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4th Annual MSTR Awards Banquet

The MSTR wrapped up 2019 in style with our 4th annual awards banquet on January 18th and we returned to Karl's Cabin in Plymouth.

A total of 90 MSTRiders and their significant others spent a memorable evening recounting last year's rides and awarding fellow riders. 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.

BMW SEM (John Horner): Rider of the Year sponsor & banquet meal donation

BMW Grand Rapids (Blane Kamp): Rookie of the Year sponsor & gift certificate

Ducati Detroit (Charlie Knoll): Dessert Table sponsor: baked goods by Cantoro's Italian Market



Sue (Ozimek) Ahn: Table Centerpieces



Don Pennington: Event Photographer

2019 MSTR Awards

MSTR Rider of the Year
Bob Komjathy



MSTR Rookie of the Year
Scott King

Highest Riding Event Attendance
Keith Danielson

Average Mileage Female Rider
Rachel Durling: 9,846 miles

Average Mileage Male Rider
Ray Kantola: 8,062 miles

Overall Average Mileage Rider
Maury Feuerman: 8,400 miles

Highest Mileage Male Rider
Keith Danielson: 33,534 miles

Highest Mileage Female Rider
Lynn Higbee: 17,166 miles



Grand Tourer Pro
Gary Hensley and Bud Bay

Grand Tourer
Dave Burr, Tom Brimhall, Keith Danielson, Curt Higbee, Lynn Higbee, Michelle Kantola, Ray Kantola, Bob Komjathy, Don Pennington, Jan Pennington, Shane Schmidt



East Breakfast Perfect Attendance
Max Durling and Bill Johnson
West Breakfast Perfect Attendance
Keith Danielson



Newsletter Article Submission Draw
Winner: Bob Komjathy

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

2019 MSTR MOTY Banquet Door Prizes Report

Once again, our dealer members helped make our 2019 MOTY banquet special by providing a host of door prizes for attendees. Members and guests drew door prize tickets as they checked in on arrival for door prizes that had ticket numbers assigned beforehand. At the door prize table each attendee simply found if their ticket was a winner, then took the item that they had won. Near the end of the evening, unused door prize tickets were drawn to give away each of the table centerpieces.

Here is a list of all of the sponsoring dealers (alphabetically) and the door prizes each contributed.



BMW Motorcycles of Detroit

- 1 ea. BMW Motorrad USB Charger
- 1 ea. BikeMaster Cargo Net
- 1 ea. Muc-Off Wheel & Component Brush
- 1 ea. Original Bike Spirits Spray Cleaner & Polish
- 1 ea. S100 Engine Brightener
- 1 ea. Wizards Mist-n-Shine Detailer
- 1 ea. Kruse & Muer \$50 Courtesy Voucher

BMW Motorcycles of Grand Rapids

- 1 ea. BMW Motorrad Helmet Padding Cleaner
- 1 ea. BMW Motorrad Chain Cleaner
- 1 ea. BMW Motorrad Chain Lube with "Moly"
- 1 ea. BMW Motorrad Functional Detergent
- 1 ea. BMW Fuel System Cleaner Plus
- 2 ea. Grip-Tek Covers, Pair

BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan

- 1 ea. All Kleer Windshield Cleaner
- 1 ea. NEBO Flashlight
- 1 ea. Plexus Plastic Cleaner 7.0 oz
- 1 ea. Battery Tender Junior Charger

College Bike Shop

- 1 ea. \$20 Gift Certificate
- 1 ea. \$20 Gift Certificate
- 2 ea. SC1 High Gloss Coating
- 2 ea. Pro Honda Spray Cleaner & Polish,
12 oz
- 1 ea. Battery Tender USB Charger
- 1 ea. Motorex Joker440 Spray Lube

Honda Suzuki of Warren

- 1 ea. Battery Tender USB Charger
- 1 ea. Bike Spirits Spray Cleaner & Polish,
5 oz
- 1 ea. Maxima SC1 High Gloss Coating
- 1 ea. Pro Honda Spray Cleaner & Polish,
12 oz
- 1 ea. Hondabrite Total Cycle
Cleaner/Degreaser
- 1 ea. Smart Knife Multi-tool
- 1 ea. LED Pocket Work Light

Additionally, BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan sponsored the dinner for the Member of the Year and his spouse and contributed toward various motorcycle accessories which were integrated into the table centerpieces. BMW Motorcycles of Grand Rapids provided a \$125 gift certificate for the Rookie of the Year. Ducati Detroit sponsored The Dessert Table with a fabulous selection of delicious desserts from Cantoro Italian Market.

