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



With all the rain and cold weather that we have had across our great nation during the past month, I know that I am not the only MARC member waiting for warmer times. It has been a cool, wet winter, even here in usually sunny Southern California. It will be nice to, again, cruise the highways and byways while chatting on the ham radio and tracking one another on APRS.

On Friday, the 28th of January, five So. Cal MARC members met for breakfast with Jerry, WA0GLD, (from Houston, TX) at the Home Style Cafe near the Ontario Airport. Chuck, KG6NJP, brought a Tiny Tracker, APRS, module that he had assembled, for show and tell. Quite impressive! During breakfast, there was a lively exchange of questions and answers. After breakfast, Ray, Chuck, and Charles returned Jerry to his hotel where he could change into his uniform and then proceed to find his trike for his ride back to Texas. Thanks for the visit Jerry, it is always nice to spend time with our out of town/area MARC members.

Our new APRS coordinator Chuck, KG6NJP, and his staff members are doing their best to make it easy for those who desire to install this new (to us) APRS system on their cycles and other vehicles for SAG support. It appears that it will be of great assistance to Net Control during our charity events. No longer will we have to tell the net control operator to wait until we find a street sign or other landmark to let them know our location/the location of an emergency. It will also make it very easy for net control to know the location of the lead rider and the tail end Charlie at all times.

Old Blue, has been retired. My old (1993) Ford truck has been put out to pasture. Just before the start of the new year, Mijo and I paid a visit to the Ford dealer and traded the old unreliable truck for a newer version. We now have a new Ford F150, Lariat. It really is a nice truck, and should fill my trucking needs for some time to come. The truck is fully equipped with a towing package (for my boat) and all.

While on the subject of my boat, it looks like I will have time to go fishing soon. GE Engine Services at the Ontario Airport is playing games again. If things go as rumored, I will probably be exceded before long. There just isn't any work at the shop. There is even serious talk going around that the shop might be closed permanently in the near future. That would be the best case scenario for me, as I would receive a nice severance package along with a full, but small, retirement.

It is with great sadness that we observed the passing of Ron Ames, WB6RSD.

Ron was always there to help any time help was needed and he will be missed by all. MARC's first repeater system was the WB6RSD two meter repeater located on Keller peak. Several of our MARC family made time to attend the services for Ron both at the Riverside National Cemetery and at the Mormon Church in Hesperia, CA. All our sympathy and love goes out to ShEron, KC6ZSH. We in MARC are a close group and will be there for ShEron any time that help is needed.

Now for some fun! Don't miss our 12 February St Valentines Day meeting at the Lakeview Cafe. The ladies will be running the meeting and I will be sent to my corner (the 50-50 table) for the day. I have told the ladies that there isn't any need for them to worry about any elaborate presentation, just run a good, clean meeting. Why not find something nice to bring for sharing at the door prize table? Winning a prize would be a nice way to pick that something special for your sweetie. Yes, I know, not everyone will be able to make the meeting. However, I do wish all of you a very Happy St. Valentine's Day.

May all your highways in life be clear and the skies ahead be filled with sunshine.

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\*\*\*MARC\*\*\* CALENDAR 2004  
 Feb. 12- Breakfast Meeting

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**Mar. 12- Breakfast Meeting**  
**April 9- Breakfast Meeting**  
**April 30 - Abused Kids Ride**  
**May 14- 13th Anniversary**  
**May 21- SoCal Tour de Cure**  
**June 11-Breakfast Meeting**  
**June 12- Bad Ride**  
**July NO Meeting**  
**Aug 13- Breakfast Meeting**  
**Sept 10- Breakfast Meeting**  
**Oct 1- Breakfast Meeting**  
**Oct 8/9- MS 150**  
**Nov 13- Love Ride**  
**Dec 10- Christmas Party**

**MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE::**

March	2nd	FOR	March
March	30th	FOR	April
April	29th	FOR	May
June	1st	FOR	June/July
Aug	3rd	FOR	Aug
Aug	29th	FOR	Sept
Sept	21st	FOR	Oct
Nov	2nd	FOR	Nov
Nov	30th	FOR	Dec

**DUES! "MARC" RENEWALS DUES!!**

**YES HOPEFULLY EACH ONE WHOSE DUES ARE DUE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A RENEWAL APPLICATION IN YOUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER. AS PER USUAL YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE MARCH NEWSLETTER COMES OUT OR YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE MARCH NEWSLETTER..... THE "04" ON YOUR NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE IN RED IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENT.**

**\*\* If you can't find your application go to the website and download it...**

**Now I got a nice note from one of members in Florida letting me know he would not be rejoining due to selling his M/C and health. I really appreciated that- I know then not to send them another reminder.**

**\*\*\*Your Secretary Treasurer - Bonnie KD6OFQ\*\*\***

## THE SAGA OF OUR LOCAL JAMMER

Most of us "Hams" here in the Southern California area have experienced the antics of this "jammer"? Or at least have heard about him... Follows is a 26 Jan 2005 Email from ARRL relating to this almost astounding situation.

### FCC Fines Continue to Mount in Gerritsen Case

**NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 25, 2005**—Briefly licensed radio amateur and alleged jammer Jack Gerritsen, ex-KG6IRO, of Bell, California, now faces a total of \$52,000 in FCC-imposed or proposed fines. In a January 21 Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL) the FCC proposed to levy another \$21,000 forfeiture on Gerritsen—this time for apparently violating Section 333 of the Communications Act by interfering with a US Coast Guard rescue effort last October 29 on amateur frequencies. Part 97 Amateur Service rules also require that control operators "give priority to stations providing emergency communications," the FCC noted.

"Gerritsen's apparent willful and malicious interference with the radio communications of the Coast Guard Auxiliary officer who was attempting to communicate with a ship in distress is egregious," said the most recent NAL, signed by FCC Los Angeles District Office District Director Catherine Deaton. "According to the evidence, Gerritsen knowingly operates, without a license, radio transmission equipment." In the NAL, the FCC alleged that Gerritsen continued to transmit "despite repeated warnings and requests to vacate the frequency."

The latest proposed forfeiture factors in an "upward adjustment" from the \$7000 base fine for causing interference to licensed stations, the NAL said. The FCC already has affirmed a \$10,000 fine levied against Gerritsen last year for interfering with Amateur Radio communications. In December, the Commission proposed an additional \$21,000 fine, citing additional instances of alleged interference on amateur frequencies.

