



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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A Strange Season...

As the riding season comes to a close, we certainly have had an unusual season, to put it mildly. The first run (the ride to Cape May) had to be cancelled due to a hurricane. Then we had some Sundays where the weather was a little rough... some snow, some ice on roads, and one place where the parking lot wasn't plowed out when some members arrived. They did get it plowed out later. Cool Cricket didn't have enough help on hand (this was a new stop), and they apologized, saying if you go there and tell them you're a Polar Bear, you'll get a 10% discount. There was a mishap at the driveway to the Cool Cricket, but luckily, no one was seriously injured.

Then, at the Pic-a-Lilli Inn run, there was another event scheduled the same time our run occurred. This left the Flight Leaders and Vendors outside in a screened-in enclosure that was barely heated. They had heaters, but the screens let the cold air in. So, basically, the staff worked outside so everyone could sign in. They promised it would not happen again, and Bonnie Schneider was very upset about it.

A Change in the April 7 Stop

In case you missed the last Newsletter, the 4/07/13 stop (which was previously scheduled for Cheeburger, Cheeburger in Flemington, NJ) has been changed - the new stop will be at The Hickory BBQ Smokehouse, 743 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 Ph# 845-338-2424. Directions: Take 287 North to NY Thruway (Rt. 87) to exit 19; take Rt. 28 W for about 4 miles, The Hickory BBQ Smokehouse is on your left.

Polar Bears we've lost...

Our deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of Dave Wilson, who died February 20, 2013. Our Chairman, Bob, said Dave was a Polar Bear Member for 9 years, and a great friend. We also received this note from Christina Hoff:

*Please be known that my dear Dave Wilson has passed away today.
He had lost his battle with cancer.
He did go peacefully and without pain.
I am going to miss this man immensely.
He wished to be cremated and the family is going to honor that wish.*

Also deepest condolences go out to Elaine May and family and friends of Robert May, who passed away Saturday, Feb 9, 2013. Bob Hartpence received this note from his wife, Elaine:

My husband, Robert (Bob) May enjoyed being a member of the Polar Bear Club. He passed away on Saturday, Feb 9th, after battling cancer for 7months. We live in Huntington, Long Island, NY. Can you pass along the information to the members to let them know? I don't have the names of the fellow bikers that rode with him. Thank you, Elaine May

It's sad to lose our Polar Bears... our thoughts go out to those who must go on without them.

Our Ride Coordinators

We'd like to thank Dao and George, our Ride Coordinators, for securing the new stops this year. It's not an easy job, so we should let them know we appreciate their hard work. This year is Dao's last year as Ride Coordinator. If anyone would like to help George, we would appreciate it. The more who help out, the less everyone has to do. So please consider helping out where you can.

A Shock from Rose Schoch – Polar Bears Invited!

A reminder: Rose Schoch from Schoch's Harley-Davidson has invited the Polar Bears to join her at her Birthday party on March 30, 2013. She will be 85 years old on March 30 and is planning to do a tandem freefall parachute jump to celebrate. The party starts at Schoch's dealership at 10:30 am on March 30, with a motorcycle ride to the local airport. Rose will be taken up in the plane and as she says: 'Jumping out of a perfectly good plane makes no sense but she's intent on doing it anyway.' A celebration is planned at the airfield after the jump. Congratulations, Rose, and way to go!

Please give Bob your E-mail address

If you haven't received notices from our dedicated Chairman, Bob Hartpence, he must not have your e-mail address. Please e-mail him with it, along with your name and Flight. Bob also updates us on events that are occurring over the summer as he gets the info.

Signing up for Membership

If you would like to sign up for membership for next year, see your Flight Leaders or Bob. You can also sign up on line. It costs \$18.00 if you sign up before August 31, 2013. It's \$20.00 after Aug. 15th, and we stop at 550 members... no more. Non-AMA Members pay \$20.00 before Aug. 15th, and \$25.00 after August 15th. If everyone signs up ahead of time, it makes the sign-in at Cape May in October run a lot more smoothly.

A Get-Together

This season The Polar Bears will have a get-together at The Pic-a-Lilli Inn on April 27, 2013, starting @ 11:30 AM. The rain date would be April 28, 2013; same time. Cost to Members: \$6.00 per person. The Polar Bear Grand Tour will pay the difference. There will be salad, Wings, Beef, rolls, and lemonade, plus a cash bar. See your Flight Leaders to get your wristband. We need to know how many club members will be there. Also, if you want to bring some friends or other club members, you can purchase wristbands for them at the same price. So bring your friends and let's end the season with a good time!

Looking forward, as ever

Looking forward to seeing everyone on next year's runs. Hope we have better weather than we did this year (although we were relatively lucky when it came to the really deep snow!) Bob would like to close by thanking the Staff for a job well done. Without them, there would not be a Polar Bear Season. I'd like to add that without our Chairman, we'd be lost.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simpkins

Advertisements from our vendor friends:

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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.

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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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