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NOVEMBER 2007 ^^^^^^

From the President's Desk

JERRY IRWIN

Hello to all and, to start, I would like to wish you and all of our MARC family a Happy Thanksgiving. This is a time to reflect upon the past year and to give thanks for the bounty and good fortune that we enjoy here in these United States of America.

Last month, I ended my article with a note that I needed to repair a broken fog/driving . light lens on my Goldwing. Well, that task was completed and I have fabricated some lexan covers to fit in front of the glass lenses to protect them. Two broken lenses in less than 4 months were enough.

I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the October MARC meeting and to apologize to those who were not able to attend. I realize that the change in time and date was inconvenient for some. However, it was necessary to accommodate the schedule of the MS 150.

While on the subject of the MS 150 I shall Thank John, KC6ZOZ, and Andy, W6AJB for all the time and efforts, that they expended coordinating this event for MARC. Due to their work on this project, our portion of the event went off without a hitch. From my prospective at Camp Pendleton things were much, much better than in previous years. The water stop at Los Pulgas was the best ever. The volunteers did an outstanding job. There was some confusion with the riders bib numbers: The Military Police wanted the numbers "VISIBLE" (many riders had covered them with wind breakers or rain slickers due to the weather). The volunteer staff understood that they had to have the bib numbers on the front of their riding jerseys. Not the case. The numbers just had to be out in the open where they could be seen to identify the rider as being with the MS 150 ride, as the base is still closed to non military personnel and was open just for our event and the registered MS 150 participants.

The number of flat tires was almost overwhelming. The tubes and tire pumps provided by the MS staff was a great help, but we did need more tubes. Some of our members found bicycle shops on the route and purchased extra tubes for the participants from these shops. Thanks!!!! AND! Thank you to all of our MARC members who unselfishly gave up their weekend to help with the 2007 Bay to Bay MS150 bicycle ride. Some of our members took photographs at the ride and I took three before my battery went dead. They can be seen at;

WWW.photoshow.com/members/johnMAR C/all/bZ5KJ4RT (if that doesn't work, drop me an E-mail with MARC photos in the subject and I will send you a direct link by email).

The wild fires here in Southern California should be out or at least under control by the time you read this. We feel sorry for everyone who lost homes and property during this devastating time. Mijo and I did not have to evacuate this time. Some fires were set close to our home in Rialto but, thankfully, the police and firefighters were able to respond quickly and extinguish them before they were able to spread out of control. We did have some wind damage to trees and shrubs but no damage to the house. Unfortunately some of our neighbors did not fare as well and sustained major roof damage. Now, it is time to clean and repair.

I would like to remind everyone that our meeting for December will be an evening meeting for dinner at the Lakeview café on Saturday the 8th. Reservations are required, so please contact Bonnie, KD6OFQ, as soon as possible to insure that you have a dinner. A Kenwood D710A dual band radio will be the drawing prize for this year's Christmas raffle. Of course, there will me many other outstanding gifts to be given away after dinner. Please come and join us for an evening with friends.

Now, for information on the Love Ride, the day after our November meeting; California Bike Week will be hosting an event on 9, 10 and 11 November at the Los Angeles County Fair grounds, culminated by the Love Ride on

Sunday, 11 November 2007. We have the challenge of escorting the Love Ride from Glendale to the Fairplex. This is a new route and we will all have to be extra vigilant for hazards along the way. Bill, KE6UUD, and Mark, KE6ZRP will be pre-riding the route on Saturday 27 October. All three of us will be attending meetings during the last two weeks prior to the event to finalize plans and coordinate our participation with the Love Ride staff, the Glendale Police, the California Highway Patrol and the Security staff at the Los Angeles Fairplex. So let's all work together to make this a safe Love Ride 24 and enjoy a day with friends, food and music at the Love Ride.

Ride safely, communicate well, and enjoy life with friends.

John F. Reynolds, W5JFR President MARC Johnw5jfr@roadrunner.com (909) 820-0509

"MARC" CALENDAR

Nov 4th	Change your clocks back	
Nov	10- "MARC" Meeting	
Nov	11- Love Ride	
Dec	8- Christmas Party	
Apr 08	12/13 BP MS in TX	
Apr 08	19- Abused Kids ride	
May 08	8 18- Thousand Oaks Tour	
Jun 08	8- Bad Ride	
Jun 08	14- SoCal Tour	

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"Believe in miracles! Every sparkling sunrise is proof they exist!" (Olivia Pilman)

THIS AND THAT

Boy, this year is really going by fast. Nearly all of our events are now, "satisfied, and successful history." We still have the LOVE RIDE to do yet, and that is the last of the BIG events. Well all of the events except the Christmas Party. Anita and I will miss the party for the first time ever, we will be in Ohio, celebrating the graduation of our first grandchild from Ohio State University.