Erroneously claiming he's still licensed, Gerritsen has been accused of bombarding numerous Los Angeles-area repeaters with verbal tirades, often identifying with his now-deleted amateur call sign. The FCC in 2001 granted Gerritsen a Technician ticket, then promptly set it aside when it learned of Gerritsen's state conviction for interfering with public safety radio communications. Gerritsen spent some time in jail as a result of that case, which he's appealing.

The FCC has advised Gerritsen orally and in writing that he has no authority to operate radio transmitting equipment on amateur frequencies. He has claimed—incorrectly—that the FCC cannot take away his operating authority without a hearing.

In mid-December, the ARRL called upon FCC Enforcement Chief David Solomon to intervene with the US Attorney's office in the Gerritsen case, citing the urgency of the situation and suggesting "that procedures other than monetary forfeitures be brought to bear." ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, suggested in the letter that the time for gathering additional evidence was past, since the malicious interference continues.

According to the FCC, the October 29, 2004, incident involved efforts by a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to contact the sailing vessel Elke-Marie after a storm rendered the boat's VHF marine radio non-operational. The vessel had working Amateur Radio gear, however. When the USCGA officer attempted to contact the S/V Elke-Marie on behalf of the Coast Guard using the Catalina Island Amateur Radio Association (CARA) VHF repeater, "Gerritsen began speaking and transmitting a prerecorded message," the officer and the complainant in the case—the wife of a passenger on the sailboat—alleged.

Although the officer asked him to stand down, Gerritsen continued to transmit, accusing the officer of declaring a sham emergency in an effort to jam Gerritsen's transmissions. "Gerritsen," the NAL recounts, "continued

transmitting for approximately 40 minutes, repeatedly playing a taped recording and ultimately ending his transmission by saying, 'If you jam me, I'll jam you."

Within 90 minutes of the incident, FCC agents tracked a signal on the repeater's input frequency to Gerritsen's residence, but attempts to contact him by telephone proved unsuccessful. Later that same day, FCC officials tracked to Gerritsen's residence a transmission on another 2-meter frequency during which the operator identified using KG6IRO. As the agents approached Gerritsen's front door, they heard a voice from inside the dwelling that "synchronized with the voice heard on the agent's handheld scanner," the NAL said. No one answered the door, however.

A CARA official told the FCC's Los Angeles office that he had not only monitored the alleged interference by Gerritsen but had recorded the incident. The recording was provided to the FCC.

In the NAL, Deaton said the Communications Act requirement that all radio stations give "absolute priority" to radio communications or signals relating to ships in distress "exemplifies one of the best uses for radio transmissions, the endeavor to save a human life."

"Gerritsen's actions on October 29, 2004," she concluded, "exemplify the worst." The FCC's Los Angeles District Office has primary enforcement responsibility over the Gerritsen case.

Several hundred ARRL members from the Los Angeles area have complained to the League about Gerritsen's alleged activities. In its letter in December, the ARRL called on the Enforcement Bureau to "arrange for appropriate proceedings to be initiated to cause the incessant and damaging malicious interference to cease."

FCC Enforcement Bureau Assistant Chief George R. Dillon responded to the League by saying the Commission was "treating the allegations contained in your letter and the complaints we have received regarding his actions very seriously."

The FCC will post the latest NAL against Gerritsen on its Field Issued Citations Web page.

### UNBELIEVABLE ?

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**Editor's Note:::::::**

Our "MARC" member Burt Brink N6USO has been working very very hard on this case trying to get this Gerritsen taken care of due to the fact he also interferes with the Fire & Police Departments.

### SOCAL TOUR DE CURE

We had a good meeting on January 26th, 2005. Not many there but we did get to meet Kim Ruggles (ADA representative) who will be working with us on the Tour this year.

The 30K & 100K routes do have some changes. Lots of ideas in the works - but what we need is volunteers, more volunteers. So if you know of anyone who likes to volunteer have them call the ADA office or I will have some of the forms for volunteers with me at our MARC meetings... Any suggestions to make the Tour better - give me your ideas and will put them before the committee.

Working on the breakfast and lunch sponsors, we may have the Lion's Club do breakfast so that will be good. One less thing we have to worry about. I did

Our meetings will be on Mondays from here on in...I did mention we would be using APRS and had to explain but they were excited about that.

**Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ Goody Bags & Communications**

So much to write about, so little time.

1. First off, MARC lost a very good friend, one of our earliest supports and certainly a very dear and loving friend to Bonnie and I. It came as a big shock to all MARC Members when ShEron Ames KC6ZSH called us and told us that Ron Ames WB6RSD had fallen in the garage after having a stroke. It was estimated that Ron had laid in the garage for at least 5 hours before being found by his daughter. She called the paramedics and Ron was transported to the hospital. It was a very cool day in Hesperia CA and his body temperature had fallen dangerously low. On January 9th Ron passed away. It was a crushing blow to ShEron, their family and to the MARC family as well. Ron will be long remember as the one person who came forward when he owned the Keller Peak Repeater, one of the highest and best in Southern CA, and permitted our MARC organization to use his repeater for our first Wednesday night MARC Net and we used that for several years until we moved to a 440 repeater system. God Bless you Ron Ames, we will never forget your loving care and joking ways.

1A. We have another MARC Member who also happens to be the BARN Repeater System administrator who is in the Mission Viejo Medical center. Alan WB6T was admitted as soon as he arrived at the hospital feeling very ill, on Nov 2nd 2004. Within hours he was in surgery for a ruptured hernia that had plagued him for years. It had burst. He was in surgery for 7 hours. Within 3 days the doctors had to go in again and do some more work. Alan was kept in a sleeping state for 11 weeks. Bonnie and I went up to see him after he had finally been taken out of the ICU and put in a patient room on Jan 16th 2005. Alan is very weak and has not yet been able to stand up, although when I talked to him today he said they may try to get him up today, Tuesday Feb 1st. Let's keep Alan in our daily prayers and ask for a complete and speedy recovery.

2. My weight loss New Years resolution is going very well. After only 4 weeks I have lost 12.5 Lbs. Staying on about 1000 to 1200 calories a day and working out on the HealthRider Elliptical Trainer 30 minutes 3 days a week and 3 other days a week doing a 20 minute high speed walk. Rest on Sundays. At least as fast as I can walk with these artificial hips. After the 12.5 Lbs. weight loss, Bonnie and I went out and splurged. We went to Denny's for a senior breakfast, then it was right back to the diet. Still have 15 Lbs to go by the 1st of May.

