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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

We hope everyone enjoyed the extra newsletter MARC put out in May. Our staff did a great job with their May newsletter articles. I also believe the May newsletter was a major contributing factor in that we had such a huge turn out at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MARC Anniversary meeting on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Every year MARC has managed to increase in membership and we love to have all members we can at the anniversary meeting. Here is a run-down of how our Annual May meetings have grown.

May 16, 1992	8 members
May 08, 1993	23 members
May 14, 1994	32 members
May 13, 1995	46 members/visitors
May 11, 1996	52 members/visitors
and this year May 10 <sup>th</sup> for our 1997 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual MARC Anniversary we had 80 members and visitors present.	

I hope to be able to visit our new MARC IL/WI Chapter for their next meeting which is Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Call Paul at 815-399-9233 for directions to the meeting place, at the Petro Truck Stop, No. of Rochelle, IL on hwy 39 at 11 AM.

There was also talk at the May meeting of another CA. Chapter starting near San Jose, CA. So far we haven't heard whether they have a meeting time or place yet.

The MARC AZ chapter is still doing well. We heard through the grapevine that they were having some problems

getting someone to consistently do their Monday night nets.

From all reports the Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Ride For Kids was a great success. Read N6EDY's report elsewhere in this newsletter. I was not there.

I was at the Dayton Hamvention working in the NCG Co. (Comet) booth. They agreed to let MARC put out our applications and MARC newsletter if I would work the booth with them. It was a great way to meet many of our MARC members who had made the trip to Dayton also. I can tell you one thing for sure, it was a very big learning experience for me. I probably learned more about antennas in those three days than I had in the previous three years. The time spent with the owner of NCG, Mick and the repair/shipping clerk Jim was very enjoyable. They also introduced me to some high level management people from I-COM, Yeasu, CQ and QST magazines. Since we were staying at the host hotel for Hamvention we were always around these high level management people whenever we went to eat or stopped by the lounge. I had made a list of all those MARC members who stopped by the Comet booth to say hi, but now I can't find it, so rather than try to remember everyone and maybe offending someone, I will just say; thank you all for coming by the booth and it was Wonderful seeing you all. Thank you so much.

Last Saturday so many of the MARC staff members were going to Huntington Honda that we decided to have a little MARC Staff meeting. Nothing spectacular or earthshaking took place,

but we did agree on who would share the responsibility of doing the nets on 2-meters and 440 while myself and/or Bonnie are gone this summer. Many things were discussed and some minor changes will occur, probably without anyone noticing. Bonnie and I do appreciate the MARC Board and Staff members for making this special effort to make this meeting on such short notice. Thank you very much...

We are now using the new MARC stationary and it is really classy stationary, too. We have gotten many compliments on it already.

Pattie KE6RDL will be doing the Wednesday night 440 nets with KM6UK De Witt, KD6NXC John, N6EDY Billy along with KD6OFQ Bonnie doing the 2-meter nets. It appears that either KM6UK De Witt or KD6NXC John will be conducting the meetings this summer. Bonnie will be here for the meetings but I hope to be on the USA FOUR CORNERS RIDE by then, or at least to be at the MARC IL/WI chapter meeting. I hope to do both at the same time. Here it is the 29<sup>th</sup> of May and I am racing around trying to get everything done to the motorcycle, computer, truck & camper and about two dozen other things that Bonnie has on her list before I can leave. This newsletter is just one of the "Honey do's."

If I can, I plan to be at Rochelle, IL for their MARC chapter meeting and then I will double-time for a couple of days and try to make the Honda Hoot sometime before it closes on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I may have to go down to Key West and finish the

4 Corners Ride and then come back to the Honda Hoot in Asheville, NC.

Then I would like to make the IBMC National Campout in Winthrop, WA., too. That's being held June 25<sup>th</sup> thru June 28<sup>th</sup>. I could do it, but it may be cutting it a little close.

Bonnie and I have to be at the Sheridan Billings on the afternoon of Tues. July 1<sup>st</sup> to meet with some GWRRA officials to talk about our MARC Ham radio seminar set for Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM. Bonnie will meet me there for Wing Ding in her new van with some necessary equipment for the seminar. A reminder **"please bring your hand helds with extra batteries so we can keep in contact while strolling the convention center. Also we will be monitoring 147.360+ (no pl) and talking on 446.000 simplex."**

After Wing Ding I "may" beat it back home for the July 12<sup>th</sup> MARC meeting and get caught up on some of the chores and e-mail.

Then about the end of July I will head for the Sturgis Rally. I have reservations at the Hidden Valley campground along with a group from the Wings on the Internet. The reservation is for August 4<sup>th</sup> thru August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sometime during the summer I would like to do the USA Four Corners for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year. I did it back to back in 1992. And may do that again if it works out. Dave KC6ZHG wants me to wait and do it again later this summer as he is RETIRING Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and he says he is ready to ride....But not 1000 mile days...

It would be fun to be able to hook up with some of our MARC members along the trails this summer and get a little visiting done, that would be a delight. The club roster will be with me at all times. So don't be surprised if you get a phone call during the summer announcing yours truly in the vicinity.

I take AAA maps and high-light the route and add all the frequencies to the map that I can use along the way. They are also entered into the radio. About 500 of them between the 3 bands, 2m-220-440. Each band on this Kenwood TM741A has 200 memories. The 2m side is filled up and the 440 band is almost filled. The rest go into the 220 band. Running the Comet Z780 dual band 2m-440 and the Comet CX 224 for

220 only, there are many spots along the major interstates that you can not access some repeaters. Two meter is by far the most popular, of course, with 440 next and 220 being used the least on a trip such as the Four Corners Ride.

