

# 2022 CHAPTER CLOSES

## Weather FORECAST

**Fri Morning Rain 47° F | 25° F**

**Sat Clouds & Sunshine 34° F | 21° F**

**Sun Sunny 40° F | 24° F**



# RAUSCH CREEK TRAILRIDERS



Hunting Schedule - Riding Restrictions

**NO riding until 9am**

From now until January 18th, 2023



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Following years of uncertainty — and a global pandemic that has proven to be one of the most challenging events in history — we forged on, prepared to tackle what lay ahead. And as we continued to extract the possible from the impossible and move forward. 2022 is finally over. But before we move on to 2023, it's time to don surgical gloves, reach deep down inside the big bag that was 2022 at Rausch Creek Trailriders and around the world, and see what we pull out, starting with ...

## JANUARY

- ... the year begins with the world entering the third of the pandemic. The American public is seriously divided: Everybody who is wearing a mask hates everybody who is not wearing a mask, and vice versa. Both sides are 100 percent supported by The Science.
- The 2022 event & special group ride schedule was announced in preparation for the warm weather to come.
- Orange was picked for the new helmet color of the 2022 season.

- The James Webb Space Telescope entered orbit. The telescope has since yielded a series of stunning images of deep space.
- The end of February was the deadline to pay all campsite fees in full and when the available campsite list would be released.
- Camping is a very popular thing at RCTR these days...campsites are hard to come by.
- Orange camp stickers start

appearing throughout the campground.

## FEBRUARY

- Trouble in Canada-The news up there said that the capital city, Ottawa is besieged by a massive protest convoy trucks, clogging the streets, blocking traffic and making it impossible to get anywhere. The "freedom convoy" was in response to COVID 19 rules; a vaccine mandate requiring truckers entering Canada to be fully vaccinated or face testing and quarantine requirements.
- Selling a structure on your campsite? It couldn't be more easy then listing your listing price in our database and then it will print on the available campsite list as for sale.
- The Russian army invades Ukraine. Many soldiers lost their lives over the course of this ten month conflict.
- Sweetheart Day brought love birds and just friends at RCTR for the crisp weather and a nice wintery ride that included some warm coffee and hot chocolate compliments of the office. Many came to fill their thermos for the cold ride.
- Beijing hosts the Winter Olympics
- If you were hoping to be done with winter, Punxsutawney Phil had bad news to share -- 6 more weeks of winter was in store.

## MARCH

- Campsites that were not renewed became available at the end of February...but not just yet was the available list released. The office asked for at least a week to get all our ducks in a row. Helping the list of available campsites be more accurate.
- Will Smith slaps Chris Rock during the Oscars and

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

### *Need the Lockbox Combo for the gates?*

Please call the office. Honda, parts Polaris, & parts Valley View are the only roads permitted to use this option.



is arrested for assault...I lie...that's not what happened but that is what would happen to a noncelebrity like yourself. Will Smith, on the other hand, sits back down and shortly thereafter receives an Oscar and a standing ovation.

-Regularly scheduled group rides began again.

-In economic news, inflation continues to worsen. In other legislative action, the Senate passes a bill that would make daylight savings time permanent. The House failed to hold a vote and this bill has since floated into never never land...shouldn't Congress be worried about more important things!

-St Patrick's Day ride to O'Neal's 4th St Pub ride was loved by all. Unfortunately, the local Tower City neighbors did not enjoy our loud engines and called the police to complain. A complaint that has now grounded riders to parking at the foot of the mountain and walking to the pub BUT that's OK it's not a far walk.

-So Daylight Savings time change did happen anyway...more daylight and riding time!

## APRIL

-The office closes for the Easter holiday.

-Spring finally arrived at RC with slightly milder temps.

-Elon Musk to join Twitter's board of directors for an offer of \$44 billion...did he commit to buying Twitter?...I still don't care?

-RCTR pump house water resource reopens for the season.

-In other pandemic news, a federal judge rules that the Center of Disease Control and Prevention cannot require people to wear masks on airplanes and other public transportation.

-The Easter Bunny came to RC early and left a big groomed "egg" on trail 3; the kiddie track.

-Spring Cleanup gets tons of trash off the local roads leading to RCTR. Everyone sure did enjoy the complimentary Pig Roast for helping out. We truly do want to give a big thank you to all the members who showed up and volunteered their time.

-Easter group ride was a success with 15 riders in total.

-Still no good news on the economic front as inflation continues to strain the economy.

-A mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo, NY in a racist attack left innocent lives lost.

-In leadership news, the FL governor revokes Disney's longtime special tax agreement that gave Disney lead in their own governing. Walt Disney Co. expressed an opinion about FL governor "Don't Say Gay" bill and out they went.

## MAY

-Watch out for new traffic patterns on RC Trail 6 & 9 as mining activity and rock excavating continues. New



directional signs were planted to help guide all the members.

