



Michigan Sport Touring Report

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BBR 6 Wrap Up

By: *Keith Danielson*

The 2021 edition of the Barn Burn Raid was our sixth time with this event. Despite the dire forecast for the weather, with tropical depression Fred also paying a visit to the Ohio River Valley, the event really went off very well. The BBR is advertised as a week-long event, but riders came and went as their schedule permitted, with some coming early and leaving early, some coming late and staying to the end, and others who came early and stayed through to the very end. A total of 28 riders came for anywhere from two days of riding to six days of riding.

The first riders arrived on Saturday, though most others began arriving on Sunday. For the four riders who rode down on Sunday, the weather started out sunny and cool in Toledo, but began clouding over in the afternoon, but only produced light rain for about 10 miles about an hour before arrival. The rest of the day was all dry, including the last bit on OH-26 heading into Marietta. Others arrived on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday as well.

Per our usual operating procedures, a riders' meeting was held each evening at 8:30 or 9:00 to review our safety guidelines, discuss what we had found on routes, and set up or adjust groups.

Early in the week, with the weather services predicting a high probability of rain, most of the riders present actually elected to go out and

start the ride in the rain with the hope that the weather would clear during the day to enjoy some dry roads. This strategy turned out to be the perfect solution, with riders returning and telling of the great riding they had. After a couple of hours of rain, the wet roads dried as the clouds lifted to overcast, with totally dry roads later in the day, and the sun breaking through at times most days. By Thursday, Fred had left the area completely, and we were treated to some nearly perfect weather, with mostly sunny skies, highs in the 80s and only scattered showers as is typical for the area this time of the year.



The rides were interesting to say the least, and spectacular at their best. There were ten different routes to choose from, with most remaining in Ohio, two entirely in West Virginia, and one that hit both states. The routes linked most of the best roads we have found in the smallest geographical area, with endless curves, hills, lunch stops, scenery, and history to entertain riders. To add a sense of adventure to the event, most of the rides had been tweaked to fit in some other twisty bits, though many of these turned out to be more adventurous than most would like when not riding an adventure

bike. Despite the adventure sections and the rain, everyone returned from each day's riding with ear-to-ear grins, sweaty, thirsty, and hungry.

Riders were on their own for dinner each evening, with many opting to go out with others from their riding group. Favorite dinner stops were the Mexican restaurant or Applebee's just a short walk from the hotel. A short drive into town got you to several more great restaurants including Austyn's Steakhouse, the Marietta Brewing Company, and the Boathouse BBQ as the favorites. After dinner, many spent the rest of the evening outside on the patio in the back of the hotel with drinks, and with old and new friends, talking about the great ride they had just had.



As it always does, Sunday came all too soon, though, and riders packed up and loaded their motorcycles or their trailers for the ride or drive

back home. Of the 10 or 12 riders remaining on Sunday morning, there were only three riders mounting their motorcycles for the ride home on Sunday. The others were heading home in air-conditioned comfort pulling their trailers. For the riders on Sunday, the route didn't disappoint, other than the gradual straightening of the roads as they rode north and east toward Toledo.

In the end, BBR 6 will have to go into the books as one of the top events of the year, and of the history of the MSTR. If you didn't go because the weather looked bad, or if you didn't go because of other things you had to do, make sure you put this event on your calendar for next year for the week of August 14-20. Don't worry if you can't make it for the whole week, because whether you come for one day of riding, or six days of riding, you won't be disappointed in the opportunities to enjoy your motorcycle on the roads of southeast Ohio and West Virginia.

A special thanks to **Keith Danielson** for their article 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 **2021 MOTY Awards!**



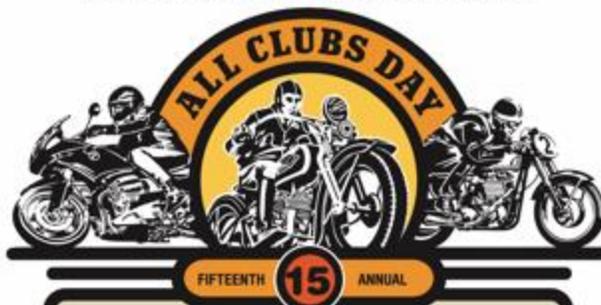
MSTR Heads Up

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.

Explore with Us!



Sunday September 19th, 2021
 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
 Food Trucks Lunch behind the Town Hall
 12 Noon to 3 pm

For more information contact Suzi: 517-831-7437

Sponsored by Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority

SE BMW Track Day

Grattan Raceway - Monday, August 30th
 7am - 5 pm.

