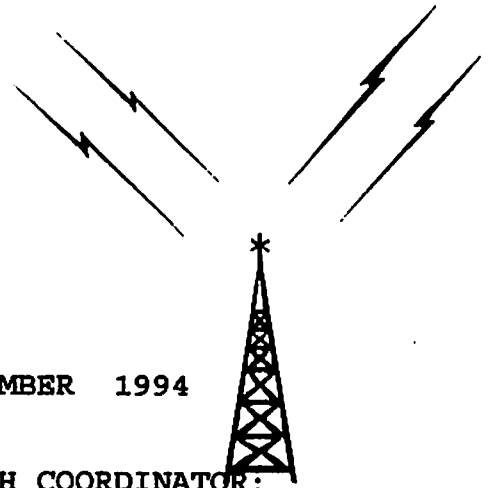


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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

REPORT ON PAST ACTIVITIES:

On or about Aug 12 MARC members WA6GYL Roger & N6ZLH Gerry were coming back from the experimental Air Show in Wisconsin and they hooked up on ham radio. So I understand they rode part way back together. It's getting to be even a smaller world. Nice going fellows, I know it was a pleasant surprise.

On Sun Aug 28th 3 MARC members (KC6NFF Steve, KD6MVN Mark, KD6VBO Butch) provided M/C mobil communications for the 2nd Annual Lorenzo Lamas "Ride For Life". Steve reported they had a larger turnout than expected and they had good communications for the entire length of the ride, using a repeater. Butch wrote a letter to the organizing committee complimenting them on a job well done & asking that we be included in their planning process next year, so we can enlist more communicators.

On Thurs Sept. 1 all MARC members starting the 3 Flags Classic met at the Motel 6 in San Diego to spend the night. We went to dinner together and then held a pre-ride meeting before hitting the sack at about 9 PM because we had to leave for Tijuana at about 4:30 AM to get in line early for the 6 AM start. Those starting the ride were ZVZ Jim & son Eric, UK DeWitt, KN6P Carroll, GEJ Russ, MVG Terry, CFO Ralph & his XYL Cheryl, ZHG Dave and his XYL KD6VGH Paula, BJ John, FHN Ray & OFQ Bonnie. Jim has done this ride 13 times & I have done it 9 times and Bonnie has rode the ride 8 times. It has always been a great ride, lots of fun at the banquet. Monday after we all rode in to the finish line together and got our rooms, we all gathered in the hotel pub to tell our war (horror) stories about the ride. GEJ Russ won 1st prize for that, it was a no contest, see his account elsewhere in the newsletter along with ZHG Dave's.

Bonnie & I got back Friday Sept 9th and on the following Wednesday Sept 14 I left for Mitchell So. Dakota on the M/C to be there for my mother's 90th birthday Sunday September 18th. I pulled into the Holiday Inn at Mitchell about 7:30 PM Thursday (1590 miles in two days.) It didn't seem like I had to ride that hard either. With that 4.4 gal tank in the right saddle bag I could run over 300 miles before refueling. I locked the cruise control at 72 MPH, talked on my ham radios and had a ball. What worked out so great was, I got to Mitchell for their Corn Palace week. On Friday morning while having breakfast I ran into four ladies I went to school with and an old buddy. So for three days I really enjoyed their company and Corn Palace Week. On Monday Sept. 19th I headed back for Visalia, CA and the International Brotherhood of Motorcycle Campers National Campout (IBMC) as I had my camping gear along. The alternator decided to take a rest the morning I left Mitchell, so I rode it to Denver without it (600 miles) and spent all day Tuesday waiting for Lakewood Honda to put brushes in it. They finally got to it at 1:15 PM (the bike was in line at the service entrance at 6:30 AM & they opened at 9AM) and I was West bound on I-70 by 2:30 PM with everything purring along nicely.

The IBMC campout Sept. 22 thru Sept 25 at the KOA campground in Visalia, CA turned up with 12 MARC members participating, they were WB7COH Fred & his xyl-WB7CQE Mary from Olympia, WA(the rest are all from CA) WD6FFU John & his xyl Linda, KD6RLH Walt, N8BVP Mark, N7TTH Judith, KM6UK DeWitt, KM6RZ Glenn, N8LSA Tom & his xyl-KC6YTL Gail, K6SAR Ed, & myself of course. Mark & Judith are now the director & co-directors of the IBMC organization. Congratulations to both for their efforts and for a very fine newsletter. After the "all you could eat BBQ" Saturday nite, all the MARC members got together for a meeting at Tom & Gail's campsite. Along with all the jokes & poking fun at one & another we discussed stickers for the motorcycles with the MARC logo, newsletter changes & improvements, possible shoulder & back patches, badges, caps, shirts, business cards, QSL cards & the HF NET. Also COH Fred volunteered to test the airways for a time and day for a 75 meter West Coast Net for MARC. That would be very exciting news, so we are looking forward to that time when we can put the information out in the newsletter. It was very informative and great getting together with so many MARC members for a campout so far from home.

From all reports the First Annual MARC picnic held Sat. Sept. 17th was a tremendous success. Bonnie will do the picnic report elsewhere in the newsletter. A BIG THANKS to KE6EII MIKE and his xyl MARY, son TREVOR & daughter MICHELE for their efforts.

Also a show of appreciation goes to N6EDY for doing the NET so well Wednesday Sept 7th & 14th. From all the nice things I heard, maybe Billy should do it more often. Thanks a bunch, Billy. KD6MVG Terry & KD6OFQ Bonnie did the NET on Wednesday Sept 21st while I was enroute to the IBMC campout. Thank you both.

KC6NDC Steve is experiencing a tremendous amount of success with the MARC HF NET on Tuesday nites. I know he has a long list of call-signs & names of those from out-of-state & CA who are checking in. I would have liked to include them all in the newsletter, but room probably wouldn't have allowed it this time. So we will get it in the next newsletter. As this article is being written we didn't have the info here at the house yet.

REPORT ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

This is a future event at this writing but will be a post event when you read it. The Multiple Sclerosis 150 K two-day bicycle ride goes this Sat & Sun Oct 1st & 2nd. We have 15 MARC members signed up for this event. They are CJP Paul, ZHO Camille, UK DeWitt, ZHG Dave, MPB Mel, KSP Mack, MVG Terry, NFF Steve, his friend LGG Ruth & her son LGH John, VBO Butch, EDY Billy, RLH Walt, CFO Ralph & myself. Much praise should be bestowed on those who donate so much of their own time to these worth while charity events. It's always a lot of fun doing what we like best, ham radio & motorcycling but it gets even better when you add it to a charity event. Very rewarding. Thank you all.

Then on Sat Oct 29th is the American Heart Association's "Heart & Sole Classic". Always an exciting, busy event with 5 to 7 thousand walkers, runners & bicyclists using three different routes to do their thing. Read the names for the M/S 150 and you'll know who is working this event, well not all of them, but most of the same people.

Right after that we have the "Love Ride" Sun. Nov. 13th. They are again expecting 15 to 17 thousand motorcycles to show up at the Glendale Harley Davidson dealership. I understand that this maybe the last year they block off all the streets in the vicinity to park all the motorcycles because the local merchants are complaining. Again read all the MARC members for the M/S 150K and add the following names to the list for this event. They are N6MHN Rich, KD6AHS Linda, KC6NDC Steve, N6USO Burt, KD6UVR Ben, & John Johnson(waiting for his call sign)

Yours truly may take off on another IBMC campout to Cedar Key, FL. It's being held October 14th, 15th & 16th. This is not set in concrete yet. A person would have to leave Irvine, CA after our MARC breakfast meeting Sat. Oct 8th & head for Florida. I'll take a look at the 5-day forecast along I-10 all the way to FL prior to departure.

Also we definitely plan on making the IBMC campout at Windsor Beach in Lake Havasu, AZ Nov. 4-6th. This is set in concrete unless however the 5-day weather forecast predicts the end of everything, well almost the end. We go rain or shine. They do have motels in Lake Havasu, I know. "Bonnie is going even if Ray doesn't go" says Bonnie, "as I can go in the van." See you there.