After all the discussion on the MARC LIST/DIGEST about antennas and several members running the Diamond NR-770RA without any problems, I decided to get one at HRO for \$59.95 and give it a test while doing the Four Corners and the other rides this summer. While talking to the salesperson I asked them what the procedure was for repairing a Diamond antenna, just in case I were to get a "BAD ONE" and did break it. They told me I would have to bring it back to the place where I purchased it and they would send it in to PF PARTS, the distributor for Diamond with a turn around of at least 10 days. Depending on how long I had it and how I was using it, I may have to pay for shipping both ways and cost of repair. It would be nice to see that Diamond NR-770RA antenna hold up, because I'd love to see how well it performs against another antenna of like size and construction under the exact same conditions and then I would do an article on it good or bad. I did purchase one but after seeing how light it was and with a closed coil opposed to a heavier antenna with an open coil I decided against it and took the antenna back.

As usual, Bonnie and I will be doing the SCMA Three Flags ride again this year. It leaves from Nogales Sonora Mexico on Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 AM and the finish line closes at 10 PM Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> in Moose Jaw, SK. Canada We have made reservations in advance for the 3 nights we will be enroute. They are: August 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday the night before the ride begins will be Motel 6 Nogales, AZ (520-281-2951), August 29<sup>th</sup> the first night on ride will be El Capri Motel, Cortez, CO (970-565-3764), August 30<sup>th</sup> the second night out will be the Lazy B Motel, Afton, WY(307-886-3187), August 31<sup>st</sup> the third night out will be the Super 8 Motel in Columbia Falls, MT (800-800-8000). In Moose Jaw we are staying at the Prairie Oasis Motel Monday & Tuesday nights Sept 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. I fooled around too long before making reservations at the host hotel, the Best Western Heritage Inn. All the hotels and motels

within walking distance were also filled. That will teach me, I guess. We usually make reservations for the entire trip right after the drawing in January. Ohhh welll....

After the SCMA Three Flags Classic we will come back home for the September 13<sup>th</sup> MARC meeting and then that same day I will leave for Mitchell, SD for my mothers 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The Corn Palace Week festival is in full force the same week, so I get to enjoy time with my mother and renew old memories of my childhood???

This is Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>, so this newsletter article is a week early. Tomorrow I hope to get a laptop computer from Best Buy to take with me for my summer trips. I hope to keep up with some kind of MARC weekly bulletins as I travel. It should be fun. If it doesn't work out then I guess there won't be any weekly bulletins. Up until the Dayton Hamvention I had not received much feedback about them. But several of our members who I visited with while there, said they really liked them and it seems like the only direct communications they have with MARC on a regular basis. But let me tell you, it does get to be quite a lot of work, what with all the email and other things we do for MARC.

And finally, when sending email through the MARC LIST/DIGEST or to us personally, please put at least your first name and call sign in your signature.

Well that's it this month. I certainly hope I have not forgotten anything or anybody this time around. I only hope that you all have a great riding season as I am looking forward to doing. Maybe we will meet down the road this summer. Keep an eye on the email. If I do end up with a laptop, I will try to keep those weekly bulletins filled with my adventures and where abouts.

#### **"SAFE RIDES AND CLEAR FREQUENCIES"**

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**ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING**  
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Jerry was the kind of guy you love to hate. He was always in a good mood, and always had something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a unique manager because he had several waiters who had followed him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was there telling the employee how to look at the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it!" Jerry replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, Jerry, you have two choices to day. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim, or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining, or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested. "Yes it is," Jerry said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life."

I reflected on what Jerry said. Soon thereafter, I left the restaurant industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that Jerry did something you are never supposed to do in a restaurant business: he left the back door open one morning, and was held up at gun-point by three armed robbers. While trying to open the safe, his hand shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found relatively quickly and rushed to the local trauma center. After 18 hours of surgery, and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of bullets still in his body. I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?"

I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the

robbery took place. "The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door," Jerry replied. "Then, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Jerry continued, "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room, and I saw the expression on the faces of the doctors, and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, He's a dead man. I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big, burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Jerry. "She asked if I was allergic to anything." "Yes" I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath, and yelled, 'Bullets!' Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead." Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

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**1997 Ride For Kids-After Action Report**

The Ride was a success. The "Kids" had a rare and wonderful time. MARC performed it's "mission" in an outstanding manner. And, all our participating members are to be congratulated for their individual and team efforts-which helped assure that the "event" was such a "Success."

We met at the at Denny's restaurant at Lakewood Blvd and the 91 freeway at 0630 hours. We had 11 radio equipped mobile units (There were 10 motorcycles: Mark KD6MVN; Bill KE6UUD and son Willy; Gary KE6BIT; John KD6NXC; Tom K2QGT; John KC6ZOZ; Jim KC6OAU; Conrad KC6PHI; Mike N6QZT; Billy N6EDY; ..Bill KE6WIX operated from his car), along with 7 members who worked the Net-Control, Message-Center, and Shadow details (Bonnie KD6OFQ; Mijo KF6BEB; Wally KD6KAH and wife Francine; Dollie KD6ERC; Norma KE6BIS; and Teri KF6HJT).

There had been five cancellations at a late date, and two "no shows"- However there were still just enough members to accomplish the "mission" and no one had to work too hard. Individuals were "rotated" in assignments during the day so that everyone that wanted to could watch the various performances, and could participate in the events.

Bonnie and her "construction crew" left early for the Honda Hqtrs (and had Net Control set up by the time we got there). Our mobile units put on "Signs" and "Vests" and "Convoyed" to the location with out incident. When we arrived there was ample supplies of Coffee, juice, donuts, rolls, bagels, cake, etc, etc. Just what we needed-A "Sugar Fix".

