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**APRIL 2001**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

It looks like spring is here. It is time to change over to daylight savings time. The rain has stopped; at least it has stopped here in Southern California. Hope is that it will soon be spring for everyone else. Oh yes, I know that winter is coming for those down under, but you have been able to listen to all of us cry about winter while you enjoyed your summer!

Now that spring is upon us, it is time to prepare for our riding season and the events that we support. Our first Southern California event is the **Riverside (Fairmount Park) Tour de Cure on Saturday, April 28, 2001**. I ask that you Please, Please, Please, MARC (Sic.) your calendar for this event and come out to the Inland Empire, and take a look at my part of the country. You might even enjoy a BBQ hamburger or hot-dog after the ride, courtesy of the Riverside Lyons Club. Mike Naron, N6QZT, can schedule you to help on any one of three courses, depending upon how early you desire to get to the park in Riverside, and how long you want to work. Just let him know that you can help. You might just want to catch the sign up-sheet at the April MARC meeting. That will be at the Lakeview Cafe, corner of Lakeview and Orangethorpe in Placentia. I shall start the meeting at 8AM, SHARP! on Saturday April 14, 2001. See you there.

Oh, this is only the first of our American Diabetes events. I expound upon

it only because it is the first. Don't forget the **Los Angeles/Orange County Tour de Cure on May 19, 2001** and the **BAD Ride on June 10, 2001**. I know that we have been preceded in the riding season by the Tierra Bella ride, which the Bay Area MARC group recently worked. Also, the Baker to Vegas Relay Race that many of our members worked with the Los Angeles Police Department (I hope we will get some interesting articles about both events for next month's news letter). However, it is now time for the rest of us to get it in gear and do our part, so once again I say grab the sign up sheet or contact the coordinator for each of these events and sign-up to help.

**May 12, 2001** will be our 9th Anniversary meeting. How about that! Nine years as a group, still going and still growing, sounds like a cute pink bunny that I have seen on the TV. Make a note to joins us for a slice of Anniversary cake, a photograph (wear your MARC gear) and some banter with friends. You might even want to spend One dollar, yes \$1.00 to purchase a ticket and a chance to win the Yeasu FT 8100R, dual band mobile that will be taken home by one lucky person at the May meeting.

Now, for a bit of radio news: I have a Yeasu FT 847 in a box here near my feet and a Cush Craft R7 vertical antenna outside lying on saw horses near my boat. The tower has been modified and is in two sections ready to be

joined and raised. Things are coming together for my HF station. As they say on TV, please stand by! I shall get there soon. I do have other projects in the works. The new floor has been installed in the kitchen, the new range hood and backsplash are in, and by the time you get this the new GE Monogram range will be in and cooking (I hope). That should finish the kitchen renovation. Now it will be carpeting etc. There is always another project to be completed.

Mijo, and I have booked our summer vacation. It is back to France to visit with her mother for a month. The schedule is to depart Los Angeles for Paris on July 9 and return on August 12. We will be getting a car from Renault again, so some touring will be in order. My sister in law now has an account with AOL, so I will be able to send e-mail updates from there from time to time. I am sure that I will not be able to rival the exploits of Ray, KD6FHN, but, then, I will have a distance thing going. Won't I?

We now have three MARC Chapters outside the So. California area. It seems that every time I turn the computer on, I have a message from Bonnie, the Secretary/ Treasurer, informing me that we have another new member, or an old member who is returning to the club. Welcome to MARC. Tell your friends about us. Get involved in some of our events. Riding (some on 4 wheels) and talking on our HAMS is what it is all about. Join the fun. I don't think you will find a

better friend anywhere than a person wearing a gray shirt with a big MARC logo on the back.

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### **Ray KD6FHN to serve as New Chairman of the Board of Directors**

Having served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the past two years ..... I feel that it is time to pass the gavel on to another Director. It has been my pleasure to serve in that capacity and watch MARC continue to grow. I am always amazed to look back and realize the phenomenal growth that we have experienced as a organization. I have never seen any other club that could compare with MARC's accomplishments.

MARC is more than "just" a motorcycle club — And more than "just" a amateur radio club. And, it's even more than "just" combining the two hobbies — Which is rather unique within it's self.

I believe it is the class of people who are lured into joining our club — Who recognize that we are pretty lucky to have these two hobbies — And who are willing to "Give of Themselves and their Equipment" to support the charitable events of the Community.

Our club has been "blessed" with an abundance of very fine members who I am pleased to know — and have the privilege to associate with.

The Board has selected Ray Davis KD6FHN to serve as Chairman starting in April, 2001. I will continue serving as a member of the Board. The other members of the Board — DeWitt KM6UK, John KC6ZOZ, and John W5JFR — join me in welcoming Ray aboard as our new Chairman.

**For the Board of Directors ... Billy  
N6EDY, Past Chairman**

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"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow where they lead. "  
(Louisa May Alcott)

### **THIS AND THAT**

Hello everyone. Spring has sprung and here we are with the start of another beautiful riding season. I had this spiffy article in my head that I was going to send your way and along came a **YELLOW 1800 GOLDWING**, and knocked all thoughts out of my head.

I saw that thing and there was **LUST** in my heart. Rich came into one of the MARC meetings on his.....

Then Roger Smith at Huntington Honda, (one of our wonderful advertisers) let me take one for a ride. I went and picked up Anita, and we took a ride, then the bait, and the hook, and the line, and.....

Yes I know, I have a 2000 with the 01 VIN number, but **LUST** supercedes pride of ownership every time. Besides, 01 is over a year old now. So 2000-01 goes on the block, and **YELLOW** takes its place in the garage.

Let me tell you what I like about this bike..... NO, it's much easier to tell you what I didn't like. I didn't like the handlebar grips. I was going to change them anyway, to the heated kind. Nope, this is a beautiful riding machine. The raw power, the handling, the way it is put together, only one who has ridden one will know what I am talking about. This thing is **AWESOME!!** I went to get on the freeway, I thought "I'll just power up a bit," when I looked down at the speedometer, I was already at 105 MPH, and still pulling hard. Since the bike only had about 5 miles on it I hurriedly backed off. The cruise control is awesome! That sucker will set at 110+. **HONDA** is a leader again.

Let's see <he mused>, start in June, to the Oregon Retired Firemen's 4th of July Picnic, Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Yellowstone.....

So that other article I had in mind, maybe it will come back for a future article, but for now, the only thing I can think of is **YELLOW**.

Hmmmm..... I wonder how my Bushtec trailer would look painted yellow???????? Ya think???

Love ya,

**De Witt Morgan KM6UK**  
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"Let the light of your dream shine through so that all the world may see your beauty." (Allison Reed)  
Woman's World 9/19/00

### **"Take the Tour de Cure Challenge"**

Come out to Riverside on Saturday, April 28, 2001, and take the Challenge. I and the ADA will need all the help we can get on this morning. We need you, motorcycle mobile with your ham, or in your 4 wheeler (pickup or van), "SAG wagons," radio active, to help with support and gear. This ride will start and end at Fairmount Park in Riverside, there are five different events, of which we will support three with mobile radio support.

The 100 mile ride starts at 6 AM, the 50 mile ride starts at 7:30 and the 25 mile ride starts at 8:30. When you sign up, please indicate which ride you prefer to work and we will do our best to accommodate you. I hope to have enough volunteers that no one person has to work all 50 or 100 miles unless they want to. The Riverside Lyons Club will be providing a free BBQ lunch for all participants and volunteers after the ride. "We need your help." If you can make the MARC meeting on Saturday, April 14, 2001, you can sign up there. If not contact Michael, N6QZT, or John, W5JFR and we will get you signed up for this event. This is our first event of the season, you can ride two up if you want to bring a friend. Please come out and take a look at our beautiful Inland Empire. See you there.

**John, W5JFR, Assistant Coordinator  
Inland Empire Tour de Cure**

### **"MARC" CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**April 7- Terra Bella Ride(San Jose)**  
**April 7/8-CCRR**  
**April 14- Breakfast Meeting**  
**April 28- Inland Empire TDC**  
**May 12- 9th Anniversary Meeting**  
**May 19- So Ca Tour de Cure**  
**June 9- Breakfast Meeting**  
**June 10- BAD Ride**  
**July 14- Breakfast Meeting???**  
**Aug 11- Breakfast Meeting**  
**Sept 8- Breakfast Meeting**  
**Oct 6/7- MS 150**  
**Oct 13- Breakfast Meeting**  
**Nov 10- Breakfast Meeting**  
**Nov 11- Love Ride**  
**Dec 8- Breakfast Meeting**

## Staff Changes, In Name Only

A change in the MARC Board has occurred. But it is mostly in name only. Billy N6EDY has submitted a letter stepping down as Chairman of the Board. He will still remain a MARC Board Member and as always play an important part in the Board decisions. I will now be known as the MARC Chairman Of The Board. I will no longer wear the title of MARC Business Manager. In reality, nothing will really change. Ninety Five percent of the MARC work/business has always been done by Bonnie, our Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor and all around gopher (you know, go fer this and go fer that) on a 24/7 schedule and the other five percent is done by rest of the staff, including me. Only now I get to carry the "Big Title" of Chairman of the Board. Wowie. So nothing has really changed, just the titles of some of the players.

As announced by Drew VE6HGW, our MARC Web Site Coordinator on Friday March 30th, the MARC Web Site has been moved to a new URL <"<http://marc-hq.org/>">. This should have been done a long time ago to facilitate the Site being more accessible to people looking for the MARC Web Site. The fault is all mine. I just dreaded having to get off my rear end and do something about relocating the MARC Web Site. So anyway, with Drew VE6HGW and Roger WB1CFQ tutoring me, we were able to register (with the MARC Boards approval) <[marc-hq.org](mailto:marc-hq.org)> from <[RegTeam@discountdomainregistry.com](mailto:RegTeam@discountdomainregistry.com)>. Once that was accomplished, then we went to <"<http://www.successfullhosting.com/>"> to purchase the necessary bandwidth/Web Site. I was pleasantly surprised to see how little all of this has cost the MARC Treasury. Seeing the low cost has inspired me to consider doing my own personal Web Site. But after seeing some of the other Personal Web Sites, it looks pretty complicated and again it is going to be another learning process.

Now I am working on getting all 7 of the National Magazine Articles scanned and sent to Drew. Then there are the pictures of all the different brackets we use to mount ham radio/GPS/scanners/PalmPilots/radar detectors/cell phones and all the rest of the "must have" stuff we can decorate our motorcycles with. There may be a little bump in the road here and there before the full movement of all material from the old MARC Web Site to the new one is completed. Please be patient, we, Drew and I are breaking new ground for ourselves. So we have to experiment as we go along and sometimes backtrack and then take a different direction to get where we want to go with the MARC Web Site. So be sure to check out the new MARC Web Site, if you haven't done so already.

