BOARD: KD6FHN RAY DAVIS-CHAIRMAN **BILLY HALL** NEEDY DE WITT MORGAN KMGUK JOHN EDWARDS KC6ZOZ W5JFR JOHN REYNOLDS BA-MARC ROGER RINES W1RDR EASTCOAST MARC KF2XK PAUL ILTCHENKO IL/WI MARC

PAUL PLASTERS

MOTORCYCLING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT:

K9PEP

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

PRESIDENT: JOHN REYNOLDS

RAY DAVIS (ASST)

LEWIS OSBORN

MARC LIST:

W5JFR

SECRETARY/TREASURER/EDITOR: **BONNIE DAVIS** 50/50 & DOOR PRIZES: MIJO REYNOLDS MARC WEB PAGE: DREW PUSHIE

KF6BEB **VE6HGW** KD6FHN

KD60FQ

K7LVO

2002 **FEBRUARY**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK::

Happy Valentine's Day! Oh yes, we shall be there in a few days. With that, I will thank those who have checked in on the net this month. I "LOVE" talking to you every Wednesday. Come and join me, Wednesday evening, at 1930, hrs on the BARN system. I even had check-ins on the internet from the four corners of our great land, Hawaii, Alaska, Connecticut, and Florida, not to forget the great state of Texas. I shall remind you that Sue has sent out the e-mail check in on the MARC list for the first quarter of 2002. Just find her e-mail and hit reply! That is all it takes to help all of us keep up with your correct e-mail addresses.

The "Frog" mobile (my scooter) is still laid up with a bad speedo unit. As they say the check (parts) are in the mail. (Hopefully it will be all better by the time you read this newsletter.) Perhaps this is a good time to remind everyone to check the battery and fluids on the motorcycle (or any other vehicle) that has been parked for the winter. A charge on the battery now might help make it through the winter and be usable next spring. A check of the water/antifreeze for those non air cooled machines might just prevent a freeze up and an expensive, but preventable repair. It doesn't take long to do a quick check and save a few \$\$\$ in the long run.

Oh, did you all hear that it rained here in Sunny Southern California. Oh yes, we all must admit that once in a while we get rain and perhaps even a snow flake or two. If you are riding (or driving) during these cold winter months, "be careful." We need all of you out there to help with our charity events as soon as the weather dries/warms up.

I would like to thank Burt Brink, N6USO, for his visit on the 19th of January. He stopped by the "house" here in Rialto to show off his new Goldwing 1800 and the antenna and radio installation that he had just completed, with the assistance of Ron Moran,

KD6EEI. A beautiful machine and a class install on the Ham radio and antenna. Again thanks for the visit, Burt. Burt promised an evaluation of the Kennedy Cell set hook-up for the newsletter. Let's look for it.

It looks like the Lady's meeting will be in April. I will see most of you in my regular position on the 9th of February at the Lakeview Cafe. At present, we have scheduled a guest speaker, Art Goddard. From the ARRL. It should be interesting. Come and join Mijo, KF6BEB, and I for breakfast and I shall start the meeting at 0800 hrs sharp. You might even buy a few



50/50 tickets and win a few \$\$\$ or, perhaps, as I did last month a big box of Mrs. Fields chocolate chip cookies. Thanks to two of our new members, Wayne, KB6UJW, and Hiroko Barringer who brought them for our door prize drawing. They were "delicious."

As I write this, Ray, KD6FHN, is in Florida helping his daughter move into a new house. I have also heard that Bonnie has been busy shredding documents. (We wonder who and where?) The recycling people said that she has already saved two trees. (For those not on the MARC List, there has been considerable discussion about the shredding of paperwork by the MARC Secretary.) We are wondering if it is a paying job now.

I have made a quick trip (overnighter) to San Diego, late in January. I went down to visit with my nephew who is the lead scientist on the Joides Resolution, a ship used for deep ocean drilling to see what is

in the sediment and rocks in the deepest parts of the ocean. Dr. Jay Miller is a Staff Scientist at Texas A&M University. This time he will be at sea for four months in the Pacific Ocean near the Galapagos Islands and Chile. It was a very interesting tour of the ship with him and his parents, my sister and brother-in-law who were here visiting from Indiana.

Please, start planning your time now so you will be able to join us on the Tour de Cure and the Bay to Bay, MS-150 this spring. There will be a lot of work to be done here in So. Cal. and with your local charities in the other chapters of MARC. Many of them need our assistance, since what we can offer with our MARC Motorcycle mobile escort is so unique. Lets all get out and do what we can.

Do you remember the "Songbird"? If so let me know.

John F. Reynolds, W5JFR President. MARC johnw5jfr@aol.com (909) 820 0509

Valentine's Day is a wonderful time To think of people we love, So you can be sure on this Valentine's You're someone that we are thinking

"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY"

"So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend."

(Robert Louis Stevenson)

LAST YEARS TOTAL 50/50 CASH+

Jan.- 50/50 Chuck Nelson(Pipestone, MN), Billy N6EDY & Michael KE6GYC **Huntington Honda-Bill KE6UUD** NCG Corp- Billy N6EDY Feb.-50/50 John KC6ZOZ, Alvin KD6UZM & **Dollie KD6ERC Huntington Honda- KC6ZOZ** NCG Corp-Rich N6TAX Mar. - 50/50 De Witt KM6UK, Mike N6QZT & Kay Johnson(KD6MPB'S LADY) **Huntington Honda-Billy N6EDY** NCG CORP-BIII KE6UUD Apr. - 50/50 Billy N6EDY, Mike N6QZT & Alvin KD6UZM **Huntington Honda-Billy N6EDY** NCG CORP-Billy N6EDY May-50/50 Peter N6LMO, Sue KF6HZJ & **BIlly N6EDY Huntington Honda- Mike N6QZT** NCG CORP- John W5JFR June-50/50 Alvin KD6UZM, John KC6ZOZ & Rich N6TAX **Huntington Honda- Mike N6QZT** NCG CORP-Rich N6TAX July No Meeting Aug. - 50/50 Mike N6QZT & Peter N6LMO Huntington Honda- Mike N6QZT(July) Huntington Honda-John KC6ZOZ(Aug) NCG CORP- Dollie KD6ERC Sept. - 50/50 Rich N6TAX & John W5JFR **Huntington Honda-Dollie KD6ERC** Oct. - 50/50 **Burt N6USO & Frank K1LVU Huntington Honda- Debi Craig** NCG CORP-Rich N6MHN Nov.-50/50 John KC6ZOZ & Rich N6MHN(won 2 **Huntington Honda- Mike N6QZT** NCG CORP-Billy N6EDY Dec.- 50/50 Carey KE6JWE, Bill KE6UUD & De Witt KM6UK

So just check it out, who got the most toys?????

Huntington Honda-Teri KF6HJT

NCG CORP- Alan WA6LEW

SPRING ????????

Hints of spring even in the cold abounds. Light from the sun meaning longer days for one. Snow is receding from the sidewalks and driveways. Around trees and fence posts there is patches of grass. So one should know that at least in the tundra we are expecting spring to arrive.

This morning (January 18, '02) we had our first below zero reading for the season. Usually this occurs in early December or if the season really starts early like in '91 it was early November.

Some of you, I spose are wondering why I am telling you these weather facts for the northern plains. Well I'm getting there!

When the season of riding is terminated then we either find something else to fill the need or we reflect on the cycling and how to make it better. From looking back we learn why and using our dreams for the coming season we start to plan.

I have told some that I enjoy riding long distances. That when I finally get that first 100 miles in and get into my groove that I don't want to stop. Forget eating. However a steady diet of water is needed to keep the body working properly. In the past when coming home from some 1000 mile trip my Dad would exclaim, "Isn't that too long to be out on the road?" Or "If it was me I would have stopped after 20 miles!"

And I nod or agree but always come back with the line. "Driving in a car takes more stamina than riding the bike."

And with that statement Dad will look at me and change the subject.

I admit though the first trips back in the 80's took lots longer. It was fun to be out riding but either the bike wasn't big enough or the protection of a windshield didn't. Gas tanks needed filling every 130 miles with the Honda Hawk. Then riding in the Rockies meant 40 miles an hour going up hill.

Taking the car with the family ... another story. And I can see why lots of people don't travel with the family by car. Too hard on the nerves. Such a great country to see and drive instead of waiting in Airline security lines.

So where am I going with this? I suppose we have this dotted line in the sand or even the cyber space screen. It comes down to how many miles we ride and where we cross over that line. Where the enjoyment of being on the bike riding is more valuable to us than driving in the comfort of some SUV.

Decisions then is to back the bike out of the garage. Add the helmet, gloves and jacket and ride off to our destinations.

Knowing full well during that same time you could be gone in the car and , well sitting in traffic already drinking your tea... Instead your riding that bike and drinking in the sea of humanity, breathing in the fresh air of freedom, exhaling depression and moodiness from all the cares...

Hmm maybe I have gone too far over the line..

Yep,If I lived in the southwest I could be riding instead of thinking!

73 Tim Lindstrom KB0RTZ <kb0rtztim@juno.com>

PLACES TO GO!

Here's an interesting place I found recently.

It's located in Santa Paula California called "The California Oil Museum"

It offers period pictures, posters, badges, neon signs and other memorabilia from police officers and, the military of bygone eras.

There are ten period motorcycles on display.

It is located in Santa Paula's historic downtown area, at 1001 East Main Street. The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

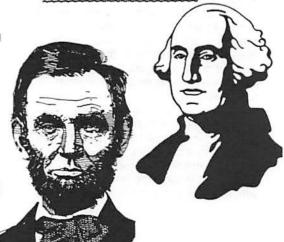
Admission is only \$2 and, from what people have said very worth while!

You can check em out at www.oilmuseum.net or, you may contact them at 805-933-1253

The display runs only until February the 22nd 2002.

Maybe we can plan a group ride after our breakfast?

73 !
Bob KD6YBT
<motorcyclemobilebob@yahoo.com>



[&]quot;Real friends are people who let you have your own truths"

BA-MARC New Year off to a good start

The North end of the State had its first group ride of the year on January 13, 2002. These are turning out to be quite a bit of fun and have been influential as to getting some new rider interest in our group. We actually had 3 new riders show up, all of them hams to see what we are all about. And 2 of them even came to our January monthly meeting at Omega Restaurant in Milpitas the following week. The 3rd one was out buying a brand new BMW K1200LT for our next trip and has been working hard to put a radio on it. I'm not intentionally keeping their names in the dark horse category, but the fact is that I am at work, away from my home computer and don't have access to their call signs. My apologies to all including Heather, Gordon, and Mike.

Northern California has a plethora of places to ride, so we tried to be selective in finding some interesting places to go and share the scenery while we are enjoying each other's company on the radio. This month's trip was to Cannery Row in Monterey. What a day we picked for this trip with lots of sunshine, pounding surf, and many sailboats and surfboards out on the water. I found myself too fascinated to remember to take out my camera, partly because the hang glider pilots distracted me.

After winding our way through the Santa Cruz Mountains on a seldom-traveled road, all of the riders said they had not been on that road before. This part of the trip was heavily damaged during the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 and a slide that took out a portion of this road was left un-repaired for some time. This road is called Eureka Canyon and runs between Summit road and Corralitos, where we rejoined Freedom Boulevard and State Route 1 in Watsonville.

One of the objectives was to conduct some rider refresher training for advanced riders. The road captain is a former MSF instructor and found the radios a perfect vehicle for training. The show stopping problem was that his radio crapped out at the beginning of the ride, so we resorted to hand signals and all kinds of other confusion and missed the benefits of his knowledge of the area and history.

We had a great lunch at a place called The Tinnery in Pacific Grove, overlooking Monterey Bay and all of the action. After leaving lunch we rode around the point to the Asilomar Lighthouse and along 17-mile drive before heading back to Gizdich Ranch for some pie in the Watsonville area. The group returned over Hecker Pass to Morgan Hill, and by then it was getting dark and also quite cold. Most of us brought warm suit equipment but didn't bother to put it on since we had such a short way to go. I think we were all home by just a little after 7:00 pm.

The monthly meeting the following Thursday brought comments about the enjoyment of the ride, and eventually, after dinner, moved on to discuss starting 2 technical projects, one for a universal microphone adapter box for any radio, and one for getting APRS on our machines. Technical committees were formed and there are now current e-mail threads on both of these subjects.

The February 10, 2002 ride is over to the village of Pescadero, and Duarte's restaurant for lunch. Afterward we will ride down the coast to Santa Cruz for some more great scenery and mountain roads. We hope more of you can join us. See you then.

Warren Birmingham K6PHW <warren@comfortjets.com>

ECMARC January 27th meeting

The important thing to note are the ride dates.

We'll update you on the ride start locations and the route as the "Ride Captains" feed us the info.

Don't forget the CHAT room at 9 PM on Wednesdays- we are going to use that as the Weekly Virtual meeting- that way, when we get together on a Sunday- we can ride.

73 for now **Ernie WA1AES**

Attendees:

Paul I, Jim, Paul G, Ernie, John, Bill, Bill & Joyce, Dave Haller, Mike McGrath

Athenian IV Wolcott Road, In Waterbury

Suggestion: set up a monthly meeting at the Masonic hall, and have rides open to all.

It was decided that there was no real need for a monthly "meeting" at any location. That the reason we get together is to ride, thus our meeting, and business type things can be handle on an occasional meeting like we are having today. Also we need to use the Yahoo group email list to better communicate.

Email List & the chat room

Need to Promote ECMARC on the Internet, & Americade, along with Business cards. For HAM Fest info Contact Paul I KF2XK

Okay to renew the domain name for 1 year, @ \$35.00

Paul Gruhn KB1GWO to come up with business cards send the layout to each person, and buy business card paper.

Officers for 2002:

President: Paul Iltchenko KF2XK V President: John Zvonek K1FBI Secretary: Ernie Malfronte WA1AES Treasurer: Dave Haller KA1W Web master: Paul Gruhn KB1GWO Newsletter: Bill Blackwood KE1JD

Need to get the members to reup!

15 active members,

Congratulations- Ernie spent \$139.00 for a NEW Yaesu radio

Need to check the EMARC group web form, to go to Ernle Bill Blackwood, Paul I, Dave H.

Need directions for Yahoo site and chat room.

Coordinate with the Waterbury Group for Field day .. to help get the PR group Field Day June 22 & 23, At Prospect Green, in Chapel Hall, Prospect CT try to get the World Certificate

"LETTER FROM OUR MARINES"

I know many of the Marines serving in K BTN, BLT 3/6, 26th MEU (SOC)...

24 January 02

Dear America -

Please forgive the impersonal nature of this letter. I truly wish that I could respond to everyone personally, but there is no chance of me returning the thousands of letters and cards that we received. A few weeks ago, I casually asked some relatives and friends to see if they could drum up any interest among their fellow citizens for sending packages and letters to the Marines aboard the USS Whidbey Island.

The response was both overwhelming and humbling. A conservative estimate of what we received in just a few weeks is: 50+ packages, over 400 pounds of food and snacks, and 3000+ letters and cards. Additionally, we received items such as: Chap stick, beef jerky, DVDs, CDs, video tapes, cassette tapes, thermal socks, compasses, chewing gum, homemade and store bought cookies, hard candy, chocolate, pictures of families, watch bands, batteries, Ziploc and garbage bags for waterproofing, T-shirts, prepaid phone cards, and innumerable other odds and ends. Unfortunately, we were not able to receive these packages as they arrived because all the Marines from this ship were ashore in Pakistan and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Thus, when we returned to the ship after 45-60 days in country, we were absolutely engulfed by the mail awaiting us. Last night, we began our "letter-returning campaign" in earnest, but some correspondence will inevitably be unreturned. I apologize for this, but it is the unfortunate reality. As much as possible, we are trying to write back to every letter or card that has a return address. We certainly want every child who wrote to us to get a return letter from a Marine or sailor.

If you know someone who was kind enough to support us in any way, but they received nothing in return, please share this letter with them. When we left on this deployment over four months ago, people lined the streets with American flags and waved a fond farewell to us. Possibly you can imagine just how heartwarming that was. Some of us wondered if America's patriotism would fade or if it would stay strong.

We now have our answer.

The reports I hear from my family back home tell me that all of America is united in their support of the men and women who are serving their country. None of us are heroes, we are patriots - the same as you. Just like the postal worker who continued to deliver mail during the anthrax scare, the deli owner in New York who freely fed rescue workers, the airline pilot who continued to fly passengers across America, or the fire fighter who worked until exhaustion trying to save a human life at "ground zero" - we all serve our country in one way or another.

We all refuse to let the senseless acts of terrorists bring our lives to a screeching halt.

I cannot thank you all enough for your support, prayers, and encouragement. The one gift that you can give us - and to all of America - is that you never let your patriotism fade; never again take for granted the freedoms we enjoy in our nation; continue to fly your flags, not just on the 4th of July, but every day; remember that Memorial Day is much more than just a day off from work; say "Thank you" to a veteran on November 11th; always stand silently and proudly when you hear the National Anthem at a baseball or football game; teach children the importance of saying the Pledge of Allegiance at school; accept the phone call from a military recruiter not as a nuisance, but as an opportunity;

and never forget that the worst place in America is truly better than the best place anywhere else in the world.

I wish there was some way that we could adequately repay all the kindness you have shown us over the past few weeks. Our words will never quite express our sincere gratitude. Rest assured that we Marines will continue to serve our nation and our Corps for as long as America wants us.

In mid-September, President Bush told the military to be ready. He told us the time was coming when we would act, and he said that we would make America proud. I hope that we have done so. America has certainly made us proud to serve. We will always give the United States the gift of our service, for it is our civic duty; please continue to give us the gift of your undying support.

Semper Fidelis, Erik V. Orient 1st Lt USMC Headquarters Platoon Commander Kilo Battery, Battalion Landing Team 3/6 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable)

ILWI MARC

Well I have just returned from the Hamfest at Stickney. We (MARC) had a table there and we gave away MARC newsletters, and other information. A couple of former members were in attendance, and stopped by to say hello.

James N9UZC and Deb N9YFB Von Olnhausen had arranged a table for MARC for us.

Norm N9ZKS, rode up from Bloomington, Scott rode with me, and we met several friends there. Afterward, we went to a nice Mexican restaurant (the Cuculas) on 22nd and Cicero st., for dinner.

The booth next to us had a signup sheet for people who wanted more information about the program they were pushing. I thought it was a good idea and will copy it for the next time we do this.

We were asked to come to two different clubs (one a motorcycle club, the other a radio club) and put on presentations about MARC. So it may drum up even more interest later on too.

I let everyone in attendance know I would not be in the country for the February meeting. Norm is going to be gone also, and no one volunteered to run it, so there will be no get together for February, for IL/WI MARC.