3. Hey, the days are getting longer, a good sign for us that are biting at the bit to hit the road starting April. Dec 21st was the shortest day of the year with 9:54 hours of day light. Now we are already up to 10:35 hours. We here in Irvine had 22 inches of rain this season already when our total average for the year is 14.65 inches a year and we still have a couple of months to go.

4. We have some new MARC Staff Members to be announced. First we have Chuck KG6NJP who was appointed our MARC APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System) Coordinator, he has a staff of 4 helpers. The rest of the APRS staff is: Bill KE6UUD, Charles KF6TXI, Phil AD6NH and Ted KB6CUS. We also have a new assistant for John KC6ZOZ, the coordinator for the MS-150 Bicycle Ride and that would be Andy W6AJB. Thank you all for coming forward and volunteering to help others with their APRS installations and to Andy for coming forward & volunteering to help John with the MS-150 Bicycle Ride.

5. Talking about APRS, many of us down here are trying hard to catch up with our BA-MARC members up there in the San Francisco area. There has been a lot of interest in this new (to us) concept of tracking our motorcycle mobiles and SAG vehicles on the many MARC Charity Events & Community Service events we do. I know at least 4 of us that had to go out and buy some new radios to use in different configurations. That would be the Kenwood TM-D700A's mobile/base radio and the Kenwood TH-D7A handy talky. That is \$854 worth of radios just to play with APRS. I plan on leaving the Kenwood TM-742A Tri Bander on Casper and adding the Kw TM-D700A just for APRS to work with the Garmin SP III Deluxe. Of course you don't have to go to that extreme, you can spend as little as a



\$100 and be able to be tracked by UI-View on the Internet. We are hoping to have at least 6 to 8 motorcycles equipped with APRS by the time the Ride For Abused Kids is held on April 30th. We are planning on using the small Ride For Abused Kids to test our ability to use and track our MARC Motorcycles on the routes. We will set of the MARC Net Control like we do for the larger charity events. Hopefully by the time of the MS-150 rolls around the first weekend of Oct. we will have half of our total number of MARC motorcycle volunteers equipped with APRS. That may be a lofty goal, but we have 8 months to work toward that goal. That would make about 15 motorcycles equipped with APRS. There is so much to learn with 2 new radios that can be programmed using a computer and then the mapping programs that have to be loaded onto you laptop computers. I have the 2 new radios, but haven't time to even open either manual.

6. Because of all the interference we were getting from one of the repeaters on the BARN Linked System, during our MARC NET on Wednesday night January 12th we switched all of our paid up BARN/ALERT Members over to the ALERT Santiago Repeater. Now we are staying on that ALERT 440 Repeater at least until the BARN System Repeater that is causing the problem can be repaired. So if you want to get a hold of the HQ-MARC on Ham Radio, call us on the ALERT Santiago Repeater. Call for details. Don't forget, ALERT/BARN Dues were due on January 1st 2005. Please make a check out for \$100 and make it out to ALERT and send your dues to ALERT/BARN in care of Ray Davis, 3 Lindberg, Irvine, CA., 92620-3367. I have been asked by both owners to collect the payment for the ALERT/BARN systems and turn the checks over to them at a later date.

7. Last Saturday, January 29th, the Southern CA Motorcycle Assoc. (SCMA) had the drawing for tickets for their annual 3 Flags Classic Ride. The post cards notifying us that we had been drawn, came in today's (Feb 1st) mail. The committee was really quick to get those notifications out. All of our MARC Members were drawn except one. That one was even drawn last, 105th, on the waiting list for tickets. There were over 500 applicants and they drew 450 names for the ride which is held every year over Labor Day Weekend. This is the 30th anniversary ride and there were a lot more applicants than usual. A total of 7 active MARC members are doing the ride this year. It was good to go to the drawing because Bonnie and I have been doing this ride for 19 or 20 consecutive years and we see so many of our friends. They are like another family to us too.

8. Speaking of SCMA rides, it has been brought up again about doing some rides other than our MARC Charity event rides. Some members have asked about doing some one day rides together or even an overnighter. So I suggested that rather than one of us doing all the work of planning the course, booking motel rooms, locating restaurants along the route and all the other work involved laying out a good ride, that why not use the SCMA ride list and go sign in at their rides. No fuss, no muss. Just announce when, where and what time the ride starts and be there. If you go fine, if you don't show up, that is fine too. No one gets angry over doing all that work and then not having anyone show up for the ride. This way the SCMA does all the work. Bonnie and I have ridden many of their rides over the span of about 20 years and they always put on a good ride. We will keep everyone posted to when we choose a ride to participate in. The ones that will be selected will "NOT" interfere with any of our MARC Charity Event days, I can assure you of that. The first ride we are looking at takes place the day after the February MARC meeting, Sunday Feb. 13th. It is called the Sweetheart Ride, starts at the Santa Susana Park in Semi Valley. Sign in is 8am to 10am. We will talk about it at the Feb MARC Meeting.

9. Wayne KB6UJW is in the process of doing a complete revision of the entire MARC Web Site. I have been working the past 4 or 5 days going through the present MARC Web Pages to update them and add the new 2005 MARC Calendar of MARC Events to them and sending the updates to Wayne. The one thing that really strikes me about our MARC Web Site, the more I read it word for word, page for page, the more I realize how much Wayne has done for us on that MARC Web Site. His writings are superb, well written, very good use of words, very intelligently done. So for a real treat, go look again,

but more closely at the articles that Wayne has written, it is well worth the time. I know it sure opened my eyes again. Thanks Wayne for all the work you have done on the MARC Web Pages, I for one certainly appreciate your efforts, and that is from the official MARC Chairman Of The Board. Now don't let this go to your head Wayne. :-) Laughing

10. Members should also go to the MARC Web Pages, go to their Bio's, review them and if changes are needed, copy them off the web site, paste them to an email, make the corrections and send them to me in a text message to review and forward on to Wayne for posting to the MARC Web Site.

11. I hate bringing this up all the time, but here is goes again. Please, Please, Please, when posting messages to the MARC List or sending email to HQ-MARC or "ME", PLEASE include your FCC Ham Call Sign in your signature or in the email address in the header of your email. When we are getting sometimes 200 emails a day, it is a big pain in the back side to have to look through 300 names on the roster to figure out who is sending us a request for installation information or what ever it may be. That 200 or so messages I had to go through about all the 30amp Comet Power Supplies that we sold, drove me nuts.

12. Last but not least, MARC your calendars for the MARC Christmas Party, Saturday, Dec 10th, 2005. "MARC IT NOW". I don't want to hear that you weren't given enough notice. We already have the date reserved at the Lake View Cafe.

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

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#### ICE - SNOW- FUN IN MINNESOTA

"Tim I thought I saw you yesterday!" Jerry exclaimed smiling.  
"OH?" I looked up at him and he started his story  
"Heading home from work and coming up I-35E out of St. Paul I noticed one headlight and the light was in the center of the road so I knew it was a motorcycle! Tim I thought, no one else would be out in this weather!" Jerry smiled with laughter ringing in his words as he continued.. "The motorcycle was a Harley and the fellow riding had a full beard, his jacket was unzipped and as he passed I could see the smile on his face!"

"Must have had a vest on." I commented

"Vest?" Jerry asks

"Electric vest does great things for rides at this time of year!" It was my turn to smile.

Seasoned greetings from the winter wonderland! This week is the annual Winter Carnival in St. Paul. Everything from snow sculpting to ice skating to broom ball to... well anything that can be played outside is being done. Amazing ice carvings in the city parks to ice racing on Lake Phalen. All in the name of fun and enjoyment in this frigid area. . Seems I have lots of people around me that can't figure out if I am out riding or if I am sitting in the truck. Assuming of course that the bike is under me. Interesting how most people think. And yet we are like that! .

Bonnie calls it Mother Nature when we read the e-mail. Enticing me sometimes to take the bike out I peer down that ice crusted alley. Knowing that yes right now I can get out but what will happen when returning. Or what will happen if a car is in my way. Winding myself up with wasted questions until I finally give up the idea or head out start the bike and GO! Storm track that has bothered you guys and the south in general is the same jet stream that brings snows to us. Snow depths by the end of January is around 30 inches on average. This year we finally had a snow maker and got us over the 10 inch mark on the old ruler in the snow. Mild weather for this coming week means more enticement I 'spose.

Besides this is February and I need at least one ride to keep my

goal of riding at least once a month for the past 4 years! Maybe next time IT will be my headlight running in the center of some lane when Jerry or others do see a bike out! However as JP keep reminding me... Don't do anything RASH that will bring Road Rash! AMEN!

For the Eastern MARC chapter... I am planning to head for New Hampshire via North Carolina from Minnesota... Anyone interested in seeing me or at least talking about their favorite roads please advise. The route is sketchy however if anyone along the way wants an eyeball I will do the extra miles to see you! Not interested in riding thru without saying hi. OK?

Trip plans are either for the end of June or end of August.... take care!

Tim Lindstrom AB0TS <ab0tstim@juno.com>

#### EAST COAST MARC

Here is the final list of events and proposed activities for the riding season of 2005 as agreed upon at the General Meeting on Sunday 30 January 2005. We have yet to appoint ride captains, and select destinations for those rides that are not earmarked for special events. Anyone interested in proposing a ride and destination please contact me with details and we can slot it into one of the positions. I have included some of my suggestions as destinations for the ride days but these are modifiable as per request and the availability of Ride Captains. John will post this on to our web site as soon as possible. This will allow you make your plans accordingly.

Those members that did not attend the meeting are asked to forward their dues for 2005 to Mike McGrath KC2TD at 55 Lake Trail, Carmel, NY 10512. Mike will then forward the \$12 portion of our \$20 dues to California for the national newsletter.

The executive for this year will remain as it was last year with the addition of Mike Vasil as Secretary. Welcome to the team Mike.

President Paul Illichenko WF1G

VP Curt Seaton W1FSM

Secretary Mike Vasil (no call at this time)

Treasurer Mike McGrath KC2TD

News Letter Ed. Bill Blackwood KE1JD

Web Master John Allocca WB2LUA

I look forward to seeing you of many of the events for the season for 2005.

Here is the schedule:-

March: 20 "Edison Museum NJ" ( If it is open? It is supposed to reopen soon.)

April: 3 "Bear mountain and NJ/NY horse country"

14 - 17 "Mid Atlantic 7 State ride" (Gettysburg PA to Atlantic City NJ).

May: 22 "WestPoint Academy NY"

June: 7 - 11 "Americade".

10 "Americade Dinner".

18 "Pat Griscus Triathlon" (6:00AM to 11:00AM date TBC, communications and ride assistance).

19 "Rhinebeck NY ride"

July: 16 "North East 7 State Ride"

August: 2 - 7 "MMCI conference, MN".

8 - 15 "Sturgis Rally, SD".

September: 15 - 18 "Nova Scotia Getaway".

Tribury Fuel bank bicycle ride traditionally end of Sept.

October: 2 "Battleship cove RI ride".

8 Hartford Marathon. (6:00AM to 12:00PM communications only)

16 "Connecticut Foliage ride"

November: 13 "Mohegan Sun Brunch ride"

Paul B Illichenko WF1G

President East Coast MARC 2000-02, 04, 05

## NCG RP-300 9-15VDC 30A Power Supply

This is an well-built power supply – and its size (10.5" W x 12.375" D x 5.25" H) and weight (25#) provide the first clues that this a linear rather than a switching unit.

When I unpacked the unit, I was surprised to see that it had a 2-prong power cord. The AC socket on the back of the unit is a 3-wire device – why is a 2-wire cord supplied? Oh well, no problem – I've many 3-wire power cords. Plugged the 3-wire cord it into the back of the power supply and checked for continuity between the ground prong on the plug and the bare metal back of the power supply. As I suspected, the case was not grounded...! I am not a fan of ungrounded metal enclosures that contain 120VAC and decided to see if this was "fixable".

I removed the 8 screws (4 top and 2 on each side) holding the cover onto the chassis and lifted it up and off. OOPSIE...! My "lift-off" was a tad too exuberant and I'm now looking at the inside of the cover with its fan and dangling power leads...! It took me a while to find where that fan plugs in. Finally found a matching 2-pin connector located at the top rear of the cigarette lighter socket. OK, that problem's solved.

Now what about the possibility of grounding the power supply chassis/cover to make it safer? Looking at the AC socket, the ground terminal is intact but has never had anything soldered to it...! The left rear mounting screw of the massive transformer is only a couple of inches away from the AC socket. That should work fine.

A 3-wire power cord, approximately 4" of 16ga stranded wire out of the "junk box" and a non-insulated crimp-type #10 screw ring terminal are all the parts needed. The wire insulation was black not green, so I covered the wire and the crimp end of the terminal with a piece of white shrink tubing. I put a "flag" label on the wire marking it a "green" ground wire. Stripped about 5/16" of the bare end of the wire, fired up the ol' Weller 100W Soldering Gun and tinned it. Removed the nut from the transformer mounting screw, put the ring terminal in place, replaced the nut and tightened it securely. Formed the wire into an easy arc and stuck the tinned wire through the hole in the ground terminal and applied a fillet of solder onto the wire & lug.

After I connected the fan and set the cover in place, it was time for the "smoke" test. Plugged in the cord and turned on the supply. Everything looked normal, so I replaced the cover screws. As I was tightening the last screw on the right rear, there was a POP and the panel lights blinked...! \$#%@\* – quickly turned it off the power and removed the cover to see what I had "fried"...!

There is a 4-wire bundle running the "trough" between the right edge of the chassis and the huge heat sink standing to its left. Lifted the bundle of wires up slightly and found a black burn mark on the insulation of one of the wires. The screw had forced the wire against a fin on the heat sink and punctured the insulation. (This may have happened when it was initially assembled, but without the case being grounded, it wouldn't have caused a short to ground.) Fortunately it didn't really harm the actual wire. With the wire bundle clear of the "trough", I cautiously turned on the power supply. WHEW – nothing seemed to be damaged...! Hooked up the Yaesu FT-7100m and tested it on full power. The power supply was rock-steady at 13.8VDC and about 9A. Shut it down, insulated that small burned spot with 2 layers of electrical tape, covered the screw hole in the chassis with a piece of electrical tape – and put a label over the hole in the cover which said "Do not use this screw hole".

### To review:

1) The case of the power supply is easily grounded and IMO is

now much safer to use.

- 2) Be careful when removing the cover; disconnect the fan leads before removing the cover completely.
- 3) Take particular care to insure a good soldered connection to the ground lug on the AC socket.
- 4) Don't install that right rear cover screw. In addition to covering the holes with tape and a warning label, I threw away the last cover screw...!

Chuck KG6NJP

## Gearin Up for Abused Kids

This will be the 11th annual, bike ride benefiting abused and neglected kids. This ride will be a one day event this year held on April 30th.

The committee had their first full committee meeting the other day (January 31st). They have decided to continue with the ride being a one day event this just like last year, there's been a lot of work being done by the sub-groups looking at the routes.

The ride date is set for April 30th (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 and this year they are going to have a kids fun ride for the kids under 12 years of age around the Vanguard campus. 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. They think that the ride will have about 200 riders total.

We have had a few members install APRS on their motors and this year. We are planning to have net control at the start / finish area with a computer set up to monitor the progress of the riders using APRS. Make sure you stop by and check out the computer and see APRS in action.

If you can help with this event make plans to signup and come help.

Thank you all,

John Edwards KC6ZQZ



Weather it be here or there it's cool

Sunshine is promising warmer weather! We are in the January thaw with temperature of 49 degrees on this the 25th of January. I hovered around work thinking about what to do at home or should I stay and clean up the snow around the parking lot entrances.

Checked the bright blue skies watching the trees to see if there is any wind. Some. So I headed back to the office and said good by to the secretary. She looked surprised as I left. Driving the old pickup home in the brightness with hardly any heat on. Sure feels like spring!

Most of this month I have been playing with an inverted V-dipole. Not much room on this city lot for any kind of tower or big antenna. And not wanting to spend big bucks on something only meant stringing wire. Results of my dipole has been mixed. Sure can hear people around the midwest but when calling into a net there is something more to be desired. Again however I am not investing in an amp or some antenna wire. Nope most of the contacts are usually when on the motorcycle.

Its sure good to hear the southern California weather is better for riding! Kind of cool that John and the rest likes to remind us tundra folk about the day to day tasks and the riding going on. Glad you can do it! Even today I wanted to get the bike out. Looking down a snow packed alley just wasn't right somehow. Well I did start the bike. Had to jump it off the truck though. Been sitting too long I suppose. So with the background noise of a bmw purring I chopped the ice off the driveway. heheh

I did ride back on the first of this year. Hoping to get a ride in February before really getting serious about riding all the time. March though is more snow and we can wait.

Always good though, to see the e-mail flying and the latest news or gadgets! Take care then and 73

Tim Lindstrom AB0TS <ab0tstim@juno.com>

## ONE WONDERFUL WEEKEND RIDE

Bob Wallace (K6wfv) and I left Sunday morning bound for State Line and Buffalo Bills. We took Hwy 166 through to Maricopa. When we topped the hill above Maricopa, all we could see was fog all the way to the foothills above Arvin. From Maricopa, we were still on 166 to a left turn onto Old River Rd., to a right turn onto Hwy 223 that took us to Hwy 58. We turned right on 58 til we came to Keen, which was about 5 miles, then a right turn to the off ramp, then left under the Hwy onto Woofered Tahachapi Rd. Can you say motorcycle friendly? Worse than a snake crawling, narrow and twisty.

We stopped in Tahachapi for breakfast at Satterfields, which has a menu with 106 different omelets. Yes, you read right, plus the usual items. It's far enough from the main part of town that it's a locals eatery. We found it from a friend of Bob's who used to live there and we met them there on one of our rides to Chapter R's ride in Mesquite NV. After breakfast back on hwy 58 to Four Corners 395 & 58 for gas, also called Kramer's Corner. By the time I came out of the store, Bob had left. I tried calling him on the CB and gave it up switched to 2m but to my sorrow I couldn't raise him. He heard me but I didn't hear him. I eventually caught up with him about 12 miles down the road, he asked me if I had the squelch open on the CB, which I had done, but never thought that I couldn't hear him when he answered me.

