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OCTOBER 2015

From the President's Desk

It is time for our next big ride, the Multiple Sclerosis Bay to Bay, or So. Cal MS 150. I need your help! Krista says she needs motors both days and Bonnie and Mijo need help at net control. Extra help at net control in San Diego on Sunday is at the top of my list. Most of the SAG duties are handled by the CARES group so that should be OK but an extra MARC sag or two never can hurt. Even if you can only volunteer part of the day on Saturday or on Sunday from Carlsbad to San Diego, any help is greatly appreciated. I will probably be riding on the Marine Base, as usual. Just a reminder: if you plan to go through the base, the MPs require proper safety attire, long sleeves, gloves, over the ankle shoes/boots, long pants, proper helmet, and of course our MARC safety vest. I hope they don't have maximum ID enforcement that weekend. If they are operating on Defcon 4 (normal security), I will be able to clear all of our MARC riders to pass without stopping for an ID check. An additional duty on base is to encourage all bicyclists to stay single file as much as possible.

I hope the weather cools and the rain stays away for our ride in October. It seems as I get older I become more of a fair weather rider. I do not like to ride in the 100+ degree heat nor do I relish the thought of riding in the rain. Don't get me wrong, I still like to ride. On the 18th of November, Mijo and I rode to Temecula with the American Legion

Riders to attend a ceremony to honor servicemen from San Diego and Riverside counties who were KIA/MIA from Korea, Vietnam, Iraq. or Afghanistan. We, the vets, released . helium filled balloons, each with a postcard attached. On the postcard was the name and rank of an individual serviceman with the return address of the local American Legion Post, a stamp, and instructions to please note where it was found and drop it in the mail. I have not heard how many cards were returned and from where. From start to finish, it was about a 150 mile day, warm but a good day.

Now I need to ask for your help again. We, MARC, have a problem: numbers. By numbers I mean active members. Our core group is getting older and we have lost many of our original MARC members due to age or medical conditions that no longer permit them to ride. If you are in another club that rides motorcycles or operates amateur radio, I beseech you to talk to the members there. Tell them about the charity work that we do in MARC. Let the motorcyclists know that Morse code is no longer required for ham radio testing and also the benefits of amateur radio over CB. We desperately need to find new MARC members who are willing to help with local events. If you have friends who have faded from regular MARC attendance or have let their membership lapse, please remind them of the satisfaction gained by helping with our MARC events. I and the other MARC officers will do everything we can to

welcome them back.

I hope you plan to attend the December MARC meeting. Our Christmas meeting this year will be a breakfast meeting at the Home Town Buffet. The party will be on 12 December 2015, at the normal meeting time. We hope that this change will permit some of our members to attend, ones who are usually unable to attend due to a conflict with work or other family/club functions. MARC (sic) your calendar now to save the morning.

The MARC list has been working well and there has been a good exchange of information between our MARC members. Please remember that the server no longer forwards the sender's e-mail address with the post. Therefore, we ask that you add a signature block or at least your call to each e-mail so we know who we are talking to/with. Thanks.

Ray, KD6FHN, has posted the frequencies for the MS 150. Now is the time to make sure they are in your radio and that your motor/vehicle is ready for service on the 17th and 18th of October. Don't wait till the last minute to find out that repairs are needed. I would like to thank the owners and members of the Barn/Alert radio association for their continuing generosity by allowing MARC to use the repeaters for our charity events.

This month's MARC net will be at 1930 (7:30PM) 7 October 2015, 446-900, pl 110.9 please join me.

John F. Reynolds 909-820-0509

President MARC

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THE YEAR 2016 AMERICAN DIABETES
ASSOCIATION WILL BE CELEBRATING 25
YEARS RIDING STRONG FOR THE TOUR DE

CURE::::::

EACH TOUR DE CURE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY ON THEIR EVENTS.

ORANGE COUNTY Oct 17, 2015

ADA Office: 17752 Mitchell Avenue, Suite H, Irvine,

CA 92614

Goals: \$103,000 Riders: 300 Teams: 40

ACHIEVED: \$6610.13 Riders: 48 Teams: 11

The trail will start at Yorba Regional Park and end at Huntington Beach do a turn around to completely finish at Yorba Regional Park so it makes a loop on the trail. "MARC" will not participate in the Santa Ana River Trail event.) There will be a mountain bike ride included...

The riders only need to register once for the Trail event & the closed event..

(This ride is gearing up for 2016 closed - MARC will participate in this event.) There will be a mountain bike ride included...

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

Mike N6QZT

Bonnie KD6OFQ

MS BAY TO BAY OCTOBER 17/18, 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 TEAMS: RIDERS::

ACHIEVED: \$1,010,697 TEAMS RIDERS:

GEARING UP FOR THE EVENT mAKE SURE YOUR MOTORS ARE IN GREAT SHAPE.

Krista KB6MYR Andy W6AJB Michael AF6FB

LIFE IS JUST 10% THE REST IS WHAT YOU DO WITH IT

DEL MAR TOUR DE CURE 4/9/2016 START/FINISH @ DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS 2260 JIMMY DURANTE BLVD, DEL MAR, CA 92014

GOAL: \$420,000 RIDERS: TEAMS: ACHIEVED: \$5679.00 RIDERS: 219 TEAMS: 28

ROUTE DISTANCES: 1, 15, 29, 62, 100 Everything is looking up for this event- all on schedule.

OCT 3, 2015 SAN DIEGO TOUR DE CURE RETREAT

JIM KD6REA <james.banks@vereizon.net> Bonnie KD6OFQ <bonidavis@juno.com>

SHIP TO SHORE TOUR DE CURE SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016

QUEEN MARY - 1126 QUEEN'S HIGHWAY LONG BEACH, CA 90802

GOALS: \$860,000 RIDERS: 2000 TEAMS: 132

ACHIEVED: \$8154.00 RIDERS: 443 TEAM: 52

Mark KE6ZRP John N6JCB Bonnie KD6OFO

TOUR DE OC SATURDAY MAY 21,
2016
START/FINISH @NEWPORT MESA CHURCH &
VANGUARD UNIVERSITY
2599 NEWPORT BLVD, COSTA MESA, CA
25, 55 & Century routes

To raise funds to send abused and neglected children to send them to camp...

GARY RIGDON SCOTT FARTHING K6IXQ

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR 2015

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SEPT 28th FOR OCTOBER NOV 1st FOR NOVEMBER NOV 30th FOR DECEMBER

"MARC" CALENDAR FOR 2015 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

OCT SAT 10th BREAKFAST MEETING
OCT SAT 17th ORANGE CO TDC
OCT SAT 17th/SUN 18th MS BAY TO BAY
NOV SAT 14th BREAKFAST MEETING
SAT 12th CHRISTMAS PARTY (8am -11am)

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



Please excuse any mistakes in this Newsletter article and I apologize if you get this email more than once. I was on page 19 of the book MS Outlook 2010 For Dummies, last month when I did the Sept MARC Newsletter and I am still on page 19. My learning progress is getting really slow lately. J But I am slowly getting into this MS Outlook thing now. I am still using the Eudora address book to put email addresses into Outlook. I still haven't learned how to operate the address book in Outlook.

MARC News: Not much going on again with in MARC this fall. We had a decent turnout of members at the Sat. Sept 12th meeting and most of the discussion was about the upcoming MS-150 Bicycle Charity event, Krista does a really good iob of keeping the membership informed of what is going to be expected of what the MARC volunteers will be doing at this, our biggest event of the year, with over 2000 bicycle riders peddling the 150 K. Krista did say that we could use more MARC motorcycle volunteers because we don't have those numbers we have had in the past. After 24 years of doing these events, some of our riders are getting older, some selling their motorcycles or have just quit riding or have dropped out of MARC. Some have lost their jobs during the last recession and can't afford it. The MSS had in the past. sometimes at least paid for our Motel rooms for those who have to stay over 2 nights in Carlsbad CA and sometimes we would get some gas cards to help pay for the fuel we use. At the Sat. Oct. & Nov MARC meeting we will have to decide on what our members want as Super Raffle & Door Prizes for our MARC Christmas Party being held on Sat. Dec 14th at the HomeTown Buffet. This year's Christmas party will be a huge change from the Christmas parties we have held in the past. We no longer have the membership numbers to support paying for a room and waitresses like we had the last few years at the Citrus Café. Times are changing for us for sure. So this year we are just going to hold our annual MARC Christmas Party at the HomeTown Buffet on the same Saturday morning that we normally hold our MARC meetings in Dec. It's sad, but you have to do what you have to do and we do want MARC to stay afloat and continue our volunteering for these bicycle charity events. I think it helps keep us young.

