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MARCH 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Hello all. This will be the shortest of all articles from me as I am a bit under the weather as I write this.

First, if there is any way possible for you to make the March MARC meeting, please do so. We will be discussing the San Diego Tour de Cure and looking for volunteers to help with this event.

We will also be looking for input on the MARC Web page. I thank Michael and John for their work on a new page. However, I would like to have some input from the MARC Board and members on the state of the new page and what direction we should go in next.

The after meeting ride after the February meeting went very well. There was four of us that rode through Santiago canyon and then down to PCH where we stopped at a Ruby's restaurant for lunch. After lunch, it was north on PCH to find the start of the 55 freeway. From there each of us separated to find our way home. A very nice day riding with friends. Hopefully more will join in for the next ride.

For now, I shall tend to my illness and prepare for another evening at rest.

John F. Reynolds
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MARCH WINDS BRING
APRIL SHOWERS
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From the Webmaster

Happy March everyone, I have filled out more content on the website. I'd like to start creating a FAQ (or Frequently Asked Questions) section. What questions to you get asked about your motorcycle mobile install, or about the MARC group? You can, but do not have to include answers. Send them to me, or through the contact form on the website.

The web software we are using can have articles posted (a BLOG) as well as static pages. I've changed the home page to show the articles. This will make search engines come by the site more often, and hopefully make it more interesting for our members.

In the blog articles, I would like to include stories about your radio installs, industry news, riding stories, and more. I will try to post an article after each monthly meeting and after each event as well. If you have something you'd like to share, please send it over. You can email me directly, or through the contact form on the site.

There is now an Event Calendar on the site, you can add these events to your calendar by using the link at the bottom of the display labelled "+Google Calendar". This way you will always have the latest updates...right on your phone.

The next section to be added will be details about upcoming events, one page for each event. These pages will be maintained by the event coordinators.

Swing by the site and let me know what you think:
<http://www.marc-hq.org>

Michael AF6FB
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The 2018 Multiple Sclerosis rides

The first ride for the MS is the Los Angeles ride on June 3rd. The routes are much of the same as last year. The ride will be starting from and finishing at the Rose Bowl. The Ms is again hoping for our help with this ride. I will keep you informed as I get more news.

The 35TH annual MS150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour is over. The final funds raising is in, I'm still waiting for the final count. I will let you know next month. Next year's 36TH annual MS150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour, we hope you will be available. They are again planning for over 2,400 riders and will again need over 1200 volunteers to pull off this event. Check out their web site: www.mspacific.org they may have the latest updates. I think that this ride only gets better and better each year.

John Edward KC6Z0Z
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR 2018

APR 3rd	FOR	APRIL
MAY 1st	FOR	MAY
MAY 29th	FOR	JUNE
JULY	NO MEETING	
JULY 31st	FOR	AUGUST
AUG 28th	FOR	SEPTEMBER
OCT 2nd	FOR	OCTOBER
OCT 30th	FOR	NOVEMBER
NOV 27th	FOR	DECEMBER

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"MARC" CALENDAR 2018

BREAKFAST MEETING

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

MARCH 10, 2018

APRIL 7, 2018—

APRIL 14, 2018- SAN DIEGO TOUR DE CURE

APRIL 21, 2018- TOUR DE OC

MAY 12, 2018 -MARC 26TH

ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 9, 2018

JULY- NO MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2018

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

OCTOBER 13, 2018

OCTOBER 20/21, 2018-MS BAY TO BAY 150

NOVEMBER 10, 2018

DECEMBER 8, 2018

Palm Springs Ride (In case anyone would want to ride this event)

Leave Indio, CA heading west on Route 111 until you get to Palm Desert, CA. From here look for Hwy 74 off to the left. Get on Hwy 74 and head west until you meet up with ca hwy 371 near Anza Ca. follow the 371 until it dead ends at ca hwy 79. Head west on ca hwy 79 through to old town of Temecula, CA.

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**Hello to all MARC members.**

The Tour de LA coming up in October is moving forward with the planning committee, and they are working hard to have more participants this year than last year, which were 999. Some tweaks to the routes to make returning easier have been made, which will mean riders of the various lengths will overlap on the return portion, so patrolling the routes should be easier. More info as the date approaches.

April is the Tour de OC ride. Please sign up and support this event.

Please look for a newer format for the April newsletter. Currently under construction, there will be a wealth of information about MARC, riding, and Ham radio and a new look. With a re-designed web page, the new look newsletter should make a great addition to the MARC club.

**ZIPPY KE6ZRP**

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FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY  
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**NET DRAWING WINNERS:**

**NETS ON 446.900 PL 110.9**

Check in on the net on the Wednesday night before  
the meeting: Bob N6ARB

**50/50 WINNER:**

Scott N6IXQ \$25 Moji KF6BEB \$25

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**NET DRAW NUMBER & WINNER –**  
**Bob N7ARB**

**SECRETARY/Treasurer/NewsLetter Editor–**  
**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

This will be my last month as Newsletter Editor,  
taking over will be Mark KE6ZRP and also  
taking over as Secretary/Treasurer will be  
Ginger KM6MIG  
Remember we are a casual group no demanding  
rules.

After 29 years of doing the newsletter I feel it is time  
for someone else to take over due to the age thingy..  
So things aren't left hanging due we never know  
when or if I would not able to continue..  
And we need new blood and new ideas which will  
enhance the newsletter..

**DUES:::** \$12 a year and if you care to you  
can pay more than one year at a time...it's OK.

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

Lots of love and prayers for Chris Kanzler & Pat  
Lewis KD6SBC battling cancer

Our LOVE & PRAYERS for those who lost their  
homes ++ in the fires so tragic...  
We pray for those who are ill, not feeling well or just  
not up to par, as we love each and every one of  
you...try to get well.. Our love and prayers for  
all members..

A special "Thank You" for those who are taking  
the time for our Fallen Military, ushering them to  
their final destination of rest & Remember our  
Wounded Warriors in your prayers...We honor  
our Military for putting their lives in danger so we  
may live. Their families need our support in any  
way we can.

Keep up the spirit... Love & Gratitude to all

**GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR**  
**TROOPS**

**IN GOD WE TRUST**

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**SAN DIEGO TOUR DE CURE 4/14/2018**  
**DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS 2260 JIMMY**  
**DURANTE BLVD, DEL MAR, CA 92014**  
**6 AM TO 1 PM**

**SIGN UP SHEET AT THIS MEETING AND**  
**APRIL MEETING**

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**TOUR DE OC APRIL 21, 2018**

Tour de OC is a fully supported fundraising  
cycling event to benefit a week long summer  
camp that is full of life changing moments  
and unique opportunities of hope for  
the children in the foster care system due to  
neglect and abuse. Our goal is to send 100  
kids to camp with the cost per  
camper at over \$750.00.

## MINNESOTA RIDING

So far I have ridden once in the 3 months of 2018. Weird weather... Super cold in December Then temperatures would swing from -15 below to 40 degrees above 0! January's ride was short... then the temperatures tumbled into the teens. Snow became more of a problem too. February we had lots of snow However again the thermometer in our bedroom was at least 7 degrees warmer than the airport temps. 50 degrees! Snow pack doesn't melt due to angle of the Sun hitting Mother Earth...

Yesterday the 3rd of March I checked the Thermometer.. 50 degrees.. The forecasters are all excited about the next storm coming in tonight.. the 4th. Most of March can be balmy with temperatures in the high 20 degrees in the mornings and around 40 degrees at 4 pm. Who know how long these snow storms will come through? Yep.. walked into the garage in my Areostich suit. The trouble I have with this garage is the water or snow from the roof seeps into the garage. The building has the garage part into the ground like a basement with the garage door as the walk out or ride out... We have a second floor on the garage.. I think the garage is bigger than the house in square feet. Well it was the foundation for that house as we have a drain in the floor that hooks to the sewer system.

First I tried to move the motorcycle off the ice.. 1/4 " sheet... then I struggled with the side stand... finally got off the heavy machine and flipped the side stand down.. got the small shovel and chipped at the ice, back on the BMW and started it.. Gently idling it out on the driveway. Checked the tires and let it warm up.

Last month's ride I didn't have ear plugs... Rode over 30 miles... That ride was OK.. however after getting home i heard that there was road rage in the area that i had just ridden through.. One man who caused the accident was shot in the face! The man was brandishing a knife and didn't want to release it.. The shooter kept telling the young man to drop the knife... I heard later that the police had come.. by that time the shooter had put his gun down on the road and was waiting...

Anyway I had ridden through there ..maybe 5 minutes before? God sure protects, not knowing what might happen! Yep another rabbit trail...

I rode out the south entrance of the alley and headed west... Simple route. Right turns 10 miles... Well Karen and I work at the Church we attend. Usually Saturday afternoons.

March 1 I took my van and drove over to David's home. He popped his head out of the back door and put up 2 fingers... I nodded... and waited. We had planned on going to Riderwear House in Duluth... 2 weeks before.. However God spoke.. clearly in my mind that I was to stay home! That was on the 16th of February. I can wait... Then I got a text from David on the 25th that he was open to go Thursday... Cool. Yep God didn't say yes or no... heheh. I have to keep praying to find out what HE wants me to do.

We headed east and David asks, "Ate breakfast yet?"

"Yep, want me to stop somewhere?" The traffic was heavy due to a flashing red light.. "Take the frontage road left." David commanded. We found the golden Arches and walked in. he ordered his breakfast and offered to buy me a Coke.. I said "Sweet Tea"

Drove north on Hwy 65. Snow is receding along the highways. Sunshine behind and to the east. Took Hwy 107 through Braham and east on Hwy 70... North on I 35.. Took us 2 hours to get to Riderwear House. Parking lot was full so we parked on the side of the building that we usually park our motorcycles. It dawned on me that I could have ridden... David though doesn't have electric heat and I needed his fellowship along the way too.

Walked in and the associate or what ever we call these people that work for us... "May I help you?"

"Yeah I am buying a Roadcrafter 2 piece suit."

"Oh, not the Areostich one piece?" She was walking toward the racks of one piece riding gear... I looked to the other side of the room.. "I would prefer the defective gear." I pointed... She nodded. David was looking already through the gear. "What size is your Areostich?" The young lady asks.

"44S." I replied... These racks are too high.. keeping the pant legs off the floor maybe... I pulled one jacket out.. size 46 and started to put it on... Seems it was fitting me... I had told Karen the previous day..."My Girth is getting wider!"

"Girth! Where is the saddle?" Karen laughed.

"Are you purchasing this today? How about the trousers?" Sales lady is asking. I nodded.

"Just the jacket today, I will return for the pants later" I replied.

"I have been working here for about a month," the young lady said, She looked at the jacket then took it and asked another woman about the Custom information. Came back and started ringing up the sale. " These jackets and gear as you call them are expensive!"

" So is falling off your motorcycle at speed!" I smiled.

"Custom means the sleeves are turned or altered for riding a motorcycle and handle bars are short." She commented..

"Good deal. The jacket is the same color as this BMW I am riding and the alterations also are good as the handlebars I need to reach for. I don't believe in coincidences. God provides for me!"

Another woman came in and at the right time as the receipt wasn't printing. "Can we email the receipt?" I nodded...

Anyway if I had bought this jacket as ordered it would have been \$850... including the alterations... I paid a little over \$600.00

We drove back home taking back roads. Dropped David off and headed home to show Karen the bright Yellow Jacket.

73!

Tim Lindstrom, ab0ts [www.smashwords.com](http://www.smashwords.com)

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MARC Equipment controller: Alvin Brown KD6U;

A young man walked into our insurance office to purchase coverage for his new motorcycle. Only one question confused him. "Do you have a lien holder on the vehicle?" "I've got a kickstand," the prospect replied. "Is that the same thing?"

# New from COMET!

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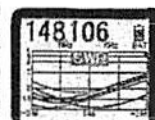
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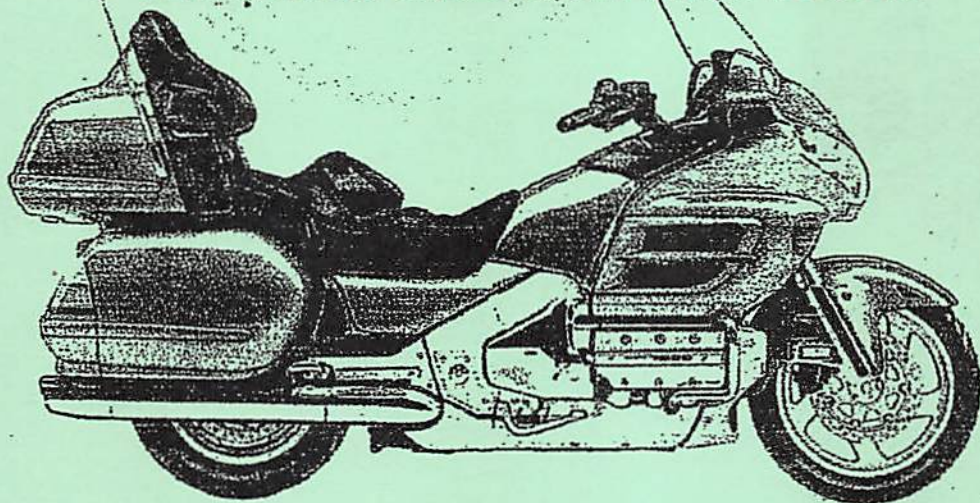


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 10<sup>th</sup> "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING @ HOMETOWN BUFFET(DOOR OPENS @ 8AM)  
 11<sup>th</sup> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
 17<sup>th</sup> ST PATRICK'S DAY  
 AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

APR 1<sup>ST</sup> EASTER SUNDAY  
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