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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Well lets see, we have to go back to Saturday March 1st to bring all MARC members up to date.

So, on Saturday March 1st at 8 AM some of the MARC members met at the "78" Club meeting. For myself, I had to order some new Kenwood PB-13 batteries for our two Kenwood TH 78 A's. They are available through Allen KD6PYX, the "78" Club president. From there we high-tailed it over to the SCARA meeting at 9 AM to join 12 other MARC members. That meeting ended at around 10 AM so we motored over to Huntington Honda and met 15 MARC members there, some of which had been to at least one of the other meetings. Talk about a busy Saturday morning.

Then on Sunday March 2nd and Tuesday March 4th we were up on two different mountain tops working on the SCARA repeaters and antennas on the towers.

This month, on Wednesday March 5th we started a new net on the 440 meter band. We had talked about it for sometime with the owners of the Southern California Arizona Repeater Association(SCARA) but were reluctant to get started with it, because of some one jamming their system at times. SCARA is on 10 repeater sites with 440 and they also have some sites that include 220, 440 and 1.2 GIG, so they have many repeaters on those 10 sites. For the time being MARC will be doing the 440 net on the Santiago Peak repeater. It is unlinked from the Linked Hub Site for our net time only. But the SCARA Santiago Repeater site at 5700 ft has a tremendous amount of coverage even as it stands alone. At a later date, depending on the reaction of

the SCARA owners and membership toward our MARC NET, the system may remain linked for our nets.

We had 56 members and guests at our March 8th MARC breakfast meeting. We had the usual great door prizes that were donated by Electronic Times, NCG(COMET), Huntington Honda and many of our staff and members. There were also three cash prizes of \$45 each. It pays to come to the meetings folks.

After the meeting 17 members headed to Ray and Bonnie's for an after meeting workshop. A Kenwood TM V7A 2M-440 radio was installed on KC6ZOZ John and KF6HJT Teri's 1500 Goldwing along with all the best hardware. KE6BIT Gary, N6EDY Billy and others worked on the generators we have on loan for the Challenge Cup Relay Race. KD6MVN chased parts while KE6PSD Gary worked on his ham radio equipment on his motorcycle. Everyone pitched in to help everyone else. Some lessons were learned by all. The ladies Jan, Dollie, Pattie, Bonnie Charlene, Mijo all pitched in to help by making ice tea and ordering four big pizzas for lunch. Three tables were set-up along with all the folding chairs and put into use as we enjoyed a great day together. Everyone departed by 3 PM. It was just a perfect day spent with our many MARC friends.

On Monday March 10th MARC put out the weekly MARC bulletin #11-97. We will continue put out the bulletins until they get to be too much for us or we are gone on the motorcycles this summer. We are thinking about purchasing a lap-top computer to take with us this summer so that we may stay in touch by e-mail and still do our weekly reports from

where ever we are in the US or Canada. We would like some feed-back on this subject. Would our MARC e-mail members who subscribe to the MARC LIST/DIGEST like to hear about our travels once a week???

Also on Monday March 10th the new MARC ARIZONA Chapter had their first net on the 147.220-Mingus Mtn, repeater in the Prescott Arizona area.

The following morning, Tuesday March 11th the MARC AZ. Chapter had their first MARC breakfast meeting in Prescott Valley. See the MARC AZ Chapter report elsewhere in the newsletter for all the details.

Tuesday March 11th was a very nice day for a ride. (75 to 80 degrees) There was a meeting at 1 PM at the Vacation Village Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas for the Challenge Cup Relay Race. It involved the Hotel management, the CCRR directors of the LAPD, the CCRR base station operators for the main control frequency and MARC staff members. There will be a free pancake breakfast served for all volunteers and participants from 2 AM Sunday morning on, until the last of the teams finish, about 9 AM. There are still rooms available at Vacation Village for Fri-Sat-Sunday nights April 11-12-13th. The number to call is 1-800-338-0608, be sure to tell them you want room rate discounts for Group #5948, the LAPD-CCRR Group. I left Irvine at about 8 AM that morning and got back from Las Vegas about 9 PM that same night. 560 miles round trip, mostly in tee-shirt riding weather.

Saturday March 15th was really a busy day. It started with coffee and donuts at 9 AM at Huntington Honda. Then at 12

noon 10 of us went to the walk-thru for the Tour d' Olympiad charity event that provides money for the Saddleback Valley Unified School district to sponsor a SAFE GRAD NIGHT for there high schools. Then nine of us rode the three main routes the bicyclists were going to use the next day, so that we would be familiar with them.

That same night at 6 PM we joined many other (63) SCARA members, (of which 24 were also MARC members) at Rudy's Pizza Parlour in Anaheim for a family pizza party. The one pizza KE6UUD ordered for us was so big it had to be turned up on its edge to get it through the double doors. It fed about 10 or more people. I even heard that there was some beer being served... That was okay, we had a designated driver who consumed soda pop only and we got home by 9 PM because we had to be up by 5 AM to be at the Tour d' Olympiad by 6 AM.

Sunday morning March 16th dawned cloudy and cool. we had nine motorcycles, three ladies as shadows for the event directors, two base station operators, two MARC bicyclists and the MARC coordinator at this event. For the most part the event went off like clockwork. There are some minor things that we can do to streamline our performance for next year. We each received nice Tour d' Olympiad tee shirts and a BBQ lunch for our efforts. There were no accidents, and we got every bicyclist back safe and sound. Another spectacular effort by MARC members on a charity event. Thank you all for your time and effort.