Ray News: Well after going through 8 weeks of therapy for a pinched nerve in the right lower back area and not being able to ride the bicycle for a couple of weeks during that period, I am back to riding 5 miles a day (not 10

miles a day like I could before the pinched nerve). But then I was having a problem with my heart going crazy and fluttering when my heart rate got over 130 beats a minute. So I go to the cardiologist and he puts me on 10mg of Propranolol one time a day before I ride in the early mornings. That fixed that problem. Then about the same I'm going to the heart doctor I am also going to the Dermatologist for 2 nasty looking spots on my left fore arm. Been there before for that same problem. This time she cuts the 2 spots off and says "I'll call you in a week and let you know it they are cancerous. That was on Tuesday Sept 1st. So now I have to go back in a month later and get another surgery because one of the spots turns out to cancerous (again). She says no big deal, she just has to dig a little deeper. Yeh, you bet. J I hate this getting older. People are always asking if I am riding Casper (our 2004 Honda Gold Wing) and I tell them that riding a 30 Lb. bicycle is a lot different than riding a 1000 Lb. motorcycle. Besides we (Ron, my morning bicycle riding buddy) and I don't ride on the large streets out where there is a lot of traffic. We ride our 5 miles (30 minutes) around our neighborhood. For those of you who don't live in Southern CA or some other big city, we out here, hear on the TV almost daily about a bicyclist getting hit & killed by a car or truck (hit & run) in broad daylight. So not wanting to be one of those statistics we prefer to ride on the side streets and be safe. Oh, and I almost forgot, I now also went back to using my back stretching machine. I have had that thing ever since 1978 when I hurt my back at Fire Station #3 unrolling fire hose and ended up having surgery on my back about 2 months after the injury. Never had a back problem for 37 years until the pinched nerve thing. Glad I kept that machine all of those years because now it make a world of difference how my back feels. Two minutes a day, 2 or 3 times a week is all it

I love all those jokes about old age and growing old. I am not growing old myself of course, J but I know others are. Wink, wink. I just want to ride my bicycle 5 miles, 5 days a week for exercise and I am good to go. Eat healthy, exercise at least 15 minutes a day and it helps keep us young.

Please remember to support those companies that advertise in our MARC Newsletters and donate the many door prizes and Super Raffle prizes for our monthly meetings and our MARC Anniversary and Christmas Parties.

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MINNESOTA RIDING

Dark riding. I left early Saturday morning on the 12th of September for the north west area of Minnesota. I had planned on NOT riding, had planned on driving my cousin's van with him and his wife, taking them up to Newfolden Minnesota. However Friday I was checking voice mail on my phone. "Darrell has decided not to go due to sitting in the van too long, thank you Tim for the offer!"

I quickly called Lois and we talked of the trip. It is about 300 + miles and Lois had told me weeks before that Darrell's handicap is too hard to stop at a motel. Getting him in and out of bed during the night was the trouble. Darrell had admitted to Lois that he got really tired due to the trip they took to Kennedy, MN early this spring.

I rode in the cold of that morning. 38 degrees and doing 65 mph. Rode Hwy 10 to Detroit Lakes, then north and looped around Thief River Falls. 5 and half hours later I parked the BMW at the church where the relatives would be eating.

Stan Holmaas lived a short life. He had passed on back in 1995 at the age of 70. Stan lived in Newfolden most of his life. He and his wife Ruby had a small store with the home attached at the rear of the store. After my cousin's Mom passed away 9 years ago the store was vacant. The family of 4 kids, now grown decided to give the land to the city of Newfolden on one condition that the city would make the land into a park. Stan had been on the city council and Mayor for many years. The main thing he did in his life in this small village was a volunteer fireman for 40 years!

The stories of Stan barking to Ruby that he had to go fight a grass fire and would she come out NOW and help the customers while he is sprinting for his car, removing his clothes to put on the fire duds, had the gathering of people chuckle. Stan also had a tender heart toward kids. When we would stop by and see him and the family on our yearly trek to Karlstad, he would offer us candy. Not only to friends but to all children. Stan's great heart would also open the store for people to shop on a Christmas Eve, while his kids and wife would protest.

I walked across the railroad tracks and down Main Street looking for cousins or John, one of my motorcycle buddies that had moved to Black Duck, MN a year ago. I had mentioned about the parade NEWFEST which is held the week after Labor Day weekend. The annual event this year had 4 Grand Marshals.

Jerry, Marlene, Wanda and Russ. The 4 of them were driving/riding in a 1920 Model T Ford car. Russ and Jerry had feverishly worked on that car for the past 3 months for this occasion.

John smiled when I pushed on his shoulder, "Tim! When did

you get here?"

"Oh maybe 30 minutes ago." John's face crinkled with lines of laughter he stuck out his right hand and the grip was firm as we shook hands.

"Linda is sitting in front of the Free Church, I will be there after getting my food, Tim."

"OK" I replied. I walked along and heard, "TIM!" Turned and the young man with a beard smiles. Josh who use to be a kid in the cities has been the youth pastor for this Church in Newfolden for the past year. "How you doin' Josh?" I ask. " Where is your girlfriend, Brooke?" Josh smiles as I shake his hand. "Brooke is in Fargo and doesn't have enough money to come this weekend!"

