



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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Valerie Fund – A Second Chance

We would like to thank all of the members who came to The Cabin in the rain to donate their toys, and we would especially like to thank the Ramapo Motorcycle Club for their \$390.00 check for the Valerie Fund. Since our December 12, 2010 toy run had a low turnout due to the unexpected rain, we are offering you another opportunity to brighten the lives of children in the hospital. These kids need toys all year 'round, so you can bring toys to the Pic-A-Lilli run on February 13, 2011. This run is close to Bob Hartpence's house, and he will make arrangements to have a truck there. If you did bring your toy to the Cabin run, but would like to bring another one, we would be very grateful.

Schoch's Run – Thanks!

A big thank you for the food you brought to the HOG chapter at the Schoch's Harley-Davidson run on 12/19. They were hoping to have enough food for 15 families but had enough for 47 families. Way to go, Polar Bears!

Membership Dues

Because of the cost of everything going up, we must change the application fee for next season. Preregistration will be \$18.00 for AMA members and \$20.00 for non-AMA members. **After August** the price will be \$20.00 for AMA members and \$25.00 Non-AMA members.

Email addresses

Sometimes there is a need to change the schedule - this is why it is very important that you give Bob Hartpence your e-mail address. Every Saturday night or early Sunday morning, it's a good idea to 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. Dis. # 2 Ph. # 908-722-0128 for any cancellations.

Anyone who hasn't given their email address to Bob is also missing out on additional info during the year, plus flyers about rides other than Polar Bear, plus runs that allow points to be added to your Polar Bear tally sheet. There's also info of general interest to motorcyclists.

Some Upcoming Rides

April 03, 2011, is the run to **Brian's Harley-Davidson** in Langhorne, PA. This is a ride that you definitely don't want to miss. They do a fantastic job supplying free food, and they do a very nice job parking the riders, guiding traffic, and handling everything. So, let's make that ride a nice turn-out.

We will be going to the **Flying Cloud Café** in Atlantic City on April 10th - it is easy to get to, and you won't have to get in Atlantic City traffic. You can also visit the Atlantic City Aquarium while you are there. We were scheduled to go there last year but they

had a water pipe break and had to cancel.

We have a new stop this year - **daddy O Restaurant** on Long Beach Island. Since we haven't had a run there yet, we hope everyone enjoys it, and it can become one of our regular stops.

Crotona Midnight Run

Crotona Midnight Run - February 19th/20th, 2011. *NEW* The 26th/27th has been designated the alternate 'SNOW' date.

This is the *original* Midnight Timed Run which was started by the *Crotona Motorcycle Club* in 1911. 1999 was Ramapo Motorcycle Club's first year hosting this event, and it was a great success. It is a simple timed run that is a major challenge due to the fact it is run at night in February. A timed run is an event that requires entrants to maintain a prescribed speed over each section of the route. Open to all riders.

Annual Dinner-Dance

The Annual Dinner-Dance is on April 30, 2011. Tickets are available - see your flight leaders for tickets. For those of you who are new, the Dinner-Dance is held at the Old Bridge Knights of Columbus in Old Bridge, NJ. It includes a buffet dinner, open bar, and entertainment. Tickets are \$35.00 per person with a limit of 300 tickets. No one will be allowed in without a ticket in advance. The capacity of the Knights of Columbus is 300. If you have made 30 points during the riding season, you will get your money back when you go to the dinner-dance. If you would like to bring some friends or some of your club members you can purchase tickets for them. It's first come, first serve - when the tickets are gone, they're gone. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simpkins

Ads 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** (flight B leader) who has used them for over 25 years. Editor's note: I use these sunshields myself, and wouldn't ride without them.

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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 work, 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.

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