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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

On the quarterly MARC E-mail check-ins on Tuesday April 2nd, we had about 50% of the entire MARC e-mail roster check-in. We do it a little different now then we did when we first tried it out back in October of last year. We no longer ask those checking in to go back through the MARC LIST/DIGEST. Now we ask check-ins to go directly to KD6ERC Dollie at dollieb@earthlink.net and she compiles all the information for us. We thank all those members who took part.

The Saturday April 5th MARC breakfast meeting was the largest turn out ever. There were nearly 70 members and visitors in attendance. With all those working the Challenge Cup Relay Race, those wanting to hear our special guest speaker, Attorney Steven Schapiro and several new members, we really had a room full. It's a good thing we brought along all those extra tables & chairs.

I asked for, but did not receive any feed-back about the "Weekly MARC E-mail Bulletins", so I assume everyone is satisfied with the way things are being administered. I plan on buying a lap-top computer to carry with me on the motorcycle this summer to stay in contact with Bonnie and still send in some kind of a Weekly MARC Bulletin from wherever I am. It will be a complete new experience and experiment. I think it would be fun.

Read N6KBI Ken's HF net control report. Last Tuesday (April 29th) I could hear him on both 20 & 40 meters using my little Kenwood TS50S radio and the

Cushcraft R-7 antenna. I could hear MARC members WG6H Bill from Sacramento, CA like he was standing in the same room. Then the guy who was mobile from Houston, TX was booming in here, too. We got his call-sign and sent him a complimentary MARC newsletter the next day. I know Ken was having a great time with all the callers trying to get in. Congratulations Ken and all the HF operators who are helping Ken make the HF net so successful.

On Friday April 11th at 8 AM KD6OFQ Bonnie, Louisa, N6EDY Billy and I left for Las Vegas and the Challenge Cup Relay Race. Bonnie and Louisa rode in the van with all the communication equipment and Billy & I followed on the motorcycles. That was the start of one heck of a weekend, which ended when we got home the following Monday about 5 PM. Read KD6NXC John's report on the CCRR for details.

I was unable to get down to Ken's for the HF net on Tuesday April 17th due to a little illness that befell me about the time I was about to get on the motorcycle and head his way. It seems as though I had a little attack of amnesia that lasted for just a few moments, but I couldn't remember anything before and during that period of time but the memory returns in a few minutes. Its about the 4th or 5th time it has happened over the last three and a half years. Bonnie rushed me to the hospital to do a battery of tests, but as has happened before, they couldn't find anything wrong.

Also see KD6NXC John's report on the Saturday April 26th "Tour De Cure" bicycle ride out at Riverside, CA. John can now relax and take a break, as he was the 1997 MARC coordinator for both the CCRR and the "Tour De Cure" charity events. John and his assistants have done a spectacular job on both events. Both events went off with near perfect precision and communications. A very big THANK YOU goes to John and all the MARC members who are always there to support those events.

Saturday May 10th is the FIFTH ANNUAL MARC ANNIVERSARY breakfast meeting and party. Many great things will happen at this meeting. We hope to beat the turn-out (52) at last years anniversary meeting. Then there will be the Super Raffle drawing for a NISSEI RP-300 Power Supply (just like the one we tested and reported on in last months N/L), also a genuine Black Leather Harley Jacket will also be drawn from the Super Raffle tickets. Then we have many other great door prizes (one a Power Pocket rechargeable Nicad battery system-\$66.95 value) to choose from along with three 50/50 drawings of approximately \$40 each. Then we will hand out the copies of the final results of the CCRR which documents all the citations we wrote and the outcome of the protests of those citations.. Then we will have a short review of the CCRR. Immediately after the meeting we will take our annual group picture for the MARC historical album and one with all of those who worked the CCRR [to be used in possible future CCRR brochures. So come on out and be part

of history, have a lot of fun and join in the MARC camaraderie.

Speaking of the CCRR, we need all the MARC vests and equipment back that we loaned out, so if you have not returned them please bring them to the meeting on Saturday May 10th.

Hey don't forget Sunday May 11th is MOTHER'S DAY...

Then the following Sunday May 18th (my 65th birthday) is the "Honda Ride For Kids" from the Honda Headquarters in Torrance, CA. We will hear the final report on that event from N6EDY Billy at the Saturday May 10th MARC meeting.

Then Friday May 30th is Memorial Day. I don't know about the rest of our members, but I plan on being somewhere between San Ysidro, CA and Key West, FL via Blaine, WA and Madawaska, ME while doing the SCMA USA Four Corners Tour for the ninth time. With a stop in Billings, MT to find a place to hold either a breakfast or dinner get together while at Wing Ding from July 1st through July 5th.

