

2020



# RAUSCH CREEK TRAILRIDERS

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## Riding Restrictions

No riding before 9am,  
Mondays-Saturdays until January 20th  
We hope all the hunters had a great season.



## Let's Review 2019!

It's officially 2020—thought you might want some reading material to pass the time and remind you of things you may have forgotten about.

The holidays are a busy season, so just in case you missed any of our newsletters here is our "year in review" list, just one more time. Thanks for hanging with us and cheers to an amazing 2020.

### JANUARY

- 2019 Event Schedule are announced.
- New Septic service done by Priority Portable Toilets & Services, LLC. Happy Anniversary PPTS!
- The government shutdown. The shutdown lasted 35 days, making it the longest government shutdown in US history. It began in late December after the White House and Congress were at an impasse over money for a border wall.
- New England quarterback Tom Brady celebrates after the Patriots defeated the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC Championship on January 20. The Patriots went on to win the Super Bowl for the sixth time.
- Lilac helmet stickers are released and started to appear in early December already.
- New campsite markers started to appear throughout the campground.

### FEBRUARY

- It got cold!! Icy condition shut down Trail 3
- Timbering along the Township Road caused a lot of upset. Drainage ditches were hazardous...no one was happy including staff.
- FINALLY, some good news, the groundhog predicted an early SPRING.
- Mark Ronson, Lady Gaga and Anthony Rossomando react win the Academy Award for best original song. They won for the song "Shallow," which Gaga performed with Bradley Cooper in the film "A Star Is Born."
- Sweetheart Day in the office offered FREE cocoa and treats in honor of Valentine's Day.

-Postcard remind of the March 5th campsite "grace period" was sent.

### MARCH

- Spring Ahead the clocks changed and spring sure did arrive with the temperature.
- Three Boeing 737 MAX airplanes are parked on the tarmac at the Boeing Factory in Renton, Washington. Many countries, including the United States, grounded the 737 MAXs following two fatal crashes in a little more than five months
- Mid March brought enough warmth to fix the descent off Trail3. With a little bit of water diversion and regrading everyone was happy.
- The St Patty's Day Ride went off without a hitch...green wearing riders got a chance to win some apparel by picking the lucky gold coin.
- 2019 Spring Hunting Season dates announced.
- The office was closed for the Easter holiday.

### APRIL

- It's Spring, It's Spring!!
- RC was happy to announce the Kiddie Track was back!! And after seeing all the kids enjoying it this season, I'd say it's a hit. Remember, the kiddie track is just that; for kids. Please keep it nice for the kids. Adults are prohibited.
- Smoke and flames rise from the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. A catastrophic fire engulfed the 850-year-old structure, destroying its iconic spire and roof.
- Two trash bag limited has always been our limit but was announced again as some members were making quite the mess of our dumpster area.
- Anxious members wanting to ride shake off the cabin fever started to arrive but seemed to have forgotten themselves and the rules...a bulletin was posted to remind our friends of all the rules.
- Scientists perform a necropsy on a beached gray whale in Tiburon, California. Over a monthlong span, seven whales had washed up on the shores of San Francisco Bay and along the coast. It was determined that four died from malnutrition and three were struck by ships.
- Trails close down for the annual Spring Cleanup.

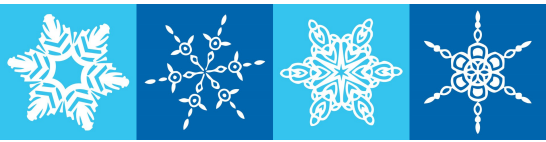
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NON-RIDING ALL  
GUESTS MUST BE  
SIGNED IN UPON  
ARRIVAL! THE GUEST  
WAIVER IS ON THE  
OUTSIDE OFFICE  
WALL 24/7.**

### WEATHER FORECAST

**Fri Rain**  
44° F | 43° F  
**Sat Cloudy**  
52° F | 31° F  
**Sun Partly Cloudy**  
37° F | 30° F

*Need the Lockbox  
Combo for the gates?*

*Log on to the  
forum for the latest combo.*



70 members show up to help clean the road-

ways leading to RCTR.

- The pumphouse finally reopened at the beginning of the month.
- The operations team were hard at work throughout early Spring remarking trails for a better ride experience.
- Septic service sends a notification not to put wipes, diapers, or any other debris in portapotties.

