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“Dedicated to providing service to the community while combining the two hobbies of motorcycling and ham radio”

DECEMBER 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

Welcome to December. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mijo and I hope that you have a very good holiday season and wish good health and safe miles to all.

Mijo and I also hope that you can join us at the MARC Christmas party. This will be on 11 December 2010, at the Citrus Café, located at the intersection of Red Hill and Edinger in Tustin, CA. It is not too late to contact Bonnie with your \$\$\$ or just let her know that you will be there and you can pay when you arrive. We will have several very nice gifts to be given away as part of our annual MARC Christmas raffle. It was decided to have a cash prize in lieu of a radio or GPS, this year, so the winner can purchase what he/she needs. Mijo has crocheted a large Afghan in Christmas colors and our sponsor at Huntington Honda has promised a set of tires, mounted and balanced. We also have a gift certificate from John and Teri, a Honey Baked Ham from our friends at Comet, NCG Corp. and many other gifts from Bonnie, Ray, and our MARC family. Please plan to attend. Dress is casual. MARC gear is not required at this meeting. I do ask that you wear something appropriate for photographs as Charles and I will probably have our cameras there to record who wins the prizes given away in our drawing.

A day or two after the November meeting, Mijo and I packed up my F150 pickup with tools and clothes and headed east to my home town in New Mexico. There, we spent four or five days tearing down what was left of 88 feet of fence in my stepmother’s back yard. Well, not all

of the time was spent tearing down the old fence; most of it was spent preparing the area and installing a new fence. We had to remove all the old posts, dig new post holes (removing the cement from three or four of the old ones) and reusing some of the old ones. This alone was a chore as the New Mexico clay is hard as a rock when dry. If you chip it loose, it becomes a fine powder, similar to talc, it just drains out the bottom of a clamshell posthole digger. I learned the trick was to dig a three inch deep hole, pour it full of water and let it sit for several hours (overnight). This makes digging much easier, the only problem is that the soil/clay turns to a paste and sticks to everything. Mijo had to remove each scoop of dirt from the digger with a small garden trowel. After digging all the holes that were needed, we set (in cement) new pressure treated 4X4 posts, trimmed them to the appropriate height and put up 2X4 stringers near the top and bottom of each, from one end to the other. I was able to reuse the six foot high by eight foot long panels that were there before. I did have to replace a few of the three inch wide slats on a few of them and then re-nailed all of the upright slats to my new 2X4s. This eighty-eight feet of fence should last a few years. More to the adventure, on the way home, in the New Mexico high country, we encountered a mini blizzard. Temperatures below freezing and snow, thankfully not enough to retard our travels. We made the seven hundred mile trip over and back with no problems.

That was not the end of our travels for the month. On the weekend of 20 & 21 November, we made a trip to Laughlin, NV. My son, John, has asked his girlfriend Brandi to marry him, so we made this trip to the river to meet her

parents who live in Arizona near Flagstaff. On Saturday I decided to see if Dave & Sandy Pais, (KE6PSD and KE6PSA) former MARC members, were at their Bullhead City getaway. Success! They had driven up from Sand Diego for a week to have a roof replaced on their second home. We met Dave & Sandy for lunch and enjoyed talking about old times and MARC. Saturday evening, we met our son’s future in-laws for dinner and got acquainted. The drive home on Sunday morning was long but uneventful. We missed the big rain storm that they had here in So. Cal.

Again I hope to see you at the MARC Christmas dinner on 11 December, if not, then at the next morning MARC meeting at the Home Town Buffet in Santa Anna, on 8 January 2011. We have started a new incentive for the MARC net. Check in two weeks in a row and answer when your call is drawn and MARC will pay for your breakfast at the next MARC meeting. So far Alvin, KD6UZM, and I have qualified for a free breakfast in January, you could be next, just check in this Wednesday.

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The Winter Heart

Wish but one wish when winter comes,
Dream but one dream of the past.
The light from a fire is in all our homes
But the flames from the hearth won’t last.

For faint and few are the embers,
Snuggle up and keep on your gloves;
What the Winter Heart always remembers
Is the warmth of a heart that loves.

From your Orange County MS 150 Coordinators

The 2010 Bike MS Bay to Bay Tour Committee Wrap-Up Meeting was held November 17, 2010. The MS Staff thanked all the volunteers that had made this event happen. Without the volunteers this event could not have happened.

