

This year our Rooster Weekend will be starting on Thursday July 10th through Saturday July 12th. This is our only official Rooster event of the year. On Sunday there is a hamfest in the Phoenixville area. The MARC Hamfest details are here: <http://www.marc-radio.org/hamfest.htm> Mark your calendar and make your plans to attend. The Rooster Celebration 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 and Ken, W3IPK have volunteered to be picnic co-chairmen. Keith and Maria Elena will again have horseshoes, bocce, softball, fishing, and other games for young and old alike. Last year we had eleven young people enjoy the special activities plus many who were young at heart. In addition, we will have a huge 50-50, our tribute to our recent Rooster Silent Keys, the annual Rooster chorus, the official Rooster photo, a ham equipment free exchange table, and of course a great picnic meal. Don't forget, we want this to be a great success which means we will be looking for YOU at the Rooster Weekend.

Our Thursday night, host and hostess, Walt, WA3PPW, and Donna have graciously agreed to host the opening welcome event at their home. It is scheduled for 7 P.M. on Thursday, July 10th. This is the time to meet and greet friends, make new acquaintances and renew old friendships. Walt and Donna 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 Spring Hollow Golf Club for the Annual Rooster Tournament. Tee times on Friday begin at 9:00 AM. Don't be bashful if you are not at the top of your game, you will be in the majority. In addition to crowning our Rooster Champion, we will also have closest to the pin, longest drive and awards yet to be determined. 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. Golfers feel free to organize your foursomes or come out to the course to team up. Guests are welcome. Greens fees, including ½ cart, will be \$30.00 (seniors). Fees will not be collected in advance, they will be payable at the course on the 11th. The phone at the course is 610-948-5566.

This year we have chosen Harpoon Louie's for our Friday evening Get Together. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. The cost this year will be \$24.50 per person, which includes gratuity and tax.. The five entrée choices are on the reservation form. The meal includes potato, salad, vegetable of the day and ice tea, lemonade, or coffee. Ice Cream or Sherbet is included in the price. There will be a pay-as-you-go bar. Dress is casual.

The ROOSTER PICNIC will be at the Saint Michael's Picnic Grounds on Jacobs Street in Mont Clare, PA. The fun is scheduled to start at 8:00 AM and continues 'till after 4 PM. We will have hotdogs at 10:00 AM 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".

One simple rule, it should be labeled when you arrive and removed by YOU if it is still there when you are ready to leave. 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. We will discuss upcoming events. We will need volunteers for clean up after the picnic. This year’s cost for the day of food and fun is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 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. Reservations are a must to keep the cost down and to be sure everyone has a great time.

We look forward to seeing all of you during at least part of the weekend. Your fellow Roosters have volunteered hours of labor to help control the price of this year’s picnic. Please send your reservations in on time to be sure everyone has plenty to eat and drink.

Mike, WB3EQW
Chief Rooster

For those of you visiting the area, Jim, K3CHJ has compiled this list of motels in the area.

POTTSTOWN AND PHOENIXVILLE AREA MOTELS

BEST WESTERN - US Route 422 at Armand Hammer Boulevard Exit – Pottstown
1600 Industrial Highway, Pottstown, PA 19464
Motel 610-327-3300 for reservations free call 1-800-780-7234 Approx. \$90

QUALITY INN - Vicinity of PA Route 100 and King Street - Pottstown
61 West King Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
Motel 610-326-6700 for reservations free call 1-877-424-6423 Approx. \$110

COMFORT INN - PA Route 100 and Shoemaker Road – Pottstown
PA Route 100 and Shoemaker Road, Pottstown, PA 19464 Pet Friendly
Motel 610-326-5000 for reservations free call 1-877-424-6423 Approx. \$115

DAYS INN - High and Manatawney Streets in downtown Pottstown
High and Manatawney Streets, Pottstown, PA 19464
Motel 610-970-1101 for reservations free call 1-800-329-7466 Approx. \$70