## **MAY**

- A ride was had in honor of a man who volunteered his time and effort to make many of the marked trails you ride on today. He and his trusted sidekick, Xena, led hundreds of guided rides at RCTR. His name was Sarge; you can see his plaque on Sarge's Pass just off of Trail 1.
- Happy Mothers was wished to all the mommas at RC.
- The Cracker Jacks, a licensed pyrotechnic club, is hosting their annual "shoot" at the local Valley View Park and they have always been gracious enough to invite us to watch. Their stuff is professional-grade and worth the 2 minute drive!
- Camp trees are precious...do not cut anything down without office permission.
- Gap Street bridge REOPENS. No more reroute driving into Valley View
- Memorial Day Weekend was sooooo busy. The Poker Run was insane and we were blessed with 285 riders who participated in this ever so popular event. \$109 was donated to the local Hugins Food Bank. The glow in the dark movie night was also a hit with the kids. It was a very peaceful weekend with only a few reported injuries and no ambulance calls.

## **JUNE**

- Police stand in a cloud of tear gas as protesters disperse after a demonstration turned violent in the Frayser community of Memphis, Tennessee. According to police, at least 36 officers and deputies were injured in the scuffle. The turmoil stemmed from outrage after US marshals shot and killed 20-year-old Brandon Webber after he allegedly tried to use his vehicle as a weapon when officers attempted to arrest him.
- Brazil hosts the World Cup. Millions of soccer fans the world over are glued to their TV's. Germany is the winner.
- The annual Treasure Hunt was a big hit again this year...with a nice amount of 125 members participating...woo hoo! Approximately, 20 members found all the landmarks plus the bonus and were lucky enough to get their names put in the FREE membership drawing. We had some very creative "riding" pirates dress up and join us as well. And the WINNER of the FREE 2020 RCTR membership was Member #471~ Joey Miller...a cute shy little boy who dressed up as a pirate! But he wasn't the only one to walk away with a prize because we had plenty of treasures to choose from, generously donated by local "X-Marks the Spot" businesses. And we want to make sure you guys don't forget to THANK them, please be sure to stop in at some of the local hot spots.
- US President Donald Trump officially launches his reelection campaign with a rally in Orlando. His speech made clear that he plans to run on the same formula that narrowly delivered him the presidency in 2016.
- Then & Now pictures were taken and posted of what some of our trails looked like in the 1800s vs 2019.
- A reminder to all members of how important it is to be respectful of thy neighbor and how vital it is to contact our 24 hr "security" if a

problem arises.

-During the first Democratic presidential debate, US Sen. Kamala Harris confronts former Vice President Joe Biden, left, on comments he made about working with segregationists in the 1970s. She raised the issue while talking about race and recalling her own childhood. At center is US Sen. Bernie Sanders.

## **JULY**

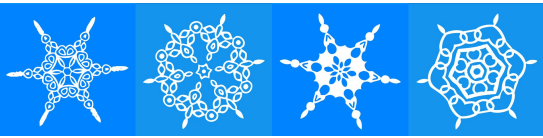
- Member Appreciation Luncheon was enjoyed by many.
- 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969; the landing on the moon.
- Comedian Jon Stewart, who was in Washington to advocate for an extension of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, has been sharply critical of McConnell in the past. Later in the day, the Senate passed the extension, which would permanently compensate individuals who were injured during the 2001 terrorist attacks or the cleanup and rescue efforts.
- The high heat index cause plans for the Christmas in July and Kids Scavenger Hunt to be rescheduled.
- Volunteers were requested for the upcoming event Rally in Bear Valley...volunteers are always needed so sign up in 2020 please.
- Schuylkill County Fair happened.

## **AUGUST**

- The Bonfire got the campground into a squeaky clean mode again. Every year we make sure to say thank you by raffling off prizes and 50/50 tickets. In only a few hours, members were able to raise our biggest donation of \$648! Hugins Valley Fire Rescue said the donation will help them to purchase much needed supplies.
- The rescheduled Christmas in July Trail 7 ride was finally had—everyone enjoyed their presents and the long ride through Trail 7.
- The Amazon rainforest burned at a crazy rate this past year. Every year, farmers in the Amazon clear out areas so their cattle can graze. But this year's fires were way up over last year, and that has raised concern about what it means for the health of the planet.
- The bear was back in town. Every year we have bears roaming the campground...maybe the same guys or gals every year, we're really not sure. They were very active this year because of our high influx of members leaving trash out or in there structures. Bears are naturally nosy and looking for food in our dumpsters and members campsites. So please do not leave trash outside your campsite.
- 2019 RCTR tshirts arrived and were put on sale.
- The holiday had everyone so excited for riding that there was a crazy amount of speeding in the campground...what the hay?!
- Many wildfires are reported burning across California, residents lost homes and businesses.