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING:

The Comet antennas(SB7 Dual Band economy antenna & the SB25 2-meter) that we experimented with on the 4500 mile round trip 3 Flags ride did not survive the trip. The SB7 broke off on the way up after about 2000 miles & the 2-meter SB25 broke off on the trip home. They can't survive the constant vibration, jarring & wind. Now Comet has loaned us a real antenna to replace the SB7. Mick & Bruce at NCG loaned MARC a FL67S dual band 2-meter 440 with the same DB gain as the SB7, but it is built for this kind of abuse. It's much heavier with all components beefed up. It's also about 4 inches longer. You're going to love this FL67S from Comet. The cost is a little higher than the SB7 but you get a lot for your extra money in reliability and performance. We're still looking for another to replace the 2-meter SB25 that can stand the stress. Stay tuned. If you call NCG Corp. (Comet Antennas

714-630-4541) be sure to ask Mick or Bruce and identify yourself as a MARC member. Tell them Ray told you to call. These guys are great people & they are experienced and willing to help you out. They've gone out of their way to help many MARC members.

We got so many requests for an order form for caps, shirts, badges etc, it is included in this newsletter. The shirts are Hanes or Fruit of the Loom of very good quality. They are also pre-shrunk but still shrink some even when following the directions for washing & drying.

If you are having problems mounting your radios on your motorcycles contact Electronic Times(see flyer) for brackets & costs. They have brackets for just about everything made. Be sure you know the size of your handle bars(7/8" or 1") if they are tubular.

As of Sept. MARC now has more than 250 members representing 40 states & 4 foreign countries. It's so much fun to be traveling on your motorcycle and talking to other hams along the way. But the real thrill comes when you talk to another MARC member as you travel out of your home state. Almost daily MARC still gets inquiries for information, newsletters & applications from the four national magazine articles we were in this past year. We certainly acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of all the MARC members for telling the world about MARC. Its become a really big job, but it's a labor of love with the reward being able to meet and associate with others who like to ride and talk ham radio.

For those local MARC members in So. Cal., don't forget we still meet each Sat. morning at Huntington Honda in Huntington Beach at Beach & Warner. Most of us arrive between 9 & 9:30 and sometimes we're there til noon. Come by, say hi and enjoy some great coffee & donuts, rolls(free).

Starting with this months meeting, MARC moves to a new meeting place. TAKE NOTE... It's another Denny's restaurant, at the 55 Fwy & Lincoln Ave in the City of Orange. Denny's sits on the West side of the Fwy at Lincoln Ave. You can't miss it. Park on the north side where we can see our rigs from the meeting room. I'll be there early, so look for my bike. Meeting still starts at 8AM. That's Sat. Oct 8th.

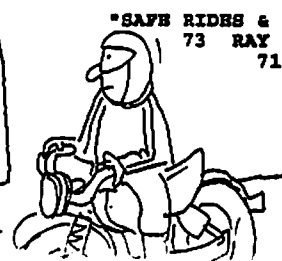
You folks who don't listen to the Wed. nite MARC NET are losing out. SBZ Pat draws a call sign each Wednesday night for a free \$5 to be picked up at the next meeting if you answer the call.

Last but not least, is the tough reality that MARC is going to have to raise it's donations at the first of the year. We have been in debt to the Davis' to the tune of \$800 at times. Right now the MARC treasury owes us about \$600. We do have \$300 in treasure at the present time, but soon will be ordering more shirts & courtesy cards. Our beautiful MARC courtesy cards with the logo on them do not bring any money as we give them out for free to anyone interested. The first order was for 2000 and they are almost all gone. Some want us to charge for them, I say no, it's how we spread the MARC experience. So as of Jan 1, 1995 a donation of \$10 will be required to remain a MARC member(per household). Every time this has been brought up, like at the Visalia campout and monthly breakfast meetings, everyone asks why we have waited so long. I hope the same attitude prevails through out the MARC membership. With the extra donations MARC can improve the newsletter, cover some of the cost of the upkeep of copy machine(which Bonnie & I pay out of our pockets) and repay at least part of the MARC debt. We, the board members, Sec.Treasurer, Vice President, myself & staff have struggled with this decision for some time. We know it could hurt our growing membership roles but we feel we needed to do something now to keep MARC solvent. As of this newsletter we will accept the \$10 donations for next year, those who did not know about this and sent in \$8 for next year are covered but we are only talking about 3 or 4 people. All donations collected from now on should include next years \$10.

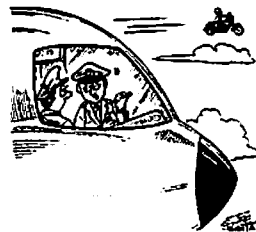
All the letters on the presidents' desk will get answered by him personally in the months to come.

It was not mentioned before, an error on my part, but the ham radio systems installed on all the motorcycles by Michael at Electronic Times prior to the 4500 mile round trip on the 3 Flags worked flawlessly and dam near perfectly. Almost no back ground noise and the reception audio was clear as crystal. Mine, personally, has worked perfectly the whole 10,000 miles I have ridden since Sept 1. I absolutely love it. I don't think there is anything else I can do to it to make it better. WAIT A MINUTE, that's right I didn't do any of the work, I should say, to be correct. that I don't think Michael can do anything more to make it better.

If I forgot anything or any body, FORGIVE ME, some times I think I am human.....



"SAFE RIDES & CLEAR FREQUENCIES"
73 RAY DAVIS KD6FHN
714-551-2010



"For a second I thought it was a UFO...but it's only a guy on a motorcycle!"

PACKET MESSAGES FROM THE PACKET COORDINATOR

DAVE HOFFMAN KC6ZHG

MSG# TR SIZE TO FROM @BBS DATE TITLE
21472 PN 1514 KC6ZHG N5FF — 940906 MARC

I just read a MARC bulletin from you and am interested in being a member. I have never tried to run HF on a motorcycle, only 70cm and 2m. I'm really curious about what rigs and antennas etc. the folks in the MARC favor for motorcycle use. Your bulletin also mentioned one member had developed a speaker, microphone and PTT system built with readily available parts. Gee, I didn't know any electronic parts were readily available any more..hi I'd shure like to know about this system.

Although it'd be rather difficult to check in on the 2m net I'll try to make it on Tuesday afternoons for the HF nets. I'd also like to receive the newsletter so if you'd fill me in on the \$\$ situation, I'd appreciate it.

Thanks, Dave 73

N5FF Will N5FF@KB5TBQ. ^=fat fingers I'll try again. N5FF Will N5FF@KB5TBQ.#NCOK.OK.USA.NA
***END OF MSG #21472 from N5FF @KB5TBQ.#NCOK.OK.USA.NA

Hi Will

Thought I'd check in and make sure that you had gotten the information you ask for. I sent your name and address on to Ray, KD6FHN, the president of MARC, and he was going to forward the material to you. Let me know if I can be of further help.

73 Dave

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26144PN 1072 KC6ZHG N5FF — 940929 marc

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WD5IUZ KB5TBQ

Thanks for the help Dave. I shure appreciate it. I got a copy of the newsletter and it had a lot of information in it. It's 4:50 PM 27 September 1994 and I plan to check into either the 20m or 40 m net tonight. I might check into 'em both..hi Now, all I gotta do is get some more Okies interested. I do know a couple of hams that ride motorcycles but they don't have rigs on 'em. Well, thanks again, Dave and 73 Will
***END OF MSG# 26144 from N5FF @ KB5TBQ. #NCOK. OK.USA.NA

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21436 PN 1113 KC6ZHG KC9OO — 940906 MARC info

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B9BYS W9ZMR

About two months ago I send a packet message requesting info on MARC. I got as response that my message was received, but have not, to date, heard from MARC. I ride a Goldwing and operated an Icom 735 mobile(automobile) and I would like to marry the two. Please let me know what I have to do to get a newsletter or other info from MARC.

Thanks de Jon, KC9OO@W9ZMR.IL.USA.NA or via Internet at jonbak@xnet.com.

***END OF MSG # 21436 from KC9OO @W9ZMR.EN52VA.IL.USA.NA

Jon KC9OO

In answer to your 2nd msg, somewhere we lost you but by this time you have the info and we received your donation in the mail Sept. 30th. Not sure what happened but my sincere apology from MARC. We are usually pretty much on top of at least getting a newsletter out to people. Again I apologize. Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ Sec/Treas.