MSTRiders also provided over 20 other door prizes. Including those who won the drawings for the table centerpieces, this resulted in over 65 members who walked out with some pretty cool stuff.

Please be sure to visit our dealer members. Tell them you are with the MSTR and thank them for their support. Show them your support by purchasing your motorcycles, parts, accessories, and service from them.

Phil Bolichowski



It is so difficult to write these words but on January 3rd, 2020 we unexpectedly lost a great friend and rider, Phil Bolichowski at the age of 62 years young.

Phil was the beloved husband and best friend to his wife of 41 years Helen, devoted father and hero to sons Jeff and Derek, and as most of you know he was a great friend to many, role model and avid motorcycle rider and former flat track racer. He didn't just participate in the MSTR, Phil welcomed new riders, worked to make the club more enjoyable and diverse by hosting the wine tasting and flat track races and by organizing a new ride up to Canada this summer.

Phil Bolichowski will be greatly missed by his friends and motorcycle family in the MSTR.





MSTR Heads Up

Here's a listing of some of the upcoming local events and meetings within the next few weeks to months. 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 ridership@mstriders.com with the details.

MSTR WEST Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, February 8th, 2020 at 9:00am

West Breakfast Meeting is at
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. Breakfast will be available for \$11 plus tax & tip.

MSTR EAST Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 at 9:00am

East breakfast meeting is at
Coach's Corner
36000 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI
48152.

Accident Scene Management Class

Will you be prepared to help another rider in a time of need? After a crash occurs there is a gap in time of 5-30 minutes before an ambulance arrives. Will you know how to help?

Accident Scene Management (ASM) has trained over 35,000 students through the expertise of over 100 instructors in 32 states across the USA. They are the largest Motorcycle Trauma Training organization in the world.

ASM is the leading Motorcycle Trauma Training Organization in the world, and the only accredited non-profit Bystander Program in the USA. The key to reducing injuries and fatalities to motorcyclists is education. Road Guardians encourages all motorcyclists to become lifelong learners, and to do all they can to avoid a crash from occurring. The classes go one-step further than many other safety programs, it connects motorcycle trauma first response as part of the solution.

We need 25-30 people signed up to proceed with a class, if we get more interested, we would need to organize another class, but each class needs to be 25-30 people.

Rachel Durling spoke to Deb Parinello the area instructor for the class. We would need to supply the location of a room somewhat like a classroom that is at least 15 x 20 feet. The class cost is \$75.00 a person. The class is from 9am-5pm for the basic course. Deb has been riding since 1987, she is a paramedic and has 15 years' experience in teaching this class along with working with the State about motorcycle safety. She states that the class would include how to respond to an accident, how to work together so that everyone is safe at the scene, how to remove a helmet safely for someone who is not breathing, what to put in your first aid kit, etc. At the end of the course you will receive a patch, educational books, and some of the supplies used during class.

Deb states that she has March 1st or March 15th open, she prefers to do Sunday classes. We could possibly arrange other dates with if needed.

Email Rachel Durling at communications@mstriders.com to get on the sign-up sheet or for questions. As of now, we have about 17 people signed up for the first class.



MSTR 2020 Rides

In 2020 we'll have some familiar events and some new events for MSTRiders to attend. The dates for the events have already been set and are listed on the Events page of the MSTR Website (www.mstriders.com)

MoArk Adventure 13

This ride is a "curve-chaser's" delight. It's three days of riding with 1,000 tire-shredding miles in the Ozark's to start out your riding season. Check your tires for tread prior to this ride, the roads here will chew them up aggressively. Many riders have shown up with "I think" tires and ended up buying expensive tires mid-ride and losing a day of riding. If in doubt, get new tires.

