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FEBRUARY 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

Welcome to February. I am in the process of getting everything ready for the Tour de Palm Springs on the 12th. I have changed the oil and filter on my Wing and checked the tires and brakes to make sure that the cycle is ready. By the time you read this, I will have uploaded the routes into my GPS and added the radio frequency for this event into my D700. Then, the rest will be up to the weather man, of course. I will prepare and take both cold and warm weather gear along with my rain suit. I hope it still works; I don’t use it often as I really don’t like to ride in the rain.

I hope that this early newsletter will remind you that our MARC meeting will be a week early this month. We will meet at the Home Town Buffet in Santa Anna on the 5th. I expect that we will not be rushed this month. I did not like the way I was forced to speed things up at the January meeting. If you were a winner of the free breakfast, check with Bonnie before you stop at the register and pay. How do you win, you ask? Just check in to the MARC net. If you hear Mijo, KF6BEB, paging you as a winner, just come to the next MARC meeting and voila! You get a free meal and all you can eat at that.

On Saturday, 22 January, I rode down to Huntington Honda for coffee and donuts. It was nice to see so many of our MARC members there. It was a beautiful day for a ride. At about 10AM we moved to Woodie’s Diner for late breakfast/early lunch and continued to talk about motorcycle stuff and of course we talked about those who weren’t there. When we broke up and left Woodie’s, I

went to Chuck’s, KG6NJP. He assisted me with the reprogramming of a Tiny Track. I am trying to free up the second band on my D700 so I can have APRS and still use both bands on the radio. From there, I stopped by the radio repair shop that I use and picked up my Kenwood 742, base station radio. It had quit working so repairs were necessary. Now I can return it back in the shack and put my other 742 to my pickup. It will be nice to have a radio in the truck again.

In December 2010, we had some serious rains here in So. Cal. Many areas were flooded or inundated with mud. Now in January 2011, we are having some severe wind events. The few avocados that were left on my small tree have been blown off and, in the past few days, I have made about three gallons of juice from citrus fruit that has blown down. With this taken into account, I am glad that I am not living in the east or north east. They have had a terrible winter with persistent cold and snow. With this newsletter I shall try to send them some of our warmth. Just be careful not to melt too fast or you will have the same flooding problems that we had last month.

Enjoy the Super Bowl on TV or if you are one of the elite that gets to go to Dallas, then wave at those of us who will be home or partying with friends. Next month we shall let you know how things went in Palm Springs and we shall start serious planning for the San Diego Tour de Cure in May.

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Events for 2011 so far::

February 12th Tour de Palm Springs
April 16/17 Baker to Vegas
April 16/17 BP MS 150, TX
April 23rd Tour de OC(Cancelled)
May 1st Ship to Shore Tour
May 7th 20th San Diego
Tour de Cure
June 5th Bad Ride
Oct 15/16 MS 150, So. CA

**“MARC” NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

JAN 26th FOR FEBRUARY
MAR 2nd FOR MARCH
MAR 30th FOR APRIL
MAY 4th FOR MAY
MAY 25th FOR JUNE/JULY
AUG 3rd FOR AUGUST
AUG 30th FOR SEPTEMBER
SEPT 28th FOR OCTOBER
NOV 2nd FOR NOVEMBER
NOV 30th FOR DECEMBER

Friend Valentine Poem

People come and people go,
In and out of your life and so,
When one shines bright among the
rest,
And is there when needed, you’re
truly blessed.
That is how I see you, friend of
mine,
And why I’m sending this
Valentine.
By Karl Fuchs

“Beauty is how you feel inside.”
Sophia Loren

**Tour de Palm Springs
February 12, 2011**

Hello fellow MARC members. The Tour de Palm Springs (TdPS) is on February 12. The three rides we are participating in are the 100-mile starting at 7:00 AM through 8:00 AM, the 50-mile ride starting at 8:00 AM through 9:00 AM and the 25-mile ride starting at 9:00 AM through 10:00 AM.

Our frequency assignments are Primary: 445.640 PL 131.8 and the Secondary (MARC Simplex): 144.370 MHz, PL 100.0.

Friday before the ride is the (optional) pre-ride dinner at 7:00 PM at the restaurant adjacent to the Quality Inn located at 1269 E. Palm Canyon Dr. The following morning the (optional) pre-ride breakfast will be at 5:00 AM at the Denny's located at 1201 N. Palm Canyon Dr. I will be at both optional meals to dispense vehicle signage for those that are present. I will also have signage available at the Start line.