From: KF4NJ@KD4LV.NC.USA.NA

To: KC6ZHG@WF6O.#SOCA.CA.USA.NA.

Hi Dave, got your message about a week ago after I got the newsletter/schematics in the mail from Ray.

Thanks and I will pass the info around to the hams/riders in this area I have a dual band HT on my bike now and use the Comet ear mic. I have had good success with it but am always on the lookout for improvements. Thanks again and I have been listening for the HF net on 20 and 40 but have never had any success finding it, but will keep trying. 73de John

From: KD4ODR@KD4GR.#SUNFL.FL.USA.NOAM

To: KC6ZHG@WF6O.#SOCA.CA.USA.NA

Hi, the name here is Vince. I got your info and I thank you. I would like to have a diagram or something to show me what to do. If you have or can get this info please send a copy to me.

Vince McGraw

1318 Seaview

N. Lauderdale, FL 33064

73's Vince KD4ODR

Message:#306219, S/B Equipment/Antennas

Date: Tue, Sep 20, 1994 12:38:08

Subject: Motorcycle Mobile

From: Richard Scalzo/N2TQS 71460,2056

To: ALL ALL

Reply: #306296 (1 reply)

I'd like to hear from anyone who has mounted a VHF/UHF mobile on a Honda Gold Wing (89-94). I'm looking into this installation and would like some helpful tips if anyone has experienced this procedure. Thanks. Richard Scalzo N2TQS

Message: #306296, S/B Equipment/Antennas

Date: Tue, Sep 20, 1994 16:27:03

Subject: #306219-Motorcycle Mobile

From: diz-k5eds 73127, 2413

To: Richard Scalzo/N2TQS 71460, 2056

Richard,

I have a Yaesu FT-5100 mounted on my 94 Aspencade. It is remoted with the main rig in the trunk. The control head is right in front of the key. I have wired the J&M headset and it works fine. The antenna is a comet foldover mounted where the CB antenna goes. You might want to join MARC because they have all kinds of MM info.

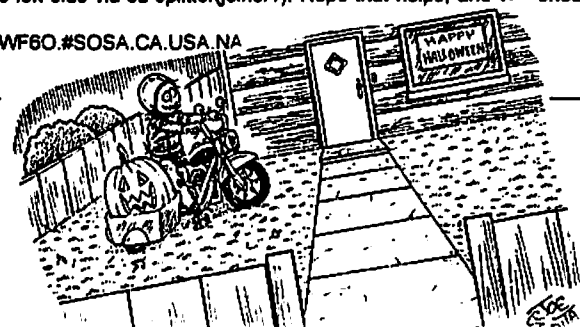
73. Diz K5EDS/MM

Richard,

I am the packet coordinator(actually digital mode coordinator the way things are turning out) for MARC, the Motorcycle Amateur Radio Club. I'm going to forward your callsign to our Prez so that we can send you one of our recent newsletters, so if your address is not correct in the callbook, let me know. I also have a Goldwing, a 93 SE, with a Kenwood 742 set up as a 2m, 220, 440 tribander. I'm using a J7M headset, but with a Kenwood mike cartridge mounted in a full coverage helmet. We used a resistor and capacitor network to fine tune the system to optimize audio output, and the system works so well I can ragchew with the visor up at freeway speeds. The head of the unit is mounted on the driver side of the ignition key with the rest of the hardware installed in the trunk. I use a Comet tribander antenna on the right side, with the AM/FM sent over to the CB antenna on the left side via a splitter(joiner?). Hope that helps, and you should be hearing more from us soon!

73 de Dave, KC6ZHG Packet:KC6ZHG@WF6O.#SOSA.CA.USA.NA

Internet: kbiker@netcom.com



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18098 PN 875 KC6ZHG N1HMX --940821 m'cy arc
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HOWDY, from Steve, N1HMX

I have been a ham for four years and an avid motorcycle oops. motorcycle rider for the past twenty. I have made an inter-aural mic setup following the article in Nov. 1990 QST. It's not bad, but works better on my bicycle due to less noise. I'm interested in the schematic you mentioned in your packet message. What need I do to obtain one? I have a 1984 Gold Wing Interstate with 55K on it, and will be heading out next year for a tour of the West.

73 for now, thanks in advance, from Steve, N1HMX @ W1NRG.CT.USA.NA

MSG# TR SIZE TO FROM @BBS DATE TITLE
18531 PN 1144 KC6ZHG KC10X --940823 RE: MARC-MOTORCYCLING HAMS
Forwarding path:K6VE W8AKF KM6WU KC6KGE N6ZGY K6RAU KD6JZZ KA6FUB N6IYA AF5D
WB1DSW

Hi Dave...well you've got a group of Radio Hams over here in New Hampshire. We get together from all over the state and tour the mountains of Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire...doing some great hill topping and enjoying the "hobbies"

I'll pass along your NET Schedule and we'll drop in from time to time. I'm looking to integrate a 2 meter HT into the sound/intercom/11 mtr system on my Royale...

<<73 from Chick, KC10X in Hampstead, New Hampshire.>>

MSG# TR SIZE TO FROM @BBS DATE TITLE
18910 PN 1136 KC6ZHG KF4NJ -- 940825 RE: MARC-MOTORCYCLING HAMS
Forwarding path: WB6DGR N6OOI KC6UQW KC7Y N7IJI KD4LV

Hello Dave, name here is John. I've been reading the bulletins you have sent about MARC and have tried catching the 20 mtr net without success. I will continue to try over the next months to find the net. The reason for this message is that I would like to get a copy of the schematic and parts list for the PTT, helmet speakers and mic you mentioned that was in the August newsletter. Let me know what I need to do to get a copy as I would like to adapt it to what I have already on my 1986 Interstate. Thanks very much and if possible try to get this information in one of the motorcycle mags or QST permaps. 73 and thanks de John KF4NJ

MSG# 307894,S/B Equipment/Antennas 9/25/94 RE: Motorcycle Mobile
From: Thomas LeClerc 73632. 3356

To: Dave Hoffman, KC6ZHG 70771, 1520

Hi Dave, I also would be interested in the information about your club. I own a 1989 Aspencade and at present have no 2-way radio equipment on board except for a cellular phone. Am not using the CB mount on the left so I would probably just mount the antenna there. Anyway, thanks in advance for any info you can give me. Tom WB1CBY

Tom

I'll pass your call sign onto our Prez. If your address is not correct in the callbook, let me know, otherwise, you should be seeing something soon. When I bought my 93 SE there was a cellular phone on it, but the first thing I did was to substitute a ham radio! 73 Dave

RE: MARC-Motorcycling Hams
From: Harvey Klein 76010. 43

To: Dave Hoffman KC6ZHG 70771, 1520

Dave, I also do some motorcycling mobile using an HT, a 25 watt amp and a metz 1/wave on 2 mtrs. I

currently have a Yamaha Virago 750 but I am thinking of moving up to a Harley Davidson Road King or a Goldwing. What do you think abt Harley's for motorcycle mobile? Most hams seem to be using Goldwings. 73 Harvey WS2Q

Harvey, We have a couple of Harleys in the club and they work out fine. HTs seem to be the radio style of choice, while many of the Goldwingers go for the mobile rigs just because there is a little more room to work with and they can go with a tribander. With your 25 watt amp, you'll be able to get a signal out without question. We generally try to work 5 watts or less most of the time, what with the proximity of the antenna to the bike's userware, then up it as necessary. Depending on the available repeaters in your area, 5 watts is usually plenty. Hope that helps. 73 Dave



Activist Review

Staying in touch

Federal Issues

California Desert Bill
Action is due shortly on the California Desert Protection Act. The substitute bill introduced by Sen. Bennett Johnston offers the best chance for off-highway enthusiasts to preserve riding areas or possibly delay consideration of the bill into next year.

Motorcyclists are urged to write to their U.S. representatives and senators, asking them to support Sen. Johnston's version of S.21

Contact representatives at the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

Contact senators at the United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20515.

The AMA

You can contact the AMA's Government Relations Department on any topic involving motorcycling and the government by writing to: AMA Government Relations, P.O. Box 6114, Westerville, OH 43081-6114. Or call (614) 891-2425. To send a fax message, call (614) 891-5012.

