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Motorcycle Accident Scene Preparedness

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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.

On March 1st, 2020 the MSTR organized an Accident Scene Preparedness Class in person class taught by <https://roadguardians.org/>. They offer online courses and you can also purchase first aid kits or supplies from the website as well.

1) When arriving to an accident scene 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.

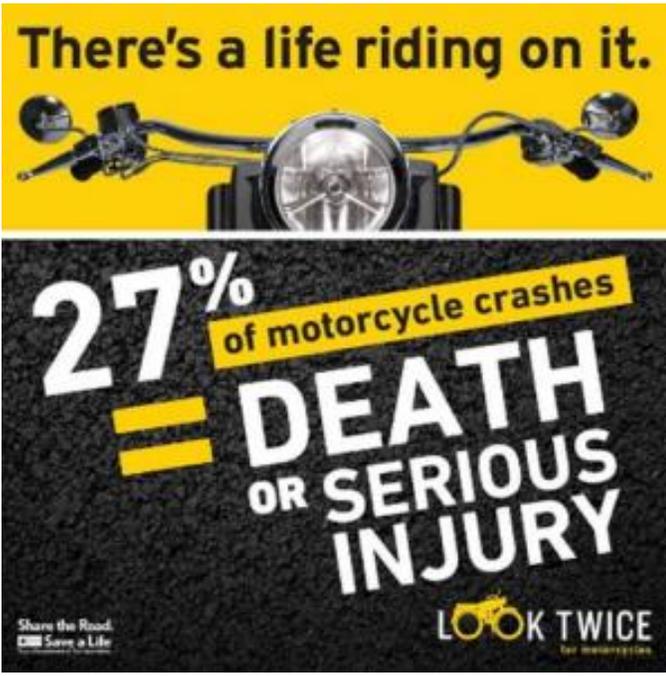
2) Make sure the scene is safe BEFORE approaching. You can't help anyone else if you get injured too.

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) It may be appropriate to 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. 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.





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.

19) When EMS arrives try to give them as much information as concisely as possible, taking notes can help you be able to organize important information for EMS.



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 **2020 MOTY Award!**



MSTR Heads Up

Here is a listing of some of the upcoming local events and meetings within the next few months. If you know of a local motorcycle event in Michigan or Ontario the MSTR would be interested in send Rachel Durling an e-mail to Communications@mstriders.com with the details.

MSTR EAST Breakfast Meetings

Howell Rest Stop Meeting
Saturday July 25th, 2020

Meet at 8:30am and we will start the meeting at 9am to beat the heat. The rest area is off of 96 East between exit 133 Burkhart Rd and exit 137 Michigan Ave./Pinckney Rd in Howell. There will be 50/50 tickets for sale. Bring your own coffee and pick up a breakfast at the nearby fast food restaurants if you would like.

MSTR WEST Breakfast Meetings

The next west-side MSTR meeting is planned on **August 8th, 2020 at 9:00am**

Please check your email for Mailchimp announcements for updates.

Alibi Bar & Grill
1394 E. Riverside Drive, Ionia, MI 48846.
(www.alibionia.com)

Bart & Marian's MSTR

Picnic

Sunday September 6th, 2020
Canceled due to Covid 19.

BBR 5

Barn Burn Raid
August 13 - August 16, 2020 or
August 9 - August 16, 2020
Marietta, Ohio



**Twisty
Road
Riding
Seminar
\$25**

Interested? Send an
email to
wwebb@cyclesafety.training

The Barn Burn Raid (BBR) is one of our most popular and best attended events that we have each year. In the past we have had as many as 50+ riders for this event. We will be riding the twisties in the rolling hills and mountains of southeast Ohio and West Virginia, with favorites such as the New River Gorge Bridge, and the Holly River State Park in West Virginia, and the Beallsville Diner and Big Muskie north of the Ohio River, and many more.

The event officially runs from Thursday the 13th to Sunday the 16th of August. However, due to several rides having been canceled at the beginning of the season due to the Corona virus, we have set up blocks of rooms to begin on Sunday, August 9, and run to Sunday August 16.

This year's BBR will be headquartered at the Hampton Inn, in Marietta, OH, with additional rooms at a slightly lower price next door at the Microtel Inn and Suites. Both hotels offer a free continental breakfast, and there is plenty of room for parking trailers. We have 15 rooms blocked at each hotel, with 10 double queens and 5 kings at the Hampton Inn, and 10 rooms for double occupancy and 5 for single (all rooms have 2 queen beds) at the Microtel Inn and Suites, for a total of 30 rooms. We will be able to add more if needed.

We will have a virtual sign-up sheet, and will have hard copies available to sign up when we meet in person. If you want to go, you can sign up on the Google Sheet [here](#), or you can send an email to keith.danielson@att.net with your name, email address, dates that you plan to attend, phone number, and if you will be rooming with someone, and I'll make sure your name gets on the list.

MSTR 2020 Rides



Please check the MSTR website for an updated list of the rides and events for rest of the year. Some dates have been adjusted for the events have already been set and sadly some had to be canceled due to Covid19. A complete list of events is on the Events page of the MSTR website (www.mstriders.com).

Once you have signed up, you can call either hotel as shown below to make a room reservation.

Hampton Inn

(740) 373-5353, FAX (740) 373-3803. 508
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\$89 per night, 2 queens or 1 king Tell them you are with the Michigan Sport Touring Riders or reserve online at www.hampton.com and use the group code MST. They have a pool. Rooms will be released to the public on July 26.

Microtel Inn and Suites

(740) 373-7373. 506 Pike St., Marietta, OH
45750

\$70 per night single occupancy, \$75 per night double occupancy Tell them you are with the MSTR when you call to make your reservation. No pool here Rooms have been released to the public since July 10.

TOTM 12

Tip of the Mitt 12
September 17 – 20, 2020
Bellaire, Michigan

I hope you have a sharp eye (get it, 2020) on the calendar. September will be here before you know it. Bellaire MI is such a great place to spend time in and nearby. In the past we have enjoyed the roads and the scenery which reflects what is so good about coming to this part of our state.

Come and ride Alden Highway, M88 to Old Dixie and then on to Charlevoix. Take the scenic tour of Leelanau Peninsula. How about that M119 loop? Come on, you can do it: Ride across the Mackinaw Straits over that big beautiful bridge. Choices, choices!

Bellaire Inn

728 E Cayuga St, Bellaire, MI 49615
Phone: 231 533-7777

If you want to participate - here's what you do:

Call Debbie at the number above to make your reservation. Book a room for you and your riding friend. The rooms are clean and spacious. Microwaves and Refrigerators are in each. Remember if you book a room it is your responsibility to cancel it a week before if you find you cannot make it.

Food Faire is a short walk/ride from the Inn. Get your "provisions" for the weekend. Walk into town and enjoy the Corner Bistro, Mammoth Distillery, Be Well Meadery, The Bellaire Bar, Toonies, M88 Coffee, and the Lunch Box.

There will be mandatory riders meetings on Thursday and Friday night held in the parking lot of the Bellaire Inn before the group walk into Bellaire for dinner.

Let Pete know you are going to participate by sending him an e-mail with your name, cell number, email address, riding or trailering, staying at the Inn or staying elsewhere.

Ride Coordinator:

Pete Stephan: rideamotorcycle@gmail.com

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 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

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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.

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