



2nd Annual MSTR Awards Banquet

The MSTR wrapped up 2017 in style and with record attendance at our 2nd annual awards banquet on January 20th at Karl's Kabin.

A total of 86 MSTRiders and their significant others spent a memorable evening recounting last year's rides, awarding fellow riders and yes, sharing some obligatory "off-color" humor. Before listing all the awards winners we would like to recognize and thank the following people and organizations who added a special touch to the evening's events.

BMWSEM (John Horner): Rider Of The Year sponsor & banquet meal donation

BMW Motorcycles of Grand Rapids (Blane Kamp): Rookie Of The Year sponsor and banquet meal donation

Ducati Detroit: Dessert Table sponsor: baked goods by Cantoro's Italian Market

Village Workshop: 1 month membership and Basic Operation Class Door Prize

mj Allmond: Sweet Treats Give Away and Official MSTR Greeter

Sue Ozimek: Table Centerpieces

Don Pennington: Event Photographer

Alibi Bar & Grill: Breakfast Give Away

Doc's Sport Retreat: Breakfast Give Away

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2017 MSTR Awards

MSTR Rider Of The Year
Keith Danielson

MSTR Rookie Of The Year
Dave Burr

Most Events Attended
Kelly McCrystal, Gregg Mitchell & Don Pennington

Average Mileage Female Rider
Gala Van't Schip: 9,406 miles

Average Mileage Male Rider
Rick Wilder: 8,327 miles

Highest Mileage Male Rider
Ray Melosh: 23,406 miles

Highest Mileage Female Rider
Lynn Higbee: 19,010 miles

Grand Tourer Extraordinaire
Bob Komjathy

Grand Tourer Pro
Bud Bay & Roger Zander

Grand Tourer
Bruce Agababian, Dave Burr, Keith Danielson, Glen FeldPausch, Peter Stephan

Baby Grand Tourer
Rich Spadafora

Grand Tourer Troll
Steve Gross & Ken Snodgrass

East Breakfast Perfect Attendance
Bill Johnson

West Breakfast Best Attendance
Curt & Lynn Higbee

Event Participation Draw
Winner: **Denice Smith**

Newsletter Article Submission Draw
Winner: **Roger Zander**

Congratulations to all the award winners and thanks to everyone who joined us to make the evening truly memorable.

Pictures of the banquet are on the MSTR photo gallery at 2017 MSTR Banquet Photos



Most Events Attended: Don Pennington, Kelly McCrystal, Gregg Mitchell

Female Average Mileage: Gala Van't Schip
Male Average Mileage: Rick Wilder
Gala and Rick weren't at the banquet.
Perhaps they were off riding somewhere?



Rider Of The Year: Keith Danielson
Presented by last year's ROTY **Curt Vohlken**



Male High Mileage: Ray Melosh



Rookie Of The Year: Dave Burr
Presented by last year's ROTY **Sue Ozimek**



Female High Mileage: Lynn Higbee



Best Attendance East: **Bill Johnson**



Best Attendance West: **Curt & Lynn Higbee**



Deposed Depots: **Bob Komjathy**
Grand Tourer Extraordinaire



MSTR Official Greeter: **_mj Allmond**



Village Workshop Door Prize: **Steve Gross**

Throughout the evening attendees claimed multiple different door prizes, including drawings for the amazing and practical centerpieces. Long stem red roses were given to all the ladies as they left.

During the evening we took time to recognize the **SIGNIFICANT** contribution from our own Augie Fernandes. Augie is moving to Tennessee to enjoy a longer riding season. In his short tenure as the head of the MSTR Augie brought us firmly into the 21st century. Thanks to his efforts we now have a modern website, a social presence through Facebook and an efficient e-mail communications process. As Augie's lesser side-kick at the helm of the MSTR I can confirm he'll be sorely missed, assuming we actually leave him alone.

Thank you Augie! You'll be sorely missed





MSTR Heads Up

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

Saturday, February 10, 2018, @ 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. Keith Danielson will be moderating this meeting. Breakfast will be available for \$11 plus tax & tip.

