Michigan Sport Touring Riders

September 2026 Newsletter

Editor - Peter Stephan

In this issue!
Riding on the EDGE
TOTM 18

Club Meetings & Events

Eastside Meeting
Saturday, September 26, 9 AM
Senate Coney Island
34359 Plymouth Rd. Livonia

Westside Just for Fun
Saturday, October 10, 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.

Learn more about MSTR HERE: https://mstriders.com



Was thankful for the great rides and life.
Steven Kineman

2026 TOTM 18

Peter Stephan
Bob Komjathy

So, you want to brag about how you have enjoyed Michigan while riding your Motorcycle? Some of us did. Tip of the Mitt event was September 10-13.

Many of us stayed at the Baymont in Gaylord. A few stayed at the Quality Inn.

Gaylord was the central location of our gatherings, fellowship and ride starts.

Some of us had a light breakfast at the hotel. Some of us had a second breakfast after taking off on the bikes. Four of us enjoyed the pleasure in Atlanta (Willows Cafe). The Big Buck Brewery was often visited after a ride.



We went to the west, east and north. A group of riders had breakfast in Mio and rode to and around the Leelanau Peninsula. Bradshaw, Stephan's and Zander rode towards Alpena and then made a visit to the New Presque Isle Lighthouse.





Timothy's in Gaylord is one of those bar/pubs that really does not come alive until after 9pm. That did not stop us. We had a okay meal there and beverages.

A new place that opened up is 2nd Avenue. This place was proud to tell us to try the Mushroom Schnitzel and the Spätzle. This was pretty good.

Bob Komjathy, Tom Hudson, Mike Olesch, Dave Winston, and Barry Eckel had fun doing 5 rides during this year's Tip of the Mitt.

The ride up was fun following rivers to the center of the state and back to Midland before heading up M30 to Saint Helens for lunch at the Hen House. We arrived at our hotel in Gaylord about 2:15 p.m. and still had enough time remaining in the day to head out and do the ride to Oscoda down the Au Sable Valley.

The next day was spent doing a new ride: The Road to Nowhere. It went across the state and down towards Oscoda then back to the other side of I-75 to run some curvy roads Komjathy found on a flight up north. The ride had an early morning breakfast at Ellie's 12 Tables in Mio. It reminded me of the restaurant next door to the Bellaire Inn with the thick enough steel cut oats and Michigan cherries to stiffly hold my spoon upright in the center of the bowl. The ride ended in Gaylord 245 miles later.

Saturday was the ride to the Traverse Bay Lighthouse on the Leelanau Peninsula. All back roads which kept us away from the tourist spots like Glen Arbor. A stop at the Cherry Hut in Beulah where Bob picked up a whole cherry pie to bring back home the next day. Sunny most
of the day and clouds moved in on our route after visiting the lighthouse. A Light rain near Kalkaska for a short while which rerouted us to come in behind the rain north of our intended
route.

Sunday was the ride home. Dave, who trailered, up left the group. The rest of us chose a variation of the Oscoda route and the Road to Nowhere to stop back at Elli's 12 Tables for breakfast before all the church goers were released from services. Another great breakfast. Once again we rode in the Au Sable Valley to M65, to Standish, where we picked up I-75. Most of us were home by 2:30-3 p.m.

Everyone liked the rides and LOVED the weather which was comfortable all day long for riding motorcycles. If you missed this year's Tip of the Mitt, you missed a great time riding good roads in great weather.







2026 Event Schedule

Fall Color Ride (EDGE)

* October 18 – 23, 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



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.

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

Remember: All published articles earn entry into the year-end newsletter drawing AND your fellow members and newsletter editor appreciate you! You

2026 The Edge

Jac Brown, Creator and Organizer

This year we are escaping the high priced hotels and have moved to "The Cabins at Healing Springs." The cabins are both historical and, as the owner likes to call them, 'rustic/luxe.' It should be interesting. One special requirement is that parking is on gravel so everybody should bring a kickstand plate. I made mine out of an old scrap of aluminum plate, put a hole in it, and tied a string to it so that I can retrieve it when sitting on the bike.

Moving out to the cabins has put us closer to the fun roads, in fact we are surrounded by them. For example, Col. Francis Road is a 2 mile curvy road that goes in a circle more or less. Basically, it's going nowhere. I have no idea why it's there or who Col. Francis is but it's fun.

Many of the routes stay in the Blue Ridge Mountain on top of the plateau but some run up and down the edge of the plateau and explore the Yadkin River Valley where Daniel Boone grew up. In all we have 13 routes, enough that you will have to come for several years to explore them all.

For those interested in riding, I have a 2 day ride down from Perrysburg on the south side of Toledo, staying overnight at Teays Valley, WV A 2 day ride home is planned with an overnight in Gallipolis, OH.

At the moment we have a nice group of 10 riders. That's a good size but more are welcome. At the moment there are still cabins available but I'm guessing that they will start to fill up as we get closer to the date. Feel free to contact me: Jac Brown – jac.brown999@gmail.com



MSTR Dealer Members and Members' Businesses

everyday edibles™
home-created meals made to order
Carol Zimmerman
313-320-6962
carol@everyday-edibles.com
Canton, MI 48188
www.everyday-edibles.com
Your Every Occasion Caterer

OZONE BIKE WORKS
Dave "O" Ostaszewski
State Certified Master Motorcycle Mechanic
We service all makes, models, foreign and domestic.
Union Lake, MI · 313.663.2836
daveo@ozonebikeworks.com · ozonebikeworks.com

OUR COMPLETE LIST OF PERSONALIZED SERVICES
- Mechanical repair and maintenance of all brands
- Cylinder boring and valve-jobs
- Carburetor cleaning, restoration and synchronizing
- Plastic and metal repair
- OEM, powder coating, replica and custom painting
- Accessory installations (GPS, electrical, lights, exhaust and suspension)
- Tire changing and disposal
- Free pick-up and delivery within 20 miles
- Servicing sport, dirt, touring and cruiser bikes.

1185 S Rochester Rd, Suite A, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 402-4010
BMW MOTORCYCLES of DETROIT
BMW MOTORRAD

BMW MOTORCYCLES OF GRAND RAPIDS
BMWMCGR.COM
5995 S DIVISION AVE GRAND RAPIDS MI 49548
616-530-6900
ROYAL ENFIELD

Chip Ashton
CJ'S HEAD & HOLE SHOP
Head & Boring Service for 2 & 4 cycle engines
248-683-6344
1140 Shady Lane ◆ Waterford, MI 48327

Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan
14855 N. Sheldon Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
Phone: +1 (734) 453-0500
MV AGUSTA HAS ARRIVED
Now in Stock
DETROIT

DUCATI DETROIT
MICHIGAN'S EXCLUSIVE DUCATI DEALER HAS A NEW HOME
248.792.8999
DUCATIDETROIT.COM
21399 TELEGRAPH RD.
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48033

Motorrad Motober-Fest!
10/17/2026 10a - 4p