



Michigan Sport Touring Riders

April 2025 Newsletter

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Club Meetings & Events

Westside Meeting

Saturday, May 10, 11 AM
[Alibi Bar & Grill](#)
1394 E. Riverside Dr. Ionia

Eastside Meeting

Saturday, May 31*, 9 AM
[Senate Coney Island](#)

34359 Plymouth Rd. Livonia

*Meeting is on the 5th Saturday of the month to avoid the holiday.

2025 Grand Tour

The [2025 Historic Libraries Grand Tour](#) will take you to a variety of Carnegie Libraries around the state. You can sign up at a meeting or request the information by emailing keithmdanielson@gmail.com.

2025 Mileage Program

If you are **new** to the Mileage Program for 2025, or have a new motorcycle (!) send your *starter* 2025 mileage to **Ian Orr**, at 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.

8th Annual Ladies Day Ride

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 10:00 AM

Organizer: MJ Campbell

Please join us for the 8th Annual Ladies Day Ride on Sunday, May 5th. **Everyone** is welcome to ride with us (MSTR membership is not required). This event is to recognize & honor the ladies in our club who either ride solo or as a passenger. The ladies will ride in their own group, but there will also be a men's group riding. In the past, the men have outnumbered the women.... hoping to change that **this** year!

We will meet at Hamburg Coney Island at 10:00 AM for breakfast: **Hamburg Coney Island**, 9580 Chilson Commons Circle, Pinckney, MI. If you prefer to skip our social breakfast, you can meet us in the parking lot at 11:00 AM.

Kickstand Up and be ready to ride at 11:15 AM! We will be riding a loop around the area & finish in downtown Stockbridge a few hours later, where we'll enjoy the Stockbridge All Clubs Ride. A GPS file of the loop will be sent to everyone who lets MJ know they're joining.

If you plan to join us, let MJ know ASAP, so she can give the restaurant a more accurate number for breakfast. Even if you aren't sure, but thinking about joining, email MJ at Vtxchick@hotmail.com.

HUGS await All who participate!!



2025 Rides!

[½ K Ride](#)

May 3, 2025

Bob has a great new route and an exciting farm-to-table restaurant in Hemlock, MI selected for lunch. Click the link for details!

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

See Note on page 3

Fall Color Ride (FCR)

September 26-28, 2025 (Tentative)

Last Fall Ride (LFR)

*September 28-October 3, 2025
(Tentative)*

Road Pictures

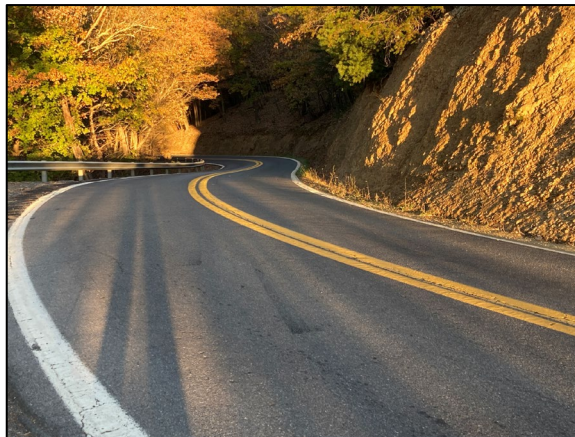
By Jac Brown

I love riding my motorcycle briskly down a beautiful curvy road, but in the olden days, I would stop fairly often to take a picture of the countryside, a broken down old building, or a nice section of road. I realized that I don't do that as much because I'm more often riding with other people and don't want to slow them down by stopping for a picture.

But I have to admit, I am inspired by a good road picture. A good road picture doesn't have to be curvy. It only has to invite me to go down it and make me want to put on my helmet and go ride.

I'm sure this is a disease that many of you suffer from. As you may be aware, this disease has a side effect of spending hours looking at maps but that's a story for another day. With riding season upon us, I thought I would send along a couple of pictures that you might like.

The first picture is one of those lucky shots when time and place were just right. It was taken with my old cell phone camera, so the quality isn't the best. The location is the road on the south side of "The Trough", across the river and just north of [Pancake, WV](#). Some years before, I had tried to follow the gravel roads to Pancake, just because I like the name, but Pancake is now private and you can't get even close.



The Trough



This picture is from the internet and just looks like spring to me.

Tip of the Mitt 17 (TOTM)

September 11-14, 2025

Event Organizers: **Bob Komjathy**, Rx_mich@yahoo.com,
and **Pete Stephan**, rideamotorcycle@gmail.com

For those who like to make plans ahead of time, here is a notice regarding the TOTM 17. We'll ride "up" on Sept. 11 and be home on the 14th. Our new "anchor" location is the:

[Baymont by Wyndham Gaylord](#)

510 South Wisconsin Avenue
Gaylord, Michigan 49735
1-989-217-6033

Best rates are for Wyndham Rewards members.

Bob Komjathy is our ride route champion planner. Participants will receive ride routes the first week of September. Email Pete or Bob at addresses above if you are interested in joining a fine looking group like these TOTM-ers from 2024.



Special thanks to **MJ Campbell**, **Jac Brown**, and **Pete Stephan** for articles and photos featured this month!

Remember: All published articles earn entry into the year-end newsletter drawing AND your fellow members and newsletter editor appreciate you! You will also earn points toward the **2025 MOTY Awards!**

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