What I want to talk about this month is about the people who make MARC what MARC really is. It is YOU, the MARC member that makes the whole thing go. All of you give what you can give. Some do their share by coming to the meetings, some contribute just a little more by becoming Event Coordinators. Now there is where you could help out. Our coordinators would love to have you by their side to learn how it is done. Come on, jump in and give them a hand. They can't do it forever. And they would appreciate the help.

Without the Event Coordinators, these events we do so well, would not come off nearly as well as they now do. These gals, and guys do this as an extra thing, and usually at night, in place of watching TV. This is not an easy thing to do. What you do determines routes, rest stops, maps, radio coordination and all the things that make an event work.

We cannot pass out kudos without saying a BIG THANKS to Ray, KD6FHN, and Bonnie, KD6OFQ, for all you do. Ray packs up his van with "tons" of antennas, antenna stands, and all of the "Net Control" radio equipment. No easy task, but one Ray does so very well.

Bonnie is our lead....... Well, where does one start? Secretary, News Letter, Treasurer, lead Net Control, and, and, and,..... Thanks, Bonnie, for all you do. We love ya.

We all know who the heart and soul of MARC is though, don't we. Yep, YOU! Whether you are a coordinator, Board member, President, or whomever. We can't all blow the whistle, and we can't all drive the train, but we sure as heck can support the mission.

Thanks to all of you for what you do.

See you at the meeting.

De Witt Morgan, KM6UK <trk29@cox.net> e-mail coordinator

From your Orange County MS150 Coordinator

Well it's all over for another year! The 25TH annual MS 150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour! With over 2,000 riders and over 1000 volunteers, the 2007 Tour is the most successful to date. Check out their web site: "http://www.mspacific.org/" they may have the latest updates. I will have my follow up committee meeting on November 7th and will fill you all in on our November 10th meeting. I think that this ride only gets better and better each year.

From the MS office.*******

We at the National MS Society, Orange County Chapter would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your contribution to this year's MS 150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour. Over the weekend we hosted more than 2,000 cyclists and were able to raise a record breaking \$2,500,000. We could not have reached this milestone without you!

We are proud to have you as a partner in the fight against MS. Your contribution has a significant impact on the lives of all who live with the daily challenges of this devastating disease. Your support allows us to apply a greater portion of the funds raised over the weekend directly to

research into the cause, cure and treatments for MS as well as allows us to better serve more than 8,000 people in Orange and San Diego counties.

We hope that you have enjoyed the 20075 MS 150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour as much as we have.

On behalf of staff at the Pacific South Coast Chapter, we thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all how proud I am of your hard work. Again I would like to express my heartfelt thanks, to all those MARC members that were able to help out on October 13TH and 14TH with the MS150 Bay to Bay Tour. Our super great NET CONTROL operators this year was Bonnie Davis KD60FQ, Mijo Reynolds KF6BEB, Connie Sims KF6YOM, Julie Gallagher KC6ZDS, George Stover WM6L, Mike Naron N6QZT and David Naron KF6TPH.

On BICYCLE MOBILE we had Dave Christian W6DRC.

MOTORCYCLE MOBILE we had Ray Davis KD6FHN, John Reynolds KD6NXC, John Beckwith N6JCB, Mark Kanzler KE6ZRP, Bill Douglas KE6UUD, Andy Bocker W6AJB, Patricia Stevens KI6ETG, Bob Hinshaw WD6L, Lewis Osborn K7LVO, Jeff Gallagher KB6SUP, Billy Sims KF6WBV, Jim Evans KC6RCR, Frank Littlebury KE6WOE, Gayle Scholl, Jim Banks KD6REA, Chris Owens KB6MYR, Charles Robles KF6TXI, Jim Rodrigues KC6OAU, Paul Shivers KI6CVU, John Edwards KC6ZOZ, Teri Edwards KF6HJT and of course our SAG support DeWitt Morgan KM6UK, Scott Farthing KI6IXQ, Alvin Brown KD6UZM, Bob Henry N6HOJ, Mike Zimbalist KE6KWQ, Howard Kanae KG6SHL, Mel Johnson KD6MPB and Kay Johnson. Another very important effort by Chuck Welman KG6NJP and Bill Douglas KE6UUD was the setting up of the GPS routes and making sure that the APRS computer was all set and ready to go.