-Parents scramble desperately to find baby formula amid a shortage that left our store shelves bare.

-Americans learn that there is a new medical danger: "monkey pox." Was it even a danger?

-Due to the RC holiday weekend, the office extending quiet hours an extra hour to 11pm-7am for Memorial Day weekend only. ☺

Do you need propane set up? • How about stone for your campsite or sitework? • Or maybe a shed is being delivered?

These items are only permitted to be delivered during the week when there's less activity in the campground. If you place an order with a supplier, please let the office know in advance. ☺  
Reminding members that we do not allow metal, Rubbermaid or even tarp sheds in the campground. Sheds of this type are not safe and become trash at the end of their time. Trash that Trailriders usually has to take care of and does not want in the campground. If these "sheds" appear, you will be asked to take them down. Always contact the office if you plan to bring a structure in or do site work. It's no fun to start a project and get halted in the middle of it because you didn't take the time to ask if it's permitted.

-The nation was again shocked by a mass shooting in a TX elementary school leaving so many families with broken hearts.

-Summer Trailriders store hours began Memorial Day weekend—open till 5pm.

-The Poker Run event left one lucky member with a FREE membership

-On the inflation front, food and gasoline prices soar to record highs.

-The world saw the Milky Way's supermassive black hole for the first time in a photo. The image was captured by eight radio telescopes.

## JUNE

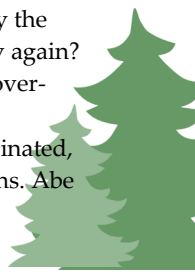
-The treasure hunt had some welcomed new comers and beautiful weather with lots of dust to eat. We all need to send a BIG thank you to the local businesses who were so nice in donating some great prizes. The Grand Prize being a FREE 2023 membership.

-Johnny Depp wins his historic defamation lawsuit involving Amber Heard.

-In economic news, Americans grow increasingly alarmed as the price of a gallon of gas and the value of the average 401 (k) rapidly converge from opposite directions.

-The Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, effectively criminalizing abortion in much of the nation. Is this truly the right decision? Is this taking our women's rights to away again? My opinion is Roe v. Wade should've been revised not overturned.

-Former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated, just two days before the country's parliamentary elections. Abe





was both the youngest-ever elected and longest-serving prime minister in Japanese history. He served from 2006 through 2020 when he resigned due to health issues.

## JULY

- The busy holiday weekend had the RC office sending out safety notifications about hanging clothes line at specific heights (basically if we can reach them on our foot pegs, it's coming down) as well as a reminder to everyone of the speed limit on the campground.
- It was a sweltering heat on the Saturday of the Members Appreciation Luncheon...not many members took advantage of a FREE lunch. RC was unfortunately left with lots and lots of left overs.
- A gunman on a rooftop opened fire on an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago, killed at least six people and wounding at least 30.
- RC Santa gave presents to all at the Christmas in July guided only Trail 7 ride.

## AUGUST

- We had a blazing good time at the Bonfire. It was definitely a fun camper burnin' kind of day! We raised \$400 for the Hegins Valley Fire Rescue team who said it would help purchase some much needed gear.
- The RCTR kids enjoyed a campground scavenger hunt all by themselves.
- The FBI conducted a search of Mar-a-Lago, the home of former president Donald Trump and found classified materials. Wonder how many other presidents have done this?
- Kids head back to school at the end of the month.
- In other political news, Congress passes the Inflation Reduction Act. The new proposal for the FY2022 Budget Reconciliation bill will invest approximately \$300 billion in Deficit Reduction and \$369 billion in Energy Security and Climate Change programs over the next ten years. Hmmm.
- Then President Biden announces a massive program to forgive hundreds of billions of dollars in student loan debt... **no one has received debt forgiveness because the program was blocked by federal courts...**two words inflation and national debt.

## SEPTEMBER

- Britain's Queen Elizabeth II died in Scotland, at the age of 96. Her son Charles succeeds her as king. Queen Elizabeth will be missed.
- RCTR office hours change back after Labor Day to closing at 4pm on the weekend.

-Hurricane Ian made landfall, devastating southwest FL after it blew its way through Puerto Rico, knocking out the island's power grid.

-What an eventful Labor day weekend at RCTR! The Mud Run ride was fun and everyone had a great time.

-Riding restrictions for hunting were released with plenty of time for members to prepare.

-Remembering 9/11 forever.

-Remembering our friend, Bob Ober, who passed suddenly.

## OCTOBER

-Don't worry about a crash landing from Comet C/2014 UN271, it's not going to fly anywhere near Earth on its way to the sun. Not that NASA wouldn't be prepared to save the world. The space agency successfully altered the path of an asteroid in October by launching a DART at it – a \$325 million spacecraft that successfully nudged the asteroid Dimorphos from its orbit. One small nudge for man, one giant shift for mankind.