So let's see now, I've mentioned two of the rides I plan on doing this year, (1) USA 4 Corners & (2) Wing Ding. That leaves (3) Sturgis Rally August 4th thru August 10th (I have confirmed reservations at Hidden Valley Campground) and the final ride (4) SCMA Three Flags Classic over Labor Day weekend, August 28th thru September 1st. This year it goes from Nogales, Mexico to Moose Jaw Saskatchewan, Canada. Then if I can, I would like to throw in a couple of IBMC campouts in there along the way, hmmm maybe Americade (been there), the National IBMC campout in Winthrop, WA. June 25-27 (not been there) or some of the other great rallies around the country. We will see what happens this year.

I gotta remind everyone once again about the e-mail signatures. "Please Please put your first name and call sign in your signature of "ANY" e-mail you send through the MARC LIST/DIGEST or to any of our staff members. Without it we have to go through the whole e-mail roster to find out who it is. I really become tired of it. It's a big job answering 15 to 18 inquiries about MARC and about Ham radio installations on motorcycles everyday. So "PLEASE" give us a break here at the

Club office and use your first name and call-sign in your signature and/or use an e-mail address like

<raykd6fhn@earthlink.net>. One look and everyone knows who it is. Thank You Very Much for your kind consideration and help.

Bonnie is really doing good on her new 200MMX HP computer. She went out and bought the top of the line everything to put in her MARC office. The old 486/50 was not keeping up with the times. This newsletter will be the first of many on that new computer I'm sure, with 2.1 gig of hard drive she won't run out of memory soon.

Bonnie brought home the new MARC stationary and envelopes today and they really look professional. The one thing that the MARC club can say about itself is that it is a class operation.

Our caps, tee-shirts, sweat shirts, badges, pins, decals, QSL & business cards and now the stationary are top of the line and classy looking. We like the idea that our members can wear their MARC products with dignity and pride and be recognized wherever they go as well-meaning, loving, caring, sociable members of an organization who are dedicated to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. That's who we are, that's what we stand for.

Comet (NCG) has a new 2-meter/440 dual band beam that is coming soon. They will get two of them at first and have asked MARC to test at least one of them and write an article for them. They should be here by the Saturday May 10th meeting. If they are, we will try and bring some literature about them along with us.

We are eager to hear about how many people show up at the MARC meeting in Morango, IL. To see if they can get another MARC chapter started in that area. We know WA9FFL Paul is going to be there. We have 13 MARC members living in the IL & WI area. I had good intentions of making the trip, as anyone on e-mail knows, but after looking at the forecast of cold and heavy rains for the weekend of May 3rd I decided against it. Maybe I will be going through there at a later date and make it to one of their meetings if everything works out for them.

Sounds like the AZ Chapter is still gaining momentum as Danny KD6FLP reports through e-mail.

Congratulations Danny, we are extremely proud of you, keep up the good work.

The June/July newsletter will be out on or about June 9th.

Well that's about enough rambling for this month. We hope that everyone enjoys the extra newsletter MARC put out this month.

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THIS AND THAT

by: De Witt KM6UK

Hello there fellow MARC members. A little bonus this month, an unexpected newsletter. I had thought that Ray and Bonnie were going to be off riding somewhere.

Well, speaking of being off riding, there is a lot of talk on the Internet, about the S.C.M.A.'s, USA 4 Corners Ride. I think our President, Mr. Ray Davis, has done the ride 8 times. Bonnie has gone with him on several.

I was fortunate enough to have done the ride two times, but only one officially. What a trip! I don't think I have ever been in heavier rain. In Roanoke, Virginia, I was humming along listening to country music on a Roanoke radio station, and I heard the truckers talking about how hard it was raining there.

I look off to my right, and I can see what they are talking about, but, I had a big smile on my face because it was moving one direction, and I another.

I suddenly lost that big grin because, whoops, dumb freeway makes a big sweeping turn....to the right. Might as well have poured a water bucket over my head. It rained HARD!!!!

The route is easy any way you do it. It MUST be completed in not more than 21 days. Heck, that's less than 400 miles average per day. So if you want to race ahead, and put a couple of days in the bank, you can R & R someplace fun down the line.

For you folks who like statistics, the following is a little taste...

Four Corners-How far is it? DeLorme Map'n'Go
2 Shortest Route Option.

Longest Way.....

Blaine, Washington	Start
Madawaska, Maine	3025 mi
Key West, Florida	2080 mi
San Ysidro, CA	2805 mi
Total	7910 mi

Shortest Way.....

Madawaska, Maine	Start
Key West, Florida	2080 mi
San Ysidro, CA	2805 mi
Blaine, Washington	1380 mi
Total	6265 mi

Well that is what 'that' says, but I slipped into Canada, so my mileage was somewhere around 11,000+. Going into Canada 'may' not be the best way, as the roads are often not too good, prices are higher, fuel is higher, but, that is made up for by the wonderful hospitality of our Canadian neighbors. Remember, they are 'Americans' too. If only Quebec'ers were as friendly as the rest of their country....;>)

You can do the four 'corners' anyway you choose. I went San Ysidro, Blaine, Madawaska, Key West. I always wanted a piece of Key Lime Pie, in Key West. I enjoyed it as much as I thought I would.:)

The second time, I went unofficially, the other way. My mileage was considerably higher, because I did all 49 States along the way. Took me longer too, 6 glorious weeks.

