



Michigan Sport Touring Report

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Editor – Rachel Durling

MR2 Fall Color Ride Wrap-up

By: Ian Orr

This year's weeklong Fall Color Ride in Waynesville, NC, was attended by a total of 18 MSTRiders. Two couples arrived a day early on Saturday to get in an extra riding day while most of the remaining attendees showed up on Sunday and a few stragglers arrived on Tuesday. Several riders rode down from the West Virginia Fall Color Ride and one rode all the way up from Florida.



With the exception of an all-day rain on Tuesday the weather was sunny every day, if a little cool. Temperatures started off in the mid-forties to low-fifties each morning and ended up in the upper sixties or low seventies by mid-afternoon.

Traffic was very light on all our routes, allowing spirited riding if that was your style. Most riding groups were able to enjoy lunch outdoors at all the usual restaurants and many of them had extra precautions in place to protect their staff and we diners. For dinner some attendees

preferred to drive into Waynesville but most of us either brought our own food or picked it up at a local grocery store and then used Max and Rachel's flattop grill or the BBQ grill at the motel.



The Best Western Smoky Mountain Inn pulled out all the stops and provided snacks and bottled water in our rooms each day and then helped us wrap up at the end of the week with one cooler full of beer and another full of burgers and brats.

YouTube is Your Friend

By: Ken Snodgrass

Read Me First

Like most everything in life, you can find all things motorcycle on YouTube. Following are a few channels that I have used to pass the time while I'm self-isolating or avoiding doing something useful. When viewing any YouTube videos, you should have your skepticism set at medium or at least medium low. While there are [GUIDELINES](#) defining what is not allowed, there is no truth meter applied to YouTube content.

There is no prescreening of content, YouTube relies on users to report content that does not meet guidelines. If you disagree with something on the channels below, please remember that I did not post it!

Travel Logs

These channels have videos of motorcycle travel around the world and also contain tips on trip planning/preparation and reviews of motorcycle and camping gear.

[Motorcycle Adventures](#) with Pavlin

[AS the Magpie Flies](#) with Amanda Zito

[FTA Adventures](#)

[Living Off the Slab](#)

[Itchy Boots](#) with Noraly

Gear & Motorcycle Reviews

[Motorcyclist Magazine](#) the MC commute reviews are particularly informative

[The Missenden Flyer](#) for the British point of view

[DriveMag Riders](#)

[Moto Mouth Moshe](#) Moshe K.Levy is a contributor to Motorcycle Consumer News Magazine (RIP)

[Official Triumph Motorcycles](#)

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Road Strategies and Riding Techniques

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[Doodle On a Motorcycle](#)

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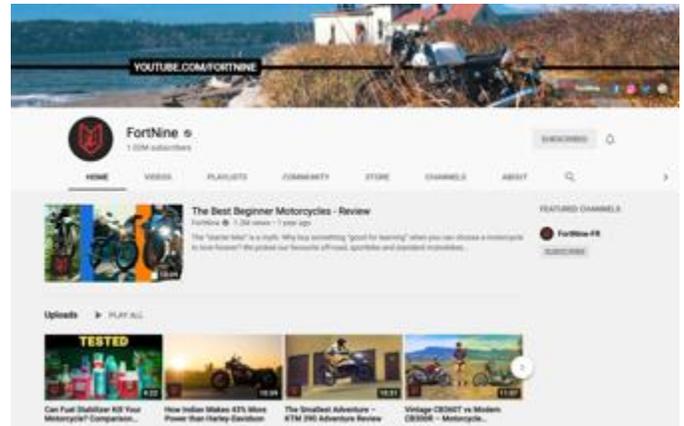
[MC Garage - Motorcycle How To](#)

[Chris Harris](#) Repairs and maintenance of Airheads and Oilheads

Editor's Choice

[FortNine](#) is clearly my favorite motorcycle YouTube Channel. RaynF9, the commentator and star of the videos, covers travel documentaries, gear and bike reviews, crash tests and more. I find RaynF9's tests of motorcycle stuff to be incredibly ingenious and just a lot of fun to watch. Unique video production and engaging scripts set FortNine apart from most all YouTube content. RaynF9

is an employee of [FortNine.ca](#), the Canadian equivalent of Revzilla.



