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Barn Burn Raid 5 Wrap Up

By: Keith Danielson

The BBR5 event came off in superb fashion, ending on Sunday, September 16. We had a total of 36 riders who showed up for the event, including two from North Carolina and one from South Dakota! With low probability of rain every day on Monday through Friday, I only heard of one group that got wet briefly in West Virginia one day, although as we were having our evening riders' meeting one day, we could see the dark clouds and lightning, and hear the thunder to the south of us, while we stayed completely dry. When the rain did finally arrive in earnest on Saturday, most of our riders decided to call it a week and head for home. A few groups tried to go for a ride, with at least one group that didn't make it 10 miles before turning around, and a couple of groups that went out later in the afternoon as the rain subsided and gave way to clear skies in the evening. The rest of us commandeered a television in the breakfast eating area and watched MotoGP qualifying and ate pizza for most of the afternoon, compliments of Max and Rachel.



We had one mechanical issue where a broken screw resulted in an oil leak that was resolved on Tuesday, and two riders who ran out of tire before they ran out of riding, and had to have them changed on Thursday. Other than those, I don't think there were any other issues, either on the part of the motorcycles or the riders.

The accommodations at the Hampton Inn were superb. As usual, they had breakfast every morning for us, though not the usual self-serve, and seating in the lounge while eating breakfast was slightly restricted. They also had a nice outdoor patio area where we could congregate outside in the evenings, with a couple of grills for cooking, and a fire pit to sit around. Ian Orr brought along a Jenga game, which kept us entertained for a couple of evenings, and someone else brought along an old game of Jarts to use in the lawn by the patio – no one got impaled by any Jarts, and no one got an eye poked out, so it was all good fun.



Lunches on the rides were a bit hit-or-miss. The Beallsville Diner was closed in mid-June but is once again open Tuesday through Saturday, and the pies were as awesome as

ever. We also found a couple of other places to eat that turned out to be pretty good, so no one went hungry on the Beallsville Diner loop if they couldn't eat at the diner itself. Another new option to eat was in McConnellsville, with roof-top seating looking out over the Muskingum River. All of the new lunch options will be highlighted on those routes in the future.



Ohio has some tricky roads, with many blind hill crests where it's tough to tell exactly where the road is going to be going on the other side of the hill. As a result, a certain amount of caution must be exercised, but when done right, the roads are very entertaining. West Virginia roads usually have better sight lines than Ohio, and present seemingly endless opportunities to wear out the sides of the tires. Both Ohio and West Virginia have numerous places where the road narrows to one lane due to landslides, most of which are controlled by a traffic light to allow one direction or the other to go at a time, and offer little hindrance to making good progress.



All in all, it was a really great week. I can hardly wait for the next foray to the land of the Mail Pouch Tobacco Barns, and I have no doubt that everyone else who attended would say the same. Get your maintenance done and get your new tires so you will be ready for the BBR6 next year!

Cancel Alaska and Hello Idaho

By: Tom Redd (Road Dude)

Check out Tom's blog about his 3,800 mile ride that was supposed to take him to Alaska that started this June through July but ended up being a tour of the lower United States instead due to the Canadian border being closed.



<https://roaddude351.blogspot.com/>



A special thanks to **Keith Danielson and Tom Redd** for the article (blog) 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

ITC Community Sports Park
51000 Eight Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48167
Saturday August 22nd, 2020

Meet at 8:30am and we will start the meeting at 9:00am to beat the heat. 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 September 12th, 2020 at 9:00am

Please check your email for Mailchimp announcements for updates as it will likely be at **Lake Community Park near Porter.**

Bart & Marian's MSTR Picnic

Sunday September 6th, 2020
Canceled due to Covid 19

Twisty Road Riding Seminar
\$25

Interested? Send an email to wwebb@cyclesafety.training



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).

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

Fall Color Ride '20

September 24-27, 2020

This year our Fall Color Ride returns a week earlier than in years past. Once again, this is somewhat of a traveling event, as we will begin in Marietta, OH on Thursday evening with dinner and a rider's meeting. On Friday we'll split up into groups, and head south into West Virginia following some of our usual assortment of twisty bits of tarmac, and maybe some slightly different ones too, arriving in Lewisburg on Friday afternoon.

Once there, you can remove some of the baggage from your motorcycle, because Saturday we'll enjoy some of the twisty treats that West Virginia and Virginia have to offer and return to the same place at the end of the day. On Sunday, we'll ride a more direct route, though still with a good amount of interesting roads for the return to Marietta and back home.

To sign up, you can send an email to keith.danielson@att.net, or sign up at an upcoming meeting or sign-up electronically [here](#).

Our Marietta accommodations will be at the Microtel Inn & Suites. They have a large parking area behind the hotel where we can leave trailers and tow vehicles. Most people will load the bikes back into the trailers after arrival in Marietta on Sunday and arrive back home on Sunday evening. There is no block of rooms, so if you want to go, just call the Microtel directly at (740) 373-7373 to reserve your room. Use your AAA or AARP discount for their best rate.

In Lewisburg, call the Quality Inn & Suites directly at (304) 645-7722. Once again, use your AAA or AARP membership for a 10% discount.

The FCR MR2 follows the full week after this event, so if you are able to work it out, you can make it a full 1 ½ week adventure, and ride directly from Lewisburg to Waynesville, NC to continue the fun.

FCR MR2

Fall Color Ride
Michigan Renegade Mountain Ride
Waynesville, North Carolina
September 28-October 3, 2020

The official dates for this ride are Monday, September 28th to Friday, October 2nd although most people arrive on Sunday, September 27th and leave on Saturday, October 3rd.

The event's home base is the Best Western in Waynesville, NC. Address: 130 Shiloh Trail, Waynesville, NC 28786.

We have reserved/blocked all 16 the rooms at the back for anyone staying all week. Anyone staying less than 6 or 7 nights will be booked at the front of the hotel, on the top floor, which is an easy walk to the back of the hotel to visit with your motorcycle buddies. Depending on room availability you may be able to arrive early and leave late.

The rate is \$79.99/night. Call the Best Western in Waynesville at (828) 456-4402 and reserve under the MSTR. It's best to call early in the morning during the week to speak to Debra or Angie. E-mail Ian or put your name on the list at a meeting.

Ride Coordinator:
Ian Orr: ridership@mstriders.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:
[\(communications@mstriders.com\)](mailto:communications@mstriders.com)

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Barn Burn Raid 2020 pictures:



You'll find many more Barn Burn Raid pictures on our Smugmug page.

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