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From The President's Desk

Hello to all. Summer is over and it is time to get back to business. But first, for our members who don't follow the MARC List, Mijo, KF6BEB, and I spent about five weeks on the road this summer. We visited twenty-six states and two Canadian Provinces. As far as mileage, it was 9040 miles, 230 gallons of gas, two oil changes and a wonderful summer doing just what we wanted to do together. Yes, we did stop several times to visit with family and friends. We also got in a little sightseeing too, Devil's Tower, in Montana, Mt. Rushmore and the Crazyhorse monument in South Dakota, with a stop in Sturgis for lunch. We waved as we went by Mitchell, SD. and the farm (Bonnie's Dad's place) in Ohio. Canada was an adventure of its own. We spent one day in Montreal and a day in Quebec City with Mathieu René, a young man who had been an exchange student here at Rialto High School last year. It was nice to have a hometown guide to show us the sights and the best places to eat. As we bid adieu to Canada, we headed south down the east coast to Florida. Mijo was delighted to find shark teeth (fossilized) in the Gulf of Mexico sand. Then the return trip to California, with a few more stops to visit with family and friends in-between, made it a wonderful summer. Definitely a summer vacation to be remembered.

Now back to business. Ladies and gentlemen, we need your help! It is time for the MS 150. The event is on 5 and 6 October. We need your help on one or both days, as the prediction from the event organizers is that they will have more bicyclists than ever. I am sure that John Edwards, KC6ZOZ, can make arrangements for you to help, even if it is only part of the day Saturday, or Sunday morning between Carlsbad and Mission Bay. You know this is what MARC is really about. We were organized to help others and talk on our ham radios while doing so. Not to mention the fun of socializing with friends who have something in common. I know for sure that I will be assigned to escort the cyclists through Camp Pendleton, as I am retired military and will

have no problem entering and leaving the base while keeping the cyclists healthy and safe. We, as a group, have been given special permission to pass through Camp Pendleton and avoid having well over a thousand bicyclists ride on the freeway between Los Pulgas road and Oceanside. A big thank you goes out to the US Marines for doing this to help the National MS Society with the event this year. For those who are able to help on Saturday, don't forget that there is always a party at the net control tent after dinner. Please contact John, KC6ZOZ, to sign up and help with the MS 150 in October.

Then, it is on to November and the Glendale Harley Davidson Love Ride. November 10, to be exact. At this event we need motorcycle mobile support for the ride from Glendale to Castaic Lake Park. As yet, we do not know what the entertainment at the park will be, but we do know that it will be good, as are the food and drink. The large trade show at the park always has many motorcycles and accessories on display. To sign up for this event, please, contact the coordinator, Bill Douglas, KE6UUD, or myself. At this late date, it will be difficult to add additional names to the Love Ride list. However, we will do our best. Please, MARC members only, no guests or individuals joining MARC at the last minute just to get a pass to the Love Ride.

MARC meetings at the Lakeview Café on the second Saturday of each month have been off just a bit attendance wise. Remember to MARC your calendar for breakfast on the 12th of October and the 9th of November. Then join us for breakfast and the best 50-50, bar none, in the area. Then there is the meeting in December. This will be a MARC Christmas party. It will be on the second Saturday as usual, however, the meeting will be in the evening at the Lakeview Café. So please come and join Mijo and I on Saturday 14 December 2002 at the Lakeview Café for a rousing MARC Christmas party. Bonnie, KD6OFQ, our Secretary/Treasurer has the sign up list and will be collecting the \$15 per person to defray the cost of dinner.

Over the summer we lost one of our beloved MARC members and I, for one, pray that those who have departed are now without pain and that they will be waiting to receive us when our time comes. We also have had some of our members under the weather for a while. It is good to hear that DeWitt, KM6UK, is home from the hospital and doing better. Now to Billy, N6EDY, who is in recovery from his second knee surgery to replace knee joints damaged by arthritis. I have been to visit with Billy. He is in good spirits. Said that this procedure was not as painful as the first. Hopefully Billy will be out of the convalescent hospital when we do the MS 150 and he can at least listen to us on the ham and provide moral support. Best wishes are sent from Mijo and I to all who are a bit down and we wish all a speedy recovery.

Here's to seeing all of you out there on the MARC highways and byways happily riding along and chatting on your ham.

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WORTH REMEMBERING:

The best thing about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said. (Carl Young-Union City, NJ)



FROM THE DESK OF THE LOST ONE

Again I went back and read all my MARC Newsletter articles back to the March Newsletter to see what the season riding predictions were going to be and to see if they were all accomplished. It turns out that not only were all the predictions completed, but there were a few added that were also done. So let me list all the places that were visited between the middle of April and Sept. 21st. Those of you receiving the MARC List are probably tired of reading about all the adventures this summer, but to those of you who do not, feast your eyes on this and you riders can eat your hearts out. This is probably one of the most productive riding seasons of all time for me. The list is long so bear with me.

Starting April 19th-Gearing Up For Abused Kids-Costa Mesa to San Diego, then went to Dublin CA to help the BA-MARC with the MS Charity Event, WOTI BBQ-San Antonio, back to CA for the MARC 10th Anniversary Meeting, ADA event in Long Beach, BA-MARC Meeting San Jose, ADA Bad Ride of Southern CA, June 9th start of the USA 4 Corners Ride-7500 mile, Oviedo FL to Key West, then back up to OH to see Bonnie and her dad, then over to Fort Wayne IN to Wing Ding, back to OH for a few days, then back to Jim and Donnas in Dover NH for the sons wedding, back down to Oviedo FL for Bonnies' sisters hospital stay, back to CA for 5 days, then to Chadron NE for the IBMC National Camp Out, then on up to Sturgis SD for the Black Hills Classic, back to CA again, Escondido CA for the ARRL Southwest Division Convention, to El Paso TX for the start of the 27th annual SCMA 3 Flags Classic-El Paso to Regina SK Canada, to Mitchell SD to visit my sister, then to Kansas City KS to visit my daughter-in-law, back down Oviedo for the 4th time this year to watch my granddaughter play in the Oviedo High School Marching band at 2 football games.

Last but not least, the final ride home to end the greatest summer riding of all time, at least for me. Coast to Coast, 2519 miles in 42.5 hours, including an eight hour stop in Kerrville TX to eat and sleep. Saturday morning at 5:08am I hit the toll road in Oviedo FL and made it 1240 miles to Kerrville TX. From 4:30am Sunday morning it was hammer down all day and arrived in Irvine CA at 8:38pm Sunday evening after another 1279 mile day. The motorcycle sighed a sigh of relief when I shut it off in the garage for the end of an extraordinary summer ride.

Now that the riding season, for the most part is over, it is time to get back to work on our charity events. I have been home only 4 days and am now just getting down to where I can see the surface of the desk. It will take me a few days to clean up the snail mail, email, return phone calls and get back to the task at hand. That would be getting organized for the up coming MS 150K Bicycle Ride and the other charity events the rest of the year.

Don't forget that the Dec MARC Meeting is going to be a combination MARC Meeting and Christmas Party and will be held at 6:30pm Saturday Dec 14th at the Lake View Cafe, our normal MARC Meeting place. The cost will be \$15 per person, children and adults alike. Fees to be paid before the Dec 14th date so we can get a good count on those attending. However, we can take a few late comers and they may pay the \$15 fee the night of the Christmas party. We already have 30 MARC Members signed up for the MARC 1st Annual Christmas Party. Dress will be casual.

The meal will be a traditional Christmas dinner with a dinner salad, your choice of light or dark turkey meat, dressing, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetable, hot rolls and pumpkin pie with whip cream for dessert. Coffee, tea, soda and ice tea are included. Any alcoholic beverages (wine or beer are available) have to be paid for by the individual when it is delivered to the table. All family members, friends, visitors and guests are welcome. We have to have a pretty close count by Monday Dec. 9th so that Dimitri can get the food delivered in time for the party.

