



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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It's hard to believe another Polar Bear season is winding down... just a few runs left to go! We've had some challenging weather this winter. We're hoping the remainder of the runs will be *good* weather days!

Help Support Our Servicemen

Bicycle Raffle - We have raffle tickets available - 100 % of the proceeds will go for the purchase of phone cards for our servicemen and women overseas. They are \$2.00 each or you can buy 5 for \$10.00 (This is a special deal). The Drawing date is Sunday July 10, 2011, at 3:30 PM at the Red Bank Elks Lodge #233, 40 W. Front Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701. You do not have to be there to win. These are very good bikes!

POLAR BEAR MEMBER ACCIDENT

Keith Nystrom, one of our Polar Bear members was involved in a motorcycle accident Thursday, Feb. 24th, in the Lincoln Tunnel. I understand he was on his way to work and was behind a bus that stopped for traffic, and another bus hit him from behind. He ended up under the second bus, and rescue personnel had to use extrication equipment to get him out from under the bus. Our thoughts go out to Keith and his family. At this writing (on 3/9/11), Jim Walter spoke with Keith and he's been moved to the Rehab Floor! He is doing well. Great news! He sent the following note to Jim: *Please forward - Thanks everyone for your cards, thoughts, and prayers. I am recovering and now moving to the rehab floor. Each day good spirits.*

*Kind Regards,
Keith Nystrom*

Anyone wishing to send a card to Keith can send it to:

Keith Nystrom
Rehab Unit
Bellevue Hospital
462 1st Ave New York, NY 10016

Membership sign-up

Our maximum membership is 550 members. We reached that amount very quickly this season, so if you want to be ensured of your membership next year, please sign up early. You can email Bob, get an application on line, or get an application at one of the stops. If you do sign up, it's \$20.00 for AMA Members and \$25.00 for Non-AMA. But - if you sign up **early** (before the end of August, 2010, it's \$20.00 for Non-AMA and \$18.00 for AMA Members.

Email addresses

If you have not received a copy of this newsletter by e-mail, then Bob Hartpence either doesn't have your e-mail address or he doesn't have a correct one. If you want to receive information by e-mail, please make sure Bob has your correct e-mail address. He sends out other info besides the newsletters. There are some rides (other than Polar Bear) that allow points to be added to your Polar Bear tally sheet. There's also info of general interest to motorcyclists. So be sure to give Bob your email addy - rest assured he will not 'spam' you.

'So-long' Landslide Saloon

We're very sorry to announce that we won't be going back to the Landslide Saloon any more. They feel they are not making enough money. We thought a lot of members ate there, but apparently not, so we will replace it with another location. It's important that we patronize the businesses that we visit, so they'll want us back.

Another Valerie Fund Thank you!

We would like to extend a hearty thank you to all of the members who brought toys for the second toy run (at Pic-a-lilly Inn). We would especially like to thank the member who donated \$100.00.

Upcoming Ride

April 03, 2011, is the run to **Brian's Harley-Davidson** in Langhorne, PA. This is a ride that you definitely don't want to miss. They do a fantastic job supplying free food, and they do a great job parking the riders, guiding traffic, and handling everything. So, let's make that ride a nice turn-out.

Annual Dinner-Dance

The Annual Dinner-Dance is on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Tickets are still available - see your flight leaders to purchase them. For those of you who are new, the Dinner-Dance is held at the Old Bridge Knights of Columbus in Old Bridge, NJ. It includes a buffet dinner, open bar, and entertainment. The entertainment will not be R rated. We have a very good Magician/Comedian this year. We also have a D.J. to play a wide variety of music. Make sure you get your dinner tickets early. Tickets are \$35.00 per person with a limit of 300 tickets - the capacity of the Knights of Columbus is 300. No one will be allowed in without a ticket in advance. If you have made 30 points during the riding season, you will get your money back when you go to the dinner-dance. If you would like to bring some friends or some of your club members, you can purchase tickets for them. It's first come, first serve - when the tickets are gone, they're gone. Hope to see you there!

On a personal note...

I'd like to thank everyone who signed the Get Well cards that Bob brought for people to sign at the stops. Because I had hand surgery, I wasn't able to ride most all of this Polar Bear season, and the cards really picked up my spirits. I look forward to riding again very soon! **Thanks very much**, everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simpkins
Newsletter Editor

Ads 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** (flight B leader) 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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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.

Come 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.

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