

Ah-MAY-Zing!

Weather Forecast

- Fri Windy**
62° F | 37° F
- Sat Mostly Sunny**
63° F | 49° F
- Sun Partly Cloudy**
78° F | 55° F

What makes May so merry? It's an ah-MAY-zing month, that's what! May is so fresh and warm beckoning Summer blue skies and bright sunshiny days. And how are you going to fill those sunny days? By joining us at our events of course, silly. Check out our these upcoming event.

Sunday, May 15th Sarge's Memorial Ride—Meet at the pavilion 10am SHARP Peter Lee passed away October 17th, 2015, from a sudden heart attack while doing what he loved best— participating in a reenactment of the Hurtgen Forest battle not too far from RCTR. He was an active member, one of our guides for the group rides and a strong supporter of Rausch Creek Trailriders. To everyone here he was known as Sarge. In honor of all he has done for the Trailriders facility, we are hosting a memorial ride on one of his favorite trails that has come to be known as Sarge's Pass.

May 29th Memorial Day Poker Run—This members only Poker Run is not your ordinary Poker Run...it's off-road at finest on an pre-marked trail. Pick a card at each designated landmark and return to the pavilion. Best hand wins a FREE membership! We'll be the judge.

Have an Ah-MAY-Zing month everyone!

Need the Lockbox combination for the gates?

- Call the RCTR office at 570-682-1075.

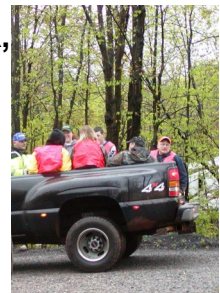
SQUEAKY CLEAN

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WITH RAINY WEATHER, ONLY ABOUT 80 DIEHARDS CAME OUT FOR THE CLEANUP... 125 LESS THAN 2009 😞



THE REWARD WAS WAITING BACK AT CAMP FOR ALL



WITHIN A COUPLE OF HOURS THE ROADS WERE CLEANED & THE TRASH PILE WAS WAITING TO BE TAKEN AWAY...

THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO SHOWED UP AND GAVE US THEIR TIME....



WHO PARTICIPATED.... YUMMY

ROASTED PIG AND ALL THE FIXIN'S. OH, WHAT A TREAT!

THANKS AGAIN!!



TIP OF THE DAY

Baking Soda?

Eliminate the gaseous side effects of baked beans by adding a dash of baking soda while cooking.

Keep cauliflower white and its odor under control when boiling or steaming by adding 1 tsp of baking soda to cooking water.

Add a pinch of baking soda to the water when boiling cabbage to tenderize and avoid overcooking.

A pinch of baking soda thrown into potatoes while mashing will make them fluffier.

Test the freshness of baking soda by pouring a small amount of white vinegar or lemon juice over 1/2 tsp of baking soda. If it doesn't actively bubble, it's too old to use.



LOCAL TO DO'S

♥Hungry?? Joliett Fire Company is serving food from 6-8pm every Friday.

♥Crossroads Market & Auction Open Fridays 10am -8pm

♥Kenny Stehr & Sons Farm — Produce List on Facebook — Order & Pick Up Fridays and Saturdays

2021 SCHEDULE

***MAY 15 SARGE'S MEMORIAL RIDE**

***MAY 29 POKER RUN**

***JUNE 19 TREASURE HUNT**

***JULY 3 MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY**

***JULY 17 KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT**

***JULY 17 CHRISTMAS IN JULY RIDE**

***AUGUST 7 BONFIRE**

***AUGUST 21 RALLY IN BEAR VALLEY**

***SEPTEMBER 4 MUD RIDE**

***OCTOBER 10 DUAL SPORT EVENT**

***OCTOBER 23 TRICK-OR-TREAT**

***NOVEMBER 20 TURKEY FEAST & FINAL FOOD BANK COUNT**

Indian History in Schuylkill County



The mythical and legendary "Red Hole" instilled fear in the minds and psyches of inhabitants of what is now known as Southern Schuylkill County and Northern Berks County beginning in the 1750's

during the French and Indian War and well into the mid 19th century. Today, this area is called Indian Run—found near the Gordan-Nagle Trail. The narrow valley extends south westward thru the Echo Valley, approximately 4 miles north of Pine Grove.

So, what was the "Red Hole"? Where was it? And what was it that made it the subject of myth and legend?

The "Red Hole" is a narrow valley between the Second and Sharp Mountains thru which a portion of an Indian Trail advanced. During the French and Indian War marauding Indians would emerge from the "Red Hole," kill frontier settlers and burn

their barns, fields and homes. They would do this because the settlers were encroaching up Indian Territory.

By treaty, settlers were not to advance beyond the Blue Mountain. The treaty was made between the Indians and the King of England. However, recent immigrants to the colony found that the best farmland in Southeast Pennsylvania has already been settled. So they began advancing North and West into the Appalachian Plateau, alarming the Lenape and Shawnee. After their attacks, the Indians would fade into the "Red Hole". There were no Indian villages in the "Red Hole"; rather, it was a means of escape for the Indians. Captain Jacob Morgan, who was a commander of militia at Fort Lebanon, was tasked with the responsibility of finding and killing the marauding Indians, but he was unable to do so until some of his men ultimately discovered a spear, do so until some of his men ultimately discovered a spear, 30 pieces of wampum and a coat, among other paraphernalia near present

day Indian Run Reservoir in the narrow valley.

One must remember that in the mid 1700's it was not easy to find a narrow valley among the dense forest and hills of east central Pennsylvania.

After finding evidence of the Indian presence, Captain Morgan's militia set up an ambush for the Indians. But the Indians were too clever for the militia and managed to escape. The Indians were responsible for over 250 deaths in the southern Schuylkill/northern Berks area. Recent research suggests that the total number of Indians responsible for the raids totaled no more than twenty braves. Thus, the small number of braves could melt into the primeval forest of the "Red Hole".

The "Red Hole" to this day, has no towns or villages in the valley. Hiking it can give a person the sense of what the wilderness was like at the time of the French and Indian War.