Here are some of the statistics:

174 riders for the 30 mile
960 riders signed up for the Century
1266 riders signed up for the 150

The actual number of riders that were issued bib numbers was 1868. The money collected to date was in excess of \$2.1 million.

Here are some of the items discussed by the committee:

- ..Not enough bike mechanics at the Start which caused long lines to form
- .. More Portable Toilets needed at the Crystal Cove stop
- .. Poor signage through San Clemente
- .. Lots of headphones were used by the bicyclists especially on the second day
- .. Overall the MS Nextel phone worked well but on the second day, the phone stopped working
- .. CARES SAGS were not being allowed entrance to get to Net Control at Mission Bay
- .. There were riders that request to be SAGed from the Start Line in Carlsbad direct to the finish line in Mission Bay. This tied up SAG vehicles.
- .. Incident at MARC Net Control with a 'rider down' that was handled poorly by the MS Staff
- .. Difficulty in getting the riders to leave the overnight stop. Stragglers were still wandering around at the 9am cutoff on the second day
- .. 49 Marshals signed up with 40 actually riding the event
- .. Discussion on increasing the Ride Marshal visibility

We also went over the on line survey. Only 4.2% of the riders gave any feedback which, for the most part appeared positive. With that we want to thank all the MARC folks that showed up for this event.

We showed that we can get the job done even during adverse weather.

Thanks so much for you support.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year on the third weekend in October.

Andy W6AJB a.j.bocker@verizon.net
John KC6ZOZ kc6zozjohn@yahoo.com

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**There will again be a sign-up sheet for the Tour de Palm Springs at the January meeting-  
Bonnie KD6OFQ**

## "MARC" CALENDAR

DEC 11 "MARC" CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Events for 2011 so far::

|          |       |                              |
|----------|-------|------------------------------|
| February | 12th  | Tour de Palm Springs         |
| April    | 16th  | San Diego Tour de Cure       |
| April    | 16/17 | Baker to Vegas               |
| April    | 23rd  | Tour de OC(Abused Kids Ride) |
| May      | 1st   | Ship to Shore Tour           |
| June     | 5 th  | Bad Ride                     |
| Oct      | 15/16 | MS 150, So. CA               |

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"MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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DEC	29	FOR JANUARY 2011
JAN	26	FOR FEBRUARY

DECEMBER 11, 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY ::: CITRUS CAFE

1481 EDINGER AVE, TUSTIN, CA 92780-6249

\$20 PER PERSON--CHECKS MADE OUT TO "M.A.R.C.

MENU:

Butternut Squash soup or salad
Choice of light or dark turkey
Stuffing/ Cranberry Sauce
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Creamed corn -Hot rolls
Apple or pumpkin pie (whipped cream optional)
Coffee, tea or sodas come with meal
"Alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) are available but to be paid for by the individual when served"

Need confirmation by Tuesday December 9, 2010

"MARC picks up the tax and tip"

SPECIAL PRIZES CONFIRMED:

\$500 Tires mounted & balanced by Huntington Honda
\$25 Gift certificate from JBJ
\$50 Honey Baked Ham donated by Comet
Beautiful Hand crocheted Christmas afghan by Mijo(she has been working on it all year I do believe)
\$100 gift certificate for Irv Seaver BMW donated by John KC6ZOZ
\$140 Surefire led flash lite donated by Charles KF6TXI
Gift certificate for Crab Cooker donated by Chris KB6MYR
Donated by "MARC"
\$500 Cash,
\$25 gift certificate for Hometown Buffet,
\$75 Battery Tender,
\$62.50 Gift certificate for a "MARC" sweater...
\$30 Stainless steel digital scales with back light.
\$40 Cisco wireless valet for computer connection & \$30 Bath & Body works gift donated by Ray & Bonnie.
Tom & Sheron will also have a gift for the table...
When seeking donation of door prizes make sure they are at least a \$20 value or if you yourself is donating also \$20 value
Please let Bonnie know if you are going to donate a gift.
Tickets will be on sale at the party.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Day light hours down to 10 hours 5 minutes and getting shorter every day. Is there no justice? It's dark when I get up and dark by 4:30pm. And the temperatures here in Southern CA (Irvine) have been getting down to 37 degrees in the mornings. I know, I know, you members who live further North are going Boo Hoo.

MARC Christmas Party is being held on Saturday evening, Happy Hour=6:30pm and 7pm serving of the meal, at the Citrus Cafe at the corner of Edinger and Tustin Ave in Tustin CA. Exact address is, 1481 Edinger Ave., Tustin, CA. 92780. See Bonnies article elsewhere in this MARC Newsletter for a list of all the wonderful (and expensive, all door prizes will be worth \$20 or more) door prizes that are available to the winners of the drawings.