Ride Headquarters Day 1 (April 15th)

Hampton Inn

[Book a room online](#)

850 Valley Creek Dr. Farmington, MO 63640
(573) 760-8700

Click the link above or call the hotel to reserve your room and ask for the MSTR group rate of \$109.00/night.

NOTE – If you wish to save a few bucks on your hotel in Farmington, MO the Super 8 where we have stayed previously is right next to the Holiday Inn Express.

Ride Headquarters Days 2 & 3 (April 16th & 17th)

Quality Inn and Suites

[www.choicehotels.com](#)

1031 Highland Circle, Mountain Home, AR
72653.
(870) 424-9000

Call the hotel to reserve your rooms, we were told that they remodeled the hotel and the rooms on the top floor (no elevator) are \$96.00/night and the rooms on the ground floor are \$101.00/night.

This ride begins in Farmington, MO. We'll meet there for dinner on Wednesday, April 15th. There will be a mandatory point rider's meeting at 8:30pm then a mandatory rider's meeting at 9:00pm at the Hampton Inn in the conference room around 9:00pm. On Thursday morning, we'll be taking a twisty route from Farmington, MO to Mountain Home, AR. We'll be staying Thursday, April 16th and Friday, April 17th at the Quality Inn in Mountain Home, AR. 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 18th.

To join us for MoArk 13 get your name on the sign-up list of those planning to attend at any of our monthly meetings or send an email to Max Durling as noted below. **Be sure to make your hotel reservations early as prices may go up.** Event information including: Rider Information, Packages and GPS routes will only be emailed to those who have signed up.

Ride coordinator: Max Durling
Email: 2wheelmax77@gmail.com

MoArk Extended Ride 2

Roy Winseck is organizing an extended MoArk ride for the first half of the week. The ride will start in Farmington, Missouri, Sunday, April 12th. Monday riding from Farmington MO to Eureka Springs (283 miles). Tuesday riding from Eureka Springs to Mt. Magazine (266 miles). Wednesday Mt. Magazine to Queen Wilhelmina (250 miles). Thursday Queen Wilhelmina to Mountain Home (278 miles). Then Friday April 24th the riders will be meeting in Mountain Home with the rest of the MSTRiders.



Ride Coordinator: Roy Winseck
Email: rwinseck@gmail.com please email Roy for MoArk extended ride information and details.

Also remember to email Max Durling at 2wheelmax77@gmail.com so he knows who to expect in Mountain Home.

2020 Calendar of Events

For those who need to plan ahead we've compiled a list for the 2020 events and dates.

- **MSTR Mileage Program:** All year
- **Grand Tour:** March - November 15 (details are TBD)
- **1/2K Ride:** May 2
- **4th Annual Ladies of the MSTR:** May 3
- **Michigan Renegade Mountain Ride 7 (MR2):** May 10-16*
- **Don & Jan Summer Sizzle BBQ:** June 7
- **TFZ (The Forbidden Zone):** June 18-21*
- **Leamington Flat Track Race & Wine Tasting:** TBD
- **Phil's Ride/RTH (Ride the Highlands):** July 16-19*
- **RR1K (RoughRider 1000):** August 1:
- **BBR 5 (Barn Burn Ride):** August 13-16*
- **Bart & Marian MSTR Picnic:** September 6
- **TOTM (Tip of The Mitt):** September 17-20*
- **FCR (Fall Color Ride):** October 1-4*

Multi-day events* include travel days to and from the event.

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:

