



## Michigan Sport Touring Report

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### 2019 Mid South Odessey Ride Report

11 hearty adventurers braved the heat and humidity to have a good time in Middlesboro, KY the weekend of July 19th. The early arrivers got to practice their rain/slip riding on Thursday, then it got HOT for Friday and Saturday. All three groups enjoyed themselves and one group got to practice 45 miles of single lane goat path travel on Friday (Thanks Keith! I'm good now). The other groups reported good roads and friendly locals. Most ended up at Shades Café Friday for dinner and enjoyed a good meal. On Saturday both Max and Rachel found out their Tuono's could go over 120 miles on a single tank of gas. The pizza group dinner Saturday was nice; thanks Max and Rachel. For 2020, we will be back to the Blue Grass Boogie in Morehead KY.



### Motorcycle Accident Preparedness

By: Rachel Durling

Unfortunately, motorcycle riders make up a disproportionate number of deaths and injuries on our roadways despite good riding

skills and wearing all the latest protective gear. Things that happen while riding a motorcycle can be unpredictable. It is tough to fully prepare for the moment when you see a fellow rider get into a motorcycle accident but then, it might hit you that you are the first one on the scene to help. This article is designed to help you respond in the event that you witness or come up to a motorcycle accident. This article is **not** a substitute for practical first aid training but by following basic rules on how to respond to an accident you may help save a person's life or get them help in an appropriate amount of time.

1) Do not put yourself in harm's way by trying to help an accident victim. Stop in a safe spot, clear of the accident and roadway. Stopping near the victim will get you to the victim faster but you may also be in the way of emergency personnel. Turn on your hazard lights.

2) Make sure the scene is safe BEFORE approaching. You can't help anyone else if you get injured too.

3) Know where you are. We do a lot of trips out of town, where the roads may not be familiar to us. You may not be the point rider of a group and may not have GPS so you may not know where you are. Even if you are not point rider or familiar with area it is safer to carry maps and review where you are going to be traveling before you head out.

4) Call 911 before getting involved in the accident scene. If there is more than one person helping, designate one person to respond to the victim and the other to call for

help. Assess the area and if it is safe to help then proceed with caution. Do not say "someone call 911" because it often results in no one calling 911.



5) When calling 911, make sure to give a clear description of the location of the scene and how many people are injured.

6) Turn off the ignition of the victim's motorcycle.

7) Attend to the rider if someone already hasn't already. If you have medical training, then you should attend to the rider directly. If you don't, then here are some tips that can help.

8) If there is more than one victim, it is very common to go to the loudest patient first as they will attract your attention. If they are screaming, their airway is clear and they are (currently) breathing, consider going to the quiet patient first; why are they quiet? This is called triage. If there is just one patient, then go to assess and treat them.

9) Assess the victim. Are they breathing? Are they bleeding profusely? Can they move all of their extremities?

10) Do not move the victim unless they are in life-threatening danger. Motorcycle accidents often involve spinal injuries or broken bones that can be made worse by moving the victim, so don't do it unless they are in immediate, life-threatening danger (like in a fire, or directly in the path of spilled fuel, etc.)

11) DON'T remove their helmet, in most instances. If they are talking, then they are breathing. It is natural to want to remove the rider's helmet to let them breathe and make it easier for them to communicate, but this should not be done due to the risk of aggravating a spinal injury. What you can do, however, is open their visor, so they feel less claustrophobic and to make it easier to communicate. If they have blood or vomit obstructing their airway, then you should try to remove what is causing the airway obstruction but if you cannot remove the obstruction and they are going to stop breathing then gently remove helmet and turn victim onto their side (using two people if possible to stabilize neck and head). If they stop breathing, then remove the helmet as gently as possible and provide CPR.



12) Provide medical supplies/first aid kit. If you aren't trained in providing first aid, someone else on the scene might be, but if they may be busy providing help to the accident victim, they may not have gotten medical supplies to use on them. If you have medical supplies on your bike or car, or can find someone else at the scene who does, you can be a huge help, even if you don't have the medical training to use them. (If you don't carry a medical kit with you on your bike or in your car, you should, because it could help save someone's life someday, maybe even your own).

Here is a link to a video from Bike Bandit about how to build a first aid kit for your motorcycle. [How to put together your own motorcycle emergency kit.](#)



13) If the victim is bleeding profusely apply firm direct pressure to the area of bleeding. If a limb is bleeding profusely then you should improvise a tourniquet by tying something as tight as you can above the area of bleeding.

14) Communicate with the victim and try to provide comfort in a calm, confident, and reassuring manner, making sure to let them know that help is on the way (even if you are freaking out on the inside).

15) Try to get critical information from the victim like their name, birthdate, blood type, drug allergies or medical conditions without overwhelming the victim.

16) While waiting for EMS to arrive you can help ensure that the accident scene is safe by setting up road flares, or even using a flashlight to signal approaching traffic that there is an emergency up ahead.

17) Take notes and pictures/videos of the accident scene, especially if more than one vehicle was involved.

18) If it is a hit and run, do not chase the driver. Collect as much information about the vehicle and license plate if possible for police.

