



Polar Bear Grand Tour

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AMA District II



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Thank You Staff

Bob Hartpence, Chairman

Please remember to say “thank you” to your Polar Bear staff. Without them our winter fun would not work.

There is not another winter riding group like



us anywhere in the country. I don't think any of our found-

ers thought it would last so long or be so popular.

As the Polar Bears grew in number, we had to ask for volunteers to help manage all the logistics.

There are 20+ destinations

each season. Then there's all the points recording for 550 riders. We have a great website updated each week with fresh photos from each meet. We have new tee shirts with a new design each year. Like any club, a certain amount of accounting and management is required.

I would like to thank the staff for all the time and hard work they invest to make Polar Bear Grand Tour so successful.

Your flight leaders Pat, Jim, Joan and Amy are there every Sunday to record your points. Then they go home and work on the books.

Walter does a great job on the website, keeping you informed, updating the ride schedule, posting pictures and videos,

even logging in from Florida when he's out of town. You can email Walter your photos and he will post some of them.

Bernie, Dave and Gary are outside and inside our destinations each week taking lots of pictures for the website.

Ride Coordinators George and Roy found some new stops for us this season that were well liked by our members.

Gary and Alex did a great job with the shirts this year. The orange summer shirts are very nice.

Chris does this newsletter, making it look like I know what I'm doing.

Email Only Notices

Any schedule changes or inclement weather notices will be by email only. So if you picked up this newsletter at one of our stops instead of receiving it via email please make sure to get on our email list.

Simply send your email address and flight to me at:
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Some of the Polar Bear Staff
at Brian's Harley-Davidson

Cabin Kaput

Not every restaurant owner or manager “gets” us. Sometimes they do not see the value we bring. I would venture a guess that for most every destination, we are their biggest ticket of the week, maybe the month.

Managers and owners change for some of our destinations too. When it goes awry, we simply find a new destination, one that wants us wholeheartedly and appreciates the value we bring.

Over the past three years, the manager at The Cabin has been one of those who did not see our riders as valuable.

Perhaps my favorite example was when he complained

that our motorcycles were taking up spaces near the building that he wanted to save for his “customers.” Who are we?

He ejected a rider on a rainy day for dripping on the floor and getting it wet.

There’s more, but you get the picture.

So our annual Toy Run will move to O’Connor’s American Bar and Grill. They are happy to have us, the food is good, there is plenty of parking.

Check out O’Connor’s April 14 on our rescheduled run due to snow.

We will find a new stop to replace The Cabin in next season’s schedule.

Small Fee Increase

Inflation gets us all, even the Polar Bear Grand Tour. Our AMA sanctioned insurance is going up to \$1,500 per season. Costs of the rockers and pins have gone up.

All monies collected go to Polar Bear expenses. We try to keep the cost down as much as we can.

Personally, I think we're a tremendous value. You pay \$20 or \$25 for a single run in the

summertime.

Our season includes more than 20 rides; some stops offer free food. You get your Polar Bear patches, rockers and pins with bragging rights few riders can match.

If you would like to sign up for next season, see your flight leader or sign up online via our website.

We'll hold last season's prices until September 1st.

Polar Bear Grand Tour Prices 2019-2020 Season

Now Until September

AMA \$22 Non-AMA \$25

After September 1, 2019

AMA \$25 Non-AMA \$28

I hope you enjoyed this season and I am looking forward to our next one.

Bob Hartpence

Chairman



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They have been very supportive of our group and offer a special discount for Polar Bears. So if you shop there, please make sure they know you are Polar Bear member.

Member Connections

If you have anything you want the membership to know, like a bike for sale, or an appropriate event, email it to Bob Hartpence and he will share it with your fellow Bears: bear1733@comcast.net



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