September 1994

Last minute desert bill developments

Sen. Bennett Johnston, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, has introduced a substitute California Desert Protection Act that offers a great deal of hope to off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts.

The Johnston bill, the third version of S.21 considered this congressional session, contains all of the hard-won amendments the AMA obtained for OHV enthusiasts in the original bill that passed the Senate this past April. The bill also would preserve additional off-highway riding opportunities.

If passed by the Senate, the Johnston bill would go to the House of Representatives for consideration. With Congress scheduled to adjourn on October 7 to prepare for this fall's elections, it is possible that time may run out before both houses of Congress can consider the Johnston version of S.21, effectively killing the desert bill for this year. See the press release in this package.

Utah Senator retracts defamatory statement

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) has retracted a statement he made in late August that angered motorcyclists across the nation. Discussing his opposition to the assault-weapons ban in the crime bill on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," Hatch said, "If you came from Utah, or some rural areas, and you met the people there, they're terrified with the upswing of gangs and motorcycle gangs and other types of people that are roughing up communities. The thing that keeps them free is the fact that those motorcycle gangs know that they have guns, and they're not going to put up with it."

Hatch, who has a record of supporting legislation that is favorable to motorcyclists, corrected his statement after being contacted by representatives of ABATE of Utah, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and the AMA. On August 25, the Senator entered a statement into the Congressional Record applauding motorcyclists for their efforts to promote safety and support charitable organizations, and apologizing for any misunderstanding that arose due to his earlier statement. See the press release in this package.

New NHTSA chief confirmed

After a lengthy delay, Dr. Ricardo Martinez has been confirmed as the new administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the primary agency that oversees motorcycle safety at the federal level. Martinez, an emergency and trauma care physician, has an extensive background in highway safety, and was the associate director for the Center for Injury Control. See the press release in this package.

AMATEUR RADIO

Bouncing signals off meteor trails has long-range appeal

By GORDON WEST
Special to the Register

Incoming fragments of the comet Swift-Tuttle create a yearly meteor shower called the Perseid.

As many as 500 meteors were seen last year by Orange County astronomers and amateur radio operators who headed for the hills to get away from overcast skies and city-light pollution.

"One giant meteor roared across the horizon with such intensity its trail lasted several seconds," said Greg Wood, a radio enthusiast and instructor at Orange County Flight Center.

"When I spotted it, you could hear it on the ham radio, too," he added.

Amateur radio operators bounce signals off the meteor trails. This allows them to establish radio paths well beyond line-

of-sight range, which might extend only 60 miles.

"We expect even more meteors than last year," said Roy Stephens, AC6CQ. "Bouncing signals off of meteor trails is just one more way that amateur radio operators can establish emergency communications when all other types of communication circuits fail."

"All it takes is the no-code technician-class license to get in on the fun."

The Perseid meteor shower can be seen Thursday night, with peak activity around sunrise Friday. The best viewing in Orange County for the past few years has been the Irvine Lake area.

Gordon West, WB6NOA, writes about amateur radio for national publications. Write him in care of The Orange County Register, P.O. Box 11626, Santa Ana, Calif. 92711.

Network of hams is certified for the civil defense program

By GORDON WEST
Special to the Register

RACES stands for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service.

This organization is a part of the amateur network serving civil defense. Licensed amateur operators controlling a RACES station must be certified by a civil-defense organization.

Here in Orange County, coordination of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service falls under the General Services Agency, Communications Division. The coordinator is Walter M. Wilson (N6VY5).

"Orange County hams who have an interest in providing public service during emergencies are encouraged to join RACES," Wilson said.

Hams are a valuable resource often overlooked by local jurisdictions. RACES members are dedicated, trained groups of volunteers. During floods, earth-

quakes, oil spills and, most recently, the devastating firestorm of '93, RACES members were there, volunteering their time and personal equipment as a resource to local governments and the citizens of Orange County, Wilson added.

The following Orange County cities have active RACES organizations: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Seal Beach and Westminster. California State University, Fullerton, also has a RACES group.

Amateur operators wishing to sign up with a city or the county organization should contact Walter W. Wilson at (714) 704-7919 for a list of frequencies and RACES officers.

DON'T FORGET THE CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE!!!!

AMATEUR RADIO

Young hams with hand-held sets can help at school in emergency

By GORDON WEST
Special to the Register

September is back-to-school time for thousands of Orange County youngsters, and some of them might be taking their ham sets to school.

The popular 2-meter hand-held transceiver is not much larger than a pocket calculator. Yet this set can transmit through ham-radio repeaters over hundreds of square miles.

"My son Patrick is a licensed ham operator, and if there is a big emergency in Orange County, he knows how to reach me over the ham set," said Cindy Hughes, KC6OPI, a volunteer communicator for the American Red Cross.

"Many of his schoolteachers know the importance of ham radio in an emergency, and they will probably ask Patrick to handle emergency calls in case the phone system goes out at his

school," she said.

There is no age restriction for children who want to earn a ham license. Preparing for the no-code technician-class license — by studying the "No Code Plus" textbook available at Radio Shack — takes about 30 days. Tests are administered by ham operators.

"We experimented with space-shuttle communications and amateur television in our school," said Mary Williams, AB6CZ, an elementary-school instructor at Martin School in Santa Ana.

"Ham radio is an exciting way for kids to better understand the laws of physics when it comes to the vibration of radio and acoustic waves," Williams said.

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AMATEUR RADIO

Codes help ham operators to keep conversations brief

By GORDON WEST
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Conversations on amateur-radio frequencies and channels are free for anyone to eavesdrop, tape record and repeat. The Electronic Communications Privacy Act makes it illegal to monitor cellular-phone frequencies, but tuning in ham calls is perfectly OK.

Ham operators use two- and three-element codes to keep their transmissions brief. In emergencies, these codes speed the process. Here are some of the more popular codes and definitions that you might pick up on a programmable scanner listening to the ham 2-meter band from 144-148 MHz:

► 73: Best regards.

► QTH?: Where are you located now?

► QSL: Send me a written confirmation that we have communicated.

► Packet: Communicating via computer.

► QSB: Your signal is fading in and out.

► Break: I need to pass important information.

► Roger: I confirm.

► QRZ: Who is calling me?

► QRT: Closing this station down.

► Break break: I have an emergency message to pass.

► Break break break: Life-threatening emergency at this end.

► QST: Calling all ham-radio operators.

It's easy to tune into ham radio with a simple scanner receiver. The 144-148 MHz 2-meter band is very active here in Orange County.

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SENATE TO DEBATE ALTERNATIVE DESERT BILL

WESTERVILLE, OH--The fight to preserve off-highway motorcycling opportunities in the California Desert isn't over yet, reports the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

Although both the U.S. House and Senate have passed versions of S.21, the California Desert Protection Act, which would shut down motorized recreation on millions of acres of public land in the desert, significant differences remain to be resolved between the two versions of the bill. And now Sen. Bennett Johnston, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, has introduced a substitute desert bill that could replace the House and Senate measures with a less-restrictive plan for managing off-highway vehicles (OHVs).

The Johnston bill, which could come before the Senate when it returns from summer recess on September 12, contains all of the hard-won amendments the AMA successfully incorporated into the bill that passed the Senate in April. Those amendments would preserve off-highway motorized recreation in the 62,000-acre expanse of the South Algodones Dunes, and along 82 miles of roads and trails leading to and through the desert. In addition, the Johnston bill would keep open the Saline-Eureka corridor through the proposed Death Valley National Park, the Box Canyon route to the Rodman Mountains, and Chocolate Mountain Pass, among others.

If passed by the Senate, the Johnston substitute bill would be sent to the House of Representatives for consideration. With congress scheduled to adjourn on October 7 to prepare for this fall's elections, it is possible that time may run out before both houses of Congress can consider the substitute measure, effectively killing the desert bill for this year.

AMA Washington Representative Jim Bensberg noted, "This recent turn of events is the result of OHV enthusiasts keeping the pressure on their elected officials. We have to keep up the effort to ensure that the AMA's amendment will remain part of any final desert legislation. Motorcyclists are encouraged to call their senators and congressmen at (202) 224-3121."

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 200,000-member non-profit organization. Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.



