



*Michigan*  
*Sport Touring Riders Report*

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Editor – Ian Orr

## HT2 Ride Report

By: Jac Brown



The 2023 edition of the Hocking Hills Twist Tour (HT2) is in the books with 12 riders including 3 couples. Although first time event rider, Steve Kineman, tried to jinx us by saying “The weather is going to be perfect” over and over again, he was right and we had perfect weather for the whole event. The mornings were comfortably cool but by 10 am we were taking off an extra layer and we were opening our vents in the early afternoon. The only thing we could remotely complain about was the mid-80's temperature in the afternoon as we rode home on Sunday.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the routes and the restaurants with Miller's Chicken being one of those funky building/tasty food spots that made it a favorite lunch stop.

Overall, the roads are good with mostly good surface and a variety of medium to fast curves. One irony was that the roads keep the average

speed up which is good when you are expecting hot weather, but the very comfortable temperatures left some of us wishing for more 2<sup>nd</sup> gear turns. Of course, there are always problems. We had an unexpected bridge out which closed a road and caused a bit of circling. There was also a section of road where the attempts to fix it only seemed to make it worse. But that happens and there will be route tweaks for next year.



On Friday, the roads were very quiet with little traffic to deal with, but more passes were made on Saturday. Happily, most drivers were friendly, even waving us past. No performance awards earned, and the only motorcycle work was on discovering a ticking sound from Paul's chain with a full government quota of supervisors standing around drinking beer.

The hotel in Logan was comfortable and friendly. The good news is that they seemed to like us too. I met with the manager on Saturday, and she offered a really good room block rate for next year. Once we get a contract completed, I will be announcing it and I highly recommend booking early.

Finally, I can report one bird committed suicide on Wes' fairing, multiple deer crossed the road in front of or between riders, my "ground hog in the road" count was in the dozens, and I saw more than 10 turtles trying to cross the road.

Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the lady turtle on the other side!

A special thanks to **jac Brown** 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 **2023 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 Ian Orr an e-mail to [Ridership@mstriders.com](mailto:Ridership@mstriders.com) with the details.

## MSTR East Breakfast Meetings

**This month's east side breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 9:00am at George's Senate in Northville, located at 39430 Dun Rovin Dr. Northville, MI 48168**

## MSTR West Breakfast Meetings

**Our next west side lunch meeting will be on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 11am at the Alibi Bar & Grill, 1394 East Riverside Dr, Ionia, MI 48846.**

**Twisty Road Seminar**  
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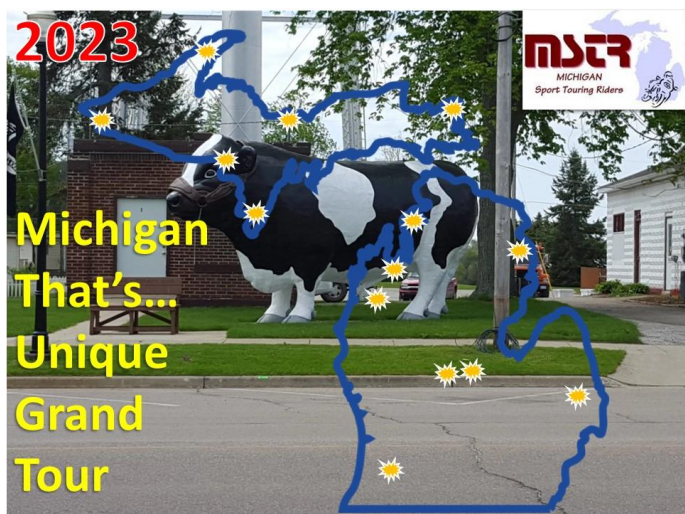
Here is a listing of the next few MSTRiding events for this year. For a full list of our 2023 events, please check the MSTR website ([www.mstriders.com](http://www.mstriders.com)) and go to the **Events** page. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to the address above.

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**.



## 2023 Michigan That's... Unique Grand Tour

The grand tour returns for 2023. The theme this year will be unique things to see in Michigan and will be called the *2023 Michigan That's... Unique Grand Tour*. It will once again take you all over the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula, to give you a good chance to enjoy some of the things that Michigan has to offer. As in the past, this is an event to do at your own pace, on your own schedule, alone or with one or more friends. You can visit as many of the checkpoints as your time and energy permit. When visiting a checkpoint, you will simply take a photo of your motorcycle with the Grand Tour sign and the checkpoint behind as shown in the photo, and then send your photos to me for proof of your visit.



Basically, the grand tour is simply 14 destinations, and an excuse to get out on your motorcycle and ride around our great lake state. If you think you might like to participate but don't know if you will find the time to do all 14 checkpoints, sign up to receive the information packet anyway. There's no obligation to visit any checkpoints, just a lot of great places to go and things to see if you do.

At the end of the year, we'll tally up the results, and give awards at the MOTY banquet to participants who completed the grand tour.

The grand tour will run until November 19.

If you would like to do the 2023 Michigan

That's... Unique Grand Tour, you can sign up at any meeting, or send an email to [keithmdanielson@gmail.com](mailto:keithmdanielson@gmail.com), and I'll send the information out.

See you out on the road.

## UNCR IV (Up North Camping Ride)

July 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (full version)  
July 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (short version)

**Lake Huron & Superior Counterclockwise Tour**



Day 1 of UNCR IV begins on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> with a ride to Port Huron, across the Bluewater Bridge and up the Bruce Peninsula to Tobermory, Ontario. We then enjoy an evening Chi-Chi-Man ferry voyage to Manitoulin Island, camping at a dark sky preserve just north of our debarkation point at South Baymouth. Day 2 and we work our way up to Wawa, Ontario via a curvy back country route. Day 3 sees us working around the top of Lake Superior to Grand Portage, Minnesota. Day 4 and we enjoy a day trip to Isle Royale National Park. Days 5 & 6 and we're riding across the UP of Michigan.

The short version ends on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> which will see riders leaving Wawa and riding south to Sault Ste Marie, crossing the international border and heading home.

Contact Bob Komjathy to sign you. Route and camping information will only be provided to MSTRiders who have signed up.

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**BBR 2023**  
**Barn Burn Raid**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Marietta, Ohio**



Schedule your vacation, service your motorcycle, and make sure you have good tires, because the 2023 edition of our annual Barn Burn Raid (BBR) returns August 13-19. We've been doing the BBR since our first year as the MSTR in 2016. Based in Marietta, Ohio, this event offers some of the best riding you will find anywhere within a day's ride away from Michigan. Roads in Ohio like state routes 26, 314, 255, 536, 555, 556 and 800, and West Virginia routes 5, 16, 20, 31, 47, US-60, and many more; places like the Beallsville Diner, Big Muskie, Hillbilly Hot Dogs, Holly River State Park, The New River Gorge Bridge, and... well, you get the picture. They're all there for you to explore and enjoy. Bottom line is we have many routes to choose from with many great destinations for lunch and interesting things to see.

If you are unable to stay for the whole week, you are welcome to arrive and depart any time that works for you during the week. We don't have any opening or closing ceremonies or banquets, so the only thing you will miss is some of the great roads, and the camaraderie of your fellow MSTRiders. Whatever you can fit into your schedule, do it. You won't regret it, and you will have the riding time of your life.

We have a block of 20 rooms reserved Saturday, August 12 through Sunday, August 20 for those who may wish to arrive a day early and/or stay an extra day to enjoy the area. 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. Rooms will be held until July 12. To sign up and get hotel booking information send an email to the organizer, Keith Danielson. There will also be sign-up sheets at each of our meetings between now and when the event begins.

**Event Organizer: Keith Danielson**

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