



Sport Touring Report

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MSTR?

By Go4

What is the MSTR?

We're a group of motorcycle riders, centered in Michigan, who take riding seriously. We ride well-maintained motorcycles, we always wear appropriate riding gear, we strive to become better riders and to pass along what we've learned to new and beginning riders.

I don't live in Michigan, can I still join?

Yes, while we're centered in Michigan and our monthly breakfast meetings are in Michigan, we accept motorcycle riders from every state and province. We already have many out-of-state and Canadian members.

Are you affiliated with any other clubs?

No, we're completely independent. We exist only to meet to talk about rides, go on rides, and then meet to talk about the rides we just went on.

Do you only go on motorcycle rides?

No, we'll have both motorcycle rides and club gatherings/picnics. We'll have a year-end member recognition banquet with awards for yearly miles ridden, # of events attended, completing a Grand Tour event and highest achievement by a club member.

Do I have to be an MSTR member to go on your riding events?

Yes, with two exceptions in 2016. The upcoming MoArk9 Adventure in April and MR2 event in May require membership in either the MSTA or the MSTR. All attendees to other

MSTR riding events in 2016 must be MSTR members.

Do I have to be an MSTR member to attend your breakfast meetings?

The first MSTR information meeting on March 26 is by invitation only. If you didn't get an invitation you're welcome to attend the next meeting in April. Starting in April the West and East breakfast meetings are open to everyone.

How much is a membership?

Membership information is available on our website at www.mstriders.com.

Where can I find a list of upcoming MSTR riding events?

Please visit the Events page on our website at www.mstriders.com for a complete listing of MSTR riding events and gatherings. You'll also find information on all the upcoming breakfast meetings.

I already made plans to attend the MSTA STAR rally in Vermont. Will there be an MSTR event at the same time?

No, in recognition of current MSTA members who will be attending STAR we will not schedule an event on the same dates as the 2016 STAR.

What can I do to help?

We're an all-volunteer club and appreciate any type of help including a newsletter article, organizing a one day local ride or a multi-day out-of-state event. Contact any one of the four founding members (aka Go4) with your ideas.



MSTR Heads Up

Here's a listing of some of the upcoming local events and meetings within the next few weeks.

MSTR EAST Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, March 26, 2016, @ 8:30 AM

By INVITATION ONLY East breakfast meeting is at **Doc's Sport Retreat** in Livonia, MI. Doc's is located at 19265 Victor Parkway. East of I-275, north of 7 mile road and across from Dave and Buster's. Gregg Mitchell will be moderating this meeting.

MSTR WEST Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 2016, @ 10:00 AM

West breakfast meeting is at the **Alibi Bar & Grill**, 1394 E. Riverside Drive, Ionia, MI (www.alibionia.com). Please send an email to Gala (gschip@me.com) so she can plan on providing breakfast for everyone who attends. "Banjo" Bart Reiter will be moderating this meeting. Breakfast will be available for \$10 plus tax & tip.

If you know of a local motorcycle event in Michigan or Ontario the MSTR would be interested in send Ian Orr an e-mail at Communications@mstriders.com with the details.



MSTR 2016 Rides

One of the goals of the MSTR is to organize a few multi-day rides each year specifically for our members in some of the premier riding areas in the Midwest and Southeast. With the exception of the MoArk and MR2 events all MSTR rides are limited to those who are current members of the MSTR. The full 2016 schedule is still in development. There are several rides that have been scheduled and a few still being planned. Others will be posted here and on the MSTR website as the year unfolds.

2016 MSTR Grand Tour

**April 1 – December 1
Michigan**

Get your motorcycle ready: oil change, new tires, scheduled maintenance completed and recreation pass on your Michigan registration. This year's Grand Tour will open on April 1.

This new event will be a lot of fun and will give you lots of opportunity to go places and see things on your motorcycle that you might not have considered otherwise, with a destination and purpose to go for a few weekend rides around Michigan and see what our Great Lake State has to offer.

Keith Danielson, the event organizer, will be making the official announcement and circulating a sign-up sheet at the March 26 breakfast meeting. If you can't attend you can e-mail Keith at keith.danielson@wowway.com or if you signed up for Keith's Grand Tour last year, he'll send you the rider information packet via e-mail. If you're not able to make the ride this year you can just delete the e-mail.

MoArk Adventure 9

April 13–16, 2016
Missouri / Arkansas

This ride is a “curve-chaser’s” delight. Three days of riding (1,000 tire shredding miles) in the Ozarks, to start your riding season out.

Ride HQ: Day 1 (April 13):

Super 8 (www.super8.com)

930 Valley Creek Drive, Int. of Hwy 67 & 32, Farmington, MO, 63640.

Phone: 573-756-0344

Ride HQ: Days 2 & 3 (April 14 & 15):

The Comfort Inn (www.comfortinn.com)

1031 Highland Circle, Mountain Home, AR, US, 7265. **Phone: 870-424-9000.**

Ride Organizer: Gregg Mitchell

1_of_4@mstriders.com

This ride begins in Farmington, MO. We’ll meet there for dinner on Wednesday, April 13. There will be a mandatory rider’s meeting at the Super 8 around 9:00 PM following a dinner at Dexter BBQ (next door to the hotel).

On Thursday, we’ll be taking a twisty route from Farmington, MO to Mountain Home, AR. We’ll be staying Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15 at the Comfort Inn.

On Friday we’ll be riding on some of the best roads in Arkansas that are south and west of Mountain Home. We’ll return to Farmington, MO from Mountain Home on Saturday.

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Michigan Renegade Mountain Ride

May 15–21, 2016
Waynesville, NC

Two days of travel and five days of riding in the premier riding area of the South East: The Great Smoky Mountains.

Ride HQ: All week

Best Western Smoky Mountain Inn

130 Shiloh Trail, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786-9007. **Phone: 828-456-4402**

Ride Organizer: Ian Orr

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MR² Reservations:

- Due to a two large groups staying on the weekend there are no more rooms available on Sunday night, May 15. A wait list is being maintained by the hotel.
- The hotel expects to know by April 25/26 if rooms will become available for those on the waitlist.
- The hotel is accepting reservations at the discount rate from May 16 to 22.
- The hotel agreed to open the breakfast area at 6:30am for us.
- Please let Ian know when you've booked a room and for what dates so he can keep a tally of attendees.
- Call now and book your room. You can always cancel if your plans change.

A group dinner has been arranged for Wednesday, May 18. Details will be available by e-mail to registered riders.

A rider packet, consisting of a route overview, detailed route maps and turn-by-turn directions, will be e-mailed to all registered riders. The e-mail will also poll attendees who are interested in receiving the routes as .gpx files for their GPS units.

MSTR **Newsletter & Website**

The MSTR Newsletter and Website (www.mstriders.com/) belong to you, the members. Both of them can only be as good and as interesting as you make them. If you've got something to say about a ride, your bike, perhaps a trip you're planning, whatever, send it in for the newsletter and/or website to:

Ian Orr: Communications@mstriders.com

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