The February 2011 MARC meeting will be held one week early and that will make it Saturday, Feb 5th 2011 at the Hometown Buffet. That is because of the Tour de Cure Palm Springs taking place on Saturday Feb. 12th.

Speaking of the Palm Springs Tour de Cure, we (Bonnie & I) have already made reservations at the Quality Inn in Palm Springs for Friday Feb. 11th. We chose that motel because it has a restaurant right next door and we don't have to walk a half mile to dinner Friday night. We decided to make sure that we have a room reserved for that date just in case the Palm Springs Tour de Cure committee does not come through with the rooms that we have heard we may get. The address and phone number for the Quality Inn is, 1269 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs CA. 92264 and the phone # is (760-323-2775). We did that just to make sure we at least have a room because if the other rooms don't become available we will still have one. We can always cancel that Quality Inn room. And we already know how fast the rooms fill up because of the number of bicycle riders that come from all over the US to ride this charity event.

Our unofficial MARC meeting at Huntington Honda and Woody's Diner have been having pretty good turn outs each Saturday when we don't have our regular MARC meeting. We have been averaging 10 to 15 members each Saturday. There is always free coffee and very fine pastries for our consumption, and who can resist those freebies. It is always fun and there are always new stories to hear and tell. Please come join us and enjoy the camaraderie.

Gee, what happened to all those people who have Skype (web cams) on their computers? I am usually on the computer in the office in the morning (it has a Web Cam) after 10am and then at night (after 5pm) I have the NetBook on my lap while watching TV all evening and it has a built in web cam. So it is on most of the night. For those that have a web cam and want to check into our MARC Wed night nets, you can go on Skype and make contact with me. It is all free, the download and the web cam calls are all free. Try it, you'll love it and it is so much fun to talk to our members from all over the USA and abroad face to face. My Skype address is <ray.daviskd6fhn> or you can just look on Skype and use my email address <raykd6fhn@EarthLink.net>. Either way you will find me on Skype.

Our MARC member Dean KD6HEL is on his way to the Southern tip of South America on his Suzuki 1000. They (Dean & Lisa Landry (on a Suzuki 650), both Dean & Lisa are well known IBA riders). During the last year 4 Iron Butt Association riders had



planned to do the Prudhoe Bay Alaska to the Southern tip of South America ride, but circumstances have caused two of the riders (Bob H. & Mike K.) to bail out at the last minute, but according to their daily blog Dean & Lisa plan on powering on by themselves. They have named it the "All-Star Motorcycle Circus & Expedition". I think they crossed into Mexico this morning (Thursday, Dec. 2nd). I did put out on the MARC List the URL where you can receive their daily blogs and follow them with their SPOT GPS. If you missed that you can go to ["http://www.allstarmccircus.com/"](http://www.allstarmccircus.com/) and in the far upper left hand corner of the main web page click on Subscribe and you can sign up to get their daily posts. It has already been quite an adventure and they haven't even crossed into Mexico yet or at least they hadn't.

We are again/still looking for a machine shop that can/will make our 1/2" tubular trunk rack antenna mounts. We had found a place in Costa Mesa and had given them a cash deposit to make them, but after 5 months of waiting and lots of excuses we got our deposit back. So we are again looking for a place to make those brackets. I have had another list of places that Bonnie found on the internet, but haven't had time to go look at them yet. Most of the places want an arm and a leg to do a short 50 unit run. We really do want to keep it here in Southern CA so that we can negotiate with them personally and watch what they are doing. We are down to just a few of those antenna mounts now.

Still haven't had time to do anything with my personal web site. With going to therapy for my hip and back 3 mornings a week and working out with my dumbbells and all of the questions about ham radio installations, motorcycles & more, I don't get much time for anything else. There just isn't enough hours in a day, and at 78 years of age I am beginning to realize that the body is telling me I am 78. Geez I hate that. My mind tells me I am much younger, but when working outside, climbing a ladder or walking 1 1/2 miles 3 days a week, the old body doesn't recover like it use to.

This Laptop computer that I have been using for my travels for 4 years and using it as the desk top also still has a bad screen. So we have been shopping around for a new Laptop. Looked at some at Best Buy yesterday and Chuck KG6NJP (my computer guru) is looking for a new laptop for me too. Like he said this morning, he loves to spend someone else money, don't we all. Now may be a good time to buy because we see all of these big deals offered this time of year. We'll see what happens with that.