As I reported at the last MARC breakfast, the MARC motorcycles lined up at the curb at the start is a big wahoo according to the TdPS Committee and RACES. In particular, the 100-mile motors should be lined-up at the curb no later than 6:30 AM.

Net Control will be located at the **Palm Springs Baptist Church, 1696 South El Cielo, Palm Springs.**

I will have the completed Control Plan with motor and bicycle assignments, Net Control assignments and all general information available by the time of the next MARC breakfast on February 5 at the Home Town Buffet in Santa Ana.

**Harold Hilbert
KI6TYH**

There will again be a sign-up sheet for the Tour de Palm Springs at the February meetings-

Bonnie KD6OFQ

**SHIP TO SHORE TOUR DE CURE
MAY 1, 2011**

Mark KE6ZRP, Chris (Mark's sweetie) & Bonnie attended the kick-off party for the Ship to Shore Tour de Cure on Monday night. What a great response- with all the tables and chairs full they had standing room only, had to bring out more appetizers. The enthusiasm was really great.

We sat at a table with some of the Red Riders (those wearing red shirts with diabetes) they really like it when you shout "Go Red Riders" while on the event. Also La Donna who rides in the event and works for the BNSF Railway that donated huge as a Gold Sponsor. It is those Corporate Sponsors who help take care of the expenses of the events...

The party was held at the Reef Restaurant which is across from where the Ship to Shore is held... We are hoping to get space in their parking lot for Net Control...and a some parking... a very nice restaurant. Usually on Sunday mornings they have a very good

Brunch... They do have a large parking lot but also it has some slope to it. But we shall see.. The Tour has been running special promos each month - so for the Super Bowl, they are using the teams Packers & Steelers with a special amount to raise...I forget the numbers but I know they have three times the amount of teams, riders and funds raised at this time as last year.

They have added the 100 miler as several riders wanted one. It extends over to Seal Beach, Westminster, Huntington Beach area... So motors you will be in for a good event and tour.

Also several riders from our Tour will be riding for the first time in the Tour de Palm Springs...

The Diabetes events are very strong in wanting MARC on scene. As one of the riders says to me Monday night- even though they may not need assistance- it gives them peace of mind that we are out there protecting them.. always ready willing and able to help the riders in any way they can.... the accolades do not stop for "MARC"

We will have a sign-up sheet for Ship to Shore event at the February meeting...

**Mark KE6ZRP--Coordinator
John Beckwith N6JCB-- Assistant coordinator
Bonnie KD6OFQ -- Back up**

Tour de OC (Benefits Abused Kids)

Hi I'm Scott Farthing KI6IXQ my position with *Tour de OC* is the Director of Logistics. My position with MARC is the *Tour de OC* ride coordinator. It is with great sadness that I have to say that this year's ride is cancelled due to lack of volunteers at the leadership level, 3 rides being scheduled the same day and loss of our major sponsor Whaoo's Fish Taco. *Tour de OC* will be back next year.

We are currently talking about bringing back the two day event to San Diego. We ride to send abused children to summer camp at "Royal Family Kids Camp" 100% of pledge monies go to the campers; also there is 1.5 staff to 1 camper so there is a real sense of the family environment. This would have been our 17th year doing this ride and I think MARC's 13th year marshaling our ride. *Tour de OC* has always been MARC's first ride of the year, a small ride it gives MARC members a chance to get all the bugs out of there motors and check all the electronics as well.

We at *Tour de OC* want to thank the awesome support that MARC has always given to *Tour de OC*. This is an extremely fun ride that MARC does; it is also a good ride to train new MARC members on. So we look forward to the support of MARC next year. Our web site is "<http://www.tourdeoc.com>" Have fun and don't forget to sign up and it's all about the kids.

**Scott Farthing KI6IXQ
Director of Logistics Tour de OC
MARC Tour de OC Ride coordinator
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As of Tuesday Jan 25th, 2011



Well we have gained about 30 minutes of more daylight (now at 10 hrs, 23 minutes) since the last newsletter and for the last couple of weeks the weather has been spectacular. I mean over night lows in the high 40's and the highs everyday near or at 80 degrees with clear sunny skies and sometimes a little Santa Ana Winds. Sorry for those folks that live in the Northern, Northeastern and Southeastern states where they have been catching some really nasty weather. I mean really cold, been there, done that, as I use to live in South Dakota and plowed snow there for a few years. It was fun then when I was young and dumb. I am still dumb, just not young anymore.

