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**TOTM 14**

**A memory that will last**

*By: Peter Stephan*

Wow! Did we have a nice long weekend or what? The ride up was sunny, the countryside green, and the few hills offered views of cows, horses, pigs, turkeys, hawks, and yards. After 246 miles it was home at the Legend Cottage at Shanty Creek.

After a couple of twisty bits up the hill we found some of our friends were already enjoying sitting outside with a beverage when we showed up. Our room was on the second floor overlooking the pond and a portion of the golf course.

Dinner for nearly all of us was at the Corner Bistro in downtown Bellaire.



Our rider's meeting was poolside where we could enjoy the smiling face of Mermaid Loreet in the warm water as we spoke about our responsibility of watching our fellow riders in groups to be formed for tomorrow.

The rooms were quiet, with one exception. One of our members who will tell you their story. Let's just say; "Don't come knocking if the floor is rocking!" A good sleep was had after we discussed who was riding with whom and which one of the many routes Bob K. had provided us.

On Friday some of us went out to the east, south, or west. Traverse City is busy. Charlevoix is busy. Petoskey is a good place to parade through on 31 (not!). Despite some discomfort with traffic, a majority of our ride was scenic and fun. We all had lunches somewhere along our routes to enjoy smoked foods, fish, and a treat or two. Stacey H., on her first long ride with Neil W. put in a 300 mile day along M-22 and up the Leelanau Peninsula – congratulations on completing your first MSTR ride. As the ride neared its conclusion for the day, some of us had a Short's brew and pizza.

A group of us found a friendly soul and a nice dinner at Sarducci's. Mike, who served us, made us smile and suggested some specials (weirdly they were on the main menu). A good guitarist played and sang as we shared stories with each other and laughed. Later we enjoyed a little scotch and bourbon which Ray K. and Keith D. had cracked open.

Saturday morning we woke with the rays of sunshine spilling out over the landscape. Another fine day was anticipated. Our groups rode out primarily to the northeast. Tami S. had to get some fudge from Murdock's in Mackinaw after all! Lake Huron was a blue that nearly matched the sky. Ray and Michelle made a detour towards Traverse City. Tami and Pete made a stop at Schooks Farm at the 1914

winery (BTW; they have a sinfully good caramel apple cider). Neil W., Stacey H., Ian and Loret O. rode east and discovered some really twisty roads surrounding the Black River and LOTS of fresh home-made pies at the Wood Winds Restaurant in Onaway.

Saturday evening a group got on the shuttle to fulfill their craving for ice cream in Bellaire. Some of us had another fine meal at Sarducci's where Mike suggested "specials". Another brace of cocktails were had room side as we avoided the sprinklers that appeared to have been set to refill the pond or surprise our feet.

Sunday we were happy to find that no storms threatened us as we all scattered to get home. A farewell to Stacey included a comment that she would be just fine with riding again with Neil W. in control.

See you the next time, at the next riding event with a group of fellow like-minded MSTR members. Our fellowship as a group is one that many enjoy during the riding season. Come join us on the next one.

**A special thanks to Peter Stephan for his article and pictures featured this month.**

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## 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](mailto:Communications@mstriders.com) with the details.

## MSTR East Breakfast Meetings

**This month's east side breakfast meeting will this Saturday September 24, 2022, at George's Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Dr. Northville, MI 48168 at 9:00am. Get there early to enjoy some coffee and storytelling about our latest events.**

## MSTR West Lunch Meetings

**Our next west side lunch meeting will be on Saturday October 8, 2022, at the Alibi Bar & Grill, 1394 East Riverside Dr, Ionia, MI 48846 NEW TIME at 11:00am.**

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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](http://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](http://www.mstriders.com), then navigate to the Resources page and scroll down to the **New MSTRider Form** or the **MSTRider Renewal Form**.

### **ROTE** **Riding on the Edge** September 25 to September 30 West Jefferson, NC



Not *that* kind of riding on the edge. Save that for the track. In this case, the edge is the 2000-foot Blue Ridge Plateau.