Last but not least, please remember to support our MARC Newsletter advertisers and those that donate so many gifts for our Christmas party and our MARC Anniversary Parties in May.

May the skies be clear & sunny and the wind forever at your back. Safe rides to one and all.

**Ray Davis KD6FHN <raykd6fhn@earthlink.net>
MARC Chairman Of The Board
Hm (949-551-1036) Cell (949-300-9669)
Casper now with 185K**

Those who have dues due, the date above your name on your label will be in RED & also will have a renewal form in this months newsletter. Those who have been getting their N/L on line will get one in the mail if they are due...

"BONNIE DAVIS" KD6OFQ

**MS 150 Bicycle Mobile
Rich KG6NPA**

For the second year, I volunteered to attach a HAM radio to my bicycle and be the last rider on the tour. As always a couple of new ideas were tried, based on what was learned from previous rides.

First, I used a new radio mount. Before, my radio was mounted inside a waterproof box that was velcroed to the handlebars. I found the radio got rather warm. I found a relatively beefy handlebar mount on which I was able to mount my VX-7R with relatively no problem. What I expected to be a couple hours of cutting, test-fitting, cutting and test-fitting took about two minutes. How often do we get THIS lucky with our radio installs?

I was a bit embarrassed by the plastic wrapping that attaches the coax to the fiberglass pole on which I mount my antenna. It works, but it looks kind of shoddy. I was able to find some plastic tubular netting in orange, which was slipped over the antenna pole. The setup looks much cleaner now!

Also, I decided to print out the route sheets 1.5X size, laminate them and zip tie them to my handlebars. Now they are right there in front of me and I can read them without glasses.



I punched holes in the top and zip-tied each page separately to my handlebars. When I'm done with a page, I just clip the zip ties and dispose of the old sheet and ties. This technique worked very well, but I learned two things...I have to be sure the pages are short enough so when I get out of the saddle to sprint or go uphill my knees don't hit the pages. Not only did I cut the pages shorter, I rounded the edges of the laminated plastic! OUCH! Also, next time I'll be sure the paper is completely encased within the plastic lamination. When I cut the page short, the rain seeped in between the edges and made the ink run!

A word about hot-laminating machines... It's one of those things that when you first see it in the store, it looks like a stupid appliance and you wonder how anyone would ever use it. After you get one, you wonder how you ever lived without it!

Now we're ready for the road test.

It is sometimes frustrating waiting for the last cyclists to finally get going, since I'm usually one of the first ones off the line in events like this. But it's for a good cause; it is supposed to be a fun ride so I can wait for a bit. This year, the last cyclists out were not the slowest

riders, so even at the back we moved along at a good pace. The friendly 24 Hour Fitness team was very good company for much of the first day and the miles went by quickly.

Around mile 12 I noticed a cyclist had low tires. I pointed them out and asked if the rider needed help, or wanted to pump them up themselves (I always ask the rider before I do any work on anyone's bikes. I'm also glad to offer a quick lesson in bike repair!). The rider pumped them up but they were still low. As I watched the pressure gage on the pump it just didn't make sense! The pump reached 100 psi after just one stroke! I asked if they had ever used Presta valves before and the cyclist said the bike was new and they only had it for a couple weeks. It turned out the issue was that they did not open the Presta valves before pumping! I showed how to open the Presta valve, we pumped up the tire and they were on their way.

Another cyclist remarked that their brakes were almost useless. I checked the calipers and found that the quick-release was not tightened. Many caliper style brakes on road bikes have a small quick-release lever so the brakes can be opened slightly so they will clear the tire when you remove the wheel. If you don't set it gain, your braking will suffer! I showed the cyclist how to throw the quick release so they would be sure to check it next time.

The route was very well-marked and this is a challenge in the rain. Arrows in previous rainy day events have gotten washed away at critical intersections! On this ride, not only were the turns marked, but long sections or odd intersections had arrows so the cyclists were assured that they were on the right route. This is a nice touch that we cyclists don't always see on other rides.

In the wet, expect lots of flats. Some shorter cyclists were running 650 size tires which is an uncommon size. Even the mechanical support team didn't have them! I'll make it a point to carry at least one of them from now on. Otherwise, using a much more common 700 inner tube with a fold will make it fit. The cyclist's ride may be a bit bumpy, but riding is always better than walking. By the second day, the mechanical support team was running out of tubes! Many of the MARC members stopped to help with flats and I helped perform one tube replacement and fixed one flat with a patch.

