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From The President's Desk::



Happy Valentine's Day, Mijo and I hope your Valentine's day is as joyous as ours. It will be our son's 31st birthday. Just one more year for our personal Cupid.

At the February MARC meeting, I will be auctioning off a hard cover copy of "By The Light of the Moon," a book by Dean Koontz. This book has been autographed by the author had has been donated by Audrey Swearngen, (with Billy, N6EDY). This is a novel of heart stopping suspense and transcendent beauty, of how evil can destroy us and love can redeem us—a masterwork of the imagination in which surprises come page after page and the spell of sublime storytelling triumphs throughout. This book promises to be good reading and also a collector's item, as it is dedicated/signed by the author. All proceeds will go to the MARC treasury, so bring a few extra dollars and bid on this outstanding literary find.

At our MARC anniversary meeting in May 2006, we will have a GPS unit as the "Grand Prize." As usual, we will be selling tickets/chances to win this GPS for one dollar each. For more information on this GPS unit, the first offered as a prize from MARC, come to the February 11th MARC meeting. Tickets will be on sale then. Of course they will also be available from Bonnie, KD6OFQ, at the MARC office (please send your \$\$\$ and a SASE). She will be happy to place your tickets in the box for the drawing and send you your half by return mail.

Starting at the February MARC meeting, I will be collecting goodies to send to Specialist Willie Douglas, KF6QPD. Willie is stationed near Baghdad, Iraq. Bill, KE6UUD, says he will be home on leave in February so it will probably be early or mid- March

before I send anything over to him and his fellow soldiers. Neither Bill nor I have received a list of things needed by Willie and his fellow soldiers. Bill promises to corner him and get a list for us while he is in Oregon with his wife. So, as for now, I will be taking almost anything but remember that they have been over there long enough that the military supply and Post Exchange system has been established. They will have access to reading material and all the normal health and beauty aids. What they will probably want is goodies that aren't available through the military exchange service and, of course, toys and things to give to the kids while they are on patrol. It is a shame that our "News" doesn't publicize all the good things that our soldiers do over there. Unfortunately good things don't sell papers, only bad news make the headlines.

Well, as of today, 28 January 2006, W5JFR is once again on the air HF. This morning, Mijo and I rose to a beautiful, calm, sunny day. The past few weekends have been very windy and not suited to any work outside. Today was perfect, sunny and not too cold or hot, so the "Tower Monkey" (yours truly) decided it was time to assemble the new Comet CHA-250BS broadband antenna and get it up on the tower. The antenna was very easy to put together and the instructions easy to follow. In no time flat, the assembly was completed and I was up the tower with wrenches in hand. After finding a secure perch atop the tower framework, I hoisted the twenty three and a half foot long omni to the pinnacle of the tower and placed it over the top of an aluminum stinger (thanks to Ray, KD6FHN). This took a couple of tries, as I had to hang on to the tower with one hand and use the other to maneuver the antenna into place. The third try was a charm; with the antenna on top of the stinger, I tightened the nuts on the u-bolts to secure

the new antenna to the stinger. After attaching the coaxial cable to the matching network, I shinned down the tower. All looked good, so I went into the radio shack and fired up the Yeasu FT-847. With all the lights on and the cooling fan humming, I dialed in various HF frequencies, power output was up to par, right by the book, and SWR was perfect, just as advertised by Comet. So now, I should be able to run on 6, 20, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40, 75, and 80 meters. That is a few more bands than were available on the old R-7 antenna. (The R7 was removed from service by Mother Nature and the Santa Anna winds.) My next trick will be to find some way to separate the six meter input from the other HF inputs, as on the FT-847 this is a separate input on the rear of the radio. I guess the simplest way will be to install a coaxial A/B switch marked for six meters and HF and then just remember to switch back and fourth when I change from six meters to HF. I don't know if a duplexer is made for this purpose or not.

Sorry, not a lot of motorcycle news this month, but I will say smile and look to the coming months. Plenty of riding is in the near future. We will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting for the Gearin' Up For Abused Kids ride, also known as the Tour de OC (Orange County). This is our first event of the year. The Gearin' Up ride is an easy event to work and perfect for out MARC members who haven't worked an event before and need to learn what we do during a charity event. So new to the group or an experienced MARC rider, sign up to help us on this event. (Check out John's, KC6ZOZ, article about the Gearin' Up ride in this news letter.)

