



# Michigan Sport Touring Riders

## March 2025 Newsletter

Editor - Heidi Nagel

### Club Meetings & Events

#### **Eastside Meeting**

Saturday, March 22, 9 AM

[Senate Coney Island](#)

34359 Plymouth Rd. Livonia

#### **Westside Meeting**

Saturday, April 12, 11 AM

[Alibi Bar & Grill](#)

1394 E. Riverside Dr. Ionia

### 2025 Grand Tour

Get ready for the MSTR 2025 Michigan grand tour. This year's theme is historic Carnegie Libraries. Keith's overview is included in this newsletter

### 2025 Mileage Program

If you are *new* to the Mileage Program for 2025, send your *starter* 2025 mileage to **Ian Orr**, at [ridership@mstriders.com](mailto:ridership@mstriders.com).

### 2025 Membership Forms

[2025 MSTR Renewing Membership Form](#)

[2025 MSTR New Members' Form](#)

Note that the links should open a PDF file. If that doesn't work, please try the [Membership / Resources](#) section of the webpage.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual MSTR Awards Banquet

By *Ian Orr*

The MSTR held its 9<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A total of 63 MSTRiders and their significant others spent a memorable evening at Zerbo's Banquet Hall recounting last year's events and rides, celebrating together and awarding fellow riders for their accomplishments in 2024.



### MSTR Member Of The Year (MOTY) Max Durling

Max was recognized by several MSTRiders for his support in fixing their mechanical issues during events. He attended multiple MSTR riding events in 2024 and also attended almost every east side breakfast meeting over the past several years, where he served as the emcee and entertained attendees with many off-color jokes. Please be sure to congratulate Max the next time you see him.



### Grand Tour Trolls, Grand Tourers & Grand Tourer Pros

## 2025 Rides!

**The final “cat-herding” for the two MoArk rides will take place at the March 22 east side breakfast meeting. Sign up sheets for MoArk, Extended MoArk, 1/2K Ride, Ladies Ride and MR2 will be available at the March 22 meeting.**

**Missouri-Arkansas (MoArk)**  
April 16-19, 2025

**Extended MoArk**  
April 13-19, 2025

**½ K Ride**  
May 3, 2025

**Ladies’ Ride**  
May 4, 2025

**Michigan Renegade Mountain Ride (MR2)**  
May 11-16, 2025

**Don & Jan Pennington’s Summer Sizzle BBQ**  
June 1, 2025

**Hocking Hills Twisty Tour (HT2)**  
*June 12-15, 2025 (Tentative)*

**Up North Camping Ride V (UNCR)**  
July 10-20, 2025

**Barn Burn Raid (BBR)**  
August 14-17 (standard),  
or August 10-17, 2025

**Tip of the Mitt (TOTM)**  
September 11-14, 2025

**Fall Color Ride (FCR)**  
*September 26-28, 2025 (Tentative)*

**Last Fall Ride (LFR)**  
*September 28-October 3, 2025  
(Tentative)*

The Michigan Attractions and Oddities Grand Tour consisted of 14 locations all around Michigan which participants could visit and document they were there. Grand Tour Trolls rode to locations below the Mackinac Bridge, Grand Tourers rode to all 14 locations (a few added some bonus locations), and Grand Tourer Pros rode to all locations plus all 42 bonus locations.

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

**Ground Tourer**  
**Bud Bay, Mike Gouin, Jeannine Hull, Jim Hull, Bob Komjathy, Ian and Loret Orr, Roger Zander**

**Grand Tour Troll**  
**Keith Danielson, Heidi Nagel, Mike Maksymetz**

**Grand Tour “Missed it by that much”**  
**Peter Stephen**



**Most Meetings Attended**  
**Keith Danielson**



**Most Events Attended (6-way tie)**  
**Jan Pennington, Tom Hudson, Bob Komjathy, Kelly McCrystal (back) Loret Orr, Ian Orr**



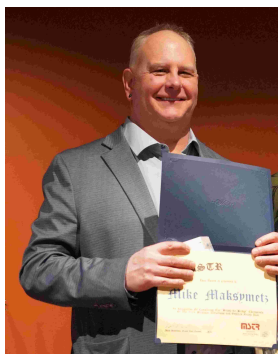
**Highest Mileage Female Rider**  
**Jennifer Ott: 34,462 miles**



**Highest Mileage Male Rider**  
**Keith Danielson: 29,522 miles**



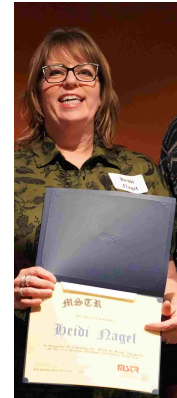
**Most Average Female Rider**  
**Michele Kantola: 8,541 miles**



**Most Average Male Rider**  
**Mike Maksymetz: 9,137 miles**

The 2024 mileage chart is attached to the end of this newsletter.

New for 2024 we asked MSTRiders to submit names of their fellow riders who they wanted to recognize making meaningful contributions to the MSTR. This will become a yearly award, called the People's Choice Award.