Using my HT arrangement, I was able to reach net control for about half of the first day. It was hit or miss. I wasn't able to reach net control at all the second day. So, a couple of things to consider... Motors should monitor simplex and that will be my primary form of radio communication. Also, I'm trying to find a dual band mobile with a remote-mount faceplate. If I can get a few more watts into the air, I may have a better chance of reaching net control.

As always, thanks to the great support from the MARC team. The MS 150 is a great event and everything goes quite smoothly. Special thanks to Andy and Pat for making sure I stayed fueled up. Sometimes, when you ride at the back of the pack, you get shortchanged at the rest stops!

Ship to Shore Tour de Cure May 1, 2011

We signed 125 riders in the first two days of December – due to the 12 days of December promotion - and are now at 474 riders and 53 teams. Now that's what I call a great start to the holiday. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR SPREADING THE WORD.

Julian ADA Manager Ship to Shore Tour, Long Beach, CA

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY
MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB
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NET DRAWING:

DRAW FOR 10/27 on 11/3 # 7 Kyle AF6YK winner PD
DRAW FOR 11/3 on 11/10 # 1 Ray KD6FHN winner N/A
DRAW FOR 11/10 on 11/17 #5 Alvin KD6UZM winner
DRAW FOR 11/17 on 11/24 #1 John W5JFR winner
DRAW FOR 11/24 on 12/1 # 8 AF6ZC Chris winner N/A
EB: K6TXI Charles, N6QZT Mike, KD6FHN Ray, K2QGT Tom, KC6ZSH Sheron
Echolink: Mark KE6ZRP(CA), Rick N4VQT (NC), Paul K5PNT (TX), Mike N7WNO, (CA) K9ZKS Norm (IL) Andy W6AJB (CA)
Remember instead of \$10 of 50/50 tickets you will be winning a free breakfast at the Hometown Buffet...

50/50:

The Turkey handed gobbly \$35 each to De Witt KM6UK and oh yes Alvin KD6UZM won the 2nd & 3rd pots

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by John KC6ZOZ

Items donated by "MARC"

MYM Cozy laptop desk won by John KC6ZOZ
Travel clock & calculator won by John KC6ZOZ
Minature bs card filing cabinet won by Kyle AF6YK
2011 Lge calendar & monthly planner won by Alvin KD6UZM
Quirky cordies won by Ray KD6FHN
Bitty Booster cables own by Peter N6LMO
Four Thanksgiving palce mats won by John KC6ZOZ
Fruit delights won by Harold KI6TYH
Floating pen/paper weight won by Pat KI6ETG
Multi-purpose paper won by Billy N6EDY

A big "THANK YOU" to each who donated items:

John & Mijo Reynolds, Billy Hall, De Witt Morgan, Ray & Bonnie Davis

Gray ticket distributor - John W5JFR
Gray ticket winner- Teri KF6HJT
How many gray tickets drawn- 2

Ticket Drawer- Cathy Fleming
Ticket dissectors- Alvin KD6UZM & Bonnie KD6OFQ

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NEW MEMBERS:

No new members

MEETING:

Getting ready for the Christmas party, suggestions & problems for the MS 150 2010 in So Ca.
Some talk on the Tour de Palm Springs event... Not had a

meeting as yet...

NEWSLETTER:

Thank you to all for your articles for the December newsletter. Very much appreciated..

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

Lots of love and prayers to:

On November 6, Brothers Mike N6QZT & David KF6TPH were out riding in Lucerne, David wanted to do some shopping so Mike went on home to Apple Valley. They received a call from the law telling them David had been in an accident and was transported to Palm Springs Desert Regional Medical Center in serious condition. David's injuries at that time was reported the T-1 & 2 are cracked neck area, broken ribs, punctured lungs, they have a tube in one but the other one collapsed, two black eyes, left arm & hand problems but not broken.

David is not sure what happened the last thing he remembers was a huge gust of wind. he was unconscious for some time... Motorcycle is totaled...per say.

At this time he is alert, able to move, they get him up on the edge of the bed. He still has the trach tube so he can't talk. He has been moved to: in case you want to end a card.

Kindred Hospital, Rm 209B 909-391-0333
550 North Monterey Ave,
Ontario, CA 91764

They are hoping to feed him today -11/2, they put a one way valve in several times a day with a speech therapist working with him, is doing some walking several times a day with walker, about five steps out and back.