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Keep the Frog on top!

Gearin Up for abused kids

This will be the 12th annual, bike ride benefiting abused and neglected kids. This ride will be a one day event again this year held on April 29th 2006.

The committee had their first full committee meeting the other day (January 20th) 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 29th (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 to the first 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 rides total. We have had a few more 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.

Below is information about the ride.

Mission Statement:

Gearin' Up for Abused Kids, Tour de O.C. exists to provide a fun family bike a thon to help support Royal Family Kids' Camp, a unique camp for abused and neglected children. We strive to encourage involvement in RFKC.

Our Goal:

Is to send 100 kids to camp. It costs \$450.00 to send one kid to camp. We need to raise \$45,000 above and beyond the cost to put on this event. This money goes directly to the camp for the kids from Orange County.

What does Royal Family Kids Camp offer to the kids in need?

- * Positive memories for abused, neglected and abandoned children.
 - * Most of the campers have never celebrated their birthday. Many have never received a birthday card. An "Everybody's Birthday Party" with Birthday Boxes filled with small presents is celebrated at camp.
 - * They have a camp Grandma and Grandpa who provide all the hugs the kids want.
 - * Many of abused kids do not have any family pictures or pictures of themselves. Pictures are taken throughout the week and are made into a memory book which is given to each child at the end of the week.
 - * There is a 2 to 1 ratio of campers to counselors. All of the counselors and staff are screened and trained.
- Who attends Royal Family Kids Camp?
- * Most of the campers are in foster care.
 - * They are Kids who have been abused, neglected and abandoned.
 - * Camps are for kid's ages 7 to 11

Facts:

- * This year Royal Family Kids Camps will have 126 Camps in 36 States with 5,000 campers
- * Since 1985 there have been more than 10,000 kids at these one week summer camps.

* Royal Family Kids Camps are the nation's leading network of camps for abused, neglected and abandoned children.

* Annually, 3 million cases are reported in America of child abuse, neglect or abandonment.

* One of these victims dies every four hours due to that abuse. Wayne and Diane Tesch founded Royal Family Kids Camps in 1985. Wayne and Diane are highly respected, personal friends of many of the riders and event coordinators for Gearin' Up.

Thank you all,
John Edwards KC6ZOZ

MS 150

On January 18 the first meeting of the 2006 MS150 Committee was held. A lot of new changes are in the works for this year. The Committee is looking for an alternate starting point. It costs more than \$18,000 for parking at the State Beach in Huntington Beach. It was felt that this money would be better spent going directly to the MS Chapter.

Training clinics and rides will be offered early this year. Last year the clinics and rides were offered a few weeks before the ride and it was felt that having an earlier clinic would greatly benefit those that have not done long distance bicycle riding.

Last year the goal was to raise \$2,000,000 with \$2,031,050 having been collected to date. Of the 2005 registered riders 1700 actually participated in the ride. That comes out to approximately \$1100 raised per rider (I know you're crunching the numbers, Wayne). For 2006 the goal will be \$2,500,000.

As always safety is an upfront issue that was talked about in length. The committee will be breaking into smaller groups with various functions such as safety, training, and route to address each aspect of the ride.

Some of the goals are: to have a better overnight celebration, improve safety awareness, improve route marking, and to improve the rider experience.

We are still early in the year and it will be quite some time before things will be finalized. More to come in the weeks ahead. This is one of the most enjoyable rides I've worked and as always our participation is greatly appreciated by the bicyclists and the MS folks.

Andy W6AJB

"MARC" CALENDAR 2006

Feb	11 - Breakfast Meeting
Mar	11- Breakfast Meeting
Apr	8- Breakfast Meeting
Apr	22-23 Houston/Austin MS-150
Apr	29- Abused Kids Ride
May	13-14th Anniversary Meeting
May	20- Tour de Cure
June	10-Breakfast Meeting
June	11- BAD Ride
July	-NO MEETING
Aug	12- Breakfast Meeting
Sept.	9- Breakfast Meeting
Oct	7/8- MS 150
Oct	14- Breakfast Meeting
OCT	14- BAD RIDE No. CA(Info available)
Nov	11- Breakfast Meeting
Nov	12- Love Ride
Dec	9-Christmas Party

Catching up on Upcoming Events

A reminder about the MARC dues and the BARN/ALERT dues for those who haven't sent them in yet. This will be the last MARC Newsletter for those who have not sent in their dues by March 1st.