There may be a short MARC Meeting to conduct any MARC business if necessary. That will be determined by the MARC President that evening.

We will not be having a drawing for door prizes as we do at the normal month MARC Meeting. There will be Special Prizes only that we will be selling tickets for at the Oct, Nov and Dec meetings. The Special Prizes so far are a Yaesu FT-7100M dual band 2M/440 dual band radio and a Garmin 3 Plus GPS unit with an accessory cigarette power cord and the accessory cord for the unit to a computer. Other Special Prizes will include a \$40 gift certificate from Huntington Honda and the always great Dec MARC Meeting donations made by Comet and any other big prizes that we can come up with before the Christmas Party. We don't want to take up a lot of time for the drawings as we would like the MARC Christmas Party to be a social event where we can get to talk to our neighbors at the tables and get up and stroll around greeting and talking to everyone. There also MAY be a 50/50 drawing, but that has not been finalized/determined as of this writing.

Don't forget we can always use more of your help on our MARC Charity Events. You get the greatest pleasure knowing that you are helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

See you at the MS 150K Bicycle Ride Charity Event.

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Check your memory Quiz !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. Do you own a first aid kit?
A. Yes B. No
C. A what? D. Do I need one?
2. If YES, where is it?
A. Home B. Car(s) C. Motorcycle(s)
D. All of the above
3. Do you carry a First Aid Kit in your Motorcycle?
A. All of the time B. Some of the time
C. Only on Trips D. Never
4. When was the last time you checked your First Aid Kit?
A. Today B. Yesterday
C. Last year D. When I bought it
5. Is your First Aid Kit complete?
A. Yes B. No
C. I dunno D. What is complete?
6. Have you any creams, ointments, disinfectants out of date?
A. Yes
B. No
C. They have dates?
D. I can't tell. They leaked all over the bottom of the box.
7. Are the wrappers still intact and sterile? bandages, gauze
A. Yes
B. No
C. They're in the goo in the bottom of the box
8. Do you know how to use your First Aid Kit?
A. Yes
B. No
9. Are you certified in First Aid and CPR?
A. Both B. First Aid
C. CPR D. No or I used to be
10. If the answer to #9 is "D" then why not???

(This is a grade it yourself quiz. I hope you all got an "A")

This was compiled by a former member
KA7BWZ Jerry Anthony

From your Orange County MS150 Coordinator

As I write this article The MS150 bay to bay tour is only a couple of weeks away. I hope you have signed up and are ready to ride. We could still use a couple more bikes and a couple Sag support people so if you're available get in touch with Bonnie or I and we'll sign you up.

This years ride is going to have a lot of riders as of Tuesday Sept 24th the MS had 1307 riders registered, they have 94 teams vs. last year at this time they had 86. This event just gets bigger and better each year. Looking ahead at the weather report for Carlsbad, it looks like it will be in the 70s and 80s. so we will need to watch for riders that didn't plan their water needs correctly.

What been happening lately with the committee? Well Kari that work at the MS office was able to convince the General at Camp Pendleton to permit the bicyclists to go through the base. If you will recall last year they closed the base to non-military bicycle riders the day after the MS went through the base. This will be the first large group of bikes on the base in a year so. the riders will have to be a little more caution as the cars on the base are not used to seeing a bunch of bicycles in the last year. With time growing short we will be getting together more often, we had another committee meeting on the Sept 10th and we had a SAG drivers meeting on Sept. 24.

If you are planning on working Sat Oct. 5th please join us we will be meeting for breakfast at 5am Saturday October 5th at Norms in Costa Mesa. The Norms is located at 2150 Harbor Blvd in Costa Mesa. If you exit the 405 Freeway at Harbor Blvd head (South) towards the beach, (about 2 miles) it will be on your left side at the corner of Harbor Blvd and Victoria.

Time Schedule is:

- 5:00am meet for breakfast
- 6:00am place signs on bikes
- 6:15am leave for Huntington Beach
- 6:30am arrive at Huntington Beach
- 7:15 to 7:45am Century riders leave the Huntington Beach
- 8:00 to 8:30am Regular riders leave the Huntington Beach

If you miss us at Norms we will be going West on Victoria and left on Magnolia Ave (in Huntington Beach) we will enter the beach parking area and stage near the Magnolia exit. We will use MARC Simplex (144.370) as talk in frequency on Saturday. Again the Orange County Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society now has a Web Page. Check it out!
["http://www.nmssoc.org/"](http://www.nmssoc.org/) they have ON LINE bike tour registration.

If you are planning on helping and have not gotten a hotel room or you have a room a ways away from the Inns of America and would like to be a little closer to the action please keep checking with the hotels. This is when the cancellations start coming in from the team that had over booked rooms. Here is an expanded list of hotels where you may find a room. Please mention that you are with the MS 150 Bike Ride in order to reserve the room at the special rates.

(Miles from Inns of America indicated in () before motel name)

(0.0)The Inns of America
751 Raintree Dr
Carlsbad, CA 92009-3206
(760) 931-1185

(1.2) Motel 6 (across the Freeway)
6117 Paseo Del Norte
Carlsbad, CA 92009-1117
(760) 438-1242

(0.1) Motel 6 (next door)
750 Raintree Dr
Carlsbad, CA 92009-3206
(760) 431-0745

Olympic Resort Hotel
6111 El Camino Real
Carlsbad, CA 92009-1695
(760) 438-8330

(0.2) Ramada Inn
751 Macadamia Dr
Carlsbad, CA
(760) 438-2285
(0.2) Travelodge
760 Macadamia Dr
Carlsbad, ca 92009
(760)438-2828

Holiday Inn
607 Leucadia Blvd
Carlsbad, CA 92024
(800) 992-9330
(1.3) Pea Soup Andersen's
850 Palomar Airport Rd
Carlsbad, CA 92008
(760) 438-7880

I would like thank everyone in advance for coming out to help with this very worth while event. The bike riders love having us there watching over them during this ride. And the Multiple Sclerosis Orange County chapter can not express enough how much they appreciate the MARC group being there to help.

P.S. Don't forget your Hawaiian shirt for the Saturday night party....

LOVE YOU ALL

John Edwards KC6ZOZ <johnkc6zoz@juno.com>

LOVE RIDE 2002

It's that time of the year again. Time for me to crawl out of the woodwork and be seen again. I can't believe its October already and time for the MS150 and the Love Ride one month later. There is still time to sign up for the Love Ride but the deadline is closing fast as I need to get my list of names to the committee ASAP.

Also I am looking for two or three non-motorcycle hams to work the freeway onramp slowing the riders down just before the sharp right turn onto the freeway. In previous years before we started working the freeway onramp at least one accident occurred each year and that stops the ride until the accident has been cleared up. For the past few years that we have provided people at this location there has been no accidents so this is a very important position to fill.

For those of you who have worked this ride before know that we have met to group up by 6 am. This year we tried to get our arrival time moved up to 8 or 8:30 but we got shot down by the Love Ride committee. Their reason for this is that the volunteers working at Glendale need to be in place early for the large number of bikes that are arriving from about 7:00 on and also the fact that we have to move barriers to get into place. We tried, but we still have to go by rules set forth by the people running the show so we are going to meet at the McDonalds on San Fernando Rd at 6 am to be in place by 6:30. As usual the Love Ride has lots to see and good food and drink at the park. This year the entertainment will be Jefferson Starship at Glendale and Sheryl Crow and Mick Fleetwood along with others performing on stage at Castaic Lake and of course the Victor McLaglen Motor Corp. will be there.

If you have not signed up for this ride and would like to please contact myself, Bill Douglas-ke6uud at mailto:wbdoug@cwia.com or call 626-966-6976, or contact John Reynolds-w5jfr at mailto:johnw5jfr@aol.com or call 909-820-0509.

Ride Safe

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The red-sided garter snake hibernate for eight months at a time and a single den can contain up to 25,000 snakes....