"Well I could have given her a ride but then she would have had her arms around me instead of YOU!" I laugh.
"That wouldn't be good!" Josh laughs easily. A young kid was standing by Josh. Josh instructs the kid to shake my hand. He timidly puts his hand in my hand and i shake the arm, then starts squeezing the kid's hand. The child of 10 starts to laugh. "Why are you laughing?" I ask... Josh looks on and looks down at this kid. "Tim used to do that to me and I would also laugh, hurts doesn't it? I finally let go of the kid's hand. Josh shakes his head, "What do you do if they start to cry?"

"I let up immediately! I reply.

Parade started and the candy was thrown. Grand Marshall car comes down Main Street. The day was perfect, some wind but the skies had wisps of clouds and the sunshine was warming. Winds had been from the south so we knew it would be warming up. After the parade I found Josh again. "I have an item for you that Karen had found at the church you used to attend, want to come with me and get it?"

Josh nodded, "Yeah and then you can see my apartment." We walked back the church and I got the Good Sportsman Award plaque out of the trunk, and gave it to Josh. "There will be no charge for mileage for you, Josh!" He laughed as we walked to where he lives. More like a condo the apartments had their own doors. His dog that had been with him for the parade went into her kennel. Books and magazines strewn through out the living space and kitchen.

"What to you think?"

"Looks like a man lives here!" I reply. Josh laughs. We start back and I decide to go into the church. My cousin's son had come for the event and I introduce him to Josh. "Josh? this is Josh!" Cousin Josh shakes Youth Pastor Josh's hand. Then he had to leave, err the cousin Josh. My young friend Josh says, "I haven't been in this church!" I opened the door and he walked in. We talked of the history of these 2 churches. The new building of this Lutheran church with all the confirmation class pictures that date back into the early 1900's

"I have to get going Tim!" Josh says. I nod and say good by. I sit down for lunch with my cousins. We were expecting another cousin to arrive and I had a message from him on my phone that he had wanted me to pick him up and come for the ceremony that was going to be at 5 pm! Now why hadn't he called me the previous day! I knew he had flown the club's plane to Brainerd area but wanting a ride from me? Sadly it didn't work out. I had stopped in Sturgis, South Dakota in July and stayed with Paul and his wife Patty. We talked of the parade and the event that was going to start at 5 pm. I looked at the clock, 1:50 pm. "I need to ride up to Karlstad to see my cousins up there, especially Myron. Is that OK with you guys?"

"That will be fine, Tim!" Jerry replied. Good deal.

Rode north on Hwy 59. The memories of coming up here every year to see Grand pa and Grand ma Johnson. First while they were farming on the south side of Karlstad and then when they moved into town for the last years of their lives. The cousins in Newfolden are on my Dad's side of the family tree. The Johnson cousins are on Mom's side. Big deal? However Dad's family lived and grew up in the midsection of Minnesota. Not sure how Ruby got to the north side of Minnesota. Dad had asked his brother's girl friend if there were any girls she knew that would be interested in him... So that is the story.

First I headed for the tire shop. Bradley and his 2 sons were getting ready for the race in Grand Forks. I walked into the yard by the shop. "Just riding around today?" Bradley asks. "Yeah, came up for the NewFest plus the grand opening of Stan Holmaas Park, but wanted to see Myron!" I replied Bradley nodded. "Remember the motel that you drove by on the west side of main street? take a right there and go a couple blocks the Nursing home is on the left." Bradley continued. "Myron has a disease like Parkinson however it is a rare one! There isn't much they can do for him, no history. Long word starts with cornia or something with the eyes and it attacks the brain, they give him 3-6 yeas to live!" I shake my head.. "Sad" I said. We talked of the stock car racing they do and where they are in the standings. "Why do you shrink wrap the tires?" Bradley smiles. " To make the other drivers wonder what we are doing!" His son speaks. "mind Games!"

This city rider parks the bike but figured out it was the assisted living area that I had mistaken for the nursing home! So I finally walk into the right building and take a left to the last room in the hall to the left. Myron is sitting on his scooter. Gray bearded with his right eye squeezed shut. Smiling he shakes my hand. We had heard that he had lost his voice or the communications was with a small white board. However he could talk but it was whispers. I sat there looking out and talking to him.

"Do you put bird feed in the bird feeder?" Myron shook his head.

"Oh, is that part of the package here?" I ask and Myron laughs.

I then asked if he gets humming birds and he nodded, then told him we don't get them and had suggested to my wife Karen that she could sit Indian style on top of the roof of our house and HMMM and then maybe we would get a humming bird. Myron laughed at the idea.

"Do humming birds fly south for the winter?" Myron asks
"Well I think so, say if it was 30 degrees and their wings are
making wind chill readings of -20 degrees... (Myron was
smiling and nodding his head)... I haven't seen any humming
birds frozen on the ground!"

