



TeamStrange Grand Tours are all about having another excuse to go out and ride your motorcycle to lots of new and unusual places.

This year's Grand Tour is based on suggestions from several riders of the Trails to Rails Grand Tour who ran across murals of steam locomotives and said we should do something with that. But to not be repetitive, this year's goal is: murals depicting wheeled transportation. That includes trains, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, tractors, wagons, airplanes (if they have wheels), buses, unicycles, roller skates . . . Ride your motorcycle there and get a photo of your motorcycle with the mural.

Your entry includes a Grand Tour flag and sticker. Entry fee is \$50 for one or two up. GT flags and stickers will be mailed around March 15, and thereafter, upon sign up.

Finishing will earn you bragging rights and an Official Wheels on Walls Grand Tour finisher pin.

The top finisher (based on point totals) will be declared the "Wheels on Walls Grand Tour Grand Champion" and will receive a commemorative plaque to document this amazing feat. We're also going to declare Regional Champions in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and the Rest of the World, who will also receive (lesser but still nice) commemorative plaques.

To be a finisher you must accumulate at least 20 points by visiting bonus locations between April 1, 2023, and November 15, 2023, and documenting your visits. There are three categories for points, scored as follows:

- Wheeled transportation ("Wheels") – 2 points
- Special locations ("Specials")– 4 points
- Rider's Choice ("Extras") – 1 point

And to keep you paying attention, we may add some extra Special locations during the course of the Grand Tour. (Or maybe we won't).

Wheels on Walls General Documentation Rules

1. You must physically go on your motorcycle to each location you claim.
2. You must document your visit to each location with a photo.
3. The photo must include (legibly) your Grand Tour flag, your motorcycle, and a mural.
4. If you cannot get or do not have your flag, motorcycle and the mural, in a single photo, you will not get credit for the photo. If the mural is inside a building or museum and you can't get your motorcycle close enough to get a photo including your flag, your motorcycle and the mural, you will not get credit for the photo. Our intention is for you to visit murals that you can actually ride to and photograph with your motorcycle nearby.
5. You must include your physical Grand Tour flag in each and every photo. No exceptions. It must be your physical Grand Tour flag – not a copy, not a duplicate. If you lose your original physical Grand Tour flag, you may not collect bonuses until you contact us and arrange for and obtain a replacement. We must be able to read the number on your flag in your photo.
6. Be safe and smart. If conditions or circumstances make capturing a photograph unsafe, a crime, or will result in a ticket or safety violation, do not take the risk. Find a safe alternative to capture your photo or skip the opportunity.
7. Our judges are simple folk. If your photo(s) is/are not clear or you do not document your photo(s) in a way that our scorers can understand, you will not score points.
8. You may obtain one and only one *Wild Card* for the entire Grand Tour. What is a Wild Card? A Wild Card is a location for which there is not any of the acceptable evidence, or which is not on our list, but you make a compelling case for why we should give you points. If you document your visit and make a compelling case, we might give you points. What's a compelling case? It all depends on your creativity; this is your chance to break free from the constraints of the rules and live free. Points will be awarded entirely at the discretion of TeamStrange and the bar is set very high. You can submit as many Wild Cards as you want (you miss all the shots you don't take), but we'll only give you credit for one.

9. You may submit your photos electronically/digitally or via the mail. Our first preference is that you send us a link to an online digital photo album such as SmugMug or Google Photos where all the photos are nicely captioned. Our second preference would be that you email us digital photos. Our least preference would be that you send us physical photos via the mail. All digital photos (or links to digital photo albums) must be submitted to wowgt@davidebsmith.com. If you would prefer to mail your photos, please contact David E.B. Smith at wowgt@davidebsmith.com for the appropriate mailing address. Photos, disks, pen drive and anything else you mail will not be returned.
10. Submissions must be submitted or postmarked on or before November 16, 2023.
11. The TeamStrange Uniform Rules do not apply to this Grand Tour.

Wheels on Walls Scoring Rules:

You collect points by collecting photos of your motorcycle and your rally flag and a mural in one of three categories: *Wheels*, *Specials*, *Extras*. There are limits on to the number of photos you can collect in any one place or of any one type, so read carefully.