Mike will let us know when he can have visitors outside of the family...report at this time he is making giant strides DE WITT having his eyelids raised so he can see better, Alvin KD6UZM'S sister, who is okay at this time...

Anyone else out there who I have not mentioned Please know we love and pray for each of you...as we do care... Life is not an easy task when it comes to sickness and losing someone.

Love and Prayers to All who are ill , had surgery, lost a loved one, we "MARC" are here for you day and night...as we care.

Also for all the people who are out of work, homeless due circumstances beyond their control...

Special Christmas & 2011 prayers for our troops.

We honor our Military for putting their lives in danger so we may live. Their families need our support and love as well. They need our support in anyway we can help..

Keep up the spirit... Love & Gratitude to all
GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR
TROOPS

IN GOD WE TRUST

"When we recall Christmas past, we usually find the simplest things - not the great occasions - give off the greatest glow of happiness." (Bob Hope)

"Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends." (Margaret Thatcher)

REFLECTING

Every month I see the reminder for the Christmas party. And it seems like a long way off back in May. However we all agree that time slips away. Another year about to be dismissed, to find itself in memories and discussions on why or how. Great time also to reflect on the trips or times with others. Times of sadness with hopefully some laughter intermixed. OR times of joy and then feeling a loss of someone at the table. Or one less motor riding with each as we think of our days on this earth, eh?

4 months ago I was coming home from a 8900 mile vacation. Seems like a long time ago. Filling my mind with tons of miles and seeing friends and relatives.. then finding my way back home and again reflecting on where did that month go? But also grateful for the time I took to ride out and see friends and relatives, to see the country, feel the heat of the California desert, Or tease JP Rowland as we hummed along toward San Francisco bay after the Yosemite trip.

So here we are again, December upon us, For most of the country we are seeing the wintry weather coming back at us with a vengeance! I had written about October and the rains and cold and well misery as I tried to beat the miles I had done for the year before.

Winter is the best time to get ready for the next year. Granted most of us are still working and doing the other things to survive. Also preparing for Christmas and the time with family. However there is still time to look at maps of and how to get there and where to stay.. You know this next May is the big anniversary... am I wrong? Maybe... MARC was started in 1991... right? If there is some kind of party for that ... then keep looking at the calendar... Shod those bikes with new tires! Anyone from the right coast need an excuse to ride west? Well there is a few people that i need to bug.. eye ball to eyeball... eh? DeWitt and Ray and .. hey JP.. do you have time?

Then when I get back home I tell people, "Rode 2000 miles for the best breakfast!" Or maybe the friendships that have lasted since I sent my dues in back in 1997. YEP... should be fun to see those gleaming machines all in a row and cleaned... then behind them the bikes that have lots of road grime. And the faces of all will be smiling and kidding each other.

When reflecting on the year that has past... only means that May is NOT that far away, eh?

73!

**tim lindstrom, ab0ts
columbia heights, mn
1995 bmw k1100rs
1985 bmw k100rt**

My experience with the Las Vegas MS-150

1. Considering that there were motorcycles without amateur radio and were using CB's, how were all the motorcycles coordinated on the route itself?

The motorcycles without amateur radio rode between the rest stops checking in with the amateur operator at that rest stop, net control advised on going forward to the next rest stop or back to the previous stop.

2. What did the CB-only equipped Gold Wings do to get their "assignments"?

These bikes just continued to roll from one rest stop to the next. The amateur radio equipped vehicles were used for following the "turtle" and "front" bicycle riders. The rest of the ham equipped bikes rode the route same as the non ham riders except they did not have to check in with the amateur operator at the rest stops.

3. Did they know who to contact and how/when to contact the event coordinators or how to actually police/run the route?

They did not have a contact except the rest stop radio operator. I suppose that in the event of an emergency they could have used their CB to try to contact a bike with ham radio. Luckily there were no mishaps.

I spoke with the Vegas Wings chapter director about having a presentation on amateur radio (scheduled for sometime after the holidays). I spoke with a senior member from Las Vegas Radio Amateur Radio Club that is willing to put together a presentation to see if we can get interest in the "Wings" to get at least a Tech license.

Interestingly enough the State Police support we had on Saturday was a licensed ham operator with a radio in his squad car. He responded to a couple of hazardous conditions when Net Control was notified of the problems.

The medics refused to stay at any rest stop with out cell service. They moved on to the next rest stop that had cell service. Even tho they were asked to stay in position by Net Control.

