



Polar Bear Grand Tour

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Can't Wait for Riding Season

Bob Hartpence, Chairman

I am so glad riding season is coming! Welcome to the 41st season of the Polar Bear GRAND Tour. We are still the only one of our kind in the nation, likely the world.

Your staff puts in a lot of hours of hard work to make this unique motorcycle experience as enjoyable for our members as we can.



You see me, your flight leaders and the quartermasters

every week. But there are other staff members who work hard to manage all the logistics it takes to keep our group going.

Ride Coordinators George Piegaro and Roy Bober spend a good part of the off season finding us new destinations and keeping us in the good graces with the business owners and restaurant managers who host us from October to April. They remind each destination a week ahead of our arrival and handle any issues that may arise.

Newsletter Editor Chris Loynd manages to make me look smart (and that is a big job).

Webmaster Walter Kern has done a superb job over the

years on our web page. It's a year-long effort as he shepherds desktop and mobile versions of our website through the ever-changing internet world.

On our website Walter makes sure you have the latest information for our ride schedule and useful information for long-time and first-time members. There are several opportunities there for you to participate. You can send Walter a photo of your bike and a little bit about you. You can also find people to ride with or offer yourself as a road companion.

Walter also makes it possible each week for you to see a variety of photos and videos from each ride taken by our volunteer photographers: Bernie Walsh, Dave Thompson and Gary Rosen.

When you visit the schedule page on our website you'll see pictures of the staff and their jobs. Then when you see them in person at our destinations, please let them know you appreciate their work.

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Email Only Notices From Now On!

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:
bear1733@comcast.net.

If you change your email, be sure to let me know. I am seeing “undeliverable” emails.

If I have your email address you should check for messages Saturday night or Sunday morning. **It's up to you!**

You do not need to be officially signed up for the Polar Bear Grand Tour to be on the email alert list.

Schedule Changes

This is the last year we will publish the schedule with riding directions. We will be posting the schedule with the name of the stop, its address, phone number and web page. I will also include the address as

I entered it in my GPS. We feel most members are now using the web and their GPS to find the weekly stop.

This year we have some new stops. Sadly, the Chatterbox is no more. After many years the owners decided to retire. What a loss. It was a one of a kind destination and they always treated us very well. I suppose it is a sign of the times; the Chatterbox will be torn down and replaced with a Wawa.

The February 17 scheduled run to Bahr's Landing has been changed to March 10th. We will announce a new destination for February 17.

What Will Winter Bring?

We may be in for a hard winter, or not. Long range forecasts are coming down on both sides of extreme, depending upon which one you believe.

Old Farmer's Almanac is calling for a warmer and wetter than normal winter.

However rival *Farmer's*

Almanac (without the “old”) Editor Peter Geiger is going with cold and snow. He says on the company’s website with a pun, “Contrary to the stories storming the web, our time-tested, long-range formula is pointing toward a very long, cold and snow-filled winter.”

Whichever winter we get, as Polar Bear Motorcyclists we have but one wish: that it snows only during the week and never on Sunday.

Get Your Shirts Early

If you want this year’s shirt, see Gary or Alex early this

season. We ordered a limited number of shirts. We will not have any shirts in Lewes, Del.

Montgomeryville Cycle Discount

If you need any motorcycle parts or accessories make sure to check with Montgomeryville Cycle Center, 2901 Bethlehem Pike, Hatfield, PA 19440
Phone: 215-712-7433

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.



Goodbye Chatterbox, we’ll miss you!

Perfect Bears

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Perfect Attendance Polar Bears.

Flight A

James Conway, Jr.
Walter Metzger, Jr.
Charles Miele
Natalie Ross
Sal Simonetti
Salvatore P. Spinale
Jim Walter, Jr.
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Flight B

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