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**FEBRUARY 2004**

# **From The President's Desk::**

Welcome to February. Our riding weather here in Southern California has been quite good, so far, this winter. There have been few days that I couldn't ride to work. Here's wishing that it soon improves, so that all our members will be able to get out and do the things that they love to do in the great outdoors. Remember that some of our MARC events will be upon us soon and we will need as many of you as we can get to help with these charity events.

I hate to say it but Mijo's new Kenwood 742 is still in the box. I did install a CTCSS chip so she could operate on MARC simplex and not have to listen to packet racket and others in the area who don't operate with the MARC PL of 100 turned on. BUT, there is one big HOWEVER. That is, I haven't installed the radio in her Honda yet. For Mijo, Santa came a few days late. It was about two or three weeks after Christmas that her package arrived. She got a new 2004 Honda Accord coupe. When it came to mounting the radio antenna, she has adamantly stated "no holes", "no more magnets" and none of those clipie things that go on the edge of the trunk and damage the paint. That doesn't leave many options, as the bumpers are a rubbery plastic so I can't clip on to them. The glass is "passivated", that is to say it comes from the factory with a metal UV coating on it so the stick on, through the glass antennas, won't work. Now, my antenna options are very limited. I will keep thinking about it and I hope to come up with something that will work and keep her happy. After all it is HER CAR!

Are you ready for the February MARC meeting? As it is on the 14th, St Valentine's day, I have put the word out that it is OK, to bring your MARC sweetie (or sweeties) a card. You can buy a cute card, print it on a computer or just draw one yourself. It doesn't really matter, just let him or her know that you are thinking of them.

Now to another subject that is near and dear. Last month, I decided that I

would send a care/gift/goodie box to some of our military who are serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. I made a proposal to the MARC board that I let the rest of our MARC group know of my intent, and ask if anyone else wanted to send something. They approved 100%. I have received addresses from one of our members whose entire unit is deployed in Iraq and another from a member who has a son in Afghanistan. At the February meeting I will be collecting items from you to send over there. (If you are not able to make the So. Cal. meeting and still want to send something contact me and I will give you the addresses that I have.) I found through my own experience that if you send something to "any serviceman" it never seems to get to those who really need it. What do they need/want, you ask? OK, I will give you a short list of things that they have asked for. Tooth-paste, tooth brushes, microwave popcorn, sun-tan lotion, bug spray/repellent, hand lotion, wet wipes (a lot are needed) AA, AAA, and C batteries, candy, small cans of food, band-aids, books and other reading materials (news type magazines), small first aid items, cookies, writing paper and envelopes, pens, face cloth towels, Tabasco sauce (makes the MREs fit to eat), hand/bath soap, instant coffee with packets of creamer and sugar, pre sweetened Kool Aid, disposable hand warmers, gum, shower shoes/things, and feminine hygiene products. Then most of all, include a word of encouragement from you. It doesn't matter whether or not you agree with the politics of the time, these are our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters who are over there far from home. They have willingly gone over there in an attempt to make the world a better and safer place for all of us. And I, for one, intend to send them a thank you note. A friend of Charles, KF6TXI, has sent us a note saying that anything would be greatly appreciated, that the Post Exchange there is very small and poorly stocked. (My experience is that it is often mobile in the

back of a truck and when it got to me it was usually empty.) Then there is the best possible thing that you could send. A note of thanks for the job that they are doing and encouragement to tough it out until rotation time. Hang in there, smile and let the warmth of the sun find your heart.

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## **"MARC" CALENDAR 2004**

Feb. 14 - "MARC" Breakfast Meeting  
 Mar. 13 - "MARC" Breakfast Meeting  
 April 10- "MARC" Breakfast Meeting  
 April 24,25- Abused Kids Ride???  
 May 8 - "MARC" 12th Anniversary  
 May 15 - SoCal Tour de Cure  
 June 12- "MARC" Breakfast Meeting  
 June 13- Bad Ride  
 July- No Meeting  
 Aug. 14- "MARC" Breakfast Meeting  
 Sept. 11- "MARC" Breakfast Meeting  
 Oct. 2, 3- MS 150 ??  
 Oct. 9- "MARC" Breakfast Meeting ??  
 Nov. 13- "MARC" Breakfast Meeting  
 Nov. 14- Love Ride  
 Dec. 11- Annual Christmas Party

## **MARC" NEWSLETTER**

### **ARTICLE DEADLINE:::**

**DUE:**  
 February 4, 04 FOR February  
 March 3, 04 FOR March  
 March 31 st FOR April  
 April 28th FOR May  
 June 2nd FOR June/July  
 No July News Letter  
 August 4 th FOR Aug/Sept  
 September 29th FOR October  
 November 3 rd FOR November  
 December 1st FOR December

At My Age: "Getting lucky is finding my car in the parking lot." (anon)

## THIS AND THAT

Well, Anita and I, and the dogs just came back from a little 5th wheel journey to the Arizona desert. We went to Quartzite, AZ for the Grandparent of all swap meets. I mean this thing is scattered all over the town of Quartzite. I mean this is a swap meet that makes Billy Hall, N6EDY, quiver, and slather at the mouth. Well, lets face it, he does that anyway.

