



# Michigan Sport Touring Report

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Editor – Ian Orr

## MoArk and Condom 4 packs

By Tom Redd



Well it seemed like the dead cold of winter had nothing to offer - but then I had a flash of spring – an email announcing the MoArk Adventure and the chance to register for the ride. I emailed Gregg back and said “Count me IN!” Well, I was counted in and began my countdown to MoArk Day 1. As I counted down the days the weather got worse and I had to re-pack my bike 4 times to keep from getting the “can’t ride depression syndrome (CRDS).”

Well, not that I ramble, but it was a long month in waiting with my hotels reserved and my ride routes planned. Finally, I am down to the final week before I am to roll out of the garage and the damn driveway is covered in wet snow! What to do? I hit the phones and proceeded to cancel some reservations. I then made route plan changes – skip Missouri – I am heading right to Arkansas and the Comfort Inn!

Wednesday, April 18th arrives, my garage door opens, come hell or high snow, I roll out at 8:21 am. My ride to Arkansas went well

and I rolled into Arkansas at 60 degrees. Next thing you know I spotted the MSTR tool trailer in Mammoth Springs! I was going the right way! This was a first in my riding history – on the right road at the right time.

After arriving at the Comfort Inn I demanded my luxury suite, moved in, and got settled. Later I headed to my first pre-ride MSTR meeting. I survived my introduction and was assigned to a top level ride team lead – Cliff (?) a true pro and met the rest of the ride team - another MSTR MoArk rookie – Dan and a BMW lifer BIG RAY and some hug crazy lady – MJ.

Our team took off the next morning at our assigned time – but we were soon passed by some other riders – what time was it? Are we riding too slowly? Not my issue – let our lead deal with it! Well the day progressed and the Ozarks were amazing. We made it to the Cliff House for lunch, looked over the Ozarks attempt at the Grand Canyon.



The remainder of our day was great! The MSTR riders are people you want to ride with again. They are not too hip or too cool

and accept newbies well – and tell jokes that I understand – 12 packs make sense now – so do four packs of condoms.

I am planning on trailering next year and might convince my wife to come so I will not be abused so much by Gregg. We would stay longer and ride more of the great adventures across Missouri and Arkansas.

Thanks for all the support and the great time. I plan on attending some West side breakfasts and may join in the ride in NC.

## MR2

The Michigan Mountain Renegade Ride (MR2) just finished last week and, judging by all the smiling faces in the Smugmug gallery, it was a rip-roaring, riding success. The week ended with some rainy weather which dampened enthusiastic riding and saw most riders head back to Michigan early. Stories will be told at the upcoming breakfast meeting (including a PDA).

A special thanks to **Tom Redd** for his article featured this month.

**Remember...** All published articles earn a free breakfast, entry into the year-end newsletter drawing AND your articles will be appreciated by your fellow members and the newsletter editor, and you will also earn points toward the **2018 MOTY Award!**



## 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 attending send Ian Orr an e-mail at [Communications@mstriders.com](mailto:Communications@mstriders.com) with the details.

## MSTR EAST Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, May 26, 2018, @ 9:00 AM  
Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway  
Livonia, MI

Gregg Mitchell will be moderating this meeting

## MSTR WEST Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, June 9, 2018, @ 9:00 AM  
Alibi Bar & Grill, 1394 E. Riverside Drive,  
Ionia, MI [www.alibionia.com](http://www.alibionia.com)

Please send an email to Gala ([gschip@me.com](mailto:gschip@me.com)) so she can plan on providing breakfast for everyone who attends. Breakfast will be available for \$11 plus tax & tip.

Glen Feldpausch will be moderating this meeting.

## MSTR 2018 Rides



In 2018 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](http://www.mstriders.com))

## 2018 MSTR Historic Courthouse Grand Tour

April 23 – November 17, 2018  
Michigan

This year's Grand Tour has been finalized. Keith is calling it the 2018 Michigan Historic Courthouse Grand Tour this year.

Event details can be found here ([2018 Grand Tour](#)) and you can always contact Keith to sign up and for more information.

**Ride Organizer: Keith Danielson**  
[keith.danielson@att.net](mailto:keith.danielson@att.net)

**7R2**  
**7 Ranges Ride**  
**June 28–July1, 2018**  
**St. Clairsville, OH**

If you are like me, you are counting the days until riding season. You might even be thinking about which club rides to go on this summer. And I'm here to give you a new choice and make the decision more difficult. The routes are north of the Marietta routes, sharing a few roads along the way, and run in Ohio, W. Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

**Ride HQ: All week**

Fairfield Inn  
67731 Mall Road, St. Clairsville, OH 43950  
Phone: 740-699-4980

A block of 15 rooms are being held until June 7 as follows:

- Check-in: Thursday, June 28, check-out: Sunday, July 1
- \$114/night + tax. 48hr cancellation. Request the MSTRiders rooms and rate

Please use the link below which connects you directly to the room block to make online reservations. If you call the hotel to make reservations, be sure to ask for the MSTR group rate. Email Jac if you make a reservation from this block. If we use it up early, we may be able to get more rooms added.

[Click Here For Fairfield Inn Reservation](#)

If the Fairfield is a bit too expensive, there is a Super 8, Red Roof, America's Best, and

Knights Inn within 1 mile. Overall, there are 13 hotels within 2 miles.