What a great job done by all our MARC members, thank you, thank you, thank you. what a great job.

Special thanks go to Andy W6AJB for again being the other coordinator of this rapidly growing event. It definitely takes some of the load off my shoulders.

Thanks

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Andy W6AJB <a.j.bocker@verizon.net>

MS 150

This is my thanks to our "MARC" members-

Oh yes we had some new voices on our Net Control this year and what a job they did-ladies and gentlemen's voices.

I was very happy with the communications from Mission Bay- along with the Carlsbad control — as I say a great job.

Now the APRS just what would we do without members who like Chuck KG6NJP & Bill KE6UUD make things easier for us.

Now the motors just have to get used to using it as it works out great for net control. Once we got ourselves acclimated to it.

Motors and sags were busy but they surely did the job and made "MARC" look great and professionally I must say.

John & Andy as usual everything comes together at the last moment with all your work.

Bonnie.

[&]quot;Think happy thoughts, say happy things and you will put joy into other people's lives." (Pamela Speidel)

[&]quot;Today is the greatest treasure you'll ever hold in your hands...Spend it on a brighter tomorrow!" (Lorraine Catcheny)

BITS AND PIECES

- 1. Please MARC your calendars for the 2007 MARC
 Christmas Party at 6:30pm on Saturday Dec 8th. We have been in contact with the new owner and the price is less then it was the last couple of years and the dinner food will be almost exactly the same, and as we who have attended the MARC Christmas party know, it is a great meal. See the flier in this newsletter for details. We have a new-in-the-box Kenwood TM-D710A for the Christmas Party drawing and as usual we will have many other expensive items to draw for.
- 2. The Love Ride is upon us and there are some huge changes in this years event. So it is imperative that you attend the Sat Nov 10th MARC meeting to get the very latest updates and locations where we are to be placed and how we will escort the motorcycles to the LA Co fair grounds this year. This is huge and will be like a new & real challenge for our MARC members, both on and off the motorcycles. Everything has changed this year and is likened to a new venue instead of one that we have been doing for years. I have read the emails from our MARC Love Ride Coordinators and I am not clear about how/what exactly we are to be doing. I plan on riding the course after Saturdays MARC meeting to just see what problems can & will occur. Hopefully the coordinators will have maps for us to follow. Don't forget the Love Ride is the day after the MARC meeting and there will be little time to ride the course or make adjustments. I know Bill KE6UUD & John W5JFR are saying that MARC will have a bigger impact on the Love Ride this year then in the past. Let's make it work.
- 3. I know that we have the reports from John KC6ZOZ & Andy W6AJB for this years MS-150 charity event in this newsletter, but here is my take on this years event. In my opinion this years MS-150 Irvine to San Diego Mission Bay was the best we have ever had or done. Our MARC communications were darn near perfect (thanks to Kevin & Steve for the use of the ALERT System repeaters on Sat and the BARN Palomar Repeater on Sunday). We had 2 of our MARC towers put up with Comet GP-3s on them down at Carlsbad and a mag base with 7 foot antenna on top of our Toyota van for one of the repeaters that was easy to hit from where we were located. We were using 2 Kenwood TM742's for communications and one Kenwood TH-D7A for APRS. From what I can remember we only had one bicycle accident to contend with and I don't think it was serious enough for them to be transported to the hospital. The course was changed a little from last year, but even the old parts of the course looked different down at the south end with all the new development. Many thanks to the many MARC member volunteers at this years MS-150 charity event. Very, very good job.
- 4. The Saturday morning get-to-gathers at Huntington Honda & later the brunches at Woody's have been pretty well attended. We always get to feast on the free delicacies & coffee at Huntington Honda and then later have brunch at Woody's. It is always fun to hear what has been going on in our MARC members lives and to swap stories of work, motorcycle trips, and in the case of last week, the Southern CA forest fires. Everyone is of course welcome to join us each Saturday at Huntington Honda when we are not having a monthly MARC meeting. Some even show up there at H&H on the Saturday we ARE having a monthly MARC meeting at the LakeView Cafe and then wonder where everyone is at. Duh
- 5. California burning, talk about forest fires, 2000 homes burned, hundreds of thousand of acres burned off, at one point over 750,000 people evacuated from their homes, 15,000 living at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, it is just to unreal. In 31 years of being a fire fighter and having been on some big (at the time) forest fires with the South Bay Task Force, to me anyway, this is just incomprehensible. I hope I never live to see anything of this magnitude again. The president, the governor, all the media say that this is the second worse natural disaster in US history. I certainly am convinced.

Although I can't see how you can call them a natural disaster when one was accidentally lit by a construction crew doing some welding, another by a little boy playing with matches and one set by an arsonist. The Santa Ana winds were terrible and the fire fighters were nearly helpless against it. At one point there were recorded winds of 108 & 111mph up on the mount peaks. The winds in the valleys/canyons were roaring through at sometimes 40 to 60mph or more. We could not go out of the house for 3 days at one point and the fires were nowhere near our home in Irvine, although the Santiago fire did get down to within about one mile of our house, but it had a mile of homes to go through to get to us. After the 3rd or 4th day the winds let up, but we still could not go out in the mornings. We had to wait until late in the afternoons when the on shore breezes started to blow in and that would clear the air for us. Soot & ashes are everywhere. Those on shore breezes also changed the direction of the fires and chased them back into the mountains where it was impossible for the fire fighters to get to them other then with the air tankers and helicopters. As of this writing some of the fires are still burning and that is 11 days after they started.

- 6. I understand that Mark KE6ZRP is going to have the Echolink on all the time now or in the very near future so that anyone can call on it and talk to us Southern CA area MARC members any time day or night. That will be fun. I do, from time to time, hear a fellow from here in Orange Co talk on IRLP to a fellow in London England using the Santiago ALERT Repeater. But the other day Kevin (the owner) said that he is going to move the IRLP over to the Newport Repeater so it doesn't interfere with us. Be sure to check in on the MARC Wed night nets. Thanks Mark for keeping the Echolink up and running for us.
- 7. The new Suzuki Burgman 650 project is coming along smoothly, but slowly. Like I wrote last month the Clearview windshield, luggage rack, GIVI trunk box are on and this month I got the back rest modified the way I want it and put it on. I have a new set of Kuryakyn ISO grips in the garage to install and have to order a set of GenMar handlebar risers to bring the handlebars back to where they are comfortable to reach while riding. I also finished machining the antenna bracket for under the rear rack, had it powder coated & got it installed. After all the modifications to the scooter are complete I will begin doing the installation of the ham radio, GPS & Valentine One Radar detector so hopefully that will complete the Burgman project. It's a slow process with answering ham radio installation emails, questions about fuel tanks, writing newsletter articles, entertaining MARC members, yard work, cooking & etc, boo hoo, I am so overworked. How did I ever find time to go to work & make a living? Live is tough, but I'm loving it.

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

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He's a Travelin' Man

Communication. Either we are opening up to each other or we think we are doing it alone. Like that commercial for some cell phone company. The waitress comes out of the cafe to the lone biker... only to see his cell phone company riding with him! Funny.

Horizontal communication... That is between each other. E-mail, telephone, ham radio or face to face.

Vertical communication. Before each ride I am communicating with the Lord Jesus. In fact I also do the horizontal stuff to my friends who know Jesus personally. I am never alone! Might look like a lone biker out in the plains of Kansas, however there are people who are praying for me and seeking the Lord for my safety!

I left Minneapolis on the 24Th of October. Heading home today (29Th) from Waxahachie, Texas. One more trip before the snow and ice reappear. One more time to listen to a BMW purr.

This is the first major trip for the k1100RS. I had been moving the radio equipment from the k100Lt. Also added extra power plug for my home made electric vest. Heat tape installed under the grips. Everything set. Earlier this season I had purchased a used shock from a bone yard BMW fellow in North Carolina. This is mounted on the LT. Karen (KC0IVZ) thought the change was better than the Progressive which had over 160,000 miles on it!

RS also needed a rear shock. Ordered another one from Morganton, NC. Arrived last Monday and I felt the bike was ready. Somewhere between the lowa/Minnesota border the rear shock blew the seals. Could feel the bike's suspension wobble and when slowing down the front forks would do a fast head shake.

Arrived in Des Moines and checked. Yep... oil oozing out of the shock. I sat back against the garage wall looking at the bike. 2 vans in the driveway. Nobody had seen me. Soaking in the warm sunshine pondering... "I saw the motorcycle," Heather greeted me when I entered. "I thought it was the one that Justin is riding!"