We picked up "Directional" signs and established 5 "outpost" positions to guide people to the event, "Shadows" were assigned to the event coordinators: And eventually, an additional "station" was assigned to remain at the registration tent. Net Control served as the "Hub" of all activities for the entire day.

For the "parade" we had a MARC member with a handheld, riding in the Police Unit leading the way. They interfaced with the various police units as we went along the route, and the handheld unit was able to relay instructions from the police to the MARC riders in the parade.

We had MARC motors at the front and the rear, with the remaining MARC motors integrated at intervals. "Policing" along the entire parade lineup. CB Channel 5 had been established as a "Ride Control" channel to issue instructions to the ride participants. In General, this use of CB worked very well.

The ride was very successful and well disciplined. Motor Police Officers shuttled back and forth blocking side streets- which allowed the ride to continue "Non-stop" from start to finish. The riders stretched out over one and a half miles (which at times "accordioned" to two miles) and took four and a half to five minutes to pass any given point. The only incident that happened was one bike that dropped out with a "failed" battery, and this was "shadowed" by a MARC rider.

A hot lunch was served when we returned- "Big" hot dogs, trimmings, candy, fruit, and drink. After lunch there were speakers, presentations, drawings, etc., -followed by another "Showing" of the Victor McLaglen Motor Corps. And, for those so inclined- they could enter the Motorcycle Safety Foundation "rider skill" events.

All in all it was a good day. You each deserve a "Well Done". Ray and I join with the Ride for Kids Task Force Committee in thanking you all for your kind and selfless gifts of time and expertise and equipment. Chalk it up as another successful accomplishment by MARC members in their efforts to support Charitable Events.

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## From the Keyboard of your 2VP

Hello to all my MARC friends. The summer riding season is here and many of us are planning trips, on our cycles, in cars, and as Mijo, KF6BEB and I, in airplanes.

Our charity work has been completed for the first half of the year and now it is time to enjoy. Some of us do it in different ways. Ray, KD6FHN, is leaving on the 4 corners. Bonnie is staying home without Ray, see what I mean. Others have planned trips on the cycle and vacations by car. Please, let the rest of us know about your good times. As a big family, those of us in MARC are always interested in your escapades. Mijo and I will be going to visit her mother and sisters in France. John the younger (no call) the student, will stay home and take care of the house while we are away. I was hoping he would get a summer job again this year but as yet he is still asleep in his room. Seems to be a perpetual condition.

Mijo and I have rented a car for the month that we will be at her mother's. I, as usual, will want to travel around the area and see some of the sights. She, as usual, will want to stay at home and relax. Oh well, isn't that what vacations are for? I will update everyone on our tour of the European countryside when we return.

As for now, I will say keep the shiny side up and the rubber side on the road, have fun and enjoy your summer. I will see some of you at the June and July meetings at the Lake View Café. The rest, perhaps I will see all of you out there on the road, riding my cycle and talking about good times on the Ham Radio.

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## MAY HF REPORT

What a great month on HF. Looking back over the last three months shows the HF Net is growing. In March 29 contacts, in April 36 contacts and this month 45. And I continue to HAVE FUN. It is great to get to talk with each and every one of you. The rest of you who are licensed to operate HF are certainly invited to join in on the fun. Tuesday evenings at 2300Z at 14.340 USB and again at 2330Z at 7.290 LSB. Contacts for MAY:

20 meters:

Bob—N0XCT—MN  
Bruce—N0BAR—AZ  
Ed—AB5GR—AR  
Joe—KE6LNQ—CA  
Dick—KO6DL—CA  
Ray—KD6FHN—CA  
Doug—KB6RRX—GA  
Richard—W6CCD—OR  
Fred—K7NZ—WA

Paul—WA9FFL—IL  
Dick—WB9I—IN  
Claude—KF6HLC—CA  
40 meters:

Ed—AB5GR—AR  
Richard—W6CCD—OR  
Ray—KD6FHN—CA  
Doug—KB6RRX—GA  
Joe—KE6LNQ—CA  
Chuck—K7AUX—OR  
Fred—K7NZ—WA

In addition to the above member check-ins, I had 12 visitors with 2 of them motorcycle riders with request for information on our MARC. They were Mike KA7S and Curt, WA6YDQ.

Thanks to all of you that "MAKE MY DAY" every Tuesday. See you down the log, 73's

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## MS 150

Just a reminder to anyone planning on staying over Saturday night October 5<sup>th</sup>. The location for the host motel has changed from Pea Soup Anderson's to the Inns of America. The telephone number for the Inns of America is 760/931-1185. Be sure to mention that you are a participant in the MS 150 when making your reservation. Camping will be permitted there, but be advised that it will be on blacktop...so be sure to bring your air mattress or cot.

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## MS 150 ADDITIONAL INFO

Meeting number 4, May 21, 1997 brought some big changes as in Dave's article. The route committee has started to firm up the route. All riders will start Oct 4 between 7:30 AM and about 9AM. The Century riders will do the extra mile after arriving in Carlsbad. They must arrive by 1PM to be allowed to continue. The Century route support will close promptly at 5 PM.

There are three other hotels available other than the Inns of America;  
Motel 6: 760/431-0745  
Ramada: 760/438-2285  
Travelodge: 800/578-7878  
Be sure if you have reservations at Pea Soup Anderson's to cancel them. Their number is 760/931-1400.

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From WA9FFL PAUL PLASTER  
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Hi All,

Well while it was not really a "MARC" event, we had the Lung Associations Bike a thon last Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and there was one MARC motorcycle along (MINE). The ride went very well, we used APRS trackers in front of the first rider, and in back of the last rider, as well as on the "ambulance".

The effect on the press as well as the ALU people was tremendous. They could look and see whenever they wanted to see where the pack was. The last bike to finish was a 14 year old boy who rode to the event, rode the 62 miles, then rode home. Wait until he gets one with a motor huh!!!!

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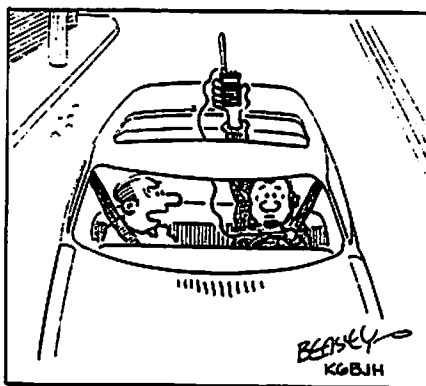
## GEORGIA/PA UPDATE

Just a short update, now from PA. I am still practicing for the Iron Butt run (11,000 miles in 11 days) coming week before and week of Labor Day. Most recent ride was a dinner ride put on by the LD Riders (email group). This is a group of Iron Butt veterans and wannabees (like me).

Argument was who had the best steak dinner in the USA. Ended up with a steak run to Kansas City. Left from Drums, PA Friday after work, arrived in KC dinner time Saturday (5PM), had a great steak, then back to PA Sunday. Total miles in a little over two days: 2289. Longest distance rider traveled from Seattle (1900 miles one way) so I wasn't even close to the farthest. On my ride home I got to test my new raingear (it failed), my waterproof boots (they failed too) and my lack of additional clothes (will pack extra in the future). Also learned you can't always outrun storms in the NE, like I am used to doing in the SE. Ended up putting on the only dry pants I had left (pajamas) then my riding suit over the top of them. Unusual to say the least.

My next test may be over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Will have to get better raingear prior to then!! And also a new seat (or even bike, will stick with a GL!)

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WHY DON'T YOU BUY A MAG MOUNT?

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

May flowers brought very few blossoms over the net with \$5 winners: 5/7 KE6JFO Gary, 5/14 KD6ERC Dollie (\$5), KE6IDG Gordon, 5/28 KE6WOD Rod (\$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.

The Special Raffle drawing of the RP-DC Power Supply was won by N6EDY Billy and the Leather Jacket was won by KE6WIX Bill who donated the jacket back for a special kids drawing. Thank you Bill

Dancing around the May Pole were the following 50/50 winners: KJ7LI Terry won twice along with Kay (KD6MPBs xyl) winning twice as we had four pots. (KEY??)

Other door prize winners were:

- (1) \$20 gift certificate from Huntington Honda--KD6VBO Butch
- (2) \$20 gift certificate from Huntington Honda-KC6ZOZ John
- (3) \$20 gift certificate from HRO- N6EDY Billy
- (4) Power Pocket donated by COMET- KN6P Carroll
- (5) World Radio Subscription(MARC)- KE6UUD Bill
- (6) \$20 gift certificate donated by Lake View Cafe-KE6VDY Windy
- (7) \$20 gift certificate for Lake View Cafe donated by MARC-

KD6ERC Dollie

- (8) Galaxy Model SB-11 Speaker donated by ET- KJ7LI Terry
- (9) DPI Power Turbo Protector donated by ET-KJ7LI Terry
- (10) Microphone/ speaker SPM-300 donated by ET- KD6MPB Mel (KEY???)

DOOR PRIZE DONATORS WERE "MARC", Ray & Bonnie, Mike, Mel & Kay, Billy, Jeff, Terry & Pat, Ron & Sheron, John & Mijo and miscellaneous books from HRO.

Running around the May Pole pulling tickets were: Emily, John, Shawn, Matthew and Willie.

Many many thanks to our waitresses Billi and Diane who was able to keep the food coming to an extra large group also for cutting our cake and serving it. Thank you, Thank you..

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**COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

**BONNIE KD6OFQ**(zyp@juno.com)

Well with spring in the air we are welcoming this months new members as: 5/5 VE6KI Al Friesen-Canada, 5/10 KC6NNG Bob Lafond-CA, 5/12 K4STE Paul Lilly-OH, 5/14 KD6YBT Bob Oserkis-CA, 5/18 KF6EHV BJ Jones-CA, 5/20 KE6EKD Bob Steinberg-IL, 5/20 W7QA Bob Wormley-WA, 5/20 W7PZ Pat Wormley-WA, 5/20 WB1DRW Courtland Sandberg-NH and lastly 5/28 KF6KDV Robert Smith-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. (KEY??)

Special guests at our meeting were Fried and Sandy Heyn from ARRL, with Michael Mercado from Electronic Times.

Our fifth anniversary brought us members far and near, the two who traveled the furthest were KE6GDJ Nick from Livermore, CA & KA6OKL John from Castro Valley, now they had to get up early early in the AM to arrive at the meeting by 8 AM. We sure had a room over filled.

I talked to KC7JMW Bob Baker today Friday June 6, he has been moved to another department from intensive care, he did know who I was. Told him we were all thinking of him and wish we could speed up his recovery. He says he is in bed most of the time, although they get him up daily, also so on oxygen. The nurse could only tell me he was slowly progressing. Blew him a kiss and told we all loved him. He says he thinks of us but he can't do anything

about it. (KEY??)

Our hearts go out to all who are ill and hurting. I know there are several out there. Get wells go to all and you to KC7MZ Lewis, a very lucky person.

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**E-MAIL CHECK-IN'S NEXT MONTH, JULY**

**DOLLIE-- KD6ERC** (dollieb@juno.com)

Just a quick reminder to all MARC members, our 2ND Quarterly E-MAIL check ins will be next month, July.. You can send them anytime at the end of June or the first part of July or if you are going to be out of town please send them before you leave. **BUT PLEASE SEND THEM!!!!** It would be real nice if we could have every single member that has e-mail capability checking in. Looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Please make the subject: Check-in or something to that effect, so I can tell them apart from my regular E-mail, and be sure and sign your FIRST NAME AND CALL SIGN. SEND THEM TO: dollieb@juno.com or dollieb@earthlink.net

Thanks folks, hope to see most of you at the breakfast.

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**IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:.....**

**MARC LIST ADDRESS:.....KC7MZ--LEWIS**  
marc-l@teleport.com

**MARC HOME PAGE:.....VE6HGW--DREW**  
<http://www.spots.ab.ca/~ve6hgw/marc/>

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**UPCOMING 1997 MARC ACTIVITIES FOR 1997**

**JUNE 14, SAT- BREAKFAST MEETING**

**JUNE 28- CORONA FIELD DAY**

**JULY 1-4, WING DING (BILLINGS,MT)**

**JULY 11-27, ORANGE COUNTY FAIR**

**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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**FOR SALE:**

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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**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**  
[psychob@csnsys.com](mailto:psychob@csnsys.com)

## CYA-240 PRELIMINARY REPORT

Hi All.

This is a preliminary report on the NEW CYA-240, 144MHz/430MHz Beam from Comet. This is a dual band yagi on one boom pipe. The quality and fit of the parts are very good. The boom and radials are high quality aluminum with stainless steel hardware. A coaxial cable yoke to connect the two portions of the beam was included in the packaging, as was a duplexer.

Assembly was very easy. Even with the instructions in Japanese, I was able to assemble the antenna in 15 minutes. I took another 15 minutes to verify measurements, as given on the instructions. The fourth element (from the front) is listed as 310mm; actual length is 320mm.

The antenna was mounted on a 25' pole with an Archer (Radio Shack) rotor. Mounting the rotor and antenna was very easy. First test was of SWR. As set by the factory 440MHz was 1.2 to 1 on the low end of the frequency and 1.25 to 1 on the high end of the band. As listed in the instructions in the instructions, this should be 1.4 on both ends. Therefore I left adjustment as it was. No need to mess with better than factory specs...!! As for the 144MHz, the antenna tested 1.45 to 1 at the low end and 1.2 at the high end of the band. Comet specifications showed that 1.4 to 1 was charted on their equipment, therefore I attempted some adjustment. The adjustment was made by loosening two screws and moving a small clamp towards the boom of the beam. I only moved this clamp about one eighth of an inch. When retested, the SWR was 1.35 to 1 across the band width, quite acceptable. However, I found that one of the screws was cross threaded (I only loosened the screw) (my experience with stainless steel hardware would indicate that the screw and nut were galled) I removed this damaged hardware and replaced it with a screw and nut from my workshop.

The beam has been superficially tested for function and compared to a Comet GP-6 omni directional dual band antenna. I have not noticed any significant gain on receive or transmit with just preliminary testing. However, I have noticed that the signal rejection from the sides and rear of the beam is quite good.. This eliminates unwanted strong signals from the rear and weak signals from the sides of the beam. At this time, I feel that Simplex operation of my station will be greatly enhanced and repeater operation could also be enhanced due to the fact that I will be able to access more repeaters with less power.

More details will follow upon further testing and recording of signal strengths after I obtain a coaxial antenna switch. At that

time, I will be able to transfer from one antenna to the other and have a better fix on the signal input and rejection obtained.

John KD6NXC  
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### VOLUNTEER ISM

Billy N6EDY

So you want to be a "Volunteer"?>  
That's great. We sure need you to participate in MARC's Charitable endeavors. If it were not for the efforts of our MARC members- volunteering their time, expertise, and equipment - we could not exist the way we do. And, we could not support the charitable events that we do.

Now, that brings me to the reason I'm crawling onto the "soapbox". I have heard from time to time, people making comments that since we - or, they - are volunteers, that we - or, they - can't be told what to do or how to do it—Since volunteers can quit at anytime and cannot be told that they have to do some thing, Volunteers have rights.. And I definitely agree with that. Volunteers have the right to not be involved in any thing they do not want to be involved in, or with. But that right should be exercised at the time of offering the initial service, not at some point after a commitment has been given. Once you have committed, people are counting on you. Plans have been made, and further commitments by MARC are based upon your own personal commitments.

Let me say right now that I do recognize that illness or personal emergencies come up, which may very well force you to cancel a commitment at the last instant, and not "show" for something that you have committed yourself to. And we can 'live' with that. Schedules and work loads can be adjusted so that the mission can be accomplished with the rest of us. It's the "no show" that you don't know about- until the last minute when you're saddling up to ride to "the event" - that causes all the problems.

I also understand that there is a "two way street" to this VOLUNTEER ISM. The Officers of MARC, and the event coordinators, must see to it that they have made the necessary plans, preparations, and efforts to insure that your efforts can be spent in a fruitful manner - and that you are happy and satisfied that your efforts were worthwhile.

This is not directed at any particular event, situation, or person. It's just something that has developed over time, and I felt like I wanted to "Preach" for a while.

All we're really asking that once you make a commitment - please make an effort to fulfill that commitment.

### SPECIAL SALE ITEM:

Gerbing Electric Riding Jacket, deluxe Cordura model with removable insulated lining and full armor. XL size, black. Value: \$500, sell for \$300- money goes to Ride For Kids.

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714-347-0770 evenings or e-mail:

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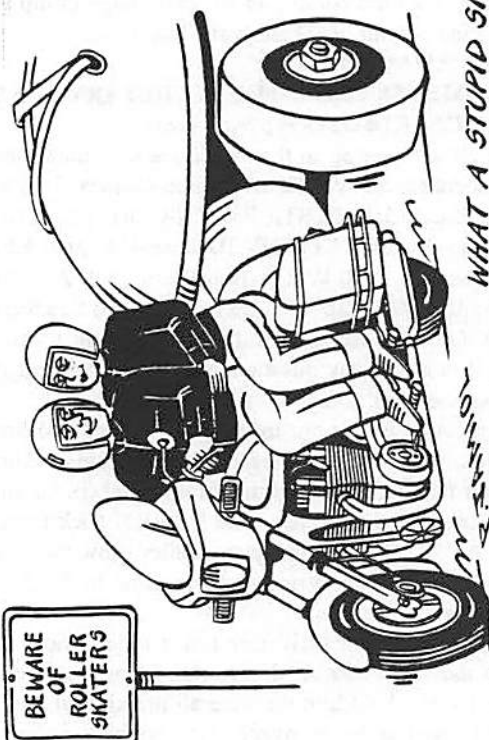
### SPECIAL NOTICE:

Just a note top let all MARC members who may want badges. Our badge maker is out of town from June 15 until close to Sept 10. They will be at Wing Ding and if you want a badge made you can get one there if you are going thata way.

They are also attending several other rallies so if you are going to some of them you can catch them there.

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May 7, 1997

The Motorcycle Amateur Radio Club

Dear Ray Davis and Members:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your participation in the American Diabetes Association Tour De Cure 1997. Your time, support and professional experience is certainly a big help to the coordination of this event.

The Tour raised nearly \$35,000 in funds and the number of participants were 253 riders and 70 volunteers. As you know, the combined efforts of all involved is what makes this event such a great success.

As we discussed, next year it would be the American Diabetes Associations pleasure to include your Club Logo on the T-shirts as a way to recognize your support.

Again our sincere thanks to all involved, for your time and energy!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rebecca O'Rourke'.

Rebecca Ann O'Rourke  
Community Organization Specialist

*Where there's a will, there's a way to a cure . . . Remember the ADA when considering your will.*



## READY OR NOT

Emergencies come in all shapes, sizes, and degrees of difficulty. Just how prepared are you? Are you prepared mentally and emotionally? Are your skills up to snuff? Do you have the equipment to handle a wide range of emergencies?

I cannot give you many answers, but I can ask a lot of questions. I hope that YOU can give answers that fit the situation.

Shapes, sizes, and degrees of difficulty. Everything from catastrophic earthquake to minor scratches and anything in between. Use your imagination.

**PANIC!** The inability to think and react coherently is probably the number one cause of death or disability in the world. Knowledge and the practice of knowledge and skills is the best way to avoid panic. You must know what to do and how to do it correctly the first time in an emergent situation. Do you know CPR, First Aid, and how to handle simple climactic conditions?

Do you have the skill to put into practice your knowledge? Do you practice CPR, First Aid, and simple climactic knowledge on how to avoid hypothermia and heat stroke or prostration? How about knowing how to fix your bike if it breaks down 50 miles from nowhere? Simple repairs on your radio or antenna and coax?

The winter season is the most convenient time to acquire the knowledge and skills that we should all have. It is easier to attend a first aid, or CPR class when the riding weather is not as inviting as spring or summer. This is a good time to check your equipment, replace out of date supplies in your first aid kit, and make repairs to your bike, radio, and antenna. This is also the time to review and reflect on what you do know and to learn the things that you do not know that you might need in the future.

Equipment is both the easy, and hard part. Equipment costs \$\$\$\$ and it eats up space, especially on a motor cycle. Do you have a First Aid kit? It does not have to be huge and expensive, you can make it up yourself and put it in a Tupperware type container. How complete is your tool kit? If all you have is the tool kit that came with your bike it could use some additions: electrical tape, insulated wire and connectors, patch kit for your type of tires, spare coax connectors the non solder type, etc. Check the tube of rubber cement in your patch kit. The little aluminum tubes can crack, and the cement becomes dried out and useless. Does it have an expiration date?

I like to think the people that I ride with are the best prepared people in the world, because it might be me that needs help.

73 de KA6BWZ Jerry Anthony

## QUIZ

1. DO YOU OWN A FIRST AID KIT?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. A what?
  - D. Do I need one?
2. IF YES, WHERE IS IT?
  - A. Home
  - B. Car(s)
  - C. Motorcycle(s)
  - D. All of the above
3. DO YOU CARRY A FIRST AID KIT IN YOUR MOTORCYCLE?
  - A. All of the time
  - B. Some of the time
  - C. Only on trips
  - D. Never
4. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CHECKED YOUR FIRST AID KIT?
  - A. Today
  - B. Yesterday
  - C. Last year
  - D. When I bought it
5. IS YOUR FIRST AID KIT COMPLETE?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. I dunno
  - D. What is complete?
6. ANY OF THE CREAMS, OINTMENTS, DISINFECTANTS GONE OUT OF DATE?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. They have dates?
  - D. I can't tell. They leaked all over the bottom of the box.
7. ARE THE WRAPPERS STILL INTACT AND STERILE? i.e. bandages, gauze pads, etc.
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. They're in the goo in the bottom of the box.
8. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO USE YOUR FIRST AID KIT?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
9. ARE YOU CERTIFIED IN FIRST AID AND CPR?
  - A. Both
  - B. First Aid
  - C. CPR
  - D. No or I used to be
10. IF THE ANSWER TO 9 IS "d" THEN WHY NOT?



This is a grade it yourself quiz. I hope that you all got an A.

73 de KA6BWZ Jerry Anthony



I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE TALKING ON YOUR HANDHELD--- COME OUT AND MEET GERTRUDE!

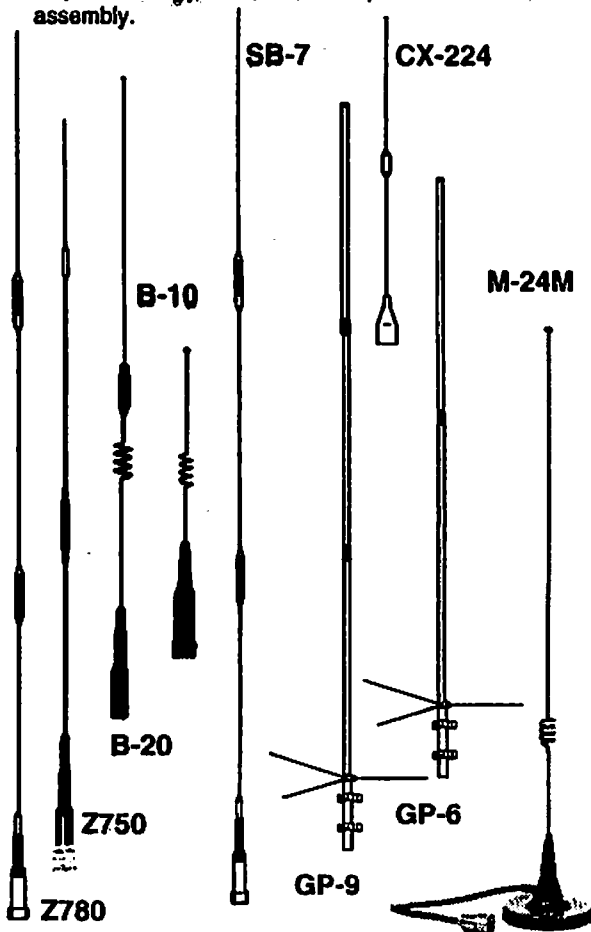




## Dual- & Tri-band VHF / UHF

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- The SLC is electrically very efficient, providing a low angle of radiation, directly to the horizon.
- Comet sectional antennas use ABS (Transparent to RF) connecting joints for the finest pattern and easiest assembly.



## Dual-Band Mag Mount Antenna

Economical black anodized 2m / 440 MHz antenna is 19.5" tall and comes with 13 feet of RG-58/U coax and either a gold-plated PL-259 (Model M-24M) or BNC connector (Model M-24B) soldered on.

Gain: 146 MHz 1.7 dBi 3/8 wave  
446 MHz 4.1 dBi 1/4 + 5/8 wave

Max Power: 80 Watts  
VSWR: 1.5:1 or less  
Impedance: 50 Ohm  
HRO Price \$39.95

**NEW!**

## Flexible Dual-Band

Convenient, very flexible 2m / 70 cm 17" antenna. Comes with either a gold-plated PL-259 (Model SBB-1) or NMO connector (Model SBB-1NMO).

Gain: 146 MHz 1.5 dBi 1/4 wave  
446 MHz 2.15 dBi 1/2 wave

Max Power: 60 Watts  
VSWR: 1.5:1 or less  
HRO Price \$39.95

**NEW!**

## Comet Dual-Band Antennas

MODEL	BANDS	GAIN	MAX PWR Watts	CONN	WGT Lbs' oz"	LEN FT' in"	MAX WIND SPEED MPH	HRO Price
<b>Dual Band Base Station Repeater Antennas</b>								
GPX-2010	2m/70cm	9.5/13.2	200	SO-239	7'14"	23'4"	65 w/o guys 90 w/guys	\$379.95
GP-9/GP-8N	2m/70cm	8.5/11.9	200	SO/N	5'11"	17'8"	90	\$209.95
GP-6	2m/70cm	6.5/9.0	200	SO-239	3'8"	10'5"	90	\$149.95
GP-3	2m/70cm	4.5/7.2	200	SO-239	2'12"	5'11"	112	\$99.95
CA-1243Z	70cm/23cm	9.4/12.8	150/50	N-Female	3'8"	7'5"	90	\$149.95
CA-1243E	70cm/23cm	6.0/8.4	150/50	N-Female	1'13"	3'4"	112	\$94.95
<b>Dual Band Mobile Antennas - All Black Anodized</b>								
SBB-7/SBB-7NMO	2m/70cm	4.5/7.0	70	PL/NMO	-	4'7"	-	\$89.95
SBB-5/SBB-5NMO	2m/70cm	3.0/5.5	120	PL/NMO	-	3'2"	-	\$62.95
SBB-2/SBB-2NMO	2m/70cm	2.15/3.8	100	PL/NMO	-	20"	-	\$39.95
B-10	2m/70cm	-2.15	50	PL-259	-	12"	-	\$39.95
B10NMO								\$39.95
B-20	2m/70cm	2.15/5.0	50	PL-259	-	30"	-	\$56.95
B20NMO								\$56.95
SB-214W	2m/220MHz	1.7/3.4	100	PL-259	-	2'11"	-	\$62.95
CHL-350	10m/6m	-2.15	200	PL-259	-	7'0"	-	\$79.95
<b>NEW Z Series With Theft-Resistant Lock</b>								
Z750	2m/70cm	2.15/5.5	200	PL-259	-	3'3"	-	\$62.95
Z780	2m/70cm	4.5/7.2	150	PL-259	-	5'2"	-	\$82.95

## Comet Tri-Band Antennas

MODEL	BANDS	GAIN	MAX PWR Watts	CONN	WGT Lbs' oz"	LEN FT' in"	MAX WIND SPEED MPH	HRO Price
<b>TriBand Base Station Repeater Antennas</b>								
GP-15	6m/2m/70cm	3/6.2/8.6	200	SO-239	2'15"	7'11"	90	\$159.95
GP-83	2m/70cm/23cm	4.5/7.2/10	200	N-Female	2'8"	5'7"	112	\$139.95
GP-88	2m/70cm/23cm	6.5/9.0/13.5	100	N-Female	3'6"	9'4"	90+	\$209.95
CX-333	2m/220/70cm	6.5/7.8/9.0	120	SO-239	3'10"	10'2"	112	\$189.95
<b>TriBand Mobile Antennas</b>								
SB-16	6m/2m/70cm	2.15/4.5/7.2	120	PL-259	-	4'10"	-	\$99.95
SB-87	2m/70cm/23cm	3.0/6.8/9.6	100	N-Male	-	3'3"	-	\$89.95
CX-224	2m/220/70cm	2.15/3.2/5.5	150	PL-259	-	3'1"	-	\$79.95
CX-224NMO	2m/220/70cm	2.15/3.2/5.5	150	NMO	-	3'1"	-	\$79.95
CA-HV	40/(20)/15/10/6/2m	HF 0 dBi 2m 3.4 dBi	120 SSB HF 100W FM 6/2m	PL-259	MAX 1'3"	MAX 6'3"	-	\$134.95
L-14	Opt 20M coil for CA-HV						-	\$36.95
HA-4S	40/(20)/15/10m	0 dBi	120 SSB 7-24MHz 200W SSB 14MHz	PL-259 /NMO		4'4"	-	\$179.95
L-14HS	Opt 20M coil for HA-4S						-	\$39.95

## Comet Single Band and HT Antennas

MODEL	BANDS	GAIN	MAX PWR Watts	CONN	LEN FT'in"	HRO Price
<b>Single Band Antennas</b>						
SBB-25/SBB-25NMO	2m	4.1	100	PL-259/NMO	4'8"	CALL
SB-44	70cm	5.5	130	PL-259	37"	\$44.95
<b>HT Antennas</b>						
CH-32 MINI Ant	2m/70cm	-	10	BNC	1.75"	\$33.95
SMA-501 MINI Ant	146/446 MHz	-	10	SMA	1.5"	\$29.95
SMA-3	2m/70/23cm	1.2/1.7/3.4		SMA	9.75"	\$41.95
CH-72S	2m/70cm	-1/3.2	50	BNC	15"	\$29.95
SH-95	2m/70/23cm	1.5/2/5.5	10	BNC	15"	\$49.95

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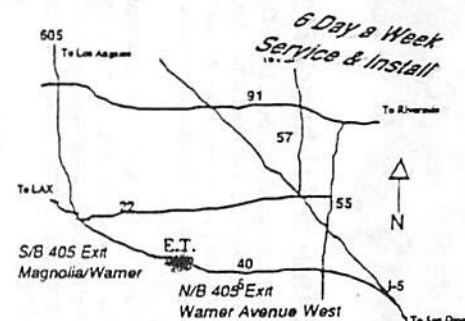
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4,11,18,25-"MARC" 2-METER NET (8 P.M.) 146.985-(NO PL)  
14-"MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING (8 A.M.) LAKE VIEW CAFE(714-572-8521)  
15-FATHER'S DAY  
28-FIELD DAY, CORONA

JULY 1,2,3,4-WING DING 1997  
1,8,15,22,29-"MARC" HF NET(4 P.M. PDST 20 METERS 14.340 USB)(4:30 P.M. PDST 40 METERS 7.290 LSB +/-QRM) LOOK UP BEFORE LOOKING DOWN IF WE HAVE TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF QRM(N6KBI-KEN)  
75 METERS TO FOLLOW AT 6 P.M. AT 3.875(WB6STW-DAN)  
2,9,16,23,30-"MARC" 440 NET ON THE SCARA/NARC SYSTEM(7 P.M.)  
2,9,16,23,30-"MARC" 2-METER NET (8 P.M.) 146.985-(NO PL)  
4-SAFE HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY  
11-27-ORANGE COUNTY FAIR  
12-"MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING (8 A.M.) LAKE VIEW CAFE(714-572-8521)

(THE 146.985-NO PL,WB6RSD REPEATER, OUR CALL FREQUENCY 144.370 SIMPLEX, THE CONDOR SYSTEM, SCARA 440 SYSTEM, 145.220 CLARA & THE BARN SYSTEM-ALL ARE MONITORED APPROXIMATELY 16-18 HRS A DAY)



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NEXT MEETINGS:

JUN 14, 1997-8 A.M. AT LAKEVIEW CAFE,  
2099 E. ORANGETHORPE, PLACENTIA  
(ON CORNER OF LAKEVIEW & ORANGETHORPE)  
91 FWY/LAKEVIEW EXIT  
JULY 12, 1997 8 A.M. AT LAKEVIEW CAFE,  
2099 E. ORANGETHORPE, PLACENTIA(ON CORNER  
OF LAKEVIEW & ORANGETHORPE) 91 FWY/LAKEVIEW EXIT