Don't forget the Feb MARC meeting on Saturday Feb 11th. We are going to do a little something different at the meeting. We are going to have a GPS show and tell session. I will be bringing a Garmin Street Pilot 3 Deluxe and a Garmin GPSMap 60CS. Others will be bringing a 276, 2610, 18C and many others. The purpose for this is to give everyone a chance to see these and help us decide which one would be best for our MARC treasurer to buy for the Super Raffle drawing for the May Anniversary Meeting. So if you would like to see some of these different GPS's and see how they work, be sure to be at this meeting.

Again a big thanks to Mark KE6ZRP and his efforts to keep the Echolink system up and running connected to the ALERT 440 Repeater. It is so much fun hearing from our MARC members from around the country using the Echolink system, try it, you'll like it. Good job Mark.

By the time you read this, it will be history, but a group of engineers from Japan who work for American Honda will be meeting up with Charles KF6TXI, Chuck KG6NJP and myself at Huntington Honda on Thursday Feb 2nd to talk to us about what needs to be changed or added to the GPS's on the new Gold Wings coming out later. Certainly there is a lot of improvements that can and should be made to the GPS's on the new Gold Wings.

The Southern CA Motorcycle Association's (SCMA) drawing for their 3 Flags Classic was last Saturday. They were to draw 250 names for the slots to ride the 06 3 Flags Classic that is always ridden over Labor Day Weekend, then put the last 40 or so applications for entries on a waiting list. I was drawn number 205 and Bonnie got very close to not getting drawn, she was number 242. This year it goes from Tijuana to Penticton in B.C. Canada. This will be our 21st consecutive year of making that ride. We have already made the reservations at the Lakeside Resort in Penticton for Sept 3rd/4th & 5th.

Again this year we will be making some of the SCMA monthly rides that do not fall on our MARC meeting days. Last year we tried that and had a good time on some very nice rides.

This will be over too, but this Saturday Feb. 4th will be the SCMA 4 Corners Banquet. These things are always fun for Bonnie and I because we get to see so many of our SCMA friends that we have made over the more than 25 years that we have been members of the SCMA.

We hope that everyone is doing well with their New Years Resolutions of losing weight. In a month I have lost 8 Lbs by staying on a 1000 to 1200 calories a day diet and putting in 2 miles walking 6 days a week or working out on my elliptical trainer for 40 minutes on a day I don't do the walk. Sure has gotten the legs into pretty good shape while losing the weight. No one said it was going to be easy, but it's working. Good luck to all the others who have made New Years resolutions and hope they are working out for them.

The days are getting longer so I have been busy on the phone making reservations at all the places I plan on going this summer. Starting with the MS150 in Houston in April, the Alamo Run the first week of May, the MARC 14th Anniversary meeting the 2nd weekend of May, the HamVention in Dayton OH the 3rd weekend of May, the SCMA Blazing Saddles Ride over Memorial Day weekend (a 5 day ride through CA & NV), Honda Hoot, WinDing and Honda Homecoming. Plus all of our charity events in between. Looks like Casper is going to get a work out again this summer.

Don't forget to MARC your December calendars for the MARC Christmas Party on Saturday Dec. 9th. at 6:30pm.



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

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CAN'T GET RID OF THE WINTER!!

Howdy from the tundra! However this year the cold snap of January hasn't happened. Balmy almost! Well to the people who live around here it is! Heh. I have seen a few motorcyclists out which brings a smile to my face. And when I have been out riding I either see those same type of smiles or even a wave. Although the wave is from inside some car. Kind of funny.

Some may wonder if I really do ride with snow covered streets. Not exactly... Snow covered ground. So enclosed or attached is 2 photos. You must remember that most of my riding friends don't ride in these conditions or rather won't ride under 40 degrees! Debating these guys on maybe moving to the southwestern part of the U.S of A instead of having the dark cloud of doom hovering over their heads has cropped up every October! sigh.