THIS AND THAT

This has been a strange summer for me. This is the first year in a LONG time that I haven't put on many 1000's of miles on my bike. The YELLOW machine sat glumly by while Anita and I took a cruise on the Princess line to Alaska.

Lloyd, you live in a beautiful state my friend. We cruised from Vancouver, BC, and up the coast on the Ocean Princess. She is beautiful and very well maintained. One had to carefully observe the "Fresh Paint," signs, because it really was. Seemed like it was when I was in the US Navy. If it doesn't move, paint it or polish it. Someone was always doing both. And the windows, yes, they had a crew doing that too.

Our first stop was Ketchikan, and it was raining. We took a tour anyway; saw the salmon choked streams, and all the wildlife feeding on them. Mama Black Bear and her 2 cubs, and last years yearling that hadn't given up on hoping for mom's milk yet. So many eagles they couldn't be counted.

Juneau, Capitol city, landlocked, only access by water, or air, and it was raining. Alaska gets 305 days of rain per year. We enjoyed the rain though because it has been so long since we have seen rain in Southern CA.

Skagway, arrived sunny, and a great day for a train ride. I think that Ted and Diana were there too, but they were on another train so we didn't meet up. There were 4-5 BIG cruise ships in every port we visited. The train ride was spectacular, following the route of the old Chilkoot trail to the goldfields. We crossed into Canada on this ride.

The Chilkoot Trail; Miners trying to get to the goldfields were stopped by the Mounties at the Canadian border. They were forced by the Mounties to bring in 2000 pounds of food and supplies. The only way to get it there was on their backs, 200 pounds at a time. Nose to pack, up the mountain 24/7. One dared not stop, you couldn't get back into the line. Night, day, snow, storm, the line kept going up the mountain. 30,000 of them by the time it was over.

Glacier Bay, what a wonderful place to be. HUGE glaciers, 350 feet high and spawning little and BIG icebergs. We were within ¼ mile or less. What a sight to see, that nearly 900 foot long ship moving sideways toward the glacier.

College Fould, (sp) 7 glaciers named for eastern colleges. Just simply breathtaking.

Seward, In my opinion the least interesting of the Alaska coastal cities. Then in Seward another herd of tourists came aboard to start the trip south and re-visit the places we had seen on the way up. We knew we were going to do this so we had missed some things we wanted to do so we could do them on the way back.

Like whale watching in Juneau, rainy day and I kidded Anita that they wouldn't come up for fear of getting wet. But they did, Orcas, and the mighty Humpbacks. What a remarkable sight to see them hump up and head for the deep. The flukes made for some great pictures.

While Anita was shopping in Skagway, someone came up behind her in a shop, it was our neighbors from 2 doors down the street. How fun that was.

One morning in the buffet, I was sitting reading and I noticed a gent across at the next table. I said, "I know him!" and know him I did, we studied together for Captain, and got promoted to Captain off the same list. We got a chance to do a lot of, "do you remember...."

Would we do it again??? In a heartbeat, in fact we are already planning a cruise for our 50th wedding anniversary. Probably cruise to Hawaii, or the Panama Canal.

Thanks for reading me,

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New Dates for CPR Classes

C P R – That stands for **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**. That it is a procedure that everyone needs to "know". It may very well be the procedure that saves the life of your wife, child, parent, friend, or even a stranger.

This article is being reprinted from an earlier publication to publicize the new class dates.

As **MARC** members, we especially are in a position to possibly be the first person to find someone needing CPR – And we need to be ready and trained to meet the occasion.

The life that needs to be saved might just possibly be **YOUR OWN** – And wouldn't it be nice if a fellow **MARC** member was right there – **READY, WILLING, AND ABLE**.

Not only do you need to be trained to perform the procedure – you need to be retrained every two years. These classes generally cost anywhere from \$25 to \$35, and well worth it. But hold on to your money. **HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU !**

The Garden Grove Adult Education Program is offering the **CPR Course** and the **Basic Standard First Aid Course** – For the unheard of fee of only \$19.

The all day classes are conducted only on Saturdays, and you must pre-register in person, presenting a picture ID, and paying for the class, at the Lincoln Center, 11262 Garden Grove Blvd. You may phone them at (714) 663-6291 for information about class availability – But they will not hold a position for you. You must pre-register. Spaces are limited – So don't procrastinate.

Upcoming class dates are: Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov 2; Dec 7, 14; Jan 11, 25; I'm sure that you can call the office for future dates – past what I have listed.

This CPR class will provide students with knowledge and skills necessary to recognize, and initiate treatment needed for airway obstructions, and respiratory arrest in adult, child and infants. Successful completion will provide the student with a CPR and Emergency Cardiac Provider Card – The Heartsavers Course, from the American Heart Association.

The Basic First Aid portion of the Course will provide the student with a certificate in Basic First Aid.

The President and the Board of Directors join me in urging each and every member to prepare themselves for that moment when someone needs CPR – **AND THERE IS NO ONE THERE** BUT YOU !

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BAD RIDE VI – 2003(1st meeting)

Billy and I would like to once again thank all the people who helped make BAD Ride V, such a great success.

Here are the totals for the event. We had 5400 motorcycle rider's, and we helped raise \$300,000. Next year's goal is \$375,000, I think we ought to be able to raise \$400,000, don't you?

Well this will be a short article, again, thank you all for your support. If anyone has any suggestions for improving next year's ride, please contact me before the next meeting, which will be the 9th of October.

See you at the MS-150.

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Your "MARC" B A D Ride Coordinators

"How Cold Is The Water?"
by Wayne Barringer, KB6UJW + KAG0370

I would like to ask for all of your help. I have two projects that I am working on for our MARC web site that I believe would not only help our own members, but also help other riders as well.

The first project is to develop a "MARC Event Checklist" for new (and maybe current??) members. At this time, I'm thinking it would focus on three key areas: (1) Pre-Event Preparations, (2) Pre-Arrival Checklist and (3) Post-Event Activities. I am hoping it will help new members of existing groups or new MARC groups as they are formed. I will take any/all ideas and publish them in the next newsletters, as well as on the web site. So please, would you help me? I've included both mail/e-mail address below.

My second project will focus on a suggestion list on what should be taken as "essentials" when taking a "motorcycle mobile" vacations. As many of you know, Hiroko and I traveled 2500+ miles during our one week outing, and there was no information that we could find on the web suggesting what we might want to have with us. Naturally, we took anything and everything we ever thought we might need, but nothing replaces experience.

But that's my whole point with both of these projects. Why does each new member have to learn from the "school of hard knocks?" Why can we share some of our many past experiences as "suggestions" or "tips" for those with less (or no) experience?

By now, I hope some of you are wondering why/how I chose the title of this article? Let me explain.

Fear of the unknown has different effects on people. But most people want to avoid fearful things because they are ... well, fearful!!

If you've ever gone swimming in the ocean or a lake, one of the very first things you begin asking before you "jump in" is ... how cold is the water?

For this trip, Hiroko and I asked ourselves, "What should we take?" For me, I think it was easier for me. I was so anxious to get on that bike and just RIDE that I probably would have gone with nothing more than a few essentials (money, driver's license, helmet, money, spare key, jacket, more money, etc. etc. etc. and of course, money!!!), but Hiroko is always the "logical" one between the two of us. She plans the days, counts to be sure we have enough socks and other stuff (that I "always" forget), and then we get on the road.

A paramount concern for Hiroko was that dirty "R" word — RAIN!! She was adamant about avoid it, and yet, was a real "champ" when we woke up in Coos Bay, Oregon and discovered we had to make a choice — ride in the rain or stay in the motel room all day. Decision: We checked out of the room!!

My point remains ... I believe our MARC web site should be expanded to include lots of helpful things for all different kinds of members. Things like the Event Checklist will be helpful in helping new (and experienced) riders to have something they can refer to before "heading out" the day of the event, only to discover what they've forgotten.

Oh sure, many of our members won't need, and will never use, the checklist.

