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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

"Dedicated to providing service to the community while combining the two hobbies of motorcycling and ham radio"

APRIL 2016

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Are you ready to ride? We have several events in the next few weeks and need all the help we can get. If you are reading this news letter and have not been to a meeting to volunteer for the San Diego Tour de Cure, Ship to Shore, or Tour de Orange county you can contact Bonnie, KD6OFQ, the event coordinator or me and we will fill you in and get you signed up. We need motorcycles. If you are having radio problems, bring a charged up cell phone and we can get you on a route with good cell coverage. If GPS is your problem, I have an extra and I do believe Chuck also has one that we can use. You will need a lighter type plug to get 12 volts to the GPS. We would like to have working APRS but that is not an item that would prevent anyone from volunteering to help.

Now to thank everyone who attended Billy's (N6EDY) 90th birthday party after the meeting last month. Mark, KE6ZRP, had planned a very nice ride through the streets of Santa Ana, Orange, Anaheim Hills, and back to Tustin where we had lunch at JB Schmidt's, near the old blimp hangars. We had three motors and four people on the ride, and Bill, K6WBD, also made the ride and caught up just as we arrived at the restaurant in Tustin. There were about fifteen MARC members at the party. I am sure that everyone had a good time. Thanks to Ray, KD6FHN, and Bonnie, KD6OFQ for the birthday cake and a super big thanks to Billy for the lunch and drinks. Mijo did take the ride with me on my motorcycle. She had driven her car to the meeting and we left it at the Home

Town Buffet while we went on the ride and to the party. Afterwards, we returned to Santa Ana where her car was and she drove home while I continued my ride on the motorcycle. I would also like to thank Chuck, KG6NJP, for plotting the route on the GPS. Having the electronic guidance made the ride a lot easier.

Our MARC Net this month will be early. Please take note that I will be on the radio on Wednesday 30 March for the April net as our meeting is a week early on 2 April. Then the next net will be on 11 May. MARC meeting on 14 May. It pays to listen to and check in on the net. You might win \$5.00 worth of 50-50 tickets at the meeting. As I said, the April meeting will be on 2 April and the May meeting will be on the 14th of that month.

Once again this year the organizers of the Breathless Agony ride in Redlands, CA. have asked for support from our MARC group. Their request is for minimal assistance on Saturday 7 May 2016. Our contact with their organization is Alvin, KD6UZZ. Alvin says that they are only asking for four of our MARC personnel to help them. They need two base stations (mobile radios), one at the half way checkpoint and a second at the finish line (Onyx Summit). Also, they requested two radio equipped motors, one to follow the leader and a second to ride sweep.

I will be available to operate either a (base) station from my pickup at Onyx Summit or ride as one of the requested motors. Mijo and I were out of the country last year and did not participate

in the Breathless Agony event however.

We were both involved in the 2014 event. The roads are narrow and twisty so if this is the type riding you enjoy please contact Alvin and let him know that you can help with this year's ride.

I have not been doing a lot of riding this past month. We had family members visiting from out of town and many other functions to attend. I did enjoy the ride to Billy's birthday party. It was fun to ride with other MARC members on a pleasure ride. Perhaps we can do it again after we finish with our charity events this spring. For our members who do not live in the Southern California area, I will remind them that with the spring weather there will be more motors on the road and the drivers of "cages" have not seen motorcycles in any numbers for several months. Be careful, drivers are not looking for those of us who prefer two wheels.

Let's see if we can have a super turnout for the April MARC meeting. Call your friends and remind them that the meeting is a week early this month, on Saturday 2 April. We will be finalizing plans for the Tour de Cure in Northern San Diego County. See you there.

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"A friend is one of the greatest things you can have and one of the greatest things you can be." (Anon)



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



**MARC News;** Our MARC meeting Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> had a pretty good turn out and as usual it was held at the Hometown Buffet in Santa Ana. It is amazing how many prizes we always have on the tables to draw for. Buy tickets and you win prizes at the end of the meetings when the tickets are drawn for the prizes. After the meeting Mark KE6ZRP lead a group of our MARC motorcycle mobile guys on a ride for a while before the Birthday Party for Billy Hall. That Saturday was an especially busy day for many MARC members and Bonnie and I especially. We attended the MARC meeting at 8am of course, then many of us went to a fancy restaurant over in The District in Tustin for the birthday party for MARC Board Member Billy Hall. It was his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. God Bless Billy Hall. Then Saturday night Bonnie and I attended the Southern CA Motorcycle Association's yearly Awards Banquet at a very fancy hotel at Jamboree & the 405 Freeway in Newport. So we really did eat very well that day and way to much food of course.

Hopefully all you MARC members who also belong to the Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc. (GWRRA) read the articles about ham radios on motorcycles on page 44 of the March issue of Wing World written by Norman Huber N9ZKS. Then also there is an article in that same issue about working with GPS's by MARC Board Member John Beckwith N6JCB. Good job fellows, thank you very much for your efforts.

The next MARC meeting has been moved up a week to Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> because we have the San Diego Tour de Cure bicycle charity event on Saturday April 9, it is spring and it is a busy time for our MARC volunteers. God Bless our MARC member volunteers.

**Ray, Bonnie & personal;** We got some very sad news about the death of one of the fellow Inglewood Fire Fighters that I worked with for many years. His name is Mike Squires and he was a Fire Capt. He had suffered from cancer for about a year. He worked for the Inglewood Fire Dept. for ABOUT 36 years, I think, before the Inglewood Fire Dept. had made the move to become under the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. I went to his funeral on Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Inglewood Park Cemetery. I hadn't been back to Inglewood for many, many years. I was in total shock at what I observed. On the way to the funeral I had stopped to take pictures of the house in Cerritos CA that we lived in from 1972 to

1978. Then when I got to Inglewood I stopped at the house we lived in from 1964 to 1972. I didn't have any trouble finding the house in Cerritos because it is at the end of a cul-de-sac, but when I got to Inglewood I had to go up and down that one block where we live and could not find the house. I finally found it by going up the alley and recognized the back gate that we had put in while living there. When I went back around to the front, the front of the house had been completely done over and lawn was very nice too. It was by far the best looking house on that 2 block long street.

I did get Casper (our white 2004 Honda Goldwing) out of the garage for a one hour ride on March 17<sup>th</sup>. I have been trading emails & telephone calls with a company in Washington called Tilting Wheel Works. They make a product that replaces the front wheel and forks on a Gold Wing and add 2 front wheels that lean with you into the corners. You can see this product by going to <JaylenoTiltingWheelWorks.com>. That site shows that same product on 2 of Jay Leno's Harley's and an interview with the fellow you invented it and he & Leno go on a ride with many cameras showing how the whole system works. I am thinking of adding this to Casper so I can still ride off into the sun. ☺ Well, when I do take Casper out for his twice a month exercise I don't have the confidence that I use to have and 3 wheels would sure extend the years I could still ride with confidence.

Please don't forget to support all of the companies that advertise in our MARC newsletters and support our MARC meeting by donating all of those wonderful door & Super Raffle prizes. We couldn't do all the things we do for all the Charity organizations that we support without their help.

**God Bless our MARC members, families and friends.**

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**I don't trip I do random gravity checks**

**No matter how old I get, I will still mentally sing the ABC's to see which letter comes next!!**

**950 Miles!** The tundra was warm this winter! I have never rode that many miles in February and first part of March. Roads had little salt upon the tarmac. The 21 year old Black BMW is now sitting in the garage waiting for the gaskets to arrive.

Every 50,000 miles or 4 years the dry clutch splines need to be checked on these BMW engines. I should have checked them last year as the miles since the last time was at 57,000 miles in 3+ years. Indications of needing attention is hard downshifting. As I enjoyed the cool rides I had just one time that the tranny wasn't cooperative with my left foot. However I had decided to do the work and prepare for the summer by doing this work now. Easy work. Just remove the rear wheel, final drive, shock, drive shaft housing, exhaust pipe and muffler, center stand, rear brake system, battery, battery tray, starter and transmission. And to place the fasteners in a can or screw them back on the parts so I would have them ready for adding parts back on.

Splines were dry. Some of the grease was there since the last time. Clutch splines were excellent, the transmission spline that seats inside the clutch are wearing some. I cleaned them off and dabbed the spline grease on the transmission splines.