Hey, we have a big and I mean really big (biggest one day event in CA anyway with about 7,000 or more bicycle riders) charity event coming up on Saturday Feb. 12th in Palm Springs CA. It is the Tour de Palm Springs and so far we have 21 MARC motorcycle mobiles, 6 MARC members signed up to work net control and one MARC bicycle mobile. A big thank you goes to all of those that are signed up for this event. It is not too late to sign up for this event as we really do need all of the motorcycle mobiles that we can get for this, our Southern CA largest charity event. Come one, Come all.

Don't forget, that the Feb MARC meeting has been moved up to the first Saturday of Feb, Feb 5th, just to clarify things. If you haven't signed up to volunteer for the Tour de Palm Springs or any of the other up coming charity events, you can still do it at the Feb. MARC meeting. We were notified today, Tuesday Jan. 25th, that the Tour de OC has been cancelled for this year do to lack of a major company support. We are really sorry to see that happen. It has never been a very large event, sometimes less then 200 riders, but most of the time it was the first event of the new year and a good place for our new members to learn what we do at these charity events.

Finally got a good quote today for a new supply of our antenna mounts for the tubular racks. Been working on this problem for well over 8 months now. One machine shop had quoted us \$50.35 each for 50 or them or \$26.50 if we ordered 100 of them. At the rate we sell them that would have taken about 8 years to sell off. Either of those prices is more then what we sell them for now. At least we can live with the quote we got today and keep the price down to \$25 apiece.

For those that are following the adventures of Iron Butt Assoc. riders Dean KD6HEL and Lisa from Prudhoe Bay AK to the Southern tip of South America on the "All Star Motorcycle Circus & Expedition" < <http://www.allstarmccircus.com/?p=901> > are getting to read some very exciting and sometimes funny stories. We have been tracking them on their SPOT GPS < <http://spotwalla.com/tripViewer.php?id=230d4ce143055f03f> > and following them all the way from Brownsville, TX to w where they are now in Colombia South America, as of Monday Jan 24th. The things they write are sometimes very scary and other times make for a good belly laugh. They really know how to describe their adventure.

Still haven't decided what to do about the sick Dell laptop on a docking station that I also use for a PC. Don't really want to move to a new operating system as XP is no longer available and it would cost almost as much to put a new screen on a 4 year old laptop as get a new laptop. No one, I am told, still makes an actual docking station for a laptop to be used as a PC too. You have to b

buy a separate unit that plugs into both your new laptop and the large monitor. I know that 99% of you out there know more about this sort of thing then I do, but I have to do something before we hit the road for the summer, so I better make a decision soon. Darn, I hate these computers, they mess up your whole life. :-) If I go to a new computer with Microsoft 7 I may have to give up my Eudora email program and learn a whole new way to do email things. If I take out the hard drive and send the laptop in to Dell to replace the screen, then I will be without a computer for a month or more. I do have the Toshiba Net book, but I am trying not to use that as my laptop. I use it for some other things. None of the everyday stuff about MARC or our charity events are on the Net Book.

How are your New Years Resolutions going? I am hanging in there and have not gained a single pound. :-) I have cut down on the calories, but am still walking 1-1/2 miles 3 days a week and working out with dumb bells, bar bells & those Lifeline rubber band devices to strengthen the upper body about 1 hour 3 days a week. So I haven't lost any weight, but I have gained some upper body weight and strength. At 78 years old and 2 bad shoulders it isn't a cake walk. Last week we bought a new Greg LeMond, g-force RT digital stationary recumbent bicycle and I am just getting started on getting in shape to work out hard on that. We bought that so that I can stop walking so much as I was starting to have a lot of pain in my knees and ankles. Geez, I hate getting old. That machine monitors your heart rate, speed, work load, miles per hour, miles covered, calories burnt and etc. It doesn't plug into the wall as it has rechargeable batteries that recharge themselves as you pedal. I have a stand up elliptical trainer, but even that caused my hips and knees to hurt, so I am going to donate it to my son.

Please continue to support those that pay to advertise in our MARC Newsletters and those that donate all of those wonderful prizes we get for the Christmas and MARC Anniversary parties. Huntington Honda gives us the largest prizes of all those that support us, with Comet not far behind. God Bless all those folks/companies for their support.