And even if they do, I won't ever tell!!

Thanks for reading

73's

-- Wb sends.

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Unsubstantiated claims report that for some reasons unknown, a duck's quack doesn't echo!!!

TEAM RECOGNITION

The Motorcycling Amateur Radio Club is an impressive looking group when we arrive on our motorcycles at the scene of a charity event — showing our "colors" and wearing the "safety vests." People are AWARE of our presence. We look "professional" — and we present the impression that we are capable of adequately performing our mission. Our performances in the past have garnered praise and thanks from the charity organizations that we have supported; And, we are highly regarded for our support to the community.

We are a fine team. And, like any other team — we have a team uniform that helps us identify ourselves as members of the team. When you are participating in a MARC event be sure you wear your MARC uniform so that other people may recognize that you are a member of the MARC team —

Wearing your MARC colors is a very desirable way of identifying that you are a member of the MARC team — Even when we aren't actively participating in some charity event. Most of us that attend the informal "tire kicking" and "donut eating" sessions at Huntington Honda on Saturday mornings — make it a point to wear the "colors" and advertise the MARC organization to all in attendance.

Anytime you are going to be in the presence of some group — wear your MARC cap and shirt. Let them know what MARC is — and that you are proud to be a member. You never know — you just might meet a new prospective member.

Bonnie has caps and shirts available at the breakfast meetings if you need to make a purchase — And wear them with pride — Cause MARC has already earned it's "Good Reputation" in the community.

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

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*******EDITOR'S NOTE*******

**Just a point regarding the wearing of MARC apparel, different members are approached and ask "Just what is "MARC" — we have never heard of you!!! And yes this happens right here in Southern California....and across our vast country.

**Also "MARC" apparel is available thru the mail - usually when I get an order it gets sent out the next day unless I happen to be out of a certain size. I have tried to have all sizes available.

We of "MARC" would like to express our appreciation to the Lake View Cafe owners and their personnel for their continuous fantastic service.

MARC members sending showers of thanks and appreciation to the BARN/ALERT Repeater owners for the use of their systems for our weekly nets and our charity events thru each year. And thank you to the users of the systems for your continued patience.

MARC" NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE:

OCTOBER 30TH FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE
DECEMBER 4TH FOR DECEMBER
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Statistics show that every year, Americans spend 4.6 billion hours stuck in traffic using up enough gas to fill 134 supertankers. In Washington D.C. the average motorist loses 82 hours each year in traffic tie-ups..

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY
MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB
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NET Draw: ... 8/7- KC6ZOZ-JOHN \$5(PD),, 8/14- KG6EUS-ROBIN (NO), 8/21- KC6OAU- JIM \$5 + 5 TICKETS(NO), 8/28- KE6ONA- BOB \$5 + 10 TICKETS (NO)
9/4- W6DRC- DAVE \$5 + 15 TICKETS (NO), 9/11- KD6UZE - CONNIE \$5+20 TICKETS (NO), 9/18- KE6UUD BILL\$5 (Y), 9/25- KD6MPB - MEL \$5 (NO)

AUGUST 50/50- \$41 Each reaped by Cyndi KF6PRY & Teri KF6HJT

SEPT 50/50 - grabbing \$38 each were Teri KF6HJT, Ted KB6CUS & Jim KC6OAU.

AUG. DOOR PRIZES: John KC6ZOZ filled Mijo's job for her \$40 Gift certificate from Huntington Honda won by Conrad KC6PHI

Comet C767 2M-440 antenna donated by NCG Corp won by Bonnie KD6OFQ

Items donated by MARC:

Strap wrench/hammer kit won by KD6MPB Mel

Fix-a-Flat won by Mike N6QZT

Chamois kit won by Mel KD6MPB

Very Ige First Aid kit won by Billy N6EDY

Hand cleaner/clamp asst won by Mel KD6MPB

2003 Planner/Tracer key chain won by Dollie KD6ERC

Donated by Ray & Bonnie:

Scent shades/Plague/Mosquito repellent won by Dollie KD6ERC

Donated by Mel & Kay Johnson:

5 goody bags won by (2) Teri KF6HJT, Bonnie KD6OFQ,

Hugh KE6IEM, Sheron KC6ZSH

2 Lamps won by Norma KE6BIS & Billy N6EDY

Tool Box won by Teri KF6HJT

Organize-it won by Hugh KE6IEM

10-1 Mutiti-function tool won by Teri KF6HJT

Web mouse won by Mike N6QZT

Vest won by Dollie KD6ERC

Donated by Billy:

Used stuffed bear won by Mike N6QZT

Free Gray ticket dispenser was John KC6ZOZ

Two Gray tickets drawn

Gray ticket winner Teri KF6HJT

Assisting John with tickets were Billy, Mel & Dave--Many thanks guys, that is a very busy job that Mijo does.

Many thanks to Legia who is doing a great job getting the hungry motorcyclists fed.

SEPT: DOOR PRIZES: Mijo back to work(:))ss

\$40 gift certificate from Huntington Honda --Mel KD6MPB

Comet C767 2M-440 antenna donated by NCG Corp- Bill KE6UUD

Items donated by MARC:

1100 pcs Cable Kit won by Alvin KD6UZH

Belkin Computer to9ol kit won by Alvin KD6UZH

85 Scott rags won by Alvin KD6UZH

First-aid kit won by ShEron KC6ZSH

Dual purpose lite won by Alvin KD6UZH

2003 Planner/Brite key chain won by Alvin KD6UZH

Donated by Ray & Bonnie:

Red, white & blue fluted candle & dish won by Conrad KC6PHI

Lariat Bungee Rope donated from one of our BA-MARC

members Henry KE6ORF won by Mel KD6MPB

Items Donated by John & Mijo:

Yaesu cap won by Alvin KD6UZH

Kenwood mouse pad won by Hugh KE6IEM

Items donated by Mel & Kay:

Radiant rose lite won by Norma KE6BIS

Halloween scare crow won by Kay

Two vest won by Ted KB6CUS & Mike N6QZT

Stanley tool box won by Gary W7GWT

USA Bulb & lite base won by Norma KE6BIS

Four gift bags won by Norma KE6BIS, Teri KF6HJT, Billy

N6EDY & Bonnie KD6OFQ

Candles & holder Norma KE6BIS

Donated by Peter Fleming:

Two Charo Chicken gift certificates won by Gary W7GWT & Billy N6EDY

Donated by Mike:

Bad ride shirt won by Dave W6DRC

Yaesu Cap won by Norma KE6BIS

Donated by Billy:

Faberge' Eggs book won by John W5JFR

Gray ticket dispenser was John W5JFR

Gray ticket winner was Kay.

Total gray tickets drawn were 3.

Thanks to Kay for assisting with the tickets. I guess John KC6ZOZ got a good workout at the August meeting(:))ss

From the Secretary/Treasurer/NewsLetter Editor:

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NEW MEMBERS: ...8/17- K6LCS Clint & Karen Bradford of Mira Loma CA, 8/17- AK6Q Glenn Kennedy -San Diego CA (both from the ARRL convention) 8/23- N1ESC Steven May - Berkeley, CA

9/12- KG6MOZ Chris Munson & Karen Ferguson of Sunnyvale, CA(BA-MARC area), 9/14- KE6KWQ Mike & KE6KWS Ellen Zimbalist of Long Beach, CA, 9/18 - KC2ATE Charles Caldwell of Geneva, NY (East Coast MARC)

We thank each of you and hope you enjoy MARC and what we stand for. Remember we are here for you for any questions you have in need of assistance.

NEWSLETTERS: Okay okay -- thanks for all your articles - makes for a fat newsletter. Yes I have some that are held back as they are extremely long and would kill my fingers to fold them etc. Also the reading is good when you are snowed in!!!???

Greetings again from your E-Mail Check-In Lady!

I realize it is almost the END of the third Quarter, but watch for your check-in reminder this weekend. It only takes a second to respond. I'm still looking for that 100% response, but haven't seen it as yet. This is SUCH a good tool to be assured we have your correct information. In this day and age, it is one of the BEST ways to communicate. We have a quite broad area encompassed in our MARC Family! I enjoy hearing back from all the edges of our world. So watch your e-mail and I'll be looking forward to hearing back from EACH of you. Take care and hope to see y'all soon.

Sue KF6HJZ <Suehebb@cs.com> Houston, Texas
Your MARC quarterly e-mail check-in Lady & Historian

SO. CA. TOUR DE CURE MAY 17, 2003

The second meeting for this event was on Tuesday September 17, 2002.

Main discussions for this event were concerns for Corporate Sponsors. The more the better so all expenses are covered. Also we need volunteers to fill all capacities as well as committee heads and members. Lunch, registration and route markings important logistics. Enthusiastic rest stop volunteers along with being well equipped and in line with route.

Last year they had 560 riders with 36 teams. This year they are striving for 675 riders with 43 teams.

Another concern of charity events are maintaining our clean-up, pick-up of the areas we are using. The cities we have to obtain permits from are very critical when it comes to the removal of signs and trash. The permits are very hard to come by and we need to abide by the rules of life.

Our meetings have been moved from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 2nd Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 PM at Airflite in Long Beach in case you know someone who likes to volunteer and fill a position other than the day of the event. They can also call the ADA office Sahar at (714) 662-7940 X 7448

Butch Macy KD6VBO Carey Macy KE6JWE
Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ
Coordinators

ARRL CONVENTION 2002

Our first ARRL convention appearance was successful. With a perfect spot for our booth with 3 motorcycles on Saturday and 2 on Sunday.

Our President John W5JFR held a seminar on Saturday morning which had lots of response in that the guys were swamped with bodies with all kinds of questions and interest in hook-ups.

Again many had not heard of "MARC", Bonnie handled the table of information, handing out newsletters and applications, our new MARC brochures (provided by Wayne KB6UJW our web master) along with the Comet brochures and answering as many technical questions she could.

Those attending were Ray KD6FHN, John W5JFR, Mike N6QZT, Bob KD6YBT, Mark KE6ZRP, Mijo KF6BEB & Bonnie KD6OFQ.

We had the pleasure of meeting old friends from the different radio clubs we have belonged to along with some new ones.

We have been asked to participate in the ARRL convention 2003 in Long Beach at the Hilton. Hopefully if we do, we have a fantastic site as we did this year.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Seems the summer has taken its toll on several of our members.... We have John Helms WH6BJ who has a long row to hoe with lots of cancer testing procedures.

De Witt Morgan KM6UK rocked our bikes with his sudden encounter with the emergency room+.

Billy Hall N6EDY trying to get his beautiful figure under control by having knee replacement so he can rock and roll.

Dollie & Mel along with Mory are hanging in there. Mory is up

walking around the neighborhood while Mel (his heart is being good presently) is making sure Dollie goes to rehab each day for her new found spinalstenosis. Eleanor Guthrie who is battling cancer, you and Tom are in our prayers.

Our love and prayers go to each and all who are fighting health battles along with other family health issues here and across the states.

We are here for you as we do care.

FOR OUR ADVERTISERS:

Our advertisers should be visited by and acknowledged by our members along with our appreciation of the door prizes donated each month to the MARC group. They do help keep our motorcycles, radios and equipment up and running along with your participation.

Many thanks to Huntington Honda, Comet(NCG Corp) & Kennedy Technology for their participation with MARC.

Member advertising is free for any who have equipment for sale. This is any member with radio or motorcycle equipment. (No animals, please)

A special thanks to COPY MAX for their patience and the excellent service we receive. THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE VERY FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL AND YES THEY KNOW WHO BONNIE & "MARC" are.(:))SS

IL/WI

Hello Bonnie,

I am sorry if I missed the deadline.

I have been working very hard to get my new tower up and functioning. I finally got it vertical today, but much work remains to have it "working". I still do not think it will reach California on 440 though! Actually, it will be a few feet shorter than the other one, but this one "bends over", so I can work on it with out climbing, which my doctor has strictly forbidden!

And in the midst of it all, Marsha's car brakes went out. She wanted it for tomorrow as she is going to see little Zac for the weekend.

I just returned home from Atlanta, GA., where I attended a very good week long seminar put on by the Salvation Army, but attended by many other organizations, such as the Red Cross, the Mennonites, the Baptist men's group, the Nazarenes, and so on. It was very educational, and I was kept very busy the whole time.

They even made speeches while we ate. A lot of information exchanges hands or should I say Heads?

Our MARC IL/WI meeting is supposed to be Saturday the 28th., but I will not be able to make it, and no one volunteered to chair it, so I guess we will see what happens. OK, so many things going through my mind, that it is hard to get anything decent on paper.

73 Thanks again, Paul K9PEP

"MARC" Calendar:::

Oct. 5 & 6- MS 150

Oct. 12- Breakfast Meeting

Nov. 9- Breakfast Meeting

Nov. 10- Love Ride

Dec. 14- Christmas Meeting - 6:30 PM

I would like to introduce you to two of the nicest people in the world, Tim Lindstrom AB0TS and his wife Karen KC0IVZ. You are headline-news this month folks.

The real story behind this goes this way. You see, I was in Minneapolis for a week during the IEEE Convention and thought I'd give Tim a call out in Columbia Heights, Minnesota and offer to take him and Karen out to dinner. What I got instead was an invitation to their place.

So on Friday night Tim picks me up at the Minneapolis Convention Center and we go to his place.

After having a wonderful dinner we traded motorcycle stories for over an hour and looked at pictures of some of the MARC events I had in my computer. I was able to convince Tim that I was thinking about getting a BMW as motorcycle number 2. While we were enjoying ourselves Tim got a call and had to go to work, but dropped me off back at the hotel before going and at some inconvenience to himself, I'm sure. Tim and Karen, you are very noteworthy members of the MARC family.

And Paul Plasters, you don't escape notice either. We talked about you too and how sorry I was not being able to bring the Red Harley to Minnesota and go to Illinois on the way home. But I took the train and carried 5 bags of "stuff". The most fun I had was a little spoof with the sleeping car attendant, who, while coming into Portland on the return trip, was lifting a huge circular bag that must have weighed 100 pounds. After crashing it to the floor, she remarks while breathing heavily "I sure don't know what is in here, a tent or something" I told her it was probably one of my shirts.....

And then this month, after getting re-adjusted to California living, we had our monthly ride but we had an impromptu change. The ride was scheduled as over to the coast, but there is just Roger (W1RDR) and myself who have committed to going. At least this is the case until one of our prospective members got talked into joining us. So we decide it is time for another Great Pie Race to Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville. By now, John Shalamskas KJ9U, Don KA7QQV, and J.P. Rouland NQ6T are coming, and Don WA6JNM and Jan Younker are driving up from Monterey to join us.

The problem we encountered is that we decided to meet Deni, our prospect, in the Willow Glen area of San Jose, at a coffee roasting company. What we did not know was that there was a Founder's Day Parade right in front of this place which made it difficult to park, let alone walk over there. So we stashed the rest of the motley crew down at a shopping center to wait while I looked for Deni.

