



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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Weather getting crazier by the year...

Last year at this time, I said the weather is getting crazier and the temps were going up and down like a yo-yo. Some things never change, but I think everyone will agree, our weather throughout the country is getting more extreme and in many instances, violent. Makes riding Polar Bear more of a challenge than ever. Since the weatherman can't even predict tomorrow, let alone next week, it's hard to know how to dress for a ride anymore. Best bet is to come prepared for anything! I hope we don't get hit with any of the more violent weather during any of our PB runs... please be safe out there, everyone!

Membership sign-up & remember, no 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. Just a reminder - 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. Bet you can't name many organizations like that. :o)

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 for the upcoming run. 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.

New Ride Coordinator

We have a new Ride Coordinator who is joining George Piegaro and taking up the slack since Dao Hui is no longer Ride Coordinator. Roy Bober will be joining George in mapping out any new runs and making sure the rides run smoothly. Welcome aboard, Roy! A big thank you for Dao and her tireless efforts when she was ride coordinator!

New Stop from last year will be better

The Cool Cricket Restaurant was a new run for us last year. There were some complaints because there wasn't enough staff to wait on all the polar bears... they probably didn't believe it when they were told how many riders would be there. Anyway, they promised to do a better job this year. Hope so!

New Directions for Sir John's

We're still going to Sir John's, but there is a different gas station instead of the old Getty on the corner at Washington Place; there's a BP station on the corner instead.

SIR JOHN'S, 230 Washington Place, North Brunswick Twp, NJ 0890 Ph. # 732 297-3803

From Rte 1, take Rte 130 South to the 82 mile-marker, get in left lane; make left at light at the BP Gas Station (Washington Place); go two blocks to Sir John's on right. Traveling Rte 130 North, go past the 81 mile-marker; make a right at the light at the BP Gas Station.

www.sirjohnsinc.stivert.com

Polar Bear Shirts

Jim Walter (our Quartermaster) has ordered a total of 187 Polar Bear Shirts this year; 95 sweatshirts and 92 moch tees. I was a bit disappointed, since the bikes' chrome and the grey road were all made black, so it doesn't show up the detail I put in... but that's just the artist in me. (My original drawing's on first page of the newsletter.) Anyway, they'll be for sale at the Cape May run, and 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.

Editorial

I don't know if *any* of you missed the big news splash about those bikers (on sport bikes) that surrounded an SUV driver with his wife and baby inside, and the ensuing disaster... **lots** of speculation about who was right or wrong. All I would suggest is, let's try to make sure that when we ride in groups, we try to allay any fears that other drivers might have, and ride friendly and courteous... like we would want to be treated on the road. We need now more than ever – thanks to this bad publicity – to be **good** examples of motorcyclists, so people won't think the worst when they see us coming down the road. I'm not saying we need to ride like dorks; just a smile, a nod, or a friendly wave can make a big difference in how we are perceived by the 'cage drivers.' I personally think the Polar Bears are some of the safest, most courteous riders on the road today! My hubby and I have ridden Polar Bear for 10 years now, and we think they're **the best!**

Have fun - Be Safe!

Looking forward, as ever, to this season of Polar Bear runs. Enjoy the ride, be safe, and I hope the weather cooperates for a great riding season!

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simpkins

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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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 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.

ALL PRODUCTS MADE IN USA

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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