"Oh?" I smiled and got a hug from her. I opened the lunch sack and pulled out the Honey butter and a jar of jam.

"Is that your lunch?" Heather asked

"Nope, a gift for the family from my Mom and Karen."

Another vehicle arrived, Justin, his Mom Betty and Heather's oldest daughter came in the kitchen. Greeted me with smiles and hand shakes. "Not sure what to do Justin." I said. Then told them about the shock and maybe this trip was over. See the plan had been to ride with Justin down to Texas. His Dad, Bert had purchased a Kawasaki Voyager this year. However Bert thought it would be good to get the bike to Texas and he and Betty would be down sometime this coming winter.

Bert also just had prostate cancer surgery and well we know how long he would be off the bike. With the sun receding each day, cooler temperatures and that 4 letter word called SNOW, well as some say the rest is history! We checked out a Motorcycle repair store and the fellow at the counter told me to head for lowa City and purchase the shock from Gina's BMW... We then got on the computer and checked prices of shocks and the possibility to ship one into Des Moines.

"I am buying your shock, Tim!" Justin explained. "You are giving me the LT... Either ride with me or head home and I will send the shock to your house!"

WOW!

I had called Justin earlier that week and asked him if he wanted the bike. Even with all the miles...

So we headed for Texas! Shock came from California and was here when we arrived on Friday! Amazing. Bike bounced a lot on the way down. Cold ride though. Winds howling from the Low pressure that had been in Denver earlier last week. No snow just cold wind. Kept wiping off the oil and riding with both hands on the grips!

Never alone! I can not say that I do these trips by myself. Too many people praying for me!

Humbling? Yep. Best way to ride though!

As with all our travels. This trip isn't finished. God still has plans for my life here as well as yours! Keep communicating. Especially Vertical!

Tim Lindstrom, AB0TS <ab0tstim@juno.com> Waxahachie, Texas 95k1100RS, icon 706mkii motorcycle mounted dk-3 screwdriver antenna...

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Ham Class on Catalina a Success

My wife (Kim) and I went to Catalina this weekend with the WinSystem's Shorty his wife Susan and Gordon West. We taught a class of 30 people for their Technician class. All thirty people out of thirty passed including Kim. The class was full of Catalina Conservancy employees including the Chief of police, Harbor Master and the Fire Chief. We installed a 2 meter/440 unit in the Conservancy office with a large antenna mounted on the roof. This is all a plan to get emergency communications on the Island for the next disaster. The class was free and all radio gear and expenses were donated by those of us who put on the class.

I went to high school in Catalina and lived there for a few years after my graduation as a USCG licensed captain. I always said that they needed an emergency plan. When the fire hit Avalon last summer I had to run to the Island on my boat and help with the evacuation of Avalon. I was in contact with Gordo the entire time getting the Red Cross online. During the fire the Island lost every form of communications including cell phones it scared a lot of people. We were glad to be part of an inspiring program that will help the Island as much as it has helped me throughout my life. The Win-System and Gordon West are great people.

Any way enough of the babble but MARC now has at least one new ham/member my wife. Will let you know when she gets her call sign. A lot of people were really interested in the APRS which was my part of instruction they were really impressed with UI view. I explained that the MARC group is some of the leaders in the use of APRS and a few people were interested in the MARC website and membership info. I wore my MARC shirts the whole weekend so the branding was out there. Have fun gang talk to you on the Wednesday night net.

Oh yes my wife Kim's call is KI6MRQ.

73

Scott Farthing KI6IXQ <scott@farthingdevelopment.com>

Countdown To Thanksgiving (Karl Fuchs)

One two three, A turkey in a tree; Four five six, That turkeys in a fix; Seven eight nine, It always tastes so fine; When we get to ten It's Thanksgiving once again.

(This was a child who wrote this)

LOVE RIDE 24 --- 2007

As you all know there are a lot of changes this year for the LoveRide.

This year the route has been changed from going to Castaic Lake to ending at the Fairplex in Pomona. The basic route will go up Brand blvd to the 134 freeway (changes to 210) to the 57 freeway to the 10 freeway and exiting at Fairplex off the 10 and going into gate 17.

John, w5jfr and myself went to another Love Ride meeting on 10/30 and the MARC group was asked for more help this year. The big issue this year is the 2.2 miles up Brand blvd to the 134 freeway. What was discussed was how to keep the motorcycles from hot-rodding it up Brand at unsafe speeds putting pedestrians and volunteers in danger.

The solution was to have MARC motorcycles escort groups up to the 134 at a safe speed. We will do this by using about half of our motors for this duty and the other half working the normal detail of continuing down the freeway to the Fairplex to report on any traffic problems. The motors that will be assigned to work Brand will be stationed at the front of every group of bikes on Brand and will also jump in front of any groups of bike that are stopped by the Glendale PD for a traffic break to let cross traffic go. Due to the fact that there are many major intersections on Brand we are working with the Glendale PD to coordinate the traffic breaks so that they happen at the same time to minimize gaps in the groups of motorcycles leaving Glendale. The motors doing escort will go up to the freeway and turn right on Doran street just before the freeway to circle around back to a designated spot to wait for the next gap of motorcycles. We will work this detail until all the bikes are on the freeway. We will not be escorting the preferred parking or the VIPs. A Hummer will escort the preferred and the Victor McLaglen group will escort the VIPs.

Details are still being worked out and/or changing daily and I will have more information on 11/10 at the breakfast.

There was one other request of the MARC group. There are six pedestrian crossing signals in the middle of some blocks on Brand that are currently unmanned. This could be a hazard if someone decides to cross the street while the bikes are going down Brand since technically the pedestrian has the right of way when the light is flashing. My plan is to use the passengers of the motors that are working escort on Brand to man these crosswalks and to stop anyone from crossing as the bikes approach and wave the bikes on through. This will also put some ham operators along Brand that are normally idle for this event. The four people in cars, Scott Farthing, Howard Kanae, Mike Zimbalist, and Charles Drewe, could possibly be used for these spots but I would like to use at least two of these people for "freeway floaters" to cruise certain sections of the freeways to help with communications along the route since some of our motors will be tied up at Glendale.

If anyone would like a preference on where they would like to work please contact me. I will do everything I can do to accommodate everyone's request but I will make no guarantees as our resources and time is limited.

Also anyone working Brand make sure you have a charged HT with a spare battery if possible

Parking at the Fairplex will be the same as it was at Castaic, there will be a volunteer parking area for the motorcycles. For those in cars I should be able to get passes to get your vehicle in without having to pay. As it stands now I need to get ten car passes. Volunteer parking for cars will also be in a segregated area.

NET CONTROL

We will only be allowed one vehicle for net control. The others working net control can park their cars in the volunteer parking area. Net Control operators will be: Sheron Ames, Connie Sims and Chuck Welman with Bonnie Davis working relay from Irvine. I will have more info on where to put net control on 11/10

COMMAND CENTER

Burton and Gerie Brink will be working with the command center at Glendale, location to be determined.

FREEWAY ONRAMP

Those working the freeway onramp: Mel and Kay Johnson and Alvin Brown.

All assignments are subject to change as the need arises so please bear with me. All of these changes are making this a very challenging job but I will attempt to place everyone where they would like to be.

In my opinion these new assignments will put more of a spotlight on MARC and if we can pull this off, and I know we can, MARC will really shine.

Thank you

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Our love, thoughts and prayers and many THANK YOU's to the Fireman, Police, Sheriff, Red Cross, and all of the many many volunteers who put their lives on the line and assisted the hundreds of people who lost their homes to this terrible disaster.

Hopefully they can get their lives back to some order and go on with it. Yes it will take a long time but with their integrity they will prevail. Togetherness and trust is what it takes....

You've Made A Difference (Joanna Fuchs)

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, Our blessings we recall; The things we are most thankful for, We recollect them all.

You are really special, In all you say and do. You've made a difference in our lives; We're thankful now for you.

MY FIRST REAL LONG MOTORCYCLE TRIP

Hello All

This is a short report of my FIRST real long motorcycle trip ever. I retired in January 2007, so I figured that since I had the time and that Wing Ding was in Montana and much closer to S Calif, I would opt to try this one. I made plans to see much more than Wing Ding, since I was going to be in the neighborhood anyway, and make it more than a quick turn around.

I left with my 03 Red Wing and my trailer, from Chino, CA June 28, 07, with plans to stay in St George, Utah that night. The weather turned warm shortly after my early morning take off, A gas stop in Baker, also meant changing from levi's to the meshtex type pants as the temp climbed over 95F. Before long I crossed into Nevada, for the first time on the bike, and I missed the sign for Arizona. I crossed into Utah, but saw the sign just as a 18 wheeler cleared the line of vision. I settled into a motel in St George, and cooled off before getting a light dinner.

June 29, I took off at dawn, armed with the information that the weather was going to be warm, I decided to start in shorts and the meshtex pants and jacket. I did not realize, and it was hard to see in the dawn light, but I was gradually cooling down as I traveled, but kept thinking that it would warm up soon. I didn't realize that I was climbing (6,500 ft) for that first hour, and finally stopped to change back to a leather jacket to fight off the chill (52F). An hour later I was stopping for a rest stop, and changing back to the meshtex jacket, which I wore the rest of the way to Salt Lake City, Utah.

I had planned to stay for several days in SLC, to do some genealogy research. I took off early Sunday morning headed for West Yellowstone, hitting Idaho and Wyoming for new states as well. The next couple days were taken up traveling through Yellowstone, where I was able to see a bald eagle next close to the road, as well as the parents sitting in trees across the road and a river. Being on the bike, and now without the trailer, I was able to stop and jump off to take photos of the birds in the nest as well as the parents. The view of Old Faithful and so many other wonderful sights. I did also ride to Jackson Hole, Wyo.

When I left West Yellowstone, I went back into Yellowstone park, and exited out the N/E route on Bear Tooth Hwy. Boy was that a great trip. The switchbacks made the ride fun. There were dozens of other bikes on the route also, and climbing up the mountain got cooler and cooler, all the way to the top at 10,918 feet at 50 F on the 3rd of July. There was lots of snow around, and still had icebergs visible in lakes. The rest of the trip to Billings, MT was uneventful, other that meeting Ray-KD6FHN in the parking lot of the hotel just as I was getting off the bike.

The next several days were great fun for a first time Wing Ding. While in Billings I made a side trip to Little Big Horn.

After leaving Billings, I head west and North for Glacier National Park. I had been there once before, more than 10 yrs ago, and while driving through it, I thought it would be a great trip to make on a motorcycle. I was correct, it is much better on the wing that in a 4-wheel vehicle. I was able to stop and take photos along the side of the road, where normal vehicles would have been blocking the road. The weather was cool but nice, and the clouds that did come through were all high up, so I didn't get wet. I think that this will warrant another trip in the future, as I didn't have enough time to see all that I wanted, and will probably need at least a week at Glacier the next time.

Leaving Glacier I headed for Washington, passing through Idaho again, before laying over in the Tri-Cities of Washington.

daughter. The day after I headed south to Rouge River, OR to visit my middle daughter and grandchildren.

I left Rouge River, heading for Mt Shasta, but a downpour hit just as I passed the last exit for Yreka, CA. A quick exit at the next ramp, and a U-turn got me back to Yreka before I got too wet. I lucked out getting a room as the first motel I tried, and a decent dinner at a restaurant across the street. With the bike covered, and a full stomach I settled in for the

Next day was Portland, OR, where I visited my youngest

The next morning (July 12th), I headed for Santa Cruz, first via I-5, then heading to the coast as the day got warmer. The beach cities were indeed cooler, but not cold. I nice motel and a great seafood dinner, topped off my last night of the trip.

July 13th, I headed for home, arriving in Chino, 3,960 miles later. I used 112 gal of gas, at a cost of \$350, with an overall average of 35.2 MPG, most of it with the trailer. I crossed through seven new states on the bike. I had a great time, and will do it again in a heart beat. The only downside of the entire trip was that I lost my radio, and therefore APRS before I got to Yellowstone. It turned out to be the cable connecting the control head to the main body that had been crimped as it turned around the triple crown.

I didn't do those long days in the saddle that Ray-KD6FHN is famous for, but instead more like 5-6 hrs a day. With a bad back, I was happy to be able to make the trip at all. There is nothing around that compares to traveling by bike.

Bob - WD6L

evening.

"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence." (Erma Bombeck)

Hey, did you know....

Female turkeys make a clicking sound and it is only the male turkeys that actually gooble!

And...

That male turkey's gobble is so loud that it can be heard up to a mile away!

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB <mijokf6beb@roadrunner.net>

NET DRAWING:

10/3- Andy W6AJB \$5 + 15 tickets (PD), 10/10- Peter N6LMO \$5 N/A, 10/17- Stephanie KI6IUG \$5 + 5 tickets N/A, 10/23- Mike N6QZT \$5 + 10 tickets winner, 10/31- Connie KD6UZE \$5 (Connie has been ill and would not be able to come to meeting)

Echolink: ZKS, ZRP, CVU, WM6L, Greg KE5HMA TX N5HQ TX, WA0GLD TX, Paul CVU, Joe KC2JRQ NY No Echolink on the 31st.

