



Polar Bear Grand Tour

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AMA District 2



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Welcome!

Bob Hartpence, Chairman

Hi! I hope you are looking forward to the 39th season of the

AMA Polar Bear Grand Tour. May this winter's snows fall only on weekdays!



There are some important changes this season.

Because both Christmas 2016 and New Years 2017 fall on Sundays, we are extending the season deep into spring.

Our last ride of the season will be April 30, 2017. The end

of season get together will be May 6.

(Ride schedule is posted at: PolarBearGrandTour.com.)

George and Roy, your ride coordinators, have done another great job setting up the stops. For this season we have a new stop we think you will enjoy.

We went to Sir John's in New Brunswick for a long time and liked it. But then it changed to Lago's. We came to a mutual agreement with Lago's to move on. It is replaced by O'Connor's American Bar and Grill in Easthamptown Township, NJ.

Our ride coordinator's excellent finds of last season, Tilted Kilt and Riverton Hotel, remain on this year's schedule.

New Stop

O'Connor's American Bar and Grille in East Hampton Township, NJ replaces Lago this year on February 12. It's a little more than 40 miles south of Lago.

Their website states: "Our mission is simple: serve delicious, affordable food that you'll love."

Editor's note: I'm already salivating for the Crab Cake BLT or the Drunken Burger, and am curious as heck about Cajun Style Pierogies. Menu and more at:
oconnorsmtholly.com

Your E-mail Please

If you did not receive this newsletter via e-mail, it's because Bob doesn't have your address. To keep up to date (including the rare, inclement weather notice), please send him your name, address, phone number and flight. You will receive all the information on schedule changes and other rides.

Email Bob at:

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Get Shirts Early

Quartermasters Gary and Harry make their best guess each year on how many Polar Bear long sleeve mock-T's and sweat shirts to order. After all, we don't want to sell out too soon, or have carryovers.

They've pretty much got it down to a science. That said, there are two reasons you'll want to get your shirt early this year.

One is Eric came up with a really cool design featuring a winged motorcycle motor flanked by bears. (See page four.)

The other is we ordered some small sizes for this year.

Mock-T's small, medium, large & X-large \$26; 2 & 3X \$30.

Sweat Shirts small \$22, medium, large & X-large \$24, 2X \$25, 3X \$26.

Retrospective

In the early days, many businesses would not allow the Polar Bears to meet at their restaurants. We found some small places, had to use some twice a season.

As our numbers swelled we outgrew these small restaurants. So in 1984 we split the Tour into two flights. We rode to the same places, half of us one Sunday, the other half the next Sunday.

Now restaurants ask us to come. These days all the places on our schedule say how nice our members are. You greatly improved the image of motorcyclists.

Your tour is the only one of its kind. Others have tried. None have succeeded. Ohio AMA leadership talks about it. They don't understand how we get so many riders in dead of winter.

You'll not find a better motorcycle event for your money. AMA members can preregister for \$18 getting 20 rides, with two stops giving free food.

We try to make it as enjoyable as we can. Polar Bear Grand Tour gives you a place to ride when no other rides are happening. You meet with friends and other riders. Working on the honor system you can earn patches and pins. All are welcome. You don't even need to sign-up or pay to join us on any given Sunday.

Through the years members have stepped up, doing the work it takes to make the tour run smoothly.

You see your flight leaders, Pat and John with Flight A and Joan and Jim with Flight B. They're there every Sunday. And they work on the books at home during the week. You see Gary and Harry our Quartermasters selling our Polar Bear merchandise.

But you do not see the other staff members that have important jobs.

George and Roy spend a lot of time during the "off season" making sure our stops are ready and know we are coming. They find new stops for those that roll off the schedule.

Walt does a very good job maintaining our website. A lot of members enjoy looking at it, especially the pictures and schedule.

Eric designs and helps order the shirts. Chris polishes Bob's copy and makes this newsletter readable.

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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.

This Year's Shirt Design

POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR

