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MARCH 2004

From The President's Desk::

Hello all. It seems that I spoke too soon about our nice winter weather here in Southern California. February is going out like the lion that March usually brings in. We shall have to wait and see if the lamb shows up at the end of the month. I hope that our friends and members in the Bay Area were able to stay high and dry. As I pen this article, they are really catching the worst of a winter storm. It was predicted to move on south, but it seems that they will get the worst of it up there. I will be waiting to hear how they made out. This is our wet season and when we get bad rains, they usually blame the El Nino effect. I wonder what they will blame this time?

Now, for another topic carried over from last month: The "We Care" boxes or "Gifts to The Troops" that I asked for help with. Many of our members were quite generous. I received piles of goodies to send overseas. I also solicited at my work, GE Engine Services, and received a few items from there. Then too, I received a large cash donation to be used for postage from the men and women of the Colorado River Repeater Assn. and the London Bridge Amateur Radio Assn. both from Lake Havasu City, AZ. Seems that several of their members were listening to our MARC net on Wednesday evening (on the BARN system) and they decided to do what they could to help with our effort. After our MARC meeting on Valentine's Day, Wayne, KB6UJW and Hiroko, KG6LFZ, took a Sunday/Monday motorcycle ride across the state to visit with Vern, N7HVK, and the group at Lake Havasu City. I am sure that the group there in Havasu made Wayne and Hiroko very welcome and the donation to our "We Care" effort was quite welcome. Thank you Wayne and Hiroko. As of this date I

have sent 139 pounds, 3 ounces of goods to our troops overseas and still have several boxes of items to pack and send.

I guess Ray, KD6FHN, has about finished adding to Casper. It has been a labor of love for him. I am sure he will be proud of the new motorcycle and he now will be able to help our members who have the new 1800CC Goldwings when they have problems with similar installations. I have the Compu-Fire alternator which he removed from his '96 white monster prior to selling it, but as you know, I am a procrastinator. It is still in the box in my garage. The stock alternator is still doing its job well and I thought I would wait till Ray has had a chance to finish Casper. Then I may be able to talk him into coming out to Rialto to observe and offer encouragement, as I change out the alternators on my green machine.

Our February MARC meeting was a blast. Most in attendance laughed till their sides hurt. Then at times, the meeting became quite emotional. I cannot promise the same fervor at our March meeting, but I shall try. Please come and join the fun on Saturday the 13th. (For you ex-Air Force people that's Friday the 13th a day late.)

How about a new hand held radio? One could be yours for just one dollar. At our March meeting, we will begin selling chances on a new Kenwood THD 7A with GPS operation. This will be given away as the grand prize at our next MARC anniversary meeting on 8 May, 2004.

Keep the faith, I promise that warmer/drier days are coming and that we all will have dry roads ahead for miles an

miles. That's a promise, just wait and see.

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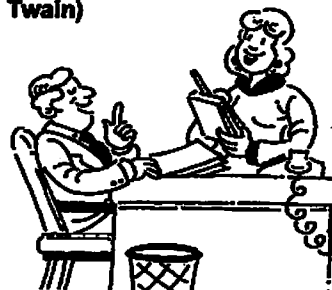
"MARC" CALENDAR 2004

Mar. 13 - "MARC" Breakfast Meeting
 April 10- "MARC" Breakfast Meeting
 April 24- 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:**

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

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up." (Mark Twain)



THIS AND THAT

I am going to write for a moment as the E-MAIL COORDINATOR,

First I would like to thank our List Administrator, Lewis Osborn, for the support and technical knowledge he applies to the list management. You have no idea how much mail he gets for changes of address, and list problems. Well done Lewis, and THANKS...

Next, right now the e-mail systems of the world are being swamped with attempts to get into your computer. I was just talking to a Cox Cable Tech Support member and he said, "yes we are being swamped, and they are getting smarter about it. My only response can be, **BE SURE YOU ARE PROTECTED**. Buy the best virus protection and firewall you can afford, and update them frequently. I update daily, and since I have an on line protection, sometimes it is updated 2 or more times in the same day. They ARE trying to stay ahead of these creeps.

Cut and paste any one, or use all three, of these three FREE virus checkers to scan your system. Remember it is FREE.

http://housecall.trendmicro.com/housecall/start_corp.asp
<http://www.ravantivirus.com/scan/indexscan.php>
<http://us.mcafee.com/root/mfs/default.asp?cid=9059>

I just couldn't end this without including this little funny.....

An RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) officer stopped to help a stranded rider standing beside a stalled motorcycle in the mountains. It was extremely cold, and the rider was heavily dressed in a helmet, baklava, and snowmobile suit. In a muffled voice, the rider told the Mountie that the carburetor was frozen.

A motorcyclist himself, the Mountie remembered an old trick for just such an occasion. "Try peeing on it," the Mountie said, "That should unfreeze it."

"Can't," replied the rider.

So the helpful Mountie took out his own equipment and liberally hosed down the carburetor, and the bike soon fired up.

A few days later, the local department received a thank you note from a father, grateful for the roadside assistance his young daughter had received from the RCMP.

Ride safely, SPRING is coming soon.

De Witt Morgan KM6UK <dewitt@cox.net>

WOULD YOU FIGHT FOR OLD GLORY?

These words are answered many times and in many ways and by every American who has put on a Marine, Army, Navy, Air force, or Coast Guard uniform. By every Fireman, Policeman, and other Law Enforcement Personnel that serve our country. It is answered by millions of Americans who Pledge their loyalty to our Flag and the Country for which it stands.

I ran across an amusing article the other day that answers that question in a slightly different manner.

Seems like back in 1969 — The fight for Old Glory took on a whole new meaning — When two women literally fought tooth and nail for the Flag.

During the height of the Vietnamese War — A ceremony was being conducted at the Arlington National Cemetery for a Marine

who had been killed — And he was being buried there with full military honors. Both the wife and the mother of the fallen Marine were seated at the ceremony. The salute and playing of taps was presented, and the rites were concluded with a second lieutenant presenting the one and only flag to the wife on behalf of a grateful nation. The mother quickly grabbed the one and only flag from the wife and ran across the cemetery toward the parked cars. The wife screamed and chased after the mother — Tackled her, grabbed the flag, and ran in the limousine and locked herself in. The mother was outside screaming and pounding on the doors. Both ladies were engaged in a prolonged shouting match.

The resourceful lieutenant quickly assessed the deteriorating situation and broke all rules of military procedure by running over to the flag pole — Lowering the flag — Folding it — And presenting it to the mother on behalf of our grateful nation.

Naturally, this incident quickly made it all the way up the chain of command. And consequently it is now a common practice today — For two flags and two purple hearts to be presented — When both Mother and Wife are present at a funeral.

I've spent my life fighting for "Old Glory" — And I love and respect anyone who has fought., died, or become disabled in the battle for it.

Would you fight for "Old Glory"? I'm proud of you — And I Salute" you.

Billy ... N6EDY Bilyyn6edy@aol.com
B.A.D. Ride Coordinator

FM paging security system

The all-new SR-i500 is a compact two-way FM paging system designed specifically for motorcycles. It features a hand-held LCD transceiver with remote and pager features and is capable of sending and receiving commands from up to 1/4-mile away from the motorcycle.

It incorporates a selectable audible vibrating alert and back lit LCD screen that displays alarm triggers and modes.

The SR-i500 offers optional factory-style connectors kits that plug into the factory wiring harness on many late-model Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Harley Davidson, American Iron Horse, Big Dog and Indian motorcycles.

Aritronix, 14435 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 500,
Scottsdale Arizona, 85254.
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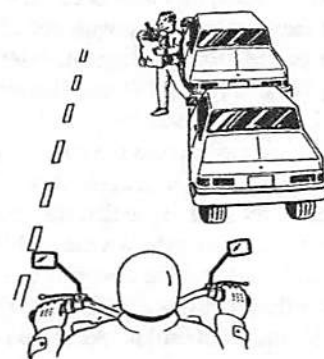
Looks interesting, check it out!

73,
Bob KD6YBT

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PEDESTRIANS



Motorcycling & Ham Radio

We MARC Members are definitely a unique group of people. I always like to refer to our MARC members as part of our own personal family, and that is exactly the way we feel. Anyone coming to our MARC Meetings would soon understand that concept and the love that is shared amongst our members. The fact that we do little as a group, other than our MARC Meetings and the many charity events we participate in, it doesn't appear to affect our continued success as a club. That success is never more apparent then looking at the amount of money we have helped raise over the years, now estimated to be over 22 million dollars over the past 13 years. We certainly are not the largest motorcycle club in the US, but I would bet that very few of those much larger clubs, could claim they have helped raise over 22 million dollars.

Thanks to John W5JFR, Mijo KF6BEB and all the other MARC Members who participated, MARC has once again distinguished itself as a loving, caring, generous organization willing to go that extra mile to give of themselves. I am referring to the amount of material that was collected at our February MARC meeting to be shipped overseas to our USA military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. John had brought his pickup to the meeting to carry the donations home in, and it was a good thing too. I think he said that there was over 300 Lbs. of stuff to ship. Plus there was a lot of cash collected to help with the shipping costs to get it to the East Coast where the military will get it to its final destination. Once again MARC Members stepped forward and gave it their all. I am just so proud and happy to be even a small part of this wonderful group of people. God Bless you all and thank you from the bottom of this old mans heart.

Motorcycling & Ham radio, you know there are not many in our MARC organization that put more miles a year on their motorcycles then I do. I do all but one charity event a year and I miss the one only because I am in Dayton OH for the HamVention each year where I can help promote MARC on the main floor of the convention center. Plus while gone for the summer there are a lot of miles put on my motorcycles. The ham radio is in almost constant use everyday while on the road. I use the 2 meter band a lot to listen to the NOAA weather reports (162.400/162.550) so I can keep updated on the weather ahead. Then too, the 2 meter band is the one with the least PL requirements to get into. I used to program the Kenwood TM742 with all the 2M/220/440 (200 memories per band) frequencies before leaving on a trip. That didn't work so well because of last minute changes in plans threw the whole trip off. Now the better way to do it is to write all the frequencies on the map itself and program them in as I go down the road and approach each town or city. That of course takes the use of a tank bag with a map holder that has been around for about 14 years. Now getting a bit raggedy too.

Once I can kerchunk the repeater, I know I can talk to some one. It almost never fails to get a response when I announce "KD6FHN, Motorcycle Mobile", it usually gets an immediate reply. The first questions asked are always, "what are you riding?", "what ham radio do you have on the motorcycle and how is it mounted?" Sometimes I think I should use a recording, as I get tired saying the same thing over and over as I travel. But, and this is a big "BUT", it comes in so handy to be able to talk to some one when coming into a large metropolitan area. They can give you directions and let you know about detours, road construction and the like information. Better yet they can call for help when there is an accident along the road. Of course the cell phone has replaced the request for help as you can use it to call 911 in case of an emergency, but ham radio is handy for general information. Even with the GPS now giving directions and the use of the old reliable AAA Maps, ham radio still has its place. Besides it is fun to talk to these people as you pass through their neck of the woods. Many times in the years that I have been traveling I have been invited to meet with a group who are hams and holding their breakfast meeting or other event as I make contact. Several times I have actually stopped and met these people and dined with them, and of course showed off the

motorcycle. It's fun, informative and always interesting. Oh yes, motorcycling and ham radio, the best of two worlds.

Talking about the Dayton HamVention this year. We have been asked by the owners of Comet Antennas to bring Casper (new white 2004 1800 GW) to the Dayton HamVention this year and put it on display in their booth with all the ham radio, cell phone, GPS, radar detector on it. That would be a real blessing to our club if the convention committee will us bring it into the main floor. It certainly would attract a lot of attention. We were going to do it in years past, but just never got around to asking if it could be done.

May will be a busy month for Casper, we will be attending the Alamo Run/WOTI (Wings On The Internet) BBQ in San Antonio the first weekend. The second weekend is the MARC Meeting, the third weekend is the Dayton HamVention. I will come home from Dayton and then I want to be in Oviedo FL on May 25th for my granddaughters high school graduation. From Oviedo we come back to do the BAD Ride charity event for the American Diabetes Assoc. I figure the month of May alone will put on about 13 to 15,000 miles on Casper. After that we will be heading out for the summer.

Have you ever had computer trouble? Well right now the PC is dead and this article is being typed on the HP Notebook. I guess I am warming it up for this summer. I was getting the PC ready to load Microsoft XP Professional on it and it started to cough and then just died. Went and bought another hard drive and am waiting for the computer guru, Chuck KG6NJP to come by and show me how to install it. Then add XP Pro to this HP Notebook too.

Talk about riding, the good news is that the days are getting longer, now March 3rd we have 11 hours and 33 minutes of daylight here in Orange Co. CA. It still has been cool for the last 2 weeks, if you want to call 60 degrees cool, I know, I know, stop whining. But the forecast for this weekend is for the high 70's and even low 80's. That will feel good for a change.

I have been out exercising Casper a little, even though Casper is 2 months old next week, it only has a little over 1,000 miles on it. Casper was apart on the floor of the garage for about 2 weeks while we were trying to get the audio for the GPS to work right and the volume control on the Valentine One Radar Detector to work like we wanted it to. Now that is all done and then it rained on and off for about the last 10 days, Casper has been resting for the heavy duty riding this summer.

Casper is not quite finished yet. However all that is left is to mount the adapter that changes the Bushtec vertical trailer hitch to a horizontal hitch, get the 3rd fuel tank that mounts on the passenger seat (the one from the 96-1500 GW won't work) finished and mounted, and that will be that. All the other stuff is done. The Power Park, cell phone, GPS, Valentine One radar detector, right side saddle bag auxiliary fuel tank and the Kenwood TM742A Tri band ham radio are all working perfectly. It's been a lot of work and a long struggle, but we are almost finished now. Casper is waiting patiently to get going. Oh, I almost forgot. The saddle bag covers were done with the MARC Logos on them, but I had told Phil Whetstone of Miracle Design that he didn't have to paint the inside of the covers because they are liners. Well the one orange and the other blue ones I got from a motorcycle shop that does trike conversions, show when you open the covers, so they do need to be painted on the inside after all. They will be done again later this week and I hope to have them on before the next MARC Meeting on Saturday, March 13th.

One last thing about Casper, I had installed the MBL handlebar adapters on the bike and then had Mike H. our head guru for machining parts for motorcycles, make another pair of adapters that did not bring the handlebars in so far. In fact the first set he made did not bring the handlebars in at all, but did move them back 3/4" just like the MBL's. Then the handlebars were too wide, it took them out to 35 1/2 inches at the end of the grips. So then Mike made up another pair of adapters and split the difference of how wide or narrow the 2 other sets were. Let me tell you, these are just perfect. I can now lean back comfortably against the Utopia backrest and reach the handlebars comfortably. The best part of all is that Casper

still has that wonderful handling qualities that I first experienced with the stock handlebars on. Like I say things are really coming together for me and Casper and I can hardly wait to hit the road.

I may make a run over to Houston for the Houston to Austin MS-150 bicycle ride charity event. We'll see how that works out.

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

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HONDURAS MISSION

This is coming from Honduras. It is not motorcycle related, but it is being sent by Amateur radio via PACTOR, and the winlink2000 system. If you wish to use it in the news letter you may, or you may omit it or edit it if you want to.

Many of you know that I (K9PEP) go to Honduras each February. In the past, I have been radio net control for the IHS missionary group. I felt I needed to change to learn more, and I felt some one else should learn to be net control, for obvious reasons. (for instance I almost did not get to go this year) .

So I chose to go to the SOS village, an orphanage, to serve. I had been told that a lot of painting was in order. How ever when I arrived that changed (before I forget, I am only one of a crew of five), we were asked to attempt to re roof one of the houses. This particular house has 11 kids all in the 10-11 year old group, and it was leaking so badly that they could not sleep in the bedrooms when it rained. Did I mention that it has rained 4 days and nights of the five we have been here? Well we had only been given a budget of \$300, and the roof material cost a little over a thousand dollars. Some of the team members chipped in from their pockets, and the material will be delivered before noon today.

Meanwhile, while waiting for it to quit raining, I hooked up 4 electric clothes dryers that had been acquired. This included having to run a new service into the building. Hey guess what, when it is time to hook into the pole, the electric company does not come out. You just do it your self!

And while I was doing that Grant and Kathryn were building swing sets and seesaws from 4 X 6 's. We had been told that the children were bored with nothing to do. They are out even in the rain swinging and see sawing. In addition Grant has been fixing up the many broken bicycles for the boys.

Remember when I said last year that some of them wanted to learn English? Well last night, one of them came up and introduced him self. Perfect pronunciation. We played Yatze until he had to go home. It was interesting watching him count. He counted in Espaniol, then converted it to English. There were words we used that he had not heard, so we explained them to him. This particular child was about 14 or 15 years old. I have found that one young boy of about 6 years old knows quite a bit of English, and a couple of the very young girls (3 or 4 years old) understand English quite well. And while Grant, Katy, and myself were busy doing that, Karla, our team leader was busy distributing items we had brought to the different houses.

They contract with a woman to be a "Tia" which means Aunt, for a period of time. Then they try to keep the children in her house around the same ages so when her contract is up, she can leave if she wishes. Most of these Tia's that I have met so far are very friendly and courteous. They all seem happy.

For our meals, we contracted 2 meals a day cooked by the Tia's (there is 17 Tia's, plus a nurse). They have worked out a system, where 5 different Tia's a day will prepare a dinner plate, and a supper plate. So we each have something different than the others.

One little girl was trying to read my shirt, I told her it said

Harley. She said Harley rolling the R so cute. So I found a picture of a Harley in a magazine I had and took it to her. That night she brought a Plate of Taco's and told Karla they were for "Paul". I got kidded about that for a while. These children are so cute, so friendly and loving, it is hard to leave them. Well it is time for me to get back to work. Today I am putting lights in the building where I installed the dryers. The administrator wanted me to install some washing machines too, but he wanted to just run the water out onto the ground. We did not much like that idea and decided to skip that part for now.

73 Paul K9PEP

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

PTT Button Bracket

Fits under the left handlebar module and positions the button so it is right where your left thumb is naturally under the left hand grip. Fits 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda models. Has been adapted to some other brands and models. Black anodized or plain aluminum available. Has standard 1/2" hole for PTT button.

Price \$10.00

PTT Button, Waterproof

Has large rounded surface for your thumb, so your thumb does not get tired or sore with heavy use. Black in color. Fits in 1/2" hole on PTT Button Bracket. Price \$9.00

Antenna Bracket For 1/2" Tubular Trunk Racks

Natural aluminum color only Fits coax with SO-239 fitting only for antennas with PL-259 fittings, can not be modified to use with NMO fittings. Price \$20.00

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

Natural aluminum color only. The brackets are flat stock, bent so that the antenna is perfectly vertical, with 2, 8-32 threaded holes, so you have to drill 2 matching holes in the rear of your flat rack.

Round head stainless steel screws hide the holes. Price \$10.00

Handlebar Brackets For HT's, Cell Phones, GPS's or Just About Anything Else

We have them for both the Left or Right side handlebars. They fit the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda's too.

They are Black anodized and come with all mounting hardware.

Price \$25.00

Stainless Steel Trunk Rack Plates

These 2 1/2" X 3 1/2" X .62" (1/16") SS plates are used by most of the MARC Members to keep from cracking the trunk lids. We have seen many cracked and busted trunk lids before we started putting these plates under the rear legs of the trunk racks. We have never seen a cracked lid when using these SS Plates. They fit under both the tubular and flat racks on the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings.

Price \$10 for non polished, \$15 for the polished ones that are shipped with a plastic cover to protect the finish.

Handlebar Risers/Setbacks Of Various Degrees & Setbacks.

These are natural aluminum color and will raise the handlebar grips several inches, plus move them back toward the rider 3/4". These take 8, 10 X .125MM bolts, furnished.

There are also sets that raise the handlebar grips, but do not set them back closer to the rider.

Price \$40

(Ray & I bought these as MARC could not afford to pay for 50-100 of these-that is the way we have to order them-so Checks go to Ray not MARC)

FOR SALE::

Black Vinyl covered 5 gallon auxiliary fuel tank- mounts on passenger handles on passenger seat.. \$100

Contact Ray Davis 949-300-9669 <raykd6fhn@earthlink.net>

GEARIN' UP FOR ABUSED KIDS

This will be the 10th annual, bike ride benefiting abused and neglected kids. This ride will be a one day event this year held on April 24th.

The committee had their first full committee meeting the other day (March 3rd) they have been meeting as smaller sub-committee for the last few months. The planning delay was caused by our inability to secure the overnight site. Thus they have decided to make the ride a one day event this year, there's been a lot of work being done by the sub-groups looking into alternate routes. The ride date is set for April 24th (last Saturday in April), brochures have been printed & are being sent out.

The ride will start & end at Vanguard University (Newport-Mesa Church) at Fair Drive & Newport in Costa Mesa. There will be a 25, 55 & 100 mile route. The 25, 55 & 100 mile riders follow the same route to Irvine Meadowood Park for rest stop. From there the 25 mile riders return back to start point, with 55 & 100 mile riders going on to the second rest stop in El Toro (Saddleback Church) via Santiago Canyon. From there, the 55 mile riders loop back to start point, the 100 mile riders continue on to Dana Point, then loop back to start point with rest stops at Laguna Niguel Park & Mariners Church (Newport Coast). We will take a look at the signup list to see how many bike riders signup for each of the routes and then plan to adjust the M.A.R.C. members accordingly to cover the riders most needing our help with the safety on the courses.

This ride had a small and fun group of bike ride last couple years and sound like it will be a blast again this year. If you can help with this event make plans to signup and come help.

Thank you all,
John Edwards KC6ZOZ

From your Orange County MS150 Coordinator

For those of you that are from out of town or are new to MARC I thought I would start out by explaining what is the MS 150 Bike Tour.

The MS 150 Bike Tour is a 150k or 150mile two-day bicycling adventure that takes participants down California's beautiful southern coastline from Huntington Beach to Mission Bay, San Diego. The MS 150 Bike Tour, unlike a racing event, is designed to provide a scenic, challenging ride for both the experienced cyclist and the energetic novice.

The first meeting of the 2004 Orange County MS150 Planning Committee was held on Tuesday, February 10th, there were 17 member present 4 of which were MS staff members. We will be meeting once a month at the chapter office in Irvine CA. The meetings serve as a forum for the Committee members. They address issues pertaining to the ride and report on their progress of the month preceding the meeting.

The Orange County MS 150 Bay to Bay bike tour is scheduled for October 2nd & 3rd this year.

In the meeting we did a little recap of the 2003 MS 150 ride there 20th year of the ride. There where 1400 riders, 500 volunteers and \$1,267,000 in revenues. Our Goals for the 2004 MS 150 is to have 1400 riders with a fundraising goal of \$1,220,000+

A few changes to deal with this year are improving the overnight location and possible Camp Pendleton closure and the need to focus more on safety.

-The use of the Kaiser Permanente facility which is next to the Fairfield Inn, located on the Avenida Encinas "hotel row" which includes the Ramada, Motel 6 and Inns of America. Kaiser has been approached again year and will again be a great site should they agree to let us use their site. A final decision will be made within the next few weeks.

-Due to the current political situation and possible military problems we may not be able to route our cyclists through Camp

Pendleton. Of course we will still request access, but we will also proceed as if we have already been denied.

Two options will be presented to the riders: ride the freeway (which is legal when the base is closed) or a shuttle ride down to Oceanside. The shuttles and bike transport trucks will greatly increase event expenses (unless we can get these services donated!) and the need for even more volunteer support in order to effectively make this work. More details will be discussed at future meetings.

The hotels that were used last year will be the same for Sat. night October 2nd this year. The MS 150 planning committee is placing a 1400 rider limitation on the event this year, that's were they cut it off last year with a lot of people being turned away, so hotel rooms will be going fast.

Here is a list of the hotels and their phone numbers: At this time the host hotel is going to be Fairfield Inn. Prices have not been set at this time but they should be about the same as last year, I will let you know as I find out. Here is a partial listing of the hotels so that you can book your rooms early for the tour:

Fairfield Inn (800) 228-2800
Inns of America 760/931-1185
Motel 6 South 760/419-5831
Motel 6 East 760/438-1242
Olympic Resort Hotel 760/438-8330
Ramada Inn & Suites 760/ 438-2285
Holiday Inn Express 800/992-9330
Quality Inn & Suites 760/438-2828

If you think you can make it to this year's MS150 ride you need to make your reservations early

Thanking all in advance
John Edwards KC6ZOZ

AND THE WINNER WILL BE:.....???????

DON'T FORGET THE KENWOOD TH-D7A HANDHELD FOR OUR "MARC" ANNIVERSARY MEETING ON MAY 8, 2004. THE TWELFTH YEAR FOR MARC STILL HANGING IN THERE. GET YOUR TICKETS THEY WILL BE ON SALE AT THE MEETINGS \$1 EACH.....

ALERT/BARN MEETING

Saturday March 20th, 2004 12 noon at Don Jose's Restaurant in Huntington Beach located at Adams & Magnolia.

We have the new 2004 System Manuals to pass out, along with our usual new Radio Raffle! In fact, Alan has just purchased (2) new Yaesu VX-2 handhelds so we will have at least (3) radios to raffle off!!!

Every member that shows up gets a free entry for the raffle. Additional tickets may also be purchased. If you have a new toy (radio, RV, new car or something else?) bring it along and show the group. Will have some great Mexican food and we look forward to seeing you. Remember it looks like we will have three radios to raffle offWOW!!

DUES FOR THE ALERT/BARN SYSTEM ARE DUE NOW

SEE YOU THERE.....

"The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. But above all, the world needs dreamers who DO."

(Sarah Ban Breathnach)

Whether to ride or weather it out!

Frigid weather has finally broken this month! January we had minus 24 degrees for an air temperature and wind besides causing even the hard core outdoorsmen to either bundle up and cover every chunk of skin or stay in doors. So with February's thaw we have all reappeared out of our igloos... err homes. Haven't had a real Minnesota Winter for at least 4 years so its been a wake up call.

Well today I opted to take the bmw out for a ride. Work has been hectic already for the week. Strolled out of the office, "See you tomorrow." I waved and smiled "Well!" says Ruby... "Where are you going?" "Think I will take a motorcycle ride." says me She gasps in disbelief..." Today? in this weather?" I nodded and walked out.

After eating my lunch at home I headed for the basement to get my gear. Sorel boots are nice and warm, One Snowmobile suit and over that my Hein-Gerke jacket. Had my mitts of course and the helmet which felt snug on my head...

Karen was baking cookies for the wedding shower this coming Sunday. Daughter #1 is getting married in April.

"My helmet sure fits better with all this hair."

Karen smiles, "Well I could cut it now and closer to the wedding date." "Nah" I said heheh..." I will wait for the April cut."

Karen shakes her head as she watches the oven and the chocolate chips cookies.

Went out into the garage and moved the car back a bit to get the bike out. Checked the tire pressures and popped the starter, Beemer was happily idling as I checked it. Hopped on it and gingerly throttled to get the bike clear of the car and garage door. Alley was wet with the temps in the 40's. All the melting had caused the sky to cloud over. I hit the garage door button on the bike and headed out.

Always it seems we men need goals to obtain. Satisfaction and contentment from attaining the same. So I headed east along 694. Seemed I could see some hazy blue sunshine. The closer I edged to Wisconsin the more blue sky I could see. Not to like the lime light however this time of year on a bike there are more heads bobbing in the cages all around. The key seems to give them a wave or ignore. Today I just took the second approach however I still could see some waves from people and nods and maybe discussion in regard to a cycle out in the middle of winter.

One major thing about winter is the ability to see beyond the trees and bushes. Never knowing what is back in those woods during the height of summer. So its always fun to take a trip and see the ravines or fences. Noticing the ditches with snow maybe 6 inches deep and the brush and plants protruding through. Looking out over the fields all white with a brilliance from the sun, or seeing the gravel and mud along the roads from the DOT trucks and graders. Course the other side of the coin is the grunginess and filth on the snow along the roads. Turning left across some traffic had to be done with care, gravel whisked away from the major parts of the lanes had settled in dips and intersections where the 4 wheeled vehicle didn't bother.

Finally came out from under the cloud bank, feeling the warmth on my knees. Sun felt great. I wanted to see how the backroads were on this frigid ride. So took a county road east of Hudson, WI and worked my way back to that small town. Well it used to be small. Sprawling hill sides of homes where dairy cattle used to roam and a huge school too. Seems they were sliding down one of the hills by the school while I went by.

Finally headed for home on I-94 back under the cloud deck and the cold crept back into the joints as I rode home. Still its always great to be out on the bike. To work the rode and traffic. Wanted to do 100 miles but came up short on that goal. 80 miles instead. However I have ridden in February before just not out of state. That goal was accomplished.

Walked into the kitchen and Karen was baking some chocolate

covered crackers which had peanut butter between them.

"How was it?" She asked as I headed downstairs

"Wisconsin was nice and Sunny!" I replied, smiling

"Ruby called about Friday and also asked why I wasn't out riding with you." Karen continued "I told her, Are you nuts? Its too cold to ride today!" Oh well. I enjoyed it!

Saturday I received an E-mail from my brother-in-law who lives in South Carolina. He had in the subject heading "Did you hear we had 70 degrees today!"

Through out his letter he emphasized this sentence as he told me of working in his yard in the morning, laying paving brick for the parking spot for his truck and then the afternoon was spent planting a tree for a friend. Needling me like some of you have done in the past.

So I countered by sending him an answer. First I told him I hoped they did have 70 degrees or he is coming down with Alzimers... then I ended my message in regard to his activities. "Mike, I can't do yard work as we have 6 inches of snow on the ground, can't dig any holes to plant trees due to the frost and frozen tundra and if I had any paved bricks they would be frozen to that same ground. Nothing else for me to do but RIDE!"

On the hamradio front I finally figured out PSK31. Made some contacts however if there is any money left after this wedding maybe I can purchase a laptop and do psk31, qrp from a bmw motor?

Take care! don't wait for that perfect day to ride. After all life isn't perfect is it?

73

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Races & Rallies

To all that want tow know about the races and Rallies I do.

The Glen Helen Race is March 6&7. We have to be set up and ready to go by 8:00AM.

We will be placed along the course to report any thing that needs looking in to. You will radio net control who will send out sweep riders or Medics to handle the problem. The night race those who want to stay can. It will be cold may even rain so come prepared.

The rally I do are cars they run the fire brake roads. We have some every 2 to 3 miles to track the cars. If a car is missing we know where it is. They do go off the road at times. It is very important that we get help to them ASP.

Dates

May 7&8 Rim of the World Palmdale

May 29 Baldy Run Glendora

July 10 Treeline Glendora

August 21 Gorman

I do other Races in Nevada if any one want any information about them or any other races I do contact me at the following.

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How much wood does a woodchuck chuck, it does only for four months a year. It hibernates for eight months.

Hmmm seems my dad has them year around chucking(:)ss (Bonnie)

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

2/4- Roger KG6OND \$5 = 15 tickets (NA), 2-11- Alvin KD6UZZ \$5
+ 20 tickets (PD), 2/18- Dave N6ICB \$5 (N/A), 2/25- Mel KD6MPB
\$5 + 5 tickets (PD)

50/50 Drawing:

CUPID HAD FUN THROWING THE BUCKS AROUND TRYING TO
CAPTURE SOME ONES HEART BUT ONLY MEN RECEIVED
ANY CASH; THAT BE JIM KC6RCR, ALVIN KD6UZZ & BILLY
NEEDY EACH RECEIVED \$45

Door Prize donators/winners:

\$40 Gift certificate from Huntington Honda— Pete W6LAW
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Charles KF6TXI

MARC donations:

Laser level won by Alvin KD6UZZ
CD-DVD Kick-out cases won by Kay Johnson
Nibbling tool won by Bill KE6UUD
Surge Protector won by De Witt KM6UK
Complete dust cover set won by Mike N6QZT

Donated by Ray and Bonnie:

1500 oil filter won by Mike N6QZT
Large Valentine gift bag for two won by Teri KF6HJT
Small Valentine gift bag won by John W5JFR
Bucket /cleaning equipment from lady to man won by John W5JFR

Donated by Mel & Kay:

Towel warmer won by Cody
Eau de toilette trio set won by Dylan
Valentines cup won by Holly
Sunglass case won by De Witt KM6UK
trivet??

2 purses won by Holly & Stephanie
candles won by??

2 watches won by Heidi & Holly
chocolate covered cherries won by Mike N6QZT
Chocolate hearts won by Carolyn KE6JWD
2 chocolate cars won by Cody
heart candies won by Dylan
Ice chest won by Alvin KD6UZZ

Donated by Mijo & John:

Motorcycle gloves won by Mike N6QZT

Donated by Audrey Swearingen:

Lenox crystal vase won by Teri & John KF6HJT/KC6ZOZ

Donated by Billy:

Patriotic wall hanging won by Kay Johnson/Mel

Donated by John & Teri

Note block pad won by Chuck KG6NJP

Picture album won by Charles KF6TXI

Donated by Hiroko & Wayne:

Ferrero Rocher Candy—Kay Johnson

Donated by Mike Naron:

Hair holders won by Alvin KD6UZZ

Donated by De Witt/Anita:

Cutlery set won by Alvin KD6UZZ

Animal candle won by Kay/Mel

Christmas sleigh won by John W5JFR

Christmas tree won by Heidi

Snowman won by Audrey

Deco Bucket won by Dylan

John W5JFR distributed the free gray tickets with two being drawn

and the first winner was Hiroko KG6LFZ winning
the Blushing Bears
Thanks so much to Charles (TXI), Kay, Bonnie, Jim (RCR)
Mike (KWQ) for dissecting the tickets soooo much appreciated.

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NEW MEMBERS:

2/14- Jeff (KB6SUP) Julie (KC6ZDS) & Keara Gallagher of Tustin,
CA , 2/14- Jerry Irwin WA0GLD of Willis, TX, 2/23- Doug Mathers
KD9PK of Woodstock, IL,

NEWSLETTERS:

Many thanks for this months articles it is greatly appreciated.....I
am proud of each of you getting your articles in quickly- you know
we take articles from any member who has done technical work on
their motorcycles..

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

From Arkansas Ed Schreck AB5GRs wifey poo Judy survived a
heart attack and going back to work.. Billy Hall is healing from
gall-gladder surgery. Dollie Batchelder is still up and down.
John Helms is still in special treatment . Eleanor Guthrie is really
having a rough time with all the chemo. Gail KF6JJT recovering
from heart problems too..

To any other members or members families who are ill and need a
hug we wish we could hold you all close and pray with you.

We do care from the bottom of our hearts

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

E-MAIL CHECK-IN:::

Hi Everyone!

Well, Spring is getting close now. I will be anxious to read all the
great riding stories that come along with the warmer weather. I'm
sure those of you living in the East are looking forward to Spring as
well. It's been a brutal winter.

Thank you for your replies back to the Quarterly check in. I will
give the tally next month, since I am still receiving replies.

I was happy to hear that some of you were at least considering
coming out for the Houston to Austin MS150 event. 12000 cyclists
is something to see! I didn't work it last year, but the 2002 ride was
incredible. Of course, I'm partial to the Carlsbad to San Diego ride.
I miss being home for that! We've had some GREAT times there.

The most important thing is everyone pulling together to raise
money to help research ways to eradicate the debilitating disease.
Hopefully, someday this will become a reality.

Well, y'all take care and hope to see you soon!

Love to y'all!

73's from your quarterly check in person!

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

Many thanks to Ligia our waitress and the Lake View Cafe for
all their patience and accommodations. We really appreciate
all you do for us.

LEAP DAY FEBRUARY 29TH

You know we need I ah say we NEED to do things differently on a special day every 4 years! E-mail flitting between my 'puter and one in St.Charles as we discussed the idea of meeting half way. Settled finally on Mauston, Wisconsin. Dan rides the 1150RT BMW and resided in ST. Charles. I hadn't seen him since the September rally down in Pineville Mo. Too long for friends. As I write this I am also thinking of you, Paul and Marsha! So bite my tongue, eh? Made the final call on the 28th and got some sleep.

Sunday had haze and temps in the upper 30's, some wind out of the south east. Karen kept looking at me as I picked up some stuff for "the just in case" would happen. We had been in the warmth for at least 3 days. Warmth meaning highs in the 40's. However there was a storm brewing out west, in fact the same one that had hit your fair state 4 days before. I was finally ready. "Have fun at the shower!" I explained. See my oldest daughter is getting married. The wedding shower was the 29th and I had been instructed to leave the property. Although Karen hadn't thot I would leave the state.

"I expect your going to have more fun than me!" Karen answered. Never one to win the argument with any women I just shrugged my shoulders. heh

Headed out to the garage and checked the rear tire. Pressure was OK however the tread is getting worn. This would be the last trip on that Dunlop. I have over 22,000 miles on this BMW and haven't replaced that tire yet.

Sitting at the traffic light waiting for my turn I watch the eastern sky. Bright with promise as I wind my way toward I-694 and head east. The beemer lopes along at 70 miles per and I enjoy the morning. Still can't get over the beauty of the snows capes. Dark hues of green from the evergreens or the stark naked trees against the white hill of snow. Sun had risen a little higher in the sky over Wisconsin. Sometimes just blue would meet my eyes as I glanced at that bright beam and other times there was the whisk or trace of white in the jet stream. Temps felt good in my snowsuit and jacket. Not too warm. Came over one hill and felt a colder breeze upon my face. Searching the skies and thinking maybe a trough or wind change due to that storm out on the plains. Then it occurred to me as I looked at the ditches heavy with snow.

"Hmm just a little more Air Conditioning blowing in my face across the snow!" 3 hours went pretty quick as I followed a few cars off the exit into Mauston. Went to the eating establishment where we were planning to meet. Dan hadn't arrived yet so I parked the beemer and went in to warm up. Felt good to stand, so I went out to the bike and checked my tires. No radio yet on the bike although I brought the 2 meter ht along. Checked for the local repeater however no chatting or rag chewing was in progress. People were coming and going and some stopped to talk or I would just wave at the kids. Seems that a motorcyclist is more on the wave length that the kids hover at than the ahem "adult" wave we are supposed to be at.

Watched the traffic and finally saw a headlight coming from the south. Dan nodded as he pulled up. "You just got here 5 minutes ago, right?" He had popped open the shield and was fussing with the helmet as he stuck out his right hand. I shook it. "No your right it only took me 3 hours to get here." I continued "Left early, around 8 am and was in by 11am." Dan looked at his watch. He had his helmet off and the bike was sitting on the centerstand. Placed the helmet in one of his saddlebags, "I started early too, however went through some rough neighborhoods in Rockford instead of taking the toll way. Didn't even want to put my foot down at traffic lights!" Dan laughs.... Got on I-90/94 and the traffic moving so I had the bike rolling over 80!" "Yeah I kept mine at around 70, still when the odometer rolled over the 200 mile mark the fuel light came on." I countered

"Well I was getting good mileage coming up, Tim." Dan replied "Wind was behind me, course the fuel moved quickly when I was running over 80 though!"

We went in and ordered our food. Talked about the rival things and trips we are planning for this upcoming season. "I needed this ride!" Dan exclaimed "Cabin fever and just needed to get out!"

February 29th 2004 will have another meaning this time around. My Grandfather Lindstrom had his birthday on the 29th. Died when he was 16.... had 8 kids before he noddod as I munched on my burger. Kept looking at the clock and finally the clock was after 1pm "Well, Dan I spose we should head home,eh?"

Dan turned and looked at the clock then his pocket watch. "Yah, your right need to be home before it gets dark!" He eyed me and continued, "We will get some more rough weather you can count on that!" I nodded again. "Well the bitter cold is gone however I expect at least one more snowstorm before we are done." Went back out to the bikes and prepared to go. Dan stuck out his hand one more time and we shook, "Send me an Email when you get home, OK?" Dan asks "Yep sure will." I said. Hit the starter and the bike came to life and idled patiently.

We waved and once again I was alone. The meeting had been a success though as I sat on the bike and thought of our time together. BMW loping along at 70 while I watch the cars, mostly from Minnesota streaming by me. People either waving or just looking at the lone bike. Funny too y'know, maybe an hour or so would pass and there goes those same cars this time with stern looks or total ignoring the bike that is beside them. Me? Not wanting to go too fast in the semi frigid winds. I didn't use my suit on the way home. The snowdrifts and fields had some melting going on. Beemer kept me warm and I was able to do the return trip in 3 hours

Arrived at home with no events on the trip. Walked into the house and listened for the cackle.. err women discussing things. "You just missed them!" Kelly came over to give me a hug, "Angie is here and your sister Becky and Norma."

"Good!" I said as I took my stuff downstairs.

Checked out the salads and deserts that Karen had made. Hungry and tired but happy to finally take a break from winter for a 400+ mile ride! What a day! passed on to eternity.... heheh Ahh maybe that's why I'm different breed?

73

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AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST NEWS:::

The Environmental Protection Agency will require motorcycles nationwide to meet new strict emissions standards beginning with the 2006 models, under new rules issued December 23. But the new rules give small-volume motorcycle manufacturers a break in meeting the new national standards, and provide for exemptions for certain motorcycles.

The EPA rules set new emissions standards that are the same as those adopted by the state of California, but will go into effect in 2006 and a second tier in 2010.

The new national emissions standards are expected to result in an increased use of fuel injection and catalytic converters on new motorcycles. Some motorcycles sold in the Untied States already meet California's strict 2008 standards, which are the same as the planned federal EPA 2010 standard.

The California standard that begins with the current model year, 2004, and the federal standard that will take effect for the 2006 model year, require new motorcycles to emit no more than 1.4 grams per kilometer traveled of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, and 12 grams per kilometer of carbon monoxide.

Under the new rule, manufacturers who build fewer than 3,000 motorcycles a year, and who have fewer than 500 employees, don't need to meet the first-tier emissions standards until 2008. They also aren't required to meet the second-tier standards.

The EPA also provides certain exemptions for "kit" and custom motorcycles. Nothing in the new rules changes what owners may do legally to customize their motorcycles.

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Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.5dBi 1/2 wave • 446MHz 5.5dBi 5/8 wave x 2 • Length: 39" • Conn: SBB-5 PL-259/SBB-5NMO NMO • Max Pwr: 120W

COMET SBB-7/SBB-7NMO • Dual-band 146/446MHz w/fold-over
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