On Tuesday March 18th the weather was really hot. I went down to Bermuda Dunes to join N6KBI Ken & KE6WCA Sue for the weekly MARC HF NETS. It was warm going out, about 85 , but at Bermuda Dunes it was about 95 . Around 7 PM when I left to head back to Irvine it was still about 85 . By the time I got to San Geronimo Pass it was down to 66 , and time to get some warm clothes on. Ken and I decided that it would be nice if I were to become a regular on the HF net with Ken on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. So we'll try it for awhile. I sure do have fun with Ken and Sue when Ken is doing the net and I love going third party and talking to our HF members all over the US and Canada. So be sure to listen up for Ray at Kents HF station on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Gee, the very next day I had to go to

the Senior Citizens Center of Mission Viejo to do the "What's My Line" program with the children from the Newhart Middle school next door. The students picked me as the Space Shuttle Engineer, which I ain't, and a Fire Captain which I "was" . It had been a couple of years since I had participated in that program and had forgotten how much fun it was.

That same evening at 6 PM I went to the 2nd meeting for 1997 MS-150K to introduce our new MARC coordinators, KC6ZHG Dave and KC6ZOZ John, who have volunteered to take on the responsibilities of being the MARC coordinators for this years event. Dave and John will do a great job for both the MS Society and MARC.

Then I raced home and prepared for the 7 PM 440 net and the 8 PM 2-meter net..

The Saturday March 22nd get together at Huntington Honda was attended by 15 MARC members, including one from Calgary Canada. Andy VE6MCM joined us for coffee and donuts. He was on his way to a seminar in Las Vegas. While here we had lunch with him and then we went to Electronic Times so he could pick up some ham equipment for his motorcycle. We plan on seeing Andy and VE6HGW Drew at Wing-Ding in Billings in July.

When the weekly MARC bulletins are put out on Monday March 31st we will call for e-mail check-ins. This time however we will advise you to reply to KD6ERC Dollie directly, "without" sending a "GOT IT" or "CHECK ME IN" through the MARC LIST/DIGEST. Dollie's e-mail address is <dollieb@juno.com> . Don't worry about remembering all this as we will repeat it all on Monday March 31st. But we do want all members who receive the MARC LIST/DIGEST to check-in. We don't think this is too much to ask, as it only happens every three months now. The one thing we do want to remind everyone about is to be sure you are including your ham "call-sign" and at least your "first name" in your signature at the end of each e-mail message. If it doesn't have your e-mail signature, we won't include you in the check-in because we would have to go through the whole e-mail roster to find out who it is, and we aren't going to do it.

The very next morning Tuesday April 1st I will be leaving at 4 AM for a 10 AM meeting in Las Vegas, again with the Vacation Village management

and the LAPD's representatives for the CCRR.

I will have any last minute updates of the CCRR for our MARC breakfast meeting on Saturday April 5th. After the normal MARC staff reports and guest speaker, Attorney Steven Schapiro, we will have the 50/50 and door prize drawings then turn the meeting over to KD6NXC John to talk to us about our duties at the CCRR. If you are one of the CCRR MARC volunteers in any capacity, this meeting is a must. Our MARC volunteers need to know how this years event is going to be run and how we are going to communicate. We have some very significant changes due for this year.

On Friday April 11th at 8 AM we will be headed for Vacation Village and Las Vegas. We plan on getting there at least by 1 PM to spend the afternoon and evening putting up our antennas, running coax cables, setting up tables, chairs and putting everything into place for the Saturday morning CCRR start. The CCRR starts at 11 AM but the MARC base station will have to be up and operational by 9 or 10 AM. Our ladies who will be control operators for the most part with help from N6KBI Ken, must be ready for a long (24 hr) operation. MARC has purchased four MALDOL HS 727 LL Super High Gain antennas for the MARC supervisors to use for this event. These antennas are 6 ft 5 inches tall and have an unbelievable 6.0 dB gain on 2-meters and 8.0 dB gain on 440. That's why we want the supervisors using them. Another reason we want the supervisors using them is when you see a motorcycle with one of these antennas on the back, everyone connected to the motorcycles will recognize them as a supervisor, day or night. we want our MARC supervisors to be in contact with the base stations and at least one other supervisor at all times.

Remember Saturday and Sunday April 12th and 13th is the "CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE". MARC members have 10 rooms reserved at the Vacation Village Hotel & Casino, there are still rooms available. The toll free number is 1-800-338-0608, be sure to tell them you are with special rate group #5948.

Tuesday April 15th is the 3rd Tuesday of the month and I will again plan on being down at N6KBI Ken's for the HF net.

On Saturday April 26th is the "Tour de Cure" which benefits the research for the cure of Diabetes.

See KD6NXC John's article elsewhere in this newsletter. At last count we had 10 MARC motorcycles and 6 other MARC members working rest stops and sag vehicles for this event.

The FIFTH ANNUAL MARC ANNIVERSARY breakfast meeting is on Saturday May 10th. This is the big meeting folks. This is the meeting we will draw for the NISSEI 30 amp Power supply in the Super Raffle drawing. Immediately after the meeting we will take our annual MARC group picture. Now there is starting to be quite a contest to see who has appeared in all of these annual pictures without missing one. We now have the secret on how to take group pictures at the Lake View Cafe easily and quickly. No fuss, no muss. The Lake View cafe has asked MARC for a copy of our annual group picture to hang in their entrance way.