I do not know why the MARC group was not called in to participate, other than the Vegas Wings club was coordinating motor support. With the bikes with out ham radios in service there were 28 bikes on the course. 5 with ham radio.

Looking forward to working with you guys this spring.

73s

Gene K7GRD Henderson, NV

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS!! Oren Arnold

To your enemy, forgiveness

To an opponent, tolerance

To a friend, your heart

To a customer, service

To all, charity

To every child, a good example

To yourself, respect

MOTORCYCLE BRACKETS

The following brackets are the ones we keep here at the house for our MARC members. **These are not sold by MARC..**

PTT Button Bracket

Fits under the left handlebar module and positions the button so it is right where your left thumb is naturally under the left hand grip. Fits 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda models. Has been adapted to some other brands and models. Black anodized or plain aluminum available. Has standard 1/2" hole for PTT button. **Price \$10.00**

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Antenna Bracket For 1/2" Tubular Trunk Racks

Natural aluminum color only Fits coax with SO-239 fitting only for antennas with PL-259 fittings, can not be modified to use with NMO fittings. **Price \$25.00**

Antenna Bracket For Kuryakyn or American Flat Racks For The 1800 Gold Wings.

Natural aluminum color only. The brackets are flat stock, bent so that the antenna is perfectly vertical, with 2, 8-32 threaded holes, so you have to drill 2 matching holes in the rear of your flat rack. Round head stainless steel screws hide the holes. **Price \$12.50**

Handlebar Brackets For HT's, Cell Phones, GPS's or Just About Anything Else

We just have them for the Left side handlebars (No more for the right side). They fit the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda's too. They are Black anodized and come with all mounting hardware. **Price \$25.00**

Polished Stainless Steel Trunk Rack Plates

These 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" X .62" (1/16") SS plates are used by most of the MARC Members to keep from cracking the trunk lids. We have seen many cracked and busted trunk lids before we started putting these plates under the rear legs of the trunk racks. We have never seen a cracked lid when using these SS Plates. They fit under both the tubular and flat racks on the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings.

\$25 a set for polished plates

""PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE SHIPPING & HANDLING""

(Ray & I bought these as MARC could not afford to pay for 50-100 of these at a time so Checks go to Ray Davis (not MARC))

Custom Cables for GPS and APRS – contact Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net

Garmin GPS-18PC GPS power cable

36" power cable assembly, with a 2A mini-ATO fuse in a weatherproof fuse holder. Adapts the Garmin GPS-18PC cigarette lighter adapter plug to "hard wired" for motorcycle or car. As described in the January 2005 MARC newsletter article about the GPS-18PC.

Price: \$19.00

Garmin GPS serial cable to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

72" data cable with a **molded** right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a DE-9 **male** connector on the other end. Connects a standard Garmin GPS cable (**designed to plug into a PC**) to a Kenwood TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. As described in the January 2005 MARC newsletter article about the GPS-18PC

Price: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00 Special lengths up to 72" -- no extra charge

IBM PC or compatible to Kenwood TH-D7A

72" data cable with a **molded** right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a DE-9 **female** connector on the other end. Connects a PC with a standard **9-pin** serial port to a TH-D7A **only**.

Price: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00 Special lengths up to 72" -- no extra charge

Garmin 4-pin "round" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

72" data cable with a **molded** right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a right-angle "Garmin original-style" (4-pin) **round** connector plug on the other end. Connects a "classic" Garmin GPS with the "original" 4-pin round connector to a TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. This cable does **not** provide power to the GPS...!

Price: \$24.00 Kit: \$14.00 Special lengths up to 72" -- no extra charge

Garmin "eTrex-type" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

72" data cable with a **molded** right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a Garmin "eTrex-style" **flat** connector on the other end. Connects a Garmin GPS with the "eTrex-type" connector to a TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. This cable does **not** provide power to the GPS...!

Price: \$24.00 Kit: \$14.00 Special lengths up to 72" -- no extra charge

ALERT:.....If any "MARC" members World-wide have APRS (or are working on it) and are not on the MARC World-wide APRS Capabilities list (distributed earlier with the Newsletter), please email your APRS information If you need help in selecting appropriate equipment, please email me your questions.

Thank you...! **Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net**

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as we have most of the set-up equipment at
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IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS

I write this in September
And I can already see my breath
Because the temperature is falling
To fifty degrees or less;
There are frosted mornings
And skies are turning gray;
Next thing, there'll be snowdrifts
Fit for a sleigh.