We have a beautiful country folks, the song "America the Beautiful" says it much more eloquently than I, but I have enjoyed it to the fullest.

My fondest wish is to go out of this life, having as my epitaph, "BEEN THERE, DONE THAT!"

ANNUAL HONDA RIDE FOR KIDS

The date will be on Sunday May 18; And again, MARC will provide the communications and "Motor Officer Escort" duties for this annual ride-benefiting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Research Foundation. This is a most worthy endeavor since pediatric brain tumors are presently the No 1 problem facing the medical treatment of our children.

We will meet at the Dennys Restaurant, 17230 Lakewood Blvd.,

Lakewood (at the Lakewood exit off the 91 Freeway). Inasmuch as there will be coffee, rolls and donuts at the check-in point when we arrive- it won't be necessary to eat before hand. However, if you do want to eat breakfast-plan to arrive at the restaurant early enough to eat and be in the parking lot no later than 0630 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. We will have the MARC Net Control operating from our "Message Center Tent".

This will provide a central place for anyone that needs to make contact with either "Fred" or "Mike"- who will each have a "shadow" with them. Additionally, as the two "honchos" develops a need for information, or some problem arises and need to be chased down.-MARC members with HT's may be dispatched by Net Control to handle the situation. Be sure to bring your HT to carry around with you while you are just roaming around-as you just might be in the "right spot" for the particular situation. Additionally we will set up four "traffic direction" points to guide the incoming groups to the event. These positions will be closed about 1030 so those "outposts" will have time to get back for the "Parade Ride". Presently, the number of members signing up suggests that we will have enough people to rotate all the assignments-so that everyone gets a chance to take in the "activities".

Although, you should probably be finished right after the Parade of Bikes, plan to stay for lunch and view some of the activities and entertainment. You'll be glad you did. There will be tours of the Honda facility, and the new Honda Electric Car (Some people will get to ride in the New Electric Car), as well as other Honda products. The Victor McLaghlen Motor Corps will perform in their own spectacular manor. There will be Trails Riding demonstrations; And, you may enter the "Skills Riding" competition (or just watch)- being conducted by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

For the "Ride", we will be setting up the tall antenna mast at net control- and working the whole show on our MARC simplex frequency. There are a couple of "blind spots" on the course-out near

the water-however, you should have no problem in relaying to someone, either in front or to the rear, while you are in the blind spots-If we were to have an emergency during that time. If some one develops a problem, one MARC member should remain with them, and report the progress. The Lead and "sweep" should keep net control advised of the rides progress- especially on the return trip- as the food preparation people will "time" themselves to have lunch ready to serve when the bikes return.

We will again attempt to have a MARC member with a HAT, ride in the "Lead Police Vehicle". This will allow us to pass on instructions from them. All ride participants have been instructed to monitor CB channel 5 for ride instructions issued by our MARC Motor Officers. This channel is ONLY for us to pass on ride instructions to them. IT IS NOT a "CHATTER CHANNEL" for them to talk on.

Although some of the motorcycle clubs, including MARC, were asked to "adopt" one of the poster children for the day, and for the ride; the MARC Board of Directors decided that this was not in keeping with our mission of providing our services-and we will not be participating in that endeavor.

As usual, you'll be covered for lunch by your participation as a MARC member. However this is, in fact, a charitable event- An event that is put on by motorcyclists. And, as such- we as motorcyclists- should get behind this endeavor. Not only with our services, but with our money collecting capabilities as well. There are money "collection kits" available at the breakfast meeting- to help you make that additional effort.

Last but not least, make sure that we have your name, call-sign and phone # on the sign-up sheet. Also, include your passengers name- if there is one. Additionally, there may be the possibility of a t-shirt this time for the workers. No promises yet, but add your t-shirt size to the sign-up sheet-as well-so that I will have that info if it pans out.

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FROM YOUR 2 VP:

Hi all, from John (NXC) and John (UAM). The 1997 Baker to Vegas is now in the history books. On 12 and 13 April, 1997, a team of 46 MARC members and 27 other volunteers from such organizations as the Peacemakers, The Gold Wing Road Riders Assn., the Blue Knights, and just volunteers, came together for the massive undertaking of providing communications and safety escort for individuals and assigning the right person to the right job was quite a task.

Thankfully, everyone was there and performed exquisitely. The Baker to Vegas was a huge success.

The overall winner was Team #1, LAPD Training/Air Support, with a time of 13 hrs. 12.37 sec.
Second, Team #4, LAPD Metro
Third, Team #170, LASD MCJ/IRC
Fourth, Team #2, San Diego PD

In the Women's category:
First, Team #179, LAPD Women, with a time of 16 hrs. 11.35 sec. (57th overall)

Second, Team #154, San Bernardino/Riverside Co. SD
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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These runners were the winners in print. However, to me, all the runners were winners, and without our volunteers and all the other people out there to help with this event, there would not be any winners. Therefore, we are all winners...

I have heard from the organizers of this event and from many of the participants in the race. They all say "thank you, thank you, thank you". Everyone was very appreciative of the outstanding job that MARC did this year. They were not prepared for the professionalism of our group. Everyone was there to do a job and they did it well. I would like to thank everyone who worked this event in this newsletter. However, a list that long would require several pages and I have mailed an individual thank you to each and every one of the participants. Nevertheless, I feel that I must mention a few. Ray and Bonnie did a bang-up job with all the net control equipment. John (Zoz) was a big help to them, assembling all the radio gear. You

would not believe all the "stuff" that they can pack into one footlocker! Our Net Control base station was wheeled into the Vacation Village location, set up, ran all day and all night, disassembled, packed away and rolled out. The other volunteers at the Command Post could not believe the efficiency of our crew!

Well, that was not all for Ray. He worked at net control, then went out on the road to supervise Legs 13-16, unbelievable! De Witt (UK), supervised Legs 1-4 and was shadowed by Billy, (EDY), who was to supervise Leg #1. These two gentlemen worked their areas and then rode ahead to help in the congested areas of Legs 8 and 9, where a lot of overtaking was in progress. It was well after "dark thirty" when I had to encourage both to return to Las Vegas and get some well deserved rest. A special thanks to Richard Studdard who supervised Legs 5-8 and to Terry Lewis, (LI), who supervised Legs 9-12. Quiet, but effective, and very busy, as this is the area where the slow runners are overtaken by the faster runners and the roadways are very congested and difficult to work. Then, there was my friend Gary, (PSD). Would you believe that he spent three days before the race helping a repair shop install a new stator on his Gold Wing. Well, in this process he got something he did not bargain for, a case of the FLU! Most would have called and canceled, but Gary knew that he was needed, so he was there supervising Legs 17-20. Just ask him and other volunteers that were out there at the Fire Station near Mt. Springs Pass, it was "COLD" up there on the hill that night.

A quick thank you to all the Motor Home operators. The food and accommodations were great. The relay stations worked better than expected even though one of them (George, [CYP] and Stu [NCS]) were recruited at the last minute to help MARC. George & Stu were at Ibec Pass to work for the DEA. Being MARC members they were brought on, "volunteered", to help relay from there to Net Control, as a dust storm was interfering with our normal communications. They did both jobs, ours and that for the DEA, outstandingly. Our Net Control workers were very efficient. Even the "Old

Time" communicators that were working at the Command Post radios could not believe how well our people did their job, shift changes and all. Bonnie was a leader for the group and provided the cohesiveness to keep them together and working the many long hours. A thank you to all.

There will be a photograph session after the breakfast meeting on 10 May, 1997 at the Lake View Café. The race organizers have requested that we provide them a photograph of our "TEAM" that worked this event. Please join us. I will also have a short debrief of all of our riders/volunteers after the photo session. So if you have anything that you wish to say to me or to forward to the committee about this event, come on down and please express your views.

John F. Reynolds, KD6NX
1997 Challenge Cup Relay Race
Coordinator

APRIL HF REPORT:

Well, needless to say "the Cycle" has not changed enough to make much difference in HF contacts, although the 29th was pretty good.

The month of April resulted in 21 member contacts on 20 meters with 11 visitors. On 40 meters we had 15 member contacts and 7 visitors with one visitor Joe, KE6LNQ becoming a member of our fine club.

I have really enjoyed the QSO's and feel I have gained some neat friends as I work the HF Net each week.

Hopefully the weather is changing for those of you in the cold country. Soon you will be "in the wind" enjoying that great feeling of freedom that can only come from riding a motorcycle. Please feel free to share those rides with the rest of us via the MARC List.
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Ray and I are still committed to having Ray join me for the HF Net on the THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH--as circumstances permit. Unfortunately this month Circumstances got in the way.

Any comments, questions, suggestions, good jokes or whatever—
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I'll be listening for YOU on HF....

Ken N6KBI
HF Net Control

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

April Fool didn't fool very many people in April as far as the \$5 net winners who were: 4/2 KE6WCA Sue(pd \$5) , 4/9 KE6VDY Windy (\$5), 4/16 KC6PHI Conrad (\$5), 4/23 KF6HJT Teri(\$5), 4/30 KD6MPB Mel (\$5). 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.

April Showers there weren't but 50/50/door prize winners there were::

We had three pots the first won by KM6UK De Witt, N6EDY Billy again and once again KD6ERC Dollie.

