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From the President's Desk

JERRY IRWIN

Welcome back. I hope that you have enjoyed this summer break. On this end, the joy has been moderated by some medical problems. On the 17th of July, I had surgery to repair a small hernia in my left groin. All went well but the healing is slow and a bit painful as to be expected. I have been taking things very slowly for the past couple of weeks. My motor has been on and off the battery tender, just to keep it fresh and ready to ride in a couple of more weeks. I hope that I will be able to read about some wonderful road trips that I was not able to make this summer.

Our next MARC meeting will be on the 8th of August at the Home Town Buffet in Santa Ana. I will be running the MARC net on Wednesday the 5th at 1930hrs. Please, join in. We should gain some knowledge on plans for the next event, the MS-150, scheduled for October 17 & 18. We hope to have a maximum turn-out for this event.

John, N6JCB, and I will pick one of the motors in the parking lot at our next meeting for the new "Bike of The Month" article that he wants to write for this newsletter. I will have my camera to take a couple of pictures. Your bike might be the chosen one. This is not a contest so it doesn't have to be the newest, cleanest, or shiniest one in the parking lot. Just be there and be ready to tell us about your radio and equipment. Now . Mjo, KF6BEB, and I will have to figure out what to do with our time. The subject of the past three weeks has been the Tour de France, the bicycle race. Though it did not pass close to her home this year, it does generate much excitement and memories of places in France that we have seen or would like to see. I guess it is back to baseball and auto racing. I have spent some time in my vegetable garden and also a few hours building a play table for the granddaughter. We also baby sit two or three days a week on the days our son and his wife both work.

On Saturday 11 July, Mijo and I loaded some of our gear into my pickup and drove down to HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) in Anaheim CA. There, we met up with eleven other MARC members to set up a display booth for MARC. It was the annual Ham Jam, open house for HRO. Most of the amateur radio groups in Orange County were there, with equipment, in the parking lot to advertise and recruit members for their respective organizations. Gordon West was there with his mobile communications van. He and several other volunteers conducted testing for all levels of amateur radio licensing. HRO had several prize giveaway sessions during the day. Some of our MARC members even won one of the many prizes. We had an EZ-Up, table, and several chairs for our MARC members. Some were proud to park their radio equipped motors in front of the EZ-Up and tell visitors about the equipment on them and how MARC

uses the motors and ham radio to support the many charity events that we work each year.

I would like to remind everyone that our annual Christmas meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the Home Town Buffet. We did not have enough confirmed seats to contract the Citrus Café where we have had the dinner in the past. It is my hope that we will still be able to have a "Special" drawing for a super prize and that we can have a super turn out for our Christmas meeting. A morning meeting should not interfere with any other club or business/work parties.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR 2015 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FOR SEPTEMBER
FOR OCTOBER
FOR NOVEMBER
FOR DECEMBER

"MARC" CALENDAR FOR 2015 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

(Audrey Hepburn)

SAT 8th	BREAKFAST MEETING
SAT 12th	BREAKFAST MEETING
SAT 10th	BREAKFAST MEETING
T 17th/SUN 18	th MS BAY TO BAY
SAT 14th	BREAKFAST MEETING
SAT 12th	CHRISTMAS PARTY
	SAT 12th SAT 10th T 17th/SUN 18 SAT 14th

[&]quot;The best thing to hold on to in life is each other."

DEL MAR TOUR DE CURE APRIL 9, 2016 START/FINISH @ DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS 2260 JIMMY DURANTE BLVD, DEL MAR, CA 92014 GOAL: \$240,000 RIDERS: TEAMS: ACHIEVED: \$1383.00 RIDERS: 180 TEAMS: 20 ROUTE DISTANCES: 1, 15, 29, 62, 100

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TOUR DE OC SATURDAY MAY 21, 2016 START/FINISH AT NEWPORT MESA CHURCH & VANGUARD UNIVERSITY 2599 NEWPORT BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA

SHIP TO SHORE TOUR DE CURE SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016 QUEEN MARY - 1126 QUEEN'S HIGHWAY LONG BEACH, CA 90802 GOALS: \$800,000 RIDERS: 2400 TEAMS: 152

TEAM: 43

Please join us for our 2016 Open House Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 4th, 2015
Torrance Memorial Specialty Center
2841 Lomita Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505.

ACHIEVED: \$3572.00 RIDERS: 334

Mark KE6ZRP John N6JCB Bonnie KD6OFQ

ORANGE COUNTY SURF 2 SUMMIT Oct 17, 2015
ADA Office: 17752 Mitchell Avenue, Suite H, Irvine, CA 92614
Yorba Linda Park 26m & 50m & family ride-River bed trail to Huntington Beach(This ride is
gearing up for 2016- MARC will not participate in this event.)
There will be a mountain bike ride included...
Goals: \$103,000 Riders: 300 Teams: 40

Keep your eyes open for the 2016 March event!!!!!

Mike N6QZT

Bonnie KD6OFQ

MS BAY TO BAY 2015
START @ Irvine Transportation Center
15215 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92618
OVERNITE @ Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa,
5480 Grand Pacific Dr, Carlsbad, CA 92008
FINISH@ Hospitality Point, Mission Bay, San Diego, CA
GOAL:: 2,400,000 ACHIEVED: \$313.030.16
TEAMS: 135 RIDERS: 1198

Route slips are to be sent to MARC & CARES before MS August meeting

None of our coordinators were able to make the July meeting. This is fine due MARC does not have to make every meeting.. Just keep updated...

Krista KB6MYR Andy W6AJB Michael AF6FB

Bonnie,

A very big Thank You to MARC for sharing your time and expertise with us Saturday at Ham Jam! I am so glad you were able to attend this year, and hope you were able to recruit new members and catch up with old ones as well.

I hope we'll be able to continue the tradition next year for our 5th Anniversary, with as many of our "regulars" as possible.

The HRO Anaheim team appreciates all the club does to help us make our annual event the big success that it is.

Kind 73, Janet Margelli, KL7MF Manager Ham Radio Outlet 933 N. Euclid St. Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)533-7373 Tel

Saturday July 11, 2015 HRO HAM JAM

This day welcomed MARC members John W5JFR & Mijo KF6BEB (with an easy-up, tables, chairs) Ray KD6FHN & Bonnie KD6OFQ, Mike N6QZT, Michael AF6FB, Michael KA6ALF, John KC6ZOZ, Jeff KB6SUP, Bob N6UK, Mark KE6ZRP, Joseph W6UPB & Bill KA6HMS. We drew lots of attention regarding the M/C setups. Many interested in the BMWs and Michael ALF's very different motor, the Can-AM.

Several members were drawn for a variety of prizes but not the big ones!!!

Wanting us back for next year on their 5th

Anniversary...so I have an idea for our booth next year...

Thanks to all who put in an appearance we appreciated it and the camaraderie.

Bonnie KD6OFQ

"Summer is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather." (John Ruskin)

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK.

MARC News: Well there is not much news on the MARC Club side of things. We haven't had a charity event this summer to volunteer for and there hasn't been a MARC meeting since Saturday June 13th. However we do have a meeting set for Saturday Aug. 8th to start getting thing in line and ready for the up coming charity events starting in Sept. or Oct.. However we are still having our unofficial MARC get togethers at Huntington Honda and Woody's Diner every Sat. morning. Sometime the MARC turnouts have been sparse and sometimes they have been pretty big.

The really sad news is that our waitress for the past 14 or so years at Woody's Diner was diagnosed with breast cancer on or about May 16th and she passed away on July 16th. She was only 30 years old. She had literally many, many hundreds of friends. A group started a fund raiser for her hoping to raise \$2500 to help with the funeral expenses and of this writing the fund had nearly \$11,000 in it. She had such a glowing personality and called all of us old fogies by name and when we gave her a hard time, she could really return the favor. She was just so young, beautiful and talented. Woody's will never be the same to us who knew Angie so well.:-

The turn outs at our regular MARC meetings have been so small that at the meeting in June it was decided (we took a vote from members present) to not plan this years Christmas party for the Citrus Cafe as we have done for the past 4 or 5 years and just hold it at the HomeTown Buffet on the morning of Saturday Dec. 12th. We were told by the Hometown Buffet that we could hold the Christmas Meeting there that morning and they would let us have the back enclosed room for 3 hours instead of the 2 hours we normally get it for. It was decided that because the regular MARC meeting turn outs were so small that we could never get enough people signed up for a more expensive Christmas party at the Citrus Cafe and our MARC treasury couldn't cover any lost revenue. So we are going back to the way we used to do it 20 years ago when we were still at the Lakeview Cafe.

Ray's world, Well there hasn't much been going on in my world either. On Friday May 29th after riding the bicycle 10 miles I pulled into the garage and felt a pain in my lower right leg, on the outside of shin bone that felt like, what I had heard others say, what blood clot felt like. So that afternoon we went right in to see a doctor and after ultra sounds on the right femoral artery and the veins were in excellent condition, then x rays of that same area, nothing, then a CT of my lower back and presto, they

found that I had a pinched Sciatic nerve in the lowest 2 vertebrae in my back. So I started going to ACIC Therapy institute about 5 miles from home on Wed June 3rd. While at the doctors office that first visit, the doctor asked me to walk on my toes with the heels off the floor. I could do that. Then he asked me to walk on my heels and keep the toes off the ground, I couldn't do that with my right foot. Try it sometime, it isn't easy, especially at 83. The muscle on the out side of the right shin bone had atrophied and there was little or no muscle there. After about 2 weeks of therapy I was able to start riding 5 miles a couple of days a week again and then as the 8 weeks have gone by, I am back up to riding 35 miles a week again and now my right foot doesn't flop when I walk and that muscle is nearly back to normal. I still can't walk on both heels though. But it is getting better. During the first month of going to therapy I was also having to do exercises at home 2 times a day, every day, which took about 2 hours a day 7 days a week. When my Medicare rounds out this Friday, I have to start doing those same exercises again at home. Big pain, you know where. :-)

On my yearly 5 month diet I did get down to the 164 weight that I wanted to get down to. Now that I am getting back to putting in 40 to 50 miles a week on the bike again, I can eat a little more.

Bonnie had flown back to a family reunion back in Ohio this summer and since she has been back, has been down sick for the last few days, But is much better as of this writing.