I enjoy the MARC email with not only the information from DeWitt and the rest but also the banter from mileage to err miles. heh

Winter, here is time for radio. I don't do the echo link due to tying up the phone line. However I am playing around with PSK31 and the other digital programs.

Winter is also planning time for trips. Anyone from the Easter MARC chapter that are around in July or would like to see this nut on a beemer with a dk-3 screwdriver antenna... well you can contact me, eh? Burlington, Vermont is holding the International BMW Rally July 20 thru the 23rd. I am planning to go and then head further east to New Hampshire and then south to New Jersey. Yep need to stick some MARC bumper stickers on these scratched up saddle bags... Promote communication while riding!

later,

Tim Lindstrom AB0TS <abotstim@juno.com>

Columbia Heights, MN

BA-MARC has the American Lung Association's Charity Event on May 27th, 2006. Anyone from Southern California or for that matter any other state contact Roger W1RDR....<rdrrines@spamcop.net>

SoCal Tour de Cure May 20, 2006

I sent out 30 letter for donations to the goody bags also for a couple of companies would like a booth for the event. Yes I will have more to send out and if you know of someone who would like to donate their time, we need volunteers in every aspect.

Also I can use more companies that would donate to the cause so if your company would like to be involved, I have the paperwork.

The event will start and finish at El Dorado Park, Long Beach, CA. There may be some route changes on the 25 & 100K.

We would like "MARC" members input as to how we can enhance the signs for the routes!!!! You ride the route!!

Thank you much

Bonnie Davis KD6OFQ

FROM THE LAND OF THE BIG MS150.



Texas MARC members are in full swing getting ready for the Houston-Austin MS150 that will be held on April 22-23 as well as providing support for several other charity bicycle rides that are MS150 sanctioned training rides. There will be one or more bicycle events every weekend except Easter between now and the MS150. We don't volunteer for them all, but we will work several.

One of the first events we do each year is have a recruiting booth at our local ham store, Houston Amateur Radio Supply. Each January George has a sale



Ric Sadler, KB5BGN and Jerry Irwin, WAØGLD at the recruiting booth at Houston Amateur Radio Supply during Manufacturer's Day January 21st.

event and parking lot sale. This year it was called "Manufacturer's Day". George has always been very supportive of the charity events and MARC. Note all the MARC literature and Newsletters in the stands on the table. This year MARC members Ric Sadler, KB5BGN, Jerry Irwin, WAØGLD, and prospective MARC member Mitch Simons, W5MQS worked the booth.

I also advertise my one day Ham Cram Course. I hold at least one of these each year geared toward getting more hams on motorcycles for these events. This course is an all day event structured toward earning the no code Technician Class Amateur Radio License. Basically I put the candidates in a room and make studying the test questions the most interesting thing there is to do. The VEs arrive at 4:00 pm and testing begins. I have had a lot of success with this method. I was mentored on this system by Ross Peterson, WB6ZBU who has held many, many of these classes in the San Francisco Area.

January 27th was the MS150 Kickoff party. This year it was held at the Sam Houston Horse Race Track in northwest Houston. This event is held each



January and if for the bicycle riders to come to meet the MS150 Staff, Steering Committee members, and several vendors such as bike shops, and other bicycling related companies. The Motorcycle Marshals were part of the Safety Zone which included members of SAGs, Motorcycles, Rest

Stops, Communications, and Rider Safety. We are available for riders to ask any questions they might have concerning the roles each of these groups play. MARC members included (left to right in the picture) Ric Sadler, KB5BGN, Jerry Irwin, WAØGLD, prospective MARC member Mitch Simons, W5MQS, and MARC member Dexter Lewis, KB5JTJ.

The following MARC members from out of the Houston area have indicated they will volunteer for the Houston-Austin MS150 this year.

Ray Davis KD6FHN
DeWitt Morgan KM6UK
Norm Huber N9ZKS
Wendell Reeve N4OYO

If anybody else is interested in participating, please let me know. I have closed new registrations for motorcycle volunteers for this year's MS150 but I will take any MARC member. We still need more non-motorcycle hams if anybody is interested.

