



Michigan Sport Touring Report

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Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

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And now for something completely different (as Monty Python would say)! You may remember that I recently wrote about my latest 2-wheel acquisition, a café racer based on a 1971 Triumph Bonneville. Between that bike and my 1968 Ducati Monza I have been trying to do more vintage-y stuff this year. One of the things I found to do was the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (<https://www.gentlemansride.com/>). The organizers description says *The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride unites classic and vintage style motorcycle riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health.*

The event began in Australia in 2012, inspired by this photo of John Hamm → (Don Draper on Mad Men) on a Matchless. For the last 9 years, Triumph has been a global sponsor of the DGR—donating money for logistics and motorcycles as prizes for the top fundraisers.

Despite the name, the event is open to everyone regardless of gender. All you need is a vintage bike (or modern vintage-styled bike) and some clothes to match.

May 22 dawned chilly and overcast, but at least it wasn't raining. Yet. I channeled my inner Don Draper and headed for the Detroit Foundation Hotel (formerly the Detroit Fire Department Headquarters). Like most of us in the MSTR, I am an "all gear all the time" rider and I felt quite naked riding down the freeway without my gear. I did wear my helmet, boots, and gloves. I have a retro-styled helmet (Biltwell Gringo S) which

looks the part, but my boots and gloves were modern. Still, I couldn't bring myself to skip these items. Next year, I will probably wear my Aerostich on the ride to the event and find someplace to store it during the ride.



The hotel was a ride sponsor and had a great spread of pastries and coffee for us. I much appreciated the coffee after the brisk (and wet, because the rain started once I was on the road) 30-minute ride to get downtown from my house. I was wearing an insulated shirt under my button-up shirt which helped a lot, but I was still rather chilled.



(Photo: Justus Koshiol – JK Photography)

I was pleasantly surprised to find that most of the attendees got into the spirit—there were a lot of dapper ladies and gents and some very cool machines. Very few boring modern-looking bikes. I did take the opportunity to hand out some flyers for the Metro Triumph Riders Battle of the Brits event.

First stop was the Belle Isle Conservatory—riding through most of the Detroit Grand Prix course along the way. A few stragglers that didn't make it to the hotel in time joined the ride at this stop.



The ride itself was only about 25 miles through downtown. Obviously, this event isn't really about the riding—slow speed through an urban environment is not my cup of tea, especially with an air-cooled bike and 1971 braking technology. Better to think of it as a portable motorcycle (and fashion!) show.

Next, we headed to Nancy Whiskey (another ride sponsor) in Corktown for our second stop. By this time the sun was peeking out from behind the clouds, and it was—well, if not exactly warm, at least warmer.

I had a couple of soda waters to rehydrate before we headed for our third and final stop at Jolly Pumpkin (also a sponsor).



The Detroit DGR had around 100 riders and raised over \$18,000 for men's health. Kudos to the organizers (many local Triumph club TOMCC) for putting it together apparently in a very short timeline. I'm planning to do it again next year, who's in with me?



A special thanks to **Steve Gross** 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.

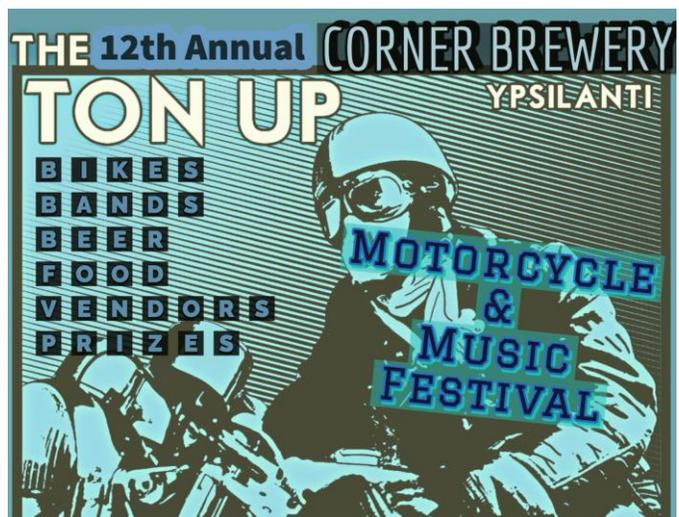
MSTR East Breakfast Meetings

Our next East Side Breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, on June 25, 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 July 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.