**People's Choice Award**  
**Heidi Nagel**

The success of the banquet was due to a lot of behind-the-scenes work and help from many people. Susan Ahn worked with BMWSE to get \$400 in gift cards as door prizes for eight very lucky MSTRiders, along with several packages of foaming cleaning sprays and towels. Lee Ann Marcotte created beautiful centerpieces for each table, which were won by non-MSTRiders as door prizes. Jennifer Ott purchased three dozen, long-stem red roses, which were given to attendees at the end of the evening. Carol Zimmerman, through her Everyday Edibles catering and meal-delivery company provided many, many trays of delicious desserts, to satiate every kind of sweet tooth. Finally, the MSTR handed out several different kinds polish, key tags, 3D printed items and had a large sheet cake with the MSTR logo on top, just in case attendees had any space left for dessert.

The banquet pictures are posted on Smugmug.

### **MSTR Annual Meeting**

Per Article II, Section 1 and Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws of Michigan Sport Touring Riders, an annual meeting must be held every year to elect corporate officers. The meeting was held during the banquet and all MSTRiders were invited to attend and vote. Per the voting:

Ian Orr (incumbent) - reelected President  
 Jim Hull (incumbent) - reelected Treasure  
 Bob Komjathy (incumbent) - reelected Secretary



## **MoArk Adventure 17 (Missouri-Arkansas)**

**April 16 - 19,**

### **Extended MoArk**

**April 13 - 19**

*Event Organizer, Ian Orr*

### **MoArk Adventure 17**

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. If in doubt, mount new tires.

MoArk 17 begins in Farmington, Missouri. We’ll meet there for dinner on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a mandatory rider’s meeting around 8:00 or 8:30pm. On Thursday morning you can choose from one of six routes from Farmington to Mountain Home, Arkansas, or you can combine different routes. We’ll then be staying Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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, April 19<sup>th</sup> you again have a choice of six routes to return to Farmington, Missouri from Mountain Home, arriving mid-afternoon and then prepare for the ride or trailer trip back to Michigan.

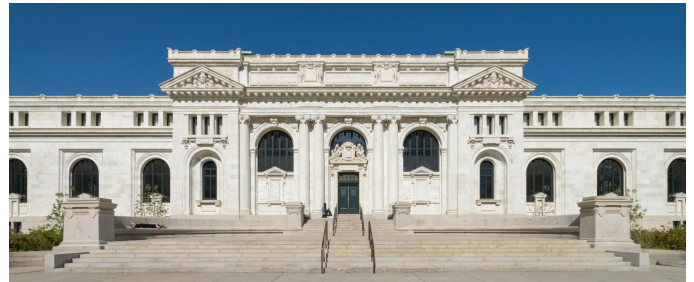
### **Extended MoArk**

If you have the time, and the tires, you can add three days to the front end of MoArk 17 and ride more of the incredible roads in Missouri and Arkansas. The Extended MoArk ride begins in Farmington, Missouri on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, we’ll ride to and stay Eureka Springs. On Tuesday, we’ll ride to Mount Magazine and stay there for two days. On Thursday we’ll ride to Mountain Home, Arkansas and join the MoArk 17 riders and ride with them on Friday and return to Farmington on Saturday.

**If you would like to participate in either of these rides, contact Ian Orr,**  
[ridership@mstriders.com](mailto:ridership@mstriders.com)

## **2025 Michigan Grand Tour**

*Presented by Keith Danielson*



SHHHHH!!!

Get ready for the MSTR 2025 Michigan grand tour. This year’s theme is historic libraries. Specifically, Carnegie Libraries.

You’ve probably heard of Andrew Carnegie, the steel baron from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, after whom Carnegie Hall in New York City is named, along with a couple of other Carnegie Halls in other cities back in the day. But did you know that he provided grants for almost 1700 libraries that were built around the country, and another 800 built around the world? Yes, with the vast wealth that he accumulated from his business ventures, he created a foundation for philanthropy. From 1883 to 1929, his foundation gave grants to communities around the world to build libraries so that average people could become educated and informed, and better their lot in life.

From February 1902 to April 1918, grants totaling \$1,655,950 were awarded to 53 communities in Michigan to build 61 libraries, with some communities receiving multiple libraries. Today, many of those 61 libraries still remain. Some continue to operate as libraries, while others have been converted to museums, offices, and other uses. Sadly, some have been demolished to make way for newer developments.

For this year’s grand tour, you will visit 14 libraries or former libraries, with our usual eight in the lower peninsula and 6 in the upper peninsula, so you can get out and see as much of our great state as you care to see. To document your visit, all you need to do is take a picture of your motorcycle with the grand tour sign and the checkpoint behind it. If riding two-up, you can take one picture as above

with your passenger in it. At the MOTY banquet we'll have the usual awards for Grand Tourers, Baby Grand Tourers, and Trolls (for those who have to stay below the bridge). You can also earn up to 42 extra credits for special recognition as a Grand Tourer PRO. Extra credits can include other historic Michigan libraries, attractions, scenic spots, historical spots, unique restaurants (McDonald's doesn't count), or whatever else you find that is uniquely Michigan. As in the past, all you will need to do is sign up at a meeting, or request the information directly by emailing me at [keithmdanielson@gmail.com](mailto:keithmdanielson@gmail.com) to receive the detailed information for the grand tour.

The grand tour runs from March 29 to near the end of the year. It's done at your convenience, in any order, by yourself or with friends, and as quickly or slowly as you like. There are no prescribed routes, just 14 checkpoints. It's basically an excuse with a destination to go for a ride on your motorcycle.

I hope you'll enjoy the MSTR's *2025 Michigan Historic Libraries Grand Tour!*

**Remember:** All published articles earn 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 **2025 MOTY Awards!**

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