Scheduled events coming up are:

February 18th: Ham Cram Course
March 11th: Continental Airlines bicycle ride
March 25th: Volunteer Training Day (Classroom)
March 26th: Official Motorcycle Training ride (Tour de Cypress)

The days are very nice in southeast Texas this time of the year. Great riding weather. So I guess I need to go out and ride!

That's it for Texas this month. Safe riding everybody.

Jerry Irwin
WAØGLD
Motorcycle Chairman
BP MS150 Steering Committee

MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:::

Mar 1st FOR Mar
Mar 29th FOR Apr
May 3rd FOR May
May 31st FOR June/July
Aug 2nd FOR Aug
Aug 30th FOR Sept
Oct 4th FOR Oct
Nov 1st FOR Nov
Nov 29th FOR Dec
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



"COMPARING THE LAST 100 YEARS"

Interesting articles that you run across once in a while. I can't quite remember back 100 years - But I come close. Think about the changes that have taken place the last 100 years. They are mind boggling Billy HALL N6EDY

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1906 :

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!?

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had no college education.

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.??

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death in the U.S.? were:

????????? 1. Pneumonia and influenza
????????? 2. Tuberculosis?
????????? 3. Diarrhea
????????? 4. Heart disease
????????? 5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30 !!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.
Back then pharmacist said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."? (Shocking!)

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

SO, to think I received this from someone else without typing it myself - and sent it on to Bonnie in a matter of seconds! - Again without typing it. Its amazing

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

It's Staggering....

Billy N6EDY <billyn6edy@aol.com

Illinois Weather Not Cooperating!!

Well the weather here has not been disagreeable at all! It did snow a small amount today, but melted as it hit, what with the temperature above 46 degrees.

Many have been out riding, but I haven't just yet. This state spreads salt all over everything like they owned an interest in the salt mine, and I do not like to look at corroded engine cases etc.

So the bike is still in the garage.

I have put new rubber on it, and intend to mount a new AM-FM radio in the sidecar, for Marsha. The old one quit, besides she wanted one that played CD's. So that is my next project. I am thinking of removing all the adapters for the "UHF/VHF" rig, as I find myself more and more just using HF, and the IC-706 will do 2 meters and 70 centimeters in a pinch. I had long ago purchased one of the Comet duplexors so I only need one antenna, unless I need to go for long range VHF work. (I didn't think about Ray getting discounts from Comet items, so I paid full list for it, but it really is worth it.) I probably will need to add extra battery capacity too. The 706 uses lots of electricity! About 20 amperes on transmit.

I am going back to work for a brief time. A man built a very large warehouse here, and he has asked me to do the electrical work. So I start Wednesday morning Feb. 1, 2006.. I estimate 2 to 3 weeks, so it is not a long affair. Today, he asked if I could hire a helper to speed it up, so that time estimate may change too.

I have elected to not go on any mission trips for a while. Marsha said she wanted to start traveling around our country again, so if the weather cooperates, we will spend some time on the road next summer. She doesn't like long times away from home, so mostly it will be 1 or 2 day trips. I guess we will see how that develops, as it happens.

OK 73 to all for now, Paul K9PEP

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you. Jesucristo es el mismo ayer, hoy, por los siglos

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY
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NET DRAWING:

1-4 KG6NBD Sheila Beizai (\$5 N/A), 1-11 KF6ZQO Fara Beizai (\$5 N/A) Daughter & daddy..1-18 N6TAX Rich Blackburn\$5 winner, 1-25 KG6LFZ Hiroko Barringer \$5 winner.....

50/50:

The new year awarded Alvin KD6UZM, Billy N6EDY and Bonnie KD6OFQ each \$57. Good way to start the year out with a bang!!!

\$40 Gift Certificate donated by Huntington Honda won Charles KF6TXI
Coaxial switch donated by NCG Comet won by Stephanie Davidson "smiles"

DONATIONS FROM "MARC":

Mini Powered screwdriver won by Andy W6AJB
Tighten/Trim tool won by Mel KD6MPB & Kay
2 PC locking pliers won by Mel & Kay
Post-it pop-up notes won by Kay Johnson
Office Clip & Pin variety Pak/2006 calendar won by Cody
Two flashers won by Stephanie
Clock & Pen set won by John KC6ZOZ

Other door prize donators: Mel KD6MPB & Kay Johnson, Billy N6EDY, Audrey Swarengen, Alvin KD6UZM, Wayne KB6UJW & Hiroko KG6LFZ, Dave N6ICB, Rich N6TAX & Sue KC6UMH, Charles KF6TXI, Jeff KB6SUP & Julie KC6ZDS, Ted KB6CUR & Diana KB6CUR & Ray & Bonnie Davis. We deeply appreciate the door prizes brought in by our members-I used to list them & the winners but it got too much and besides most would pick up their prizes and walk away.
So you understand I do need to know the winners of Huntington Honda, NCG Corp & "MARC". Thank you all.

Gray ticket distributor was John W5JFR
Gray Ticket winner was Cody Whitehead
Thanks to the ticket dissectors - Dave KG6VNR, Kay, Alvin KD6UZM, Ted KB6CUS, KD6FHN & Bonnie KD6OFQ you are all deeply appreciated.
There were 6 gray tickets drawn this month, after we draw the first one the rest is dumped in with the regular blue ones...

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NEW MEMBERS:

1/14- N6HOJ Bob Henry Riverside, CA, just a only member for January.....Bob works with Alvin KD6UZM in the SAG vehicle for our Charity events..

Welcome to MARC and hope you utilize the MARC List for lots of Technical advice in solving any problems or questions.
Also to add any of your knowledge regarding such.

MEETING:

Not sure but I think everyone took laughing gas this meeting- oh my seems their sides were bursting. Hard to even hear the President's gavel... But it was a great meeting and I thank you all for taking the time out of your busy schedule to attend.

NEWSLETTERS:

I thoroughly enjoy getting articles from other members near and far. Many people do read them believe it or not!!!
This month has been very hectic with my PC acting up and having

to go back and forth to get the newsletter articles transferred to my laptop in between freezing up. Then the printer hooked to PC wouldn't work with the laptop so I had to pull out the new HP2700 printer I used back home last summer.

"MARC" ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE- NOW IF YOUR MAILING LABEL IS IN RED WHEN YOU GET THIS NEWSLETTER UNLESS THEY CROSS IN THE MAIL-THEN YOU WILL NOT GET A MARCH NEWSLETTER IF THEY AREN'T PAID BY FEBRUARY 22, 2006.... THIS WILL GIVE ME TIME TO GET THE NET ROSTER READY FOR MIJO. YOU DID RECEIVE AN APPLICATION IN YOUR DECEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER AND IF IT WAS DISPOSED OF YOU CAN GO IN ON THE "MARC" WEBSITE AND DOWNLOAD ONE FROM THERE....

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

Alan Gallagher is still in hospital recovering and making some very good progress. Now Alan is able to talk on Ham radio-yeahhhhhhhhhh, good to hear you out there.
Good to hear Mel KD6MPB is home and feeling and sounding like his old self. Had us holding our breathe for awhile buddy!!

Mark KE6ZRP is slowly getting his eye problem corrected and sure hope it works this time and both eyes are ready for riding.. Sure hope you don't have to lay face down too much longer you miss too much of what is going on.
Too the many who are ill, family illness, loss of a loved one we are here for you as we do care....

Remember to salute the Military who give their all on the front lines.

We are very proud of each one in the military and their families. Keep up the spirit... Love & Gratitude to all
GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

E-MAIL CHECK IN LADY:::::

Hello to all

Well, it's been like Spring here in Texas so far this year. I know the MS-150 riders are loving this weather to train for the April ride. I think it's so great that MARC is participating in the Texas MS-150. I'm sure those of you from out of state have a good time here!
How could you not?

My New Year's Resolution #1-----keep computer running so that quarterly checks will actually go out when they should!
Every MARC member New Year's Resolution #1-----respond to quarterly email checks!

Going for a new computer I can get one pretty cheap thru Dell Anyway, let me give it this quarter to see how I do. It's quite possible I could be back THERE sometime in the second quarter!
I'll be here throwing in a few extra prayers for Mel as well. Give him my best, will you?

I hope everyone is doing well and I hope to see you soon!
Ride safely and enjoy yourselves!