In stores, they're gearing for Halloween
With pumpkins on display;
After October 31, we'll count the days
To shop til Kris Kringle Day;
Just when I thought the craze was over
And the presents were put away,
Alas! I hear Santa "ho-hoing",
It's nearly Christmas Day.

Christmas is a magical time,
Is there any doubt?
But I'm going to need a psychotherapist
To get my anxieties out!
The sugarplums might be dancing,
But they're messing up my mind;
The silver bells aren't doing much
To help me unwind.

September comes and October goes,
November is just a glance;
Once again, there'll be invitations
To another holiday dance;
I'll decorate the Christmas tree
With icicles, stars, and lights,
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Gain & Wave: 2M 1/4 wave • 70cm 5.0dBi 9/8 wave • Length: 21" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

Maldol AX-75 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ WIFOLD-OVER
Gain & Wave: 2M 1/2 wave center load 3.2dBi • 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 5.7dBi • Length: 30" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

Maldol AX-95 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ WIFOLD-OVER
Gain & Wave: 2M 1/2 wave center load 3.3dBi • 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 5.8dBi • Length: 38" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

COMET B-10 / B-10NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ
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• Conn: B-10 PL-259, B-10NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 50W

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Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.15dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 3.8dBi 5/8 wave center load • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 18"
• Conn: PL-259, SBB-2NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 60W

Maldol EX-107RB / EX-107BNMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ
Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.6dBi 1/2 wave, 446MHz 4.9dBi 5/8 wave x 2 • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 25"
• Conn: PL-259, EX-107BNMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 100W

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Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.5dBi 1/2 wave • 446MHz 5.5dBi 5/8 wave x 2 • Length: 38"
• Conn: SBB-5 PL-259, SBB-5NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 120W

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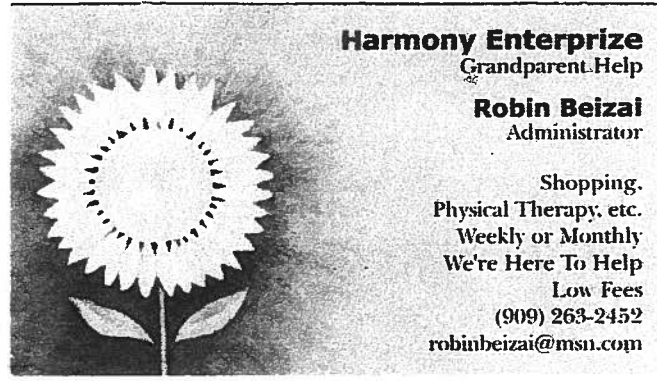
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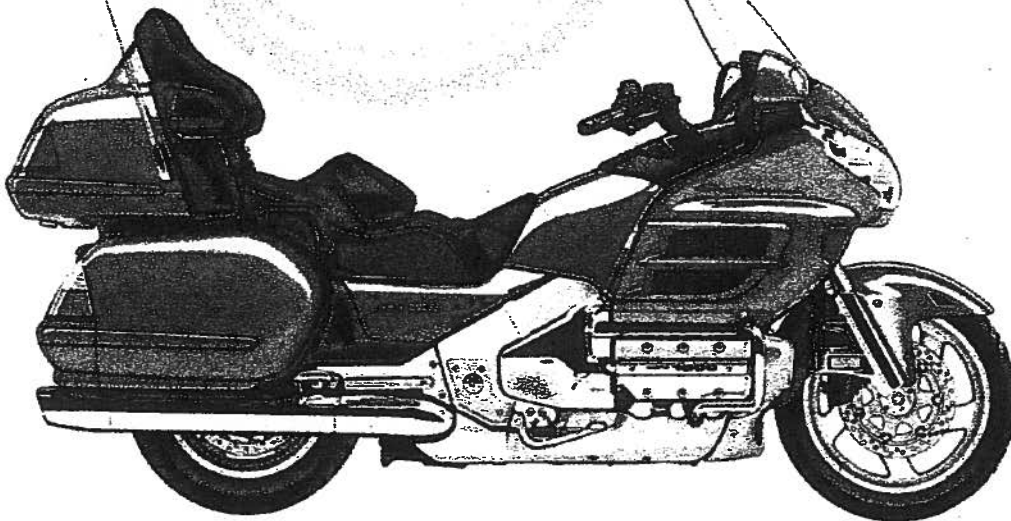
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