The idea is to extend the Fall Color Ride. The Fall Color Ride is the last ride of the year. Almost time to put your bike up for the winter. Wouldn't you like to get some extra riding in during the week before the Fall Color Ride?

Riders can travel down to the Edge as early as Sunday, September 25 check-in. You can ride Monday through Thursday, then ride up to Lewisburg on Friday and meet up with the fall color ride. Or any combination of days that works for you.

The Edge ride is based in West Jefferson, NC and rides the mountains on top of the plateau, the slopes of the plateau, and the valleys below. There are some roads you know. The Snake is 35 miles from the hotel and appears on several routes. The routes also include Roan Mountain, 226A up to Little Switzerland, and other roads you may recognize.

There are also lots of new roads to explore. Blowing Rock Highway, various sections of 194, and Highland Parkway to start, plus fun local roads. I smile every time I ride Buckwheat-Vannoy Road or Summit-Fall Creek Road.

Some members are unwilling to ride very much in Virginia due to its aggressive speed laws. That's totally understandable and West Jefferson is just 18 miles south of the Virginia border. I guess you could say that we are riding on the edge of the Forbidden Zone (Virginia), as well as the plateau. That said, there are currently nine routes primarily in North Carolina and a little bit of Tennessee. For those open to riding in the Forbidden Zone, there are two northern routes, one up to the "Back of the Dragon" and the other goes to some of my favorite forbidden roads. Come to think of it, I may put some of those on the ride up to Lewisburg.

West Jefferson is a nice little town with cute shops and a dozen or more restaurants to choose from. There is a waffle and coffee shop a half mile from the hotel for Don. Similar to Waynesville, most of the restaurants are a short ride from the hotel, but there are lots of good choices.

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## Fall Color Ride '22

September 29 to October 2

Marietta, OH to Lewisburg, WV



This year our Fall Color Ride returns at the end of September to the beginning of October. This is somewhat of a traveling event, as we will begin in Marietta, OH on Thursday evening, September 29 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, October 2, 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, you can send an email to [keithmdanielson@gmail.com](mailto:keithmdanielson@gmail.com), 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 Chris Shoop at [shoopce@gmail.com](mailto:shoopce@gmail.com) or by going to [planetreg.com](http://planetreg.com) to register online. There is no cost to register with the MSTA, though they will take donations. All fees in excess of the minimal

event costs will go to Ride for Kids. 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, AARP or other discount for their best rate.

In Lewisburg, call the Quality Inn & Suites directly at (304) 645-7722. When you register with Keith, he'll send you information for the group rate at the Quality Inn.

See also the information sheet for the MSTR Riding on the Edge event if you want to extend the good vibes by riding in North Carolina/Tennessee/Virginia before going to Lewisburg.

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## MSTR Newsletter & Website

The MSTR Newsletter and Website ([www.mstriders.com/](http://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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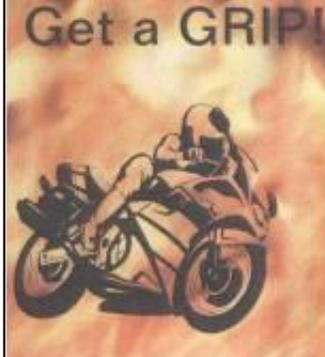
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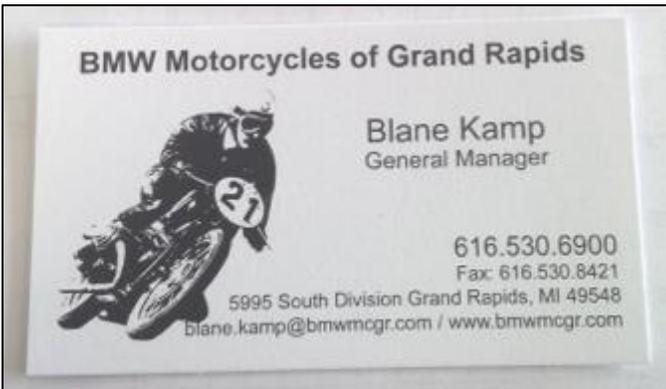
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