A little MARC History: I happened to be going through some of the earliest newsletters looking for something and I ran across this. In Jan & Feb 1992 we were trying to come up with a name for what is now MARC. We had decided to start a club, but had not had a meeting yet. The first official MARC meeting was in May 1992 and we started a MARC net at that time on 144.375 simplex. In July we finally settled on the MARC name officially. In August 1992 we did our first MARC MS-150. We had done the MS-150 the year before using CB's, but this was the first time we did it with ham radios on our motorcycles. We have come a long way since then. Thanks to our many loyal MARC Members and their continued support of our many charity events.

Please don't forget your 2011 MARC dues and the ALERT/BARN dues are due. Remember that we would be dead in the water, so to speak, trying to do our charity events without the support of the ALERT/BARN Repeater owners. We realize that the economy is suffering and so are our members, but if we want to keep using the ALERT/BARN repeater systems for our charity events, we must support them.

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>

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STUCK IN THE SNOW

Well I did start my black BMW 2 weeks ago... and let it warm while looking at the snow drifting across the alley. Snow banks and where to put the white stuff is the main subject line now. We are at 55 inches for the year and could have more by the time this hits your computers or print!

Focus for the trips that I would like to do is also done. **April** - I plan to head for Texas and try to repair the BMW K100LT. Rode it out to the last MARC anniversary 5 years ago. Electrical problems.

May - I hope to be at the breakfast. Figure on riding out to JP Roland's and then we will take the last leg in his "cage". Right JP?

July is the International BMW rally in Bloomberg, PA... also need to finish the lower 48 by riding through Rhode Island and Delaware.

Always it's good to hear from the group on the email! And a few more have asked to be my "friend" on face book. that's about it from here in the snow covered state of Minnesota. Floods are coming in April!

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**tim lindstrom, ab0ts
columbia heights, mn**

Tour De Cure Palm Springs or Cure for money in wallet..

Ok, I did it I took a day's vacation, I signed up, and I figured awesome, my first MARC Charity Event..

So Saturday I go to the Huntington Honda/Woody's and I find out I might have to tweak things a bit. Ray says hey Mike got your antenna mount here that'll be 25 bucks, oh and that Antenna isn't going to cut it. But don't worry 75 bucks for a new Comet and you'll be fine. So I wander inside and see Chuck, I explain that I ordered a Bionics' RTG (120 Bucks) yesterday but I don't think the coax I have will connect to the SMA on the RTG, Chuck says no problem order a Comet HS-05, oh that's another 15 bucks. We all move to Woody's and I'm explaining the GPS I have to Chuck he tells me to find a nice used Garmin 2610. (I did EBay, 60 Bucks) EBay ram mount for GoldWing (50 Bucks). Darn this volunteering is expensive!!!

So today I wire up the RTG, assorted wire, switches, connectors, another 25 bucks. I come in and send Chuck an email, explain that I bought the Garmin, but how do I tie it into the audio for the bike, order a ground loop isolator to connect it to bike. You guess it another 40 bucks.

Oh, did I mention I need a room for the night before the event, another 150 bucks. Thank god for the credit card, all together my bike gets upgrades of \$410. Plus I get 5-6 hours' sleep for another \$150. Can I get by without a lot of this and still volunteer for this event yes, but, I do want all this stuff, so yes I'm doing it. Dang Ray this is sure fun!!!!

Oh I seem to remember something like, "that Chuck sure like's to spend my Money" I know that feeling now.

Please understand this article was written to enlighten those who follow and to poke a bit of fun at myself. Chuck and Ray, I'm an adult; I used your names because you helped guide my wallet to bankruptcy, but I had the ability to slam it shut any time I wanted!

Mike

N7WNO

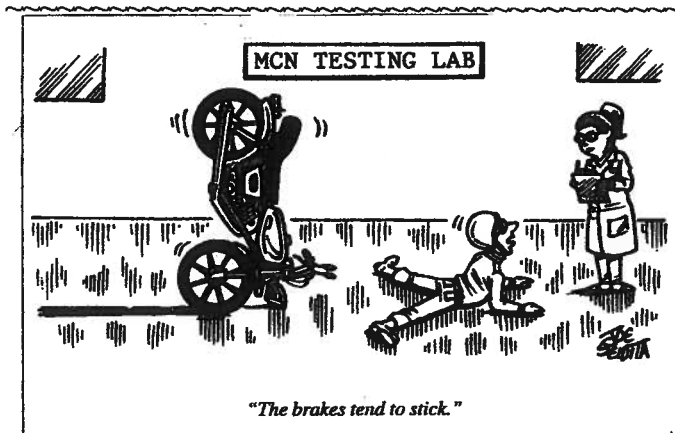
Cardboard box just outside Victorville

Interesting sites to visit:

Motorcycle games for those who like to play the video games...