Sunday May 18th is the "Ride For Kids". There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 5th meeting. See N6EDY Billy's report on this event.

On Sunday May 18th, your MARC President hits the big 65. What better way to celebrate your birthday, then to spend it helping children with brain tumors. God, I love it. I only pray that everyone of them can live as full and happy life as I have and live to be 65 someday.

Tuesday May 20th is the 3rd Tuesday of the month again, and like I said, if I'm in town, I'll be visiting N6KBI Ken during the HF NET.

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS:

(A) Two MARC seminars have been confirmed for the 1997 Wing Ding in Billings, MT.

(B) Our new MARC business cards will be done shortly.

(C) We finally found out how to use our flat-bed scanner.. So look for more pictures to be sent to VE6HGW Drew for the MARC Web Page. The picture of the group at the 5th Annual May 10th meeting will be amongst the first. Just think of it, you will be seen by people from all over the world on the MARC Web Page.

(D) The MARC LIST/DIGEST had not had any problems for about two months, thanks to KC7MZ Lewis. We now have about 130 members subscribed to the MARC LIST/DIGEST. It will be interesting to see how many respond to KD6ERC Dollie for the March 31st e-mail check-ins.

(E) This year there are "NO" plans for a MARC Campout or a MARC Picnic. No one has come forward to coordinate either event and Bonnie or I just don't have the time to do it all.

(F) Lastly, MARC no longer is directly involved with packet. KD6ZHG Dave says that packet activity is about nil. So he stepped up to be our MS 150K coordinator along with KC6ZOZ John. If someone else out there would like to continue with packet for MARC please let us know and we will support you and put your name on our staff list. we would need a packet staff report each month. Well, I started on this report about 9 AM on Tuesday morning and here it is 1 AM on Wednesday morning. Does anyone else want this job, feel free to speak up. It's fun, you meet the greatest people, and you certainly have a large loving family, but man is it a lot of work.

"SAFE RIDES AND CLEAR FREQUENCIES"

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NOTICE!!!!NOTICE!!!!

ALL MARC MEMBERS WHO WANT TO SUBSCRIBE OR UNSUBSCRIBE FROM THE MARC LIST/DIGEST WILL HAVE TO GO THRU KD6FHN RAY OR KM6UK DE WITT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUBSCRIBE DIRECTLY TO KC7MZ LEWIS.

THIS AND THAT

By De Witt KM6UK

Hello there again, this month I thought we could chat about "some of this, and some of that."

The first thing is, I am going to NAG a little bit. I see articles in the newsletter by the same folks, month after month. There are a lot of you out there reading this article, why is the article you are reading not authored by 'you?'

'You' do lots of interesting things. 'You' go to interesting places. 'You' go on interesting rides. 'You' go to interesting places to eat. Yike's, now there is an idea. See what happens when you start chatting With folks, you get ideas.

My idea! Beginning in next months

newsletter, we will publish an all new article. It will be called...

"MY FAVORITE RIDE"

This article will feature the ride(s) that you like best. Please be sure to include routes, possible accommodations if needed, and of course, your favorite place to eat.

No, I won't accept "I can't write," as an excuse. In fact, here is a deal you can't pass up. Even if you can't write an article, jot down the facts, drop them in the mail to me, and I'll do it for you. Naturally I would much rather see an article with 'your' byline.

Lots of our riders/members go all over, and I might be intereted in going on 'your' favorite ride. For example, did I tell you about my ride across Canada, the roads, the food, but mostly about the friendly people I met.

So jot down those stories folks, PLEASE. Come on, it's your club, too. Send them to me either e-mail, or snail (US) mail, ready to publish(best) or, enough information for me to finish it, to:

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Hey, this could be really exciting. So get those keyboards humming folks, I want to publish "Your" article next month.

Changing gears a bit, by the time you read this, the Challenge Cup Relay Race will be "just" around the corner. Let me take a little of your time to remind you that, this is a test of your skills, too.

Your riding skills will be put to test on the narrow winding roads. Be careful! Some of the supporters are very enthusiastic. THESE FOLKS ARE COPS. Every day they drive hard, and they don't always obey the laws they enforce. They WILL do unexpected things, try to be prepared.

Your communication skills will be tested. Be sure your radio is tuned up and ready to go. Check all your connections, check your antenna(s) and be sure they are tight. Nothing worse than keying down and not being able to get out.

Be sure you are personally prepared, plenty of cold weather gear, especially fo you later shift workers. it gets bloody COLD, up there in Mountain Springs Pass. I've been there 3 years in a row, so I know. Bring your rain gear too, it has rained on the run in the past.

Throw some fruit, maybe a few power bars in your trunk, and be sure to take

some extra water, and/or fruit juice with you. Your favorite snack. The motor homes are a favorite 'break' place for me. I have had some wonderful food there. And they are a good place to get warm.

Be sure to FUEL, fuel up whenever you get the chance. Fuel out there on the route is both scarce and expensive. Even if I'm only down a couple of gallons, I fill up when I get the chance. And I carry 10.5 gallons. Your area supervisor will probably be able to tell you where fuel is.

Will you CCRR riders please take the time to tell both John Reynolds, KD6NXC, and John Willson, KE6UAM, what a great job they have done coordinating this event. It's a heck of a lot of work. WELL DONE GUYS!!!!

I have a new e-mail address, so please make the following change in your address book. The new address is:

dewitt1@home.com

I have a new server, a fiber optics connection, and it is incredibly fast. I hope I never have to go back to a 33.6 again. I love this thing.

That about does it for me this time, but before I go, let me NAG, NAG, NAG, one more time. Please,, send me your "Favorite Ride," so we can start publishing them in the next newsletter.

73's to all

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"HONDA RIDE FOR KIDS"

Remember to set aside Sunday the 18th of May for the "HONDA RIDE FOR KIDS."

MARC will again provide the communications and motorcycle escort duties for this annual ride-benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Research Foundation.

Inasmuch as there will be no newsletter in May- I will try to cover as many details as possible in this article...Later changes will be published on the MARC net, and by E-mail and telephone. For your planning...We will meet at the Denny's restaurant, 17230 Lakewood Blvd in Lakewood. This is the same place we met last year, and is located at Lakewood Blvd and the 91 Freeway.

There will be coffee, rolls, donuts, etc at the check-in point when we arrive...So it won't be necessary to meet quite so early, unless you want to eat breakfast.

In any event, be at the Denny's parking lot at 0630 - ready to put on signs, vests and saddle up for the ride to

Honda Headquarters in Torrance.

Operationally, everything will be about the same as last year. The plan to have some possible bicycle events did not materialize this year. We will have the MARC "net control" tent set-up and - also acting as the "message center" for this event. We plan on utilizing two members with HT's shadowing MIKE and FRED, keeping them and the message center in contact with each other.... IF we have enough people signed up, we can rotate this assignment, and net control, so that everyone gets a chance to roam around and take in the activities.... The plan at the present time is to put up the tall antenna mast at Net Control and work simplex for the entire "show". There are a couple of "blind spots" on the route (out near the water)- However, there should be no problem in relaying to someone - ahead or behind you - to be able to reach net control. There is also the possibility that SCARA'S 440 repeater will be available as a back-up...We also may be able to put someone with a HT in the lead police car again this year - so that we have direct contact. That worked out very well the last time - especially when we can have all the parade participants on a common "CB" channel - and broadcast instructions to the entire group at the same time.

The Planning Group is asking that individual clubs "adopt" one of the "poster" children for the day. Suggestions would be to give the "Adoptee" a club cap, or jacket, etc- Let them ride on a motorcycle during the "ride" - "Show and tell" about our club - Or, Fred suggested that it might be neat for a child to sit in the Message Center tent, or be wheeled around the event, and talk on the radio - We will discuss it at the April meeting and see if we want to take on such an endeavor...Fred Rau said that other "Rides" in the East have done this, and that it was a big hit.

There will be a sign-up sheet available at the meeting, we will need your name, call and phone #. In case you have not done so already - indicate if you will have a passenger, so that we can obtain a lunch ticket for them as well.

Although you will probably be finished right after the Main Parade Ride, plan to stay for lunch and view some of the attractions and activities that will be going on...You'll be glad you did....There will be lots of entertaining events to watch during the day, and an opportunity to meet fellow motorcyclists from around

the southland.

As usual, you are covered by your participation as a MARC member - However, this is in fact a charitable event.. An event that is put on by motorcyclists - US- and we as motorcyclists should really get behind this one....Not only with our participation, but with our money collecting efforts as well. There will be "Collection Kits" available at the Breakfast meeting to help you make the extra effort.

Billy N6EDY

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From MARC Vice President

Our new Arizona Chapter of MARC is up and running. We have had three successful nets and two combined breakfasts with the Knoby Knee Radio Club in the Prescott, Arizona area. The weekly nets are held each Monday evening at 7 PM Arizona time on the 147.220 repeater. Danny Velderrain KD6FLP is the President of the Arizona Chapter and primary net control for the Monday nets. KC7TIL Steve will be one of the alternate net controls. On April 5th the first Staunday of the month will be the next Arizona MARC breakfast at the Joshua Tree Restaurant at 9 AM. It is located just east of Robert Rd. on Spouse St. in Prescott Valley, AZ. On the 5th and after the meeting will be exclusively : MARC activity, but all hams, motorcycle riders and their guests are encouraged to attend and lend support.

On our first net held March 17 we had a total of 12 check-ins including 6 members and 6 visitors. On March 24 the check-ins were very similar As of now we have 15 paid members of MARC state wide of which 11 reside around the Presecott area.

We will have 5 members from the Arizona Chapter participating in the Challenge Cup Relay Race going from Baker to Vegas which is scheduled in approximately two weeks, for escorting the runners during this event.

I would like to encourage those members living around the Phoenix and Flagstaff area to check-in to the Monday night nets and attend the breakfast meeting when you can. A big Thank You", to all MARC members and Staff for your support and encouragement in starting the Arizona Chapter. Stay tuned for our growth and upcoming fun and activities in Arizona...

Terry KJ7LI

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GREETINGS FROM
YOUR 2VP

If I make it through the next month, it will be time for me to relax for a while. I know we have not finished with all of our MARC work. However, a large portion of mine will be complete.

I encourage all volunteers to attend the MARC meeting on 5 April, 1997 at the Lake View Cafe. Ray promises to keep the meeting short so we can have time to review our duties and responsibilities for the Challenge Cup Relay Race.

The CCRR, or Baker 2 Vegas race, will be on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April 1997. At this time, I am still shuffling the roster as people call to cancel and others volunteer to help. At present, I need a CB rider on leg #1 and a MARC rider with 440 capability on leg #16. (Yes I know that leg 16 is a night leg, but we can't all work the first legs in the day time.) I have had a nibble by one of our members, but he hasn't taken the bait yet so the position is still open. I have five volunteers for Net Control and I would prefer to have six so they can work 4 hour shifts. They would each have 2 Or three shifts to work during the event. As you can see, just manning the positions is a lot of work. I want to make sure we have the right people in the right place and that we all can communicate with our Net Control.