By the time you read this we will have done the Tierra Bella bike ride up in the San Jose area with the BA-MARC Chapter. From all the signs it is going to involve a lot more MARC Members than what was present last year. DeWitt KM6UK and myself will be going from Southern California to share in the fun with our fellow MARC Members in the Bay Area. We love that area where the ride is held, as it is one of the most beautiful areas that any of our charity events are held in. It is all hilly with narrow winding roads that are shaded by big Walnut trees. An outstanding event and such joy to work in such beautiful surroundings.

The MARC Meeting Sat. April 12th. is going to feature a guest speaker. Tom Gibbons from Premier Communications is going to demonstrate some of the headsets and microphones they make for motorcycle use. Should be very interesting to see what they have come up with and see if it is something we can use for ham radios while tooling down the road at 80mph.

The riding season is fast approaching. As for myself I have these rides to look forward to. The after April meeting ride to the see the Poppies that DeWitt is going to lead us on. The Riverside Tour De Cure April 28th, the WOTI BBQ in San Antonio TX on May

5th, the MARC 9TH Anniversary Meeting on Sat May 12th, Dayton OH HamVention May 18th thru May 20th, there is also the Southern California Tour De Cure in Long Beach on Sat May 19th, and finally the Gerlach NV Iron Butt Assoc. "Mass Gold Ride" (1500 miles in 24 hours) on Sat May 26th. "And you think you are going to be busy."

And now I am dealing with Jury duty too. I hate that thing, because as soon as I get set on a jury and they ask me what I did for a living, they throw me out. That wastes a whole day that I don't have time for. How did I ever find time to hold down a job? I want to go back to work, I had more time to play then I do now.

The one thing that is known for sure is that, being named to the MARC Chairman Of The Board, won't make anymore work for. There will be more effort to keep the monthly newsletter article more MARC business than personal. However, those who know, will still have to put up with some of the personal input, it's just me.

We had to have new MARC Business Cards made up with the ® on them now that the MARC Logo is a registered trademark. The ® also had to be added to our magnetic car door signs, decals, tee shirts, sweat shirts, caps, pins & etc.

We went out and bought Microsoft FrontPage as I have been thinking of putting up my own Web Site, but that may have to wait until the summer riding season is over.

Again, Please check out the new <[marc-hq.org](http://marc-hq.org)> Web Site. Please feel free to send Drew or myself a note telling us what you think of it and any suggestions you might have. We need the membership input to really make this MARC Web Site a MARC Member Web Site. You know the more input we get, the better the Web Site will be.

## "SAFE RIDES AND CLEAR FREQUENCIES"

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Hello everyone,

As you know we have been working the H.F. frequencies for a few weeks now. We have been reasonably successful but the recent solar flares have cut us out for the past couple of weeks. We have had enough success, and check-ins that we will be continuing on with this fun project. Please join us at the times and frequencies listed below.

Saturday, 10 Meters as usual. 28.340. UP first to 28.350, then down to 28.330 depending on QRM. The time will remain 1545 UTC, remember, that is 0745 PDT, and will run until there are no more check-in's, or Net Control calls a halt.

Sunday WILL change... 10 meters as usual, UNTIL 1600 UTC, 0800 PDT. We will then switch over to 20 Meters. 14.340, UP first to 14.350, then down to 14.330 depending on QRM.

We think this will give more MARC members a chance to check in.

**De Witt Morgan KM6UK,**  
**Assistant Net Controller**

"Some goals are so worthy that it is glorious even to fail."  
(Anonymous)

## Splinters from the Board

The Board has reconsidered the procedures and administrative details concerning the establishment of Chapters of MARC.

Members of MARC residing outside of the Southern California area may decide to organize a local chapter in order to carry on MARC activities in their local areas. Such local chapters will be known as the "XX-MARC Chapter"; or, the "MARC-XX Chapter", at the Chapters discretion. The main emphasis here is that the title of the group must contain both the name MARC, and of course the designation of Chapter. All such members of a chapter must be, and continue to be, members of MARC. This — does not preclude a chapter from utilizing nonmembers to augment their ability to perform specific Chapter events on a "as needed" basis.

Chapters may select whatever structure of leadership they desire **WITHIN THE CHAPTER** ..... However for MARC purposes ... The leader will be known as the **Chapter Coordinator**, (even if this person is referred to as "**President**" by the local chapter for Public Relations purposes) Chapters should petition the MARC Board of Directors for recognition and appointment of the **Chapter Coordinator/or Chapter President** and his assistant ..... Who may then be appointed to that position by the Board of Directors. Those so appointed will serve on the Staff of the President of MARC.

The **Chapter Coordinator / or Chapter President** directs the activities of his own Chapter and keeps MARC informed of their local activities. It is the intent of the Board to allow each individual chapter to function on their own — as long as they stay within the guidelines of MARC.

**Chapter Coordinators/or Chapter Presidents** are urged to provide Bonnie with a monthly report of what their Chapter has done, and what you are planning to do, for publishing in the MARC Newsletter. The articles do not need to be "Pulitzer Prize" quality. The main thing is that they convey something of interest about the chapter, and that you **MENTION MEMBERS NAMES**. This is a personal newsletter — pertaining to our own members — And people like to see **THEIR NAMES IN IT**.

**For the Board of Directors ..... Billy N6EDY**

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### NEW "MARC" URL ADDRESS

Hi Everyone,

Today we are please to announce that the MARC Web Site has officially changed to a new URL Address. This endeavour became reality through the initiative, dedication and hard work of Ray Davis. Ray registered our new Domain Name with discountdomainregistry.com and subscribed to successfulhosting.com as our Internet Service Provider. I made a few changes and uploaded our web pages to our new ISP. Our new URL is "<http://marc-hq.org>" You should not have to enter "www" in the address but please check your browser. Our old site will remain online during our transition then I'll publish links from our old site to our new site.

Due to space limitations at my Internet Service Provider I had to split the old MARC Web Site into two separate but linkable webs. This was creating more work and limiting the growth potential of our web site.

All our pages are now combined on one site and they occupy 10 of the 25 megs of space we have available. We now have lots of disk space for web site development.

Our new ISP [successfulhosting.com](http://successfulhosting.com) provides many web tools and services that were not available through my ISP. We hope to utilize many of these features in the near future.

In my opinion the best way to understand the new web site layout is through the **Table of Contents Page** that is linkable from the Home Page. From the T of C Page you can quickly identify and link to all the web pages. **Check it out.**

In appreciation of their support we plan to greatly increase the visibility of the **MARC Supporters** on our new web site. We strongly encourage all members to assist MARC is showing our appreciation for our Supporters. More information will be shared via the **MARC List** and in the **Newsletter**.

With all good things there is always a little bit of pain. Please **remember to update your e-mail signature file, browser favourites, links to MARC and your business cards.** We will be asking the membership for help with some projects we have in mind so stay tuned. As always, if you have any information to include on the web site please let me know. Thanks.

73,

**Drew VE6HGW**

**MARC - Motorcycling Amateur Radio Club**

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### BAD RIDE for DIABETES JUNE 10, 2001

This is the fourth year for the B.A.D. RIDE, supported by Wille G. and Bill Davidson of Harley Davidson. The B.A.D. ride is the reality of Rip's dream to make a difference in the fight against diabetes. Rip passed away in February 2000, leaving a legacy for us to carry on. Rip was a longtime Easyriders Magazine columnist and biker legend. Rip was passionate in his fight against diabetes and best embodies the spirit of the B.A.D. Ride. This is a family event so come help us assist in raising funds for the Diabetes Association

The **Grand Marshalls** for the event are Karen Davidson and Larry Hagman.

This year's event includes a raffle for a 2001 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, (buy raffle tickets for the Harley) a bike show, (Victor McLaglen Motor Corp, musical guests The Fryed Brothers and others to be added.

MARC's involvement is different than all the charity events we do. There are at the present eight start points. We will have a MARC member with each Road Captain from each start point with a MARC back Door. Depending on the number of start points will determine how many MARC members will be at each start point. We will need shadows at Oak Canyon with the Christian Motorcyclists who will be handling the parking and with some of the dignitaries where Base control will be set up. Now we may utilize the vehicles as back doors if we don't have enough motors. Everyone will be utilized in one form or another.

Sign up sheet was passed at the March meeting but will be at the April, May & June meetings

Check-in time: 8 AM to 10 AM:: Ride starts at 10 AM:: Park opens at 11 AM...

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**Jim White KD6JES <Jimwkd6jes@netzero.net> Assistant**

## BA-MARC – MARCH 2001

Once again our group expanded this month as we filled 12 seats. David Sawyer, our newly license member KG6FNH was there with his daughter Gabrielle and son Alexander. David, with new license in-hand, handled all our radio chatter as we drove up from the south bay in the WB1CFQ MARC-labeled van. Also there was Don Weber – KA7QQV, J.P. Rouland – NQ6T, Ralph Burr – KG6BHP, Frank Neilson – KG6ELK, Larry McDonald – KG6EPS and Dave Raiman – KC6UMZ joined us for the first time.

Two hams on their own wings, Ralph Howard – WD6BGN and Catherine Howard – KA9MNZ joined us and the MARC ranks yesterday. They jumped right into the spirit of helping us grow our group and become part our local chapter. Welcome aboard Ralph & Catherine.

Pictures taken at yesterday's meeting are available on our "<http://ba-marc.org/>" web site under the March meeting notes.

Our rescheduled equipment checkout day is Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM. Location will be at Don Weber's office located at: 65 Hegenberger PL, Oakland, CA 94621. Hopefully our sunny weather will hold, as we will still be working outside. Purpose of this gathering is to check our radio installations to be sure they are ready for the up-coming riding and event support season. Don will have his test equipment and facilities at our disposal. If anyone reading this has a radio installation issue or question or just wants to have a good time, this is a meeting to attend. After our equipment checks are completed we will practice some slow speed riding on the old naval air station grounds. Talk-in frequencies will be the same 147.240 + we use for the meetings.

Our BA-MARC poster was distributed at yesterday's meeting and was well received by everyone. I was very please with the enthusiasm our group showed by promising to get it posted in the prominent motorcycling and ham radio locations surrounding our area. David sure did a good job in making our poster look professional and inviting. Great work David!

Our major focus for the March meeting was the Tierra Bella Cycling Classic. As of yesterday, we now have signed up 10 call signs on motorcycles and 2 in SAG wagons for this event. Included in these numbers are Ray Davis – KD6FHN and De Witt Morgan KM6UK from headquarters. Lewis Osborn – K7LVO, will come in from the wilds of Oregon to help us as well. This signup is still short of what we need, but we'll find a way of making it work.

At this year's Tierra Bella event we will be using remote repeaters located in the communications holes we found last year. This should make a significant difference in getting the message traffic clear and moving without a lot of relaying, which didn't work well last year. Communications director Don Irving is in the process of creating the events communication plan and documents and should have them to us soon.

For a product review, Don Weber brought along a demonstration headset he received for testing. Don has this headset on a helmet right now, but from his initial comments, it doesn't look like it will be robust enough to work in a motorcycle application. Pryme sells this headset for \$49 retail and when I saw it, I thought it looked weak.

MARC members visiting HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) in Sunnyvale, CA will now get a 10% discount on all purchases with one exception. This exception is on new or demonstration radios. Ken, HRO's store manager in Sunnyvale said, "I don't have 10% in most radios to discount, but I will give what I have available." MARC members wanting this discount must show their address label on a current MARC newsletter. This discount benefit can more than make up for the cost of a MARC membership each year.

Be sure to keep your current newsletter handy when you go shopping.

Once we were back in the parking lot after the meeting, we also tested a GoldWing cell-phone interface with my Motorola cell phone on Don Weber's GoldWing. Surprisingly it worked well in the parking lot and is worthy of taking it to the next step by getting it installed on my bike for an on the road test at highway speeds. I don't think this cell set will work well with a Nokia cell phones using the Nokia hands-free car kit. We have reports from two users who have tried it with poor results. My Motorola cell phone allows for a headset connection so there isn't an external amplifier in the loop with the intercom's VOX circuit. As we gain more experience with this cell-set circuit, we'll post the results here.

Attendance at our local meetings is large enough that we are now having trouble communicating with the group in an open restaurant and must start thinking about finding a new location with a closed meeting area. In addition, the reservations for yesterday's meeting were lost and the restaurant was not ready for us when we arrived. All those in attendance were asked to start thinking about an alternative location when they travel around. From a group perspective, I would like us to keep our meeting location somewhat central to where the bulk of our chapter people are coming from so that no one area is at a disadvantage. I don't know if this is possible, but it is our current goal. Even with that said, if we continue our growth rate, we will not be able to stay with this restaurant too much longer and might need to make a compromise on location.

Compounding our meeting location move is the fact that we just began distributing our recruiting posters with the current address location. Any changes will require us to replace the current poster. While this is an expense, it isn't a major issue for now.

What are member thoughts on this issue?

73s,  
Roger Rines      W1RDR/WB1CFQ      <Wb1cfq@ba-marc.org>

ILWI

Our March meeting, was held at the Sterling, IL., Hamfest, as Norm had suggested. We met at the lunch counter at 10:30 AM. First there was Bob KB9TPI, Justin KB9YKX, and myself. Next to join us was Norm N9ZKS. We were a bit early, and just chatting when Russ N9LXS, came over and asked when the meeting would start. When I said 11:00 Russ said he needed to leave before that, so we started a bit early. Then Larry KB9RZC, Dave N9WSQ, and Mel N9RPN showed up, Kevin K9HBT came up asking about MARC, as did several others. So we had a pretty good turnout. It looks like Norms idea was a pretty good one!

One of the items that came up during the formal meeting was the suggestion that MARC business cards and QSL cards have a change made to reflect that there are Chapters, and where they are. The board of directors may want to look into this?

Our next ILWI MARC meeting will be April 7th at Milwaukee, WI., at Amateur Electronics supply's "hamfest". We will meet at noon at or near the entrance. Interested parties should look for the MARC signs. This is a change from the original published date, as I have been directed to help put on an "Emergency drill" for the Salvation Army the original day.

Now the weather will be suitable for riding by the time this sees print, so lets all plan some get togethers and go riding, OK? I plan to be in Springfield, Mo., for field day, so I will not be doing much in the way of field day exercises, but the rest of you should get in there and excite the airwaves as much as you can!

73 Paul Plasters      K9PEP      <peplasters@rockford.com>

## EAST COAST MARC TIMES

The second meeting of the East Coast Chapter of MARC Motorcycle Amateur Radio Club) was held on Sunday, March 18, 2001. The following HAMS were in attendance.

Ernie- WA1AES, Paul- KF2XK, Russ- K1RMH, Howard- W1HO, Curt- W1FSM, Bill- KE1JD ( only one on 2 wheels), Pat- N1YGL, Joe- N1LQR, Dave- KA1W, Emil- K1RVM, Rita- KA1NVH and Jim- N1XJM.

Discussion of upcoming club activities ensued and the following items were decided.

1 ECMARC will hold a meeting at *AMERICADE*, Thursday, June 7, at the House of Scott's, Bolton Landing, at 8PM.

2 We will support GNARC, the Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club at some of their public service type functions to obtain some experience in providing communications for this type of activity.

3 March Meeting Minutes Curt will pursue dates.

4 We will support the Waterbury Amateur Radio Club at the Tributary Marathon Race in September. Paul to coordinate.

5 Ct Bike Week is scheduled for May 15-17- we can pursue some involvement or attendance at this function.

The meeting was closed and refreshments were finished ( Not hard to understand considering the meeting was at the Prospect Dunkin Donuts)

### April Meeting & Ride

The next meeting of ECMARC is scheduled for Sunday, April 22. We will assemble at 10AM at the Blue Colony Diner, off exit 0, Rte 84, Sandyhook.

After coffee and a brief business meeting, we will head up into The Northwest Connecticut Hills (Litchfield etc) for some well deserved touring after this long winter.

### UPCOMING POTENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club is in charge of the communications for a number of activities and they would welcome ECMARC's assistance in these endeavors.

This will be a great opportunity for our members to get involved in community service and also to train under some experienced Hams.

Tentative dates are as follows:

- 1. March of Dimes- Sunday, April 29- Calf Pasture Beach
- 2. Bloom Metric Bike Race- Sunday, May 20. also at Calf Pasture Beach
- 3. MS Walkathon/Bike-athon- Date to be announced

Curt Seaton W1FSM is also a GNARC member so he can coordinate our members interested in participating.

Ernie Malafronte WA1AES <emalafronte@snet.net>

### So. CA Tour de Cure

Yes that is right two Tours which are bicycle rides and then we have the BAD ride which is motorcycles, these all support Diabetes. Remember the sign-up sheets are available at the meetings in case you didn't get signed up before.... We need you, everyone of you.

Lunch for the SO. CA. Tour de Cure will be served by the Soup Plantation. Breakfast was still hanging but not without some leads.

The routes are available on the web site: <[www.socaltourdecure.com](http://www.socaltourdecure.com)>, Check it out. The start and finish is at Eldorado Park in Long Beach, just off the 605 Fwy. There is a charge of \$5 to get into the park. They tried to waiver

the \$5 but it doesn't look like they can accomplish that. Still hoping they will.

Getting permission to go through these cities takes a great salesperson and good talker. Each seem to have their own little quirks to throw a stumbling block in our path but we have a great spokes person Rich Savitt who has been able to make powder out of the so called blocks.

This year "volunteers" for any organization for charity or whatever is hard to come by.

The motorcycles will not be starting at the park. Michael has a place established for your starting point. Gwen will be running SAG from this point also.

This is a brand new route and it is a combined tour with Los Angeles & Orange Counties. Hoping to bring lots of riders.

If any of you know or have contact with anyone who would like to donate large prizes for the top participants bring in the most money, the largest team etc. Such as a trip or Hotel hide-a-ways, airline tickets for a week end getaway or just door prizes of sorts. We are in need of those. Please give info to Michael KE6GYC or Bonnie KD6OFQ. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Michael Pryzbylo KE6GYC <ke6gyc@arrl.net> Coordinator  
Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ <bonidavis@earthlink.net> Asst.  
\*\*\*\*\*Don't forget the speaker/don't forget about the ride after the meeting.....

Oh my what 'lovely' was making the hi-way disappear leading her hubby home?

### MORE ILWI INFO

Just thought I'd toss out an invitation to any members of the group that are planning to be at AES's Superfest in Milwaukee Saturday. The ILWI chapter will be represented and maybe we could share some fellowship and food. The chapter will make sure you have popcorn and soda. (Courtesy of AES). I would love to have the chance to meet some of the other member of the group. We are planning to meet near the entrance at 12:00 noon. There we will decide if we want to meet at a Pizza joint, or??? after the "event" is over.

Hope to see some of you there.

Check out our web page for information about the other events and activities coming up.

<<http://www.angelfire.com/sports/MARC/>>

Norm Huber - N9ZKS <n9zks@earthlink.net>

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE:::

(Put these dates on your calendars)

(Yes I will still send out the notice)

MAY newsletter articles due May 2nd  
JUNE/JULY articles due May 30th  
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER articles due Aug. 1st  
OCTOBER articles due Oct. 1st  
NOVEMBER articles due Oct. 31st  
DECEMBER articles due Nov. 28th  
JANUARY 2002 articles due Jan 2nd

This is the way the dates stand for now.  
They are subject to change due to my schedule.

## STILL WINTER

Winter hasn't decided to leave this part of the US.

And it isn't warming much to the East either. However the motorcycle finally came out of hibernation last week. "Why did you ride that thing today?" Brian asked me when he came into the shop.

"Its spring!" I smiled as he shook his head and chuckled along with me.

Snowbanks are and still in the neighborhoods. Out on the major highways though its just debris from people throwing stuff out their windows for the past 5 months. When March first showed up the weather people claimed we would have warm days. Even a 70 degree day for March. I kind of shook my head thinking if that happened there would be floods along all 3 major rivers around the Metro. Red River Valley would be swamp once again. And the Root and Cedar Rivers flood crests would be just like '97 or worse.

Snow is white... Heat reflects off white... And for March we had temps below average. Course its because we haven't had this much snow since the late 60's.

Still the roads are dry however lots of sand. No swooping into the corners. heheh. Still its lots better than being in a car! Today the weather was fog and rain. But the temperature was 36...above freezing...Well! That means keep the car home for Karen to use! I came out of work today. Suited up in my old snowsuit and leather jacket. Started the beemer and checked it over a bit. Noticed a note stuck on the seat... So I opened the thing up... Course I thot maybe somebody wanted to buy this machine... Not! and wrote this...

### WHY OH WHY?

I chuckled and hopped on the old bike. Formulating or protesting to the note in my mind. Then it came to me. Well who ever did the note just doesn't get it. I don't have time to explain why I ride when its cold, hot, raining, snowing, or steaming with humidity and dew points! Its just what I need to do. People live in cars and homes and offices. Complain of headaches and backaches and you name it... Air pollutants .. well at least in Minnesota are worse Indoors than out! Now you tell me who should be writing that note!

Yep spring would be kind of nice to see. Warm days and plenty of sunshine. However If one rides when the weather isn't cooperating just think how much I am grateful when July finally arrives! Heheh

Tim Lindstrom KB0RTZ <kb0rtztim@juno.com>

"LET'S GO FOR A RIDE" YES YES

Well, at least to the ones in Southern California. After the April 14th meeting I will be heading off to see the wild flowers. I invite everyone to go with me. This is NOT a short ride, but it promises to be a great ride. The wild flowers should be in full bloom by then. Here is the route I will be taking. When we leave the meeting we will head over to the I-91, to the I-5, up the I-5 to near Gorman. You could break off there, as Gorman usually has lots of wild flowers too. In Gorman we will pick up State Road 138, and head over towards Lancaster. We will intersect the California Poppy State Preserve.