Haven't had Casper (our 2004 Honda Gold Wing) out for a ride in about 2 months, still haven't had any bids on it either. I do start it in the garage and let it run until the cooling fans come on while it sets on the center stand. Just don't have the desire to ride it anymore.

Please always support our MARC Newsletter advertisers and those who also support MARC when they donate door or super raffle prizes for our monthly meetings and/or our MARC Christmas & Anniversary Parties.

God Bless our MARC members, families and friends.

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"All any of us can do is make the best of what we have and live with generosity and kindness. Now that is beautiful." (Helen Mirren)

MINNESOTA RIDING

" I can get you into the BMW National Rally, David. Only \$50 now if you want me to order another ticket?" I had sent a text to Dave about the rally I had invited him to, back in January.

The cell vibrated and I checked the messages, "No, my wife says it is too far!"

I sadly sent back, "That's OK will bug you later!"

Realizing my dream of not going to Dove Creek, Colorado this year was materializing, and IF I had sent the query BEFORE registering for the Rally in Billings, I could have done Top o' Rockies the prior week instead!

My good friend Duane had rode out to Paonie, Colorado, left on the 15th of July and the plan was to meet him in Billings, Montana. His friend Tim H. was also riding to Top O' Rockies and would meet Duane there then ride Utah and Colorado for a few days then they would be in Billings.

Last Wednesday after planning and contacting the time was set to go! "Be sure you wake me up before you go, Tim!" Karen scolded. She had written on the calendar the dates when I would be gone, also she had written "WAH" "What does that mean?"

"Wah, I am going to miss you!" she smiled.

"Oh, I thought it was some acronym for another event!" I replied with a sinking heart.

Woke up at 4 am and out the door by 5:30 am. I had packed the night before taking the small Givi trunk off and adding the sleeping bag, tent and chair. 168,204 miles on the odometer. I purred out the alley noting that the sun is coming up later every day now. Stopped and added fuel, using regular this time. Then north to 694 and west to hwy 169. South through the waking up metropolitan area of Minneapolis, watching the stream of headlights coming at me and then waning as I headed south of Jordan, Mn. Homes gave way to farm fields. Corn looked to be 6 feet tall. Sun or dawn started with the black and white images to full color of green!

Through Mankato and down to Worthington. Filled the tank with BP. I should get that account changed. 17 cents off the price, 4 gallons? West into South Dakota, I rode on and on, filling my 5 gallon tank every 3 hours. Sturgis exit #32 and down into the town. Called Cousin Paul "Oh you have gone too far, Tim. Go back to the convenience store, Common Cents and I will meet you there. I have a lawn mower tractor in my red Pickup!"

Paul got out of his truck, I hadn't seen him in years, his smile cracked the leather looking face as he stuck out his hand, "You haven't changed a bit, Tim!" I nodded. "Yah you look

the same too, however kind of scruffy with that beard and long hair!" He laughed, "Well yeah I do! Follow me up the hill!"

I rode along following and decided that the last time I was there was at least 10 years ago! He parked his truck and I rode up to the ranch type house and got the bike on cement. The garage doors were open with piles of stuff beckoning prying eyes to look at. 3 Harley Davidson's parked in the garage or out on the cement pad.

Paul came walking up the gravel driveway. "Do you know, Tim that I have lived in this house for 25 years?" He was shaking his head and surveyed the garage. "Yep, time flies, Do you know that the WE use the word

"Yep, time flies, Do you know that the WE use the word "STUFF" when looking at this and most women including my wife call it "JUNK"! Paul nodded as his wife Patricia was also listening to my wise words... she chuckled. Paul says, "Soon as you get rid of the stuff then you "NEED" it!

Looking down on Sturgis in the clear skies, hearing the rumble of a Harley Davidson and talking to my cousin. Patricia had barbecued Chicken breasts, potatoes and a big glass of milk plus a mixture of iced Tea that she had given me previously.

"Are you a Broker or just broke?" I teased. He chuckled, "Both. I buy Harleys and resell them." He pointed at a black one. "This one a lady was selling as she had no time to ride anymore. First year she rode it 1000 miles then the next year 500, less and less. So I have ways to check around the country and will purchase them, detail and resell."
"You buying during Sturgis Rally?" I asked. Paul shook his head. "Late Winter early Spring, by now the people have motorcycles or have gone off and bought something else, I have them shipped in, tomorrow morning I will show you the shop where I store and clean them up."

I motioned to Paul and pointed at the tire stamp. "Do you change tires?" Paul looked at me, "I didn't know there was such a thing! I usually take the motorcycle in and have the dealer put on tires. I do check the tire pressures after getting home."

"Yep, there is a stamp on all tires, now due to the millennium it is in numbers like say, 3015 which means the 30th week of 2015. usually when I order my tires I do it in person to make sure the tire is fresh. They tend to harden if you don't want an old New OLD Stock on you machine." I replied. Paul nodded. "I also add Dyna Beads to the tires, used to try to dribble them into the tire valve but lately I buy a 1 ounce bag and drop it into the tire before popping the tire over the safety bead."

"How does that work?" Paul was interested. "Static balance." I replied. "Balanced for the life of the tire, the beads gather opposite of blemish or bent rim and smooths out the ride.

Better than balancing tires with lead due to over time the tire wears and the balance is gone. Although with motorcycle tires the time is short." I preached. "Have you seen car tires on motorcycles?"

Again Paul shook his head. He smiled and stared at me, "No I just let the mechanics and use only motorcycle stuff on my Harleys, I do add tire valves that are colored so when I see a Harley and see the tire valves I know it was one I had sold, Kind of a marking for me!" He laughed.

"Now don't you leave before breakfast tomorrow!" Paul said. I nodded seems a theme in my life! Leaving without at least saying Thank You! Paul had an apartment in the basement. "Lucky for you nobody is living here and you can have some privacy!" The bedroom had no windows, hard to figure out what the time is without a clock and no windows!

Next morning I was outside watching the sun coming up. On the way out the morning had been cold and I hadn't found any summer gloves to replace the ones that wore out. Kept turning on the heated grips which also has worn out the low setting so turned them off when the hands got too hot.

Paul made breakfast. I showed him the pictures of the 2 Harleys he is trying to sell. "NO flash, Paul, just the natural light of the sunrise reflecting off the chrome."
"You need to send me them when you get home!" Paul continues, "I might need to hire you as the photographer!"
"Yeah that would be good, come out here and enjoy the sunrises!"

"Before you go we can stop and you can meet the mechanics at the shop. I suited up and followed his car down the hill. Parked at this small shop, garage doors open and people tinkering. "Yeah, Tim on the way down I don't use the gears on the car!, just roll down the half mile. He showed me an old Indian Scout and an Engfield. "I am borrowing these from a fellow that has all sorts of motorcycles and old cars. Kind of a eye catching thing to draw people in when they come driving by." He turned and pointed at the sign about custom welding. "The shop guys do just about everything." He points at an old International straight truck. "This is a 56, we plan to take it off the frame and install it on a Chevy S 10 frame. The 6 cylinder engine does run however we may throw in a V8, plan to seal coat this rusted look." he said. "Yeah there is a rat rod club in Minneapolis. When they go to a show they use their power sanders to clean up the rust!" "Really?" Paul seemed surprised. "Yeah one year I followed Jerry out to Wilmar to see Russ, Jerry's brother. Russ was adding flames to some of the old cars and we were looking or trying to figure out if we got into the car, would we be able to get back out, the cars looked to be 3" off the road!"

I met the mechanics and they showed me a shortcut from Sturgis to Billings. I finally was back on the freeway with the mind full of what I had heard. "you need to come back and we can spend a day in the hills, Tim!" Paul had said. Going through my check list.. "hmm I think I forgot my camera, pulled into the entrance of Sturgis on the west side and yep. I got back to the ranch house and found the camera on the table, Patricia wasn't in the kitchen or living room. I quietly went back out to the BMW and Paul was driving up the gravel driveway. "Quick Trip?" He laughed. "Hard to say good bye."I quipped. "You be sure to send me those pics!" I nodded and proceeded down the hill, pass the pickup that someone had parked in the ditch the night before, tail gate open and now there was some furniture in the truck.. down passed the shop and back again to I-90.

Bright sky as the day was in full swing, Spearfish I took Hwy 85 north to Bella Fourcire 212, I headed west into Wyoming and into Montana. Some traffic but it did cut off at least 75 miles from I-90.

Second installment

Highway 212 is like all back roads. Towns or villages to drive through. I came out of Broadus, MT following a farm truck and decided to pass him. Looking in my mirrors I see a BMW motorcycle right behind me, the helmeted rider nodding his approval on the speed I was attaining. I waved for him to pass me and he waved as he came by me. The huge sky scapes and prairie hills with a tiny ribbon of highway ahead of me. I watched this BMW opposed twin diminish in size until the next curve he was gone.

5 minutes later I came over this hill, yep flashing lights of the squad and there the rider is fishing in his aluminum bag with a police officer watching. Now where did that police car come from? Almost 200 miles since filling the BMW. Crow Agency on I-90 but the fuel station had NO gas. I stayed on the frontage and found a Connoco and filled my 4 gallons.

"40+ miles to go Karen!" I had called her so she would know of course where I was. the cell phone likes the WIFI and the date was May 25th! Time around 10 PM.. another words way off what it was supposed to be. Thursday July 23 at 11:30 am. I was seeing more BMWs, figured I would follow them into Billings. Red lights had me stopped as the lead beemers kept on going. The METRA in Billings is like a fair grounds but this weekend instead of race cars or horses it was motorcycles. I parked the BMW, took out my preregistration and walked into the building. "About time you showed up!You're late!" Duane spotted me coming in and came over and shook my hand. He pointed out where his tent was and told me he would be

back later. I nodded. "Yah it is good to see you! We will talk later!"

Billings is busy. Duane and Tim had found this spot on the edge of the grounds or as far away from the stadium and the bands that played there. Parked the BMW along the curb after finding Duane's Concours. Easy to find due to the lower fairing he had removed. He had told me to set my tent by the green tent...I saw at least 2 green tents... Might say it was very in TENT sive... until that is Duane and Tim showed up.

"Tim there is a motorcycle washing station under the grandstand!"

"You expect me to wash my motorcycle?" I teased.
"We know that it would look lots better and it would be better for you, Tim. Duane replied.

The plan was set for Friday. We would go up Bear tooth mountain. Tim H. rides the BMW R1200I and he opted to follow me who was following Duane on his Concours. But first we walked around looking at motorcycles and the options or add ones. you know same drill that we all do when in a motorcycle event.

The shower lines were long. From 5am until 10 am there had to be at least 30 guys waiting for 3 stalls. When walking around that evening there was a few guys waiting. I headed for sleep at 10 pm. Ear plugs due to the locals beeping or loud exhaust pipes blasting away! I was thinking of putting a sign up, EAR PLUGS USED ALL THE TIME... Woke up and no cell phone with the right clock time to help me, however I grabbed my towel and clothes and walked to the showers. NO line! Praising the Lord for the small items in my life...however one small item was missing.. SOAP. So gathered my stuff walked back to my tent which is 2 blocks from the showers and find it and go back and still NO line! Refreshed I slept until 5 am.

I waited for Duane to wake up. Tim popped his head out of his tent and smiled. We agreed to ride before finding breakfast. Red Lodge and needed fuel. Tim came out and gave Duane the name of a small breakfast cafe. We rode over to it and parked the bikes. Hum of people talking while eating as we walked in. The menu were given. Eggs abounded. I however found they had biscuits and gravy. The waitress would run from the front to the back of that cafe. I called, "You need Roller blades!" She laughed. We waited at least 30 minutes and the 2 egged dishes that Tim and Duane ordered came. "Only 2 orders?" The waitress asked.

"I had ordered the Biscuits and Gravy."

"Oh OK I will get it!" she said as she left.

She came back with the catch up and syrup.

"Did you find my order yet?" I asked as I watched the other 2 chow down.

"Yes we did!" Huge platter of the gravy and biscuits, my time had come to finish that off!

Riding 212 but this time a mountain appeared. Twisted road, double yellow lines, plenty of motorcycles behind us as we attacked the road. Cooler weather as we climbed. In Red Lodge the temperature was 64. 30 minutes or 10,000 feet later it was 45 degrees with a wind chill. Looking down at snow fields. To me it seems easier to climb or ride up the hills and twisties. Going down harder. Especially when the aggressive riders are passing us old guys on a no passing zone or around a blind corner.. same thing we used to do 40 years ago!

Duane was enjoying the views. I was watching the temp gauge for the coolant. Soared to red. Lack of oxygen or slow speeds. We kept stopping and taking pictures. "It doesn't work to take pics!"I exclaimed. Duane nodded Duane had us turn on 296 east. Then north on hwy 120 before getting back into Montana on hwy 72.

Back at camp the guys were saying I need to clean out my radiator. "See? You should have taken our advice and got the beemer washed yesterday!"
"OK, while you are out having supper I will go and wash the BMW now." So I went over to the bike wash.
Closed. Hmm.. "You can come back at 9 am Saturday."
The volunteer commented.

The rally seemed OK. However closing of bike wash or having the ice cream truck closed at 7 PM? Somethings didn't seem right to us. Duane and Tim H agreed to leave Saturday morning for home. "We plan on riding 400 miles and ride the last section on Sunday, what are you doing, Tim?"

"I was thinking of going up north and see some cousins in Minnesota." I replied. However the plans changed.

I woke up again. shower this time at 3 am. slept again to 5:30 am and watched the Sun shine come up. Duane and Tim took down their tents and packed them away. I had found 2 golf balls in my saddle bags from mowing job. Duane was watching while I dumped them into Tim H's bag..."Here we can confuse him with these.. Duane was snickering. Tim H had made a 2'by 2' aluminum carrying plate for his equipment. I dubbed it the pizza pan. I walked back to his spot where he was busy packing, "I

"Already?" I mocked "Yah I should have hidden them!" "You want them back?" Tim H asks.
"Nope, I will find more when mowing." I replied.
As he buttoned up his saddle bag the cover didn't close...
"Must be those golf balls." he muttered. Tossed his shaving kit in the huge bag that fits on the pizza pan.

7 am the guys rolled out and only my tent was still up. Well among the thousands that had appeared. However there was hundreds of motorcycles leaving due to whatever. I took my tent down and talked to a few guys. The person that won the motorcycle last year had camped across the path from us. Talked to her husband. I gave out 20 of my business card about my book. Do you know that Triumph motorcycles have fuel injection that is inside a carburetor looking cover?

I left Billings at 11 am. 90+ degrees and it was time to go. I had hoped to head for northern Minnesota but decided to head for home. Decided to eat lunch in Miles City, I see this car on the west side of the road with the windshield smashed and then further on the east side is the remains of a fawn with the head of this poor deer sitting up[right in the middle of the lane! The smell of blood and guts around me. I quickly veered away from that and exited taking a left and under the bridge to the closest fast food place. Parked the bike and walked in with the Areostich suit on. No place to put it with my pack on the back. Ate brunch watching people.

The side covers on this 20 year old BMW sometimes come off the connections to the bike, the rubber hose that removes extra gas from the tank was about the same size as the rubber hose that left the motorcycle a couple of days ago. I used my knife and cut off the chunk, cut off alright. Cut my thumb! Blood oozed out, no bandages. I took a paper towel and wrapped the thumb then used electrician tape to hold it on my thumb. Blood thinners and pressure pills.. must be in my 60's? Further down the road I had to stop as my thumb had lost feeling. So I just held the paper towel on the throttle while pressing the right thumb against the towel and used the throttle lock to hold the speed.

400 miles or Bismark came and was in my mirrors. There was storms to the south of I-94 as I crossed into my home State of Minnesota. Rains or rather spitting rains kept my helmet shield down. St.Cloud I got the last gas station for this trip. It occurred to me That the bike has been in my possession since 2007 on this date of July 25th. I had passed 169,600 miles or 147,000 miles

in 8 years. Then the other goal was watching the odometer change to 170,000 miles. I was singing praises to my God and King 2 times last night!

Backed the BMW into the garage, listening to the ticking as it cooled. Yep another good trip! i had my 2 meter 440 with but didn't hear too much activity. Nothing like having HF!

take care!

Tim Lindstrom Columbia Heights, MN 1995 BMW K1100RS, 170,133+ miles

WASHINGTON WEEKLY UPDATES 7/24/15 JEFF HENNIE

This week the Senate Commerce Science Transportation Committee passed a six-year highway bill. The bill, slated to go to the Senate floor next week, was voted out of committee by a partyline vote of 13-11. The best part is that the langauge to end federal funding of motorcyle-only roadside checkpoints is in the bill, and it's because of the joint work of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation membership and of state motorcycle rights organizations that the langauge is included. This issue was the number-one priority at this year's Bikers Inside the Beltway, and the hard work has paid off. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation and I personally thank everyone who attended "Bikers Inside the Beltway", made a separate lobby trip, or contacted their elected officials in one way or another about this important issue to motorcyclists of this country.

The specific langauge reads:

SEC. 4121. SHORT TITLE

This part may be cited as the "Stop Mootorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act.

SEC. 4122 GRANT RESTRICTION

Notwithstanding section 153 of title 23, Untied States Code, the Secretary may not provide a grant or any funds to a State, County, town, township, Indian Tribe, municipality, or other local government that may be used for any program—

- (1) to check helmet usage; or
- (2) to create checkpointd that specifically target motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers.

It's terrific that the Senate is working towards a long term, six-year highway bill but the funding portion of the bill remains stymied. With over 90 Billion left to come up with, progress has been slow. The obvious solution of a small increase in the road user fee, or of gas tax has been a non-starter fir most members of Congress. The House of Representatives has yet to unveil its intentions for a long-term bill. Current funding expires at the end of Juily, and with no real solutions, another extension is imminent. House Ways and Means Chairman. Paul Ryan(R-WI) has vowed to fund a long-term bill but has yet to announce any formal plans to do so..

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB <mijokf6beb@roadrunner.com>

NET DRAWING WINNERS: NETS ON 446.900 PL 110.9 Check in on the net on the Wednesday night before the meeting: Echolink is up and running 24/7. Thanks to Mark Winners receive \$5 of 50/50 tickets.

The winner for June meeting was John W5JFR...

50/50:

Easing into the summer with winners of \$39 each was Mijo KF6BEB & Mike KA6ALF (I do believe)

\$25 Gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by Bonnie KD6OFQ

"MARC" Door prize donations::

YOSHI GRILL & BAKE MATS won by Alvin KD7UZM CURL-A-DOG won by Alvin KD6UZM FRUIT BOWL MAT won by Scott K7IXQ ENDURACOOL TOWEL won by Mike N6QZT CHILLOW PILLOW won by Alvin KD6UZM PEPPER SPRAY won by Mike N6QZT (gray ticket draw) POWER FAILURE LIGHT won by John W5JFR MR. & MRS MUG SET won by Mike N6QZT COMPUTER PAPER won by John W5JFR

Gray ticket distributor John W5JFR Gray ticket winner/prize -Mike N6QZT How many gray ticket winners--1

Thank you to the following for your donations: Billy Hall, Mike Naron & John & Mijo Reynolds

Thanks to Alvin KD6UZM for assisting Mijo with the tickets.. Thanks to Patty for filling in for Rosie in picking up after us...

SECRETARY/Treasurer/NewsLetter Editor-Bonnie KD6OFQ NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome: No new members

Please Welcome aboard:

Randy KB9JMH & Jo A. Timms

East Troy, WI

As you know Randy you can get valuable info from Ray...

REUP: Welcome Back David Cox KD5IBM

Houston, TX

We are here for you

MEETING:

Discussion of Christmas Party

NEWSLETTER:

Thanks to those who contributed to the August 2015 newsletter...

SUNSHINE CORNER:::::

Love and Prayers for all who are in need of prayers with lots of Love but we are here for you as "WE Care" extra prayers & for those in need..

And include our President John W5JFR who had surgery in July and is coming along slow but sure..

A special "Thank You" for those who are taking the time for our Fallen Military, ushering them to their final destination of rest & Remember our Wounded Warriors with our prayers...

We honor our Military for putting their lives in danger so we may live. Their families need our support in anyway we can.

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

GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

IN GOD WE TRUST

A word from New Mexico.

Hey all you MARCites. I've been here in New Mexico now about 9 weeks now.

Within days of my arriving it started raining every afternoon and a 4 year drought has ended, they are 4 inches over average here and in late July everywhere you travel it is a very spring like deep green. Some of you know I am very involved in GWRRA events and the second night here I attended a Dinner ride on Thursday, the follow a gathering on Sunday. Here I learned of the chapters all county challenge to get as many in the group as possible to see all 33 counties during the year. Well I took it to heart and in the first 5 weekends after I rode 4600 miles to complete the challenge in fact one weekend I had to sit out due to a Dunlop bulge, Since then I've completed 4 other rides totaling another 1600 miles and last week I rode back to Victorville, 750 miles, 550 miles to Phoenix via Yuma and Gila Bend, (courtesy of 1-10 bridge collapse, the 450 miles from Phoenix back to Albuquerque, for another 1750 miles total.

So I've been a riding fool, I've been to Silverton, CO via the Million Dollar Highway, I made the GWRRA Region "F" Rally, and I've yet to see the altimeter in the GPS go below 3000' in NM. However, I have seen it go over 9500 feet 6 times and over 10500 feet 3 times. The wing takes to the high altitude like a duck to water and with the exception of 2 tire replacements and one flat due to a cracked valve stem has performed flawlessly. By the way I have to thank the Honda Dealer Ride Now in Goodyear, AZ. They replaced my valve stem and had me back on the road in about 90 minutes. I've got to say not had much luck in Goodyear, AZ. Back in 1976 I had my first motorcycle accident there. Last week it was a front tire flat at 75 mph. I survived both and the latest without injury to me or the bike other then the valve stem.

Note: I also want to speak up for the Metzler tire I had on the front. At 75 MPH this tire felt weird and didn't want to turn yet it stayed on the rim and allowed me to travel nearly 4 miles without problems with virtually no air in it.

So I'm doing well in New Mexico. The all county challenge gave me a chance to see a very wide portion of this state, I have determined many places I plan to investigate more. I've stayed high (altitude, not stimulants). Met some wonderful people, talked to a couple of motorcycle hams, so other than no donuts, Woodies, and you wonderful friends, and I wonderful lady in Victorville, I'm not missing CA a whole lot.

Mike Rand N7WNO Your NM M.A.R.C. member

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"MARC" DUES:

Dues are due yearly from January to January \$12 (USA & Canada) & \$15 for all other countries per household. It is a \$1 per month after February for the balance of the year unless you want back copies then it is a full \$12. You may also pay for more than one vear-your choice..

The most important thing is to have a good relationship with the bike...you have to understand what she wants. I think of a motorcycle as a woman, and I know that sounds silly, but it is true. (Valentino Rossi)

THREE THOUSAND R-P-M

Vibration rattles the handlebars while pausing for the light

Radiated waves of heat cook muscle through clothes bright

Drivers souls crushed down into the coolest of the gerns:

Freedom flashes, V-twin roars; Three Thousand R-P-Ms.

Once more the speedo passes thirty, fifty is on deck-

Car ahead now drifts toward my lane, a swerve avoids a wreck.

Fifth gear now, new band smash as cams do lift the

To feel the power in the breeze; Three thousand R-

An hour passes, almost two till conscience bids me

She tarries there; but stresses when too long out there I roam.

Just one more step to fill the tank, this ride another poem,

Back on the road, shift up to third; Three Thousand R-P-M....(Author unknown)

AH, AUGUST, YOU WENCH

AUGUST.

You flounce into the room flaunting your brilliant colors against the green of your frock, flirting with a sunny disposition, then changing your whole demeanor the way you change a dress, to rain your discontent on everyone. Throwing a stormy tantrum, moody and indecisive; lightening flashes, waves crash when you are feeling down. But that's the girl for you, Capricious as the summer day is long.... (Michele Wass)

[&]quot;Kindness, just like a boomerang,-always returns" (Author unknown)

MOTORCYCLE BRACKETS

The following brackets are the ones we keep here at the house for our MARC members. These are not soid by MARC...

PTT Button Bracket

Fits under the left handlebar module and positions the button so it is right where your left thumb is naturally under the left hand grip. Fits 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda models. Has been adapted to some other brands and models. Black anodized or plain aluminum available. Has standard 1/2" hole for PTT button. Price \$10.00

PTT Waterproof Button

Has large rounded surface for your thumb, so your thumb does not get tired or sore with heavy use. Black in color. Fits in 1/2" hole on PTT Button Bracket. Price \$13.00

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Natural aluminum color only Fits coax with SO-239 fitting only for antennas with PL-259 fittings, can not be modified to use with NMO fittings. Price \$25.00

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Natural aluminum color only. The brackets are flat stock, bent so that the antenna is perfectly vertical, with 2, 8-32 threaded holes, so you have to drill 2 matching holes in the rear of your flat rack. Round head stainless steel screws hide the holes. Price \$12.50

Handlebar Brackets For HT's, GPS's

We just have them for the Left side handlebars (No more for the right side). They fit the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda's too. They are Black anodized and come with all mounting hardware. Price \$25.00

Polished Stainless Steel Trunk Rack Plates

These 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" X .62" (1/16") SS plates are used by most of the MARC Members to keep from cracking the trunk lids. We have seen many cracked and busted trunk lids before we started putting these plates under the rear legs of the trunk racks. We have never seen a cracked lid when using these SS Plates. They fit under both the tubular and flat racks on the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings.

\$25 a set for polished plates

""PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE SHIPPING & HANDLING""

(Ray & I bought these as MARC could not afford to pay for 50-100 of these at a time so Checks go to Ray Davis (not MARC)

Custom Cables for GPS and APRS - contact Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net

Garmin GPS serial cable to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

Data cable, 72" with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a DE-9 male connector on the other end; connects a standard Garmin GPS cable (DE-9 female connector) to a Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A.

Built: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00 Note: cable lengths shorter than 72" no extra charge.

IBM PC or compatible to Kenwood TH-D7A

Data cable, 72", with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a DE-9 female connector on the other end; connects a PC with a standard 9-pin serial port to a Kenwood TH-D7A only.

Built: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00 Note: cable lengths shorter than 72" no extra charge.

Garmin 4-pin "round" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

Data cable, 72", with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a right-angle Garmin 4-pin round plug on the other end; connects a Garmin GPS to a Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A. This cable does not provide power to the GPS. Built: \$24.00 Kit: \$14.00 Note: cable lengths shorter than 72" no extra charge.

Garmin "eTrex" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

Data cable, 72", with a **molded right-angle** 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a Garmin "eTrex" **flat** connector on the other end; connects a Garmin GPS to a Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A. This cable does **not** provide power to the GPS. **Built: \$24.00** Kit: \$14.00 Note: cable lengths **shorter** than 72" no extra charge.

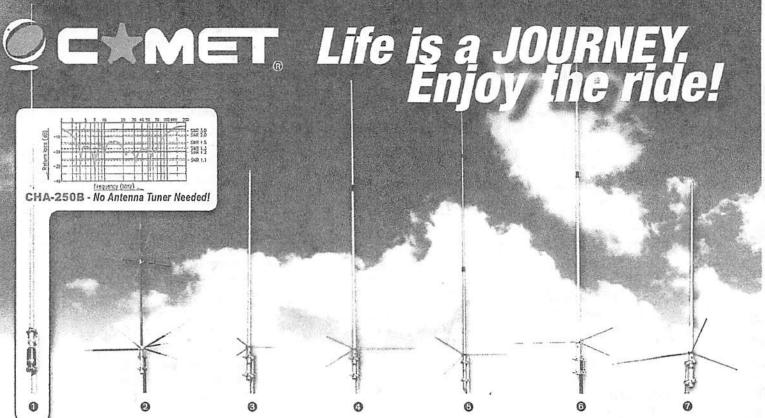
Garmin GPS-18PC GPS power cable

Power cable assembly, 36", with a 2A mini-ATO fuse in a weatherproof fuse holder. This cable converts a Garmin GPS-18PC cigarette lighter plug to "hard wired" for motorcycle or car. Note: this GPS is seldom used anymore; the Byonics GPS-2 is often used instead.

Built: \$19.00 Note: cable lengths shorter than 36" no extra charge.

ALERT::::::lf any "MARC" members World-wide have APRS (or are working on it) and are not on the MARC World-wide APRS Capabilities list (distributed earlier with the Newsletter), please email your APRS information If you need help in selecting appropriate equipment, please email me your questions.

Thank you...! Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net



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Wavelength: 146MHz 6/8 wave • 446MHz 5/8 wave x 3 • Max Pwr. 200W • Length: 5'11"• Weight: 2lbs. 9ozs. • Conn. Gold-plated SO-239 • Construction: Single-piece fiberglass

O C☆MET, GP-6 DUAL-BAND 146/448MHZ BASE REPEATER ANTENNA

Wavelength: 146MHz 5/8 wave x 2 • 446MHz 5/8 wave x 5 • Max Pwr: 200W • Length: 10'2"• Weight: 3lbs. 8ozs. • Conn: Gold-plated SO-239 • Construction: Fiberglass, 2 Sections

● C女MET, GP-9 / GP-9N DUAL-BAND 146/446MHZ BASE REPEATER ANTENNA

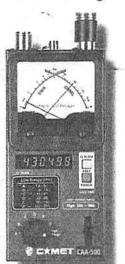
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Wavelength: 146MHz 5/8 wave x 2 • 220MHz 5/8 wave x 3 • 446MHz 5/8 wave x 5 • Max Pwr: 120W • Length: 10'2" • Weight: 3lbs. 1oz. • Conn: Gold-plated SO-239 • Construction: Fiberglass, 2 Sections

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Wavelength: 52MHz 5/8 wave • 146MHz 5/8 wave x 2 • 446MHz 5/8 wave x 4 • Max Pwr: 150W • Length: 7'11" • Weight: 3lbs. 1oz. • Conn: Gold-plated SO-239• 2MHz band-width after tuning (6M) • Construction: Single-piece fiberglass



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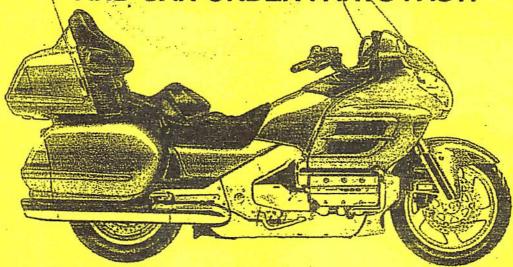


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