I am going to depend upon all of the volunteers to ensure that they have checked their motorcycles and radios to make sure everything is in tiptop shape for this ride. Neither you or I want to have a breakdown or a communications failure out there on the road. I understand that Ray FHN has arranged to purchase four super long/high gain antennas so that each of the area supervisors will have one. This is to insure that they can maintain the best communications possible. These antennas will be kept at MARC headquarters for use during other MARC events. They, along with the pushup antennas, will become part of our ready reserve of supplies.

We will be wearing the MARC, Event Official, safety vests. Said vests will be issued to each rider by the area supervisor and are to be returned to the motor home in that area. They will have a roster of volunteers and will cross off your name as the vest is

returned. At that time they will give you your Baker 2 Vegas T-shirt.

Just a reminder! It can get hot during the day. Carry water for yourself. A piece of fruit and a candy bar wouldn't hurt either. It can get quite cold at night, so bring lots of warm clothing, a drink of water, and a snack. Watch the weather forecasts for this weekend, it could rain. Don't be caught in a downpour without your rain gear and a plastic bag to keep your radio dry. The motor homes will have some refreshments for all, either sandwiches in the day or soup/chilli at night, also sodas and coffee. So feel free to stop and take them up on their hospitality. I will ask that you use the porta-potties along the route if nature calls, as the facilities in the motor homes are considered to be private. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

All volunteers should have received notification by e-mail or snail mail that the start time of this event has been changed from 12 noon to 11 AM on Saturday 12 April 1997. This means that everyone will have to be in place an hour earlier than planned and that we will each have to work one hour longer. I look at this as one more hour to have fun riding my motorcycle and talking to my friends on the radio. Two of my favorite activities. Please come and join me.

Next is the Tour de Cure. This is a bicycle ride to benefit the American Diabetes Foundation. It will be on Saturday, 26 April 1997. This is a one day event and most volunteers will be finished before noon. There are three different bicycle rides, a 100, 50 and a 25 mile race. Each will require a lead MARC rider, someone in the middle and a tail gunner. The Riverside Amateur Radio Club has asked for assistance manning some of the checkpoints on this ride so we can even use the services of some of our non motorcycle mobile members to help. The Riverside Lyons Club will host a bar-b-que lunch for everyone at the end of the ride. This ride will start and end at Fairmont Park in the city of Riverside, CA. I will attend a meeting with the organizing committee on Thursday, 27 March 1997. At that time I will find out when we are required to be at the park. This event is very well organized and very easy to work. If you haven't worked a MARC

event in the past and want to "Get your Feet Wet" so to speak, this is a good stater event. This is a ride that can be worked two up so feel free to bring a passenger. Contact either Rich Martin, N6MHN or myself and sign up for the Tour de Cure. I will have a sign-up sheet at our MARC meeting on 5 April.

Yes this was a long article but bear with me I promise that future articles will be shorter.

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MARCH HF NET RESULTS

This month's report will be short. Partly due to the lack of good propagation and heavily influenced by an exceptionally busy personal schedule which kept me from operating at all on 3/25.

The month of March resulted in 15 member check-ins with 6 visitors on 20 meters and 40 meters "netted" 12 members and 5 visitors. I believe the sunspot cycle is on the upswing so hopefully contacts will greatly increase. Who knows, we may even be able to hold a 6 meter net!

QST - QST- QST- QST- QST

I am happy to report that our fearless leader KD6FHN, Ray has made yet another commitment of his time and has tentatively scheduled the 3rd Tuesday of each month to visit and work the HF Net with me. Ray is such a great guy and I look forward to sharing the mic. with him each month. So those of you who haven't met ray are in for a real treat. Get your questions, comments, good jokes, anything else ready and join us on the 3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

QST - QST- QST- QST- QST

Beginning April 1st, the 20 meter net 14.340, will start at 1600 hrs PST and END at 1630. The 40 meter net 7.290, will start at 1630 hrs PST and end when the VOA comes on at 1700 hrs. In the event there are good QSO's going on they can continue. Any input RE. this decision PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

73'S to all
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THE LAST PACKET MESSAGE
Dave KC6ZHG

Well, here it is..the last one....thought it would be appropriate for the newsletter:

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Hello Dave and group

I saw your bulletin and felt compelled to drop you a reply. I have been a motorcycle rider for over 30 years, and in the early days I participated in fox hunts (hidden transmitter hunts), field days, and other AR events on both pedal bicycle and on the motorcycle. The biggest problem I had was reading maps whilst riding - hi! There seems to be little motorcycle mobile operation in this state (South Australia), but there may be more in other states.

I still regularly ride a motorcycle (to work, on trips, and for recreation) but have not operated AR from the bike for many years, contenting myself with car and home operation.

It sounds as though you and the others are doing sterling service, and having good fun in to the bargain, keep up the good work.

Regards,
from Graham, VK5EU@VK5WI

LOVE RIDE 1997

We are still very early in the year for any major Love Ride 97 announcements. However we have obtained the date for this years Love Ride, Sunday November 9th. So mark, or MARC, your calendars for that day and plan on having an outstanding time while you're at it.

Lets' all get our bikes in good working order, both mechanically and with our radio gear, and get excited about John KD6NXC's event the Baker to Vegas CCRR Run.