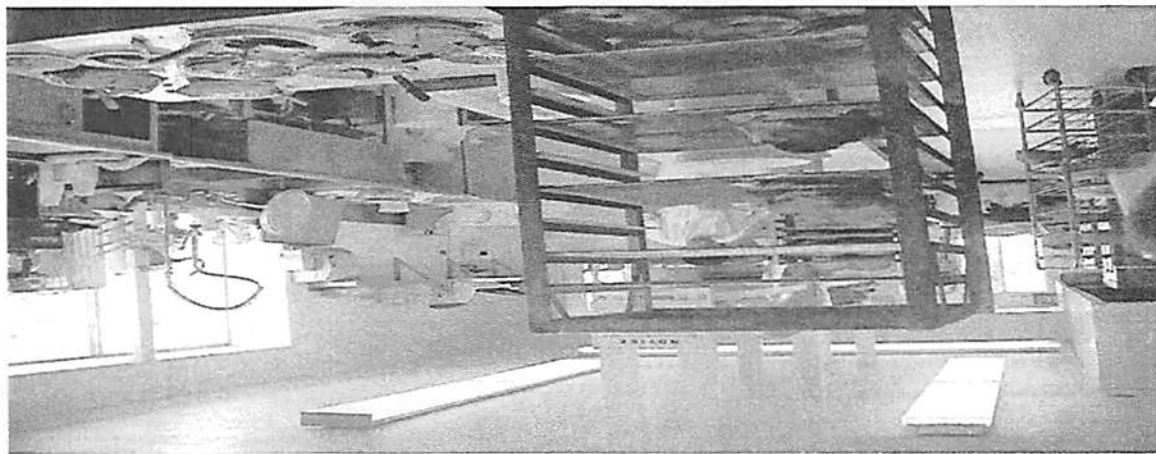
Because Deni was out of town when the change of venue was occurring, she did not herself know about the parade, and only learned about it when she arrived. Visibility in the crowd was only about 5 feet and we were not able to connect, even in overtime, and later Deni learned about the new meeting place when she got home. At least we were able to talk by cell phone after we arrived at the Ranch. We even offered to bring back a pie but she had another engagement later that afternoon. There is always next month. That will also give us another bike to take apart. We still have spare parts left over from Wayne's visit to our last monthly meeting. Anything rattling Wayne?

Here are some pictures of the event.

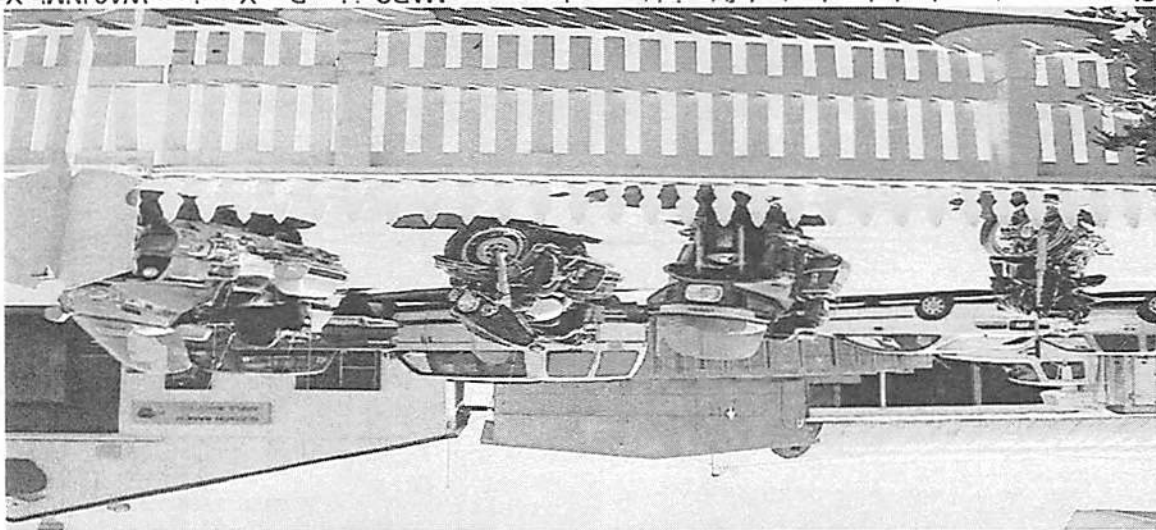


Seated clockwise around the table are John Shalamskas KJ9U, Don WA6JNM and Jan Younker family, JP Rouland NQ6T, Don Weber KA7QQV, and Roger W1RDR and Sharon Rines. Warren Birmingham K6PHW had Roger's camera lens pointed away from him so as to not break it.

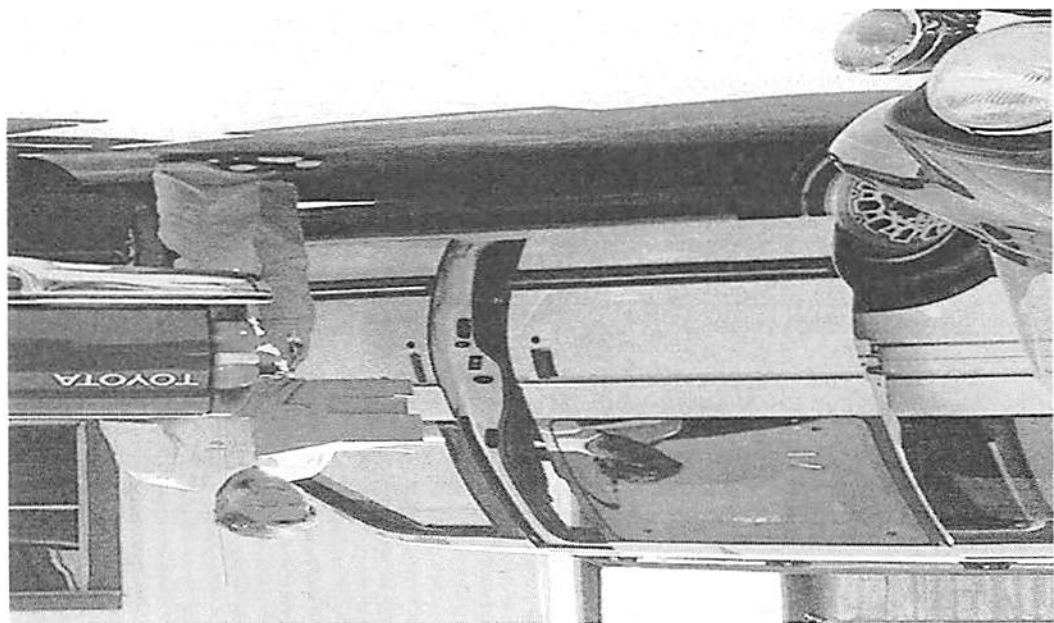
Featured pies were lemon meringue and apple. David Sawyer K1DRS arrived a day earlier and got all of the fresh strawberry ones and hence was unable to make the trip (burp).



This is a picture of the pie kitchen, which is located in the barn. The bakery staff locked the entrance doors to keep the BA-MARC group manageable.



Shown are motorcycles belonging to, left to right, an unknown non-MARC rider, Don Younkers WA6JNM's Yamaha, Warren Birmingham K6PHW's Harley Davidson Ultra, and Roger and Sharon Rines W1RDR's Honda Gold Wing. In the background is the white coupe with screwdriver antenna belonging to John Shalamskas KJ9U and the van belonging to Don Weber KA7QOV who also brought J.P. Rouland NQ6T to the party.





No picture gallery would be complete without the pie shop mascot.



Aftermath gathering, left to right, Don Weber KA7QQV, Don Younker, KA6NMN, Roger Rines W1RDR, John Shalamskas KJ9U, and Jan Younker and Sharon Rines. (More burp....)

AMA NEWS & NOTES

New Jersey Assembly Bill 1061, introduced by Assemblyman Peter R. Biondi (R-District 16), provides for additional penalties for drivers involved in right-of-way accidents that result in injury or death. Revenue derived from the enhanced penalties would be dedicated to fund motorcycle safety education and awareness programs. A1061 was referred to the General Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee in January 2002.

West Virginia Senate Bill 260, introduced by Senator John R. Mitchell, Jr (D-District 8), provides for an additional penalty for right-of-way violators in which the violator is found to have caused injury to another person. SB-260 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee in January 2002.

WV SB-260 & NJ A1061 are consistent with the AMA's Motorcyclists Matter campaign, launched in 2001, which aims to curb right-of-way violations by increasing penalties for those who cause harm to vulnerable roadway users such as motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Legislation based on the AMA'S model bill is pending in several other states as well.