Bonus Item: How You Can Make Money on YouTube (Tip: Don't quit your day job)

While most people who post videos on YouTube aren't in it for the money, there are a few who generate income and a very few who earn millions of dollars. The major sources of income are:

Affiliate Marketing – Channel is paid a commission (around 3%) when it refers a sale to a marketer like Amazon.

YouTube Partner – after achieving subscriber and view requirements, YouTube shares its ad revenue when an ad is viewed on a channel. The viewer must watch the entire ad for it to count. The payment formula is complicated but is about \$3.50/1000 ad views. Less than 1% of content creators earn more than \$100/year from ad revenue sharing.

Selling Stuff – Channels sell books, T-shirts, etc. to generate income.

Sponsorship – Viewers can sponsor a channel using services like Patreon for typically \$1 to \$10 per month.

A special thanks to **Ian Orr and Ken Snodgrass** for the articles 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 and West “Breakfast” Meetings

We will be combining our east and west side meetings for the winter months. Our meetings will very likely be Zoom meetings due to ongoing Covid 19 concerns throughout the winter months. Please check your email for Mailchimp announcements for updates and links for the Zoom meetings.

Our December MSTR “breakfast” meeting will be on December 19th, 2020 at 9am which is the third Saturday of the month due to Christmas. We will be using the paid version of Zoom which will allow the meeting to continue for as long as attendees would like. We will also enable breakout rooms after the main meeting concludes – attendees can move to a breakout room on request to have smaller group discussions.



Twisty Road Riding Seminars

By: *Bill Webb*

If you are interested in taking a future seminar, which may not be until Spring, you can make a \$25.00 contribution at the following link and secure your seminar slot or even if you do not want to take a seminar, you can make a tax-deductible donation at the same link.

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MSTR 2021 Rides



Please check the MSTR website for an updated list of the rides and events for 2021. We need to plan our

ride for July and we also need some new ride coordinators. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to the address below. A complete list of events is on the Events page of the MSTR website (www.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

For Your Information

Regarding politics; the MSTR does not and shall not support any political party. Political discussions are not allowed during MSTR meetings or events.

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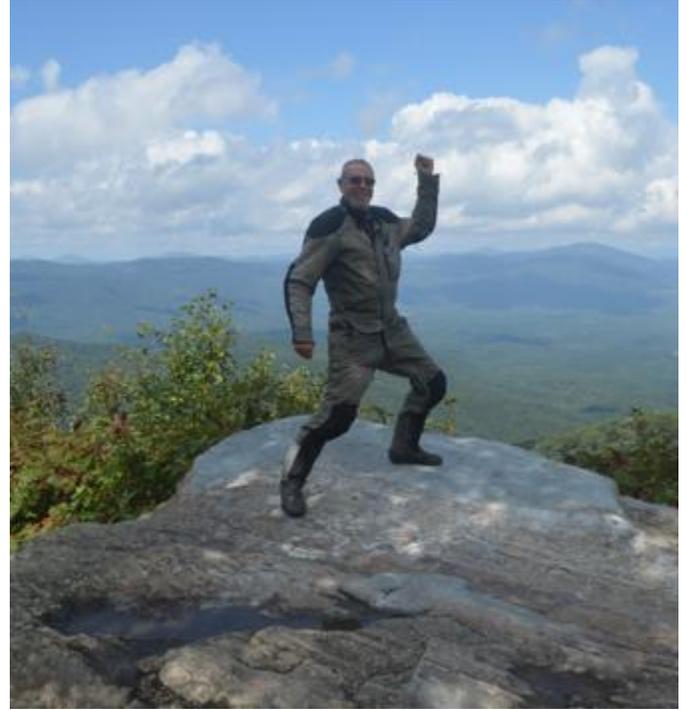
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MSTR Photo Gallery

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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