What's a mural? According to Wikipedia, a mural is “any piece of graphic artwork that is painted or applied directly to a wall, ceiling or other permanent substrate.” Murals can be found on buildings, walls, silos, water towers, dams, or other permanent structures. A mural does not include a billboard, a sign, or a non-artistic depiction. We will count all murals on one building or structure or on connected buildings or structures as one mural.

What's wheeled transportation? Wheeled transportation is any device which moves on wheels, or by which you can move something on wheels - trains, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, tractors, wagons, airplanes with wheels, buses, unicycles, tanks, roller skates. The device must be using or able to use the wheels for movement – a jet airplane with the wheels retracted counts. We'll be very generous about what has wheels but do not overthink this or hunt for technicalities. If you find a mural showing Stonehenge being moved on log rollers, we'll accept it. A boat is not wheeled transportation unless it propels itself by wheels, like a paddle-wheel steamboat or a DUKW or one of those boat-cars from the 1950s.

Wheels:

Wheels are murals depicting wheeled transportation. Anything shown that moves on wheels counts – trains, planes, automobiles, airplanes (we'll allow seaplanes), wagons, bicycles, tractors, buses, roller skates, skateboards, paddle-wheel steamboats, etc., etc.

Specials:

You may collect extra points for specific special murals that may not include wheeled transportation but are related to wheeled transportation or that we really like for some reason. As with all Grand Tour locations, you must submit a photo showing your rally flag, *your motorcycle*, and the specific object listed.

1. Waldmire Memorial - Giant Route 66 Map. 300 N Main St., Pontiac IL
2. Going Everywhere Fast, 3301 McManus Ave, Culver City CA
3. Drink Dr Pepper, 102 N Jefferson Ave (on E 1st St), Mt Pleasant, TX
4. Lampasas Eclipse 2024, 411 S Key Ave, Lampasas, TX
5. Winx & rider, 82 Bolaro St, Dunedoo NSW 2844, Australia
6. Sea Lake, 33 Railway Ave, Sea Lake VIC 3533, Australia
7. Wellington Dam, Falcon Rd, Worsley WA 6225, Australia
8. Three Moon, Burnett Hwy & Three Moon Rd, Three Moon QLD 4630, Australia
9. Victoria, Goddess of Victory, 1221 Barrington St., Halifax, NS, Canada
10. MULTICULTURALISM, 3101 32nd Ave, Vernon B.C., Canada
11. Masonic Lodge, 300 Scott St, Fort Frances, ON P9A 2A3, Canada
12. Univers d'Oiseaux, la Volière de Mont-Tremblant, 1145 Rue de St Jovite, Mont-Tremblant, QC J8E 1V1, Canada

We may add Specials during the course of the Grand Tour. If we do, we'll post them at the TeamStrange Discussion Board. You should check the Discussion Board often, because if you miss one that's right down the block, you will be sad.

Extras:

An *Extra* is any mural that doesn't depict wheeled transportation and isn't in our list of Specials above. As with all Grand Tour locations, you must submit a photo showing your rally flag, *your motorcycle*, and the mural. So you don't completely abandon the theme of the Grand Tour, **we will only count 10 Extras**. You can submit as many as you want, but we'll only count 10 *Extras* overall.

Locales

There are towns that promote themselves by having lots of murals, such as Pontiac Illinois (23 murals and counting) and Collie Western Australia (about 40 murals). We don't want you to just go to one place on one day and collect enough points to be a finisher (we count 8 murals depicting wheeled transportation in Pontiac). We want you to have an excuse to ride, ride, ride, and to make you stretch out the fun over the entire Tour. On the other hand, if you find a town that has a lot of murals and go there, there should be a reward.

So we are defining a “Locale” as the officially named city, town, village, etc, in which a mural is located. **In any one Locale you will only get credit for two of any combinations of Wheels and Extras.**

If there are multiple murals in Pontiac IL (there are), you can visit them all, but you will only get credit for two. You can collect up to two Wheels (for $2+2=4$ points), one Wheel and one Extra (for $2+1=3$ points), or two Extras (for $1+1=2$ points).

If it turns out there are murals in Paradise NV, Las Vegas, NV, and North Las Vegas, NV, we consider those all separate Locales, and you can claim all those murals. However, we go by official name and boundaries: South Chicago is part of Chicago and not a separate Locale, but North Chicago, East Chicago, and West Chicago are separate cities and separate Locales.