## **SEPTEMBER**

- The Mud Ride was a great time of splashing and playing with a little over 50 members.
- Fall Hunting Riding Restrictions announced...additional days were put in place as hunting across the state has changed.
- Office Hours change back to being open until 5pm. Kids go back to school
- Homes in Abaco, Bahamas, were destroyed by Hurricane Dorian. The storm battered the Bahamas, obliterating houses and knocking out power. Dozens of people were killed, and tens of thousands were left homeless. When it made landfall, Dorian was a Category 5 hurricane with winds of 185 mph. That made it the strongest storm on record to hit the islands.
- After years and years and years and years of ice being only \$2.25 a bag...we had a bit of climate change and raised the price to \$3.00.
- Skywatchers rejoice! A rare "Harvest" Moon appeared across the



United States around mid September.

### OCTOBER

- Hunting Riding Restrictions begin.
- American Simone Biles competes on the floor exercise at the World Gymnastics Championships. Biles won yet another gold in the individual all-around. It was her 25th career medal at the World Championships. During this year's competition, Biles also nailed two moves that will be named after her.
- As always, RORR~Dual Sport event rolls through RCTR; using parts of RCTR trails and giving our Dual Sport members the opportunity to join in the fun as well as picking up a few new members along the way.
- 2020 Rates were released.
- Trick-or-Treat—It was a beautiful fall day filled with lots of Halloween festivities. The little ghouls enjoyed our fun Hansel and Gretel themed scavenger hunt with extra treats along the marshmallow “crumb” path. Our hayride was packed to the gills as they trick or treated through the campground. The kiddies walked away with a TON of candy.
- The Site Decorating Contest judging was a little different this year, giving the members a chance to vote on their favorite campsite, I hope you all enjoyed being involved. The winners were announce Sunday morning. 1st Place winner 11 Brads Way who made a spooky graveyard filled with creatures, spooky lights and a crazy fun walk through that the kids had a great time participating in, 2nd Place winner 21 Valley View who had a creepy display and was awesome to see at night and for 3rd Place winner a tie!! between 45 No Fear and 35 Otto both with all around creepy decor...great job everyone!
- Guest Rider Rates change for 1/2 day riding due to hunting \$45.. Rate change was only in effect on Saturday October 19th, December 14th, & 26th, 2019.
- STAY OFF THE PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY, it is still not cleared to ride. Signage were placed to prompt riders to avoid this area.
- The Washington Nationals celebrate after winning the World Series on October 30. The Nationals defeated the Houston Astros 6-2 to win Game 7 and their first title in franchise history.

### NOVEMBER

- Fall Foliage ride marks the last Trail 7 ride—we had about 30 riders.
- The final event of the year brought quite a few members to the Turkey Feast and feast we did. The race between the bikes and quad ended with the bikes winning this year. The final count raised was announced for the Hegins Food Closet.

- The pump house closed for the winter.
- Fall Back cold temps are coming, time to winterize and turn back those clocks!
- The Trail 3 refuse coal piles start to be actively mined, this area is closed immediately. Signage is littered all over the route, there is no excuse to mistake the new route.
- New zip ups and long sleeves arrive just in time for Chrtismas.
- Members are not following signage...fines are now being given to any one not following important signage pertaining to coal refuse piles.

### DECEMBER

- Tourists watch the eruption of a volcano on New Zealand's White Island. There were 47 people on the island when the eruption occurred. At least 16 were killed.
- “Grace Period” is posted...members have until the end of February to get their campsite fees in order.
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi bangs the gavel after the House voted to impeach US President Donald Trump. The House voted almost entirely along party lines to charge Trump with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.
- Don't get me started on the new helmet stickers for this year...it's been a process and will be here the beginning of January.

***After all the tragedies this year, we may find ourselves waist deep in despair, but there's always someone who comes with a helping hand or some silly new show to cheer us up. I hope that next year will bring us more peace and understanding. What a year of things to remember.***

***LOOK OUT 2020 WE'RE HERE***  
***AND READY FOR WHATEVER***  
***YOU THROW AT US!!***

## New Years Resolutions: What's Yours?

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| 1. Work out to feel good, not be thinner.     | 10. Volunteer                            |
| 2. Stop gossiping                             | 11. Travel on a small budget             |
| 3. Give one compliment a day                  | 12. Drink more water                     |
| 4. Go a whole day without checking your email | 13. Put some of your paycheck in savings |
| 5. Do random acts of kindness                 | 14. Talk to yourself with kindness       |
| 6. Read a book a month                        | 15. Don't buy things you don't need      |
| 7. Go someplace you've never been             | 16. Keep a journal                       |
| 8. Clear out the clutter                      | 17. Clean out your car                   |
| 9. Turn off your phone one night a week       | 18. Put bills on autopay                 |
|   | 19. Take the stairs                      |
|   | 20. Bring a plant into your home         |

## LOCAL TO DOS

**Pine Grove Movie Theatre**  
**Playing**  
Movies every weekend!

## 2020 Event Schedule

**\*EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK**