73 Paul Plasters N9PEP <peplasters@rockford.com>

SEVEN DAYS OF INSPIRATION:::

- 1. Do one of your favorite things today.
- 2. You have talents you haven't discovered yet.
- 3. Whenever you need a shoulder to lean on, you'll find one.
- 4. Believe those compliments people give you. They're true!
- 5. Your prayers never go unheard.
- 6. YOU MATTER.
- 7. Reach for the sky-when it comes to dreams, gravity doesn't apply!

Working Hard In Florida

I am doing this article from the daughters new house/home in Oviedo FL.

Left from Irvine CA at 4:15am CA time Wed Jan 16th and was at my daughters at 9am Florida time, Friday morning Jan 18th. The 93 Dodge Caravan ran great. It knows this route very well, as it has made the identical trip many times. This new house is a 6 bedroom, 3 full bath, huge big screen TV room, large dining room, a large kitchen with a big table that seats 8. They need it.

As everyone should know by now that the 2002 MARC dues are overdue. The MARC policy changed several years ago when we were carrying past due members into April in hopes that they would continue with their membership. But we found out after doing that a few years that it didn't help and it was costing The Club a lot of money with the extra printing and postage. So we now only carry unpaid members to the end of February. Now that seems to work much better because when the MARC Newsletters don't show up in March it seems to get peoples attention. It seems that those who really want to stay members do and no amount of coaxing those that don't want to remain members, don't rejoin anyway. Saves MARC a lot of money too. Dah

Don't forget that this coming May 11th 2002 MARC Meeting will be the 10th MARC Anniversary Meeting. Look for some very special, Special Raffle Prizes. So MARC your calendar and plan on being in the Official 10th MARC Anniversary Group Photo after the meeting. We hope to make it the biggest membership turnout of all time. We have had as many as 80 members at one of the other MARC Anniversary Meetings several years ago. Let's see if we can beat that number for the 10th MARC Anniversary Meeting.

MARC was actually formed unofficially in Feb 1992, but the first MARC meeting was not held until May of that year. Then there was the choosing of the name. Many names were tried between Feb and May, but MARC was finally decided on and voted on by the 9 original members and at the first MARC meeting in May 1992, the Motorcycling Amateur Radio Club was born.

Presently, 3 of the 5 MARC Board Members are also the same three who helped get MARC started back in May 1992. The other two MARC Board Members have been added as the demand for help went up. In other words, us old duffers needed some of these young bucks to help carry the load and coordinate some of the charity events and they are doing a great job of it too. For the most part, Bonnie KD6OFQ our MARC Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter publisher/editor/mailer, correspondence handler, carries the big load with all the office work and also finds time to be a coordinator for one of the charity events. Darn that woman loves this MARC Club and makes it her business to see that it keeps running smoothly with little help from the MARC Board.

All MARC Staff Members, from the President, Board Members, Secretary, Coordinators for the many charity events, club historian, net controllers and Etc. deserve much of the credit, as do all the members themselves, for the success of MARC. I can not speak for the BA-MARC Chapter, IL/WI, or the East Coast Chapters, but I can tell you that the Southern CA main chapter of MARC are the very closest nit group of loving, caring people that I have ever encountered in any club, of any kind. I mean when there is a charity event to do, these members jump in with both feet and really do a job to be proud of. All MARC Members are family to us, no matter which MARC Chapter you are in. We are there for our members.

MARC has hit a few bumps in the road, so to speak, but for the most part, things have been running extremely smooth. Personally, I give that credit to the entire MARC Membership too. Some members come and No one member or group of members, staff or

otherwise can make this club click. You, the MARC Members are the heart and soul of this club, the movers and the shakers. Keep up the great job for those charities. God Bless you all.

In conclusion, we have come a long way. We have helped raise many millions of dollars for the assorted charities we have provided motorcycle mobile communications for. We have furnished SAG vehicles and SAG communicators, rest stop communicators, net systems, net controllers, shadows, first aiders, you name it, we have tried to be there for the charities in every way we could.

Last but not least, I want to give credit to the very bases of our success with communications. The ALERT/BARN System owners, system managers and system users have done everything in their power to make our efforts easier by making sure the repeaters are in the best possible shape and coverage we need. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Now and still from Oviedo Florida, hope everyone is having as much fun as I am having with my daughter, husband and grandchildren.

Until next month.

Safe rides and may the wind always be at your back.

Ray KD6FHN, MARC COB raykd6fhn@earthlink.net
(949) 551-1036 Cell Phone # (949) 300-9669

"VISIT FROM THE ARRL SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT DIRECTOR"

Art Goddard, W6XD, The newly elected Director of the ARRL Southwestern Division will be the guest speaker at our February Breakfast meeting.

Art lives locally here in Costa Mesa and has been serving as the Assistant Southwestern District Director. For your information, there is also a new Assistant Director - Tuck Miller, NZ6T, of National City, who will be assisting Art in his new position. During his visit, Art has expressed the desire to meet the officers and members of the club, and to become acquainted with our organization. He will bring us greetings from ARRL and will make a short presentation on what happening in the Ham world — And, what we may look forward to in the future.

You won't want to miss this interesting February meeting. It's an early opportunity to meet the newly elected ARRL Director.

He has heard of The Motorcycling Amateur Club — But never had any direct contact with us. This should provide us with an opportunity to make a good impression about MARC — Especially if we have a large "member turnout" for his presentation.

So put on a clean shirt and motor on down to the February Breakfast Meeting — Let's pack the joint — And make the Cafe owner happy — They need the business.

And moreover, our Club needs your support, and your smiling faces at the meetings.

Come and join in on the "fellowship".

Billy Hall N6EDY Founding Board Member billyN6edy@aol.com, billyn6edy@juno.com

"Always reach for the stars! Even if you don't get them, you won't end up with a handful of dirt" (Anon)

Bill Hooker WG6A installation:

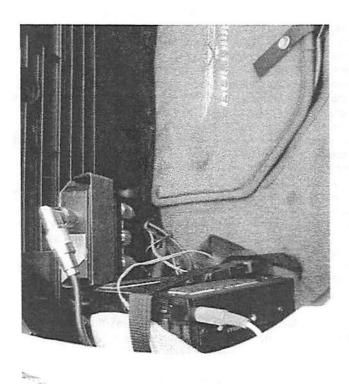
In May 2001 I purchased a yellow GL1800 - I didn't really want a third antenna for esthetic reasons - so, not getting a CB on it yet, I had an alternate plan.

