



POLAR BEAR GRAND TOUR NEWS

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A Change in the April 7 Stop

The **4/07/13** stop (which was previously scheduled for Cheeburger, Cheeburger in Flemington, NJ) has been changed - the new stop will be at **The Hickory BBQ Smokehouse, 743 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401** Ph# 845-338-2424. Directions: Take 287 North to NY Thruway (Rt. 87) to exit 19; take Rt. 28 W for about 4 miles, The Hickory BBQ Smokehouse is on your left.

Cool Cricket admits it wasn't so cool

The Cool Cricket management contacted Bob and apologized for not having enough staff on hand for the Polar Bears. This was the first time we had visited there, and he had no idea what it would be like. He said if any member stops there and lets them know you are a Polar Bear you will get a 10% discount. He promises he will do a better job next year. We do appreciate him letting us stop there, as it was hard to find someone that would take us that close to Christmas.

There was a mishap that day when one bike tried to turn into the driveway and another bike to his right behind him did not see him turning, and hit him. No one was seriously hurt. Thank heavens for that!

Ireland's 32 Restaurant & Pub

The new stop, Ireland's 32 Restaurant & Pub, had a parking lot that was covered with snow. The first bikes to arrive had no place to park. The Pub had the parking lot plowed soon after, and the other bikes then had parking.

Dao & George

We'd like to thank Dao and George, our Ride Coordinators, for securing the new stops this year. It's not an easy job, so we should let them know we appreciate their hard work.

The Valerie Fund

The Valerie Fund estimated the value of the toys at over \$5,000.00 for the 2012 Toy Run. Not only that, Ramapo MC gave them a check for over \$2,000.00. You made a lot of children with cancer and blood disorders very happy! Thanks for your contributions!

A Get-Together

Our Chairman, Bob, mentioned that a lot of members told him they would like to have a get-together at the end of the 'real' riding season. WE WILL HAVE A GET-TOGETHER at The Pic-a-Lilli Inn on April 27, 2013, starting @ 11:30 AM. The rain date would be April 28, 2013; same time. Cost to Members: \$6.00 per person. There will be salad, Wings, Beef, rolls, and lemonade, plus a cash bar. We will let you know when the tickets are available.

E15 Gasoline

Please do not construe this information as 'taking sides.'

Notice: If your CAR IS OLDER THAN A 2012 you need to AVOID THE NEW E15 GAS that is just starting to show up at gas stations. Most car companies will not honor the warranty on your car if you use this new gas.

This from: *CSP Daily News* | December 17, 2012

AAA: Suspend Sale of E15 Gasoline - More research needed to protect consumers from potential engine damage, voided warranties.

MIAMI – “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and gasoline retailers should suspend the sale of E15 gasoline until more is done to protect consumers from the potential for costly auto damage and voided warranties”, Robert L. Darbelnet, president and CEO of AAA, said in an editorial posted on the motor club's website.

Research to date raises serious concerns that E15, a fuel blend consisting of 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline, could cause accelerated engine wear and failure, fuel system damage and other problems such as false "check engine" lights.

The potential damage could result in costly repairs for unsuspecting consumers. This is especially tough for most motorists given that only about 40% of Americans have enough in savings to afford a major auto repair.

E-15 and Motorcycles

Please keep in mind as you are riding out on your next trip to look carefully at the gas pump to read any labels for E15 gasoline before refueling your bike. The E15 gas has 15% ethanol, which can cause premature engine damage and void your manufacturer's warranty. This gasoline is not intended for motorcycle engines but will be at pumps anytime, now that the ruling is in place. Be sure to check the pump first, as you do not want to put this into your motorcycle, boat, or other small engines, like lawn mowers or leaf blowers.

Large Polar Bear Embroidery Info

This info in from Jim, our Quartermaster, and Lou Granados:

From Jim:

I have been asked several times this year about the vests with the large Polar Bear embroidered on them. Below is a note from Lou about them. As I recall the cost for leather and fabric were not the same.

Jim

From Lou Granados:

Fellow Polar Bears,

I'm pleased to announce that Ms. Toni Vetter of Three Dog Designs, who has created the beautiful large polar bear embroidery in the past, has contacted me in response to our inquiries. She had been delayed in contacting us as she has recently moved, and asks us to note her change of address. Toni would be pleased to take orders from the members. She has outlined a procedure for us to follow:

- Pricing for "normal jackets & vests": \$55 per garment, PLUS \$5 return shipping.
- Turnaround time of 1-2 weeks; longer over the holidays.
- Members should contact her at her email address, confirming that their garment will fall within the above pricing guidelines, and enabling Toni to prioritize and be on the lookout for the item. Toni's email address is: 161blitz@comcast.net.
- Members should send their garment with a check enclosed as per above, unless informed differently by Ms. Vetter.
- The garments should be mailed to: **Toni Vetter, 7 Fawn Hollow Road, Burlington, NJ 08016.**
- Again, please REMEMBER TO: send a confirming email. Include check for embroidery plus shipping, and allow 1-2 weeks for delivery.

Thank you.

Regards,

Lou Granados

**A Shock from Rose Schoch –
Polar Bears Invited!**

This just in from George Piegaro, Ride Coordinator: Rose Schoch from Schoch's Harley-Davidson asked me to pass along that the Polar Bears are invited to join her at her Birthday party on March 30, 2013. She will be 85 years old on March 30 and is planning to do a tandem freefall parachute jump to celebrate. The party starts at Schoch's dealership at 10:30 am on March 30, with a motorcycle ride to the local airport. Rose will be taken up in the plane and as she says: Jumping out of a perfectly good plane makes no sense but she's intent on doing it anyway. A celebration is planned at the airfield after the jump.

Looking forward, as ever

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the runs. Hope we have clear weather and dry, non-icy roads for the rest of the riding season. Be safe, and enjoy the ride!

Respectfully submitted,

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