



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to all you 'old' Polar Bears! And a hearty Welcome to any new Polar Bear Members! We hope everyone had a great summer, and has taken their bikes off the blocks, inflated the tires, changed the oil, burned off the gas stabilizer, and are all ready for another good riding season.

Membership sign-up

The maximum membership is 550 members. For all who sign up at Cape May, if you do sign up that day, it's \$18.00 for AMA Members and \$20.00 for Non-AMA Members. For the members who have prepaid, the line for Flight A is on the left, and the line for the Flight B is on the right when you get in the door at the VFW. If you have not paid yet, Bob will have the initial sign-up table as well.

Email addresses

With the way the weather is any more, we sometimes need to make changes in the schedule. This is why it is very important that you give Bob your e-mail address. Every Saturday night or early Sunday morning, you should check your e-mail for any changes. 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.

Anyone who hasn't given their email address to Bob is also missing out on lots of information! He sends out flyers about rides and info you can use, not only Polar Bear info, but of general interest to motorcyclists.

Some Upcoming Rides

11/7/10 Irish Eyes Pub - Many members ride down Saturday and socialize there Saturday night, 11/6/10. It's a neat place to have good food and they often have live music.

11/14/10 Old Bridge Knights of Columbus - As was done last year at the Old Bridge Polar Bear ride, we will be collecting items as well as homemade lap blankets (38" x 50") that you'd like to donate to the NJ Veteran's Homes. Each home takes care of approximately 325 veterans, and we hope to collect enough items to be able to distribute to all three homes in New Jersey (South-Vineland, Central-Menlo Park, and North-Paramus). These are long term care facilities for both male and female veterans who could certainly use support during these tough economic times. Once the items have been collected, they will be sorted and divided for the three locations. A ride will be planned to visit each of the homes and deliver these items in time for the holidays. All Polar Bear members as well as any other groups are welcome to join up to deliver these items to the men and women who have served our country proudly and now need OUR help.

Please note: All these items must be **NEW; not used or opened**. Some of the items they are looking for are as follows:

- Baseball Caps
- Body Sprays
- Button/Zip up Sweaters
- CD's, Music
- Clock Radios/Talking Radios
- DVD's, TV Shows/Movies
- Decorative T-Shirts

Deodorant
Diabetic Socks
Hair Brushes/Combs
Large Face/Talking Watches
Large Size Elastic Waist Slacks
Lipstick/ Nail Polish
Pajamas
Playing Cards (large type)
Powder-Talcum/Baby Powder
Shampoo
Shaving Cream
Short Sleeve Shirts
Slippers-non slip soles
Socks
Sunglasses
Sweat Pants/Med to XXXL
Sweat Shirts/Large to XXXL
Tissues-Large Boxes
T Shirts
Universal TV Remotes w/batteries
Wheel Chair Bags
Wheel Chair Gloves
Wheelchair Cup Holders
Winter Gloves
Winter Hats

If you know of a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout or Girl Scout working on her Gold Award who may be looking for a project this year, or another group who might like to assist, please suggest this project or put them in touch with Desi Smith (TimandDesiSmith@yahoo.com) to coordinate their help. Thanks for any help you can give!

11/21/10 Cornucopia - Nice ride, and they have a choice of buffet or you can order from the menu.

12/05/10 Montgomeryville Cycle - A very nice shop with plenty of good, free food. JB and his staff do everything they can to make us happy. He also has plenty of items on sale for the Polar Bears.

12/19/10 Schoch's Harley Davidson - Make sure you make this one - Barbara, the owner, has plenty of good food and it is free and it is a nice ride.

12/12/10 THE CABIN - the Toy Run

Make sure you make this one and bring an unwrapped toy. The toys are given to the Valerie Fund - this is a not-for-profit organization established in 1976 in memory of nine-year-old Valerie Goldstein by her parents, Ed and Sue, who saw the need for making quality outpatient care available close to a child's home. They

realized that parents of sick children should not have to contend with exhaustive commutes to reach adequate medical care. Their grass-roots effort began in their basement with the help of dedicated friends and family.

Today, The Valerie Fund Children's Centers, located at major hospitals in the tri-state area, comprise one of the nation's largest networks of health care facilities for children with cancer and blood disorders. These centers treat more than 5,000 children with cancer and blood disorders. For further information about The Valerie Fund visit www.thevaleriefund.org

So, if the weather is bad, please come by car – every toy or gift counts!

Ride Safe!

Here's hoping we have a **great** winter riding season! Ride safe, respect other riders, and please watch out for "cell phone drivers" – you all know what I'm talking about. My nickname for cagers who aren't paying attention are "OO Drivers" – Otherwise Occupied – with heaven knows what they're doing – texting, talking on the phone, messing with their PDA or other device. Please watch out for these folks – they can ruin more than just your day. Ride safe and live to ride another day.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simpkins



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. They are available from your Flight Leaders for only **\$5** each.