



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, sudden & 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!

The run to the Cabin was a case in point. My hubby & I were getting our gear together for the run, and I checked the weather (hourly forecast on weather.com), and it predicted snow by 11 AM, so we decided to take our toys for the Valerie Fund in our van instead of riding. Boy, are we glad we did! The snow started falling on the way up, and after a quick lunch, the roads on the way home were already getting quite slippery. What is normally a 1 hour ride home took 2 ½ hours because the roads progressively got worse and icy, and traffic was crawling. A number of our Polar Bears had to stop and either park their bikes or have them towed because riding was out of the question!

And the weather has caused us to cancel two Polar Bear runs already. This just might be a record year... I hope we don't get hit with any of the more violent storms during any of our PB runs... please be safe out there, everyone!

A New Ride for the Schedule

A ride for **April 06, 2014** has been added to the schedule. We will be going to **Cheeburger Cheeburger, 336 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042**. Phone # 610 438-1311

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/cheeburger-cheeburger-easton>

Frank said they will shut the street off for us that day. It should be a good time Frank has always taken very good care of us in the past.

Email addresses

Every Saturday night or early Sunday morning, you should check your e-mail for any changes for the upcoming run. With the crazy weather we've had this year so far, it's more important than ever to give Bob your e-mail address. If you haven't been getting Bob's email updates and the Newsletter, then you're not on his email list. Please give it to him unless you just don't want the updates. 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.

MLDS

Most of you know by now that Len, the owner of MLDS, our friendly electric clothing vendor, has died of cancer. He wasn't just a vendor, he was a good friend. This was a big loss for the Polar Bears, and we will miss him very much! His son will be taking the reins now to continue Len's work. His name is also Len. Let's give him a big welcome when we see him. I sent a sympathy card to him and his family from the Polar Bears.

An Announcement from Bob about the Valerie Fund

I would like to thank all of the members who brought toys even though the weather was bad and you had a hard time getting home. Some had to have their bikes towed and some left them and got a ride home.

On February 22, 2013 the Valerie Fund held their annual Thanksgiving gala to raise money. It was a black tie dinner @ \$500.00 a plate. I was a guest and I had a chance to meet some of the children and their parents. They all said how much they appreciated all of the toys that you gave. They asked me to thank all of you.

Polar Bear Shirts

Jim Walter (our Quartermaster) has 14 Sweatshirts left - 1-small, 1-med, 6-Large, 2-2XL and 4-3XL. He also has 9 Moch T's left - 1-med and 8-large. If anyone wants one, please contact Jim – he will have the shirts with him on the runs.

The prices are as follows: Sweat Shirts: 3XL - \$25; 2XL - \$23

Small, Med, Lg, XLg - \$21. Moch T's: 3XL - \$28; 2XL - \$26; Small, Med, Lg, XLg - \$24

Hats - \$15. Flags - \$16. A big Thank You to Jim for doing such a **great** job handling the sale of the sweatshirts for the Bears!

A New Name for Sir John's

Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick has been re-named Lago. Please note this on your schedule for January 19th. The address is the same.

A note of interest

In the South Jersey Hot Wings Showdown, Winners were announced: In Camden and Burlington counties, the **Pic-A-Lilli Inn** ran away with the title. The inn received 857 votes – far more than any other nominated eatery in South Jersey. Way to go, Pic-A-Lilli Inn!

Ride Safe

I'm hoping everyone enjoys the continued Polar Bear riding season, and has a safe ride, every ride you take. Happy New Year to all & best wishes for a healthy, happy 2014!

Respectfully submitted,

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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. Also Available from Ken Andrejewski of:

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.

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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. \$20.00 a pair or two for \$35.00.

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