Ride safe, have fun but please be prepared for the worst case scenario. You could help save a life.

A special thanks to **Rachel Durling** for the article and pictures featured this month.

**Remember...** All published articles earn a free breakfast, entry into the year-end newsletter drawing AND your fellow members and the newsletter editor will appreciate your articles. You will also earn points toward the **2019 MOTY Award!**



## MSTR Heads Up

Here is 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 Rachel Durling an e-mail at [Communications@mstriders.com](mailto:Communications@mstriders.com) with the details.

### MSTR EAST Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, July 27th, 2019, @ 9:00 AM**

East breakfast meeting is at **George Murphy's at the Creek**, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

### MSTR WEST Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, August 10th, 2019, @ 9:00 AM**

West breakfast meeting is at the **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. Keith Danielson will be moderating this meeting. Breakfast will be available for \$11 plus tax & tip.



Flanders Fest is a Vintage Motorcycle Event in Chelsea on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

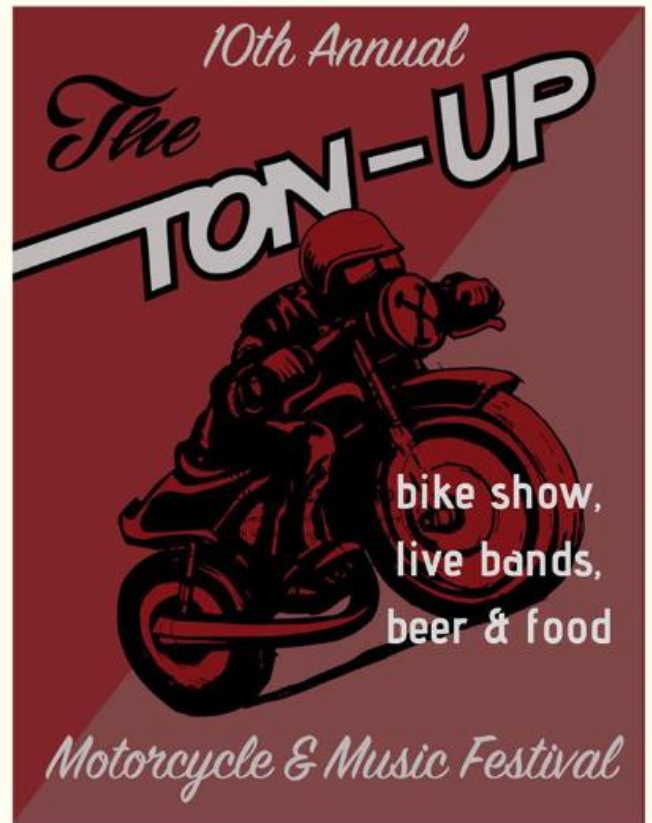
At 10:00 there will be vintage motorcycle ride to remember Art Farley. At noon there will be vintage motorcycles on display at the Chelsea Train Depot. Food and drink available and all activities will be based from the historic Chelsea Train Depot & Historical Museum at 125 & 128 Jackson Street.

This is a rain or shine event.

The Flanders 4 that was made in Chelsea will be on display. If you would like to see how motorcycles were made 100 years ago, come on out and take a look at the old bikes. Even better, come a little early and hear the vintage bikes arrive back from their ride.

Designated parking will be available for vintage bikes. No tickets or advance registration needed.

For further details: [Staff@ChelseaHistory.org](mailto:Staff@ChelseaHistory.org) or 734-476-2010.



**AUGUST 11, 2019 – 12PM**

Corner Brewery - 720 Norris St. - Ypsilanti, Mi

visit [www.facebook.com/thetonup](http://www.facebook.com/thetonup)

The Ton Up is Free



Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Camp Dearborn.

Classic British, European, and pre-1984 American bikes, awards, swap meet, vendors, food and beverages.

- Spectator admission: \$8 per vehicle.
- Bike show entry fee: \$10, plus \$8 Camp Dearborn entry fee (payable at the gate).
- Swap-meet spaces: \$40 for first space (additional spaces \$30), plus \$8 Camp Dearborn entry fee.

Sunday September 15th, 2019  
 12 Noon to 4pm  
**The Village of Stockbridge**  
 "A Great Place To Ride To"  
 Nestled in the corner of Ingham, Livingston, Jackson & Washtenaw Counties



Come and enjoy a day of Vintage, Classic and Remarkable Motorcycles displayed around The Village Green by clubs & individuals invited to show their best. Clubs are invited to showcase club activities & member motorcycles. Individuals with unique, rare or historic Motorcycles are invited to contact Suzi  
 (Participation in the show by invitation only)

**SPECTATORS WELCOME!**

Breakfast 8-12 at the Presbyterian Church  
 Stockbridge Lions Club Pulled Pork Lunch  
 Noon onwards behind Town Hall

For more information contact Suzi: 517-851-7437

All Clubs Day is Free

**MSTR ROUGHRIDER**  
**1000 VIII**

"Cumberland Mountain Bootleggers  
 Run"

**Notice:** Please be advised the Awards and T-shirts will be given out on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the East MSTR meeting.