All skill levels welcome. Catered lunch provided.

<https://bmwmcsem.com/events/grattan-trackday-event-8-30-21/> to sign up.



MSTR East "Breakfast" Meetings

Our East Side Breakfast meeting will be on August 28th, 2021, at 9:00am at Coach's Corner at Fox Creek Golf Course at 36000 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152.

We will be having breakfast again so come hungry and bring cash! Breakfast in \$13 and we need to collect it at the door.

MSTR West Breakfast Meetings

Our next West Side MSTR meeting will be on September 11th, 2021, at the Keiser's Kitchen at 700 E. Main St., Lowell, MI at 9am.





MSTR 2021 Rides

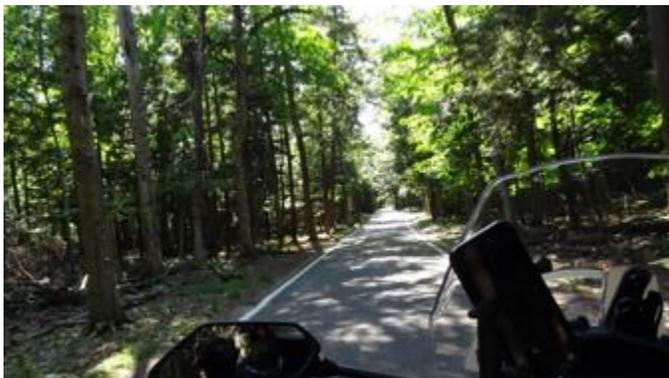
Please check the MSTR website for an updated list of the rides and events for 2021. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to the address below. A complete list of events is on the Events page of the MSTR website (www.mstriders.com).

Note: MSTRider membership is required to attend a MSTR riding event. We will not be able to add your name to an event sign-up list unless you are a current MSTRider or until your New MSTRider Form or MSTRider Renewal form and fee are received. Go to www.mstriders.com, then navigate to the Resources page and scroll down to the **New MSTRider Form** or the **MSTRider Renewal Form** if you would like to become a member or need to renew your membership.

Tip of the Mitt

**September 16th to 19th, 2021
Bellaire, MI**

Join us in Bellaire Michigan for 2021's Tip of the Mitt. We'll be staying at the Bellaire Inn. Explore Northwest Michigan in small groups on some of our favored roads. There are numerous good places nearby for food and drink like the Lunch Box, Short's Brewing, Corner Bistro and more.



This year's TOTM begins Thursday September

16th and finishes Sunday the 19th. Contact Debbie at the Bellaire Inn and reserve your room.

**Bellaire Inn
728 E. Cayuga St.
Bellaire, MI
(231) 533-7777**

**Event Organizer: Peter Stephan
Email: rideamotorcycle@gmail.com**

mr2 Redo + Fall Color Ride '21

September 25th to October 3rd, 2021

We have three options for Fall Color Rides this year. Normally we would have Fall Colors be just a long weekend ride and if that is all you have time for then you can join because you have choices on where and how long you would like to ride this year.

Option 1: MR2 Redo plus the Fall Color Ride

Ride or trailer to Waynesville, NC to participate in the MR2 Redo and stay at the Best Western Smoky Mountain Inn. Towards the end of the week ride or trailer to Lewisburg, WV via Marietta or straight to Lewisburg to participate in Fall Color Ride and stay at the Quality Inn Lewisburg. You can set the dates at each event to fit your schedule. See below for details.

Option 2: MR2 Redo

mr2 Redo
Michigan Renegade Mountain Ride
September 25th to October 3rd, 2021
Waynesville, NC

There will be two days of travel and up to five days of riding on some of the best motorcycle roads in the US. We stay at one location and, each day, choose from any one of 20 different routes. Most MSTRiders will ride 1,000 to

1,500 miles so be sure to have good tires with lots of tread.

The ride begins in Waynesville, NC at the mandatory rider's meeting at the hotel on Sunday, May 9th at 8pm to sign waivers and put riding groups together. The rider's meetings continue each evening until Thursday.

The hotel's remote location ensures a quiet and relaxing stay. Participants can bring or purchase food to make their own onsite breakfasts and dinners or drive/ride 5-10 minutes to one the many restaurants in Waynesville. There is an onsite BBQ grill available for our use.

To join us for **mr2 Redo** send an email to Ian as noted below or sign up at an upcoming meeting.

Event information including hotel & local restaurant information, Rider Packages and GPS routes will only be provided to those who have signed up. Be sure to make your hotel reservations early as there are only eight rooms blocked. MSTR room rate is \$80/night + tx.

