
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Polar Bear Ride 2020



Happy New Year Palm Springs Harley Owner's Group! For those that were not aware or did not attend, January 1st is our traditional Polar Bear ride through Joshua Tree National Park. The ride is our first chapter ride for the year. In the past years it has always been the largest attended ride. For 2020, 19 bikes with 21 members attended the ride.

The route is usually ridden counter clockwise, but due to the closure of everyone's favorite restaurant Sizzler in Yucca Valley, the route was reversed. The group met at Palm Springs Harley Davidson at 9:30am with Kick Stands Up being at 10am. Prior to the start of the ride, every member's mileage was documented for this years Ride-365 program.





Prior to leaving, a short safety briefing was conducted and Director Leonard gave each attending member a ride pin for participating. Because our current Director has not been able to attend past Polar Bear Rides, our former Director Kenton lead the ride with Leonard by his side.

This year's route was Indian Ave to Hwy-62 and entering Joshua Tree at the Utah Trail entrance. When arriving at the gate entrance, the group was met by a very cheerful National Park employee. The group had a brief break as everyone showed their National Park pass or paid for a day pass. The group then rode south through the park making their first stop at Keys View. Along the way the scenery changed from dry roads and desert to damp and snow covered Joshua trees. If you have never been through Joshua Tree Nation Park, please do so. Take your family and make a day of it. I would recommend going when there is snow on the ground, it was very breathtaking.



The group stopped at Keys View for some pictures. Thanks to Pancho and Angie, the group was able to gain some warmth with coco and empanadas for everyone. After everyone took in the view and pictures of the Coachella Valley, the group mounted up and continued south through the park. The last stop in the park was at the south entrance gate and ranger station, Cottonwood Visitor Center. While at the visitor center, the group set up for the yearly Polar Bear Ride photo.



After leaving Cottonwood Visitor Center, the group continued south to Interstate 10 heading westbound to their next and final stop for the day - Spotlight-29 Casino. Everyone enjoyed a late lunch at the buffet. You just can't beat a ten dollar prime rib buffet. After everyone's bellies were full the group said their good-byes for the day. What great way to kickoff 2020! Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe year!

“It's your road others can ride it with you, But no one can ride it for you”

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