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MAY 1999

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Well, folks, it is time for our MARC Birthday celebration. Come join us on Saturday 8 May 1999 at the Lake View Café. The meeting will start at 8 AM, but come a bit early for breakfast. At the end of the meeting, we will have our usual 50-50 and door prize drawings. We will all share in a grand MARC Birthday Cake, and then, we will have the "SPECIAL" drawing for the Yeasu VX-5R, tri-band handheld transceiver, the Sanyo telephone/fax machine and an Addonis headset for your handheld radio. After these drawings, we will adjourn to the hillside in the parking area for our annual photograph by Ray, KD6FHN. De Witt, KM6UK, has said that he will bring his new digital camera and take pictures of everyone. If you want copies (photographs) to see on your own computer bring a 3.5 floppy and he will take some special ones just for you. I am looking forward to a nice crowd for this meeting.

It looks like our riding season is upon us. Some of our members assisted the Saddleback Unified School District with the Tour D' Olympiad on the 11th of April. Part of the funds raised in this event went to the Leukemia Society. The rest went towards a safe grad night for the high schools. In the near future, we will be participating in the Tour de

Cure for the American Diabetes Association in both the Inland Empire and Orange County. It is still not too late to pitch in and help us with the Orange County event, so, please, take a peek at Michael P's (KE6GYC) article elsewhere in this newsletter.

We in MARC, have been asked to assist the Orange County "CARES" radio club in the operation of a booth at the Orange Co. Fair between 9 and 25 July. Unfortunately, Mijo and I will be in France during this time and unable to help with this event. It will be a good chance to get help with this event. It will be a good chance to get into the Fair and demonstrate your HAM skills to others, so give it a try. Check the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

We will not have an after meeting ride this month due to all the Cake and Photographs that are on the agenda after our meeting. Perhaps next month we can take a ride over the "Ortega" highway to Lake Elsinor and stop by the outlet stores. That would make for a nice Saturday afternoon ride.

On Saturday 24 April '99, Mijo and I went to the J. Paul Getty Center in Los Angeles. It was a wonderful experience visiting the museum and seeing all the art work on display. Not only paintings, but furniture, tapestries, porcelain and statuary are on display in a wonderfully new modern setting. Reservations are

required for automobiles. However, if you ride in on a motorcycle, they let you ride up to the museum and no reservations are required. Entry to the museum is free, only limited to the number of visitors seeking day entry. If there is enough interest we might plan on this for an after meeting ride. Let me know if you are interested. It is off the 405 Freeway near Westwood.

We have been conducting our Wednesday night MARC radio net on MARC Simplex, 144.370 at 7 PM for the past three weeks. Ray has a very strong station with "extra" ears on his receiver. It is remarkable the number of members that can check in on simplex. From here in Rialto, Mijo and I have been able to hear almost everyone. The second week, conditions were not in our favor so we only heard eight or ten check-ins. The other weeks, we have been able to hear at least twenty members checking in. With the help of Gary, W6GWT, in Phelan, and Bob, KD6YBT in Encino and I acting as relay stations for weaker stations trying to check-in, we have had a good time using our MARC Simplex for the nets. It does look good for the 440 nets to start again soon so stand by for more information on this.

During my efforts to coordinate the Tour de Cure, I have found that some of our members have changed their e-mail

Address. If you have changed yours in the past few months, please, let us know where you went to. If you didn't get your quarterly e-mail check-in notice from Dollie, KD6ERC, that means we don't have your correct address. Please check Dollie's article and send her a note with your updated address so we can contact you with MARC information. Thanks.

By the time this newsletter hits the presses, the Inland Empire Tour de Cure will be history so I will not write an article for this newsletter on the vent. I shall instead defer to next month's newsletter and let you know how it went for all of us who participated. Until then, keep the one by two, two by four or four by four safe and may all your communications be clear.

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

As MARC approaches it's Seventh Birthday, it might be appropriate to "step back" and look at this "club" that has evolved and grown into an organization with members on a national and even international basis.

None of the founding fathers envisioned the success rate and outstanding growth that MARC has experienced since it's inception. Many Amateur Radio Clubs are born and full-fill the needs of a very local area. However, they are generally limited in their growth capability because there is another Amateur Radio Club "next door" -- competing for the same Amateurs -- and all "doing" pretty much the same thing.

MARC surpassed that -- Almost immediately. Mostly because MARC is a very "unique" radio club -- appealing to the dual hobby aspects of motorcycling and amateur radio. Mounting a transmitter and receiver on a motorcycle was not necessarily a new idea. Many amateurs have experimented with that concept. But it was mostly to make "just another personal contact" with "just another Ham." The Organization of MARC changed all of that. It provided the opportunity for the "Rider" to still function as an individual -- And to combine with other MARC members to

provide a very "unique" communication capability. MARC is "kinda" like a baseball team -- which requires each member to "perform at times as an individual" but also needs all the members "to perform as a team" to accomplish a mission.

MARC was "born to serve the public community", and was "structured" to meet the Command and Communications need: Charity and Public Service events. There was no other organization like it anywhere. Consequently, as we developed, we started attracting members from a much larger area. Members who were willing to travel greater distances to use their combined hobbies to perform much needed volunteer services for the public. This is turn "allowed" MARC to expand it's coverage and support, to an ever increasing geographical area.

Along the way we have become a "Full Service" communications organization by the addition of members who also provide mobile, portable and handheld capabilities, augmenting our motor units with Command, Control and Relay capabilities, which in turn allows MARC to provide a "complete communications package" to serve the needs of any supported "public service activity."

Inasmuch as our membership now covers much more than the local regional area, we need to make provisions for members together to support public service events outside of our normal operational areas. Whenever a sufficient number of MARC members in a localized area wish to support their own local public service event—as a MARC endeavor - they should petition the MARC president. If so approved he will appoint an event "coordinator"—much in the same manner as he appoints "coordinators" to administer the various public service events that MARC performs on the local regional level. The "Event Coordinator" will be expected to prepare timely "write ups" concerning the activities for inclusion in the MARC Newsletter.. And to maintain the Spirit, Goodwill and Professionalism of the MARC Organization.

"Looking Back", we have come a long way and accomplished a lot. A good timely "test" that can be applied to any endeavor is to ask the question:

Are things better off because we are there? And the answer to that is a resounding YES. Just ask any of our "supported" activities From the "Chiefs" all the way down to the "Indians."

You as individual MARC members may be justly proud of your accomplishments, which when combined together "make" the organization. Your friendship, your "professionalism", and your devotion to the Spirit of MARC are well evident. The Board of Directors are justly proud of MARC—And are pleased for the opportunity to serve you along with you. They join me in wishing "MARC" a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY."

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TESTING YOUR COMPUTER FOR Y2K

To test to see if your computer is ready for the turn of the Century follow this suggestion:

Double click on the clock/time in the bottom right hand corner of the screen(bottom task bar on mine) for those using Windows 95/98. The date/time properties window will appear. Click the up/down arrows for the years window to see how high the year goes. (My computer's date goes up to 2099). If you are using Windows 3.1, go to the accessories window and click on the clock. Click on the date/time tab and check the year.

I hope this helps people like me that were not sure if I had actually gotten the problem fixed.

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AGE HAPPENS

****A man has reached middle age when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.**

****Middle age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.**

****Experience teaches you to recognize a mistake when you've made it again.**

"NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT 440 NET"

Starting Wednesday night May 12th at 7 PM MARC will begin using the BARN Systems Santiago Repeater (447.550 with a minus shift, PL of 100.0) For you Southern California MARC members who can not bring up the Santiago repeater, you may contact me and I will give you the frequency for one of the other BARN repeaters that you may be able to bring up.

Remember the BARN System is a "closed, private system" and the Barn frequencies are **"NOT"** to be given out to any non-MARC member. However all MARC members may use the BARN system on Wednesday night for the MARC Net whether they are BARN members or not.

There are 15 MARC members who are presently paid up BARN System members, including the MARC Board, MARC President and most of the MARC Staff members.

Thanks to the System owner, MARC has already received permission to use the BARN System for the Riverside Tour de Cure Saturday May 1st and for the Orange County Tour de Cure on Saturday May 22nd.

The Barn System is a wonderfully quiet system that covers most of the areas South from Ridgecrest to Mexican border, from the Pacific Ocean to North of Las Vegas. It has the best link through MT. Potosi (Las Vegas) to the LA and vicinity that I have ever used including 2 meter, 220 and 440 systems. It also has auto/phone patch capabilities to members.

BARN is not a club, there are no meetings or elections. The BARN System is owned by one person and administered by the owner and one other person. Maintenance of system is done by the owner and many of the BARN members who have been with the system for as many as 20 years.

MARC and the MASRC members are using the BARN System for the Wednesday night 440 net as guests. As guests we must take care of the BARN system and the way we use it. Remember we are on a trial basis here.

Thanks to the BARN System owner, his administrative assistant and those members who work so hard to keep it up and running.

Remember too, that the first MARC Net on the BARN System will be on Wednesday May 12th at 7PM and will continue on each Wednesday night thereafter. However we may decide to go ahead with a two-meter Net once a month or once a quarter depending on the general feelings of the club. Preliminary polling of MARC members leads us to believe that a two-meter NET has a lot of validity, but no decision has been made. We **"MAY"** bring it up for discussion at the MARC, May 7th Anniversary meeting on Saturday May 8th.

Again, thanks to the BARN System owner and those who help maintain it for the use of your great system.

"SAFE RIDES AND CLEAR FREQUENCIES"

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TOUR D' OLYMPIAD

Well the Tour d' Olympiad is now over. It was a great event. We worried that morning that we might have to run for cover because of the storm coming in. Not to worry, the rain held off, and the event went off very well and dry.

We had Mike Naron, N6QZT, daughter Emily, Bill Beeson, KE6WIX, John Edwards, KC6Z0Z and myself De Witt Morgan, KM6UK, as the riders. Bill took care of the 35 miler, John worked both the 35 and the 61 milers and I, De Witt concentrated on the 61 mile event. I have to tell you that the event coordinators set up a really nice route. It is relatively easy, scenic, on good roads, and it was well marked.



Ray Davis, KD6FHN, and occasionally Bonnie Davis, KD6OFQ, acted as Net Control. Ray did it from home as he couldn't be out on the course, and with that signal from his home QTH, we were able to operate MARC Simplex on 144.370 for the whole event, which helps establish our usage of that frequency as the MARC Call Channel. We were able to hear Ray throughout the course.

What a great job Ray did. He even gave us regular reports as to where the rain was. Made it really nice to know what was going on while on the course. All of the MARC riders gave regular reports, so everyone knew what was happening everywhere along the route.

Mack Garrett, KD6KSP, was the MARC event coordinator. He stayed at Lake Mission Viejo and kept things going there. He also had the munch tickets, and the event T-shirts. A VERY important person. Thanks Mack, couldn't have done it without you. He even delivered event T-shirts to Ray and Bonnie at their home. What a guy!