MSTR EAST Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, February 24, 2018, @ 9:00 AM

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 2018 Rides

In 2017 we'll have a similar number of events for MSTRiders to attend.

The dates for many events have already been set and are listed on the Events page of the MSTR Website (www.mstriders.com)

MoArk Adventure 11

April 18-21, 2018
Missouri/Arkansas

This ride is a "curve-chaser's" delight. Three days of riding and 1,000 tire-shredding miles in the Ozarks to start out your riding season. Check your tires for tread prior to this ride – the roads here will chew them up aggressively.

Ride HQ: Day 1 (April 18):

Holiday Inn Express (www.hiexpress.com)
820 Market St, Farmington, MO 63640
Farmington, MO, 63640
Phone: 573-701-0505

Note: For the budget conscious the Super 8 across the road is an alternative

Ride HQ: Days 2 & 3 (April 19 & 20):

Comfort Inn (www.comfortinn.com)
1031 Highland Circle, Mountain Home, AR, 7265.
Phone: 870-424-9000

This ride begins in Farmington, MO. We'll meet there for dinner on Wednesday, April 18. There will be a mandatory rider's meeting at the Holiday Inn Express 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 19 and Friday, April 20 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, April 21.

To join us at **MoArk 11** add your name to the sign-up list at any of our monthly meetings or send an email to Gregg as noted below. Be sure to make your hotel reservations early.

Ride Organizer: Gregg Mitchell
g.mitchell0549@gmail.com



**Michigan Renegade Mountain Ride
May 13–19, 2018
Waynesville, NC**

There will be two days of travel and five days of riding on some of the best motorcycle roads in the US. We stay at one location and, each day, chose from any one of 20 different routes. Most riders will ride anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 miles so be sure to have good tires with lots of tread.

**Ride HQ: All week
Best Western Smoky Mountain Inn
130 Shiloh Trail, Waynesville, North Carolina
28786
Phone: 828-456-4402**

A block of rooms are being held as follows:

- Check-in: On or after Saturday, May 13, check-out: Saturday, May 21.
- \$75/night + tax. Same rate for King and Double, 24hr cancellation. The Inn may also allow you to book early and stay later at this rate - you might need to sweet talk them a bit. Request the MSTRiders rooms and rate

The ride begins and ends in Waynesville, NC. There will be a mandatory rider’s meeting at the hotel on Sunday, May 14 at 8pm.

On Wednesday, May 16th we’ll have a group dinner at Fat Buddy’s BBQ. You must indicate on the sign-up sheet if you plan to join us.

The hotel owner added a BBQ grill for our use, so about one week before the event starts we’ll pick one warm and dry evening to have an onsite group BBQ. Those who want to join in can either bring their own food for the BBQ or, as we did last year, pick it up at a local grocery store.

To join us for **mr2** add your name on the sign-up list at any of our monthly meetings or send an email to lan as noted below. Be sure to make your hotel reservations early. Event information including Rider Information Packages and GPS routes will only be sent to those who have signed up.

**Ride Organizer: Ian Orr
Communications@mstriders.com**

Upcoming riding events in 2018 include:

- Rough Ride 1/2K (RR1/2)**
- 2nd annual Ladies of the MSTR Ride**
- Rough Ride 1000 VII (RR1K)**
- Mid South Odyssey (MSO)**
- Blue Grass Boogie (BGB)**
- Barn Burn Ride (BBR)**
- Tip Of The Mitt (TOTM)**
- West Virginia Ride (WVR)**

Check the MSTR Events webpage for dates and details for the above events.

**MSTR
Newsletter & Website**

The MSTR Newsletter and Website (www.mstriders.com/) belong to you, the riders. They both 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

**MSTR
Photo Gallery**

The MSTR maintains a SmugMug photo gallery (<https://mstriders.smugmug.com/>) to allow riders to upload and download pictures of various club events. Upload and download passwords are sent out to participants for each event. Click on the above link or visit the MSTR website and select the MSTR Photo Gallery link to check out all the event pictures.

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