- (1) \$20 gift certificate from Huntington Honda-Emily Naron
- (2) \$20 gift certificate from Huntington Honda-KC6ZHG Dave
- (3) CH-501X ANTENNA (144/430/900 MHz) donated by COMET(NGC)- KD6ERC Dollie

(4) Power Pocket from Comet(NGC)- KD6RIN Chuck

(5) World Radio Subscription(MARC)- N6EDY Billy

(6) FCC License/Code Prep Course-N6QZT Mike

(7) Black & Decker Snakelite- KM6UK De Witt

Many other winners of various door prizes.

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

The rain drop ticket pullers Matthew, Willy, Emily, David and Steven, all did a great job.

Our waitress Billie & Jackie came through in flying colors..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. Also we will have a Genuine Leather Harley Jacket to be drawn on the Special Raffle tickets.

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER:

BONNIE KD6OFQ(zyp@juno.com)

Jumping on the MARC Roster AS New Members are: 4/3 Keith Burbach KC7UXQ-OR, 4/12 Karl Sanchez II KF6IEQ-CA, 4/12 Linda Julien N1XUO- MA, 4/12 Joel Herda-MA, 4/12 Joe Berkman KE6LNQ-CA, 4/30 Richard Bowers KD6TIQ-CA, 4/30 Judith Bowers KE6QQL-CA We want to welcome each of you and if there are any questions we can answer feel free to call us as we are here for you.

Our guest speaker Steven Schapiro drew lots of attention from the group, since our time was so limited, we hope to have him back again. Too little time and millions of questions sure did make people think twice about insurance.. Thanks for all the wallets, they are greatly appreciated.

What a great meeting we had, lots of members and lots of guests. We hope to have as many or more for our May anniversary meeting.

We received a note from KC7JMW Bob Baker's daughter writing for Bob that he is making such good progress and it touched his heart to receive our cards and to know he was being thought of in such a loving way.

We are happy to hear KM6UK De Witt's xyl Anita is progressing right along; Kay, KD6MPB Mel's xyl, is healing nicely; Now Pattie KE6RDL who we know can't play football for awhile but she is slowly healing and it will take a lot longer this time for the healing procedure. Our love and prayers are with each and everyone who is on the ill list, in the hospital, or recovering, we care and love each one.

QUARTERLY E-MAIL CHECK-IN WRAP-UP

DOLLIE- KD6ERC (dollieb@juno.com)

Thanks to all you great folks that took your time to make our first quarterly MARC e-mail check-in the rousing success that it was. We had 61 check-ins, representing 8 states and Canada. That's about half of the members that are e-mail capable. Our e-mail family just keeps growing.

Some have asked why the e-mail check-ins when we already have weekly radio nets? The purpose is two fold. On is so that all MARC members can be included in a net, wherever they live, and secondly it is to verify E-mail addresses. This gives us a check every three months so that we can keep the e-mail list up to date.

Looking forward to 100% participation in JULY!!!!

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UPCOMING 1997 MARC ACTIVITIES FOR 1997

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

FOR SALE:

Three wheel Chevy Trike, all military, three passengers can ride in comfort, completely licensed and ready to roll, great for a handicapped person. Custom built and finished up two years ago.

Drives and rides very nice, real hot for the ladies, too!! Need a demo or picture??

Call KC6NDC Steve at 213-733-1231

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)

1985 Honda Elite 250 (Burgundy in color)

Low mileage: 7,500-AM/FM Stereo

Back Trunk, New tires and battery

\$ 900

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

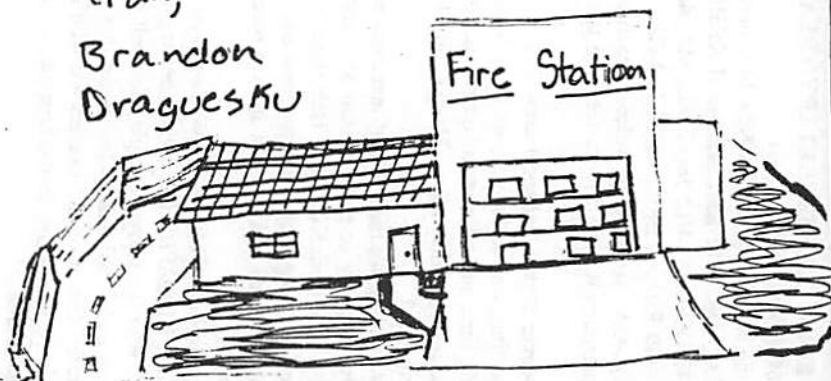
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What's My Line

Ray Davis,

Thanks for spending your
time with us you gave a good
example of what you need to
be a fire fighter I think that's
a wonderful job. Thank's agin.

From,
Brandon
Draguesku



William S. Cravcraft
Mayor

Susan Withrow
Mayor Pro Tem

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Thomas R. Potocki
Council Member

Larry Smith
Council Member

March 25,



City of Mission Viejo

Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center

Dear KAST Seniors:

What a successful day we had for our 1997 What's My Line program. The participation and enthusiasm of the seniors was better than ever ... with 54 senior panelists impressing the kids with career information. It takes creative "imposters" to really make this work. Thanks to each of you for making this year's event the BEST YET!

We have received beautiful thank you notes from the students. Please stop at the information desk to claim yours.

Some upcoming opportunities for important involvement with school children are:

April 15 Volunteer tutors 3:30 P. M. Here at the center
Commit to an hour per week for the last 8 weeks in the classroom/school to boost a child to a successful year. (A little time now will insure a better world tomorrow).

May 2 Medieval Faire 12:00-2:30 P. M. Newhart School
Fun, Games and medieval activities planned by the same students you've met for Interviews and What's My Line. (Sign up at our center or call 470-3062)

June 2 Jeopardy Game Throughout the day Here at the center
Observe or team with your student buddies for another game show day.

Thank you again for joining our intergenerational activities with students. Everyone benefits from these experiences....kids and seniors together....long live KAST!

Sincerely,

Nancy Herrmann
Community Services Supervisor

NH:dm

TO GO OR NOT TO GO

Last summer I had promised my daughter, Malori, that we would go camping. Sequoia or Mammoth? Mammoth won. My son, Owen, decided that he would also like to go. He rides a Honda CX 500 that runs good, but has seen better days.

The last day of July dawned cool and clear. We had both bikes packed and ready to go except for gas. We mount up and are at the ARCO by 5:15 A.M. We gas the bikes, hot drinks, and donuts for us, and we are ready to get on the road. Not! Owen's bike won't start, and the lights don't work. We spend an hour checking everything out before we find the problem. The ignition switch has failed, it came apart and all of the little springs and copper contacts fell out. After searching for another hour we find enough of them to make the CX run, sort of, maybe, and if you get the tape on just right.

Now this is where I start to wonder. **IS SOMEBODY TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING?** Do we regroup and go another time? Does Owen stay home with his sick bike, or do we tempt fate and continue? Owen says go. Malori can't wait to get going!

We hit the road. About 10 miles out I find that my headset has receive but no transmit audio on the dual bander. The hand mic works so we keep going. Between Lancaster and Bishop the 5500 quits, and is repaired, four times. One of the quits let some of the smoke out of the wires, and blew most of the lights, we make repairs and trudge on. Malori is starting to wonder if this trip is a good idea. Owen is stubborn. In Bishop we find the Honda shop and an ignition switch that almost fits, we buy it and make repairs, again. Almost everything works, and the bike is legal. On to Mammoth, and the Devil's Post Pile National Monument.

Soda Springs camp ground is a sight for sore eyes. We get a camp site that is just perfect, fairly close to the river, the water spigot, trash cans, and most importantly the rest rooms. The tent site is level and shaded from the noon sun. Our luck has changed!

After setting up camp and while eating lunch I go over the do's and don'ts with Malori and Owen. What to do if they encounter bear and other wild life. When all is said and done, exploring is the order of the day. We gather fire wood for the evening camp fire, see several deer, and help chase a momma bear and her cub out of the camp ground. Malori is quite excited about her day in camp. It is only her second time camping.

Thursday morning is fantastic! I get up, make coffee, and chop wood for the fire. Owen gets up and offers to help with the wood. OK! Right. Owen is about half way through a log when the ax hits a knot and is deflected into his left arm. I hear that somebody trying to say something again. After practicing my first aid skills in camp, I take Owen to the Emergency Room in Mammoth. The wait is short, the ER personnel are very nice, and the medical treatment is excellent. Four stitches, a tetanus shot, and we are headed back to camp. Total time three hours including travel time.

Malori stayed with a new friend that she had met in the camp next to us. They took her fishing, and she caught her first trout. Now we all know that the first time out it is a law of the universe that you catch at least one fish. The rest of the day Owen spent in camp recuperating, while Malori and I went touring.

The next day was spectacular. Owen felt well enough to ride so off we went. Tioga pass, Tuolumne Meadows, Lake Tenaya for lunch, Mono Lake and the Tufa towers, you know all of the garbage spots in the area. We all had a good time.

Every trip must come to an end and this one is no exception. We pack up and head home on Saturday. Owen's bike is running well, the day is warm, clear, and the WIND is blowing Volkswagen busses off highway 395 like cardboard boxes. We struggle south until we get to the southern boundary of Red Rock Canyon State Park where the CX 500 runs out of gas, two miles short of the Jaw Bone Canyon gas station. We don't have a gas can, so we remove the tank from Owen's bike to use as a gas can. The gas station is closed. The closest gas is in Cal City, 15 miles off of 395. Somebody saying something again? After fetching the gas we proceeded home without any further problems.

I learned several things on this trip, if things start out bad give some long and hard thought about **TO GO OR NOT TO GO**. That somebody may be talking to YOU!

73 de KA6BWZ Jerry Anthony

INTERIM RULE CLARIFIES FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

The American Motorcyclist Association and others in the motorcyclist rights movement are cautiously optimistic about a preliminary federal rule that would curtail health insurance discrimination against motorcyclists.