California Road & Trips - gives you a variety of rides, for those who love scenery, twisties and just plain riding...

Motorcycle events in California- for all sorts of rides for raising money and just to ride..



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

DRAW FOR 12/22 on 12/29 #7 Andy W6AJB winner (pd)
DRAW FOR 12/29 on 1/5/11 #7 Kevin KI6SUJ winner (pd)
DRAW FOR 1/5/11 on 1/12 #14 Bonnie KD6OFQ winner
DRAW FOR 1/12 on 1/19 # 4 Ray KD6FHN winner
DRAW FROR 1/19 ON 1/26 # 14 Charles KF6TXI N/A
EB: Mijo KF6BEB, Charles KF6TXI, KC6ZOZ John, W6AJB
Andy
Echolink: Mark KE6ZRP(CA), K9ZKS Norm (IL) Andy W6AJB
(CA), K5MLP Marvin (AR), KH7RD Mike (OR)
Remember instead of \$10 of 50/50 tickets you will be winning a
free breakfast at the Hometown Buffet...

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**50/50:**

For the first of the year we have 3 winners of \$35 each  
Billy N6EDY, Alvin KD6UZM & Joseph KE6UPB

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\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by
Alvin KD6UZM
146/440 MHz Magnetic Base antenna donated by Comet won
by Alvin KD6UZM

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**Donations by MARC:**

Set of 2 on the go travel mugs won by Alvin KD6UZM  
Laser Level won by Billy KF6WBV  
Mechanical carpenter pencil won by Jim KC6RCR  
Coolmax Helmet liner won by Billy N6EDY  
Forever Glow nite lites won by Harold KI6TYH  
Multipurpose paper wpn by Alvin KD6UZM  
Puzzle Calendar won by Alvin KD6UZM  
Tool Logic office assistant won by Billy N6EDY  
3pc power center won by Alvin KD6UZM  
Bitty Booster cables won by John KC6ZOZ

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A big Thank You for those members donating to the cause:
John & Mijo Reynolds, Teri Edwards KF6HJT, Charles Robles
KF6TXI, Billy Hall N6EDY & Ray & Bonnie Davis

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Gray ticket distributor-- John W5JFR  
Gray ticket winner - Grace Hudgens  
Gray ticket prize- Candle holder  
How many tickets drawn - 1

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Ticket drawer- Mijo KF6BEB
Ticket dissectors- Alvin & Grace

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

**Please welcome:**

12/10-- Scott KI6WOD, Kathy KJ6CCU, Derrick  
WA6PTN Whitlatch of Beaumont, CA  
1/11 -- Danny KE4OZD & Lorna Burdick of  
Melbourne, FL

**MEETING:**

Quite shocking when we get to the Hometown Buffet and  
told we had been cancelled- but we could go ahead and use  
the room if we were out of there by 9AM

The head manager Jose confronted Ray & I after the meeting  
and apologized profusely saying he was to blame due to the  
fact an officer of the Corp had made a reservation and called  
to cancel and the manager just seen MARC and cancelled  
us... he was so apologetic.

**NEWSLETTER:**

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

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

Now Kile AF6YK is in Physical rehab and doing well and wanting  
to escape his prison cell(:)ss.

David KF6TPH is progressing slowly, still has a swelled left hand  
with pain but does have therapy for it.

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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...

**WILLY DOUGLAS KF6QPD is on his third tour of
Iraq- he is Bill K6WBD's son...**

Special 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**

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**February is National Heart Awareness Month**

You may be too young to think about this yet, but  
February is National Heart Awareness Month, and since  
heart disease is the number one killer of women in this  
country - it's never too early to put the topic on your  
radar screen.

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So ladies don't forget to get your yearly thorough
check-up

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"Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark."  
(George Iles)

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"By attempting the impossible, one can attain the
highest level of the possible." (August Strindberg)

TOUR DE OC

This event has been cancelled for this year.. we are very sorry to hear this ... per Scott K6IXQ – This is what the Tour de OC accomplishes with their event..

What does Royal Family Kids Camp offer to the kids in need?

- Positive memories for abused, neglected and abandoned children.
- Most of the campers have never celebrated their birthday. Many have never received a birthday card. An "Everybody's Birthday Party" with Birthday Boxes filled with small presents is celebrated at camp.
- They have a camp Grandma and Grandpa who provide all the hugs the kids want.
- Many of abused kids do not have any family pictures or pictures of themselves. Pictures are taken throughout the week and are made into a memory book which is given to each child at the end of the week.
- There is a 2 to 1 ratio of campers to counselors. All of the counselors and staff are screened and trained.

Who attends Royal Family Kids Camp?

- Most of the campers are in foster care.
- They are Kids who have been abused, neglected and abandoned.
- Camps are for kid's ages 7 to 11

Facts: •

Last year Royal Family Kids Camps had 126 Camps in 36 States with 5,000 campers

- Since 1985 there have been more than 10,000 kids at these one week summer camps.
- Royal Family Kids Camps are the nation's leading network of camps for abused, neglected and abandoned children.
- Annually, 3 million cases are reported in America of child abuse, neglect or abandonment.
- One of these victims dies every four hours due to that abuse.
- Wayne and Diane Tesch founded Royal Family Kids Camps in 1985. Wayne and Diane are highly respected, personal friends of many of the riders and event coordinators for Tour de OC.

Some National Child Abuse Statistics

Over 3 million reports of child abuse are made every year in

the United States. A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds. Almost five children die everyday as a result of child abuse. More than three out of four are under the age of 4... Estimated between 60-85% of child fatalities due to maltreatment are not recorded as such on death certificates...

30% of abused and neglected children will later abuse their own children

The estimated cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States for 2007 was \$104 billion..

This why the Tour de OC is involved in sending these children to camp for a better life for them...

Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) was Chair of the United States House of Representatives Motorcycle Safety Caucus. She was a true friend of the motorcyclists of this Country and served them well.

Information from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Among many safety related organizations, such as the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation**, May has long been designated as **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**. The messages for all road users are especially timely as motorcyclists nationwide gear up for the upcoming riding season. In approximately two thirds of fatal car/motorcycle crashes, the driver of the car is at fault.

"We applaud the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for passing this resolution and we look forward to continuing to work with Representatives Burgess and Giffords and other members of Congress as this resolution moves to the full House for consideration," said MIC's Senior Vice President for Government Relations, Kathy Van Kleeck.

Motorcycles are fuel-efficient and decrease congestion while having little impact on our nation's transportation infrastructure, making them a valuable component of the transportation mix. With more than 7 million motorcyclists benefiting from the advantages of riding, it is important to remember their safety and to encourage safe and responsible behavior.

"You make the world a better place just by being in it!"

"Don't underestimate the power of your smile."

"One person can make a difference, **YOU DO!**"

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Victorville Mike Naron N6QZT
Pomona Bill Douglas K6WBD
Los Angeles John Beckwith N6JCB

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MARC Equipment controller is Ray Davis KD6FHN
as we have most of the set-up equipment at
3 Lindberg, Irvine, CA for charity events.

"MARC" DUES:

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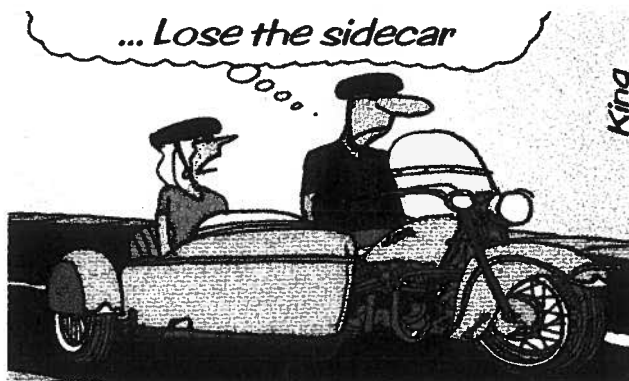
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We think of with a smile.  
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*By Joanna Fuchs*



*Stop driving so fast!...Watch where you're going!...Didn't you see that pothole?*

## 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**

### PTT Waterproof Button

Has large rounded surface for your thumb, so your thumb does not get tired or sore with heavy use. Black in color. Fits in 1/2" hole on PTT Button Bracket. **Price \$13.00**

### 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))

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**Custom Cables for GPS and APRS – contact Chuck KG6NJP [kg6njp@pacbell.net](mailto: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**