Gary Rutherford, KE6PSD
1997 Love Ride Committee
Pattie Lynch, KE6RDL
1997 Love Ride Committee
Assistant coordinator

MS 150 K



The MS 150 bicycle ride will be taking place on October 4th and 5th. Obviously we have a bit of time until then, but a few changes have taken place which we want you to be aware of. First, there will be NO camping available at Pea Soup Andersons. They have had a change of ownership and the new owners have decided not to allow camping. So, if you want to stay overnight at Pea Soup Andersons, you WILL need to make a reservation toot sweet...as in right now before the brochures come out. The phone number for PS Andersons is 1-800/266-7880...be sure to tell them you are with the MS 150 and want to be in Building D. More to come as we get closer to the event.....

Dave
KC6ZHG
wingman01@earthlink.net

**FROM YOUR 50/50 LADIES:
PAT KD6SBZ & MIJO KF6BEB**

St Patrick's day and Easter brought March winners: 3/5 KE6PRX Ron, 3/12 KE6NCS Stu, 3/19 KD6OFQ Bonnie and last but not least 3/26 KE6NTD Sam. To collect you have to respond on the net or you can be an early-bird check-in and come to the next meeting to reap the \$5.

The Easter bunny hopped up these 50/50/door prize winners:
We had three pots the first won by N6QZT Mike, KE6IDG Gordon and last but again KD6ERC Dollie.

- (1) \$40 gift certificate from Huntington Honda--KD6ERC Dollie
- (2) Nissei Hanging Earphone set from NCG(COMET)-
N6QZT Mike
- (3) Nissei RS-40 SWR & Power Meter(140/450 MHz from
COMET- KD6KSP Mack
- (4) DPI Power Protection from Electronic Times- KD6MPB Mel
- (5) Honeywell Lockout Control from Electronic Times-
KD6KSP Mack

- (6) Quartz Wall Clock from Electronic Times- Emily Naron
- (7) WORLD RADIO SUBSCRIPTION-KE6RDL Pattie

Many other winners of various door prizes.

DOOR PRIZE DONATORS WERE "MARC", Ray & Bonnie, Mike, Mel & Kay, Billy, De Witt.

Here comes the ticket pullers Matthew, Josh, John, Shawn and Emily, all did a great job.

Our waitress Billie did one swell job just hopping around getting everyone served. Thank you sooo much.

One more month and we draw for the Special Raffle in May, our Anniversary meeting--tickets are being sold now for the RP-300 DC POWER SUPPLY. Testing has finished on this special item.

**COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER:
BONNIE KD6OFQ(zyp@juno.com)**

The first thing I have to announce is KE6JWE Carey and KD6VBP Chris are now licensed motorcyclists. They completed the MSF course in Flying colors. And Carcy has earned his Eagle Scout. BIG Congratulations to you both.

Now this month we had several new members and some of these are from the new Arizona Chapter. Lets' welcome 3/4 KC6ZUN Gary (CA), 3/6 KF6JNJ Ron (CA), 3/8 KE6IDG Gordon (CA), 3/10 KK4W Jack (FL), 3/10 KD6MVK Maxic (CA), 3/10 KD6MVJ Pamela (CA), 3/19 KC7TIL Steve (AZ), 3/21 KC7PJO Lynn (AZ), 3/19 KC7PJP Cody (AZ), 3/19 KC7PJQ Liz (AZ), 3/19 KC7TIO Harold (AZ), 3/19 AB7CD Frank (AZ), 3/22 KD6JES Jim (CA), 3/26 N0BAR Bruce (AZ)(seven for the new Az Chapter) This means Arizona is off to a good start. Congratulations to you Danny & Terry along with Pat & Eleanor. Keep 'em coming...If we can be of any assistance to any new members (we are here for you.) If you have anything to submit to the newsletter on technical, schematics, rides or trips whatever just send it e-mail or fax it or just plain mail it. All articles are welcome..

June/July newsletter items due May 28, 1997

E-MAIL CHECK-IN DOLLIE KD6ERC

(dollieb@juno.com)

I am very excited about our quarterly e-mail check-in, I would like to see everyone on e-mail check-in, I think it would be great. Who will be first??? Who will be last??? Guess what it doesn't matter just check-in and be sure you to sign with your name and call-sign so I will recognize you very quickly. Be sure to look for your name in the next newsletter in my report.

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UPCOMING 1997 MARC ACTIVITIES

FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR:

- APRIL 05, SATURDAY-BREAKFAST MEETING**
- APRIL 6, SUNDAY-RIDE FOR LIFE?**
- APRIL 12/13 SAT & SUN-CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE**
- APRIL 26, SAT-TOUR de CURE(DIABETES)**
- MAY 10, SAT-"MARC" 5TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING**
- MAY 18, SUN- RIDE FOR KIDS**
- JUNE 14, SAT- BREAKFAST MEETING**
- JUNE 28/29- FIELD DAY**
- JULY 1-4- WING DING (BILLINGS,MT)**
- JULY 12, SAT- BREAKFAST MEETING**
- AUG 09, SAT- BREAKFAST MEETING**
- SEPT 13, SAT- BREAKFAST MEETING**
- OCT 4/5, SAT & SUN- MS 150**
- OCT 11, SAT PICNIC MEETING???(NEED COORDINATOR)**
- NOV 8, SAT-BREAKFAST MEETING**
- NOV 9, SUN- LOVE RIDE 1997**
- DEC 13, SAT- BREAKFAST MEETING**

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I have a 1978 GL1000 for sale. It runs and looks excellent. The carbs were rebuilt last year, has new tires, Craig CB/Stereo, and has just under 50,000 miles on it. This bike has been very dependable! I want to sell it because the money would go to buying a friend's GL1200. I can send anyone that is interested, a photo through E-MAIL if you want a look at it. I would like to get around \$1700 for it, but that is negotiable.