Specials don’t count against the limit of two murals per Locale; if there are other murals (Wheels or Extras) in the same Locale, you may collect two of those *plus* a Special location. For example, we know there are more than 2 Wheels in Pontiac IL; you can collect 2 of those *plus* the Waldmire Memorial for a total of $2 + 2 + 4 = 8$ points.

Q&A

1. **How do I find murals?** There are websites that have lists of murals and wall art around the world and in various countries.
2. **Do you have a list of murals I can ride to?** We don’t have a list. We pretty much don’t know what’s out there.
3. **What happens if I get to where a mural is supposed to be and it’s gone?** You will be sad.
4. **Can I substitute a photo of something else in the town if the mural is gone?** Only if it’s a mural.
5. **How do I know if I can get both my motorcycle and the mural in a photo?** Google Maps Street View is your friend.
6. **How many potential locations are there?** Waymarking.com lists 9816 locations in the “murals” category, but many of these probably don’t depict wheeled transportation. Although when you start zooming in on the photos, it’s surprising how many do.
7. **Can I use more than one motorcycle during this Grand Tour?** Yes.
8. **Can I use someone else’s motorcycle during this Grand Tour?** It’s OK with us if it’s OK with them.

9. **Can I use a different motorcycle than the one I signed up with?** Yes.
10. **Can I use a sidecar rig, a trike, a Spyder, a Slingshot, or some other 3-wheeled vehicle?** Yes.
11. **Can I use a car?** No.
12. **Can I put my motorcycle on a train and transport it to bonus locations?** Yes, but only if you are James West and Artemus Gordon.
13. **If I'm riding two up, does one person have to be in every photo?** No, mostly we have two up registration so we know who gets two finisher pins. If you register two-up, you can take along a passenger or not; if you register solo, you can take along a passenger or not. If you registered solo and took a passenger to all the locations and you both want pins, let us know at the end of the tour; if you registered two up and your passenger refused to ride along to a bunch of trains and you only need one pin, let us know at the end of the tour.
14. **Can I take my motorcycle on a trailer to a location and roll it off and submit the photo?** You would be better off leaving it on the trailer and having a really entertaining story for a Wild Card.
15. **Do my flag and motorcycle have to be in each photo?** Yes, absolutely. Again, Yes, absolutely. (And the mural too). We're going to be strict on this rule in this Grand Tour because we want you to have the rally mindset that your flag must be in every photo.
16. **Can I submit more than one photo of a mural?** For credit, you will need to submit one photo that shows, in the same photo, a mural, your motorcycle, and your rally flag (with the number legible). Additional photos won't help and may confuse us. But there is no penalty for submitting extra photos.
17. **Do I need to imprint the date and time on the photo?** This is not the rally that required that, so no. But if you want to, OK.
18. **How do you want me to submit the photos – all at once, as I go along, in the cloud, in an email, etc?** We're pretty agnostic about this. If it works for you to submit photos in individual emails as you go along, OK, if it works for you to submit everything at the end, OK, if you want to send us a link to Google Photos at the beginning of the tour and just keep adding photos, OK. Most online photo albums or cloud services or file transfer apps we can figure out.

We *can* tell you what makes our lives easier for scoring your submissions: if you put your rider number in the title of each email you send us. If you tell us where each photo was taken, either in the accompanying email or in photo captions. If you send us a link to a cloud photo album like Google Photos or Smugmug or the like, that you check that the link works and that it will work for us without us logging in.

For some online photo albums like Google Drive and Dropbox, you have two options – you can share via email or you can create a link and send that. It's better if you create the shared link and email that to us, rather than using the "share via email". We can handle either, but the shared link is easier.

We strongly recommend that at the end of the Tour, or whenever you give up if it's not at the end, you send an email to us at wowqt@davidebsmith.com to tell us that you're done and are submitting your photos and how you're submitting them. We may have 125 riders to keep track of and we are simple folk.

Also recommended is that you tell us how many locations you're claiming, and even better, what they are. That helps *you* because we can double-check your count against our count and determine if we counted right and got all your photos and give you the proper credit.