This is primarily a rock and gem show, and also a HUGE RV show. Traffic is done at a snail's pace, and parking a Ford F-350 is an impossible dream. I certainly did miss riding up on the YELLOW 1800 and sliding in between two cars or "anywhere." The good part is Anita and I did a lot of walking. Oh no..... not just at the shows, we took our two puppy Australian Shepherds with us. We found out that every drop of water, and bite of food has to come out. Luckily there was a golf course nearby for them to walk on.

Now this is a golf course to end all golf courses. Someone started out with a hand lettered sign reading, "1- 75 yds," and so forth. It appears that the guy teed up, hit the ball, and that was the first hole. It is played with one 5-6 iron club. The hole is a "hole" in the ground. The dogs loved it, they could run unleashed for as long and as hard as they wanted.

If you are passing anywhere near Quartzite, AZ, during the months of January and February, DO take the opportunity to at least look.

*I just had to end with this little funny.....*

Signs warning of closed roadways are frequently ignored in rural Minnesota, so highway workers barely took notice when a guy on a BMW motorcycle drove past their sign and over the hill to the trench they had dug in the middle of the road.

The workers explained the detour route to town, and he went on his way.

They were surprised, however, to see the same guy, on the same BMW motorcycle, coming toward them from town a couple of hours later. "Oh," he said distractedly as he again pulled up next to the trench crew. "Is it closed in this direction, too?"

Ride safely, SPRING is coming soon.

De Witt Morgan KM6UK <dewitt@cox.net>

## BAD RIDE UPDATE

This years B A D Ride will be June 13th, the second Sunday in June. Plan on saving that particular date so you will be available to participate in this fun event.

As you probably know -- We have not had enough "Ham" Motorcycle units to provide an operator at the front and also at the rear of the all the convoys being escorted from the various "Start Sites." Too many "Convoys" and not enough "Hams." Consequently, we have recruited motorcycle riders with a "good" CB radio to fill that "tail end" position and "team up" with a "Ham" who also has a CB radio. While this is not as satisfactory as having two "Hams" for both front and rear -- It does allow us to have some communications from front to rear -- As well as the necessary "Ham" contact with "Net Control" back at the Campgrounds.

I will soon be recruiting and establishing a "list" of CB equipped Motorcyclists to be a potential "pool" of riders to fill some of those rear communication positions. If you are aware of anyone that you feel would be a good candidate -- talk to them and see if they would be interested.. If so, provide me with their name, address, email, and phone number. The CB's mounted on the Goldwings have proven to be the best "candidates" so far. We could even use someone on a "one time basis" that is a "Ham" that rides motorcycle -- Even though they aren't a MARC member.

It would be nice if we could provide enough "Hams" to fill the

commitment from within our "own" organization -- then -- We'll just have to "make do" with what we've got. The BAD Ride just keeps expanding and adding more "Start Sites" each year.

**NEW SUBJECT** -- Although the Orange County BAD Ride Planning Committee originated the BAD Ride -- It soon encompassed the entire Southland -- And there are now monthly Committees meeting in the Los Angeles area, and the Inland Empire area. Bill Douglas KE6UUE & John Beckwith N6JCB are covering those meetings.

This year we started having a MARC member attend those outlying Committee meetings to keep them informed as to what MARC can do to assist them. ADA is now also attempting to get the San Diego Area Committee meetings "up and running" -- They will meet on the 3rd Wednesdays in the San Marcos area. I am looking for a MARC member who would like to join the MARC team as an Assistant Coordinator for the purpose of attending those committee meetings. Let me know if you might be interested.

Billy ... N6EDY Billyn6edy@aol.com  
B.A.D. Ride Coordinator

## 9-1-1 calls

I was just reading an article about CPR. It is obvious that calling 9-1-1 is a VERY IMPORTANT thing to do. However if you have a choice of using a CELL PHONE, or a REGULAR phone, USE THE REGULAR PHONE, it, and the system know where you are. The cell phone does not. When you use the regular phone there is (in most areas) an enhanced system that you are calling into.

Generally this is a police, sheriff or highway patrol office. Waste no time, immediately ask for the paramedics, and you will be transferred to generally the Fire Dept. Even if you cannot speak, someone will check on you. The information that flashes on the 9-1-1 screen gives your name, street address, cross streets, and your telephone number. If the operator seems to be asking a lot of questions, try to be patient.

They are verifying that the information is the same. I was such an operator, and I have been given their OLD address, their parents address, most anything. Don't be concerned that they are taking too much time to question you, UNLESS you are the CPR giver. In that case, shout that "CPR " is in progress." You don't have to do anything else. The equipment is already en-route. DO NOT HANG UP until the operator tells you that you can do so they may need additional information, or to just calm you down.

Please don't SHOUT, it just delays things by distorting information. The operator may need more information, or give you information on RESCUE BREATHING, or CPR.

If you must use your cell phone, give very specific information as to where the emergency is located.

**REMEMBER, 9-1-1 IS FOR EMERGENCY ONLY...**

This is one message you may want to forward along for information to others.

Regards,  
De Witt KM6UK <dewitt@cox.net>

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**Wheels Through Time All-American Transportation Museum.**  
Looks like a very interesting place to visit!  
Here are just a few bikes on display there.  
1910 Pierce four-cylinder. An original 1915 Indian, one of the oldest motorcycles in the display.  
Even a Harley motorcycle cart once owned by Steve McQueen!  
Check them out at: [www.wheelsthroughtime.com](http://www.wheelsthroughtime.com)  
They are located at: U.S Highway 19 in Maggie Valley, No. Carolina (828) 926-6268

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73! Bob KD6YBT

## CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST



About the 2nd of January a white 2004 1800 GW with ABS came into Huntington Honda. I had been going to LA Sports Cycle and been bargaining with them and also back East while in Oviedo for Christmas and with Milpitas Honda up in the bay area. After all that I went to Roger on Monday Jan. 5th and we dickered 3 days until the afternoon of Jan. 7th. That afternoon we came to an agreement with Roger. There were about 15 items that we wanted put on the bike as soon as they got all the accessories in and that was part of the deal. Zero, notta, none of it was for a chrome piece.

Here is what has been added to the new pure white (here after, referred to as Casper, thanks to Howard, KG6SHL) 1800 GW. CB & CB antenna, Bushtec Deluxe Trailer Hitch with mud flap, Power Park center stand, 1/2" tubular trunk rack, spoiler and back off lights, Bushtec 7" front fender extension, guard panel for the radiator recovery tank, Honda driving lights but with the PIAA 110 watts bulbs in them, Utopia quick out back rest bracket (used the same backrest itself off the 96), rear view mirror turn signal diodes from Big Bike Parts and the MBL handlebar risers that shift the handlebars back 3/4' at the same time they are raised 1 1/2 inches at the grips and the grips are brought back toward the body at the same time.

The good and the bad of some of the aforementioned items. (1) I really like the Honda driving lights with the PIAA bulbs in them. The bulbs aren't cheap, but you can definitely tell they are doing the job when you turn them on at night. (2) The Bushtec Deluxe Trailer Hitch & mud flap assembly are the best thing on the market, bar none. It is superbly built and all the weight on the trailer hitch comes off the main frame member up under the seat, via a long flat strap of steel. It took a long time to install and at \$399 a pop, it ain't cheap, but I can mount my big 23X16X13 inch aluminum box on that hitch and not have to worry about it ever coming loose. Reliability is everything. Another thing, I am having Mike H build me an adapter for the vertical Bushtec hitch that will still allow me to mount my big aluminum box on the bike the same way it did on the 96-1500. (3) The MBL risers are coming off when I can get to them. To me they are to close in to the body and you lose all the sport bike handling qualities that the 1800's have. At highway speeds of course they are very comfortable, because you can make full use of the Utopia Backrest and slouch down while riding. Something you can't do with the stock 1800 handlebars. At least I can't. (4) The Power Park center stand has a little glitch to it that I can fix with my acetylene torch to heat it up and bend it up and in ever so slightly. The way it is now I can not tell when the legs are down and even so I can hit the reverse and back up on it. Then when you do get up on it, the bike will lurch to the right when you take the bike out of reverse. Not a good thing. While doing this article I called C.J. Industries (Power Park) in Seville, Ohio and talked to Charlie the owner about my problems with the Power Park. He said don't do anything with it and he would send me another one and he would include some cash to cover the shipping of the other one back to them. Good service from Power Park. He also explained to me how to use my new Pit Bull Motorcycle Lift and change the Power Park my self so it wouldn't cost me anymore labor. That I can handle.

Casper also, as of yesterday Feb 4th, now has a 4.95 gallon auxiliary gas tank in the right side saddlebag. It isn't hooked up yet, but it is done and in place. The tank is made by Jesus at Unique Metal Fabrications, Inc. in Riverside CA, (909-687-4079), just in case anyone is interested.