Rachel Durling:
Communications@mstriders.com

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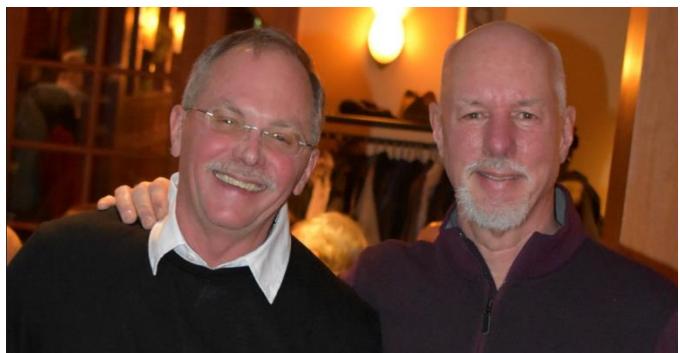
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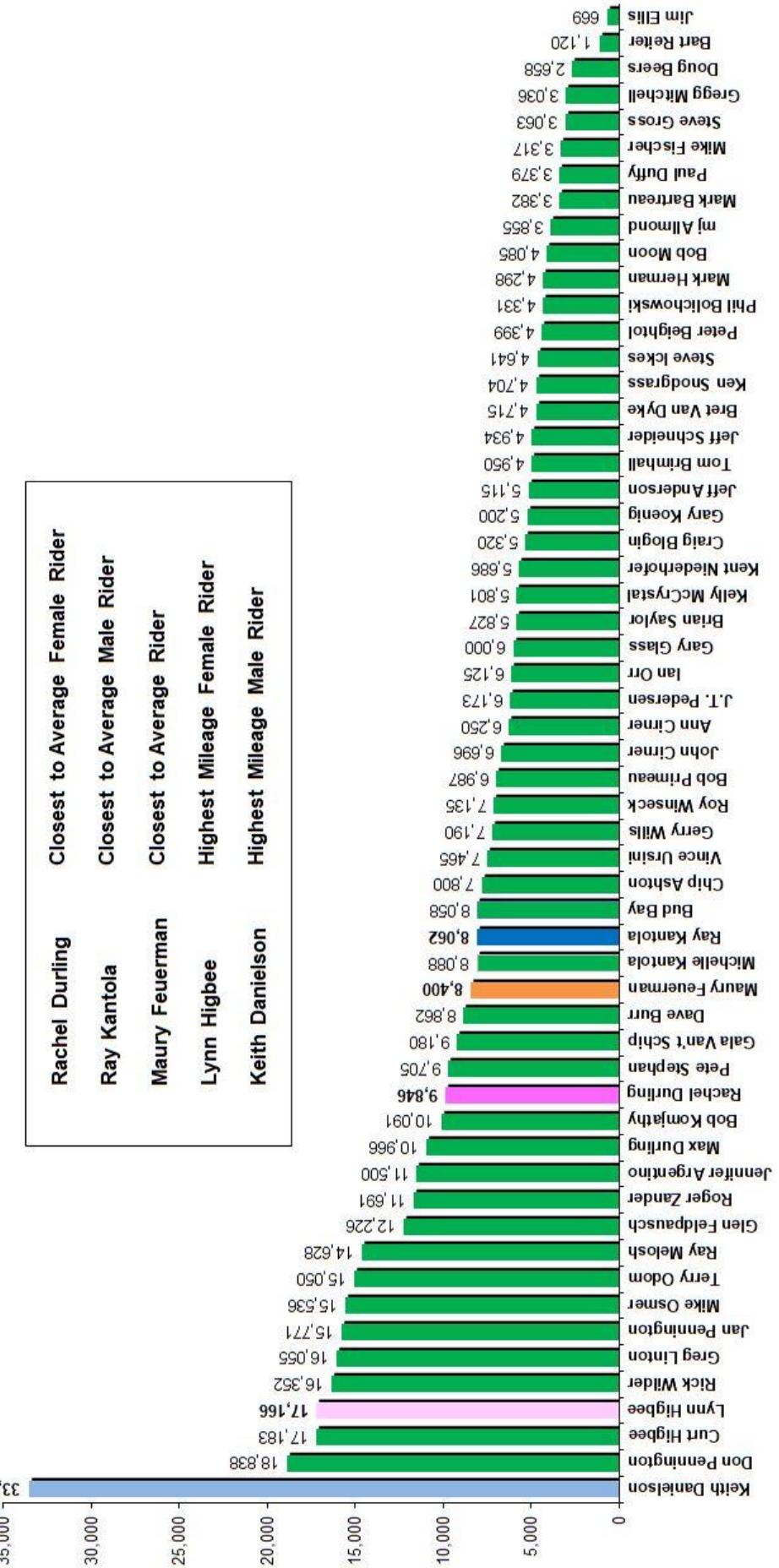


MSTR Photo Gallery

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.



2019 MSTR Mileage Program 473,094 Total miles: 57 MSTRiders



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