My wife wanted also to forego the rack since she liked it better without a spoiler or rack so I have done a variation. I ordered a CB antenna (cuz I plan to get the radio some day when I need it) and installed it and hooked it up to the AM/FM radio. When I get a CB, I will put a splitter in the line for both AM/FM and CB. Then I took the original FM antenna apart and a machinist friend of mine rebuilt it on the inside so I now screw in a Comet antenna (I can use either the dual band HP32 or the lighter tri-band CX224 which looks almost exactly the same as the CB antenna) (I am currently only using two bands and am using the rhino model HP32,) - and it looks just a little smaller than the CB antenna on the other side. To reinforce the side wall to give adequate strength we bolstered the internal support quite a bit. (details available) and it is wonderfully esthetic and functional arrangement. Very sturdy, handy and visible.

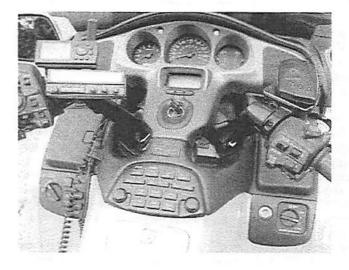
I am happy for now but I know that the antenna efficiency (and thus signal strength) is not as good as when I had a rack mounted centered-grounded antenna. Being it is on the side with ground only to one side, is I think the reason it isn't quite as efficient as my former antenna. I figure, if I have to for special events, I can go to something like the one whose web site shows - the big guy behind the backseat (he and Ray did that one). I am sure it would work better than off to the side but I didn't want the 3rd antenna, remember? So we'll see.

For now this gets me on the air and doesn't look like an antenna farm.

Bill Hooker WG6A <billhooker@aol.com>









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

NET Names drawn: ...1/2 Pat KD6SBZ, 1/9-Jack N8RRL, 1/16- Robin KG6EUS, 1/23- Rich N6MHN, 1/31- Dave W6DRC "NO NOTTA winners this month...."

50/50 cash Winners: The New Years baby started the year out with John W5JFR & Alvin KD6UZM sharing pots of \$41 each.

January door prize winners:

\$40 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda-Caroline KE6JWD

Comet HT-224 Tri-band antenna donated by NCG Corp-Alvin KD6UZM who donated it back -couldn't use

items donated by MARC:

Pop-Up note dispenser won by De Witt KM6UK GT Cruiser won by Alvin KD6UZM Terry towels/ WD-40/Armoral won by Bill KE6UUD Cornet A135EX antenna won by Conrad KC6PHI 1500 Oil Filter won by John W5JFR Items donated by Ray & Bonnie:

Universal Ink Jet refill kit won by Billy N6EDY Sheffield Tool kit won by Peter N6LMO(grey ticket)

Gift bag won by Mike N6QZT Donated by Billy N6EDY:

Cool wrist bands won by John W5JFR Diabetes walk T-shirt won by Alvin KD6UZM

Donated by John W5JFR: Magic planner won by Billy N6EDY

Cleaner won by Ted KB6CUS

Duck tape donated by Gayle KF6JJT won by Alvin KD6UZM Titan Lite donated by Mike N6QZT won by Alvin KD6UZM Holiday cookies donated by Wayne KB6UJW won by John W5JFR

Many thanks to all who donated door prizes. Thanking De Witt & Gayle for assisting with me the ticket tearing and to Bonnie for pulling the special tickets.

Free Gray ticket dispenser was John W5JFR Gray ticket winner - 1 Peter N6LMO

Many thanks Dimitri & Dino of Lake View Cafe for allowing MARC to hold their meetings at their fine establishment..... an added thanks to the employees & many customers for their patience of our group. Thank you Billi for your talents.

From the Secretary/Treasurer/NewsLetter Editor: 949-551-1036 Fax 949-551-3042 Bonnie KD60FQ <bonidavis@juno.com> <bonidavis@earthlink.net> NEW MEMBERS: ...1/8-Wayne (KB6UJW) & Hiroko Barringer of Anaheim, CA. 1/26- Mike Studer AB6CV Newark, CA, 1/25- Gary (N5ZLP) & Mary Wilkins of Pasadena, TX Welcome to each of you and remember we are here to serve you if at all possible.

****LADIESSSSS******

Meeting changed to the April meeting so you didn't get out of performing for the group... I will be checking with each to see what you can handle.... the dancing, singing or acting?????? Joking??? who knows????

NEWSLETTER:.. Keep those articles coming. Yes we need tech articles. Everyone who does an installation with their own technique should share their ideas then other members and new members can pick and choose or it may just assist them with their own ideas. The easier the better, the less "stuff" to hook up that be cool. This month I had to drag some articles out of their closets but they made it, seems the month went too fast so we have to play catch-up....

Won't be too long before we have to get our bodies out and around to helping with the charity events.

Guest Speakers:

If you think or know of anyone who might be of interest to MARC as a speaker or on subjects that would help us in any manner, give info to the Board.

*RENEWAL NOTICE*****

I didn't send a renewal notice in this newsletter to the ones who have not sent in their dues. I do know some are on their way and if you intend on renewing, and lost the other renewal form from Dec. & Jan. newsletters go to web and extract it from there. We will miss you if you choose not to renew but that is your choice and reasons.

SUNSHINE CORNER:::::

Gee- it is no wonder people are sick with colds, cough etc, this weather here is throwing curves at us.

If anyone knows of a MARC member or their family member who is ill, been in an accident and needs a word of prayer, a caring thought please let me know.

I guess everyone is settling down and not letting the road rash get to them, or being extra careful.

We care and love you all.

E-MAIL CHECK-INS FIRST QUARTER

Hi Everyone!

Thanks for the responses I have gotten so far. I won't give the final count quite yet. There are still a few of you that I haven't heard from.

It's always great to hear from you and I appreciate the quips and well wishes. It REALLY will be good to see everyone in May. Guess I will have to miss the Ladies' Meeting, but it's a little longer commute now.

So, keep enjoying those California rides. See y'all soon! (and NO I don't have my bike yet. These Texan drivers are CRAZY!)

from your Texas Quarterly E-Mail Lady!

Sue Hebb KF6HZJ <Suehebb@cs.com> Houston, TX

"Historian and E-Mail check-in Coordinator"

"MARC" Calendar::::

Feb. 9-Breakfast Meeting

Mar. 9-Breakfast Meeting

Apr. 13-Breakfast Meeting

Apr. 20/21- Gearin' Up for Abused Children

May 11- MARC's 10th Anniversary Meeting

May 18- So. Cal. Tour De Cure

June 8-Breakfast Meeting

June 9-Bad Ride

July-No meeting

Aug. 10- Breakfast Meeting

Sept. 14- Breakfast Meeting

Oct. 5 & 6- MS 150

Oct. 12- Breakfast Meeting

Nov. 9- Breakfast Meeting

Nov. 10- Love Ride

Dec. 9- Breakfast Meeting

Burt Brink N6USO Radio install 2002 Honda Goldwing.

Review of the Kennedy Cellset for the 2002 Honda Goldwing motorcycle, the Kenwood 742A Ham radio and my NEW antenna mount.

I spoke to Jon of Kennedy Cellset and we talked about how I wanted the system to work.

He told me that the Kennedy system works through the intercom system and I would not have to have a second set of wires to my helmet. This also allows my passenger to also be able to talk on the ham radio.

This is exactly what I wanted and with the help of Bill WG6A and Ron KD6EEI, we went to work on the Antenna mounting, the Kennedy system and how we were going to mount my radio.

I did not want to have a luggage rack or a bunch of antennas on my new bike. I was trying to keep it clean looking, so I asked for Ron's help in fabricating the Hondaline's C/B antenna's mount to accommodate my tri-band antenna on the side of the bike.

Ron did a wonderful job for me and it looks like it all belongs on the bike and works GREAT. (Better then the system I had on my 1986 wing)

The hook up for the Kennedy system was VERY EASY. It is a plug and play type system and was very easy to install. (5-10 mins max)

The only problem I had, Jon from Kennedy warned me about, was that my 742A radio was an older version of the radio. The audio set goes up thru the remote mike jack and we had to open the radio and find the audio inside the radio and add a jumper to give me audio into the remote mike that was hooked up to the Kennedy system. After this was done, it worked great.

The intercom sound and mike can go up and down with the volume control on the bike's intercom and I can still increase/decrease the volume on the ham radio too.

Now, for some people, this system might not work for them. Whatever comes thru your headset, ie; music, C/B sound, wind, or a sneeze while you are transmitting will come thru on the Ham radio. If your passenger is talking to you on the intercom while you are transmitting, it will go thru Ham radio.

However, for my purpose, how I use my Ham radio, and for having a nice clean installation that I wanted with both the antenna situation and the helmet set up, I am VERY HAPPY with the entire system and the Kennedy Cellset system for the ham radio.

Also, If I chose to add a cell phone and/or a radar detector to my bike and I want it to go thru the helmet system, I can still do that too by getting the Kennedy system for the cell phone or radar detector.

I was very impressed with how easy it was to install the Kennedy system onto my bike.

Ron took pictures with his digital camera and we will try to get those out to you.

Thanks again to Bill WG6A and for all of Ron's KD6EEI help in making this a perfect fit the way I was hoping to get it.

73,

Burt Brink N6USO

<n6usoburt@earthlink.net>

2002 ECMARC Meeting Notice

All interested should come and join the "HAMS" for good fellowship riding stories and planning for the Spring.

For those who haven't checked it out- our web site is eastcoastmarc.org - Paul; has done a great job.

Ernie <emalafronte@snet.net>

EASTCOAST MARC First Monthly meeting for 2002

Happy New Year!

I hope that your end of year festivities passed in a pleasant manner, and you are now all looking forward to the new year. We are planning to hold our first meeting of the year on Sunday 27th January at 11:00 AM at the Athenian Dinner in Waterbury, located at the intersection of Lakewood and Wolcott Roads, just 100 Yards from the entrance to the Old Naugatuck Valley Mall. Talk in will be on the 147.18 repeater.

We will collect the annual dues at this meeting and then forward one single check to California on behalf of all the members here on the East Coast. If you are unable to attend this meeting please forward your \$20 to KA1W Dave our Treasurer by mail before this date so that he can then forward your dues to the West Coast.

We will define the ride schedule for the forthcoming year and take suggestions for destinations and attendance at charity events. We got off to a slow start last year and participated in the Tribury marathon, in aid of the fuel bank, and also the Hartford Marathon.

We hope that we can participate in more charitable events this year as well as in a number of monthly fellowship rides.

We plan to commence all our monthly rides with a meeting. This way we can have an official place to introduce any new business and then proceed on our designated ride or activity.

This year, myself as well as some of our members, will be taking a trip out to Dayton Ohio for the Hamvention in May. We hope that we will be able to meet with some of the members at this event and make some new friends.

We will also be present at Americade in June and hope to promote the EastCoast MARC at this event. We also hope to do some promotion of our "7 State ride" scheduled for July.

I hope to have all this information published on the Web site which I urge you to visit regularly.

My thanks go out to Paul KB1GWO for his work on our web site. Please remember that all members are entitled to free web space for your personal web page, off the club's web page, as well as an email account. We urge you to make use of this space.

We will be holding a web page development training session at Paul's home some time in February. All are welcome to attend and gain some very good experience in web design. Paul is an instructor in web development at the local community college and is very knowledgeable. We thank him for his kind offer to help us. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday 27 January.

73

Paul litchenko KF2XK <paul.iltchenko@yale.edu> EASTCOAST MARC President

NEW CHARITY RIDE (for founding Chapter of MARC)

"Gearin up for Abused Children" on 20th & 21st of April have contacted MARC for support for their ride. Looks like we will be assisting. John KC6ZOZ will be attending their first meeting February 5th, 2002 in Costa Mesa, so we will know more about at the next meeting February 9th.

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows"

(St. Francis)

Hear ye Hear ye Hear ye...

I have good news.. no tips today.. But I passed my extra on the 19th of this month... Have been waiting for the new call and finally its official... ABOTS!

So all you people who are generals and working on the next test... get it done..

I hear they are changing the exam questions!

73 Take Care!!!

Tim Lindstrom AB0TS

Editor Note!!!
Mr. Tim — so now are you going to change your email address???
Congratulations to you....

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE FOR THE YEAR:

Feb. 27th for March April 3rd for April May 1st for May May 29th for June/July July 31st for Aug/Sept Oct 2nd for Oct Oct 30th for Nov Dec 4th for Dec

AMA news:

Oregon State Senate passed HB-3885 May 21, 2001. This bill, sponsored by Representative Bruce Starr and requested by BikePAC, gives motorcyclists the ability to dispense their own fuel in a motorcycle tank. The final vote was 24 yes, 4 voting no and 2 absent. The next step is the Governor's office and early indication is that the Governor has no problem with the bill and will likely sign it when he receives it. Assuming the Governor does sign it, it will go into effect January 1, 2002.

"Laugh a lot, and when you get older, your wrinkles will be in the right place." (Tom Wilson)

"It is an ill-wind that blows when you leave your hairdressers."
(Phylis Diller)

Check out our advertisers-as you seewe do use them quite a lot. So please support them as much as you can...

From you MS 150 Coordinator:

Here we are in February already and what a great year we have had. The 2001 MS150 final count was \$819,500 this will help with the research for the cure to MS. Our first committee meeting is this montt and the date for the event is October 6th & 7th. Last year we had over 1,000 riders and the quantity of riders just keeps growing. Make plans to join us in October, as we will need all the help we can get.

Lorraine Ward from the Orange County
MS office will be joining us at our
February meeting to let us know how
much they have appreciated our help with
the wonderful event, so plan to join us
Saturday the 9th at the Lake View Café.

John Edwards KC6ZOZ <johnkc6zoz@juno.com>

Street Strategy

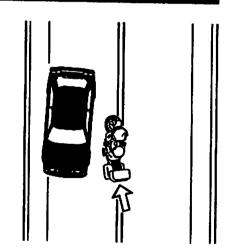
Windy Wambles

OU'VE BEEN ITCHING for a long ride ever since the weather warmed up, and this weekend you decide that motorcycling will have top priority, even though the forecast is for gusting winds. You top up the engine oil, pump the tires up to correct pressure, check that all the lights are working, pack your raingear, wiggle in your earplugs and suit up for a serious ride.

Leaving town in Saturday morning traffic, you make a point of staying out of the blind spots of other drivers, watching for potential left-turners, covering the front brake lever and avoiding surface hazards such as the dribbles of oil that collect in the center of the lane just before traffic signals. You intend to have a long, hard ride, not spend the day filling out accident forms.

But, the wind gusts do make it harder for you to control lane position, and later that afternoon, as you are halfway across a bridge, a sudden wind gust from your right slams into the bike and pushes it left toward the centerline. You attempt to lean the bike upwind by shifting your weight, but you can't get it leaned quickly enough to avoid drifting over the centerline into the opposing lane. Fortunately, the driver of an oncoming car swerves out of your way to avoid a head-on collision, and as the gust abates, you are finally able to get the bike back into the right lane. At the end of the bridge, you pull over to let your hands stop shaking. Seconds ago, you could have been killed.

While you were smart to check the bike before the ride, to wear protective gear, and to maintain your awareness of other vehicles and surface hazards, you should have also practiced countersteering, not just thinking lean and shifting your weight. In situations such as sudden crosswind gusts, countersteering is needed to lean the bike quickly and accurately. With a sudden wind gust from your right, you should have pushed hard on



the right grip to force the bike to lean upwind. Then, as the gust passed, you could have pushed on the left grip to straighten it up. To prepare yourself to be able to make quick changes of lean angle, practice countersteering as the primary way you control balance and direction.

CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER

You will see changes as the year progresses the first couple of months or so to the newsletter until I am satisfied with a good newsletter especially when you open it. Changes were recommended by the Board for various reasons.

I don't want our newsletter to be just like every other newsletter- so bear with me as the changes take place.

Important positions filled by wonderful people of MARC **Public Relations: Billy Hall N6EDY KM6UK** Disaster & E-Mail Coordinator: De Witt Morgan E-Mail Check-ins & Historian: Sue Hebb KF6HZJ KC6ZOZ John Edwards MS 150K Coordinator: **KEGUUD** Love Ride Coordinators: **Bill Douglas** John Reynolds W5JFR

Tour de Cure Coordinators:

Riverside Mike Naron N6QZT

John Reynolds W5JFR

Rutch Macy KD6VR

So. CA.

Butch Macy
Bonnie Davis

KD6VBO

KD6OFQ

Biker's Against Diabetes
Billy Hall
Jim White
KD6JES

MARC Personal Web Editor: Al Friesen VE6KI

EMBROIDERY: Sheron Ames KC6ZSH ACCESSORIES: Norma Thomas KE6BIS

Members-at-Large:

Danny Velderrain KD6FLP (Founding Board Member)
Terry Lewis KJ7LI (Past Vice President)
Pat Lewis KD6SBZ (Past 50/50 Lady)
Ken Edwards N6KBI (Past HF Net Control)
Sue Edwards KE6WCA (Ken's Assistant)

Tech Coordinator position has been removed as we have decided when there was a tech article from any member it would be put in the newsletter and on the web site for assistance to any and all MARC members. So this position is filled by all MARC members far and wide......

MARC Equipment controller is Ray Davis KD6FHN as we have most of the set-up equipment at 3 Lindberg, Irvine, CA for charity events.

MARC HF Control:

Graham Wright G4FUJ George Rocheleau AC3X De Witt Morgan KM6UK

Not sure where this is going so will update you on that as soon as the editor finds out for sure.

FOR SALE::::\$\$\$\$\$

1990 Silver/Gray, R100RT BMW. Parrabellum windscreen Corbin seat, Lge Tour Bags and trunk. \$3000.00 or best offer.

Mike Naron, N6QZT 626-462-9577

<miken6qzt@juno.com>

Comet CYA-240 Beam 2M/440 \$90 still in package, Back rest \$75 (\$185 new)

You pay the shipping on these articles.

For more information, contact me directly at: dewitt@cox.net "NOT" on the list please....

Kenwood 742 with 2m/70m units, mic/manual \$550 Optional Equipment6m unit, 1.2g unit, TSU, duplexer, triplexer, mobile antenna.

Kenwood 78A with wall charger & battery, stubby antenna/manual \$250 Optional equipment-TSU-7, Me-1 memory chip, Hi-Output battery, Drop-in charger, Battery holder (allows use of AA batteries), Extension speaker-mic, and extended range antennas.

Billy Hall N6EDY <billyN6edy@aol.com> or
 <billyn6edy@juno.com>

It's not Rocket Science!

Why pay NASA prices to connect ...

Cell Phones
Radar Detectors
Digital Recorders
2m and CB radios

to your Motorcycle s audio system?

Our systems start at

\$6995

No installation required... *plug and play!* 30 day guarantee. One year warranty.

Kennedy Technology Group, Inc. 316.776.1111 • fax 316.776.9035 • www.cellset.com

(714) 630-4541** (800) 962-2611** FAX (714) 630-7024 GROVE STREE T, ANAHEIM, CA. 92806



This catalog represents the absolute latest. and most diverse Multi-band Antennas available to the modern Amateur Radio Operator. We're confident you will find our antennas and accessories will enable you to enjoy Amateur Radio to its fullest.

COMET developed the Super Linear Converter (SLC) to increase the actual gain of dual/tri-band antennas.



AVAILABLE NOW IS THE NEW COMET UPGRADED VERSION OF THE "UHV-6" ANTENNA DESIGNED FOR 6 BAND OPERATION RIGHT OUT OF THE PACKAGE

- 1) A completely pre-formed phasing coil and phosphorous copper element eliminates additional components, and gain loss. (Photo A)
- 2) COMET sectional antennas use threaded ABS (transparent to RF) connecting joints for the finest radiation pattern and easiest assembly. (Photo B, C)





The SLC is electrically very efficient, providing a low angle of radiation directly to the horizon, for maximum performance.

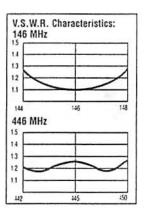


11/12:/1/1 BASE AND REPEATER ANTENNAS

GP-9

COMET'S best selling 2M/70cm Fixed-Station Antenna.

Featuring the COMET exclusive SLC System for maximum gain, and stable resonant frequencies. Wide band, and like all COMET Antennas. pre-tuned. Heavy-duty fiberglass and a compression washer within the ABS connecting joint prevents moisture/pollution contamination. Simply use the included stainless steel mounting brackets and your mast, and you're ready to experience incredible COMET DualBand performance!



GP-9 (with 30-239 Cann) GP-9N (with M-Conn)

DualBand 146/446MHz Gain & Wave: 146MHz 8.5dBi 5/2 wave x 3 446MHz 11.9dBi 3/8 wave x 8 VSWR: 1.5:1 or less Max Power: 200 watts Length: 16' 9' Weight: 5 lbs. 11 oz. Mounting to Mast Size: 11/4-21/5 Connector: SO-239 or Female N-type Construction: Heavy-duty fiberglass.

American Motorcyclist Association Government Relations Department 13515 Yarmouth Drive Pickerington, OH 43147 www.AMADirectlink.com



NEWS & NOTES

for the Politically Motivated Motorcyclist

February 2002

News & Notes for the Politically Motivated Motorcyclists is a monthly service compiled and edited by the AMA Government Relations Staff to keep motorcyclists informed of happenings around the world. We welcome your news & views. Please submit all material to Terry Lee Cook, Government Relations Specialist, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147; fax 614-856-1920 or e-mail to tcook@ama-cycle.org.

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has expanded its popular AMA Rapid Response Center that puts motorcyclists immediately in contact with federal lawmakers and government officials to include state and local lawmakers and officials.

The Rapid Response Center is designed to make sure the voices of motorcyclists are heard when laws or regulations that could affect their future are being considered. It provides an instantaneous link that targets a message directly to the decision-makers.

The Rapid Response Center is part of the AMA's website: www.AMADirectlink.com. By clicking on the "AMA Rapid Response" logo, motorcyclists are taken to a site where they can send e-mail messages on current issues.

In the Rapid Response Center, motorcyclists can find background on vital issues, along with messages directed toward officials in a position to make a difference. All the motorcyclist needs to do is enter a name and contact information, then click a button to send the message.

The Rapid Response Center can also be used to help motorcyclists quickly identify their representatives in Washington and get background information on those officials, including committee assignments and contact information. The service even provides the names and titles of key staff members, and identifies "friends of motorcycling" in Congress.

Motorcyclists also can identify their state and local officials through the Rapid Response Center.

A NEW design of helmet has been developed that can be safely removed from a rider who's been in an accident with less danger of aggravating possible neck injuries - and allowing more rapid fitting of emergency life support apparatus.

It's the idea of Edinburgh University design graduate George Robusti, 22. The lid can easily be split in two by emergency crews along a glued seam. Paramedics plug in a power source to an electric heating wire which runs the length of the seam. This melts the glue, allowing the helmet to be split in two.

Robusti's design means any helmet adopting the system could look as neat as any full face lid currently on the market.

Robusti won the Audi Foundation prize for young designers earlier this year and is now hoping to receive funding from the car firm of up to £10,000. Then he needs to convince helmet firms it's worth looking at as a design concept.



HUNTINGTON FONDA

NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL



CLASSIC E/S \$139.99 CLASSIC M \$169.99





SLIP-ONS GL-1500 \$699.99 GL-1800 \$699.99





LAYAWAY AVAILABLE PHONE ORDERS WELCOME

STORE HOURS:

MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 6:00PM SAT 9:00 - 5:00PM

7911 WARNER AVE HUNTINGTON BEACH TEL 714.842.5533 FAX 714.848.5492

E-MAIL hbhonda@prodigy.net

WEB www.hbhonda.com

WE SHIP ANYWHERE!!!!! ASK FOR THE CHAPTER DISCOUNT ON PARTS AND ACESSORIES!!!!

6,13,20,27- "MARC" NET ON BARN SYSTEM 447,540 PL 100

17- ST PATRICK'S DAY (WEARIN' O' THE GREEN)

6, 13, 20, 27- *MARC* METING 8 AM LAKE VIEW CAFE**714-572-8521

31- EASTER SUNDAY

MAR

REB

MARC HOME PAGE: http://marc-hq.org
MARC PERSONALS WEBSITES:http://www.telusplanet.net/public/afriesen/marcmemb.htm
MARC LIST: marc@perilpoint.com
BA-MARC LOCAL SITE: http://ba-marc.org
EAST COAST MARC SITE: http://www.eastcoastmarc.org
IL/WI SITE: www.angelfire.com/sports/MARC/

(OUR CALL FREQUENCY 144.370-PL 100 MARC SIMPLEX, CONDOR SYSTEM, & THE BARN SYSTEM(447.540 PL 100)-MOST ARE MONITORED APPROXIMATELY 16-18 HRS A DAY)





IKAIME' CY' 85850-3367

FEBRUARY 2002

MEXT MEETINGS:

MEXT MEETINGS:

MEXT MEETINGS:

MEXT MEETINGS:

MEXT MEETINGS: