

## History/FAQ...

### *Where does the name come from?*

In England a Cock 'n Bull is as common a name as a Steak 'n Ale or a Peanut Butter 'n Jelly. More or less a local place, appealing to a meat 'n potatoes crowd. An owner might attach the family name to the sign. e.g. Smith's Cock 'n Bull

### *Was this place once a barn?*

You bet. Built around 1852 it was the main building of a dairy farm that operated for over one hundred years. The house right next door was once the residence of the Simboli family that originally ran the farm.

### *Does Bill Truesdale still own the Cock 'n Bull?*

No. Truth of the matter is, he never did. He once owned this property and an abandoned barn. He sold it to Don Staber who then contracted Truesdale and the Wielt brothers to help him renovate the barn into a restaurant. The place opened for business in 1976. Staber was the sole proprietor for twenty years.

### *What's in the bag?*

If you happen to be in the main dining room, look up at the highest beam in the front of the room. Up near the fireplace, way over the two round tables, above the spot where we put the Christmas tree annually. See the paper bag? It's been there since 1976 when George Palmateer left a bag of nails up there and forgot to take it down. Since the work here is never quite finished, it just seems appropriate that the bag stays put.

### *What about the playing card?*

On a beam below the bag of nails, you may see a 5 of clubs. We hosted a wedding rehearsal dinner a few years back for Pat DiCerbo, a long time friend of the Cock 'n Bull (and former dishwasher). Pat had flown in an entertainer from Vegas who performed all sorts of magical and comedic material. Toward the end of his routine, he pulled a card from the deck and threw it halfway across the dining room. It hit the beam with a flash and a puff of smoke and stuck to the beam. He told the lady sitting directly below it to look up and confirm that it was in fact her phone number written on the card.



*“A Friendly Place by the Side of the Road”*