



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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Welcome back, Polar Bears! We hope you've all had a good summer and safe riding, but now the real riding begins. All I can say is, I hope we don't get hit with as much snow this winter as we got hit with rain this summer. If we do, it will make for a very difficult winter.

There are some big changes looming in the Polar Bear Grand Tour, so I'll start with some important notes. Some changes make me sad...

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An Important Note from our Chairman

"We are looking for a volunteer to be the Polar Bear Chairman. I have decided that after all of these years on the staff that it is time for me to step down. I will continue as a member and will assist whoever is the chairman. I will do the sign-in pages and help keep the records. If you are interested you can contact me or Butch DellaPietro at (732) 603-8434 or e-mail Butchdella@aol.com.

I would like to thank all of the members who have supported the Polar Bear Grand Tour over the years and all of the members who help on the staff. I would particularly like to thank Dave and Rich who have been Flight B Leaders for so many years. Also Walt, who started and does such a great job on the web page. Bill Marion for helping with flight A and helping Walt with some pictures. Debbie, who does the Newsletter and the shirt designs. John and Pat with flight A. And Dao, our Ride Coordinator - she did a great job on getting door prizes this year. Jim, our Quarter-master, who takes care of the shirts for the members. If I did not mention your name, it is just that I cannot name everybody who has helped. Polar Bear would not be what it is today without the great members and the hard work and dedication of the staff. Thank You all very much."

Bob Hartpence

Bob's shoes will be very hard to fill – we can **never** truly replace him, but we hope that someone will step up to the plate, take the reins, and give him a well-deserved break!

Photos for our Website

Walter Kern is looking for some help taking pictures and videos at Polar Bear Grand Tour destinations this season. He's still going to be managing the Polar Bear website but won't be able to make all the Sundays in the schedule. He plans to spend time in both New Jersey and Florida with his fiancée, Rosemarie, on an uncertain schedule. If you like taking pictures and videos and can help out, please contact him.

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The 9/11 Run

Bob sends a big thank you all of the members that participated in the 9/11 run. He didn't get a count, but the Polar Bears had a very big turnout. They did a very good job and put on a nice ride to benefit our Veterans.

Valerie Fund Run at the Cabin

Please remember to bring an unwrapped toy to the 12/11/2011 ride to The Cabin so Bob can take them to the Valerie Fund. We always have great success with this run, and it seems we do better every year. With the economy being so bad, it's more important than ever to help if we can, since no doubt other sources have cut back.

A note from Schoch's H-D

Here's a note from Schoch's Harley-Davidson:

Hi Bob,

Ty Shoemaker here from Schoch's Harley-Davidson and the Director of the Pocono Mountain HOG Chapter. I see you are coming down to our store at Schoch's Harley-Davidson on 12/18/2011 this year. Last year, on late notice your riders helped us out in a big way for our 1st annual food drive. We are doing it all again and would love to reach out for your support. In return for your good will, we would like to feed you this year - something other than Split Pea Soup - unless that is what you like. Let me know if you would like to help us out. We really appreciate you support.

Ty Shoemaker

Schoch's has always done a great job in feeding us for free. So we can at least help them. They really appreciated our help last year – let's see if we can't do a terrific job again this year!

Membership sign-up

Our maximum membership is 550 members. Sign-up is at Cape May this year, as usual. We will have a lot of help at sign-up, so hopefully the lines will move quickly. We hope most of you pre-registered to avoid the wait.

Some New Destinations

News just in from Dao:

*The Polar Bears have two new exciting destinations this riding season. Gisela of the Cornucopia has decided to retire this year. So instead of Port Jervis, we are heading to Sugar Loaf, NY, to **The Barnsider Tavern**. However, if you are using your GPS, enter Chester instead of Sugar Loaf.*

*In February on Super Bowl Sunday, we are heading to Amish country in PA. **The Franklin House Tavern** has great burgers and the owner, Matt Pfeiffer, is very excited to host the Polar Bears.*

I hope to see all of you at each destination. I wish you all a happy and safe riding season.

Ride Coordinator

Dao

Looking forward to a great riding season with the Polar Bears! Ride safe, everyone; look out for the other drivers and enjoy the ride!

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simpkins
Newsletter Editor

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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.

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.

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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.

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