The preserve was burned off not too long ago, and with all the rain we have had this has the potential of being a bonus year, so bring your cameras. After we ohhhhhhhhhh, and ahhhhhhhhhhhh, over the flowers, we will go on to Palmdale, and to Mr. "G's." Some of the best B-B-Q around. and then back to I-14, or if you want, go over the Angeles Forest Highway, and Angeles Crest Highway to wherever you live.

As I say, this is NOT a short trip, but it is a good one.

If you are going on the ride, **COME FUELED UP AND READY TO GO.** We WILL NOT wait while you fuel. Not fair to set a leaving time and have someone say, "Oh wait, I have to get fuel...."

Automobiles ARE invited, but as with the bikes, come to the meeting **FUELED AND READY TO GO..** We won't wait for you to fuel either.

Since we will be traveling in a group, we will be traveling on **MARC Simplex, 144.370**, please, if you are not going on the ride leave the frequency clear for the trip riders. Please go to another frequency to make your connections. We will use MARC simplex for riding instructions.

Would someone who lives in the desert give us a wildflower update.

I'll look forward to seeing you on the ride.

Love ya,

-De Witt Morgan KM6UK dewitt@home.com

## MINNESOTA!!!!!!

Minnesota is also noted for tornadoes and heavy thunderstorms.

This month I took a class for **Skywarn** so I could be a spotter and help with the other spotters in this metropolitan area.

Doug Bennett, N0BGT and I discussed the idea of going out together. Always good to have extra eyeballs when watching a dangerous thunderstorm.

"Well Doug am I riding with you?" I asked. Doug nodded and then a smile came to his face..." Yes , Tim it might be a little dryer than using the BMW!"

We both laughed and enjoyed the videos even though there was funnel clouds forming. Better than looking outside to the snow showers covering the vehicles with all the vertical antennas. Next day Karen and I checked in on my parents...

"Mom I passed my Skywarn test!"

Mom sighed. "What is Skywarn?"

"OH its just chasing tornadoes.... "

"Whaaaat!"

Well I did assure her that I would do most of my spotting from around the house. Karen figured I should be out and doing it on the roof or something. hmmm maybe I could do antenna work when I am up there too... NOT!

Tim Lindstrom KB0RTZ <kb0rtztim@juno.com>

Bonnie,

We're still desperate for a few more souls to help out with the **Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon - JSRM. Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Morning event.** Not a motorcycle event.... But one of the more fun events I've worked. It's a relay marathon with teams of 5 runners competing, including some celebrity events. A very compact, festive event.

If you could put a small blurb in that would be great.

Thanks,

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FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY  
MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB  
<MijoBeb@aol.com>

**NET WINNERS:** 3/7- Rene KF6PSC, 3/14- Mel K6GWC, 3/21- Cindi KF6PRY & 3/28- Linda KD6AHS No winners....  
Remember you have to show up at the next meeting to receive your \$5.

**50/50 Cash Winners:** St. Patricks green winners: De Witt KM6UK, Kay(KD6MPBs Spouse) & Mike N6QZT

**Door prize winners for January:**

\$40 Gift Certificate donated by Huntington Honda— Billy N6EDY

Dual-band Mini Meter donated by NCG CORP— Bill KE6UUD

**Items donated by MARC:**

Worldradio subscription — Jim KC6OAU

Traveler's Clock- Mike N6QZT

Bicycle cooler- Rich N6MHN

Black tape/screwdriver set/shrink tubing- Alvin KD6UZM

Dictaphone for PC donated by Ray & Bon- Billy N6EDY

St. Patrick's grab bag donated by Ray & Bon-

**Items donated by Mel (KD6MPB) & Kay:**

Car/Driver guide- Jim KD6JES

Wash Pad- Alvin KD6UZM

Bocci Ball set - John KC6ZOZ

Web mouse- Conrad KC6PHI

2 Fireplace color logs- (1) Ray KD6FHN (2) ???

Perma Sponge- Rich N6TAX

Ladies gift bag- George AC3X

Basket ball, Football etc- Alvin KD6UZM

A sports ???- George AC3X

Two vests still held back

**Items donated by John W5JFR & Mijo KF6BEB:**

Bocci ball set held back for April meeting

Tool box liner donated by Mike N6QZT- Alvin KD6UZM

**Items donated by Rich N6TAX & Sue KC6UMH:**

Love Garden Wall hanger-Peter N6LMO(free gray ticket)

Asst Teas donated by Gwen KF6IXB/Michael KE6GYC-

Rich N6TAX

**Two dinner tickets for Charo Chicken donated by Peter**

N6LMO: won by Ray KD6FHN & Bill KE6UUD

Kool wrist band donated by Billy N6EDY-John KC6ZOZ

L3 Love Ride Caps donated????- John W5JFR, Rich N6TAX & Mel KD6MPB

12v Power supply donated by Jim KC6OAU-Ray KD6FHN

Free gray ticket dispenser was John KC6ZOZ

Gray ticket winner- Peter N6LMO

**Assisting Mijo the tickets were:** Gwen KF6IXB, Mike KE6GYC,

Mike N6QZT & De Witt KM6UK

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**Ticket drawer:** John KC6ZOZ

**Special thanks to the owners Dimitri and Dino along with their valued employees for allowing "MARC" to hold their meetings at the Lake View Cafe.**