POINTS OF INTEREST:

Thanks to KE6EII Mike & xyl Mary and children Trevor & Michelle, we had a beautiful great day in the Park. The good food donors were KD6RLH Walt, KD6VBO Butch & xyl KE6JWD Carolyn & son KE6JWE Carey (poor Chris had to miss out) but KD6JPH Cal took his place, KE6CFO Ralph & xyl Cheryl, KM6UK DeWitt, KC6NFF Steve, N6MHN Rich & xyl KD6AHS Linda, N6TAX Rich & xyl KC6UMH Sue, KE6GEJ Russ & xyl Jackie, KD6MPB Mel & xyl Kay, N6EDY Billy & Louisa, KC6NDC Steve, N6USO Burt, KC6ZHG Dave & xyl KD6VGH Paula, KD6DBY Doug, John Johnson who became a new member at picnic (JJ), KD6OFQ Bonnie & sister Marilyn. For those who know what Boccie Ball is, we had a good time playing on the ever so bumpy area. It was good just to relax and enjoy each other's company. DeWitt run the short meeting we had, Paula took care of the 50/50. I took care of the sign-up sheets for the coming events and the other secretarial bit?? All are looking forward to the next one!!!

For those who are in the weekly draw on the NET, you know what they say about the boogie man. You better listen out to collect your \$5 at the next meeting available. The following were drawn the last two months: 8/10 Dave AB6VM, 8/17 Art KD6VSD, 8/31 Fred KT6K, 9/7 Chris KE6VBP (who responded), 9/14 Richard N7TQR, 9/21 Carey KE6JWE, 9/28 John KD6NXC (who responded).

Ray forgot to mention in his article that MARC won a nice plaque for having the largest club at the IBMC campout.

Bonnie KD6OFQ

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3 FLAGS-THE REAL STORY

DAVE HOFFMAN KC6ZHG

BEEP-BEEP,BEEP-BEEP,BEEP-BEEP.

Reaching over I grab the offending wrist watch and read 2:40am. For once, I manage to wake up before the alarm. The secret is to be too excited to sleep. You accomplish this by worrying about such weighty topics as "I sure hope I don't oversleep," "I wonder whose snoring so loud I can hear it through the wall?," and my all time favorite, "where did I put the entry ticket?" Ah yes, it's 3 FLAGS TIME!

Springing out of bed, I jump into the carefully prearranged riding suit, turn the key and I'm ready to go. Oh wait, where's the bike? Ten minutes later we're in the parking lot watching a bunch of shadowy figures packing their bikes and doing the same. Fire these monsters up and it's time to head south. Now I don't know about you, but I am absolutely convinced that people who know exactly where the last gas station is before:

A: crossing the border

B: crossing the desert

C: crossing any desolate area with no services for 200 miles

are pathologically insane and should be ignored on general principle. However, in the spirit of the ride, we shoot past the exit and play a game of "ring around the offramp" before finding our objective and heading south again. Well, you can never have enough fun when you're in Mexico, so we play the game again as we look for the staging area. Fortunately an obliging constable takes pity on us and directs to the right place.

Passports in hand, we kill time waiting for the riders meeting, then shortly after 6:00am we're off!! Hi ho Honda and away!! While most of us decide to take an alternate route, Carroll elects to stick with official one, so we soon part company. Of course, we couldn't leave San Diego without taking at least one more wrong turn, so we have to get off the wrong freeway for a short detour before joining up with the 15 headed north. Riding in the group at this point we have Ray and Bonnie, Jim and Eric, DeWitt, Russ and Paula and I. The rest of the morning goes by quickly with blurred recollections of gas stops, fast food and rapidly increasing temperatures. By the time we get to Checkpoint 1 in Oatman, we're all hot and ready for a cool one. This is my first time in Oatman, and I am amazed to see burros wandering the streets. True to form, these symbols of the Democratic party were looking for a handout, and generally getting in the way of the people trying to do their jobs. No wonder they call them burrocrats.(Sorry, couldn't resist.)

After checking in and enjoying a wonderfully refreshing popsicle, water and a bewildering game of darts(won by Bonnie of course) it was off to see the back side of a cement truck for 10 miles. By the time we could get around it, the rest of the gang disappeared. Fortunately, with ham radio, out of sight doesn't mean out of mind, and helpful road directions are passed back. As we travel near Las Vegas, either a very BIG dust devil or a small tornado decides to cross the road in front of us. Brisk application of the brakes and a sideline trajectory avoids the hazard, except the 18 wheeler behind us hadn't even planned on slowing down for the beast, so we had to accelerate smartly to avoid becoming a hood ornament.

On to Pahrump and Checkpoint 2, where we find Carroll groppling with the question of how to remove a hot dog from a boiling pot without tongs. Jeeze Carroll, what do you think Honda gives you pliers for? We cavalierly pass a gas station in Beatty, Nevada(big mistake) and head for the pass over the southern end of the White Mountains on our way to Bishop.

About this time ol' Sol decides to call it a day and head for the horizon. Unfortunately, his downfall matches our path and we play a literal game of salute to the sun for the next half hour. Then, with twilight upon us the next red light in the not so far distance is the fuel light coming on. Hmm, let's see Ray is one ridge over and about 30 miles in front, he has to get over the ridge to Big Pine-hey at this rate I'm gonna be on fumes if I'm lucky! Thank goodness that Carroll and DeWitt are carrying plenty of extra gas and by now my little bit of extra fuel seems like liquid gold. As darkness sets in we begin to think about the added fun of deer on the road, why just another night in paradise! The great thing about ham radio is that you know exactly how everyone is faring; unfortunately things are beginning to get challenging. Ray comes on and says Jim is having problems with his eyes. Meanwhile, DeWitt runs out of gas and has to refuel in the middle of a blind corner. By now we've all been in the saddle about 17 hours. Now I love twisty turny roads as much as the next guy, but when I'm low on gas and I can't rev the engine out, and I can't see

around the next bend, it can get old pretty fast. At this point all I want is a gas station and it's at least 20 miles away. Well, here's to pucker power. We just about coast into Big Pine where I put 6.0 gallons into a 6.2 gallon tank. Then it's off to Bishop for a hot dinner, a cold beer and a warm bed.

Day 2 and people are starting to file their own flight plans. Jim's eyes are bothering him to the point where he can't ride, a truly unfortunate turn of events for the veteran 3 Flagger. Paula and I decide on a leisurely breakfast and don't get out of Bishop until 8:30. A quick run up 395 gets us to the infamous Bear Valley turnoff. Like many of the riders we decide to take the shortcut-so, rather than going over Yosemite, we take the "short ride in and out" to get to the checkpoint. Well, let me tell you, that 20 or so miles was the slowest and most expensive part of the whole ride. As we were riding in, Ray and Bonnie were heading out, so we got some idea of what to expect- namely first gear off camber corners. Oh boy. We came around a bend and saw a bunch of riders guiding a Harley, sans rider, do out of a corner. In true MARC style, we stopped to see if they needed any help. Unfortunately, ol' Dave was more intent on stopping the bike than in scoping out what it was he was stopping on. The corner had sufficient slope to it that by the time my right foot found the ground, the bike was too far over to hold up. I thought about trying to dig my leg in, then decided it was a lost cause as Paula and I rode our poor bike down to an ignominious 12 point landing. Immediately 4 guys were there to help us up and make sure we were ok. Half of 'em rode Harleys and the other half, Goldwings! Thanks guys!

Now mind you we still had to get to the check point, we have to get right back on that horse what threw us. Out of Checkpoint 3 and we're off to Lake Tahoe, where we find the traffic to be a bear. An ill-conceived shortcut is soon tossed out the window and we head up the west side of the lake where we appreciate the view, but not the traffic. When we hit the 80, we cut over to Reno to pick up 395 to head north to our second beddy-bye stop in Alturas. Dark set in while we were on the road and I was able to get hold of Ray on the local repeater to get an update. Now those of you that have traveled with Ray know that he gets rolling at 4:30 in the morning, drives 800 miles without refueling and gets to his motel by noon. So by the time we're 30 miles outside and I try to raise him again on simplex, he's in bed! Sheesh! While trying to raise him, DeWitt came on frequency and recounted his close encounter of a bambi kind which occurred moments earlier.

Up and at 'em early the next morning and now we're more worried about hypothermia than heat stroke. I glance down at the thermometer and decide not to tell Paula the temperature. When she tells me to look out for black ice I laugh and say no way, it's way too warm. Silly me. We drop down into a valley and as soon as I see 28°, the guys in front of us announce it on their CB, so Paula knows, too. OK, I'm looking out for black ice. We pull into Checkpoint 4 where some joker has laid loose gravel all over the parking area. Just the thing you need when your muscles refuse to respond. A cup of hot chocolate helps restore body and soul, but my hands are shaking so bad, I spill most of it. Had I mentioned that Paula's electric vest cord broke and I donated mine to her? Wow, the price of machismo.

And we're off. We hook up with a major highway just south of Bend where yours truly gets nabbed by the local constabulary for velocities in excess of the posted. I gave it a valiant attempt, but when his first words were "didn't your radar detector go off?" I suspected my options were limited.

In Bend we hook up with DeWitt, and despite a rather slow and ominous start to the day, the rest of it turns out to be fantastic. The route across the Columbia River and into Checkpoint 5 took us through some of the prettiest country this side of Shangra La. DeWitt is great company and we ratchet away for hours. Being a geologist by profession, I'm afraid I subjected him to more geology on that ride than he'll need for the rest of his life. Plus my riding style can only be described as hinky, what with one fallover and one speeding ticket. We hit Checkpoint 5 nestled in the trees and decided to get the fast route north, so it's west to I-5 and north to Bellingham, just south of the Canadian border.

At the motel in Bellingham, we're all together again. Ray has been there since noon. Bonnie came running in a few hours later....

The next morning we head across the border in formation. Despite our crusty appearance, the Canadians need the money and let us in. We head to the ferry terminal where we get directed to the head of the line. For the first time on the trip we can finally get some pictures! Once we get loaded on the ferry, Carroll didn't want to lose credit for the 35 mile boat trip, so while everyone else got a bite to eat, he jacked up the rear end of his bike and ran up the necessary miles. I thought it would have been better if he had just sat



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MARTINEZ TO HEAD NHTSA

Westerville, OH--According to the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), Dr. Ricardo Martinez, 39, was confirmed by the Senate on August 17 as administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Martinez has been acting as a consultant since February when his formal nomination was announced by the White House.

Trained as an emergency and trauma care physician, Martinez comes to the NHTSA from Emory University School of Public Health where he was the associate director of the Center for Injury Control. Martinez has worked with automotive injury control programs for the past eight years and serves as board member of the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine. He has also observed in the past on the board of the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

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SENATOR HATCH RETRACTS DEPARTATORY STATEMENT

Westerville, OH--Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) has retracted a statement he made in late August that angered motorcyclists across the nation. Discussing his opposition to the assault-weapons ban in the crime bill on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," the senator said, "If you came from Utah, or some rural areas, and you met the people there, they're terrified with the upswing of gangs and motorcycle gangs and other types of people that are roughing up communities. The thing that keeps them free is the fact that those motorcycle gangs know that they have guns, and they're not going to put up with it."

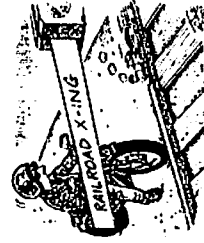
Hatch, who has a record of supporting legislation favorable to motorcyclists, corrected his statement after being contacted by representatives of AMA of Utah, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and the AMA. On August 25, the senator entered a statement into the Congressional Record applauding motorcyclists for their efforts to promote safety and support charitable organizations.

"They (motorcyclists) are not the stereotype bikers from Marlon Brando's 'The Wild One,' and yet, I feel I might have perpetuated that stereotype when I mentioned, earlier this week, that criminal motorcycle gangs have wanted to terrorize Utah communities. There was no intention for me to infer anything about our Utah clubs, or any other law-abiding motorcycle clubs. These men and women are, for the most part, good citizens of the state of Utah. They work hard in their communities."

Upon hearing news of the retraction, Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations, said, "Sen. Hatch should be applauded for being sensitive to the concerns of the nation's motorcyclists and for responding in a timely fashion. He has been as ally to motorcycle groups in the past and we look forward to working with him in the future."



"You can't ride motorcycles on walls in this state!"



there making verroom noises, but he is a stickler. (Man, am I going to have to duck at the next meeting). The ferry docks in Nanaimo, and Courtenay is a bit to the north, so we join every other vehicle on the island and head up that way. When we pull into town I was amazed to find out that Ray arrived at noon, even though I thought he had been riding with the rest of us. Bonnie arrived shortly thereafter....

Hey gang it's Miller time! After stopping long enough to drop the clothes off in the room, we head for the local pub and set up camp.

8 hours later, with jaw muscles acting from Russ's stories, and all the requisite lies and war stories told, including poor Terry losing his bag with his wallet and major worldly possessions, we went down to see if any riders were going to try to beat the deadline. Well, if any did, we didn't see them, but I don't think most of us would have seen Hannibal crossing the Alps on a herd of pink elephants at that point.

The next day was the parade and the banquet. The parade was long, and I got so lost I have no idea where we went, but I think we ended up in Tijuana. The banquet was held that evening. Some very good presentations were made and the highlight of the evening for at least two MARC xyl's was posing with a Canadian Mounty in full dress regalia. How they get in those dresses I'll never know....

Well, Bonnie put a hard deadline on articles for this newsletter, and I'll be sneaking this one in as it is, so I think I'll save the trip home, including a stay at the famous Madonna Inn, for another time. Until then, remember that if you see Bonnie running along the side of the road, Ray can't be far ahead.

GREATEST MOTORCYCLING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE

RUSS OWENS KE8GEJ

The Three Flags Tour was the **GREATEST MOTORCYCLING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE**. It was beautiful scenery, grand vistas, and great people. What a tremendous combination that made. The first day started out cold and overcast in TJ and turned into relentless 120 degree heat approaching Las Vegas. Ready for the heat with my CAMEL BAC, wet down the long sleeve shirt and covered it with a wind breaker. Most stopped in Bishop but I stayed with friends in June Lake.

Saturday morning was 29 degrees so I borrowed a pair of ski gloves and a pategonia sweat shirt and headed for Yosemite. fat dumb & happy as I had good sense. It warmed up right away. The ride into Tioga Pass was beautiful and even with my head cold I could just smell the trees in the park. This was painfully interrupted by a bee stinging me through my thick levis. It surprised me so much I dammed near jumped off the bike trying to brush him off.

Yosemite was followed by grand vistas and breathtaking roads through the gold country. It was so much fun I found myself laughing as I crossed the bridge over the Don Pedro Reservoir. Glad nobody could see me inside the full face helmet. On through crowded Tahoe and dinner in Graeagle, Ca. This was to be my sightseeing day and it was going just as planned. Little did I know.

Pushed on to Susanville for gas, plenty of motel vacancy signs & a beautiful red sunset. On to Alturus where I planned to spend the night. Gas but no vacancies. None!! Checked every motel and all booked. On to Lakeview and no vacancies. On to the checkpoint at Summer Lake and did not think I was cold until I poured a cup of coffee and shaking so uncontrollably spilled most of it over my hands, but could not feel it and did not care. Three cups later, finally got a few sips down and warmed up in the general store. No place to stay, so on down the road.

Now it is getting *really* cold and fog starts to form at the top of the trees. Then it lowers and finally touches the ground, then mercifully it is gone back to the top of the trees. Tried putting my feet on the engine to get them warm but it did no good. Stopped every time I saw a light on to warm up. It took longer and longer to get warm. Finally 30 min in La Pine. OR and a big cup of coffee and an audio tape and took off for Bend, OR. It is 20 minutes listening to the audio tape before I begin to feel cold again and then nothing can get me away from the intense cold. There are 50 motels in Bend and it took 30 minutes to locate the only motel in town with a vacancy.

Leave noon wake up call. Turn on room heat full blast. hot water running in shower. Ten minutes later warm enough to get undressed and under hot shower. Looking forward to warm sleep. Twenty one hours on a motorcycle and finally in bed just at 5am-and wide awake at 7am with mileage and towns going through my head. Can't get back to sleep, so get up and push on. Meet the MARC members at Eagle Cliff and ride into another beautiful day.

I would not have missed it for the world but will prepare for the cold as well as the heat next time, and have plenty of motel reservations.

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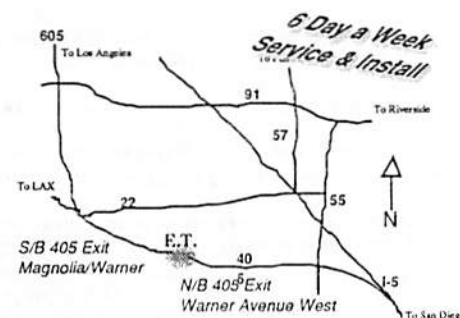
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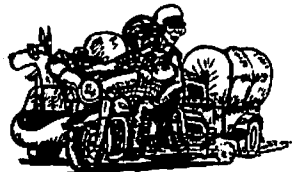
MARC 's RideList

by Paul Blumstein, KD6LAA

I suggest calling first to make sure that this information is correct. Abbreviations:
c&d = coffee & donuts; Mx = Live Music; f&d = food & drinks available; s/in = sign-in.

- Oct 8 CA: Pomona. Half Mile Race. Pomona Fairplex. 714/533-4444.
- Oct 8 MO: Forsyth. 2nd Annual Indoor MC Show & Swap. 417/336-3310.
- Oct 8 OH: Lima. Custom Bike & Trade Show. 513/464-6793.
- Oct 8-9 CA: Vandenberg AFB. Rocket Run. (Ironhorse MC). Patricia Lane @ 818/303-2468 or Thomas Keyworth @ 213/741-0713.
- Oct 9 CA: Contra Costa. Charity Run. 404/394-7870.
- Oct 9 CA: El Mirage. Land Speed Record Run. 619/274-1993.
- Oct 9 CA: Perris. Tacky Tbad Tour. Steve Hill @ 909/696-0789.
- Oct 9 CA: San Bernadino. ABATE Poker Run. 150 pins, f&d, games, raffles. \$10 ea./\$18 couple. s/in 8:30-10A. 2 starts: (1) Dales Modern Cycle, 225 E. Baseline; (2) Temecula Cycle Gear, 27315 Jefferson. Ron @ 909/276-1284, Ray @ 279-4370 or Leon @ 943-3463.
- Oct 9 CA: Tustin. Thunderation. biker games, craft & bake sale, kids stuff, 250 pins. \$10/person. \$5 BBQ lunch, drinks avail. bike show. s/in 10A-4P @ The Barn, 1/2 mi. east of the 55 Fwy @ the corner of Edinger & Redhill. Panhead Jimmy @ 714/525-5617 or Tennessee Joe @ 714/830-1487.
- Oct 9 CT: Danbury. Marcus Dairy Super Sunday. 203/748-9427.
- Oct 9 IN: Dry Lakes. Poker Run. 219/691-2506.
- Oct 9 MD: ? 3rd Annual Helmet Law Protest Run & Rally. 10A @ Anne Arundel F/G. Hear speakers, then go to State Capitol @ 11:30. Mx, F&D. \$5. 410/263-9185.
- Oct 9 MI: Ypsilanti. Poker Run. 313/945-0402.
- Oct 9 NJ: Jackson. Octoberfest. vendors, German food & beer @ Just Plain Jane's. 908/370-0306.
- Oct 9 PA: Kresgeville. Poker Run. 215/681-4736.
- Oct 9 PA: Lebanon. Poker Run. 717/273-5120.
- Oct 9 VA: Port Royal. Orange Hog Poker Run. 804/742-5137 or Scott Hiles (703/663-1568 day, 703/663-0815 night).
- Oct 13 CA: Northridge. Swap Meet. Devonshire Downs, CSUN Campus. 818/361-0205.
- Oct 13-15 MS: Biloxi. GWRRA Rally. Jim/Margie Hodge @ 601/875-1764.
- Oct 14-16 FL: Cedar Key. IBMC Campout.
- Oct 15 CA: Del Mar. 23rd Annual Del Mar's Concours D'Elegance MC Show & Parts Exchange. 619/753-0105.
- Oct 15 CA: Death Valley. 1st Annual Queer Biker Invasion. 415/563-6100.
- Oct 15 CA: Scotts Valley. Gathering of Women Motorcyclists. Semi-annual ride. Meet 8:30A @ Mollie's Country Cafe, 219 Mt. Herman Road. Jan @ 408/338-2648 or Linda @ 408/423-5228.
- Oct 15 GA: Brunswick. 4th Annual Gary Lance Memorial Poker Run. Glenn @ 912/729-4026.
- Oct 15 VA: Port Royal. Ft. Washington Hog Poker Run. 804/742-5137 or Scott Hiles (703/663-1568 day, 703/663-0815 night).
- Oct 15 WA: Battle Ground. Charity Road Run. 206/892-1703.
- Oct 16 CA: The Del Mar Mile Race. 714/533-4761.
- Oct 16 GA: Clarkston. Poker Run. 404/491-7573.
- Oct 16 MD: Mt. Airy. Poker Run. 410/922-0334.
- Oct 16 MI: Port Huron. Poker Run. 810/985-7800.
- Oct 16 OH: Portsmouth. Poker Run. 614/353-5265.
- Oct 16 PA: Harrisburg. Poker Run. 717/233-0481.
- Oct 16 PA: Parryville. Road Run. 215/377-0440.
- Oct 16 VA: Leesburg. Poker Run. 301/248-6710.
- Oct 16 VA: Manassas. March of Dimes Rideamerica 94. \$25. F&d, entertainment. 800/326-BABY.
- Oct 16-19 IL: Pearl City. Rally. 708/599-6887.
- Oct 19-23 AR: Hatfield. Annual Changing of the Colors Rally. (Christian MC Assoc.). 501/389-6196.
- Oct 20-23 FL: Daytona. Biketoberfest. 904/255-0415, 800/854-1234.

- Oct 21-23 CA: Lancaster. Easyriders Rodeo Grand Nationals. Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. (Hwy. 14N to Ave I exit).
- Oct 21-23 NM: Deming. New Mexico Motorcycle Rendezvous & Vendor Show. Mesilla Valley Road Riders. Luna Co. Fairgrounds. Registration includes BBQ, pin, poker run, tours. Pre-registration \$17. Gate registration \$20. AMA/TMRA discount. Call Barbara Medlin @ 505-382-7707 eves. or Dan Espinosa @ 505-527-0174 days.
- Oct 22 WA: Tacoma. Washington State Freedom Run. 206/779-1013.
- Oct 22-23 CA: Griffith Park. 23rd Annual Griffith Park Sidecar Rally. Mineral Wells area. \$5/sidecar. passengers & spectators free. F&d avail or bring picnic basket. Doug Bingham @ 818/780-5542.
- Oct 22-23 CA: San Bernadino. SCMA Grand Tour. 818/303-4168 or Dale Brassfield @ 805/298-1743.
- Oct 23 CA: Anaheim. Ashley Smith Fund Poker Run. S/in 9-10A @ Piranha's Grill & Spirits. 909/207-0405.
- Oct 23 CA: San Diego. Bikers for Babies. March of Dimes Benefit. s/in 10-11:30A @ Salk Institute. 619/576-1211.
- Oct 23 CA: Long Beach Parts Exchange. LB Veteran's Memorial Stadium. 7A-3P. 310/323-9611.
- Oct 23 CA: Vallejo. Ride For Kids. (Amer. Honda). Mike Traynor @ 404/394-7870.
- Oct 23 MD: Reisterstown. Poker Run. 410/833-5795.
- Oct 23 NJ: Pompton Plains. Toy Run. 908/236-9597.
- Oct 23 NY: Corona. Gypsy Tour. 718/454-1871.
- Oct 23 OH: Orient. Poker Run. 614/877-1777.
- Oct 23 PA: Carlisle. Turkey Run. 717/243-7372.
- Oct 25-30 CA: Winston NHRA Drag Race Week. Pomona. 818/914-4761.
- Oct 29 CA: San Francisco. Road Run. 415/467-3621.
- Oct 29 NV: Las Vegas. Freaker's Ball. Costume Party. 702/870-6121.
- Oct 29-30 FL: Ocoee. Road Run. 407/877-6317.
- Oct 30 CA: Santa Barbara. Central Coast MC Show & Autojumble. 10A-6P @ 4540 Hollister Ave. 805/967-8778.
- Oct 30 CA: El Cajon. Halloween Run. 7P @ Dumont's Bar. 619/749-8252.
- Oct 30 FL: Ft. Walton Beach. Poker Run. 904/244-0376.
- Nov 5-6 CA: Prunedale. Soul Brothers Poker Run & Camp Out. s/in 9-11A @ R&O's Restaurant. 408/883-0666.
- Nov 6 CA: Sepulveda. MC Awareness Day. ABATE 1. Hansen Dam. Starts 10A. \$10. Sarge @ 818/361-0163.
- Nov 6 CA: Tulare. Swap Meet. 805/392-0540.
- Nov 6 NV: Las Vegas. Turkey Run Poker Run. 702/385-6947.
- Nov 12 VA: Port Royal. Toy Run Orange Hog. 804/742-5137 or Scott Hiles (703/663-1568 day, 703/663-0815 night).
- Nov 13 CA: El Mirage Land Speed Record Run. 619/274-1993.
- Nov 13 CA: Help The Homeless Run. (MMA). Simi Valley. 310/674-7455.
- Nov 13 CA: Glendale. Love Ride 11 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. Sponsored by Glendale H-D, 3717 San Fernando Rd. Ride starts in Glendale and goes to Lake Castaic. s/in 7-10A. Vendors, BBQ, Mx, pins. Min. \$40 donation (in cash and pledges). 818/246-5618.
- Nov 13 CA: Northridge. Swap Meet. Devonshire Downs, CSUN campus. 818/361-0205.
- Nov 13 CA: Toy-Key Run (SCMA "B"). 805/481-3482, 805/763-4614.
- Nov 13 VA: Port Royal. Boston's Motorcycle Cafe Toy Run for Port Royal Fire Dept. & Kids Xmas Party. 804/742-5137 or Scott Hiles (703/663-1568 day, 703/663-0815 night).
- Nov 19 CA: El Cajon. 3rd Ann. Chili Cookoff. At Chucks. 619/443-8914.
- Nov 19 VA: Port Royal. Ft. Washington Toy Run. 804/742-5137 or Scott Hiles (703/663-1568 day, 703/663-0815 night).
- Nov 20 CA: Newbury Park. 4th Annual Manna Run (ABATE 3). Wrench @ 805/494-3287.
- Nov 20 CA: Colton. Poker Run (MRA Chap "M"). Martin Broen @ 909/781-7039.
- Nov 20 MN: St. Paul. MC Parts Extravaganza. 319/482-6011.
- Nov 27 CA: Barstow to Vegas (AMA Dist 37). George Barnes @ 805/272-9865.
- Dec 2 CA: Costa Mesa. Indoor MC Swapmeet. Orange County Fairgrounds. 714/364-0515.
- Dec 4 CA: San Diego Toy Run. 805/392-0540.



ROAD RIDER/October 1991



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"FOR SALE"

MARC STORE ITEMS

MARC NAME TAGS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS FOR \$7 EA.

NEED FIRST NAME OR HANDLE, HAM CALL, CITY/STATE WHERE YOU RESIDE

MARC CAPS \$10 EA. (COLORS FOR BADGES/CAPS GREY WITH WINEBERRY LETTERING)

SEE TERRY LEWIS KD6MVG AT THE MEETINGS FOR CAPS & BADGES

SEE PAULA HOFFMAN KD6VGH AT MEETINGS FOR SHIRTS

WE NOW HAVE TEE SHIRTS WITH THE "MARC" LOGO. THEY ARE CALLED ASH (GRAY & WHITE BLEND) IN COLOR WITH THE LOGO DONE IN REDDISH COLOR OUTLINED IN BLACK. WE HAVE SM TO XXXL AVAILABLE. SHORT SLEEVES ARE \$12 FOR SM THRU XL, \$13 FOR XXL, \$14 FOR XXXL, LONG SLEEVES ARE \$14 FOR SM THRU XL, \$15 FOR XXL, POLOS \$16 SM THRU XL, \$17 FOR XXL, \$18 FOR XXXL. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "MARC". (SEE ORDER BLANK BELOW)

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WANTED: SMALL MOTORCYCLE FOR TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN 250 TO 400 CC, AUTOMATICS OK, FOR OLDER GENTLEMAN USED TO RIDING A MOPED, HE WANTS TO GET SOMETHING A LITTLE BIGGER.

PLEASE CALL STEVE KC6NDC AT 310-670-7367

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QUANTITY	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	SIZE(S)	PRICE	TOTAL
	T-SHIRTS			
	SHORT SLEEVE—SIZE S-XL		\$ 12.00	
	SHORT SLEEVE—SIZE 2XL		13.00	
	SHORT SLEEVE—SIZE 3XL		14.00	
	LONG SLEEVE—SIZE S-XL		14.00	
	LONG SLEEVE—SIZE 2XL		15.00	
	GOLF SHORT SLEEVE S-XL		16.00	
	GOLF SHORT SLEEVE 2XL		17.00	
	GOLF SHORT SLEEVE 3XL		18.00	
	CAPS (ONE SIZE FITS ALL)		(EA) 10.00	
	BADGES		(EA) 7.00	
	PLUS POSTAGE & SHIPPING CHARGES			3.00
	NEWSLETTER DONATIONS			
	TOTALS		10.00	

(MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "MARC")

BADGE INFO:

FIRST NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____

CITY/STATE _____

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NAME _____ CALL SIGN (IF APPLICABLE) _____

2ND NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____

3RD NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE# _____ ARRL MEMBER? # _____

(IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE# ON THE ROSTER PLEASE CHECK _____)

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SEND TO "MARC" C/O BONNIE DAVIS KD6OFQ, 3 LINDBERG, IRVINE, CA 92720-3367

"MARC" YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE COMING EVENTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

OCT 1 & 2-M/S 150 K MEET AT 7:30 A.M. AT KATELLA & WEST OF 57 FWY
8-MARC BREAKFAST MEETING AT DENNY'S, 1695 E. LINCOLN AVE, ORANGE, AT
LINCOLN & 55 FWY (8A.M.)
5,12,19,26-MARC 2-METER NET(8 P.M.) 146.985 DOWN 600 PL 146.2
4,11,18,25-MARC HF NET(1600 HRS P.D.S.T.THAT'S 0000 U.T.C. 20 METERS
14.260 USB) (1700 HRS P.D.S.T., 0100 U.T.C. 40 METERS 7.260
LSB +/- QRM)LOOK UP BEFORE LOOKING DOWN IF WE HAVE TO CHANGE
BECAUSE OF QRM
29-AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S "HEART & SOLE CLASSIC" MEET AT JAMBOREE &
MAIN AT THE HYATT IN JAMBOREE CENTER
31-HAVE A HAPPY TRICK OR TREAT NITE

NOV 4,5,6-LAKE HAVASU IBMC CAMPOUT
12-MARC BREAKFAST MEETING AT DENNY'S, 1695 E. LINCOLN AVE, ORANGE AT
LINCOLN & 55 FWY (8 A.M.)
13-GLENDALE HARLEY'S "LOVE RIDE" FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
2,9,16,23,30-MARC 2-METER NET(8 P.M.)146.985 DOWN 600 PL 146.2
1,8,15,22,29-MARC HF NET(1600 HRS P.D.S.T. THAT'S 0000 U.T.C. 20 METERS
14.260 USB) (1700 HRS P.D.S.T. 0100 U.T.C. 40 METERS 7.260
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BECAUSE OF QRM
24-HAPPY TURKEY DAY

(THE 146.985 DOWN 600 PL 146.2 WB6RSD REPEATER & OUR CALL FREQUENCY 144.370
SIMPLEX, THE CONDOR SYSTEM, SCARA 440 SYSTEM & OCCASIONALLY 145.220 CLARA ARE ALL
MONITORED 16-18 HRS A DAY)

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C/O RAY DAVIS KD6FHN
3 LINDBERG
IRVINE, CA. 92720-3367

**NOTICE: MEETING
PLACE CHANGED**

OCT/NOV 1994

NEXT MEETINGS: OCT 8, 1994
8 A.M. (DENNY'S AT LINCOLN
& 55 FWY IN ORANGE)
NOV 12, 1994 8 A.M. (DENNEY'S
AT LINCOLN & 55 FWY IN ORANGE)