



Michigan *Sport Touring Report*

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8th Annual MSTR Awards Banquet

The MSTR wrapped up 2024 in style with our 8th annual awards banquet on February 10.

A total of 64 MSTRiders and their significant others spent a memorable evening at Zerbo's Banquet Hall recounting last year's rides and awarding fellow riders.



MSTR Member Of The Year (MOTY)
Keith Danielson

In 2023 Keith attended 23 of a possible 24 breakfast meetings, five of eight riding events and wrote three articles for the newsletter. His MOTY points total was almost twice the next highest number...and that was only what he did with the MSTR. As one of our directors Keith organized three events, ran all 12 west side meetings, maintained the very complex MOTY points data table and sent out multiple Mailchimp emails. It goes without saying Keith is overdue for being recognized as the MSTR MOTY.

MSTR Rookie Of The Year (ROTY) Pat MacLellan

Pat attended 8 breakfast meetings, 2 riding events and recruited 3 new MSTRiders to become this year's ROTY.



Highest Riding Event Attendance
Tom Hudson

Tom attended a total of eight MSTR riding events.

Newsletter Article Submission Draw

Winner: **Jeff Anderson**



Past and Present MOTYs & ROTYs

2024 MSTR MOTY Banquet Door Prizes

This year the MSTR funded all of our own door prizes. Attendees had a greater than 50% chance of winning a large can of Honda Spray Polish or custom MSTR license plates brackets, while guests had a chance to win one of 11 centerpieces.

Congratulations to all the award winners and thanks to everyone who joined us to make the evening truly memorable.

MSTR Annual Meeting

Per Article II, Section 1 and Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws of Michigan Sport Touring Riders, the MSTR Annual Meeting was held on February 10 to elect corporate officers.

The meeting minutes show the following;

Ian Orr – elected President by unanimous vote
Jim Hull – elected Treasurer by unanimous vote

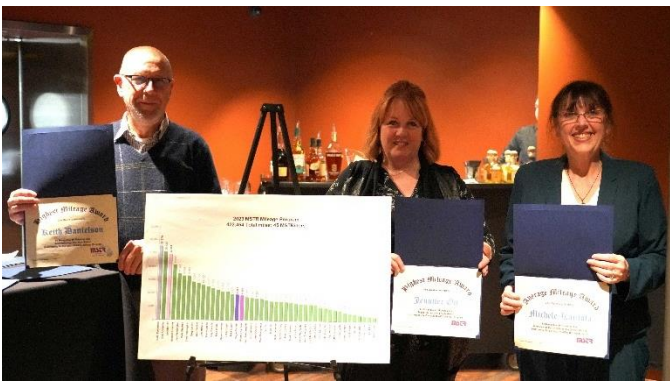
Bob Komjathy – elected Secretary by unanimous vote



Grand Tourer Pro **Dave and Lee Ann Marcotte**

Grand Tourer
Bud Bay, Dave Burr, Keith Danielson, Mike Gouin, Michele Kantola, Ray Kantola, Bob Komjathy, Ian & Loret Orr, Don Pennington, Jan Pennington, Peter & Tami Stephan

The Grand Tourers visited all 14 Grand Tour locations, while the Dave and Lee Ann Marcotte earned Grand Tourer Pro by adding the maximum possible number of bonus points.



A full-page view of the mileage chart is shown on the last page of the newsletter.

Average Mileage Female Rider **Michele Kantola: 9,398 miles**

Average Mileage Male Rider (not present) **Roy Winseck: 8,427 miles**

Highest Mileage Female Rider **Jennifer Ott: 24,594 miles**

Highest Mileage Male Rider **Keith Danielson: 27,670 miles**



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 with the details.

Swap Meet Hosted by BMW Motorcycles of SE MI



MSTR Motorcycle Swap Meet

Hosted by
BMW Motorcycles
Southeast Michigan

Saturday, 2.24.24
12:00 – 4:00 pm




Do you have old, unused, extra motorcycle gear, luggage or parts laying around your garage? Or are you looking for that hard-to-find component for your project bike? Hosted by BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan and put on by us. This is a great opportunity to connect with like-minded enthusiasts to shop for or sell motorcycle gear, luggage, parts, and accessories. So, please join us on Saturday, February 24 starting at 12:00 pm noon (set up from 11:00am-noon, bring your own table/rack to display your items) and continuing until 4:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you.


No RSVP needed.

MSTR East Breakfast Meetings

This month's east side breakfast meeting will be on **Saturday February 24th, 2024**, at **9:00am**, **Senate Coney Island**, **34359 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, MI 48150**.

MSTR West Breakfast Meeting

Our next west side lunch meeting is **Saturday March 9, 2023**, at **11:00am** at the **Alibi Bar & Grill**, **1394 East Riverside Dr., Ionia, MI 48846**.



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MSTR 2024 Rides

Please check the MSTR website for a list of the rides and events for 2024

(www.mstriders.com). If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to the address above.

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.

2024 MSTR Michigan Grand Tour

March 30 to November 30, 2024

The grand tour returns again in 2024. Keith is working on the details. 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.

If you have participated in the past, Keith will send out all of the information with rules, a list of

checkpoints, the sign to hang on your motorcycle, and a .gpx file with all of the checkpoints. Stay tuned for more information on Keith's 2024 Grand Tour.

MoArk Adventure 16

**April 17 to April 20, 2024
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 17. There will be a mandatory point rider meeting around 8:00 or 8:30pm and then a mandatory rider meeting at 9:00pm to sign a waiver and put riding groups together. On Thursday morning you can choose one of several routes from Farmington to Mountain Home, Arkansas. We'll then be staying Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19 in Mountain Home. On Friday you have a choice of five loop routes (or make up your own) where you'll be riding on some of the best roads in Arkansas. On Saturday, April 20 you again have a choice of several 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 16 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

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:

Heidi Nagel, heidijn@gmail.com.

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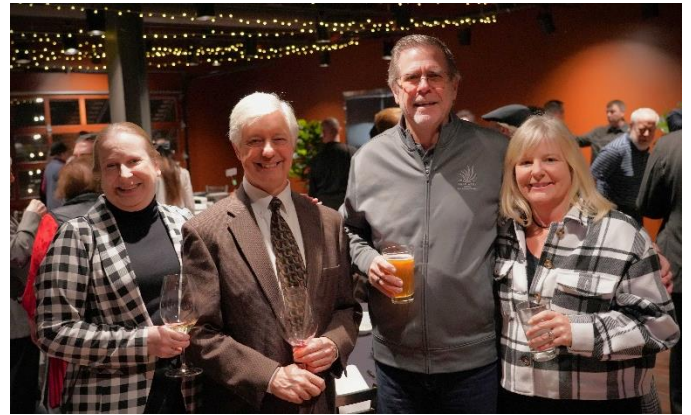
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MSTR Photo Gallery

The MSTR maintains a Smug Mug photo gallery (<https://mstriders.smugmug.com/>) to allow riders to upload and download pictures of various club events. Upload and download passwords are sent out to participants for each event. Click on the above link or visit the MSTR website and select the MSTR Photo Gallery link to check out all the event pictures.

The 2024 MOTY banquet pictures are available on Smugmug. Thank you to Don Pennington for all the great pictures.





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2023 MSTR Mileage Program 407,730 Total miles: 47 MSTRiders

