



Michigan Sport Touring Riders

June 2026 Newsletter

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By Steven Kineman

Club Meetings & Events

Eastside Meeting

Saturday, June 27, 9 AM

[Senate Coney Island](#)

34359 Plymouth Rd. Livonia

Westside Meeting

Saturday, July 11, 11 AM

[Alibi Bar & Grill](#)

1394 E. Riverside Dr. Ionia

2026 Membership

Forms

[2026 MSTR New
Membership Form](#)

New members may join for \$25. The form includes the release form for new members to join in 2026 rides.

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Green Bank Observatory

Marie and I have been riding since 1986 when she purchased her first motorcycle and we discovered the joy of traveling on two wheels together. Since that time we have not looked back and have been riding together for 40 years. Our current bikes include my Honda 2024 Africa Twin Adventure Sports ES and her 2016 Honda NC700X. After the initial planning of our "fast and curvy two lane route" on Kurviger, an application which MSTR member Bob Komjathy introduced me to, we set off on our seven day adventure on Sunday 05-31-26 to Pocahontas County WV.

Along the way we visited three extra credit bridges for Keith Danielson's Grand Tour. Our first day found us riding 375 miles surviving the flat lands of Northern Ohio and staying at an unremarkable motel in Saint Clairsville, OH.

In the early morning we pressed on for 280 miles to Marlinton, WV on technical, twisty, two lane West Virginia roads, always making sure we had ample gas to survive my propensity to get hopelessly lost. On these frequent occasions Marie reminded me that I am the only one who can navigate consistently to the trifecta of "one way, road closed, bridge out" situations. Somehow we arrived at our destination at the Old Clark Inn June 1. What a gem! You can't go wrong booking these accommodations smack dab in the middle of incredible mountain riding.

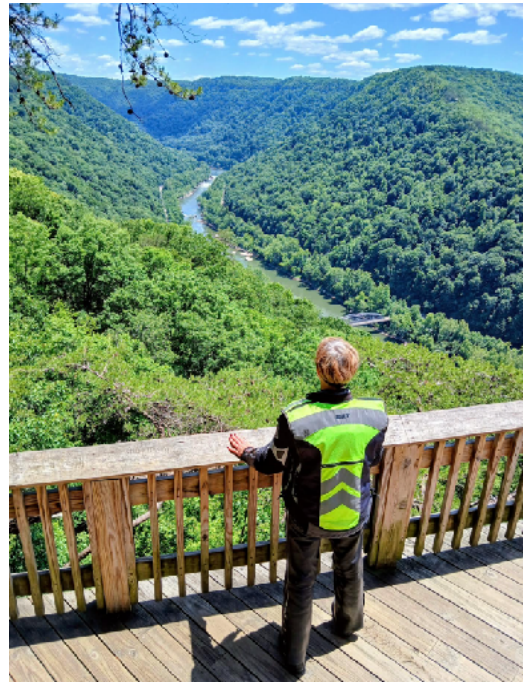
Over the next three days we proceeded to do 200 or so mile loops to include the following highlights:

- WV Highland Scenic Highway
- Cass Scenic Railroad WV State Park
- Warm Springs and Hot Springs, Virginia
- Green Bank WV Observatory
- Fort Edward Johnson a Confederate Civil War battle site
- WV Hawk's Nest State Park
- WV New River Gorge Bridge

Sadly our time in Marlinton, WV came to an end and we checked out on Friday 06-05 and proceeded on a planned 185 mile North route to Marietta, OH.

This Kruviger route found us on very remote county roads barely a car width where I got lost yet again. Any of you would have left me to feed the buzzards of which sensed our predicament and were waiting patiently circling overhead. Marie, using the patience of a retired 38 year Special Education Teacher yet again tolerated my dysfunction. Because of these errors we clocked an actual 204 miles arriving finally at the Microtel Inn and Suites "same place Ian Orr books for our MSTR Barn Burn event". Unfortunately we ate at a local Mexican restaurant of which later that night had us both questioning our life choices as we endured severe lower intestinal difficulties. At 2 a.m. we were wondering if it was possible to get on the bikes the next morning for the push home. The morning of Saturday 06-06 found us both weak, dehydrated, and pale as we abandoned our plan to leave at 07:00 a.m., delaying departure to stay close to our new found porcelain friend until 09:30 a.m. Our first hours on the bikes were rough to say the least.

We took twisty two lane routes north until Ohio gave way to flat, monotonous farm land. 390 miles later we were reunited with our one-eyed cat Wink at our Charlotte, MI home. Great trip, total of 1819 miles, great memories!



UNCR starts
Sunday July 9,
2026

Don't be a "kitty", join the others for an adventure in Ontario Canada.

Event Organizer: Bob Komjathy

Pennington's Summer Sizzle

By Peter Stephan



Wish every day was like
the one we all
experienced on June 7.

The sun was shining.
The fellowship amusing.
The gardens wonderful.
The food was plentiful.



2026 Event Schedule

Hocking Hills Twisty Tour (HT2)

* June 18 – 21, 2026

Up North Camping Ride V (UNCR)

* July 9 – 19, 2026

Barn Burn Raid (BBR)

* August 12 – 16 (standard)
August 9 – 16, 2026 (extended)

Tip Of The Mitt (TOTM)

* September 10 – 13, 2026

Fall Color Ride (FCR)

* September 23 – 27, 2026

Last Fall Ride (LFR)

* TBD, 2026

* Multi-day events include travel days to and from the event.



2026 Michigan Bridges Grand Tour

**Keith Danielson, Creator and
Organizer**

There are 14 different bridges selected as checkpoints. To document your visit to a checkpoint, 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 Tourer, Baby Grand Tourer, and Troll (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 Michigan bridges, attractions, scenic spots, historical spots, unique restaurants (McDonald's doesn't count), or whatever else you find that is uniquely Michigan. This year, I'm also suggesting three bridges that are not located in Michigan that I think you'll find very interesting. One is one of the oldest suspension bridges in the USA, and two more are less than an hour from that, and can be a great destination on one of our favorite riding events of the year.

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 to receive the detailed information for the grand tour.

The *2026 Michigan Bridges Grand Tour* will begin on March 28, and runs to December 21. 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 and a destination to go for a ride on your motorcycle.

Special thanks to Steven for the article and photos featured in this issue.

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July 10 @ 9:00 am - July 11 @ 6:00 pm

Royal Enfield Demo Truck

Royal Enfield Demo Truck Event — July 10 & 11 The Royal Enfield Demo Truck is coming to town, and this is your chance to experience the ride for yourself. Join us for a hands-on weekend packed with test rides, expert staff, and full hospitality. Friday, July 10 — 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday,...



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