



Michigan Sport Touring Report

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Bluetooth Adventure

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On this momentous day, success was achieved in Bluetooth-ing a bike, GPS, smartphone, and helmet comm set.

The players:

1. **Bike** - 2019 BMW R1250RT (analog dash model)
2. **GPS** - BMW (Garmin) NAV-6
3. **Smartphone** - Samsung Galaxy S20 Ultra
4. **In-Helmet Comm Set** - Schubert SC1 (Advanced - Sena 10U equivalent)

Objective:

Make all this stuff work together.

Backstory -

- I like using Google Maps on my phone but manipulating while underway really doesn't work out all that well.
- The phone doesn't like gloves, and precision dexterity of operation at speed can be challenging.
- Assessment - the GPS touchscreen really is much better suited.

As it turns out, once all these components are integrated together, and the Garmin Smartphone Link app installed, additional semi-cool capabilities become available. More on that to follow.

Methodology:

Before doing ANYTHING else -

- Ensure all Bluetooth combatants firmware is up to date.
- Note Bluetooth version of each - anything less than **v4.1** may not deliver desired results.
- Look for Bluetooth device support for protocols **A2DP** and **HFP** - **Advanced Audio Distribution Profile / Hands Free Profile**. If only **HSP (Handset Profile)** is supported by any device, this may not work.
- Note that **NAV-5 GPS** (or earlier) may not deliver desired results here, it simply comes up short in the raw processing horsepower department.



Step-1: Unpair *everything*. Perform factory reset if necessary.

Step-2: Pair the helmet comm set to bike *Helmet-1*. This was more difficult than expected - it was necessary to pair the helmet's *Media Selective Pairing* Bluetooth option to the bike. (No, this wasn't documented...)

Step-3: Pair the helmet to GPS using comm set *GPS Pairing* option. (This as documented...)

Step-4: Pair Smartphone to GPS.

Step-5: Install / launch / configure Garmin *Smartphone Link* app.

At this point everything actually started working! So far it has worked reliably.

- Incoming phone calls show up on the GPS. You can accept or reject call as desired. You can make calls using the GPS, your contacts and call history appear if permission is given.
- You can hear the other person through the helmet, and yes - they can hear you too.
- You can hear music stored on the GPS.
- You can also hear music from the bike - be it AM/FM/XM or thumb drive media.
- Live weather and traffic updates are now available - *without additional subscription costs*.
- Live traffic camera feeds are also available if you are willing to shell out \$4.99 USA per month (currently).
- Garmin *Smartphone Link* app provides Foursquare, social media live posting capabilities, *Last Mile* features, attraction search that can be sent to the GPS as a destination, and other things.

Caveat - In-helmet music volume control is not available via the BMW *Wonder Wheel* - must use helmet volume +/- controls. (Or purchase the bar-mounted remote - *caveat emptor* on this one...)

If you happen to own a BMW with the touch-screen dash, you have the additional option of

the BMW Motorrad "Connected" Smartphone app.

Massively helpful web links:

- *BMW Motorcycle TFT with Nav VI and Headset setup and use* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzPolLCj-aU>
- Connect your SC1 to the Bike, Phone, and NAV (and use Wonder Wheel) - <https://www.k1600forum.com/threads/connect-your-sc1-to-the-bike-phone-and-nav-and-use-wonder-wheel.166658/>

Good luck and ride safe.

A special thanks to **Vince Cardinale** for his 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 **2022 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.

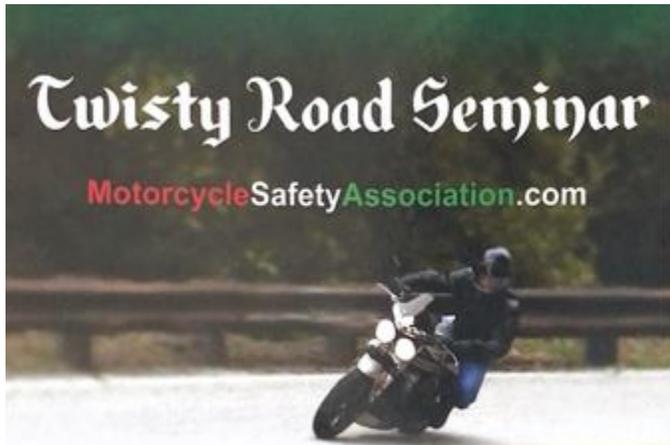
MSTR East Breakfast Meetings

Our East Side Breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, on April 23, 2022, at Coach's Corner, 36000 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152 at 9am.