Sue Hebb KF6HZJ Houston, TX
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Your MARC quarterly e-mail check-in Lady

Let us not forget Dimitri, our great waitress Ligia and the Lake View Cafe personnel- we appreciate all that you do for "MARC" Good food, great meeting place what else can you ask for. Thank you all.

MOTORCYCLE BRACKETS

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

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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 \$13.00

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Antenna Bracket For Kurvakyn or American Flat Racks For The 1800 Gold Wings.

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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 a set for non-polished plates, \$20 a set for polished plates

(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))

Custom Cables for GPS and APRS – contact Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net

Garmin GPS-18PC GPS power cable

36" power cable assembly, with a 2A mini-ATO fuse in a weatherproof fuse holder. Adapts the Garmin GPS-18PC cigarette lighter adapter plug to "hard wired" for motorcycle or car. As described in the January 2005 MARC newsletter article about the GPS-18PC.

Price: \$19.00

Garmin GPS serial cable to Kenwood TH-D7A or TM-D700A

72" data cable with a right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a DB-9 male connector on the other end. Connects a Garmin serial cable (designed to plug into a PC) to a Kenwood TH-D7A or TM-D700A. As described in the January 2005 MARC newsletter article about the GPS-18PC

Price: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00

IBM PC or compatible to Kenwood TH-D7A

72" data cable with a right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a DB-9 female connector on the other end. Connects a PC with a 9-pin serial port to a TH-D7A.

Price: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00

Garmin 4-pin "round" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A or TM-D700A

72" data cable with a right-angle "Garmin-style 4-pin round connector plug on one end to a 3/32" stereo plug on the other end. Connects a "classic" Garmin GPS with the "original" 4-pin round connector to a TH-D7A or TM-D700A. This cable does not provide power to the GPS...!

Price: \$24.00 Kit: \$14.00 Special lengths up to 72" no extra charge

Garmin "eTrex-type" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A or TM-D700A

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ALERT:::::::

IF ANY "MARC" MEMBERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAVE APRS AND/OR WORKING ON IT AND ARE NOT ON THE LIST I HAVE COMPILED (on another page) PLEASE SEND ME YOUR INFORMATION.

NOW FOR ANY OTHER "MARC" MEMBERS FAR AND WIDE HAVE APRS OR WORKING ON IT PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO ME ALSO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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SBB-7/SBB-7NMO • Dual-band 146/446MHz w/fold-over
Gain & Wave: 146MHz 4.5dBi 5/8 wave • 446MHz 7.2dBi 5/8 wave x 3 • Length: 58" • Conn: SBB-7 PL-259/SBB-7NMO NMO • Max Pwr: 70W

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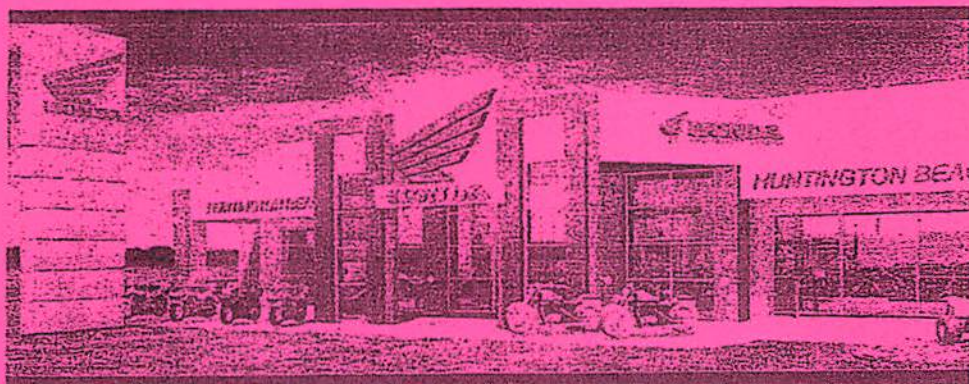


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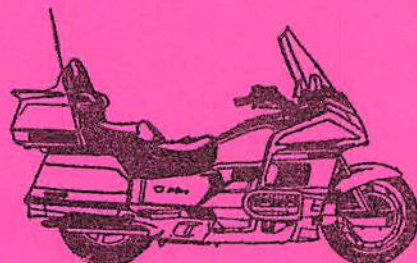
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