The interim rule, to be issued April 8 and currently being finalized by officials in the Department of Health and Human Services, Labor and the Treasury, is another step toward the final implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Portions of that act prohibit employers from denying health care coverage to employees who are injured while riding motorcycles. While some of the language in the interim rule indicates that federal regulators do not intend to allow employers to arbitrarily reduce health care benefits for certain classes of individuals like motorcyclists, there are other portions of the regulation where officials are still seeking public comment before drafting their final rule.

"We are extremely pleased that federal officials listened to our comments, and that the interim rule reflects our concerns," said Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations. "However, there are still areas where the various departments are seeking guidance before they issue their final interpretation. We are encouraged, but our work is not done yet."

"While we were busy arguing over which company makes the best motorcycle, the government took our bikes away!"



TOUR DE CURE

On Saturday 26 April, 1997 a group of 35 volunteers from MARC and Chapter "M" of the Gold Wing Road Riders Assn. Assembled at Fairmont Park in Riverside, CA. All were there to provide communications and escort for the bicyclists participating in the "Tour de Cure" an event to raise funds to help find a cure for diabetes.

There 22 motorcycles (11 equipped with "Ham Gear") and the rest CB equipped. Ken, was on his trike, Stu, and Jeff, were in their 4-wheelers. Ken, Stu and Jeff worked at check points, assisting the Riverside Amateur Radio Club with communications in the field. The rest of us were divided up in groups to escort three different rides. A 100 mile ride that wound its way from the park in Riverside through the city of Riverside, over the hill to Moreno Valley. Then around Perris Lake and on to Canyon Lake. From there, the ride passed Lake Elsinore, Lake Matthews and Evans Lake and returned to the Lakes at Fairmont Park. This was a long day, as these riders were on the road from 6:30 am till after 3 pm. The second ride was a 50 mile event that toured Riverside, Colton and the south side of Loma Linda and Redlands. Ask the riders what they thought of the homes on the back side of Redlands (very ritzy). The 25 mile ride offered friends and families the opportunity to ride together from the park in Riverside to the Honda Training Center in Colton and back.

The staff from the "Tour" were very pleased with job that all the escort and communications personnel did and we are assured that we will be invited back again. As far as I know, there were only two minor accidents resulting in skinned knees and palms when riders fell when turning and going through water. Naturally, MARC members were there instantly to put out the call for aid and to tend to the injured.

A big thank you was received from the Riverside Amateur Radio Club who provided Net Control and on site communications for this event. There were some areas that were very lacking in communications, next year I hope to have time to pre-ride the 50 and 100 mile routes before the event and check on repeater coverage in all areas thus assuring that we all have communications when needed.

Now a big Thank You from Rich Martin and I for the help that you provided on this event. We are both well aware that many have not yet recuperated from the Baker to Vegas race two weeks ago. Assisting in this latest event were:

Ray, (FHN); Terry, (LI); Rich, (MHN); Dave, (ZHG) and Susan; Gary, (PSD) and Charlotte; De Witt, (UK) and Matthew; John(ZOZ) and Teri, (HJT); Mark, (MVN); Gary, (BIT) and Norma, (BIS); John, NXC and Mijo, (BEB); Jeff, (LEM); Stu, (NCS); and last but not least Ken, (KBI), the voice from Bermuda Dunes.

We will all be looking forward to seeing more of our MARC friends "On the road to a cure" next year. And I am personally looking forward to helping with the Ride For Kids and all of our other charity events coming the rest of the year.

John F. Reynolds, KD6NXC
2VP MARC
"Tour de Cure"
Assistant Coordinator

FROM THE ARIZONA CHAPTER:

Danny Velderrain KD6FLP

Well, Ray, the meeting went well, we had Liz KC7PJO as the Net Control. The check-ins were as follows: Early Birds were, Ray KD6FHN, Bonnie KD7OFQ, De Witt KM6UK, Terry KJ7LI, Pat KD6SBZ, Danny KD6FLP. Other check-ins were Marty Shippiro, Glendale, AZ, and Steve KC7TIL with info on the deep cycle battery which Marty KA7GKN passed on to him, with the address where they can be purchased. And it's the Black Panther dry cell batteries. I'll send you the flyer on them so you can see for yourself.

OK that's it for now, will keep in touch.

FROM THE IL/WI MAY 3RD MEETING:

Paul Plaster WA9FFL

Howdy All,

Today was the organizational meeting for the IL., WI chapter. The temperature was 34 degrees, it was drizzling. Typical No. IL spring weather.

Four of us showed up, and had a nice meeting-visit. Norm N9ZKS came the furthest, about 170 miles. Doug N9SPF came from Lake county, and Marsha KB9NGN and I from Rockford. I had hoped some of the other people that expressed an interest would have shown up, but they couldn't for various reasons.