Your support for WV SB260 & NJ A1061 is needed to make sure motorists and courts know that 'Motorcyclists Matter.'

The **US Bureau of Transportation Statistics** has released several new publications including; The Pocket Guide to Transportation. This is a quick reference to the changes in the U.S. Transportation System since 1970 and how they have affected the nation's economy, safety, energy use, and the environment.

Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2000 are available for each year since 1994. TSARs provide an assessment of the nation's transportation statistics. TO order products fax your request to (202) 366-3640, or mail to BTS Product Orders, 400 7th Street SW, Room 3430, Washington, DC 20590

PAUL & MARSHA'S VACATION

OH OH Bonnie has went and done it now! Done what you ask? Well she invited us to write about our vacations, that is what.

Marsha, and I, had promised Jim, and Connie Poitra, that we would help them with the National IBMC campout. Unfortunately, my Aunt passed away, and I needed to be at her funeral, in Southern Illinois, near the Kentucky border, right when they needed us..

OK we can do the funeral, and be a day or 2 late. A phone call to Jim and Connie cleared that up.

Our tent was getting pretty frayed, I noticed, so I went to Wal-Mart, and bought a new one. Marsha had described to me many times, what she wanted when we got a new one, so I knew what I wanted. She really liked the tent I had bought.

Then Marsha, decided we were going to take the car, as my back has been deteriorating more and more. She was afraid I might have a problem, and not be able to get home. So hurriedly transfer things from the bike to the car. Whoops, we missed a few pieces. Oh well no matter, we were going on vacation! (we didn't notice we had missed the items, until Marsha asked me where I put them. They were still in the bike!)

We went to the funeral, and reacquainted ourselves with family etc., then off we went to Chadron, Nebraska, via Missouri, Kansas, Iowa. Lots of nice scenery in Missouri, clean weather, nice and warm. Boy I waited all winter for this warm stuff, and I was enjoying it! Our first stop was ST. Louis, for gas, and Krispy Kreme's. Marsha loves them, and from the size of my stomach, you might think I do too. OK on to Kansas City. Just outside there, we found a nice motel, and set up for the night. It was good to have a night's rest. Early to rise (Marsha, not me), and load up for another day of travel. About now, I was glad we had brought the car. One reason was Marsha has a time dealing with the heat, another she was right (don't tell her I admitted it) and my back was really hurting. Marsha decided to drive a while, so I took a pain pill, and relaxed. Speed limit in Missouri, is 70, and she likes to drive about 10 over, so we were making time. Seeing lots of motorcycles too! Almost all headed West or North, depending on where we were. Visited a few at gas stops etc.. Two riders that I talked to in Kansas, acted like they had been on the road for days, but when I asked where they were from, they said Kansas City! They were only 50 miles from home, and were tired already. As always when going to Sturgis, or Daytona, we saw nearly every imaginable type / make, and quite a few "home brewed" machines. Marsha made the remark that some people don't seem to care what their vehicle looks like. Some were very unique, and well thought out, others were in "half finished" dress.

We spent a night in Eastern Nebraska, and on to Chadron, NE., on the first day of August. There we met Jim and Connie, who we have been friends and "camping buddies" with, for 20 plus years. We all went out for lunch, then Marsha, and I, sat up our tent. Lots of good visiting took place, as we have been active members of the "IBMC" for over twenty years now. Marsha, particularly likes Ruth Haskins, and Bob, and I, have been friends for years, so we spent some time with them, even went out for Taco's that evening. Even Clarence Kessler, and his wife were there! David Rambo stopped in for a while, but couldn't stay. He said he has to have back surgery, and his doctor asked him to not campout, or ride his motorcycle.

Don Stansifer and his wife Glenna, were there too, we go way back with those two, they are good people. I ran into Tom and Gail Griswold, I hadn't seen Tom for several years. I expect we both looked a bit older HA! (last time I remember seeing Tom in person was 1986). Yes lots of other old friends, and sadly a few missing! John Williams, had arrived, but a log had fallen off of a logging truck, right in front of John, causing him much pain, and injury, so he left for home, which is near Chicago, IL. Charley Arrived Saturday with his wife Dora, Charley is going to give up riding, due to a severe case of Parkinson disease. And our good friends the Craig's, David and Sharon, from Minnesota, were the officially

recognized "last to arrive". This would prove to be incorrect though, as the Holmes brothers Tom and Paul, arrived from Arkansas on Sunday morning! There were 119 officially signed in, with 2 being too late for that, and a couple that just didn't want to bother looking up the hosts!

Pretty good-sized event, all things considered.

OK back to the tent, remember the tent I talked about earlier in this article? Well Friday morning, it was blown flat, by the mild wind that Nebraska is always offering to residents and visitors. I straightened it out, and a few minutes later, it went flat again! As it blew over the fourth time, I said to Marsha, we are going to Wal-Mart (yes even Chadron, NE., has a Wal-Mart!) We told the sporting goods manager of our problem, and he sold us a "better model". For an extra \$57.88, and the credit from our original purchase, that is. I am sure he could have said "tough", but he was very helpful about the whole thing.

Back at the Campground, we sat this new tent up, and as we finished placing our mattress etc., into it, voila it blew over! So I said to Marsha "go back to Wal-Mart, find that manager, and explain to him, that we want a tent that will stand up so we can depend on it. She soon returned with a new tent, (for another \$34.95 plus credit from previous purchase), which held up very well. Yes I was thinking that I should have brought the old tent along for "one more campout". OH-OH the air-mattress blew into a fence, getting two punctures. Back to the Wal-Mart, to get a patch kit. Seems like the patches had held, so we aired it up, and every thing went OK.

OK, the campout was over, the awards had been given out, the steaks had been served, and most had left the area for different places. Marsha, and I, along with the Craig's, and the Poitras went to Hanna campground, up in the hills from Lead. We have camped there before, it is small, quiet, peaceful etc. We set up our tents, and aired up our air-mattresses etc., getting ready for the next adventure. When we came home that night, Marsha and my air-mattress was flat! Too late and too dark to fix what I thought was a patch that had pulled loose, we slept on the ground. I do not recommend this for any one over 16 years old! It is not comfortable at all.

The next morning, I decided to re-patch the mattress, so that I could see if it held all day. Oh -Oh the plug had been pulled loose! There wasn't a leak after all, and we had slept on the ground needlessly! Next time, I will check it out more carefully!

From there we could ride to Sturgis, to check out the action, ride to the monuments at Crazy Horse, and Rushmore, take on the Canyons from Deadwood to Spearfish, have a neat lunch at the Latchstring inn, (Marsha and I had stopped at the old original "Latchstring Inn", many times for lunch.) Now there is a new competition across the street too! We didn't go up to Bridal veils waterfall park this year, just too many things to do I guess.

Seven different manufacturers of motorcycles had set up on the West end of town, letting people ride their wares, hoping to make a few sales. I saw 19 of the "hard to find" V-rods Harley is making, at this location.

I also noted way more Yellow Honda's than I ever thought I would see. It seems this is Honda's most prolific seller! Most of the riders I talked to quoted safety as their reason for buying.

I had heard via Amateur radio, of some serious accidents involving motorcyclists. I didn't like hearing that, but they do happen when you mix alcohol and gasoline. Then as we were leaving for home, 2 cycles and a truck collided at the Deadwood Canyon, and I-90 intersection. It didn't look too good, I will tell you. One never knows when an errant driver will come along.

The trip home took us across South Dakota's rolling plains, needing rain to be beautiful, but still an intriguing country. We stopped in Wall for a lunch, and to look for a particular jacket Marsha wanted. No luck on the Jacket. Then we stopped at the large sporting goods store in Mitchel, S. D., for a few things. One of the cashiers got way out of line with Marsha, so we left the things we were going to purchase on the counter, and went elsewhere. Then we went for Pizza, Marsha's favorite food.