Ride HQ: All week

Best Western Smoky Mountain Inn 130 Shiloh Trail, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786, Phone: 828-456-4402

Event Organizer: Ian Orr

Email: mclorr1198@gmail.com

Option 3: Fall Color Ride

Fall Color Ride '21
September 31st to October 3rd

This year our Fall Color Ride returns at the end of September to the beginning of October. As has been tradition, this is somewhat of a traveling event, as we will begin in Marietta, OH on Thursday evening, Sep 30 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, Oct 3, we'll ride a more direct route, though still with a good amount of interesting roads for the return to Marietta and back home. Most people will load the bikes back into the trailers after arrival in Marietta on Sunday and arrive back home on Sunday evening.

To sign up for the Fall Color Ride, send an email to Keith as noted below or sign up at an upcoming meeting.

We'll be there along with the MSTA FCR. If you want to get the MSTA routes, you can register by emailing Syd Mayes at touringman5@gmail.com. There is no cost to register with the MSTA, and you don't need to be an MSTA member.

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. 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 number below. To get the MSTA group rate at the Quality Inn, see the MSTA FCR website at www.msta-se.com/fcr.

Quality Inn & Suites

178 Coleman Dr, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (304) 645-7722

Event Organizer: Keith Danielson

Email: keithmdanielson@gmail.com

**2021 Michigan One Room
Schoolhouse Grand Tour
All Year**

The MSTR grand tour returns for 2021 with a visit to one room schoolhouses. It is estimated that at one time there were over 7,200 one room schoolhouses in Michigan. Today, the Michigan One Room Schoolhouse Association (MORSA) has a directory of over 7,000 of these one room schoolhouses that is searchable by county or by school name. Fourteen of those have been selected as our checkpoints for 2021, though you can likely see many more as you ride through the countryside.

To sign up for the grand tour, simply send your *name, email, and telephone number*, to Keith Danielson at keithmdanielson@gmail.com, or sign up at any one of our meetings in Ionia for the west side, or Novi or Livonia for the east side to get the information package to complete the tour. The grand tour is done at your convenience as your schedule permits. The checkpoints can be done in any order between now and November 21. It provides you with an excuse to go for a ride with a destination and purpose in mind. Whether you do all 14 with a bunch of extras, or if you only do one, it doesn't really matter. The only thing that really matters is that you get out on your motorcycle and enjoy a nice ride. To qualify for a finisher's award, you need to send your picture proofs no later than November 21.



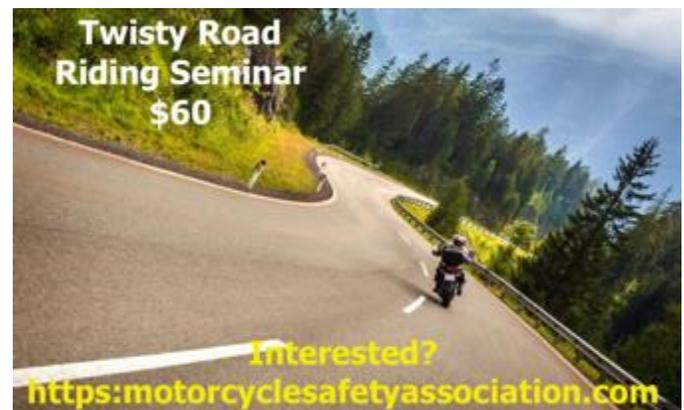
We hope you will join us this year to get out to find these 14 schoolhouses. Who knows what other sights, sounds, smells, and history you might find while doing so? You might find a few other pieces of Michigan history, culture,

culinary, or scenic beauty along the way, even if your readin', writin' and 'rithmetic are a bit rusty.

Twisty Road Riding Seminar

By: **Bill Webb**

Reminder to those who have already taken the Twisty Road Seminar, one training slot in each seminar is held back for those who have taken the seminar previously who want a free refresher. That list is created on a first-to-request basis. Therefore, if you want to retake the seminar this season, send me an e-mail. webb@motorcyclesafetyassociation.com For those not familiar with the Twisty Road Seminar program, it was started in 2019 by formation of the Motorcycle Safety Association, a non-profit corporation that has since been determined to be a charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. code. More information about the program and what others who have taken the seminar have said about the program can be seen at: <https://motorcyclesafetyassociation.com/>



If you may be interested in signing-up, you can learn more about the program at the website link above and you can sign-up online at: <https://motorcyclesafetyassociation.com/sign-up-for-training>

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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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