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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

As always MARC has had a busy two months since the last newsletter, so much that I had trouble deciding where to start. Hopefully there is a little in here for everyone.

KM6UK De Witt (MARC board member) is on a ride doing all the lower 48 states. We heard from him on the Tuesday May 24th HF net using AB5GR Ed's base station from Rogers, AR. DeWitt has a MARC roster with him and plans to make contact

with other MARC members as he travels.

In De Witt's absence, NDC Steve has been doing the Tuesday HF nets, with surprisingly wonderful results. Last Tuesday alone he had eight 20-meter contacts & four 40-meter contacts on the MARC HF NET. Steve is running more power, a dipole antenna and is on the top of the Santa Monica mountains. He also has a large beam at his disposal. This all adds up to some impressive contacts. Now you folks out there who have been looking to get into the MARC HF net this last year, try it again, KC6NDC will be out there calling.

KN6P Carroll has completed the design and installation of a good working PTT button, microphone and helmet speakers for a motorcycle. The system was installed on UK De Witt's motorcycle about two weeks before he left on his 48 states ride. So he had a short time to work out the bugs before leaving. real test will be the six to eight weeks and 20,000 miles he will do while gone. If it turns out to be the best system MARC has come up with yet, the schematic and installation instructions will be in the August newsletter. Although, De Witt has a Honda 1500, the system is adaptable to any motorcycle without any changes using readily available parts. De Witt reports that the mic has absolutely no back ground or wind noise and the J&M speakers in his helmet provide a crystal clear sound.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a list on packet contacts completed by ZHG Dave. Dave reports that for some reason his messages are not getting out or getting in to him. It's as if someone has him blocked out. We are running tracers and tests to see where the messages are blocked or lost.

MARC members signed up to work the American Heart Association "Heart Ride" benefit bicycle ride will get more information at the breakfast meeting this

Saturday. Final information will be sent to you by card or by personal phone call. Ride Date Saturday June 25th.

MARC members are already attending organizational meetings for the American Heart Association's "Heart & Sole Classic" to be held on October 29, 1994. They expect approximately 5000 bicyclists again this year.

Another charity event MARC members have been asked to assist with is the Lorenzo Lamas' 2nd Annual "Ride For Life" benefitting "The World Children's Transplant Fund" on Sunday August 28, 1994. This is a motorcycle ride from Accessories Unlimited in Valencia, CA to Lake Casitas in Ventura County. NFF Steve has been our contact with this charity organization and will be the MARC liaison person. The date is only four days before 20 MARC members will leave to do the 2200 mile Southern California Motorcycle Association's "Three Flags Classic." That's 2200 miles one way.

Hey, gang, it ain't that far away before we leave for the 3-Flags. Since departure time is 6 A.M. from Tijuana on Friday September 2nd, many of us are going down to stay in the San Diego area on Thursday night. After the June MARC breakfast meeting we will once again have time for a Three Flags meeting, so bring your questions. We also have a list of motels in the Bishop area, the 1st nights stop. Many of us already have reservations at the Days Inn in Bishop(619-872-1095 or 1-800-325-2525). We found out while we ere up there checking this out that many motels will not take reservations on Memorial Day weekend so they don't have to guarantee a rate. ZVZ Jim & his son Eric, Bonnie & I are sharing a room at \$75 + tax. We made reservations around April 1st.

Like FHN Ray said in the last newsletter, I will try to make three California & three out of state International Brotherhood of Motorcycle Campers events this year. Well two Ca. campouts are already done. (Diaz Lake in Lone Pine & Lake Isabella and we will be at the IBMC National Campout in Visalia, CA September 23-25 for sure. One out of state campout will be in Flaming Gorge, Utah June 24-26 and anymore we don't know about yet.

Several MARC members are going to Wing Ding in Albuquerque this July 4-7. We have reservations at the RIO GRANDE INN on I-40 several miles West of downtown. The telephone number is 505-843-9500, in case anyone would like to come out to meet the Pres of MARC or at least give us a call. We will pull our Bushtec trailer and bring MARC caps & T shirts with us. Bonnie & I will be arriving late Sunday July 3rd at the motel. It's only 811 miles from LA, an easy one day ride. Look for the 1990 champagne color 1500 SE Goldwing with the big antenna on the back trunk rack, CA license KD6FHN. We also plan to have a MARC banner up at the MOTEL. We will also be monitoring 147.060 + with no PL and 444.000 with a PL of 100.