We decided the next official meeting will take place at the "Petro" truck stop on I-39 just north of Rochelle, where we will leave from there to go on a ride that Norm is going to lay out for us. We also decided to let each other know when ever we are going to go anywhere so that if it is convenient we will meet, or ride along.

Due to the great mileage between us 2-meters will not do for a local net, so we are going to try to utilize the existing MARC HF net for now. We will try to get to each others area to assist if a public service event is taking place there.

We also decided for now the business meetings will be short and more social, with a ride or other event attached.

For the most part we met with no-conceived notions of what was going to happen, and things can be worked out as we go.

As we broke the meeting up it was up to mid 40's and partly sunny. As we parted we agreed to pass the of our group, with the expectations that the group will grow.

73, Paul WA9FFL

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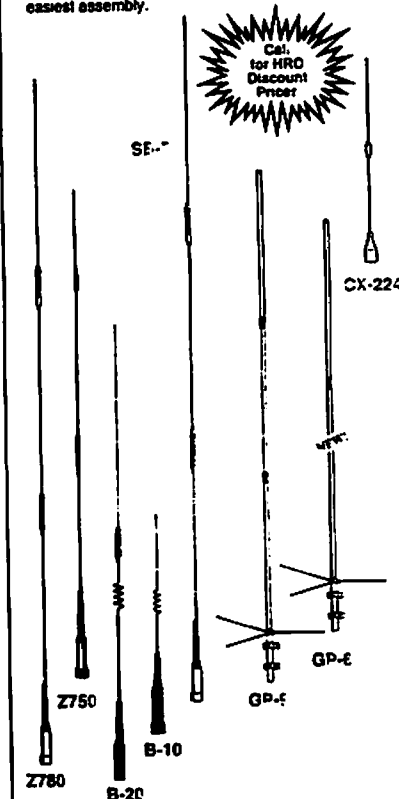
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GP-4	2m/70cm	6.5/9.0	200	SO-239	3.8"	19'3"	90	\$174.95
GP-3	2m/70cm	4.5/7.2	200	SO-239	2.12"	5'11"	112	\$121.95
CA-3000	10m/6m	2.15/3.5	100 FM	SO-239	7.8"	22'7"	85	\$318.95
CA-1232	70cm/23cm	8.4/12.8	150/50	14-Female	3.9"	7'5"	90	\$181.95
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SB-3758-2XMO	2m/70cm	2.15/3.8	100	PL-250	-	2'0"	-	\$35.95
B-10	2m/70cm	-2.15	50	PL-259	-	1'2"	-	\$28.95
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GP-15	6m/2m/70cm	3.6/23.6	200	150-239	2.15"	7'11"	80	\$188.95
GP-40	2m/70cm/23cm	4.5/7.2/10	200	14-Female	2.8"	5'7"	112	\$149.95
GP-40	2m/70cm/23cm	6.5/9.0/13.5	100	14-Female	3.8"	6'4"	90	\$229.95
GP-333	2m/220/70cm	6.5/7.0/9.0	120	150-239	2.16"	10'2"	112	\$214.95
Tri-Band Mobile Antennas								
T-115	6m/2m/70cm	12.1/14.5/2.2	120	1 PL-259	-	4'10"	-	\$104.95
SB-67	2m/70cm/23cm	3.0/6.0/9.4	100	14-Female	-	3'2"	-	\$84.95
CS-224	2m/220/70cm	2.15/3.2/5.5	150	1 PL-259	-	3'1"	-	\$82.95
CS-224NMO	2m/220/70cm	2.15/3.2/5.5	150	NMO	-	3'1"	-	\$82.95
CA-4V	40/120/15/10	14 Wave	120	PL-259	MAX 1 1'3"	MAX 1 6'2"	-	\$149.95
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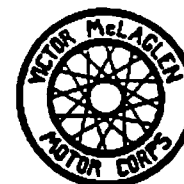
MODEL	BANDS	GAIN	MAX PWR Watts	CONN	LEN FT	HRO Price
Single Band Antennas						
SB-35/39-28NMO	2m	4.1	100	PL-259/NMO	4'8"	\$49.95
SB-44	70cm	8.5	130	PL-259	1'3"	\$44.95
HT Antennas						
CH-32 MRO Ant	2m/70cm	-	10	BNC	1.75'	\$33.95
BMA-3	2m/70/23cm	1.3/1.7/2.4	85	BNC	6'38"	\$41.95
CH-175	2m/70cm	-2.2	85	BNC	15'	\$32.95
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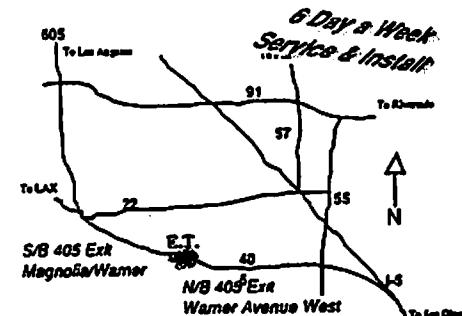
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