-The RCTR "AIR" garage and pump house get a fresh coat of paint applied matching our very coal-like color.

-RORR~Dual Sport event uses parts of RCTR trails and gave our Dual Sport members the opportunity to join in the fun as well as picking up a few new members along the way.

-The midterm election season was in full swing by now.

-Elon Musk will finally, after months of speculation, complete his purchase of Twitter.

-Russian courts upheld WNBA star Brittney Griner's sentence for traveling with vape cartridges containing cannabis oil. Griner was facing nine years in a Russian penal colony.

-New season rates are announced.

-Bob's Memorial Fall Foliage ride Trail 7 ride with nearly 80 riders in remembrance of Bob Ober.

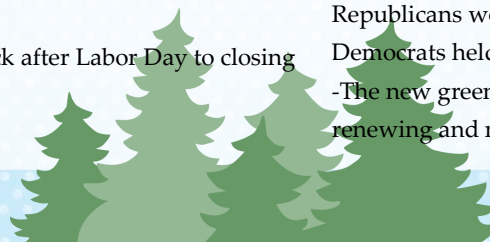
-RC Campground Trick or Treat—what a turn out!!! The campsite decorating contest was so cool and fun...winning one lucky member a FREE 2023 campsite.

## NOVEMBER

-The final event of the year brought many members to the Turkey Feast and feast we did. The donation race between the bikes, quads & sidexsides ended with the quads winning this year. The final count raised was \$1600 for the local food closet and animal shelter.

-Results from the 2022 midterm elections came in; the Republicans won a slim majority in the House, and Democrats held control of the United States Senate.

-The new green helmet stickers are being issued to renewing and new members.



## TIP OF THE DAY

CAMPING IN  
THE COLD

- Dress in Layers. First things first: dress to impress for cold-weather camping.
- Get Out of Sweaty Clothes (Pack an Extra Baselayer)
- Two Sleeping Pads are Better Than One.
- Layer Up a Sleeping Bag + Quilt.
- Put a Hot Water Bottle in Your Core Region (Not at Your Toes)
- Wear a Balaclava to Bed.
- Vent your heating source.
- Eat & Drink—A Lot.

## LOCAL TO DO'S

## \*\*\*107th PA Farm Show

Pennsylvania is proud to host the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the country, with nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibits. January 7th through 14th, 2023

## \*\*Motorama

**THE NATIONS LARGEST ALL INDOOR MOTORSPORTS EVENT FEATURING 1 MILLION SQ FEET OF EXHIBIT SPACE...**It all goes down February 18th & 19th, 2023 in Harrisburg, Pa at the Farm Show Complex.



2023 Event Schedule TBA

2023

**HUNTING SEASON**

FROM NOW UNTIL January 18, 2023

**NO RIDING BEFORE 9:00AM,  
Excluding Sundays & \*Specific Days.**



## New Year Continued...

- RC Fall back—turn back those clocks already!
- A suspect was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of four University of Idaho students.
- Former President Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the 2024 presidential election.
- As the month draws to a close and the nation prepares to celebrate Thanksgiving, President Biden, in a beloved lighthearted White House tradition, pardons lucky turkeys named “Chocolate,” “Chip” and — this was a surprise last-minute addition — “Hunter.”
- Time to winterize the pump house water source at RCTR as it closes for the season.
- Then winter hit, and with it, an early surge in RSV and influenza cases that are stretching pediatric wards to the brink. The unexpected early surges in both respiratory diseases has cleared medicine aisles from groceries and pharmacies as children’s pain-killers and cold medicines become scarce

## DECEMBER

- New 2023 RC Zip Ups and Crew Necks arrive!! We’ve got different colors and styles to choice from.
- A massive winter storm made its way through the country affecting holiday travel for millions of Americans. Thousands of flights have been canceled, leading many to change their plans this holiday season.

- The new green helmet stickers are being issued to renewing and new members.
- Governments across the country are moving to ban TikTok from state and municipal devices. Congress could move to institute a federal ban on devices for its employees.
- The RCTR office closes for the holiday.
- Thus it is with a feeling of guarded optimism that we, as a nation, reach the end of this disturbing year and, thankfully, enter the holiday season. The festivities are somewhat subdued this year, as inflation forces consumers to cut back.

It still was the holidays, a time when we gathered with loved ones from near and far, assuming the ones from far were able to sell enough blood plasma to afford the airfare. So let’s forget about the year we just went through and look at the future.

A few positives coming up... Scientists in particular have much to smile about, with NASA ramping up their moon exploration program to a possible vaccine for cancer. Cases and deaths from COVID have dropped world-wide. It is finally widely acceptable to gather again, see family, take vacations, live life as life was pre-pandemic.

**Cheers from RC to a year full of memories and so many more to be made.**

**Look out 2023 here we come!!  
Happy NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!**