number of reservations and also indicate the number of children and their names and ages (for an age appropriate gift). Reservations are a must to keep the cost down and to be sure everyone has a great time.

**Just a reminder from Fred, W3PHL, don't forget to bring your QSL Cards to the picnic for the photo board.**

We look forward to seeing all of you during at least part of the weekend. Your Board of Advisors has volunteered hours of labor to reduce the price of this year's picnic. Please send your reservations in on time to be eligible for the prizes and to be sure everyone has plenty to eat and drink.

Mike, WB3EQW  
Chief Rooster



## **DIRECTIONS**

### **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, KING OF PRUSSIA**

FROM THE PA TURNPIKE (I-76) - use exit #24 and take the Rt. 202 North, third exit about ½ mile from toll booth. Get into the left lane, 202 will split with the left lane turning left onto North Gulph Road. Proceed on N. Gulph through two lights. The entrance to the Holiday Inn Express is just past the King of Prussia Diner (now closed) and Ruth's Chris Steak House on the right.

FROM I-95 NORTH - Take I-95 N to I-476, which is just past Chester, PA. Take I-476 about 15 miles to I-76. Take I-76 West about 4 miles stay to the right when you're approaching King of Prussia. Once in the right chute get into the left lane, you will pass the exits for Rt. 202 North, then 202 South/422 West, once past the second exit stay to the right when the road splits (the left fork goes to the PA Turnpike the right fork goes to Exit 327 - Mall Blvd. The ramp goes directly to Mall Blvd make the right and go a couple hundred feet and make a right onto Pulaski Dr. (at the sign for The Children Hospital Specialty Care Center) to the entrance for the Holiday Inn Express.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT GATHERING** – at Fred (W3PHL) & Bobbie's (WB3EAO)

FROM THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, IN KING OF PRUSSIA –Turn right onto N. Gulph Rd. At the seventh light, N. Gulph Rd becomes Rt. 23 West. Continue on 23 West through Valley Forge Park, the Village of Valley Forge, and past the Freedom Foundation on the right. Turn left at the second traffic light onto Country Club Road & continue about 2 miles (through one light), at the top of hill, turn left onto Horseshoe Trail (if you start down the hill you went to far). The house is the first one up the hill on the left. Park in the street rather than the driveway.

### **Jefferson Golf Club**

#### From Holiday Inn Express

From motel, turn Right onto N. Gulph Rd. for about 1.8 miles. Turn Right at 7<sup>th</sup> traffic light onto Rt. 23. Turn Right onto loop ramp for Rt. 422 West (just past traffic light & over the bridge.) Take next exit off Rt. 422 (after crossing the river bridge.) Bear Right onto Rt. 363, Audubon/Trooper Exit. Stay on Rt.363 N. until the sixth traffic light, W. Main Street. Turn Right onto W. Main St. for about 2/10 mile to the Jefferson Golf Club driveway on your Right. The driveway is next to Marcini Car Lot and is NOT WELL MARKED.

#### From King of Prussia & Schuylkill Expressway

Exit Rt 202 South. Follow 202 for 1/4 mile, exit onto Rt. 422 bypass (West). Proceed 2.5 miles to Audubon/Trooper, Rt 363 exit. Go 3 miles, turn right at light on Main St, entrance is on the right. (not that visible)

#### From Pa. Turnpike

Exit #25 Norristown. Take Germantown Pike west for 6 miles. Turn left onto Burnside Ave, proceed 1.5 miles to Main St, turn right. Club entrance is on the left.

#### From 476 (Blue Route)

Exit at Norristown. Turn right on Chemical Rd, go west on Ridge Pk for 7 miles, club entrance is on the left. Ridge Pk becomes Main St after crossing Rt 202.

### **FREEDOM'S FOUNDATION, VALLEY FORGE**

FROM THE PA TURNPIKE (I-76), use tollbooth on the far right side, take the first off-ramp to N. Gulph Road, pass Park Ridge Hotel and continue straight ahead. At the sixth light N. Gulph Rd. will become Rt. 23 West.

Continue on Rt. 23 West through Valley Forge Park through one traffic light. The Valley Forge Post Office is on the right. Continue on Rt. 23 for ¼ mile. The entrance to Freedoms Foundation is on the right (Look for the huge American Flag). Drive through the gate, turn right at first road, go to the end and turn left, the banquet hall with the Galleria Room is on the right.

FROM THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS IN KING OF PRUSSIA, turn right onto North Gulph Rd. At the seventh light, N. Gulph Rd becomes Rt. 23 West. Continue on Rt. 23 West through Valley Forge Park through one traffic light. After passing the VF Post Office, continue on Rt. 23 for ¼ mile. The entrance to Freedoms Foundation is on the right (Look for the huge American Flag). Drive through the gate, turn right at first road, go to the end and turn left, the banquet hall with the Galleria Room is on the right.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 28, 2006**

**RESERVATION SHEET**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Call Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Picnic Reservations @ \$ 12.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Children Picnic Reservations @ \$ 3.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **I will bring a gift (Thank you)**

**Banquet: All Dinners \$27.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Chicken Madeira** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Sirloin Steak in Red Wine Sauce** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Vegetarian Pastry Wrap** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks are to be made payable to "The Rooster Net" and submitted with this reservation sheet to me at the following address: (Please put your call on the check.)

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