At the moment, there are 5 routes between 240 and 300 miles long. The roads are very good with lots of variety. They range from narrow backroads with no centerline to a 30 miles stretch of smooth highway sweepers. The countryside varies from quaint farmland to hollars down by the creek to forest on good size mountains.

Event information including Rider Information Packages and GPS routes will only be sent to those who have signed up. To join us for 7R2 add your name to the sign-up list at upcoming monthly meetings or send an email to Jac.

Jac has added this challenge photo of a road on the 7R2 ride and will buy the beverage of choice, during the ride, to the first person who successfully identifies this road by state number, route number or by name.



**Ride Organizer: Jac Brown**  
[jac.brown@2020comm.net](mailto:jac.brown@2020comm.net)

# BGB Blue Grass Boogie

July 19–22, 2018  
Morehead, KY

Join us in Morehead, KY to ride some great roads in Eastern Kentucky on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll be staying at the following hotel:

**Hampton Inn**  
**500 Hampton Way**  
**I-64 Exit State Route 32**  
**Phone: 1-606-780-0601**

Should they fill up, or if you want a little less expensive room, there are plenty of other motels nearby.

There will be a **Mandatory "Rider's Meeting"** held at the hotel every evening, beginning on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 PM**, where we'll set up the riding groups, review the routes and prepare for the next day's ride. If you want to participate - here's what you do:

1. Make your hotel reservations at the hotel **without delay**. There is **NOT** a block of rooms being "Held".

The sign-up sheet will be available at upcoming monthly meetings or contact Kelly.

**Ride Organizer: Kelly McCrystal**  
[kmcc927@comcast.net](mailto:kmcc927@comcast.net)

## **ROUGH RIDER 1000** **NASHVILLE STRINGS** August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Calling all MSTR Roughriders: past, present or future, and anyone else who even thought of a beautiful couple of days in the saddle on a Southern ride. This year, the MSTR Roughrider 1000 is a little modified and I think will prove

very interesting for those who wish to participate.

We will depart at approximately 6:00 am on Saturday, August 4, 2018 and ride the first 500 mile, on the route to Nashville, TN. On arrival in Nashville, approximately 10 hours later, we will all stay at a Hotel to be selected and start the evening with a Southern Dinner and entertainment at the Historic Wild Horse Saloon. After an evening in Nashville, in accordance with your own schedule, we will return to the Hotel for the customary riders meeting and get a well-deserved rest for the return trip. On Sunday, August 5, 2018, at approximately 6:00 am we will start the return trip home on a different route.

To join us for the 2018 Roughrider 1000 Nashville Strings add your name to the sign-up sheet at an upcoming monthly meeting or send an email to Terry.

**Ride Organizer: Terry Odom**  
[tjopc1@gmail.com](mailto:tjopc1@gmail.com)

## ***BBR 3 Pre-Event*** August 15, 2018 Fayetteville, WV

Dave Ostaszewski is organizing a day-long white water raft trip on the New River prior to the start of BBR 3. This will be the same trip enjoyed by eight MSTRiders last year.

We'll travel and stay in Fayetteville, WV on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The raft trip starts mid-morning on August 15<sup>th</sup> and finishes around 4pm. After changing back into dry clothes we'll travel back to Marietta, OH and get an early start on BBR 3 on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to get eight people so we fill up one whole raft with MSTRiders. The sign-up sheet for the raft trip will be available at upcoming monthly meetings or contact Dave.

**Event Organizer: Dave Ostaszewski**  
[1daveo@comcast.net](mailto:1daveo@comcast.net)

# **BBR 3**

## **Barn Burn Raid 3**

**August 17–19, 2018  
Marietta, OH**

This is an early ride-hotel announcement. The ride hotel has agreed to hold a block of rooms at a reduced rate and recommended booking these rooms **now** to ensure availability due to other (non-motorcycle) group bookings.

**Ride HQ: All week  
Best Western Plus Marietta Hotel  
701 Pike St, Marietta, OH 45750  
Phone: 866 677-7048**

A block of 25 rooms are being held as follows:

- Check-in: On or after Wednesday, August 15, check-out: Sunday, August 19. Request the MSTRiders rooms and rate

The routes will be similar to last year's BBR event. The event proper runs from August 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> but many MSTRiders arrive early to enjoy the area roads.

The sign-up sheet for BBR 3 will be available at upcoming monthly meetings or contact Keith.

**Ride Organizer: Keith Danielson**  
[keith.danielson@att.net](mailto:keith.danielson@att.net)

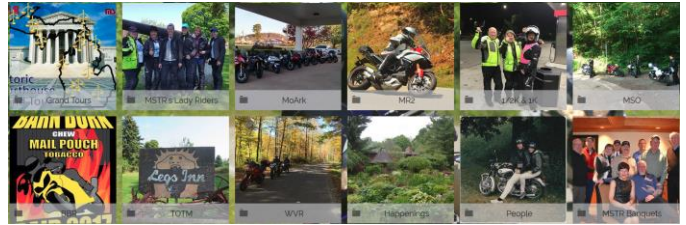
## **MSTR Newsletter & Website**

The MSTR Website ([MSTR website](#)) and Newsletter belong to you, the MSTRiders. 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](mailto:Communications@mstriders.com)

## **MSTR Photo Gallery**

The MSTR maintains a SmugMug photo gallery ([MSTR Smugmug](#)) 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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