Well yes I do like it too! We saddled up again, and made it into Worthington, Minnesota, where we spent the night. Minnesota is not nearly as dry as South Dakota was, so the scenery was much nicer.

Marsha stopped at the place where the Amish bake and sell bread and other goodies. She always tries to buy some bread, and rolls, every time we get near to one of their places. I admit it is good. She bought 2 loaves of Apple Crisp bread, and several cinnamon rolls, etc. We had most of the rolls eaten before we got out of the state! HA! Mighty tasty stuff. She gave one loaf of the Apple Crisp bread, to our neighbor, for feeding the fish while we were gone. She toasted and buttered some of the other loaf, for breakfast this AM.

Then we came into Wisconsin. Much greenery, many dairy farms, lots more scenery, trees. Wisconsin is nice, but not so much nicer than other places, to warrant the attitude of most of the residents. I do hope they learn better soon. (one dealer refused to sell a motorcycle to a friend of mine, because he "was from Illinois")! What a pitiful attitude.

Then Illinois! Nearly home at last, 2,689 miles since we left. (this is no record for us, we usually have half again that many miles on, when we return from out West). Of course we had shortened this trip, because we had agreed to assist with a local Christian biker group, in a fund raising event. It looks like it is going to be a mighty good event. Food, music, rides, good lemonade by yours truly, etc.

Marsha counted 8 states that we visited or drove through. Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. She is already making plans for next years trip! She wants to go a week earlier, and take her boat, stopping at Chamberlin, S. D., for a few days first, then again after Sturgis. It sounds intriguing, I will admit. Knowing Marsha, I bet it will happen!

73 Paul K9PEP <peplastars@rockford.com>

DECISIONS – DECISIONS

Decisions are with us each day of our lives. Either we unknowingly opt for one side of some discussion or we express ourselves and everyone knows. And with that thought we begin.

After lots of thought I have decided that writers are people who open themselves up to the people that they are writing to. Opened up and critiqued. Not that it happens around here but in general a writer should be aware of what might happen when someone reads his work.

Like tossing the stone in a calm lake, ripples abound and softer the further out yet there is a movement in the waters. There is some verse in Romans in regard to life. Something about hating your own life will gain eternal life or loving your life will in the end cause death of it. (Lindstrom version) Course you know me to well to relate that only to life.

I look at riding motorcycle in the same way. Riding is serious and sometimes downright scary but the benefits are tremendous!

From friends like the MARC group to rallies around the country to the smells that come from the landscapes and farms. Its all there for all of us!

We in this great group love to tease each other via the e-mail. From Yellow jokes to the murmurs of what is Ray doing with soo many gas tanks to the community services you all do down there.

Then every so often there is the seriousness of life and the grieving or prayer for the individuals. And all these things written via e-mail not only effects us but the little circles around each of us.

Kind of Amazing don't you think? The tentacles of this group reaching out in many ways. Power of the word and taking on the voices of each as we read and express what's happening in our lives.

Where would the e-mail be without Ray riding around the nation, eh? And his story.. wether he likes it or not is told by me

around campfires and different rallies.... to the laughs and smiles of most.. especially the replacement of Bonnie with a gas tank!

Or picking on DeWitt and his yellow cycle. sigh.. yes I know, DeWitt the answer is still NO for riding your bike.

Well I finally passed the 111,111 miles on my BMW. I had taken a trip to the Wisconsin Dells to the BMW rally there the weekend after Labor Day. Enjoyed the time with all the BMWs around. Sure is nice to see. Brand X was there in numbers too. Course I was checking the odometers on the K bikes, Mine looked to have the top mileage. But then maybe there was replacement speedos too.

We had the usual oldest and youngest riders. 83 year old came shuffling to the front pushing his walker.. I figured either he had a trailer or somebody drove a car. He turned down the mug and they gave it to some young fellow, 71 I believe... Youngest rider, 15 year old girl from Arizona.

One more Rally to do I hope. Potosi, MO on the 11th of October... This only means the stories of MARC will continue to ripple in the minds of riders as we reflect in the campfires on another season of riding. Or is it seasoned riders?

Tim Lindstrom AB0TS <ab0tstim@juno.com>

HOLIDAY TOYS FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS of course 8-)

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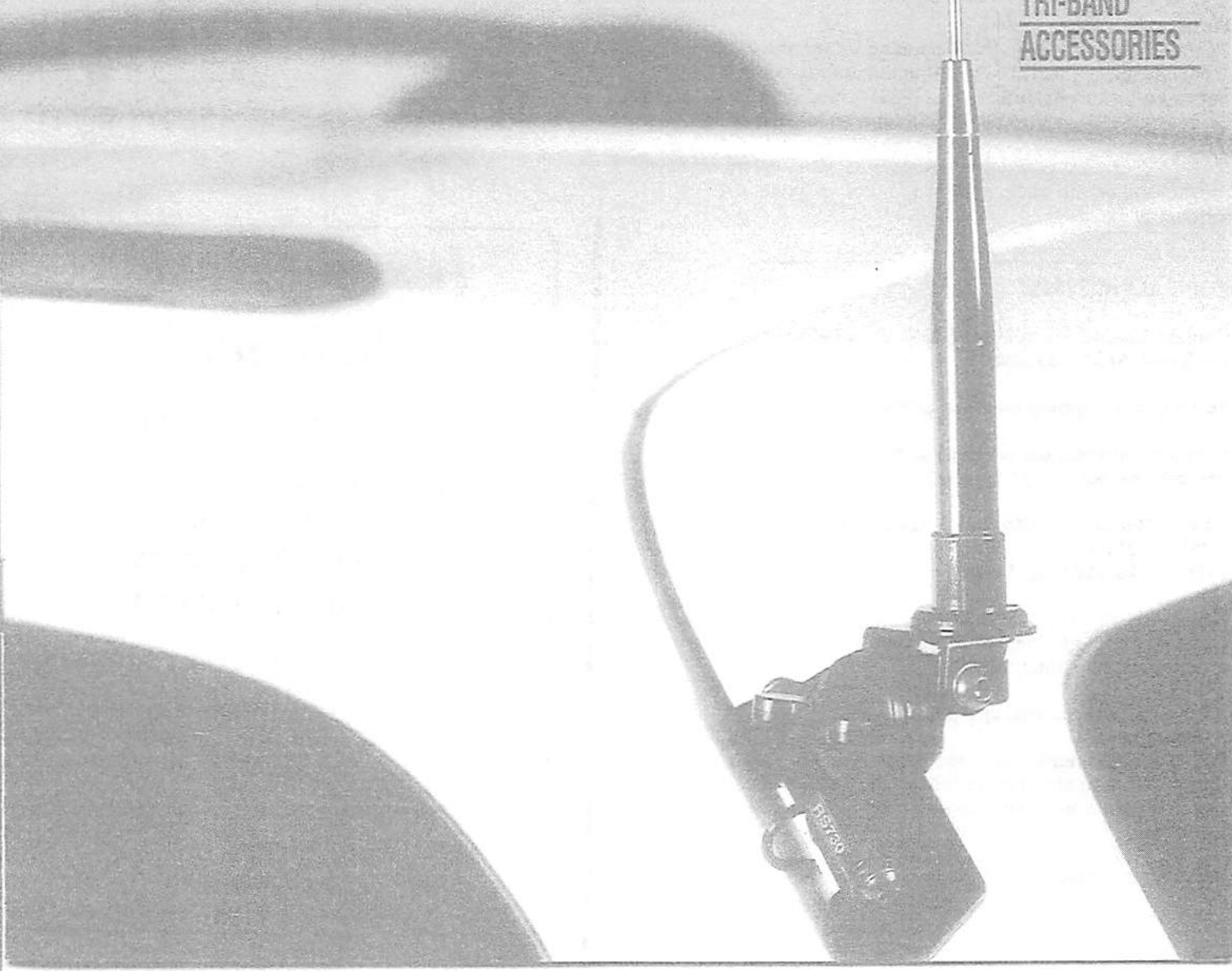
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