MOTEL 6 - Vicinity of PA Route 100 and Shoemaker Road – behind Comfort Inn
78 Robinson Street, Pottstown, PA 19464
Motel 610-327-3300 for reservations free call 1-800-466-8356 Approx. \$75

FRENCH CREEK INN Intersection of PA Route and PA route 724 – Phoenixville
2 Ridge Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 No Alcohol
Motel 610-327-3300 for reservations free call 1-800-870-5040 Approx. \$70

DIRECTIONS

BEST WESTERN, POTTSTOWN

Exit 24 PA Turnpike to US 202 South to US 422 West to Armand Hammer Boulevard Exit. Left at the end of the ramp and an immediate left to the motel.

Phone is 610-327-3300.

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 Walt (WA3PPW) & Donna's.

The Thursday evening gathering at Walt (WA3PPW) and Donna's home in King of Prussia is scheduled from 7:00 PM till 10:00 PM.

FROM THE BEST WESTERN IN POTTSTOWN – take US 422 EAST and exit at the Rt. 23/VF National Park exit (about 20 miles). Turn left at the end of the ramp (this is Rt. 23 East). Go east on 23 to the second light(Geerdes Blvd) turn left, about one block, turn right at the first light, you are still on 23 (now Valley Forge Rd.), go two lights, Henderson Road, and make a left onto Henderson Road, go down the hill about 3 blocks and there will be a large Rooster on the right, go one block and turn left onto Robin Road, go to the dead-end, one short block, and turn right onto Hidden Valley Road we are the fifth house on the right, 677 Hidden Valley Road. The phone number is 610-337-2198

FROM THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS IN KING OF PRUSSIA - turn right onto N. Gulph Rd. At the seventh light turn right onto Rt. 23 East, go east on 23 to the third light. Stay on 23, turn left to next light, about one block, turn right at the light, you are still on 23, go two lights, Henderson Road, and make a left onto Henderson Road, go down the hill about 3 blocks and there will be a large Rooster on the right, go one block and turn left onto Robin, go to the dead-end, one short block, and turn right onto Hidden Valley Road we are the fifth house on the right, 677 Hidden Valley Road. The phone number is 610-337-2198.

SPRING HOLLOW GOLF CLUB

>From Pottstown Best Western

At the end of motel driveway, turn Right onto Yost Rd. (not marked). Make next Right onto US 422 Ramp and stay Right for US 422 West. Take the next exit, PA 724, Phoenixville, it comes up immediately. Turn Left at end of ramp onto Rt. 724 East. Proceed on Rt. 724 for 4.2 miles. The course entrance is on the Right and is somewhat hidden. If you get to the Wawa & traffic light, you have gone too far.

>From King of Prussia & Schuylkill Expressway

Exit Rt. 202 South. Follow 202 for 1/4 mile, exit onto US 422 (West). Proceed about 20 miles to the PA 724, Phoenixville Exit (milepost 173.3). Turn Left at end of ramp onto Rt. 724 East. Proceed on Rt. 724 for 4.2 miles. The course entrance is on the Right and is somewhat hidden. If you get to the Wawa & traffic light, you have gone too far.

>From Pa. Turnpike

Exit the Turnpike at Valley Forge Exit #24, onto US 202 South. Take the US 422 West ramp. Proceed about 20 miles to the PA 724, Phoenixville Exit (milepost 173.3). Turn Left at end of ramp onto Rt. 724 East. Proceed on Rt. 724 for 4.2 miles. The course entrance is on the Right and is somewhat hidden. If you get to the Wawa & traffic light, you have gone too far.

>From the West

Get on US 422 East. Exit US 422 at the PA 724, Phoenixville Exit (milepost 173.3). Turn Left at end of ramp onto Rt. 724 East. Proceed on Rt. 724 for 4.2 miles. The course entrance is on the Right and is somewhat hidden. If you get to the Wawa & traffic light, you have gone too far.