Before taking the Pearl White 96 1500 GW up to Huntington Honda to have it put on the lot on consignment, I stripped everything off it, and I mean everything. I took out the auxiliary gas tank and pump, the Markland trailer hitch, front lower driving lights, Progressive dual rear air shocks, Utopia back rest, air horns &

compressor and the electrical buss bar. Everything was sold except for the trailer hitch which I traded to JBJ of a set of 1800 saddle bag covers and the Utopia back is used on Casper. I was able to recover about a \$1000 just on the accessories from the 96. Of course we didn't sell the Ham radio, GPS, Valentine One radar detector or the Nokia cell phone equipment. It will all work on Casper.

After stripping all the accessories off the 96 we took it up to Huntington Honda to be put on the lot and it was only there for 4 days before it was sold. That was a very good thing, because we used about half of that money for the accessories and labor to put all the new stuff on Casper. As of this date, I have not started on the installation of the auxiliary tank hoses and electrical hook up, the Ham radio equipment, the GPS or the Valentine radar detector. That will take some time and I want to get it right the first time around. I have been waiting to start after every last piece of other stuff is mounted. Enough about Casper.

I want to remind everyone that this will be the last MARC Newsletter you will be receiving if you have not paid your 2004 dues. You can tell by looking at your January and February MARC Newsletters, they will have red wording on the address labels if your dues have not yet been paid. If you think there has been an error in our bookkeeping, don't hesitate to call or send an email asking for verification.

Again, don't forget our informal Saturday morning get to gathers at Huntington Honda on the Saturdays when we are not having a MARC Meeting.

Last but not least, the first 2 weeks of my New Years Resolution went very well, I lost 9 or 10 pounds, now 3 weeks after that I have only lost 3 more pounds. Of course I don't have the incentive that I had 3 years ago. We are not having a Mitchell SD High School, class of 51 high school reunion this year. So I tend not to be as conscientious as I should be, but I am eating healthy and losing much slower. We'll see where that goes.

Hey, the really good news is that the days are once again getting longer, a sure sign that spring and summer are fast approaching, so I better get busy and get Casper ready to roll. My goodness, I love that power and handling of Casper, it is so sweet. Oh, and by the way, the saddle bag covers are over at Miracle Design where Phil Whetstone is doing the MARC Logos. \*\*\*

May the skies be clear, warm & sunny and the wind forever at your back. Safe rides one and all.

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From your MS 150 coordinator:::

The first MS meeting will be February 11, 2004 - hopefully I will have the date of the event from this meeting- there have been a lot of changes at the MS office with some new faces.

Until further news comes out we will see you at the February meeting.

John Edwards KC6Z0Z

### EDITOR'S NOTE:::

Regarding all the equipment on Casper, and the cost after the logos are done the man still doesn't have a new helmet. Now if I were Casper I wouldn't go unless Mr. Ray had a new helmet on!!!!!!



# HF Mobile on a motorcycle

Les Cobb, W6TEE

I just got an interesting message from Tim Lindstrom, ABØTS, about his motorcycle mobile: "First radio set up was an HT with a one of those 2 Meter antennas with the mag mount looking like a Hershey's Kiss. Worked great when I could hear people on 2 Meters. Two years ago I installed the Icom 706 on my 85 BMW K-bike. Didn't have a top case so I purchased a plastic tool box from the local lumber yard and started mounting it and running the separation cable up to the handlebar/fairing area. The antenna was a Hamstick system. I opted for 20 Meters and bolted the mount to a sheet of tin which was under the tool box on the back rack. Worked great! Nothing like breaking into a HF net and calling out 'Motorcycle Mobile.' Silence for a microsecond then a burst of chatter from, 'You're joking, right?' to 'Never talked to a motorcycle before!' Needless to say it's my 15 seconds of fame."

Tim continues, "This past year after rethinking my antenna, I purchased a DK-3 screwdriver and mounted that to the bike. Did some reworking on where to install the front of the Icom as I purchased a newer BMW. This one is a '91 with topbox and high output alternator among other add-ons. The previous owner rode the bike in long distance endurance rides. The alternator was for the added highway lights. I looked at this red Beemer as a great platform for my radio station. Now I can work 10 thru 40 Meters with ease! And the precise antenna sure helps the lack of a