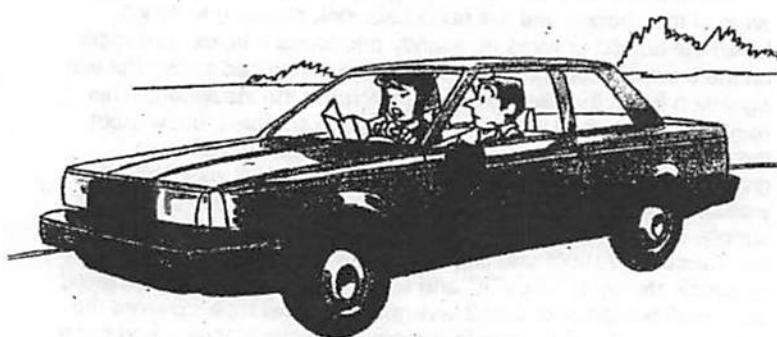
In Barstow we took I-15 north to Baker, got off to get a drink, then back on the road to State Line, arriving about 3:30 pm. Checked in, then went into the casino to see what we could see and get a beer to relax us from our arduous tripppp. Sat down at the bar, got a beer and played video poker, which I managed to win a wholesome amount of \$2.75. I took a payout, got my ticket, had

another beer, then we walked around for awhile looking at the slots and various games. We finally got hungry and went and had dinner at the buffet. Later we walked around some more and finally stopped and played the quarter slots. Bob wasn't having much success. I put in the ticket I had and played it out and had only two quarters left. I borrowed a quarter from Bob, which I put in to bet the max, and won \$63.00! At that point I quit and split it with Bob as we had done this before when I needed another coin to max bet.

By that time, it was bed time. We got up the next morning, got going, then stopped in Baker and had breakfast at the Bun Boy restaurant – not bad food. We topped off the gas tanks then took Hwy 127 west towards Death Valley. About 5 miles out of town we found a big lake due to the rains which had also washed out the road in town. While we were there, a car pulled up and a young girl got out and asked if we'd take her picture because she was from the East Coast actually Saint Mary's County in Southern Maryland, I asked her if she knew where Dentsville just east of La Plata she said she did. Small World, I took her pix with her camera and Bob took one with his. We got back on the bikes and up the road we went made a left turn at Shoshone towards Death Valley on the way we hit a longgggggggggg stretch of road and know one but us, turn the throttle and 105 mph real quick then back to normal warp speed. Took some pix just past Mormon Pt then again at Bad Water and Vicky caught up with us from the lake out side of Baker. Then it was off to lunch at Furnace Creek for lunch had a hamburger and fries. Then off towards Beatty via 190 and Hwy374 and Daylight Pass then into Beatty and motel 6. After getting checked in and bikes put to bed and covered up (good IDEA) as it rained after we were in bed. Went over to the StageCoach Motel and Casino and restaurant had Nv fried chicken hit the slots but only spent 2.00 on nickel slot. No luck tonight. Got up the next morning to sprinkles which lasted til we hit the state line on the way back into Death Valley, we went by the dunes and Stove Pipe Wells then across the flats to a left turn just before Panimemt Springs.

When we got to the junction of Panamint Valley road and Trone Wildrose Rd , we took a right turn and were on the road to Ridgecrest and a gas stop but before that we had to play again and down go the wind shields and on the throttle mine was 140 mph the fastest I've ever been two or 4 wheels then back down to sane speeds. The route to Lake Isabella was across Hwy 178 and lunch in Kernville, then back on the road towards Bakersfield Bob went south on Hwy 184 to 223 then back to Santa Maria - me turn right on 99 north to Visalia and my Moms house and get all the work done I can . Well that was our long and fun filled weekend. We were able to talk on 2m from 223 and me at 99 & 65 north. SORRY about the book but "Zella" said she needed some filler!!!!!!

Roger Wheelock KE6OND <Roger1800@comcast.com>



**'You might as well leave the turn signal on—we're driving in circles anyway.'**

**Motorcycle Ham Recruiting in Houston  
by Jerry Irwin WAØGLD Willis, TX**

Icom Day was held at the Houston Amateur Radio Supply store January 22nd, 2005. MARC members Jerry Irwin, WAØGLD, and Ric Sadler, KB5BGN, manned a recruiting booth inviting hams in general, but motorcycle hams specifically to volunteer to assist with charity bicycle rides and other events. There was a good crowd and much interest in Jerry's red GI 1500. All throughout the day people stopped to look at the bike and ask questions. A few hams signed up to volunteer, and several more took the information cards I had as well as a MARC application and one of Ray's cards. We have one new member for sure, Randy Ammerman, as I collected his membership fee at the event. I'm fairly certain of two more new members. Randy rode as an MS 150 Motorcycle Marshal last year and is returning this year. He bought a radio at Icom Day, and intends to earn his license at the Ham Cram Course being held in February.

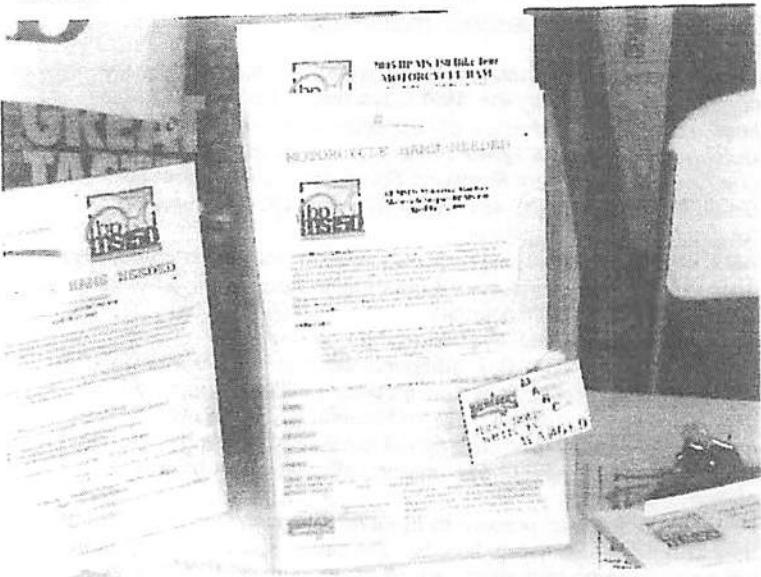
Thanks to George DiLetto for allowing us to have a recruiting booth set up right in front of his store for this great cause. Also we advertised a "Ham Cram Course" to be held February 19th. It is an all day study course for the no-code Tech license followed by a test session. Ric and I held one last year and of thirteen candidates, thirteen passed. I hope we do as good this year. The main thrust of the one day course is to get more hams on the motorcycles. Eleven of the thirteen in last year's class were motorcycle volunteers. This year's class will be better advertised, so I expect to see a larger class, but a smaller percentage associated with the charity events. But we will take all the hams we can get.

Remember, all MARCies are invited to join Ray Davis as a motorcycle volunteer for the Houston MS 150 on April 16-17, 2005. If you need further information please email me.

#1: Motorcycle Ham Recruiting Booth. Jerry Irwin, WAØGLD, (left) and Ric Sadler, KB5BGN, answer questions and distribute MS 150 and MARC information at the Houston Amateur Radio Supply Store Icom Day event.



#2: Information display including MARC applications and information.



#3: There was a continuous flow of hams interested in Jerry's red GI-1500 radio/GPS/APRS setup.



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## AMA News & Notes

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/legisln/newsandnotes/index.asp>

> January 2005

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

AMA is hosting a Washington, D.C., seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether in Congress or their local councils.

The seminar is March 6-9, 2005 at the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, DC. Participants will meet and learn from the AMA's Washington staff, as well as other political experts. In addition to learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and lobbying elected officials.

Participants will also prepare to meet face-to-face with members of their congressional delegation. But the seminar isn't all work; there will be a welcome reception, as well as a luncheon and a banquet over the course of the seminar.

The seminar registration fee is \$75. The registration deadline is February 11. AMA membership is required. For more information or to register, contact Sharon Titus at (614) 856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at <mailto:stitus@ama-cycle.org>.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and the Better Business Bureau have released a video designed to educating drivers on collision avoidance strategies. Crash Course: What to Know Before and After a Collision also instructs drivers and car crash victims about steps to take at the scene after a crash has occurred and how to effectively deal with insurance claim issues.

Noting that collisions are the number one cause of death in the US for people aged 4-33, Peter Kissinger, president and CEO of the AAA Foundation, stated, "Given the alarming fact that every 13 minutes someone is killed on our nation's roadways, traffic safety education is a necessity."

In a recent poll of 4,400 people, 83 percent said they had been in a collision as either a passenger or driver. Almost one-third did not know what information they are required by law to give at the scene of a collision. Forty-eight percent did not know their own insurance liability limits required by their state. (AAA)

"There is more awareness of the problems now. What we need are solutions." US Forest Service (USFS) Chief Dale Bosworth told the annual Conference on Fire and Forest Health at Boise State University. The USFS must reach out locally according to Chief Bosworth. He went on to express that how well the Forest Service adapts to this evolution will be dependent on how willing it is to include the public in its decision-making process.

A changing culture and changing values, coupled with different land conditions and uses have all conspired to alter the mission of the USFS and the demand put on forest land by outdoor recreationists is of principle interest to many more people.

To that end the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) would like to encourage all off-highway vehicle enthusiasts to get personally involved with their local forest officials. Whether it is through a local riding club, a statewide association or the AMA Community Council program, the only way to ensure that public riding opportunities remain viable is to "get involved."

For more information on the AMA Community Council network of activists go to <http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisln/councils.asp>.

(The Salt Lake Tribune and others contributed to this article) Motorcycle-related injuries and deaths have been on the rise since 1997, and urban teaching hospitals are bearing the brunt of caring for those injured, according to a new nationwide study which appears in the December issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

While the article states less than 16 percent of

patients hospitalized for motorcycle-injuries were uninsured, another 10 percent used public insurance like Medicaid during their hospitalizations. Yet the article still goes to great length to recapitulate the "social burden" myth perpetuated for decades by many in the medical and safety community. The article notes that broken legs were the most common injury sustained among hospitalized riders but dwells on head injuries and does not stating the cause of the crashes. Through their nationwide hospital sample of motorcycle injuries, the authors found that men are much more likely than women to be injured on a motorcycle; in 2001, men accounted for 89 percent of motorcycle-related hospital discharges.

The study also states that motorcycles are a risky ride, compared with cars. An earlier study concluded that motorcyclists were 16 times more likely to die and four times more likely to be injured in a traffic crash than passenger car occupants.

The American Motorcyclist Association

<http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisln/positions/helmet.asp> can The bipartisan bill to end health-care discrimination against motorcyclists and ATVers cleared the US Senate but failed to clear the House before the end of the 2004 session. The measure, S. 423 is now considered a dead bill.

However, AMA Government Relations Department officials look forward to reintroducing this important legislation in the 109th Congress, and urge all motorcyclists, ATVers and others to contact their US Representatives and Senators to support the new bill.

The measure would bar health plans from denying benefits to people injured while riding motorcycles, ATVs, horses, snowmobiles, skiing, or engaging in other legal recreational or transportation activities.

In 1996, Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which prohibits companies from denying access to employer-sponsored health insurance for motorcyclists and those who participate in other recreational activities. However, federal regulators created a loophole that allows the denial of benefits under various conditions.

The AMA, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Motorcycle Industry Council and various state motorcyclists' rights organizations are working to get this loophole-closing legislation approved.

You can find out who your U.S. representative is and contact him or her to support the passage by going to the <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/home/>. There, you will find a .

A Florida car driver ran into a motorcycle in Broward County and kept on driving even though the motorcyclist was thrown onto the hood of the car and yelled at the driver to stop, according to local news reports.

The motorcyclist eventually fell off the hood of the car and wrote down the driver's license plate number. Meanwhile, a witness in another vehicle chased the driver for 20 miles before the driver was stopped by police.

The driver, Scott Eisenberg, allegedly said that he never saw motorcyclist Marlowe Buelvas on his hood, yelling for him to stop. He said if he saw the man he would have stopped immediately, but he just thought he had hit some debris in the road.

Buelvas wasn't injured but his custom motorcycle was totaled. Eisenberg was charged with driving without insurance, leaving the scene of an accident involving damage, failure to report an accident immediately, failure to leave information, and careless driving.

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Take a happy break!



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

1/5/05- KD6EXN Marie \$5 + 5 tickets N/A, 1/12- KF6JRT Robbie \$5 N/A, 1/19- KF6HJT Teri \$5 + 5 tickets Winner, 1/26- KG6SHL Howard \$5 N/A

50/50

We had Marsh KA5TNR draw the special tickets for the monies & prizes on the Prez's table plus the first ticket for the first winner and it be Fara KF6ZQO who in turn called the first money ticket and lo n' behold it was his own ticket..Hmmm Starting the New Year out right and sharing \$38 each were Fara KF6ZQ, Dave KG6VNR & Kay Johnson..