MSTR **West Breakfast Meetings**

Our next West Side MSTR meeting will be on April 9, 2022, at the Alibi Bar & Grill, 1394 East Riverside Dr, Ionia, MI, 48846 at 9am.

Please email Gala at gschip@me.com to let her know that you will be there for breakfast, so that she can plan to have enough food for everyone.



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What a Professional rider says about the Seminar

"The Twisty Road Seminar offers sound advice to all street riders, regardless of experience level"
Mark Miller, Isle of Man TT – 1st Place Winner

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If you are interested in the Twisty Road Seminar, please contact Bill Webb at the email address above.

MOTY Banquet

Saturday April 2, 2022

Our 2021 MOTY (Member of the Year) Banquet will be held on April 2, 2022, at Lena's Kitchen

from 4:00 pm to 8:00pm located at 28345 Beck Road Wixom, MI 48393.

Reservations were due on March 19th.

We are also staying at the Hyatt in Novi after the banquet, see your emails for details and about the group rate.

All Clubs Ride

Sunday May 1, 2022

Meet for coffee and donuts in downtown Stockbridge from 9:00am to 1:00pm.



MSTR 2022 Rides

Please check the MSTR website on the events page for a list of the rides and events for 2022 (www.mstriders.com). If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to the address above.

Note: MSTRider membership is required to attend an 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**.



MoArk Adventure 14

April 13 to April 16, 2022

Missouri/Arkansas



This ride is a “curve-chaser’s” delight. There are 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, mount new tires.

The MoArk event begins in Farmington, Missouri. We’ll meet there for dinner on Wednesday, April 13th. There will be a mandatory **point** rider meeting around 8:00 or 8:30pm and then a mandatory riders meeting at 9:00pm to sign a waiver and put riding groups together. On Thursday morning you can choose one of three routes from Farmington to Mountain Home, Arkansas. We’ll then be staying Thursday, April 14th and Friday, April 15th in Mountain Home. On Friday you have a choice of five loop routes (or make up your own) but no matter which you’ll be riding on some of the best roads in Arkansas. On Saturday you again have a choice of three routes to return to Farmington, Missouri from Mountain Home, arriving mid-afternoon and then prepare for the ride or trailer trip back to Michigan.

To join us for MoArk 14 get your name on the sign-up list by sending an email to Ian as shown below. Event information including hotel information, a rider package and GPS routes will only be provided to those who have signed up.

Event Organizer: Ian Orr
Email: mclorr1198@gmail.com

5th Annual Ladies Day Ride

Sunday May 1, 2022

Please join us for the 5th Annual Ladies Day Ride at Zukey Lake Tavern at 10:00am on May 1, 2022, address 5011 Girard Drive Pinckney, MI 48169 for breakfast. If you would like to skip breakfast, meet us at Zukey Lake Tavern at 11:00am, kickstands up at 11:15am to ride a loop around Stockbridge then stop in Downtown Stockbridge for All Clubs Ride. All MSTR riders are welcomed to join.

International Female Ride Day[®] (IFRD) the first Saturday in May, is a global day celebrating the cultural, social and active lifestyles of women who ride and enjoy motorcycling. The day also marks a call to action for fast-tracking gender equality, awareness, and respect for women in motorcycling or motorsport.

Ride Organizer: MJ Campbell
Email: vtxchick@hotmail.com

½ K Ride

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Michigan/Ohio/Indiana

Come join fellow riders on a fun day riding the smaller state, and county backroads in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, with good food at the Blue Gate Cafe in Shipshewana, Indiana.



Starting and ending point is the famous Brighton Meijer Gas Station at 8660 W. Grand River Brighton, Mi. 48114. The advantage of this starting point is the close proximity to good roads of Livingston County. Kickstands up at 9:30 a.m.. Grab a bite to eat available at several nearby restaurants before hand if you desire. Bob will proof test the ride a couple of weeks before our departure to get rid of gravel and construction in the route.

Event Organizer: Bob Komjathy
Email: Rx_mich@yahoo.com

mr2

Michigan Renegade Mountain Ride
May 15 to May 20, 2022
Waynesville, NC



There will be two days of travel and 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 15th 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. About one week before the event starts, we'll select one warm and dry evening to have an onsite group cookout. Those who want to join in can either bring their own food for the cookout or pick it up at a local grocery store.

To join us for **mr2** send an email to Ian as noted below. 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.

Event Organizer: Ian Orr
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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

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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Let's make some great motorcycle memories in 2022! Here's some 2021 pictures of our adventures.



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