An interesting thing happened today, I was head rider for the 61 mile event and I was riding along with the lead bicycle rider. Turned out to be a 16 y/o boy. He was burning up the course. I clocked him down La Paz at 41.7 MPH. He told me that he rides 80 miles a day. I was amazed that he kept his legs pumping all the time. He passed the 1st rest stop in a cloud of dust.

Then at about 45 miles out he began to fade, he motioned me alongside and asked if I had any oranges, or food. He was burned out. I didn't have food at that time, but ran ahead to fetch him some. Actually, he came into the rest stop just as I was leaving. He had burned himself completely dry. He nearly passed out. He was stuffing bananas down, and I made him eat some oranges. He began to recover and I rode along with him for a while. He was fine, but a classic case of the tortoise and the hare. He lead for most of the ride, but saved nothing for the finish.

At the Finnish line we heard remarks that we so often hear at the end of most events. "THANK YOU'S" "Great job!" and from the Event Coordinator, "Sure hope we can get you folks back next year!" Geez, after a day of GREAT teamwork, I came home feeling wonderful. Another MARC job well done. No one, at the event, even the Event Coordinator, realized that we worked that event with only 4 bikes. Great job Boys and Gals.....

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SPRING?????????

Birds are singing, the vegetation is starting to grow, temps are hovering 15 degrees above the freezing mark! I trust each of our members are enjoying this last spring of the 20th century! Although I get comments that the 21st doesn't start until 2001.

Past few weeks I have been gearing up the cycle for the for coming season. I try to keep it in mechanical shape although cleaning it should be done too. Purchased a tankbag to carry my radio in and some of you have already heard my requests for antenna knowledge. Almost ready to go! That is until Monday. Rode a 100 miles and came home only to have the bike refuse to start! Head-scratching and where to start on the quest of getting the beemer running. Still as of this writing the beemer doesn't run. Fuel injection troubles.

This morning I rode my bicycle to work. I am out of shape! I did try to carry my HT on the handle bar but the antenna isn't the best. As I was thinking and pedaling it occurred to me that the letters for MARC could also be read as Motorless Amateur Radio Club!

Good riding to al of you what ever 2 wheeler you find yourself on!

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WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Recall it as often as you wish, a happy memory never wears out.

ORANGE COUNTY TOUR de CURE (MAY 22, 1999)

On Saturday, May 22, The Orange County Tour de Cure takes place at Chevy's Mexican Restaurant in the Woodbridge Village Center at Barranca and Creek in Irvine. Chevy's will be providing lunch for this event. This is the start and finish line.

It is amazing what all it entails for the makings of a successful event. You have Food/Beverage, Logistics, Recruitment (individual/teams), Public Relations, Advertising, Corporate sponsorship, Merchant goody bags, Merchant letters & invitations, Special prizes + other prizes, distribution of flyers, First Aid, massage tables, rest stops & stocking of rest stops, available rest rooms, signs.

Going to the different cities we will pass thru advising them of the ride and getting permits (some of these cities get pretty sticky), and yes the important assurance of a good interesting, challenging route, the communications (MARC) and many more.

For this event, there are 4 routes, 10, 25, 60, 100 miles. There are a total of seven rest stops.

MINIMUM STAFFING:

Motorcycle Mobile **Depends on the mileage & registration

03 Bicycle mobile (10, 25, 60 routes*)

16 Base/Sag/First Aid & Reststops.

CURRENT SIGN-UPS:

11 Motorcycle Mobile

03 Bicycle Mobile

10 Base/Sag/First Aid & Rest-stops/Shadows

The check-in time/start time for each is as follows:

100 mi-6:30(check-in) 7:00(start)

60 mi-7:30(check-in) 8:00(start)

25/10 mi-8:30(check-in) 9:00(start)

IF you have a choice of which you would like to ride be sure to let me know as I will be e-mailing or calling those who have signed up with their assignments in early May and I will let you know how to find the location from your home.

If you feel you would like to work this event but have not yet signed up, please do so at the May meeting. If you can't make the May meeting please feel free to call me at (714) 779-8338 (or) e-mail <ke6gyc@aol.com> or call Bonnie (949) 551-1036 or e-mail <zyp@juno.com> We need more non motorcycle hams for rest stops and yes we can always use ham equipped motorcycles. I pre-rode the 10, 25, 60 and part of the 100 miler again, also checking out the rest stop areas.

Bonnie and I attended the kick-off party Thursday night at Chevy's which was enjoyable and also more interesting events. Karen Holthe, Don Holthe (Karen's husband), Lisa who works at the ADA office as a volunteer as Karen's assistant and Elaine Bentz went to England, did a

Marathon. They each had to raise \$4,000 for ADA for this trip which they accomplished. Seems everything is falling into place and they are down to the drawing line. We have one more meeting on May 4th before the event.

ADA WEB site: <http://www.diabetes.org/tour>

Michael Pryzbylo KE6GYC <ke6gyc@aol.com>

FROM YOUR ORANGE COUNTY MS 150K COORDINATOR

In the last meeting on April 20th we continued to discuss needs for this years ride, the thought is that this years ride may be a very hot ride so water, fruit and bananas are a big need. We talked more about trying to pull together a Hawaiian theme for this year. One of the members is checking with some friends who do hula dancing to see if they may be able to perform for the riders on Saturday night. As you can see the planning goes on with this years ride

planning to be the best year yet.

As I mentioned last month the Orange County Chapter for MS now has a Web Page: <http://www.nmsoc.org/> Check it out! They will have ON LINE bike tour registration this year! This should save a lot of postage and speed the money collection. The MS 150 page is still under construction, but the site is full of great information.

The Century route is going to be checked out, with a few alternatives for the busy sections of the ride. The ride will stick to the same scenic route, with minimal changes. Bike Mechanics ARE GREATLY NEEDED. Got one you can recommend?

The hotels that were used last year will be the same for Saturday night October 9th this year. The MS 150 planning committee is shooting for 1000+ riders this year, that's about 150 more than last year, so hotel rooms will be going fast. Here is a list of the hotels and their phone numbers: The host hotel is Inns Of America, same as last year:

The Inns of America
751 Raintree Dr.
Carlsbad, CA 92009-3206
Phone: 760-931-1185

Motel 6(next door)
750 Raintree Dr.
Carlsbad, CA 92009-3206
Phone: 760-431-0745

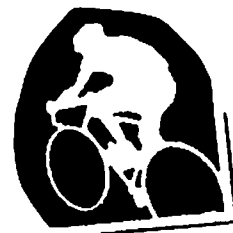
Best Western
85 Encinitas Blvd.
Encinitas, CA 92024-3625
Phone: 760-942-7455

Days Inn
133 Encinitas Blvd.
Encinitas, CA 92024-3641
Phone: 760-944-0260

Motel 6 (across the Freeway)
6117 Paseo Del Norte
Carlsbad, CA 92009-1117
Phone: 760-438-1242

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HIF NET

CQ, CQ, CQ, This is N6KBI net control for MARC bringing you the April HIF report.

The NEW time for both 20 meter and 40 meter nets started on 4/6, those times are 20m, 14.340 @ 01.00 UTC and 40m, 7.290 @ 01.30 UTC. This is 5pm CA time and 6pm AZ time. Remember to look up before looking down because of QRM.

Now I really appreciate anyone who lets me know by e-mail that they were trying to get in, kinda makes me feel good.

On 4/6 on 20m were N0XCT Bob in MN and AB5GR Ed in AR. Ed had a relay but was familiar with the call W7GWT Gary of Phelan, CA. 40m N0BLU Jim of CO, AB5GR Ed in AR and a visitor Bimo K5CIF in Taft, CA.

4/13 20m the most regular check-in AB5GR Ed in AR checked in and relayed for KD6FIIN & KM6UK De Witt both of CA and a first time ever Ron KQ6RO from Quartzhill, CA. Then a visitor from TX Gene, KC5RZD who rides a 1991 1500 GW and interested in MARC.

4/20- not one check-in

4/27- Our faithful Ed AB5GR in AR checked in on 20 meters and when I keyed the mic I blew out the power supply so needless to say the activity went away too.

Will be doing the HIF net next Tuesday mobile if I don't get another PS by then. SO LISTEN UP "I'LL BE BACK RIDING THE AIR WAVES"

73 Ken Edwards N6KBI <ken6kbi@goodnet.com>

FROM YOUR 50/50 LADY
Mijo Reynolds KF6BEB

Our two-meter net started on Wednesday April 7, 1999 and the first name drawn for the net 4/7-4/14-WA5CJP Paul Bailey, 4/21-KE6HFF Jeff Heggstrom, 4/28- K6GWC Mel Erb(\$5)

April's 50/50 \$37 cash winners: Michael KE6GYC and John KD6NXC (These two also won last month)

Some door prize winners:

- (1) \$40 Gift Certificate donated by Huntington Honda—
(goes toward a new M/C) Ray KD6FHN
- (2) Hand-held SH-55 2M-440 Antenna donated by NCG—
Mike N6QZT
- (3) "Active Hunter" 2M-440 Stubby Antenna donated by NCG—
Michael KE6GYC
- (4) "Active Hunter" 2M-440 Stubby Antenna donated by NCG—
Dollie KD6ERC
- (5) Moussager donated by "MARC"----- Gayle KF6JJT
- (6) Sport Gear 2-way Lantern donated by "MARC"---
Mike N6QZT
- (7) Fram Oil Filter(For GW)/ shop towels donated by "MARC"---
John KD6NXC
- (8) MARC Tee shirt donated by "MARC"---Billi(our waitress)
- (9) Memorex joystick donated by "MARC"--- Conrad KC6PHI

Special "free yellow" ticket was won by Billi (our waitress)
We had 2 yellow ticket winners this month. The yellow tickets are free and given to each person who comes to the meeting.

Other door prize donators were Ray/Bonnie, "Mike Naron,
All door prize donations are graciously accepted.
Matthew Morgan KF6QPH distributes the free yellow tickets.
John KC6ZOZ does assist him.
Our ticket drawers this month were Matthew Morgan, Patrick Morgan and Chelsea Hooper (all De Witt's grandchildren)

SPECIAL RAFFLE for the MAY 7th Anniversary:

A Yaesu VX-5R tri-band HT radio(50/144/430 MHz), the Sanyo Telephone/ machine and the Addonis Headset. Tickets are a \$1 a piece. Teri KF6HJT handles these special tickets.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE
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NEW MEMBERS:

A cool April brought us back a familiar face and call sign.
Yes siree on 4/20 who shows up at Huntington Honda but
KE6JFO Gary Frye, welcome back Gary, really great to see you
and hear you on the radio. Yes and I like that new Yamaha.

NEWSLETTER: Boy did I reap some help in putting the finishing
touches to the April newsletter-with Ray having an antenna raising
crew about- we sort of convinced John KC6ZOZ, Billy N6EDY,
De Witt KM6UK and Ray's son Rod's lady friend Sharon who I
very nicely shoved a chair at her and put her to work also.
Thanks a million guys for the antenna assistance and newsletter
assistance. We deeply appreciate it.

TWO-METER SIMPLEX NET: Seems they are working out great
so remember the atmosphere has been playing little games with
the nets. We do have some great relay stations out there, Bob
KD6YBT, John KD6NXC, Dollie KD6ERC, Gary W7GWT, Billy
N6EDY, sure a great help to Ray here at the base control.
Be sure to read Ray's article.

HF NETS: Hopefully Kenny got his info, again the air waves have
made it difficult to hear Kenny us and vica versa. But with Gary
W7GWT, he may is able to do some relaying. Anytime anyone
can relay for us it is great and makes Ken feel great.

Assistance: Gee we kinda didn't take any extra tables or chairs
to last meeting but our volunteers KF6IXB Gweneth & Michael
KE6GYC arrived ready for action. Thank you so much.

SUNSHINE CORNER: Golly seems the three gentlemen who
were getting their bodies fixed are up and going for the GOLD.
Ray (KD6FHN) has done very well, Billy (N6EDY) was showing off
his zipper at HH and WG6A Bill has already put himself back part
time at the office.

Anyone else who is on the mend, or going into surgery or any of
your family, remember our thoughts and prayers are there for you
as we love each and everyone of you.

LAKE VIEW CAFÉ: We want to take this moment to "THANK"
the owners **Dimitri and Dino** and their wonderful **STAFF** along
with **Billi and The Chef** (who can sure fix those hash browns
extra extra crispy) "THANKS AGAIN" for allowing **MARC** to hold
their meetings at your establishment.

****NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE MAY 28TH, 1999—PLEASE/THANK YOU**

SECOND QUARTER E-MAIL CHECK-REPORT

Hey folks we did good, not perfect yet, but I keep hoping!!!! Give
yourselves a pat on the back if you were among the 118 members
checking in which represented 85 families.

I was asked at a recent meeting where all our check-ins came
from. Happy to report we have members that checked in from
States and Canada. The states were OK, CO, NM, WI, MA, IN,
AR, CT, OR, MT, IL, MN, OH, GA, FL, PA, WA, and we must not
forget CA.

That's pretty darn good for a club that is having it's 7th
anniversary!!!! Mel and I hope to see you all at the MARC
birthday meeting, May 8th.

Remember Folks it's never too late to check-in, send them to
dollieb@earthlink.net.

Have a great day!!!

Dollie Batchelder KD6ERC dollieb@earthlink.net
The Check-in Lady

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"The more sand that has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the
clearer we should see through it." (Jean Paul)



" HE SAYS, 'NEVER BUY A FULL FACE HELMET SIGHT UNSEEN.' "

LITE -BUDDYS-----Running lights for BMWs

All of us are looking for better ways to have a safe and enjoyable riding experience. But let's face it, most "drivers" don't see motorcycles.

I found these after-market running lights at "Brown Motor Works" in Pomona, for \$48.00. This includes all the necessary parts and hardware needed. The instructions are clear, detailed, quick and easy. They even include drawings.

Basically, the light blocks are clear (LED's) or "Light Emitting Diodes", encased in blocks of red plastic, that go in the rear turn signals. When you turn the bike on, the "Lite-Buddys" turn the amber turn signals red. Then when you turn your turn signals on they flash amber.

Here's a condensed installation: Remove rear turn signal lens covers, drill a 3/16" hole in the reflector to run the wires through. Peel the tape backing and stick the light block to the outside edge of the reflector, run the wires through the hole and route to the tail light. Use the supplied piggy-back connectors to hook-up all wiring. Reinstall all lens covers, and you're ready.

I found that the lights are not as visible in day light as I thought they should be. But, and this is a **BIG, BUT!!** Boy are they visible in the darkness. Wow, is all I can say. One more thing, there was no significant drop in the volt meter. Good news for us "Volt Starving Air Heads."

I don't know if Scooterville, Inc. makes Lite-Buddys for the other brands of motorcycles or not. But I highly recommend these for every Beemer out there.

The company is called: Scooterville, Inc., at 6701 W. Lake Anne Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612. Their phone # is: (919) 782-7539. Check them out on my bike, and I think you will be saying the same thing I do. WOW....

Safe Riding

Michael Naron N6QZT <miken6qzt@juno.com>
NET COORDINATOR

A POEM FOR THOSE WHO LIKE HUGS

It's wondrous what a hug can do....
A hug can cheer you when you're blue
A hug can say "I love you so"
Or, "I hate to see you go."
A hug is "Welcome back again,"
And "Great to see you! Where've you been?"
A hug can soothe a small child's pain,
And bring a rainbow after the rain.
The hug, there's just no doubt about it-
We scarcely could survive without it!!
A hug delights and warms and charms
It must be why God gave us arms.
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers;
And chances are your favorite aunts
Love them more than potted plants.
Kittens crave them, puppies love them;
Heads of state are not above them.
A hug can break the language barrier,
And travel so much merrier.
No need to fret about your store of 'em;
The more you give, the more there's of 'em.
So stretch those arms without delay
And give someone a hug today!!!



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

A ton of iron turns into three tons of rust.

"MARC" YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CHAIN OF EVENTS IN 1999

MAY 1ST-TOUR DE CURE(RIVERSIDE)

MAY 8TH-ANNIVERSARY MEETING

MAY 22ND-TOUR DE CURE(ORANGE)

MAY 28TH-NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

FOR JUNE /JULY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 12TH-BREAKFAST MEETING

JULY 10TH-BREAKFAST MEETING

AUGUST 4TH-AUG/SEPT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

AUGUST 14TH-BREAKFAST MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11TH-BREAKFAST

MEETING

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DUE DATE IS A QUESTION AT
THIS TIME AS OUR MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 2ND DUE
TO THE MS150 IS ON OCTOBER 9TH & 10TH.

NOVEMBER 3RD-NEWSLETTER

ARTICLES DUE

NOVEMBER 13TH-BREAKFAST

MEETING

LOVE RIDE IS USUALLY IN NOVEMBER

DECEMBER 1ST-NEWSLETTER

ARTICLES DUE

DECEMBER 11TH-BREAKFAST

MEETING

THIS IS HOW OUR CALENDAR STANDS AT THIS TIME.
CHANGES MAY ARISE....

25th ANNUAL THREE FLAGS CLASSIC UPDATE APRIL 27, 1999 FOR ALL MARC MEMBERS

Start Date and Location: Friday, September 1, 2000 Tijuana, Mexico
Start Hotel: (Hotel to be determined)

Finish Date and Location:

Tuesday September 5, 2000 Edmonton, Alberta Canada
Finish Hotel" Fantasyland Hotel at the West Edmonton Mall

Banquet Date: Wednesday night, September 6, 2000

Departure Date: Thursday by 11:00 am September 7, 2000

Three hundred rooms were blocked for 2000 Classic participants as of
Monday April 26, 1999 at a special 3 Flags rate. Yes, the hotel will
take your reservations for the 2000 event as of NOW.

The exchange rate while I was in Canada two weeks ago was 149%-
147% making everything purchased in Canada almost 50% discount!

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Because of the surprising early high demand for "room-days" through
out the year 2000, the hotel industry is strongly suggesting that it might
be prudent to book as early as possible and, if need be, cancel later!?

For current official information about next year's 3 Flags, you can reach
the best source, Ken Rodgers, SCMA's 25th Annual Three Flags Class:
Chairman directly at 1-619-259-4520 or e-mail:<horizon@san.IT.com>

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EXTREMES & CONTRASTS

Life's full of them. Two of mankind's most pressing problems seem to
be how to keep half the population from starving and the other half from
being overweight.

FIRST QUARTER 1999 FINANCIAL REPORT:

First the IRS knows of us, I called and talked to the IRS & the State three years straight and was told the same thing by both, and I did not have to call and verify every year as we have no worries. That was all handled in the beginning.

Checkbook Balance beginning of 1999 year.	\$3236.12
Remember this balance includes multiple years dues.	
Expenses:	
Door prizes	\$ 151.27
Newsletter	259.97
Postage	143.56
Phone	67.92
Radio/fax	
Special Raffle	449.78
Misc./Office	315.54
Return dues	24.00
TOTAL	<1412.04>



Receipts:	
50/50 total taken in	\$320.00 minus
Door prize	<26.92>
Net drawing	<45.00>
Tickets	< 8.61> = \$ 239.47
Advertising	390.00
Special Raffle	152.00
Shirts	114.00
Membership	560.49
Contains multiple year dues	
TOTAL	\$1455.96
Checkbook Balance end of March	\$3280.04



We have 79 shirts, 10 caps, 194 pins is salable inventory
We have 57 vests MARC owns two push-up antennas

Ray and Bonnie own the Kendon trailer to the tune of \$1400+ for the members use. Any donations made for the use of the trailer go to MARC, the Davis' keep up the wear and tear expenses, license, tires etc.
Ray and Bonnie, the Board of Directors and the President and spouse, pay for our dues, shirts, caps, pins the same as every MARC member.
We also buy door prizes(out of pocket expense) and buy door prize tickets, etc.
There are a lot of expenses the Davis' pay but we do not worry about those.

Bonnie Davis Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor

THOUGHTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

If you have a gray-haired mother
In the old home, far away,
Sit down and write the letter
You've put off from day to day.
Don't wait until your weary steps
Have reached the pearly gate,
But let her know you think of her
Before it is too late.

If you have a tender message---
A loving word to say --
Don't wait till you forget it.
But whisper it today.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt you if you wait;
So make your loved ones happy
Before it is too late.



The tender words unspoken,
The letters never sent,
The long forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent--
For those, some hearts are breaking.
For those, some loved ones wait --
So make your mother happy
Before it is too late.
(A. Robertson South Burnaby,
British Columbia) in OC Register

FAMILY CIRCUS



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"I like phoning better than E-mail 'cause you don't hafta know how to spell."

Proof of Insurance: Not just a good idea -- it's the law

BY CSFA INSURANCE BOARD

Do you know that California requires all motorists to carry Proof of Insurance? This law, AB 650, has been in effect since Jan. 1, 1997. The following is a summary of the law and its requirements.

Proof of Insurance (AB 650)

What does the law say?

Effective Jan. 1, 1997, this law requires all motorists to provide evidence of financial responsibility to:

o The DMV when registering or renewing a vehicle's registration.

o A police officer upon demand when stopped for a moving violation or an accident.

Violations could result in a fine of up to \$1,000.00 for the first offense and up to \$2,000.00 for any additional conviction, and in addition a judge may order your vehicle to be impounded. Any person who knowingly provides false evidence may be fined and imprisoned for up to 30 days.

What should you do to comply?

1. Send a copy of our Insurance ID card or policy declarations page with your DMV registration renewal fee.
2. Place a current copy of your Insurance ID card with your vehicle registration and carry it in your vehicles at all times.
3. If you have misplaced your insurance ID card, the following three items should be written on the back of your registration:
 - λ Your insurance Company's Name
 - λ Your Policy Number
 - λ Your Policy Coverage Dates
4. Always call your insurance company when you need to add new drivers to your policy.
5. Never allow "excluded" drivers to operate your vehicle(s).
6. Call your insurance company when you buy or sell a vehicle so your policy reflects accurate information.

Most companies automatically cover new or replacement vehicles purchased by you for up to 30 days from the date of purchase. Terms and conditions vary from company to company. Always call your insurance company as soon as you purchase a new or replacement vehicle.

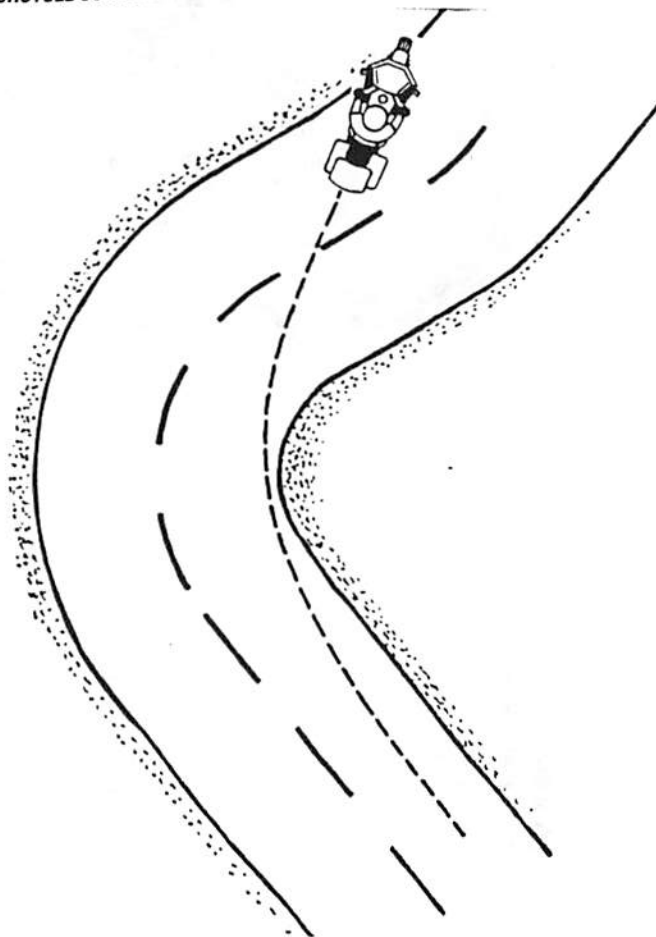


Deep Trouble

IT'S A GREAT day for a Saturday ride with your friends, and you have headed out in a group for a canyon ride. You are confident your new ride has enough power to keep up with your companions, but you are a little nervous about the fast pace set by the lead rider. You don't want to be seen as a "slow" rider. The other guys are pushing fast, and you struggle to keep up, accelerating hard in the short straights, and riding the brakes deep into the tight corners. You're making enough sparks in the tighter turns to convince yourself that you're riding about as fast as you can.

But halfway around a tight right-hander, the bike seems to have a mind of its own, refusing to turn as tightly as the pavement. You're trying to stay in the middle of your lane, but the front wheel drifts across the centerline. With the throttle already closed, you get on the brakes. The bike seems to squat and drift even wider, and you're barely able to bring it to a stop on the opposite shoulder a few inches short of the ditch. Luckily, there wasn't a car coming around the corner at that moment.

Your excursion across the road may seem to be a result of riding quickly, but the real culprit is your cornering technique. Point the bike toward the centerline to set up for a right-hander, use both brakes to decelerate, then get off the brakes before you lean over. Swivel your head around toward the direction you want to go, push on the right grip to lean right, and roll on a little throttle to pull the machine around the curve. Consider practicing your cornering techniques by yourself before joining the next group ride.



(www.netlingo.com/e-mailsh.html).

