



## ***POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS***

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## **Crazy Weather getting crazier**

I believe everyone will agree we've had lots of crazy weather, with the thermometer going up and down like a yo-yo. Sure hope we don't get any of those especially violent storms during the Polar Bear riding season!

## **Membership sign-up & Adieu, Dinner-dance**

Sign-up will be open as usual at the Cape May VFW. The dues remain \$20.00 for AMA Members and \$25.00 for Non-AMA. We are no longer holding the Annual Dinner-Dance as it is too costly. Therefore, we will now be refunding \$5.00 of your dues if you make perfect attendance, and you'll get \$5.00 back if you make 60 points. So you can receive \$10.00 in total back! Not a bad deal, right?

## **Member of the week Club**

If you pay \$20.00 at the start of the riding season, you will have two chances for 24 weeks to win. Otherwise, the tickets are \$1.00 each.

## **Email addresses**

With the crazy weather we've had this year so far, it's more important than ever to give Bob your e-mail address. Every Saturday night or early Sunday morning, you should check your e-mail for any changes. If Bob doesn't have your e-mail address, then you'll need to **call** A.M.A. District # 2 Phone # **908 722-0128** for any cancellations.

Anyone who hasn't given their email address to Bob is also missing out! Throughout the year, even during 'non-riding' season (*as if we really have one of those ;o*), he sends out flyers about rides, poker runs, etc., and miscellaneous info you can use, not just Polar Bear info. Any updates he has between Newsletters are usually sent out to the members via email. So please give Bob your email addy if you haven't already.

## **A Big Thank You!**

From our Chairman: "I would like to thank Dave Cushing and Rich Leyh for the hours and years of hard work they have devoted to the Polar Bear. They have been a big help over the years. When you see them at the rides, let them know you appreciate their dedication all these years."

While we're thanking people, I'd like to thank Bob Hartpence for all his years of work and dedication as Chairman for the Polar Bear Grand Tour. He has been the glue that holds it all together. Even though he has wished to retire for the last two years, we've had no offers from anyone to take the reins of this great organization. So he has continued, in fine fashion, when others would have just walked away. We all owe him a debt of gratitude, so please also thank Bob in person when you see him on the runs.

### **Some Staff Changes**

There have been some changes in the Staff – Flight B Leaders are now Joan Roselli and Jim Guiteras, plus Luis Granados has moved from Flight A to help flight B. Also, George Piegaro is helping Dao Hui as Ride Coordinator, and will take over for her next year.

### **Some New Stops**

Speaking of Ride Coordinator, they have added some new stops which you will probably enjoy. We have a stop in Connecticut – instead of them coming to us, we will go to them! In fact, the first four runs will rack up some miles, and if you make the first four runs, you could have about half of your points.

The Cool Cricket Restaurant is a new stop for us this year. Located in Fieldsboro, NJ – they will have some specials for us.

### **Polar Bear Shirts**

Jim Walter (our Quartermaster) has ordered a total of 196 Polar Bear Shirts this year; 97 sweatshirts and 99 moch tees. Bob said I did another great job on the design again this year... isn't he nice to say that? Anyway, they'll be for sale at the Cape May run, and a few future runs. Last year they sold out very fast, and once they're gone, they're gone – we won't be ordering any more. If you want one, see Jim or Natalie to get yours. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas of a design you'd like to see on the shirts for next year, please let me know. Artistic input is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simpkins  
Newsletter Editor



Show everyone that you are a member of the Polar Bear Club. Show them the fun you are having while their bikes are sitting idle. Start a conversation when they comment on the decal. These white decals are 5" in size and can be placed on any object. Put one on a side window of your car for when you cannot ride.

**Be Safe!**

**Advertisements from our vendor friends:**

Don't be blinded by sun glare when riding. The **sundowner shield** is an effective & inexpensive way to solve the problem.

The sundowner is a flexible, dark green strip that adheres to the helmet shield using static electricity. It can be used over & over again on different helmets without losing its clinging ability. It can be placed on the inside or outside of the face shield.

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.

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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 works, 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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**ALSO:** I am now carrying a full line of MAXX RIDER SUN Collection, Goggles, Glasses, and wrap around, (Over prescription glasses). These are Shatterproof Polycarbonate Lens, UV400 -100% UV Protection and High Definition Clarity. Day, Amber Night, and Clear.

**PLUS:** They have Anti-Fog Lenses and Soft Touch Foam on the bridge and ear pieces. \$20.00 a pair or two for \$35.00.

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