**Billi, slam dunking the great breakfasts while the chef prepared them.**

**From the Secretary/Treasurer/NewsLetter Editor:**

Bonnie KD6OFQ 949-551-1036 Fax 949-551-3042

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**NEW MEMBERS:** 3/6- Lloyd Fuller KL7JGN of Anchorage, Alaska 3/12-(re-up) Michael N9FEB & Gloria KB9UNR Palmer of Indianapolis, IN 3/15 Ralph WD6BGN & Catherine KA9MNZ Howard of San Francisco, CA 3/22- brought 7 new members from East Coast Ernie Malafronte WA1AES of Naugatuck, CT,

Bruce Brightman WL7B of Terryville, CT, Jon Secor K2DOC of Danbury, CT, Bill Blackwood KE1JD of Oxford, CT, Joe Treczker N1LQR of Naugatuck, CT, Dave Haller KA1W of Shelton, CT & Jim Savickas N1XJM of Middlebury, CT(WOW) 3/24- Steve WB7CBQ & Barbara Powell of Baggs, WY, 3/26- Bob KG3J & Sharon KA3KHW Menton of Greenville, SC, 3/30- Tom King VE6TAK of Calgary, Canada. 4/2- Jeff Bray W1GRS of Cupertino, CA & 4/5- Sam Borland AD6MZ of San Jose, CA. Total for BA-MARC 6 — ALL I can say is "KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK" with cheers.....

**Special radio raffle for May 12 Anniversary meeting is a Yaesu FT8100R dual band-detachable head—Tickets \$1 each. By the way—Thank you Ray KD6FHN for selling the tickets at the March meeting.**

**Newsletter donations:** Thanks to each donator-see what a good newsletter you help develop!!!!

**Sunshine CORNER:** Still in our prayers are Reverend John Helms, Eleanor Guthrie who is receiving deep chemo and any other members who has been ill or had surgery, lost a dear one, just remember we are here for you all in our thoughts and prayers. Linda Martin should be kickin' her heels up shortly-proud of you lady. We do care & love you all.

The MARC members who were on the GWRRA Rally in the Valley, your angels were riding on your shoulders. Very glad you were not seriously injured.

(Billy N6EDY beware of your uvula)ZZZZZZZ

**HI EVERYBODY FROM THE E-MAIL CHECK-IN CORNER !!!!!!!**

**I CAN'T BELIEVE IT,** but it's time for the second quarter check-ins. I will be sending them out in the middle of the month, give or take a week or so.

We had a good response in January, but I'm still looking for that elusive 100%. As I've told you before, the check-ins do several things, but the most important one is to keep our e-mail roster up to date so we have a good method of communicating with a lot of our members.

When you receive my message all you have to do is hit reply, type your name/s and call sign/s and send it back to me.

dollie@socal.rr.com. Very simple, but effective. Thanks !!!

Looking forward to hearing from each and everyone of you. Have a wonderful spring. See you next month.

Luv Ya,

Dollie KD6ERC

<dollie@socal.rr.com>

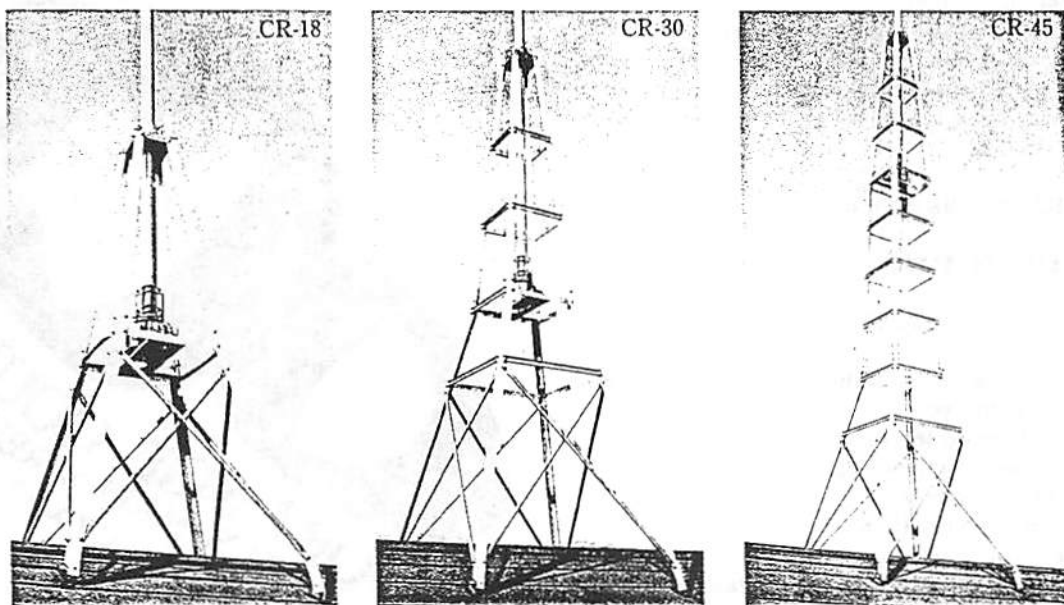
The Check-in lady

**Thank you Billy N6EDY for buying everyone's breakfast at the March meeting to help you celebrate your 75th birthday. Only if we sang "Happy Birthday to you" what a guy- may you have 75 more years.....**

**Bill KE6UUD, Love Ride Coordinator, presented President John Reynolds & MARC with a Love Ride 17 plague. Thank you Bill.**

Now with the Tierra Bella & the Challenge Cup Relay Race this April 7 & 8th, we should have some good reports from those members who participated.

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15- EASTER SUNDAY  
22- EARTH DAY  
28- INLAND EMPIRE TOUR DE CURE

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## APRIL 2001

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