AFALK:	"as far as I know"
BRB:	"(I'll) be right back" (to the chat room)
BTW:	"by the way"
CUL8RI:	"see you later!"
E2EG:	"ear-to-ear grin"
FWIW:	"for what it's worth"
GAL:	"get a life"
<G>:	"grinning" (usually only appears in newsgroups)
HTH:	"hope this/that helps"
IANAL:	"I am not a lawyer"
IMHO:	"in my humble opinion"
IMNSHO:	"in my not-so-humble opinion"
IOW:	"in other words"
IRL:	"in real life" (typically appears or in chat rooms)
LBR:	"later!"
LOL:	"laughing out loud"
NRN:	"no reply necessary"
OTOH:	"on the other hand"
PMFI:	"pardon me for jumping in" (to an ongoing discussion)
ROTF:	"rolling on the floor laughing"
RTFM:	"read the flippin' manual"
WMTA:	"warped minds think alike"
WTG:	"way to go!"
WTH:	"what the heck?"
WYSIWYG:	"what you see is what you get"
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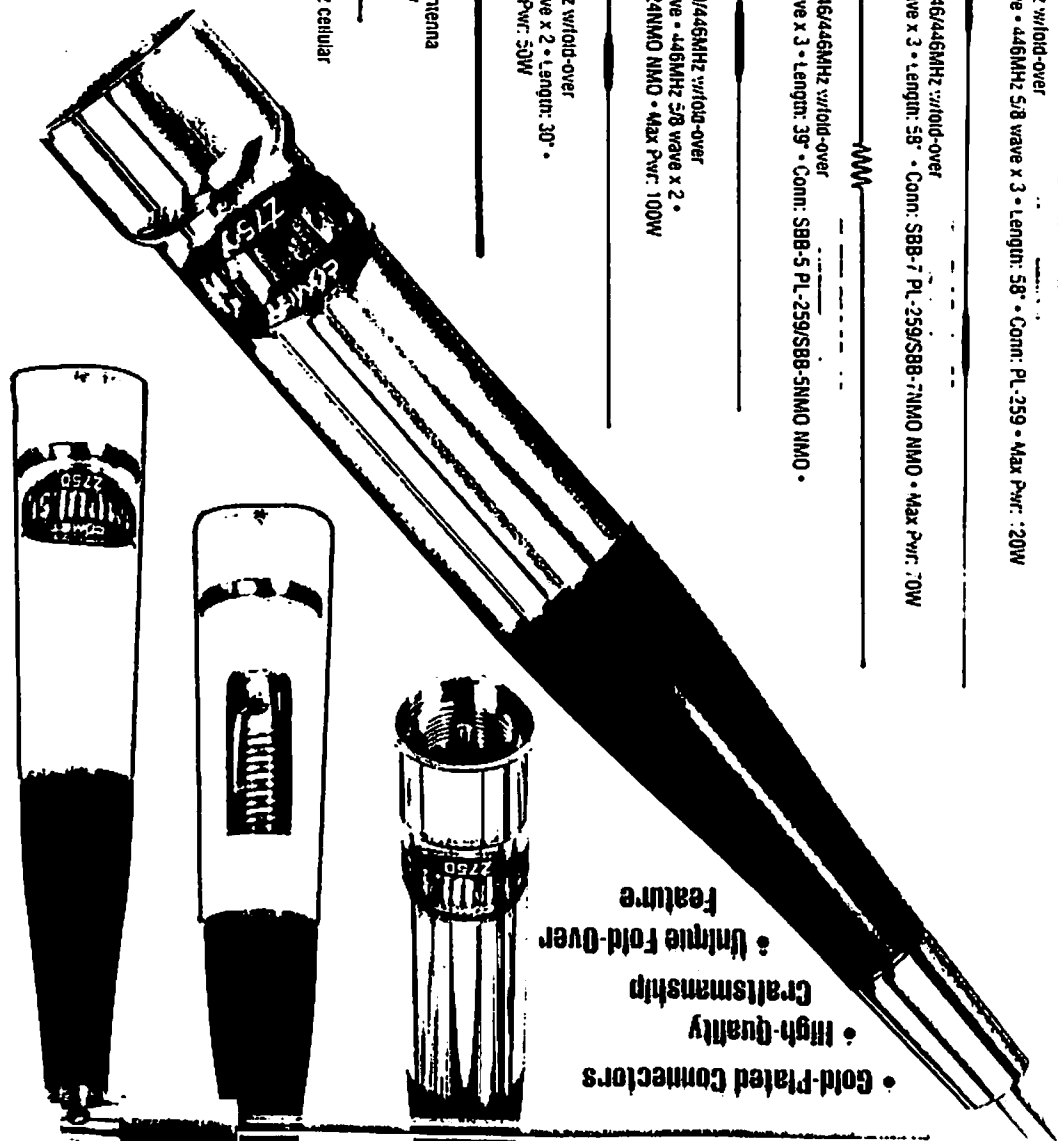
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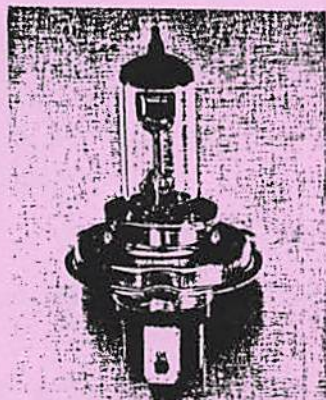
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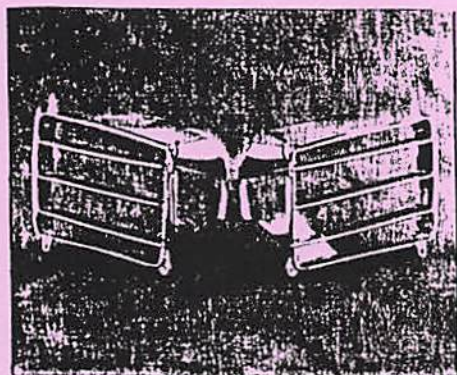
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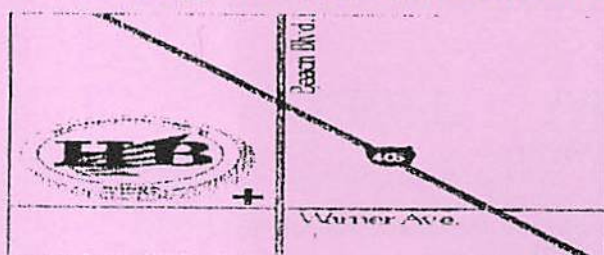


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12,19,26-"MARC" 440 NET 7PM ON THE BARN SYSTEM
8-"MARC'S" 7TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING 8AM(LAKE VIEW CAFE**714-572-8521)
9-HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
16-RIDE FOR KIDS(NOT A MARC EVENT)
22-TOUR de CURE(ORANGE COUNTY)
31-MEMORIAL DAY(HAVE A SAFE & MEMORABLE HOLIDAY)

Mother's Day

JUNE 1,8,15,22,29-"MARC" HF NET
2,9,16,23,30-"MARC" 440 NET 7PM ON THE BARN SYSTEM
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