The 12th Annual Ton-Up Motorcycle and Music Festival is set for Sunday, August 14 at Corner Brewery in Depot Town, Ypsilanti!

Twisty Road Seminar

MotorcycleSafetyAssociation.com



What a Professional rider says about the Seminar

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Mark Miller, Isle of Man TT – 1st Place Winner

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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](#).

UNCR III (Up North Camping Ride) July 7th-12th, 2022 Lake Superior Circle Tour



A celebration of the end of pandemic border closures, this year's ride will be a circle tour of Lake Superior. A slab ride across the Mackinaw Bridge to Brimley State Park and then follow the shoreline clockwise to the Minnesota- Canadian Border with camping at Fort Wilkins, Twin Harbors, MN., Grand Marais, MN. into Canada Rossport Provincial Park and Marathon, Ontario then back to Sault Saint Marie, MI. Enjoy nearly 425 miles of Trans Canada 17 without permanent traffic lights. Scenic vistas, waterfalls and constant changes from lake level to mountain tops. Most meals will be in restaurants but there may be one stop that packing some goodies along might be advisable.

Lake Superior is its own weather maker. It could be 85F a few miles from the lake and 60F or less for the daily high along the coast. Pack with layering in mind to keep comfortable. Rain gear is always a smart item to pack along as well as insect repellent or a bug head net. All travel in Canada will be during daylight hours for safety. I have done this trip several times and each time was different weather. Each time I went, it was a great time and a view of the lake and mountains that were very memorable. Passport or enhanced driver's license required.

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

BBR 7

Barn Burn Raid 7

August 14th to August 20th (long version)

August 18th to August 20th (standard version) Marietta, OH

The Barn Burn Raid (BBR) is one of our most popular and best attended events. It takes its name from the iconic Mail Pouch Tobacco barns seen throughout rural Ohio.



We'll be riding along some of the best twisty roads in and around the rolling hills and valleys of southeast Ohio and West Virginia. We'll visit favorite sites like the Big Muskie in Ohio and the New River Gorge Bridge and Holly River State Park in West Virginia. And of course, every route includes a great lunch stop such as the Beallsville Diner, Boondocks BBQ, Hillbilly Hotdogs, Maxwell's Pizza and Pies & Pints.

BBR is headquartered in Marietta, Ohio making it a comfortable one-day ride from many Michigan locations. BBR 7 officially runs from Sunday, August 14th to Saturday, August 20th. MSTRiders can choose to attend for the entire week or for any portion of the week, whichever fits their schedule.

BBR Event Headquarters
Microtel Inn
506 Pike Street, Marietta, OH

To join us for BBR 7 and get the code for the Microtel Inn room rate send an email to Ian as noted below. A block of rooms is being held until July 14th. An event package, consisting of an event overview, GPS routes, turn-by-turn directions and route maps will be made available to everyone who signed up.

Event Organizer: Ian Orr

Email: mclorr1198@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:

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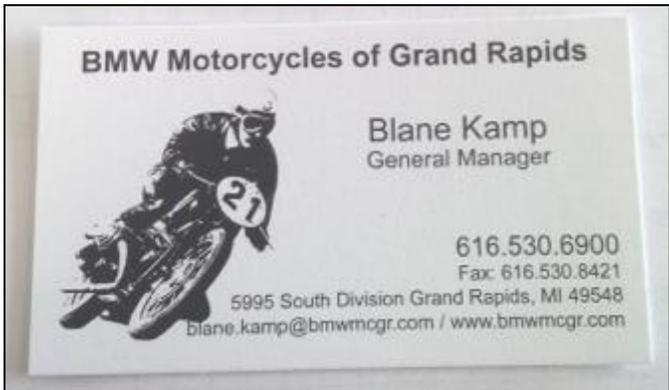
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