**Door Prizes:**

\$40 Gift Certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by Fara KF6ZQM

Maldol Speaker Mic donated by NCG Comet won by Mel KD6MPB

**Donations from "MARC":**

Ten in one Ratcheting screwdriver donated won by Mel KD6MPB

Craftsman measuring laser tool won by Jerry WA0GLD

Pro Emergency light won by Dave KG6VNR

Emergency Tool won by Rich N6TAX

Mini Clamps won by De Witt KM6UK

"MARC" shirt won by Billy N6EDY

Other door prize donators: Mel & Kay Johnson, John W5JFR, Rich N6MHN, Billy N6EDY, Jeff KB6SUP, Peter N6LMO, & Ray & Bonnie Davis. We deeply appreciate the door prizes brought in by our members-Thank you one and all.

Gray ticket distributor was John W5JFR.

Gray Ticket winner was Billy N6EDY a nice jar of candy. Thank you so much Marsha & Fara also anyone who helped dissect the tickets, it is greatly appreciated..

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

One new member in January- Let's welcome

Randy Ammerman (No call yet) <randalla@houston.rr.com>

Spring Texas

Hopefully you will enjoy "MARC" very much and per the pictures you are already Motorcycle Mobil. Fantastic...

**MEETING:**

January meeting was small but understandable, looking more to show up at the February meeting as I believe it will be good riding weather.

We had the pleasure of having Jerry Irwin WA0GLD & his lovely wife Marsha KA5TNR from Texas.

Of course we had a great time joking, laughing what have you.

**NEWSLETTERS:**

Thank you all for your donations to the February newsletter. Sure makes for some fine reading.

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

We need to keep Alan Gallagher WB6T in our prayers along with lots of love- he will be in the hospital longer then he has anticipated.

To the many members who have sickness, loss of a loved one, or family who are ill and need lots of love, we are here for you in prayer.....Connie Brown, John Helms, Eleanor Guthrie, Burt & Geri Brink family, Ron Ames went to be with GOD oh so many more I do not know about-WE DO CARE & LOVE YOU ALL- Our love and prayers go out to the Military and their families for a more promising New Year ... GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

Hey Everyone!

It's great to see the MARC Texas Chapter expanding! I'm really looking forward to April and our MS-150. Hopefully, I will be seeing some familiar faces again this year.

Ahhh....the Ladies' Meeting! I do miss being there for the February meeting! It's always so much fun. Be sure to take lots of pictures! You girls do such a fantastic job of running the meeting! I'll be there in spirit anyway.

Sometime this quarter, I'll be asking for a reply to the email check in. Thanks in advance for your timely responses!

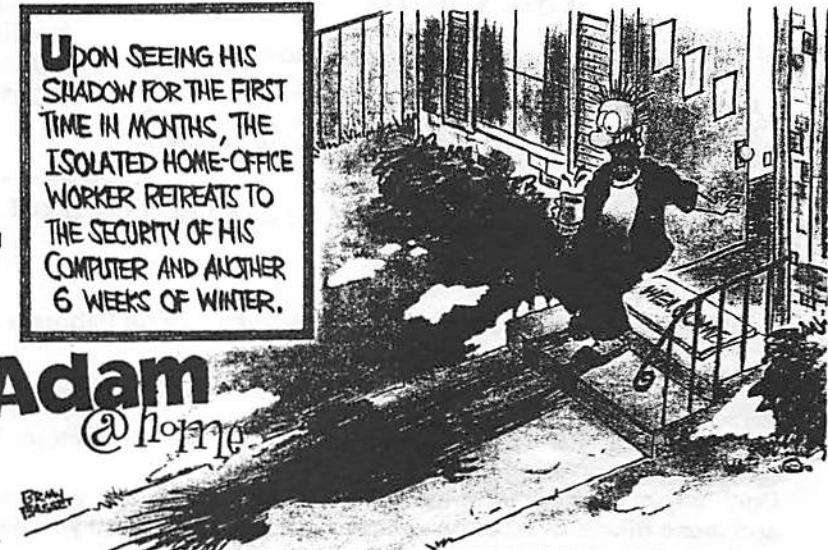
Y'all take care and ride safely. Enjoy yourselves! I hope the California weather stays nice for a while now. (of course it's raining here in Houston....but we're used to it)

Hopefully, I'll see you in May at the Anniversary Meeting.

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

YES YES there will be a sign-up sheet for the Abused Kids Ride at our February meeting...  
Boy I don't know if I have forgot anything or not but I bet you let me know!!!!!!

THINK ABOUT IT— WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR THE 13TH "MARC" ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN MAY SPECIAL DRAWING PRIZE???????



## MOTORCYCLE BRACKETS

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

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

We just have them for the Left side handlebars (No more for the right side). 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, sorry no polished plates left.

(Ray & I bought these as MARC could not afford to pay for 50-100 of these at a time so Checks go to Ray Davis (not MARC))

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Don't forget to check your motorcycles, ham radio gear, you wearing apparel as our charity events will soon be starting and those things need to be checked out often to assure you have no problems during an event. Make sure everything works well, and tires are in good shape.

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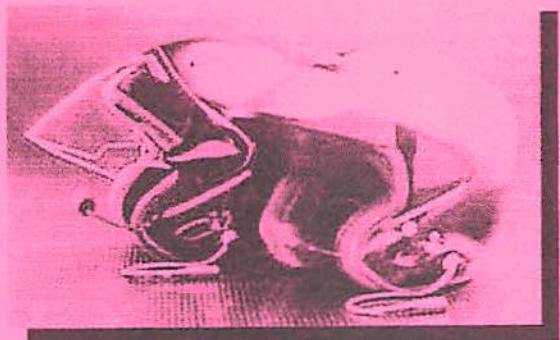




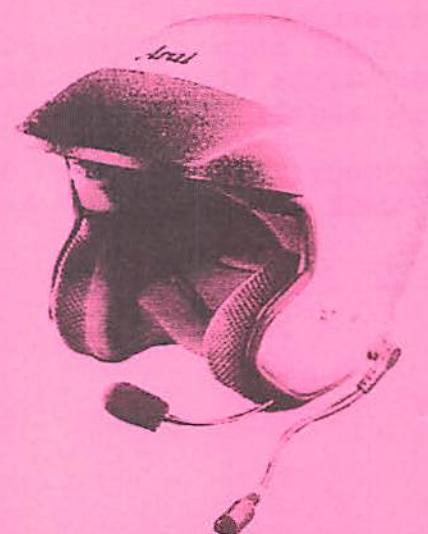
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