**MSTR**  
**2019 Rides**

Most 2019 rides are listed below. Please check the MSTR website for the list of the rides and events for rest of the year. The dates for the events have already been set and are listed on the Events page of the MSTR website ([www.mstriders.com](http://www.mstriders.com))



This year Keith Danielson's Grand Tour will take you on a Michigan journey to see some of our state parks at your own leisure throughout the spring, summer and fall.

You must have your pictures in to Keith by November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please see [MSTRiders.com](http://MSTRiders.com) under events for more information.

**BBR 4**

**Barn Burn Ride 4**

August 15-18, 2019

We will have 2 days of riding the roads of southeast Ohio and West Virginia, with about 10 different routes to choose from. In addition, we'll offer pre-rides down from Toledo on Thursday and back on Sunday for those who ride to the event.

**Ride HQ: Baymont Inn and Suites, in Marietta  
 phone (740) 374-9660**

We have a block of rooms reserved, with some available starting on Wednesday, August 14 for those who want to get down there earlier. The MSTR rate will be \$74.99 per night plus tax, which is the same rate that we had last year.

This is the same hotel that we stayed at last year (was Best Western last year), but it is

under new management. Brent, the manager, assures me that he is aware of the complaints that we had last year, and is doing and will do everything in his power to make sure that we have a pleasant stay this year. Last year the stove was broken and they were unable to provide the usual hot breakfast, but this year we will have hot breakfasts available, as well as the outdoor pool to relax and cool off after a great day of riding.

There will be mandatory riders' meetings on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings to form groups for riding the next day.

The hotel is ready to begin taking your reservation. Call now to make sure your spot is reserved. As it is every year, this is a great area to ride in, and it is one of the closest places we visit to ride. It promises to be another great weekend of riding shared with some of your best motorcycling friends. Don't miss it!

**Ride organizer: Keith Danielson**

## Tip of the Mitt

September 12-15, 2019

September 12th is the day we head out to Bellaire for a romp in northwest MI. This is three-night event. We spend our nights at the Bellaire Inn, knowing you will be attending the event will make me happy.

Some of us gather for breakfast in Highland MI for the start north. Some of us will ride solo or pair up. It's all good, no matter how you wish to go. We go home on Sunday. Typically, many of our past participants take off whenever they feel like it, choosing a route they prefer.

**Call Debbie Dailey at the Bellaire Inn to book your room. 231-533-7777.** If she does not answer leave a message. Let her know you are with MSTR. The sooner the better as another event (Paddle Antrim) is also going on that weekend as well. There is a 7-day

cancellation policy (so set your calendars to remind yourself).

Typically ride routes are prepared for the Leelanau Peninsula (Pinky Finger), the Leggs Inn (Ring Finger), the Bridge (Middle Finger). Our friend Bob Komjathy is going to help us out with that.

We have plenty of Bellaire Restaurants, to make your choice for your late afternoon and evening fulfillment of food and drink. All of this is fifteen-minute walk from the Inn.

The restaurant next door is closed right now; breakfast is not provided at the hotel. Therefore, I have been speaking with Christina and Alan Balko, who own the Market M88 to cater bakery items and coffee to the Bellaire Inn Friday and Saturday morning. Any thoughts about this; share them with me.

Sign-up at the next meeting and/or send me a message that you wish to be a part of this.

**Ride Organizer: Peter Stephan**  
Rideamotorcycle@gmail.com

## MSTR Newsletter & Website

The MSTR Newsletter and Website ([www.mstriders.com/](http://www.mstriders.com/)) belong to you, the riders. They both can only be as good and as interesting as you make them. If you have something to say about a ride, your bike, perhaps a trip you are planning, whatever, send it in for the newsletter and/or website to:

**Rachel Durling:**  
[communications@mstriders.com](mailto:communications@mstriders.com)



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## MSTR Photo Gallery

The MSTR maintains a Smug Mug 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.



Bob Harris was good enough to let Bill (Kickstand) Preininger purchase this Triumph T-Shirt from the Detroit Triumph Club. Bill's Assistant Pastor Father Andrew Dawson @ St. Fabian is British & to his delight was given this T-Shirt.




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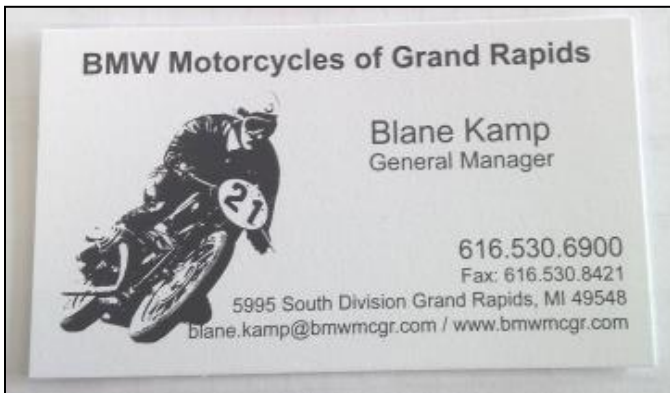
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