"Frost would get into their eyes!" Myron added. We were watching Deer season episodes while talking.

"Well I have to go back to Newfolden, Myron. But I will be back with 3 of your aunts. Might be in November?" I said "I will walk you out to your motorcycle" Myron replies. We walk or I walk and Myron is sitting on his scooter. Joy stick and a cane to hit the handicap button on the doors. We shake hands and he watches as I ride back to Main Street. Myron has this scooter so he can take off from the nursing home and ride it to the Tire shop where his 2 brothers work. I had noticed that the 65 Belvedere that Myron had built was still at the shop. Bright red paint, they had rebuilt that car from the ground up.

Rode back to Newfolden. Parked at the Lutheran Church once again and walked over to the park. The Model T was parked in front of the sign "Stan Holmaas Park" Kids were playing on the swings and slides and the memorabilia on the tables. The volunteers were serving Root Beer floats so figured I had better get mine before they were gone. 5 pm and the mayor and operation manager spoke then the captain for the fire station also spoke. Wanda said a few words then Jerry then Marlene and Russ had a poem. They gave the kids and adults balloons and instructed the release. One kid ran up to me. "Why did I have to let my balloon go?" I looked at him and nodded. The cousins were milling around with all the people, thanking them for coming. I walked back to the BMW and surveyed the crowd, the model T Ford and the pictures going on.

Motorcycle purred down to the intersection. South and more memories made! I have to stop for a rest area... and did that at Hwy 2 and 59. The janitor recognized me as I had stopped there on the way up. I could see he was trying to remember when. Rode south to Detroit Lakes, Burger King meal and called Karen. "I should be home by 11:30 PM!" "See you when I see you!" Karen laughed.

Hwy 10 is 4 lane but not a freeway. Some of the towns still have the hwy running through. 30 mph and then up again to 65 mph. I had one problem.. These people want to run right behind me. So when that happens I crack the throttle and get away from them!

Yep a great trip! Backed the BMW back into the garage. Karen was still up watching TV. 11:45 pm.

73!

Timothy Lindstrom AB0TS Columbia Heights, MN

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 down due Mark has to move his business- so it will be down for a little while. Thanks for your patience.

Winners receive \$5 of 50/50 tickets.

The winner for September meeting was # 4 Bonnie KD6OFQ

50/50:

Oh my we had 2 lucky winners (different than the usual)

Each tucking in their pockets \$46 was Charles KF6TXI & Mark KE6ZRP- Congratulations....

\$25 Gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won

by Mike N6QZT

"MARC" Door prize donations::
MIST 'N SIP won by Scott K6IXQ

COPPER-FIT BACK SUPPORT won by Mike N6QZT

HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE REPLICA won by Charles KF6TXI

ENDURACOOL TOWEL won by Mike N6QZT 1/4" ROPE TIE DOWN won by Bill K6WBD EMERGENCY POWER FAILURE LIGHT won by Billy N6EDY

\$15 GIFT CARD FOR BED BATH& BEYOND won by Billy N6EDY

\$15 GIFT CARD FOR HOME DEPOT won by John KC6ZOZ

COMPUTER PAPER won by Mark KE6ZRP

Gray ticket distributor John W5JFR Gray ticket winner/prize -Krista KB6MYR console twin

How many gray ticket winners-1

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

Thanks to several members for assisting Mijo with the tickets..

Chuck KG6NJP for drawing the tickets
Thanks to Rosie for keeping our tables clean-glad to
have her back

SECRETARY/Treasurer/NewsLetter Editor-Bonnie KD6OFO

NEW MEMBERS:

RE-Up::

Welcome back:

N5UFV D'Wayne & KB5PQS Imelda Jernigan Del Rio, TX

MEETING:

Discussion on the MS Bay to Bay event in October We can always use more help...

NEWSLETTER:

Thanks to those who contributed to the October 2015 newsletter...hmmmm I know there were riders out and about these past few months with interesting tales!!!!

SUNSHINE CORNER::::

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

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 12, 2015 HOMETOWN BUFFET 8AM - 11AM (will double check)

We will decide what prizes we want at the October meeting...

PRIZES SO FAR::::

PORTABLE POWER BANK BATTERY STARTER

"Volunteers are not paid —not because they are worthless but because they are priceless."

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, They have the heart"

MINNESOTA RIDING #2

I had been planning on heading for Texas to see Coral. She and her husband David had left Apple Valley, California last year. Dave is now working for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. He had been in training for 3 months in San Antonio, Texas and the family moved into a small city north of that town.