Contact: KE6HFF Jeff at NHEGG@aol.com (Moreno Valley)

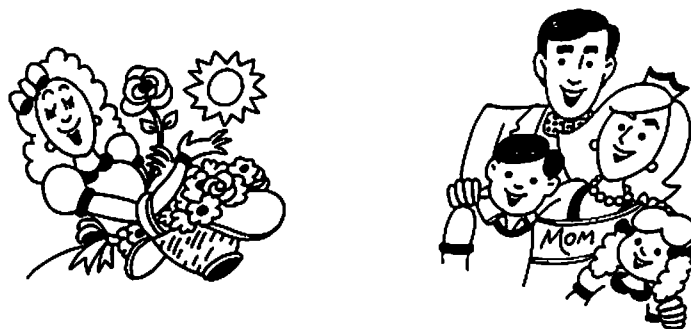
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Contact: KE6RDL, Pattie Lynch (909) 735-6546
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TECH REPORT:

Ray Davis KD6FHN

NISSEI RP-300 EVALUATION REPORT

We have been testing the NISSEI RP-300 unit for the past 3 months for all the normal daily ham radio communications and for both the 440 and 2 meter MARC nets on Wed. nights. During the nets we run 35 watts on the 440 net and 45 watts on the 2 meter net using the Kenwood TM 742A Tri-Bander. At times when needed, we add a 100 watt amplifier for the 440 net or a 170 watt amplifier for the 2 meter net.

The NISSEI Power Supply handled all the low watt output usage as well as the high wattage output occurrences without any problems. Although the power supply is actually rated at 30 Amps continuous loading, it performed at a 34 Amp output level for long periods of time. During one faze of the test we keyed down one of the Kenwood TM 741A's with 45 watts and added the 170 watt RF Concept Model RFC 2-417 2 meter amplifier to it as well and left the radio keyed down for a full hour. Much to our surprise, nothing happened. Since we were testing the power supply and not the radio or the amplifier, we added 4 1/2 inch cooling fans to the radio and the amplifier. The power supply has its own 3 inch fan built in to the inside of the top cover. It runs off the 13.8 volt output side of the unit. The fan comes on when you turn on the unit and runs continuously. The unit put out 34 Amps during the entire one hour test without over heating or faltering.

Previously we had performed the same test using an ASTRON VS-35M power supply which is rated at 35 ICS Amps and 25 Amps continuous. The Astron VS-35M would kick off and had to be reset when trying to use the radio at 45 watts in conjunction with the 170 watt amplifier. Our Astron VS-50M just barely does the same function now with an added cooling fan which it does not come with.

As you can see from the RP-300 Power Supply Instructional Sheet on the next page, the dimensions are H133mm, W260mm and D300mm. That translates into 5 1/4" high, 10 1/2" W, X 12 inches Deep. And the weight of 10.4 kg translates into 23 Lbs. The Current Meter (#4) and the Voltage Meter (#6) are back lit. The unit also has a Voltage Adjustment knob (#8).

Although the Features List on the drawing recommend that you draw no more than 3 Amps from the Sub Current Output Terminal (#5), and the Cigarette Current Outlet (#7), we constantly used the Kenwood TM 741A on 2 meters on high power, putting out 45 watts and drawing 9 Amps from those outlets on the NISSEI RP-300 Power Supply, mostly because I didn't catch it when I read the Instruction Sheet the first time. We didn't notice it until we had almost completed the 3 month test. The unit continues to perform flawlessly, with no apparent damage from the abuse we gave it.

The unit we tested had all the current output terminals on the front. However we understand that on future units, a set of Main Current output terminals like those in figure #3 will also be added to the rear of the unit, while leaving the front of the unit as it is. At first I didn't think I would care for all the wiring coming out the front of the unit. But I can tell you for sure now, that I really love it. Especially when we were constantly changing the wiring set up, changing radios, changing amplifiers, adding cooling fans to the different equipment we were experimenting with and that sort of thing. That's one thing I hate about the Astrons I have, I have to stand on my head or get a step ladder to get to the rear of the other power supplies. The Sub Current output terminal (#5) doesn't even need any end connectors on the wires, you can just twist them and stick them into the self clamping holders. Even the Main Current output terminals (#3) needs no tools or wrenches, they have large knurled nuts on them that remind me of huge wire nuts.

In conclusion, the NISSEI RP-300 is an attractive, functional, well engineered, precision built, dependable power supply. It has done everything asked of it and more. It has done everything that my Astron VS-50M power supply has done, and for a lot less money. This unit is so good looking you will want to leave it out in the open for all your friends to see.

The unit is available from the NCG Company, 714-630-4541 or from outside CA at 1-800-962-2611. It is also available through Electronic Times at 714-375-0388. You can also contact the NCG CO. by email a < micks@cometantenna.com >. The unit sells for \$249.95.

Better yet, MARC is going to give one of these NISSEI RP-300 Power Supplies away for our Super Raffle Prize at the 5th Annual MARC ANNIVERSARY breakfast meeting on Sat. May 10th.

Specification

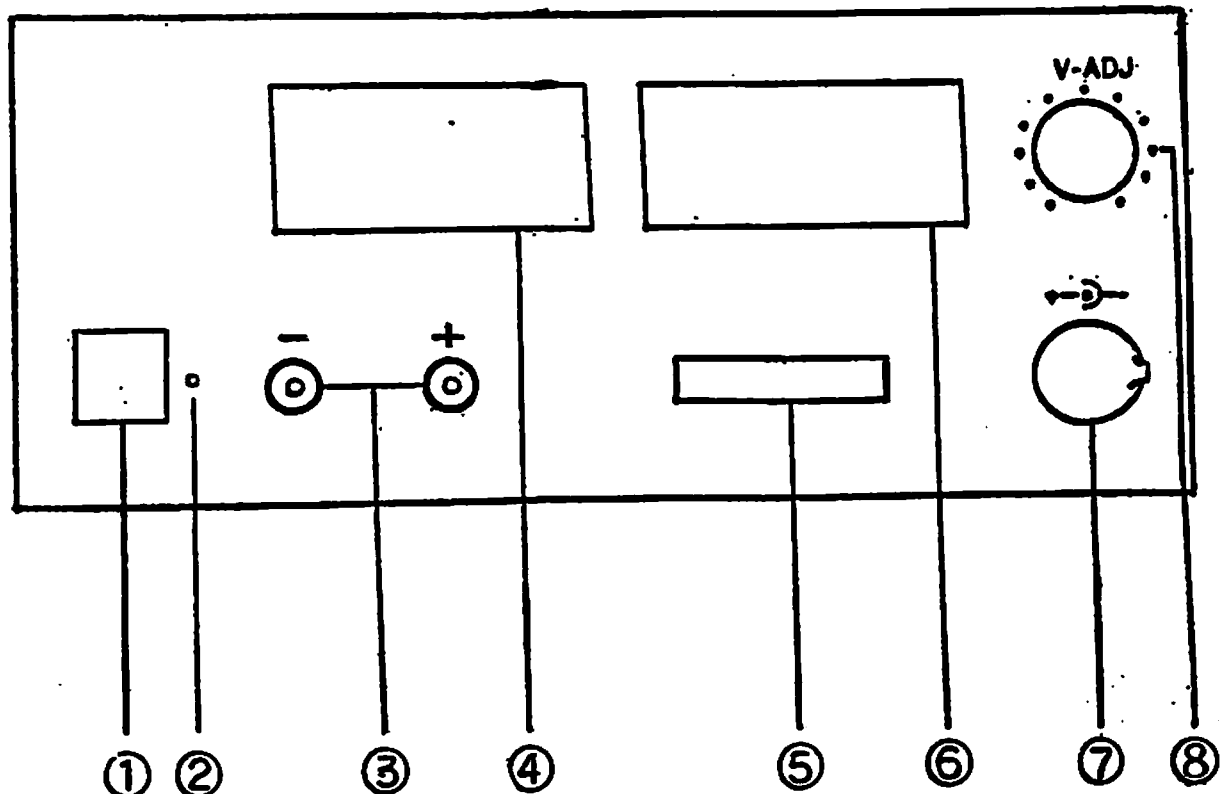
Input Voltage	AC 110V/50HZ
Output Voltage	DC 2V-15V
Output Current	30A (at 13.8V)
Dissipation	Build-in Fan
Protection	Over-voltage protection
	Short-circuit protection
Dimension	H133/W260/D300mm
Weight (Net)	10.4 KG

Features

1. ON/OFF Switch : UP-ON, DOWN-OFF
2. ON/OFF LED indicator : Lightened when "ON"
3. Main Current output terminal
4. Current Meter : Industry-level current meter
5. Sub Current output terminal : Do not exceed 3A, RED +, BLACK -
6. Voltage Meter : Industry-level voltage meter
7. Cigarette Current output : Do not exceed 3A when using
8. Voltage-adjusted knob : Adjust output voltage

* Build-in Over-Voltage and Short-Circuit protection function

- (1) If the voltage at the power supply output side exceeds 16.7V DC, the output side detection circuit will cut off the over-voltage output automatically.
- (2) If the current exceeds 33A due to incorrect polarity connection of the DC power source, the power supply will drop the voltage and minimize the current in order to achieve the shot-circuit protection. For recovery, check on the polarities and current amount at the output side.



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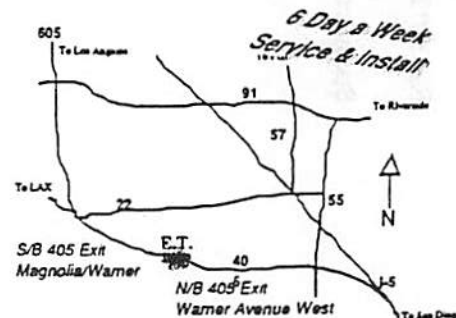
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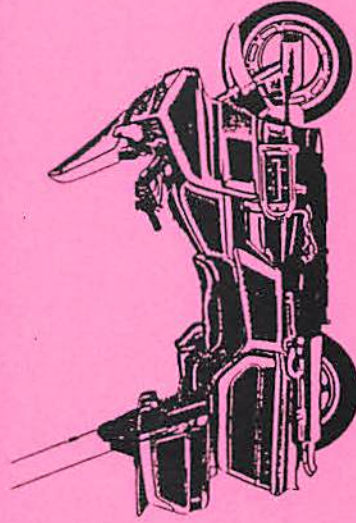
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