In August FHN Ray "may" again do the SCMA USA Four Corners ride. It is a timed ride of 10,500 miles to all four corners of the USA. You have to average 500 miles a day at least. No problem there since it's all done on interstates, however I plan to take the MARC out of state roster along and make contacts along the way. In fact, just maybe, in the August/September newsletter I will print the days & motels I will be staying at each night, so I might be able to meet with some of our MARC members each night as I travel. I don't know if it would work out or not, but it would be fun to try. Like KM6UK De Witt, doing a little Public Relations out of state for MARC.

The MARC ride calendar didn't get here in time to make the printing of this newsletter. We waited until the mail came Saturday but still no Ride Calendar, so we had to proceed without it. SORRY.

The letters and phone calls coming in as a result of the coverage in "73 Amateur Radio Today" has just about dried up. For awhile it got hectic around here. It may pick up again soon, as WB6NOA Gordon West told us that next months "World Radio" will also carry a MARC article. Gordon is also doing an article for "QST" magazine, but it may be next year sometime before it comes out.

Please take note of the group photograph in this newsletter. It's our MARC members & guests at our 2nd Annual anniversary breakfast meeting now held each May. There were 35 people at the meeting, but several members had to leave before we got to the photos. Most important to note, is that this is the first

photos that we have taken, that appears in a newsletter. Because we have to send them out for half-toning for our copier to be able to do a decent job. Also we may have room now for some photos of the new ham radio brackets since we don't have a ride calendar in this newsletter.

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The brackets for mounting a mobil or hand held radio on a 1500 Goldwing are done and available this week through Electronic Times in Fountain Valley, CA. (SEE FLYER) I have a set of them here at the house and I will bring some of them along to Wing Ding. Electronic Times owner, KM6NP Michael, has been out of the country for two weeks on his HONEYMOON and hasn't seen the finished product yet, so no prices were available at press time. We should have the answers by this Saturdays breakfast meeting. We will have these really beautiful pieces available for examination at that time.

UK De Witt, EDY Billy and myself spent a day testing 2-meter antennas again. We tested Larson, Metz & four different Comets. They finished in this order 1. Comet CA-HV, 2. Comet SB-25, 3. Metz, 4. Larson, 5. Comet 5600 dual band 2-meter & 440, 6. Comet 224 tri-band 2-meter, 220 & 440. We were riding Goldwing 1500's with the antennas mounted off the back of the trunk rack on Billy & my motorcycle. De Witt has his tri-band antenna mounted on the stock AM-FM mont on the right side. All the antennas performed best off the trunk rack mounts by far

For those members living in So. California that have 220 band capabilities, MARC monitors the Condor system, Keller Peak WB6RSD repeater and simplex 144.370 from 7 A.M. to 11 P.M. every day and the SCARA members can also call us on the Sunset repeater.

Hope to see you all this Saturday June 11th at the MARC breakfast meeting. All the pictures we took at the May 14th meeting will be there for viewing. For all the "good pictures" I give credit to the photographer. For all the bad, which there aren't any, I blame the new N90 Nikon camera.

You will find an application for MTS, Motorcycle Touring Services, in this newsletter. In an effort to keep our donations required for membership at the present level we (The Board) have decided to become an MTS sponsoring club. Hereafter if a new member signs up or someone sends in a renewal and puts MARC or Ray Davis' MTS membership number 17235 on their application, MARC gets \$5 for a new member & \$8 for a renewal kick back to the club treasury. The MARC treasury owes Ray & Bonnie about \$850+. However, we have about 49 Tee shirts and two dozen caps in stock. So I guess we will get our money back some day yet.

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### POINTS OF INTEREST:

I want to thank VGH Paula for handling the T shirts at the meetings. It means a lot to me. Thanks to SBZ Pat for handling the 50/50 drawings and also for the Wednesday night NET drawings. The people that were drawn from April thru June 1 are as follows:4/6 OSB Brett,4/13 SAT Charles,4/20 KN6P Carroll,4/27 MNN Ralph,5/4 MPB Mel(who responded),4/11 TGP Orville,5/18 SCC Linda,5/25 USO Burt, and June 1 OXK Barry. Remember if you hear SBZ PAT call your name & call sign on the Wednesday 2-meter NET, you can respond by phone to Ray & Bonnie or come back to Pat. It gets you \$5 at the next meeting. SO LISTEN AND WIN!!!!

I know that NXC John with some other MARC members did the Tour for the Cure and he was the leader of the pack. Good going, John. Anyone who does charity rides, etc let us know so we can acknowledge you. This means local or out of state.

ANY NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER MUST BE HERE BY AUGUST 5TH.

Anyone who is waiting on their ticket & has received it please let me know so
I can move you off the "WAITING" list.

Thank you

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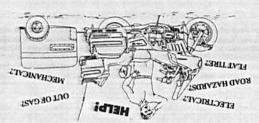
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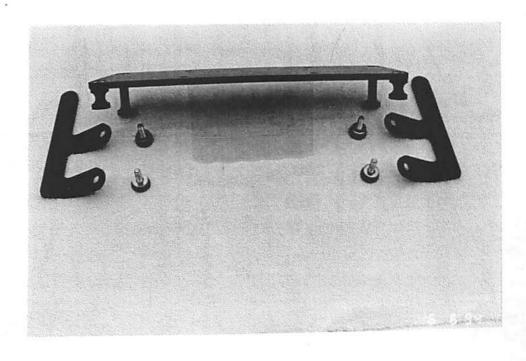
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Bracket for a mobil HF or mobil VHF/UHF radio, for mounting between the handle bars on a Gold Wing 1500. Mounts to the existing screw holes under the handle bars using longer screws. All hard ware included.

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Dave,

Read you message just today (Saturday 29th Jan), with great enthusiasm. I myself have common hobbies, both Amateur Radio and the love of Bikes. I have only ever come across one other like ourselves, again from the states. Seeing that you have an HF sked, I will try to get on-board in the near future.

I ride a Honda CBR-1000FH (1988), I think you guys call them a Hurricane over in the States. It is my 20th bike since I first started riding, going back when I was 18 years old, I am now 37 and still like a little boy.

The CBR has had a few mods done to it and have given a few of the more modern bikes a bit of a surprise both in the handling and power to the back wheel departments.

Will be looking forward to your reply.
Regards
Peter Moscatt VK4CCV @ VK4BBS.BNE.QLD.AUS.OC

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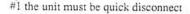
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Hi I'm very interested in any designs you have for 2m rigs. I've been riding for about 15 yrs, but only a HAM for one. I need some specific parameters



#2 the unit must be weather proof

#3 we're not sure if we can change freq's (while moving)

#4 we think we have solved the mike problem but any thoughts welcome.

#5 we used a push to talk from an ASPENCADE, one ptt, one on/off

thankz hope to here from you soon.

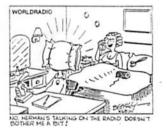
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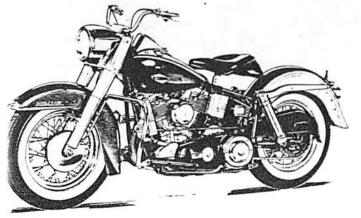
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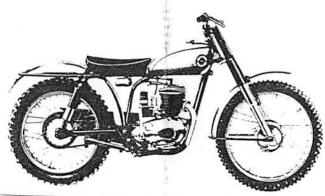


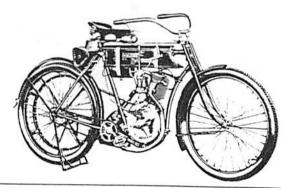
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## AMATEUR RADIO

## Club links ham radio hobby to a vast computer network

By GORDON WEST Special to the Register

ne of Orange County's newest ham groups, the 78 Amateur Radio Club, is preparing to tie ham radio into Internet, a worldwide network linking hundreds of thousands of computers.

Now, ham radio operators can access Internet from their mobile and portable radio sets.

"With an Internet wireless connection, hams could send mail to other Internet users, receive computer files from remote computer telnets, and hook into remote computers all over the world," said 78 Club member Richard Clark (N6UZS).

The club will demonstrate the ham radio-Internet link at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Spoons Restaurant, 2045 N. Tustin St., Orange. The meeting is free.

More than 100 Orange County ham operators with motorcycles are members of MARC. They meet weekly on the air to review

their preparedness in case of an emergency call-out. They also swap technical skills in building microphones and speakers into their helmet for easy communicating out on the streets.

"We are also active in support communications for parades, charity, rallies and other publicservice events," said Ray Davis, a retired fire captain.

MARC sometimes coordinates with Orange County REACT, citizen-band radio operators who also support emergency commus nications. "Many of our REACT members ride motorcycles and carry both CB as well as ham, radio credentials and equip? ment," member Pete Coyle said.

If you live in O.C., ride a motorcycle and want to be a volunteer emergency communicator, you can contact Davis at (714) 551-2010 or Coyle at (714) 89R-

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## Practice finally pays off when a drill becomes the real thing

By GORDON WEST Special to the Register

Ham radio operators take part in monthly drills to practice their communications emergency skills. Sometimes, the drills turn

into the real thing.