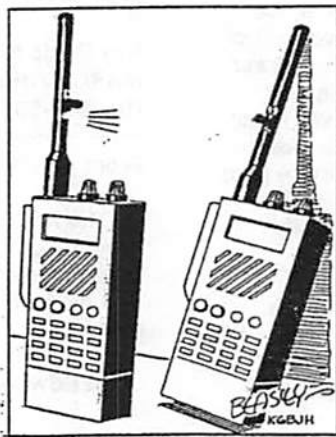
State trooper's BMW (left) and Tim Lindstrom's K-bike with antenna mounted on the back (right)

good ground or counterpoise! It's also amazing to me to have some person rolling their window down in their cage (suv, car, truck) and asking me, 'What is that antenna for?' I try to give a quick answer from within my full face helmet and knowing the traffic light is about to change...Speaking of the helmet, I have a Heil mic inside the fullface and a plastic speaker mounted in the foam of the

helmet under the liner. Instead of a PTT, I opened the back of the Icom 706's mic and attached a RCA female plug. The mic is velcroed to the mounting plate and I simply plug in my wire and I am ready to ride and work the system."

Tim concludes, "I know of a few people who run HF on their motorcycles. Not many; a new frontier maybe. This past year I was able to ride most of the Western states. Not only long distance rides but I also did a thousand miles in 24 hours. Usually it's lots less on the hours side. However, the radio and all the ham friends sure helps when running at 2:30 a.m. across the vast deserts of this nation! Over 20,000 miles with the radio and antenna attached this year."

Tim mentioned that he writes for the Motorcycling Amateur Radio Club which has public service activities and a web page at <http://www.marc-hq.org/>.



NEXT TIME AROUND, I HOPE I GET TO COME BACK AS A 1600 FOOT TOWER!

Most popular monogram initial is "M"  
The least used is "X".



Where did we get the phrase "Naked Truth?"

From an old Fable- two goddesses, Truth and Falsehood went swimming - Falsehood got out of the water first and put on Truth's clothes. Truth chose not to wear Falsehood's clothes - so went home naked...



## Mom's Ten Commandments For A Happy Household

1. If you take it out, put it away.
2. If you eat on it, wash it.
3. If you turn it on, turn it off.
4. If you mess it up, clean it up.
5. If you drop it, pick it up.
6. If it rings, answer it.
7. If it barks, walk it.
8. If you open it, close it.
9. If I cook it, eat it.
10. If I say do it, don't ask why.



## IT'S BEEN A GOOD YEAR 2003

Except that I will start in October of 2002. The last time I wrote to the list of any length was just before I left for the Vetter Fairing Co. (Windjammer) 30 year reunion in Ohio.

On the Ohio trip I covered 6,500 miles in two weeks, and met people I haven't seen for 25 years....**BOY, WAS THERE A LOT OF OLD PEOPLE THERE!** A lot of lies were told. Only one other person rode their motorcycle to the reunion (Charley Pareathian of Parabellum Fairings in Georgia). Our daughter Sally, Grandbaby (17 years old), and her husband drove up from Tennessee to attend the reunion. Even in October I was able to avoid rain by watching the weather channel first thing in the morning, and adjusting my route accordingly. It was a great trip traveling mostly on secondary roads.

This year started off fairly lousily, no job, no prospects. I resorted to driving a school bus, and working at a dairy farm, designing stuff, welding, and electrical work. Just as it was time to take my final driving test, I got a call from an old friend asking if I would consider taking a job as engineering manager for The Spice Hunter.... Hmmm would I like to keep slogging in cow dung ,or work at a nice clean spice company? I chose The Spice Hunter. The new job involves, keeping the production machines running, designing new procedures and equipment. My janitorial crew keeps the plant spotless from floor to ceiling. I have five people working for me to accomplish this goal. The Spice hunter is a great place to work, with great people.

The job started March 31, I lived at my friend Zak's place while looking for a house. The old Pacific coast got a lot of running time, riding back and forth from San Luis Obispo, to Marshall (Bay Area 600 miles round trip) to visit my wife. It took 7 ½ months to find a house. The new house is very nice, three bedrooms two full baths on one acre, on the out skirts of Paso Robles. I am planning on putting up a forty foot tower on the spot where a satellite dish was installed.

I joined up with a motorcycle club here in San Luis Obispo called Coast Riders, a nice bunch. My wife Pam and I have gone on several rides with them. Generally they take 200 to 300 mile day rides mostly on winding back roads. Zak and I have been trying to get them on some dirt roads but they are resisting.

The old Honda Pacific Coast is still running great, it now has 146,000 miles on the clock. In 2003 I ran 29,976 miles, using up 8 tires. Very little in the way of maintenance other than oil changes, and of course tires. I am still running the tires in reverse rotation, every thing about this setup is better, longer tire wear and no cupping from hard cornering. At this time I am using rear tires at the rate of one every two months, worn past the tread. The roads down here are brutal on tires, having a lot of traction, they let you go faster through the turns, just eating tires as they go.

If anyone is coming through the central coast area, give us a call we have an extra room, good conversation, and a good meal. Of course motorcycle stories to share and listen to.

Henry Tate KE6ORF <htate@spicehunter.com>  
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### From the EASTCOAST MARC:

#### "Honda very unfriendly to Ham Radio Operators"

Before you buy your next car, be aware that Honda forbids the installation of Ham Radios in their cars. If you do so, you will void the warranty.

For more info, contact me by e-mail <john@allocca.com>

John Allocca, Sc.D., Ph.D WB2LUA  
Medical Research Scientist.

## EASTCOAST MARC

ECMARC just had the annual general meeting and the following is the new slate of officers:-  
Appointments for 2004

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| President:         | Paul Itchenko KF2XK                   |
| Vice President:    | Curt Seaton W1FSM                     |
| Treasurer:         | Mike McGrath KC2TD                    |
| Secretary:         | Bill Blackwood KE1JD                  |
| WebMaster:         | John Allocca WB2LUA/Paul Gruhn KB1GWO |
| Newsletter Editor: | Bill Blackwood KE1JD                  |

I will forward you information as we get rolling again. Mike our new treasurer is collecting dues at this time and will forward all to you by February.

Hope you guys are all doing well.

Look also at our updated web site. John has taken this over and is doing a great job of putting this together.

Any comments will be most appreciated. If we have omitted any links please let us know.

We are all looking forward to a better riding year here in the North East than what we had last year.

Please pass on our kindest greetings and our best wishes to you and yours and the rest of the MARC group for the New Year. Happy riding.

Paul B Itchenko KF2XK <Kf2xk@arri.net>  
President East Coast MARC 2000-02, 04  
MSF Instructor for CT

### THE NORTHEAST TEMPERATURE CONVERSION CHART

60° F: Southern Californians shiver uncontrollably.  
People in the Northeast sunbathe.  
50° F: New Yorkers try to turn on the heat.  
People in the New England plant gardens.  
40° F: Italian & English cars won't start.  
People in the Northeast drive with the windows down.  
32° F: Distilled water freezes.  
Maine's Moose Head Lake's water gets thicker.  
20° F: Floridians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats.  
People in the Northeast throw on a flannel shirt.  
15° F: New York landlords finally turn up the heat.  
People in the Northeast have the last cookout before it gets cold.  
0° F: All the people in Miami die.  
The Northeasterners close the windows.  
10° below zero: Californians fly away to Mexico.  
The Girl Scouts in the Northeast are selling cookies door to door.  
25° below zero: Hollywood disintegrates.  
People in the Northeast get out their winter coats.  
40° below zero: Washington DC runs out of hot air.  
People in the Northeast let the dogs sleep indoors.  
100° below zero: Santa Claus abandons the North Pole.  
The Northeasterners get frustrated because they can't ride their motorcycles on Sunday except for BMWs.  
460° below zero: All atomic motion stops (absolute zero on the Kelvin scale).  
People in New England start saying, "cold 'nuff for ya?"  
500° below zero: Hell freezes over.  
The Red Sox win the World Series.  
The Giants win the Super Bowl

Thought you might find this interesting while you're enjoying all the SUN in So. Cal.

Mike Mc Grath <kc2td@arri.net>

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY  
MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB  
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**NET DRAWING:**

1/7- W6DRC Dave \$5 + 15 tickets (N/A), 1/14- KG6SHL Howard \$5 (N/A), 1/21- AC3X George \$5 + 5 tickets (N/A), 1/28 KF6NMK Shady \$5 + 10 tickets (N/A) (No winners in January) :(:(s

**50/50 Drawing:**

Baby New Year sure was nice to some with Alvin KD6UZM winning one pot of \$42 while Mike N6QZT won the other two giving him \$84

**Door Prize donators/winners:**

\$40 Gift certificate from Huntington Honda— Alvin KD6UZM  
Maldol AS-30 antenna donated by Comet — Hugh KB6IEM

**MARC donations:**

Tek Torches V2 Triplex- ShEron KC6ZSH  
Desktop Water dispenser- Robbie KG6JRT  
50 slim-style jewel cases - Kay Johnson  
Micro-vacuum — Dylan Whitehead(Alvin's grandson)  
Office on the go— De Witt KM6UK  
Pocket FM Radio- Dylan Whitehead

**Donated by Ray and Bonnie:**

Communications Center/pocket magnifier- De Witt KM6UK  
Tire pressure valve caps - Billy N6EDY  
Helmet protector- Mike N6QZT