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**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](mailto:kg6njp@pacbell.net)**



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**COMET CA-2X4SR DUAL-BAND, SUPER WIDE-RANGE 2M/440MHZ WIFOLD-OVER**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 3.8dBi 5/8 wave x 3 • Length: 40" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Pwr: 150W  
2:1 VSWR: 140-160MHz and 435-465MHz • One Antenna for operating on Amateur and Emergency Service Frequencies

**COMET M-24 (M/B/S) 2M/440MHZ DUAL-BAND MAG MOUNT**

Gain: 1.7/4.1dBi • Length: 19.5" • Max Pwr: 80W  
Coax Length: 12" • Conn choices: M-24M PL-259, M-24B BNC, M-24S SMA

**COMET SBB-1 / SBB-1NMO FLEXIBLE DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ WIRUBBERIZED ELEMENT**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 1.7dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 2.15dBi 1/2 wave • Length: 16" • Max Pwr: 60W  
Conn: SBB-1 PL-259, SBB-1NMO: NMO type

**Maldol AX-50 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ**

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**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 0dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 2.15dBi 1/2 wave • Length: 12" • Conn: B-10 PL-259, B-10NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 60W

**COMET SBB-2 / SBB-2NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ**

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

**COMET SBB-5 / SBB-5NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ WIFOLD-OVER**

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

**COMET SBB-7 / SBB-7NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ WIFOLD-OVER**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 4.5dBi 6/8 wave • 446MHz 7.2dBi 5/8 wave x 3 • Length: 58" • Conn: SBB-7 PL-259, SBB-7NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 70W

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• Gain: 2.15/3.5dBi • Length: 17" • Conn: SMA Super flexible featherweight whip

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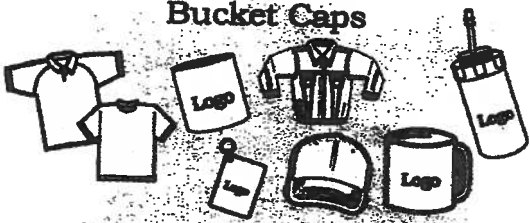
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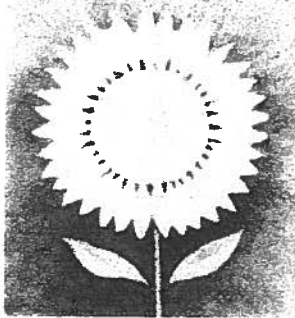
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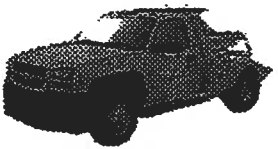
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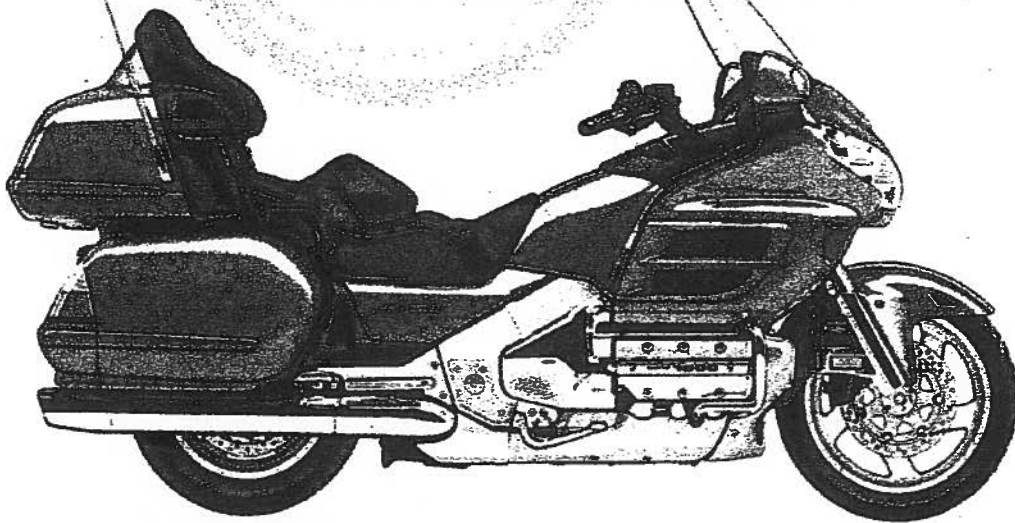
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