"Can you come in for supper?" Karen looked down into the garage with a smile." Sure!" I replied, "I have to remove this black grease from my hands though." She nodded as I got up from the cement floor and stretched my back. I do have a Harbor Freight Motorcycle lift. The cheap one. However I had loaned it out to my friend David as he needed it worse than me. He was looking for an oil leak on his Kawasaki Concours.

After a supper the transmission seated quickly as I drew the tranny in with the 8 bolts that hold it to the bell housing. I had 2 bolts that the Allen head stripped and purchased those at The Home Depot. I had some new rubber cushions that fit on the alternator drive that slides on to a 3 vane attachment that fits into the cushions.

The drive shaft housing slides over the drive shaft and fits in the transmission fittings. Torque is critical on the fasteners. Finally the final drive. The splines of the drive shaft were excellent too. There is some problems with pushing the final drive back on the drive shaft housing plus trying to fit the final drive splines inside the drive shaft at the same time. First time I thought I had it but when shifting the transmission I had NO feel on the final drive. Had to remove the final drive and reinsert the splines into the drive shaft. I think the inner splines went over the top of the drive shaft. Minor excitement. The key is to check the transmission's Å switch gear from installing the transmission on to the bell housing to the final drive. Yeah, I have done the who thing only to

realize that I had to remove it all due to ... well. I also took the starter and pulled it apart. The commutator on the armature was black from the brushes. I cleaned it off with an erasure and put the starter back together then bolted it in place. Exhaust pipe and muffler are still good. All was done!

I hit the starter button... sinking feeling. Sprag clutch was hanging up. It had been doing that due to riding in the cold. The oil doesn't get to that specified temperature to clean off the sprags. Last week I removed the crank case cover. The engine is a horizontal type. where the pistons are parallel with the horizon. Crank shaft is on the right side and Head for engine is on the left side. Looking inside the engine or trying to find the sprag clutch which is on the crankshaft but at the back of the engine. I squirted it with liquid wrench. There is 3 holes on this smooth outside rim. To find them I was going to the back and pushing the rear wheel and then back down by the engine with the trouble light looking for those holes. Finding them and spraying the sprag within.

The gasket for the crank case cover is a one time gasket. I KNEW I would be ordering when I removed the cover. Ordered from Max BMW. The rep sent an email "Only half of your order do we have in our stock, it will take at least 4 days more to provide you with your parts."

So the BMW sits waiting. I however have this influenza. High Fever, aches and pains. As of this writing I am feeling good. So the BMW is sick and so is the rider! Notification came on GOOD Friday that the parts or gaskets were picked up from the New York BMW dealership on Thursday. Expected arrival Tuesday the 29th of March. GOOD. The next thing I need to find is a treadmill. I had one but they take up space. 2 years ago I had used one to start the BMW. Lately I was using a heat gun to warm the sprag clutch.

When telling someone about the BMW and maybe a treadmill, I get this answer, "You need a new BMW!" "What fun is that?" or "Don't you live in Columbia Heights, and the hills?" yeah but what if it doesn't start then what?

Take care and 73 from the tundra!

Tim Lindstrom, ab0ts  
Columbia Heights, MN  
1995 BMW K1100RS 179,750+miles

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**"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." (Marcel Prout)**



## Is It Time?

I'm reminded of my skiing days. When getting near the end of the day, getting tired, but having had a great day (usually) - I would say to myself Ok, One more run. I learned (occasionally the hard way) - that meant I was already on my last run. Better save for another day.

Lately, I'm wondering if I'm nearing my "last run" on my bike? I've had a Gold Wing since about '89 - and a couple of bikes before that. My first one was an '89 1500 Wing and a few years ago (sadly) I sold that and bought a used 1800 from one of our members who could no longer ride. About 10 years ago I was fortunate enough that my wife bought me a Harley Heritage Softail while she was on duty in Japan. (You can buy Harleys when stationed overseas for a significant discount.) My Harley turned out to be my daily rider. Just something I could "jump on" and go. Whereas the Wing seemed like more of an "event". Plus, my wife loves to ride with me - but her back can't take the Harley (the Wing actually helps.)

A few weeks ago we decided to buy a Jeep to tow behind our RV. Given that expense we (I) decided it was time to sell a bike. Since Vickie can't ride behind me on the Harley, selling the Harley was the obvious choice. So, a few weeks ago I sold it to a gentleman from the Sacramento area. It was sad to see it go, especially since, as I said, it was my daily rider. But was the right thing to do. So, now, I split my driving time between the Wing and the new Jeep. (The "honeymoon" isn't over yet on the Jeep...:-)

What does this all have to do with anything? Over the past several weeks, riding the Wing, I've found myself struggling bit more (it seems?) on occasion with the Wing - at slow speeds especially. On the highway I'm fine. However, this is an indication to me that my skill, strength and balance may be starting to wane. Of course, with age also comes a decline in acuity and reaction time. Needless to say, both critical to safe riding on an 800# beast. (Or any bike for that matter.)

So, I'm beginning to wonder if it's time for my "last run", so to speak? Which brings me back to my original example. The thought occurred to me -- that it would be time to hang it up the first time something "serious" happens -- whatever that may be. By serious, I don't mean a serious accident, but an incident that truly scares me for whatever reason.

That's when I thought back to my skiing days and my "last run" policy.

So, while I haven't made any decisions (yet), I can see the horizon approaching.

Of course, everyone's different. There are many riders out there much older than I am still riding. Of course, we're also seeing more and more 3 wheelers on the road -- which I see as a testament to those who have already made their "last run" (on 2 wheels at least.)

And I'm lucky enough to have alternate "fun" transportation. (in addition to the Jeep, I also have a 2001 BMW Z3 -- which has strong reminders of my '69 MGB I drove for 35 years.)

So, I'm trying to decide if I'm already on my "last run". And I encourage others to pay attention to their riding skills, motor skills and mental attitudes so they don't make one run too many.

Good luck and 73's,

John Beckwith, N6JCB  
Westchester, CA

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## THE REASON

You sit behind the handlebars while the engine plays  
it's tune, you ride by soul, more than touch,  
As if guided by some ancient rune.

You think, as we all have, you look within as you  
ride, without thinking about it, without thought for  
pride, for truly bikers don't ride for glory, or for the  
Rewards of men, but for the simple joy of riding,  
That's not a what, it's a when.

Like the tale of man and machine, growing together  
old, something not understood, by those not of our  
fold.

Or the joy of building a new ride and a friend, that  
will be ridden until the end, of life or of the road for  
in this life we choose, there is not a lot of difference  
between the two of those.

(Preacher, 5/2004)

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Scam Alert!!!

Ever leave your keys on your desk, a restaurant  
table or anywhere else people can see them? Heads  
up: new technology allows thieves to create a  
physical copy of your keys after sneaking a photo of  
them--so keep keys out of sight at all times!!

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY  
MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB  
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**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 moved and setting up his business- so it will be down for a little while. Thanks for your patience.

Winners receive \$5 of 50/50 tickets for March was #8 being Mike N6QZT

50/50 winners for March were: K6IXQ Scott and KB6SUP Jeff each tucking \$40 in their pockets...

**DOOR PRIZES/WINNERS:**

\$25 Gift Certificate from Huntington Honda was  
Bonnie KD6OFQ

**DOOR PRIZES DONATED BY "MARC"**

36 pc precision screwdriver set won by Billy N6EDY  
Peanut Butter filled pretzels won by Mark KE6ZRP on an orange ticket.

Bicycle pump won by Jeff KB6SUP

In Ear headphones won by Mike N6QZT

Laser use anywhere light won by Mike N6QZT

Car emergency tool won by Chuck KG6NJP

Computer paper won by Alvin KD6UZM

Mist "sip" 3won by Mike N6QZT

Other Door Prize donators were :

John W5JFR, Mike N6QZT, John KC6ZOZ & Ray  
KD6FHN & Bonnie KD6OFQ

**ORANGE TICKET DRAWING winner Charles KF6TXI**

How many orange tickets drawn (two)

Ticket dissectors were Alvin KD6UZM, Teri KF6HJT

Ticket drawer was Mijo KF6BEB

**SECRETARY/Treasurer/NewsLetter Editor-**

Bonnie KD6OFQ

**MEMBERSHIP::::**

Every member received a newsletter in January and those who are up for renewal had their address in red on the mailing label.. I guess I needn't put a newsletter out due many members do not read them or look at them.

Any members not paid will be removed from the MARC roster...as of this week...last of MARCH...

**NEWSLETTER:**

I am asking the event coordinators to at least help with the updates and information on their events...

Also what is it with members who go for an interesting ride and don't share it in the newsletter...

**GEEEEEE WHZZZZZZ**

So much for any input from the coordinators????

**DUES:::**

If your membership is not paid up by now you will be dropped as a member of MARC - no April newsletter next month as you will be removed from the roster...

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::::**

We pray for those who are ill, not feeling well or just not up to par, as we love each and every one of you...try to get well.. Our love and prayers for all members..

"True enjoyment comes from activity of the mind and exercise of the body; the two are ever united." (Humbolt)

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 in your prayers...

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

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

**GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

**IN GOD WE TRUST**

The name APRIL CAME FROM...possibly from the Greek Goddess of Love Aphrodite

Origins of Names of the Days:

Sunday -Day of the sun

Monday-Day of the moon

Tuesday- Day of Mars

Wednesday- Day of Mercury

Thursday- Thor's Day

Friday- Freya's day

Saturday- Saturn's day

**24<sup>TH</sup> "MARC" ANNIVERSARY IN MAY.**

I appreciate any ideas for a major prize for the event. Or any other prizes.

Give me your ideas at this months APRIL meeting.

Thank you

**THERE WILL BE SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THE SAN DIEGO TDC, THE SHIP TO SHORE TDC, TOUR DE OC**

**REASONS TO VOLUNTEER::**

Do your part, meet new people, join the excitement- be a positive influence, raise awareness, develop new talents, grow from the experience, learn and serve, personal satisfaction, - work for a cause, be part of a team, face new challenges, pass along wisdom, preserve the environment- keep active share your vision..

**VERY IMPORTANT POSITIONS FILLED BY  
WONDERFUL MEMBERS of MARC:**

**Public Relations: Billy Hall N6EDY**

**MS 150K Coordinators Andy Bocker W6AJB**  
**Krista Owens KB6MYR**  
**Michael Rickey AF6FB**  
**John Edwards KC6ZOZ**

**TOUR DE OC For Abused Children Coordinator:**  
**Scott Farthing K6IXQ**  
**Kim Farthing KI6MRQ**

**ORANGE COUNTY TDC:**

**Mike Naron N6QZT**  
**Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ**

**Ship to Shore Tour de Cure Coordinators:**

**Mark Kanzler KE6ZRP**  
**John Beckwith N6JCB**  
**Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ**

**San Diego Tour de Cure Coordinator:**

**Jim Banks KD6REA**  
**Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ**

**APRS Coordinator: Chuck Welman KG6NJP**

**Bill Douglas K6WBD**  
**Charles Robles KF6TXI**

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**Members-at-Large:**

**Danny Velderrain KD6FLP (Founding Board Member)**  
**Terry Lewis KJ7LI (Past Vice President)**

**Pat Lewis KD6SBZ (Past 50/50 Lady)**  
**Drew Pushie VE6HGW (Past Web Master)**  
**Wayne Barringer WB6UJW (Past Web Master)**  
**Paul Plasters K9PEP (IL/WI MARC Chapter)**  
**De Witt Morgan KM6UK (Founding Board Member)**

**MARC Equipment controllers are Ray Davis KD6FHN and Alvin Brown KD6UZH**

**"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 year-your choice..**

**2004 White Honda Gold Wing, with 222,000 miles**

**\$8000 AS IS OR \$5000 STRIPPED OF EXTRAS**

**This is what was put on Casper when first purchased. The List includes;**

**Honda CB Honda CB Antenna Kit**

**Muth signal mirrors**

**Honda fog/driving lights for the lower cowling. Changed to LED's from The Electrical Connection in 2013.**

**55Watt PIAA bulbs for the lower driving/fog lights, from The Electrical Connection.**

**Honda front fender extension, ask me about this choice.**

**Baker Built foot protectors, to keep water off your feet in the rain.**

**Baker Built leg protectors, to keep the wind and rain off your legs.**

**3 inch convex mirrors for the seeing right next to you. These you will have to get somewhere else. NAPA auto parts has them.**

**Handlebar risers, raise the handlebar grips about 1.5 inches and set them back toward the rider .75 an inch.**

**Kuryakyn ISO Handlebar grips.**

**PIAA Model 910-110 Watt driving lights ordered from <cyclegadgets.com>. Fit under the mirrors.**

**Ron Smith brackets for the PIAA 910 driving lights**

**Utopia backrest**

**1/2 inch tubular trunk rack, be sure to get the Stainless Steel plates to put under the rear legs of the trunk rack, available from Ray KD6FHN.**