**Donated by Mel & Kay:**

Valentine chocolates -??  
Cherokee watch , purse,- Holly  
Skier Cookie jar, soft serve ice cream maker,Fruit slices- Cody  
Valentine cup,,, hair goodies, Chenille throw- Heidi  
Valentine cup, hair rubber bands- Mike N6QZT  
Pot pourrie, Farm animal plaque- John W5JFR  
Cranberry/Raspberry oil—Mijo KF6BEB (Gray ticket winner)  
Ladies back pack- Hugh KB6IEM  
Fleece throw - Billy N6EDY

**Donated by Mijo & John:**

Emergency Hammer - Kay Johnson  
Lovely Avocados — Kay Johnson

**Donated by Audrey & Billy:**

Bottle of wine & Eveready Flashlite- Kay Johnson

**Donated by Hiroko & Wayne:**

Ferrero Rocher Candy—Kay Johnson

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

From the BA- Marc area welcome

1/14/04- Jamie Christenson N3EOP of Sunnyvale, CA

1/15- George Black KD7CHD of Nampa, ID

1/29- Harry Ober WB6CGZ, Rose Ober KE6JNA & Jeffrey Ober KE6JMD of Ash Fork, AZ

Remember new members we are here for each of you if you ever need information, assistance, technical help - WE CARE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS, you are family to us....

**NEWSLETTERS:**

Well no tech article but we did get a Magazine article — I know some of you out there have different installations on different radios and other kinds of tech stuff— so let me have a few so we can maybe help others in some way or another.

Many thanks for this months articles it is greatly appreciated.....

**Dues are due:**

Be sure to check your mailing label, if it is in red your membership is up for renewal.....unless they cross in the mail. If you aren't going to renew it would help me if you just let me know by e-mail or snail mail— one of our members did and I definitely appreciated it even though they left us.

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

**GOOD NEWS:** Tom N2QGT & Eleanor Guthrie of Parhump, NV informed me that the new Chemo they are using has reduced the cancer point s clear down to 165 form up in the thousands, so she can smile awhile.

As we have many members in the world who are suffering from cancer and other debilitating diseases. Just remember we are family and our LOVE and PRAYERS are with each and everyone of you. WE CARE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our love and prayers go out to the Military and their families during these trying times...

**E-MAIL CHECK-IN:::**

Hello All!

I will be sending out the first quarter 2004 e-mail check in shortly. Please respond back (in an effort to get 100% participation).

Well, the Super Bowl excitement is over for Houston. It was wild and crazy here for a week! I hope everyone enjoyed the GAME. Some of the rest left a tad to be desired, but what can you say! It was memorable to say the least. I'm disappointed that Houston had to be the host to the Sleaze Bowl, but the game was excellent. My team lost, but I DID win the pool at work! Now that was a redeeming factor!

As we approach Spring, I hope you all have some fantastic rides planned. I regret not having a bike to meander through the countryside looking at the sprays of bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brush, but I suppose I can "cage" my way! I missed it last year and do not intend on missing it THIS year.

Y'all take care and see you in May!  
Love to y'all!

73's from your quarterly check in person!

Sue KF6HZJ <counterqueenie@sbcglobal.net> Houston, TX  
Your MARC quarterly e-mail check-in Lady & Historian

**HUG SOMEONE:::**

You will need: Affection & tenderness

"There's something in a simple hug that always warms the heart; it welcomes us back home and makes it easier to part."

**SIMPLE STEPS:**

Give a hug- or a note of appreciation or any little something to let the people in your life know how much you care. It can be as simple as a note on a bed pillow or refrigerator door saying, "I Love You."

Get a Hug- The people special to you like to feel needed too. Before the day is out, ask for a great big hug. It will give you both a lift.

We have hundreds of ways to express feelings—through words and gestures large and small. All too often, however, we keep our feelings to ourselves and assume the people we care about know how much they mean to us. Very often, they don't. For those people, think how much joy a simple note or hug might bring.



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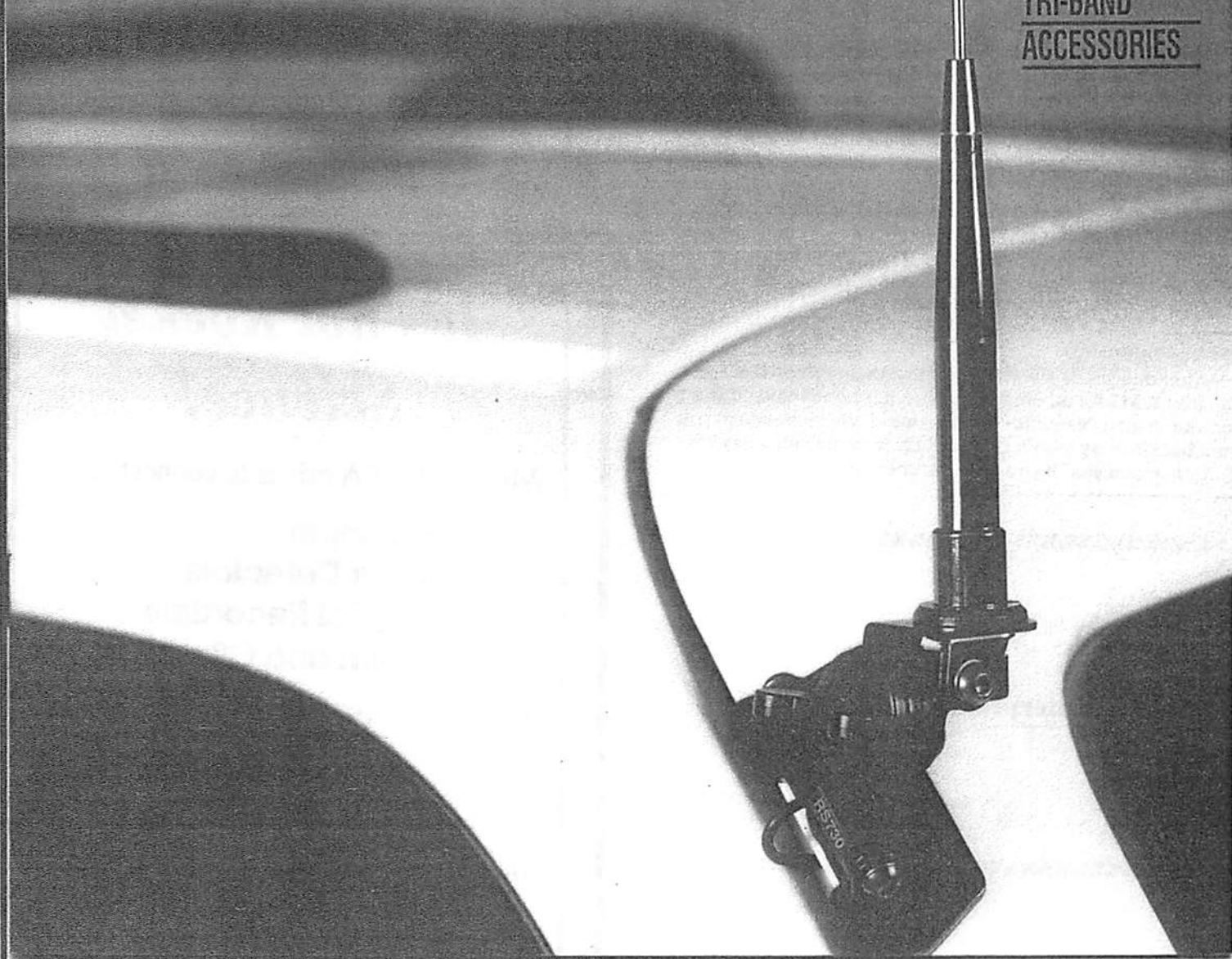
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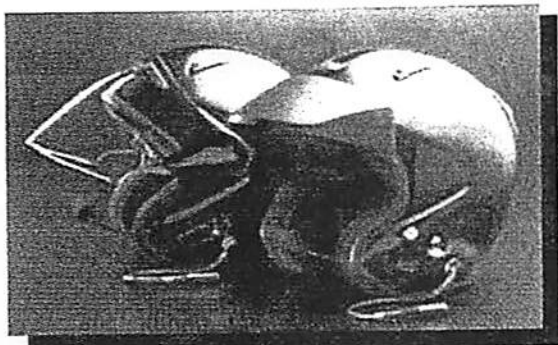




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14- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING LAKE VIEW CAFE (714-572-8521)  
14- HAPPY VALENTINES DAY (TREAT YOUR SWEETIE)  
16- PRESIDENT'S DAY  
"THIS IS LEAP YEAR"

**MAR** 3,10,17,24,31- "MARC" NET ON THE BARN SYSTEM 447.540 PL 100  
13- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING AT LAKE VIEW CAFE (714-572-8521)  
17- WEARIN' O' THE GREEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**APR** 1- ALL FOOLS DAY  
7,14,21,28- "MARC" NET ON THE BARN SYSTEM 447.540 PL 100  
10- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING AT LAKE VIEW CAFE (714-572-8521)  
11- EASTER SUNDAY

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**FEBRUARY 2004**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

FEBRUARY 14,2004 8 AM LAKE VIEW CAFE  
2099 E. ORANGETHORPE, PLACENTIA  
(ON CORNER OF LAKEVIEW & ORANGETHORPE)  
91 FWY/LAKEVIEW EXIT  
MARCH 13,2004 8 AM LAKE VIEW CAFE