It does pay to listen and check into the net, yes I realize there are problems with checking in but sometimes we have to double check our equipment and get a larger antenna and always be patient. John does ask when he feels if there is a double or triple.

50/50:

While the witch was riding her broomstick she found 3 ghostly figures trick or treating and they had cooped \$48 each, they being 1. Alvin KD6UZM, 2. John KC6ZOZ & Teri KF6HJT, 3. Mel KD6MPB & Kay

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by Alvin KD6UZM

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Many thanks to the following for your donations for our regular drawing:::

John & Mijo Reynolds, Ray & Bonnie Davis, De Witt Morgan, John & Teri Edwards, Mike Naron & Mel & Kay Johnson (who always brings a large variety of door prizes)Thank you so much

Gray ticket distributor -- John W5JFR Winner of gray ticket - Charles KD6ORL won the Spooky Tree Gray tickets drawn... 1

Ticket drawer was Mijo KF6BEB & John W5JFR
Those helping Mijo with the tickets were De Witt KM6UK, Kay
Johnson & Mike N6QZT

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MEMBERS:

10/25- Earl Holden KB7CSV of Cody, WY _Welcome to "MARC" - any technical questions you have send them out on the "MARC" list and you will receive many different ideas. We are here to help in any way we can as we care..

MEETING:

Due to a change in our meeting for October it was certainly

different as many had lunch some had breakfast. But we survived and got things taken care of for the MS 150—

This month we will concentrate on the Love Ride.

I will have the Net Control box, the signs, vests and the "MARC" banner for those who will be running Net Control.

If you need "MARC" mag signs let me know and I will bring

them with me to the meeting as I need to keep control of them as It is expensive to replace them.

NEWSLETTERS:

Many thanks to all who contribute to our newsletter.

Your trips and any technical information, where you travel makes for good reading and also if you run into any problems it is good to share those.

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

Love and Prayers to All who are ill, had surgery, lost a loved one. We do care....

Alan Gallagher WB6T - Now Alan is on the air on the BARN repeater, so any time you are over there you can call for him and have a few words with him, it helps pass his day.

Kay Johnson still battling the chemo but hanging in there..

We pray Connie Brown will be back in good health soon

Andy Bocker glad you are feeling much better after your surgery.

Audrey Swearengen take it easy and don't lift anything after your shoulder surgery, we pray it heals quickly and with very little pain.

Glenn Tobey AB6PA in August had a stent placed in one of his arteries, he is doing well and will be in the background for a while as far as MARC is concerned....

We love and care about you all...

We shall never forget our Military who put their lives in danger so we may live. And their families need our support and love as well.

Keep up the spirit... Love & Gratitude to all GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 8 2007 6:30 PM.

Let's congratulate our two members who just received their call-sign:

Cody Whitehead KI6MMC Alvin KD6UZM's grandson Kim Farthing KI6MRQ Scott KI6IXQ's Wife

Great to hear you on the air Cody

Now Kim don't be shy it won't take you long and you will be
an old hand at it.

The Turkey is a Funny Bird

A Turkey is a funny bird, His head goes wobble, wobble ("wobble" heads front and back like a turkey) A he only knows just one word, "Gobble, Gobble"!

"Gobble, Gobble"!

Let's Be Thankful

Let's be thankful for this day
For our friends and for our play
Let's give thanks for you and me
And our home and family.

Some families are BIG. Some families are small. But I like my family Best of 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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Antenna Bracket For Kuryakyn or American Flat Racks For The 1800 Gold Wings.

Natural aluminum color only. The brackets are flat stock, bent so that the antenna is perfectly vertical, with 2, 8-32 threaded holes, so you have to drill 2 matching holes in the rear of your flat rack. Round head stainless steel screws hide the holes. Price \$12.50

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. \$25 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 kg6nip@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 DE-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 DE-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

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ALERT::::::

If any "MARC" members World-wide have APRS (or are working on it) and are not on the MARC World-wide APRS Capabilities list (distributed earlier with the Newsletter), please email your APRS information If you need help in selecting appropriate equipment, please email me your questions.

Thank you...! Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net

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• Gain: 2.15/3.5dBi • Length: 17* • Conn: SMA Super flexible featherweight whip

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