HARPOON LOUIE'S

639 Schuylkill Road
Route 724
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Phone 610-933-1655
Lat: N 40 9' 5.5"
Long. W 75 33' 2.8"

<http://www.harpoonlouiesrestaurant.com/default.htm>

FROM THE PA TURNPIKE – Exit 326, turn right at Gulph Rd. exit immediately after toll booth. This becomes Rt. 23 West. When you get to Phoenixville in about 2 mi., stay on Rt. 23 until you reach Rt. 724. . At the fork, bear right onto Rt. 724 west. (Rt. 23 goes left). Harpoon Louie's entrance on the right side of the road about 1/2 mile from turn.

FROM THE WEST – Follow directions to Spring Hollow Golf Course. Harpoon Louie's is on the left about 3 miles past the golf course.

ROOSTER PICNIC

Saturday's picnic will be held in St. Michael's Park, Jacob St., Mont Clare, PA. This is on the Schuylkill Canal and is a beautiful setting.

For you GPS types, the coordinates are 40° 08' 27.9" N and 75° 30' 30.7" W. For the rest of us, here are the directions (sent by Jim K3JJC):

>From Montgomery County:

Heading east on PA Route 422 Bypass:

Take 422 East to the Phoenixville/Collegeville exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp go to the right, which will put you on Route 29 South. Follow Route 29 South for approximately 3 miles to Mont Clare and the traffic light at Produce Junction. Turn right at this light (Jacob Street) follow to the end at the park (about a quarter mile).

Heading south on PA Route 29 from the Collegeville area:

Follow Route 29 South to Mont Clare and the traffic light at Produce Junction. Turn right at this light (Jacob Street) follow to the end at the park (about a quarter mile).

Heading west on PA Route 422 Bypass:

Take 422 West to the Collegeville/Phoenixville exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp make a left on to PA Route 29 South. Follow Route 29 South for approximately 3 miles to Mont Clare and the traffic light at Produce Junction. Turn right at this light (Jacob Street) follow to the end at the park (about a quarter mile).

OR: Take PA Route 422 West to the Oaks exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp make a left on to Egypt Road heading west. Proceed on Egypt Road through the village of Oaks into Mont Clare. Make a left turn at the blinking light on to Route 29 South. Proceed about 1/2 mile to Jacob Street and turn right to follow it a short distance into St Michaels Park.... (Hey, Hey....You've arrived!)

>From Chester County:

Heading north on PA Route 29

Pick-up PA Route 29 North as you travel through Phoenixville. Cross the Schuylkill River on the bridge leading from Phoenixville to Mont Clare. Turn left at the first light in Mont Clare after you come off of the bridge.

>From Valley Forge, King of Prussia, and the east.

Take PA Route 23 west from Valley Forge into Phoenixville. Turn right at second traffic light (Starr St. - Getty gas station on corner). Follow this about 8 blocks to the second traffic light (at a Tee intersection - Bridge St.). Turn right and cross the bridge into Mont Clare. After coming off of the bridge, turn left at the first traffic light (Jacob Street), follow to the park at the end (about a quarter mile).

TALK-IN AVAILABLE ON 147.21 WITH PL 131.8

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATIONS BY JULY 1, 2008

RESERVATION SHEET

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Guests Names: _____

_____ Number of Picnic Reservations @ \$ 15.00 \$ _____

_____ Number of Children Picnic Reservations @ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

Banquet: All Dinners \$24.50

_____ Number of Grilled Herb Chicken \$ _____

_____ Number of Lemon Pepper Cod \$ _____

_____ Number of Ground Sirloin w/Gravy \$ _____

_____ Number of Crabcake Starbuck \$ _____

_____ Number of Grilled Ham Steak \$ _____

_____ Number playing Golf @ \$30.00 Please pay at the course on July 11th.

Donation to the Rooster Net. This year we have no dues and would appreciate your donation to help offset some of our organization's expenses.

\$ _____

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.)

DUE by JULY 1ST!

MIKE ERRIGO, WB3EQW
123 Wells Street
Clearfield, PA 16830-1962