Coral had moved the family plus the horse and Dave was working in Texas. Then earlier this year the Railroad moved him to Nebraska. I had been talking to my nephew Justin and he said that Coral was moving back to Apple Valley after the lease was up on the home she had been in. So I texted and knew there would be no car trip this November to Texas.

Contacting Coral via texting and finding out where in Nebraska her husband David was. "Should I go out and see your David?" The answer was immediate. "YES, uncle Tim he is so lonely out there!" "Well Coral, send the idea to David and have him text me!"

Plans on how to work that trip out. In the first part of September I asked if the Parks and Forestry would need me to work on Labor Day. Dan studied my face, looked down at the floor. "You would take the holiday later this month?" He asked.

I grinned and nodded. "Yep I need to ride to Alliance, Nebraska."

Dan smiled, "Where now?" So I explained the plan.

Talking to the supervisors and told them I was taking the 18Th off for the Labor Day Monday. Asked if I needed to fill out the day off pink slip. Yes that would be nice, however after I had it filled Jarrod the other supervisor said he didn't need it! We will see if they gave me the holiday pay when checking how much the city deposited in my checking account.

I was hoping to be on the road by 5 am on that Friday. Instead I woke up and got out on the roads around 5:30 am. Decided to wait until the fuel tank was almost empty before filling. Stopped in Le Sueur and filled on my 4 gallons. Then kept going on hwy 169 to Mankato then south west on hwy 60 to I-90. Winds and dark clouds as I moved west. Hartford exit so I headed off for more fuel. BP station and gas was \$2.60. Premium was over \$3. Filled and back to rolling for the freeway. I saw another BP but the fuel prices were a dime more. Convenience of closer to the

freeway perhaps? The winds came from the east and the north east. I knew I was getting a push due to the gas gauge not moving. Rode west to Kadoka then south on hwy 73. Winds helped on the south route but anytime the road twisted west or east then the bike was being pushed sideways. Rain splattered on the shield.

Nebraska, the skies were brighter. I rode west on hwy 20 and came into Gordon. Gas tank was close to empty. Filled but used cash as the card reader was out. NO problem. Asked the clerk how far to Alliance and she told me to stay on hwy 20 to hwy 87 and take that south. Sunshine and bright skies making the winds and rain a distant memory. I had asked David for directions to the motel where he is staying. He had sent them but getting into norther Alliance I called.

"Yeah I am at the Dairy Queen can you come and find me?" I asked.

"Sure Uncle Tim!" So I waited, checking the clock and figuring I had been on the road for about 12 hours. Surprised that it was closer than the Map quest had stated but realizing the odometer might be off.

Soon a small Chrysler type car with a Texas plate on the front pulled in. David hopped out and we shook hands. Asked what I wanted to do and we agreed that the first thing to do is get the BMW parked at his motel. Easy to find in this sprawled town of Alliance. "What are you hungry for, Uncle Tim?" Davids' motel room was one bed and small.

"Pizza" I replied. I hopped into his car and we found this pizza place that one of the employees of the rail road had started. We talked of his move and he wanted to know if I would like to go for drive. Sure!

Although the sunshine diminished quickly and we didn't get to see most of the routes he takes on those rails. He is the conductor and explained all the things he has to do. We were seeing trains that are 7000 feet long. Cole Trains. He talked of 12 hour days, of getting to a small town in South Dakota and staying in motel owned by BNSF then leaving for Alliance after 12 hours.

Friday we drove 130 miles! However it was a good ride and talk. Saturday we went to McDonalds for breakfast and then he wanted to take a tour down to Sidney, NE to see the Cablela's and where that store started. Blue skies and grain fields along with lots of trains. He told me that they sometimes use the United

Pacific rails. On the way south we rolled through Dalton, Old cars along the road crossing the main road. So after seeing the sights in Sidney we returned to Dalton and looked at street rods. Dalton Days Parade with more old cars. I turned to David. "2ND parade in 2 weeks!"

"Yeah this was better than Cabala's!" Dave replied. We had lunch then headed back to Alliance. Really nothing to do in the motel.

"Hey Tim want to check out that tunnel? Belmont tunnel. We headed north again and went through Marsland which is just a sign and a school yard. Walking down to the tunnel and talking it felt as we were hearing the whispers of the past. We walked through the tunnel noting the names and dates on when these modern tribes had written on the walls. I saw one name but the camera was out of battery juice.. TIM L was written on the wall... TOO BAD.

We walked out of the tunnel and started back to the car. "Thanks Tim for coming out with me! I would never had gone down to that tunnel if you weren't here!" David exclaimed.. Sure make me the instigator!

We drove back to Alliance and then set out again to find a golf course. I had seen a sign as we drove in to town. David has his clubs along and does get time off. He can only work 4 shifts or 4 trips. 12 hour days.

Sun was setting on the plains as we found the golf course. "Yeah I will have to come here soon!" We drove back to his motel room and this time I offered to sleep on the floor on the air mattress. I told David I need to get rolling and didn't want to wake him when the time was for me to go. So I packed up the BMW and we were in bed by 9 pm. I think I woke up at midnight. Finally got up and dressed. David looked like he was sleeping his A/C unit was closer to his head so the fan noise helped him not hear me leave.

BMW purred to life at 12:30 am. I admit that I really should have looked or had gone the way I got there.. The second sign of HWY 2 also said it was WEST! HMM... Dark riding again.. 30 miles out of my way dark riding!

I hadn't bothered to fill the tank when leaving either.. So I rode east on hwy 20 and headed for Valentine. WHAM! I didn't see the board! So finally I pulled into a Cenex station and checked the front tire. Splinters that looked like tooth picks that I pulled out of the side wall. No other damage.

I had rode north out of Valentine and if I had stayed on 83 instead of going west on hwy 18... maybe no damage. Finally I got on I-90 and cruising along at 80 mph. There is something strange about this BMW. I get 47 mpg at 65 mph.. at 70 it drops to 42.. but at 80 it jumps back to 47! Got me. (grinning) Exited at a rest area and coming out of the building into the bright sunshine I thought I should check the bike more thoroughly. I noticed a crease in the rear tire side wall.. hmm No more riding at 80. I was praising the LORD JESUS anyways. Says in the Bible praise HIM for the BAD and the GOOD.

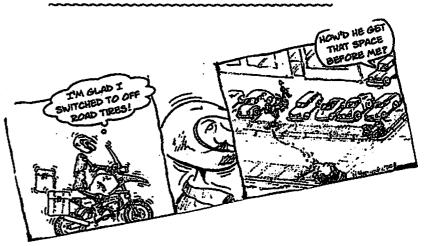
Stopped at a Hardees. Biscuits and Gravy. Kids were staring at the nut in a riding suit that was eating quickly. Back to the road again. Into Minnesota and then north on hwy 60 to Mankato and hwy 169. Clouds gathering to the west so I watched and yep some rain drops on the windshield.

Backing the BMW into the garage at 3:00 PM. Plenty of time to rest up for work on Monday. Phone rang about 3 hours after I got home. "Oh Good you are back!" Mom sounded relieved. "Yep we will see you soon!" I replied and hung up the phone.

I rode to Rush City on Tuesday and picked up a new Avon tire. Friday I removed the old tire and found a finish nail in the tire face! Bent up but the finish nail's head was in the tire. BMW is ready to roll again.

take care!

Timothy Lindstrom AB0TS Columbia Heights, MN 1995 BMW K1100RS... 174,800+ miles.



One More State in Rex's (My Yellow 1800) Log Norm Huber, N9ZKS

Kathy and I had gotten one of those promotions at Bass Pro Shops promoting a time share plan about two years ago. It involved a free 5 day / 4 night stay in return for listening to the sales pitch. We took that in New Orleans, visited with my Daughter and her family over Kathy's birthday last year. We purchased a sample subscription with a point value which could be used as we wished. We decided to spend it all at one time for a ten day vacation in Daytona Beach Florida. Kathy used to visit Florida regularly with her mother visiting the beach and enjoying the sun as well as coming down for bike week with her former husband. She was a Harley rider in those days. She loves just sitting by the beach enjoying the sun. I planned to take the two lane roads through the mountains.

Kathy and I started our trip to our vacation on the beach a day later than we planned. So the route became more limited. We had 1100 miles to cover in two days. This of course meant I wasn't going to use the original route I had planned which Garmin said would take four days to complete.

Rex had gotten a new GPS with a little tape added to insure the power cord did not get disconnected and with both tanks full we were on the road just before 8 A.M. CDT. We made our first stop at Effingham for a stop at Cracker Barrel for breakfast, then back on the road. We continued on to Calvert City KY by the Northern end of Land Between the Lakes were we filled the tanks. Back on the road we rolled along until we reached the north side of Nashville. First we hit the congestion of construction at the merge point of the beltways and I-24. The problem was that the traffic continued crawling along all the way across Nashville and into the southern suburbs. Boy, could I have used lane splitting! Guess that is wishful thinking since we were pulling a trailer. We finally got rolling again at least for a while when we suddenly came to a stop again. Checking the CB I learned the left lane was blocked and we dog paddled for a while till we got past the car which had nailed the end of a guard rail with its left front fender and front wheel. After we started again my gas gage was down and my gas tank was pressurized preventing transfer from my reserve tank so we stopped for a pit stop just north of Manchester TN.

Returning to the highway we enjoyed highway speed again except for a slow spell up the mountain just north of Chattanooga due to catching a tractor trailer on the upgrade in a one lane construction zone. By this time, it was dark and we rolled through Chattanooga headed for Atlanta. Knowing Atlanta traffic the goal was to get

through Atlanta before stopping for the night. The hours we had lost were making this a long day. One good thing was the fact that Atlanta I-75 has 24 hour HOV Lanes open to motorcycles and so with the late hour we rolled through Atlanta quite quickly. As soon as we were south of the Atlanta beltway we pulled into the first exit promising motels but ended up turning back onto the entrance ramp. No problem, just take the next ramp. With the loss of an hour due to time zone change that brought an end to a long day at 10:30 P.M EDT.

In the morning we headed on for Daytona Beach rolling down I-75. We stopped for brunch at a restaurant that looked like an old time family dinner which advertised itself as a Chick-Fil-A. Old fashioned chrome and white tile with an old antique Indian bike with sidecar along with antique car in the lobby. There was also an O gage train which ran all around the dining room on a ledge near the ceiling. I noticed books on diet and health written by the starter of the chain (Truitt Cathy) displayed in the case by the register. It wasn't the first but I'll bet it was an early Chick-Fil-A.

We finished the trip to Daytona Beach with one more routine lunch stop and our only weather surprise. As we approached Jacksonville the horizon filled with black clouds. We turned south onto I-295 putting the clouds to our left but all good things much end. As we turned east toward I-95 we saw it coming. Since I was moving at 70-75 mph the tall Tulsa windshield and Wind Wings were keeping the rain off of us so I didn't hesitate. We kept riding and shortly rode out from under the rain. The traffic continued heavy but quick right down to my exit and we finished our trip at about 5 P.M.

Day one was 684 miles in 14 hours 15 minutes, day two 434 miles in 9 hours. Since then we have been spending our time watching the waves and laying on the lounge chairs by the pool. I'm getting ready to start planning a route home possibly including a stop in New Orleans to visit my Daughter, Grandson and Son-in-Law. If I have a good ride home maybe I'll have part two for next month. Till later from the Illinois section.

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Thanks so much...His info below Norm has offered to take over the Illinois "MARC"

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Highway Bill Holds Potential Wins for

Motorcyclists

This week the House began to do some substantial work on the highway bill. If you have been playing along at home you already know that elimination of motorcycle-only checkpoints and tougher new rules for the NHTSA are already in the bill under its Science Committee portion. The checkpoint language even got an upgrade, as it now contains an additional provision that calls far a study from the National Academies to determine the most successful tactics for avoiding a motorcycle crash. This is all from the good work of the honorable James Sensenbrenner and his fellow committee member Randy Hultgren.

There's even more good news: the lobby ban also got an improvement in the bill. Currently, the Department of Transportation is prohibited by law from lobbying state governments. The new ban would include federal and local governments as well, effectively cutting off the DOT at the knees!

Additionally, an amendment is at the ready to reinstate the federal motorcycle advisory council. It is way too early to determine if it will be addressed in full committee or perhaps on the House floor. If my crystal ball were not so cloudy, I would know the answer. So we wait...

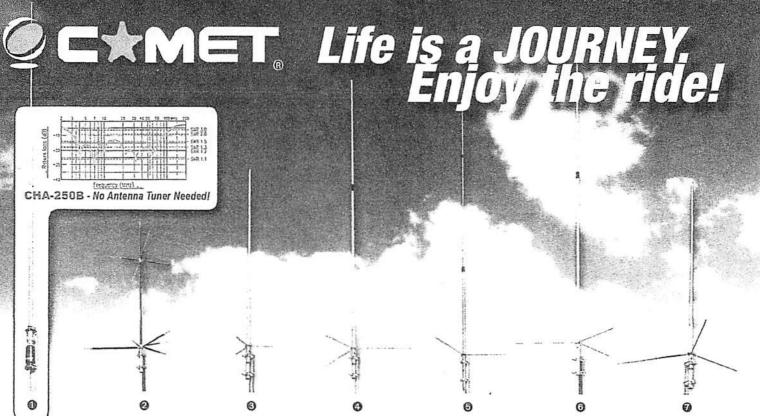
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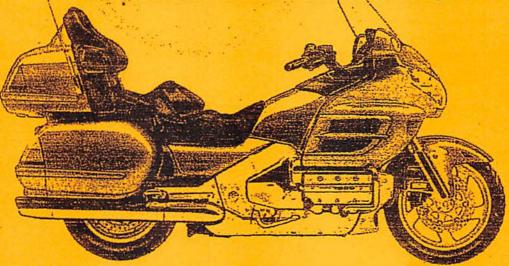


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