



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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There are more big changes looming in the Polar Bear Grand Tour again – and we really need someone to step up to the plate. Please help if you can!

An Important Note from our Chairman

“Since no one has volunteered to be the Polar Bear Chairman, I will continue as the Chairman. We must keep this going.”

Note: Bob will continue to do the sign-in pages and help keep the records. If you are interested, you can contact Bob or Butch DellaPietro at (732) 603-8434 or e-mail Butchdella@aol.com. Meantime, please thank Bob when you see him – he’s done more for you Polar Bears than you’ll ever imagine! As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, Bob’s shoes will be **very** hard to fill – but he does deserve a break! Please think about it. Hey - any of you 'perfect-attenders', this could be **right** up your alley.

**** Flight B Leaders Needed, too! ****

After many years of leading Flight B, Dave & Rich have decide to step down. I know all of the members appreciate all of the hours of work they have put into keeping Flight B as good as it has been. They both have been a big help to Bob and the members through the years. Please feel free to extend a big Thank You to Dave & Rich the next time you see them, even if they’re not *your* Flight Leaders.

We need volunteers to be flight B leaders - if you are interested let Bob know. There again, ‘Perfect Attenders’ would be great candidates; if not, this is your opportunity to make a difference and help out the Polar Bears.

The Toy Run

We would like to thank all of the members who brought the toys to The Cabin for the Valerie Fund. Bob had two truckloads (over 51 large bags) to take. The Valerie Fund estimated the value to be \$7,500.00. The Ramapo MC delivered a check in the amount of \$1,400.00 as part of the Polar Bear Christmas donation. This was the proceeds of their Fall Foliage Charity Run. A big Thank You to Kent Sullwold, Chairman, Dick Roberts, Road Captain, and the rest of the Ramapo MC members. Thank you one and all for everything that you contributed – you’re a big reason for the continued success of the Valerie Fund.

Crotona Midnight Run

Extra Points Run: Saturday, February 4, 2012, is the Crotona Midnight Run @ Nathan's / Kohl's parking lot, Central Ave./Rte. 100, Yonkers, NY. Sign-in: 10:30 PM Key Time: 12:00 Midnight. This is the longest running motorcycle event in the USA. This is the original Midnight Timed Run which was started by the Crotona Motorcycle Club in 1911. 1999 was our first year hosting this event, and it was a great success. It is a simple timed run that is a major challenge due to the fact it is run at night in February. A timed run is an event that requires entrants to maintain a prescribed speed over each section of the route. It's open to all riders.

A few Runs worth Mentioning

We have a new stop this year - The **Franklin House Tavern** in Schaefferstown, PA. It is easy to get to and they have good food. Hope to see you there!

A must ride is to **Brian's Harley-Davison!** Brian's staff and the Bucks County HOG do a great job in assisting parking access and have great food - and it is **free!!**

Some Losses

Sad to report ~ we have lost two Members this year.

Dean McDonnel ~ Dean was very active with Blue Knights NJ2. He was an avid motorcyclist who owned several Harleys. His favorite was likely his new police motorcycle. Dean served his country and was very proud of being a United States Marine.

A.J. Koloski ~ Northwest Jersey HOG Group member, Chapter 2906. A dedicated rider and member of "The Old Coots On Scoots", Skylands Chapter #47. AJ was raised in the Manville, NJ area. AJ was a Navy vet of the Viet Nam war. He started riding about 6 years ago, upon his retirement. He has enjoyed his time on the road with his friends and club members.

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of these riders. May their new roads be clear, dry and twisty.

Email Addresses

If you did not receive an e-mail about the Chilly Chili run then Bob doesn't have your e-mail address. To be added to the list, send Bob an e-mail with your name and flight. Last minute note – **Dinner Dance tickets are available** – see your Flight Leaders!

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.

Ads from our vendor friends:

The above decal is available from David Cushing; please see him if you're interested.

Also - 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** who has used them for over 25 years.

Editor's note: I use these sunshields myself, and wouldn't ride without them.

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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 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.

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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.

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