**Rear Spoiler for trunk**

**Back off lights for rear spoiler & Flashers.**

**Honda 8.5 inch (short) turn down exhaust extensions**

**Bushtec GW 1800 & Deluxe & trailer hitch with mud flap built in**

**Coolant reserve tank cover, this is an absolute must. Protects the coolant recovery tank under the M/c.**

**Auxiliary 5 gallon fuel tank for right side saddle bag, Cost when custom built, \$750.**

**That is the add on's I added immediately, here is the rest of the equipment I have added since the initial equipment first put on Casper, as of this date, July 2007.**

**Garmin Street Pilot 2650 with NMEA program**

**Valentine One Radar Detector with volume control**

**Kenwood TM742A Tri-bander ham radio**

**Kenwood TM-D700A Dual-band ham radio for APRS**

**(Automatic Position Reporting System) use. Works in conjunction with the Garmin Street Pilot 2650 to transmit an APRS signal of your location while you ride, any place in the US or Canada.**

**Passenger Intercom control unit**

**RAY KD6FHN <raykd6fhn@gmail.com>**

## MOTORCYCLE BRACKETS

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

### Antenna Bracket For 1/2" Tubular Trunk Racks

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

### Antenna Bracket For Kuryakyn or American Flat Racks For The 1800 Gold Wings.

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](mailto: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.

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Thank you....! Chuck KG6NJP [kg6njp@pacbell.net](mailto:kg6njp@pacbell.net)



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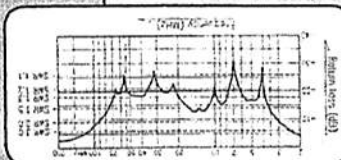
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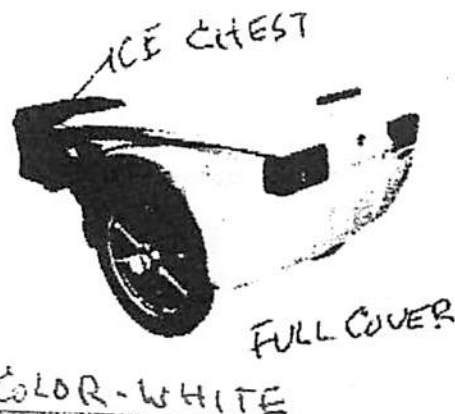
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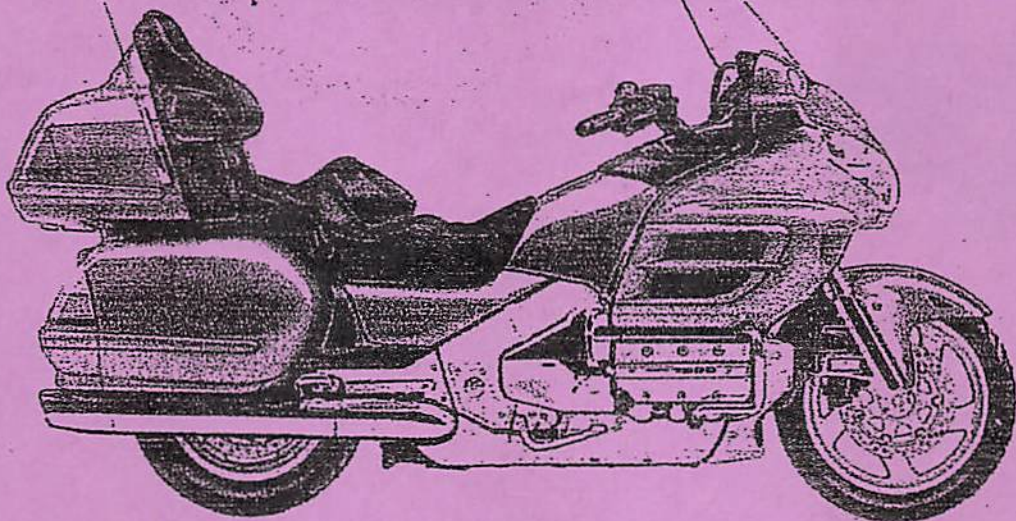


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