During the ham radio "Field Day" emergency weekend exercise in June 1992, a Southern California earthquake knocked out phone and emergency communications. Hams throughout Orange County jumped into action, linking their portable equipment into telephone service outside the affected areas.

During January's quake in Northridge, Orange County ham Les Allen, KM6SQ, spent 12 consecutive hours on his ham set sending messages from Los Angeles quake survivors to worried relatives in Orange County. It was a day during which Allen normally would have handled practice drills. And April Moell, WA6OPS, co-ordinator of the Hospital Disaster Communications Amateur Radio Emergency Service, says a routine request for communications stand-by service for Ven-cor Hospital of Orange County last week turned into a real support effort. The two-hour drill became an all-day shift for 12 team members when the hospital's power transfer operation ran into delays, and the phone sys-tem needed the ham operators for emergency backup.

Moell says, by the way, that she's "always looking for more hams who want to join our hospital support radio system." She can be reached at (714) 879-6895.

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## Ham operators are helping shape, monitor their futures

By GORDON WEST Special to the Register

The Federal Communications Commission governs amateur radio operations under the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97. Licensed amateur operators must obey the rules or face stiff penalties including fines, license suspensions, or worst of all, li-

cense revocation.

But the FCC does not need to monitor the ham bands to watch out for violators; hams do it themselves as members of the American Radio Relay League's official observer program. The individuals remind the occasional erring ham to stay within the rules and regulations. The ()range County official observer program is headed by Joe Brown, W60BQ.

Hams can - and do - petition the FCC to change the regulations. It was hams who ultimately brought about an entry-level amateur radio license that does not require the applicant to learn Morse Code. Amateur operators also are considering a push to reduce the Morse code speed requirement - 13 words per minute - for a general-class ham license. Hams might soon petition the FCC to ease the requirement to 10 wpm.

"If the code speed for world-wide operation is reduced, it would allow a lot more local Orange County ham boaters to use their equipment throughout their cruises," said Bill Alber, WA6CAX. "If enough hams petition the commission for this slight relaxation in code speed requirements, the FCC will usually go with what the hams all want.

Mariners who cruise from Newport Beach into Mexico with ham radio enjoy reciprocal operating agreements, which allow the no-code technician operator full Mexican license privileges.

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## Radio Shack offers listings of ham radio clubs, instructors

By GORDON WEST Special to the Register

Your local Radio Shack stores offer computer listings of local amateur radio clubs in Orange County, plus local ham instructors (known as "elmers").

"Our database is from the American Radio Relay League, and we are happy to help newcomers find their local club, their local elmer or a ham examiner in their area," said Bob Miller, AASFL, a Radio Shack vice president.

"Ask any store manager for the local listings, and they will be happy to give you the printout,"

Miller said.

Radio Shack stores offer updated amateur radio training materials for Morse Code and theory test preparation.

Since ham radio test-question pools regularly change July 1, all preparation materials are clearly marked with an expiration

"Only the 'general' class written materials will change this July 1: everything else remains the same in preparing for the ham ticket," said Dick Long, who works at an Orange County Radio Shack store.

You don't need an amateur radio license to buy a ham set.

'Getting a \$188 hand-held transceiver before you obtain the license is a fun way to maintain enthusiasm for studying the books," said Bob Helms of Radio Shack. "You are not allowed to transmit without a license, but you sure can do a lot of fun listening — especially here in Orange County to local repeaters.'

Stop by any Radio Shack store for your free listing of local clubs, teachers and test sessions.

Monthly examinations are offered by the West Coast Amateur Radio Club in Fountain Valley. Club members serves as both "elmers" and testers. The test coordinator, Tom Harris (N6XKY), can be reached at (714) 778-1542.

"We can accommodate up to 15 applicants at every session, and we welcome beginners to give the tests a try," says Harris, a West Coast club member.

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Most of these notes were responses to packet bulletins, or 73/MCN magazine writeups. All were responded to... if you see your callsign and you didn't hear back from me, it wasn't for lack of trying!

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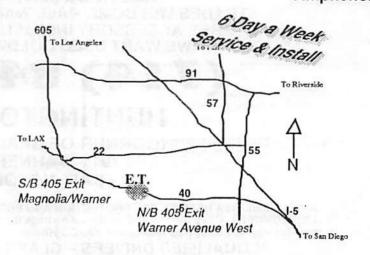
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