



# Polar Bear Grand Tour

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## So Far, So Good!

### Bob Hartpence, Chairman

I don't believe in jinxes and so I say this with confidence. Af-



ter two of the worst Polar Bear Grand Tour seasons, we are enjoying one of our best.

Oh, sure, there may be a snowy Sunday still. But hasn't it been great so far?

Most of us haven't even turned up the electrics yet. (Speaking of electric clothing, there's news about Gerbing in this newsletter.)

Let's hope it stays this way.

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The new stop at the Tilted Kilt was very good. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. The folks at Tilted Kilt were very friendly. Oh, and the food was good too! We have added it to the schedule so now you have something to look forward to through those dreary summer months.

Looking a whole year ahead, there is an important shift in the calendar for the 2016-17 season. Both Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Sundays.

We are toying with the idea of starting a week sooner and going a week later, versus dropping a couple of stops. Let me know what you think. And no, there's no chance we're dropping Tilted Kilt.

## Important Schedule Change

February 7th we ride to the Riverton Hotel. Make sure to Google with care, the first Riverton Hotel that shows up is a five-star joint in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Our destination is in Bangor, not the more famous one in Maine, but the lesser known Bangor in Pa. It's on the Delaware River between I-80 & 78.

Take Route 46 west from its intersection with Route 31. Ride approximately 3 miles and turn onto Water Street. Go approximately 2.2 miles over the Delaware River Bridge, the Riverton Hotel is on your right.

## Shirt Supply Dwindling

We're not sure if it is the compelling design by Eric or the stellar sales abilities of Harry and Gary, but our stock of official Polar Bear Grand Tour shirts is getting limited.

Be sure to see Gary and Harry soon to get your choice

of sizes. And if you can't find one that fits you, buy one for a friend!

## Toy Drive Success

The Valerie Fund again thanks our Polar Bears for the generous outpouring of gifts this Christmas season.

Thanks to your generosity we filled the five-by-eight trailer. Ramapo MC presented a check for \$4,900.00.

## Gerbing's News

Gerbing's heated gear has changed to Gyde Supply Co.

Warranties are the same. If you need to contact them:

Gyde Supply, 2305 Soabar St., Greensboro, NC 27406.

Customer Service: 1-800-646-5916. [www.gydesupply.com](http://www.gydesupply.com), [info@gydesupply.com](mailto:info@gydesupply.com)

If you need Gerbing's gear, Len Lowe will give you 15% off if you tell him you are a Polar Bear member.

His company is Never Too Warm, 2174 Atco Ave, Atco, NJ 08004. Phone 856-768-3500.

[www.nevertotoowarm.com](http://www.nevertotoowarm.com)

## Editor's Note:

Gerbing's Heated Clothing, Inc. was acquired in 2014 by Prospect Brands LLC, which also owns Crittenden Clothing (luxury clothing) and Duck Head (preppy style clothing). Prospect LLC is a partnership between McCarthy Capital Fund V (managed by an Omaha based private equity firm) and Tom Nolan.

Gerbing's was originally founded in 1976 by Gordon Gerbing in a small machine shop outside of Seattle.

Alternate suppliers include Warm & Safe which makes its own branded line as well as supplying First Gear heated clothes. [www.warmnsafe.com](http://www.warmnsafe.com) (Read his blog, it's very, um, informative, even entertaining.)



*So far no snow, just a little rain.*

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Here is your opportunity to acquire a valuable personal safety item for the low price of only \$5. Available from David Cushing (former flight B leader) who has used them for over 25 years.

### NO WET WATERLESS WASH and WAX

Hi there fellow Polar Bears,

I've enjoyed meeting all of you at all the Polar Bear Sites.

Many have stopped by to see me and the WATERLESS WASH and WAX concept products I have for sale at my table. Everyone that has bought and used my products has come back with a surprised statement: "That stuff really works". If you have not had a chance to see how great these products work, please stop by and I will be happy to show you a demonstration of how easy it cleans and waxes, all without using water, hoses, soap and a messy clean up.

#### **Don't forget to fly your American colors on the back of your bike.**

We have American Flags, POW/ MIA flags, All Military Services flags, Jolly Roger, and "Stars and Bars" Flags.

ALL flags 12" X 18"; printed and embroidered. Staffs to fit from 1/2" to 1" bars.

Came over see how they WON'T twist up around the staff. NO MORE TWISTED FLAGS.

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