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JANUARY 2009

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

Welcome to 2009. How many times will we still put 2008 on something? Not too many, I hope. Soon we will have a new President, here in the USA, and perhaps a new outlook on national and world affairs. We are all hoping that the economy will improve and everyone will have a few extra dollars to donate to the groups that MARC supports.

Mijo and I hope that everyone in MARC had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We did not have MARC net on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. I, as MARC net control, had to entertain family and friends on Christmas Eve and was quite busy cooking and serving dinner. (Thanks to Comet NCG Corp. for the delicious Honey Baked Ham.) No one left the Reynolds house hungry Christmas Eve. No, I didn't get a new powder blue Goldwing from Santa (inside joke with those who meet at Huntington Honda Saturday morning). This is not to say that the jolly old elf was not quite generous as he did leave a new HD television under our tree.

I enjoyed the MARC Christmas dinner at the Lakeview Café. This is one of the few meetings where I have time to socialize with everyone. Except for the accident in the kitchen, which delayed dinner, I think all went quite well and everyone had a good time. Now I must ask. Did everyone get to see the new MARC belt buckle? If not, check the photograph on the MARC web page (MARC-HQ.org). The new pewter MARC belt buckle is a work of art. It is available for \$25.00 from Tom, K2QGT and Sheron, KC6ZSH, at their shop, Montana Promotional Designs. (See their ad elsewhere in this news letter.) Tom and Sheron gave away two of them as special gifts at the Christmas party. Also,

at the Christmas Party, I gave away a MARC Calendar for 2009, won by Jose, KI6SYC. I received several requests for copies of the calendar. At the request of several MARC members, I have reprinted the MARC calendar (with a few changes) and Tom and Sheron have reproduced it for us. The January page is adorned with the April 2008 MARC group photograph and the next 14 months (good through March 2010) each have four different photographs of MARC members participating in our MARC events. If you have not already ordered a copy of the MARC calendar and wish to have one, please let me know by sending an e-mail to me at [johnw5jfr@roadrunner.com](mailto:johnw5jfr@roadrunner.com). Or call me and leave a message on the recorder at (909) 820 0509.

Have you parked your motorcycle or a summer vehicle for the duration of the cold? Now would be a good time to check the air pressure in the tires and also check the battery. The cold will cause the tires to lose pressure and a battery that is low on charge or electrolyte will go bad much faster than one that is charged and full of electrolyte. Remember that it is best to use demineralized or distilled water when refilling a battery. Then make sure that your battery tender is working well to keep the charge topped up. If you have a sealed, gel cell, battery there will be no need to add water, just keep it charged. Oh yes, if you do plug in your compressor to pump up a low tire or two, remember to bleed the condensation from the tank. This cool winter air will have moisture in it that will collect in the tank. Let the compressor sit for a couple of hours after use, so the water will collect in the bottom, then open the bleed valve to prevent corrosion in the bottom of the compressor tank.

Did you forget the MARC net last week? Remember that to be a winner you must listen to the net and check in two weeks in a row. If your call is drawn, you will be the winner of \$10.00 worth of 50-50 tickets at the next MARC meeting. We had several net winners in November and December. They will receive their tickets at the January MARC meeting. Sorry we did not have a net on the 24th or the 31st of December, 2008. Mijo and I had other plans for these holiday eves and were quite sure that many of our MARC members also had other plans for these nights. As of 7 January, 2009 the nets will be back on schedule.

Mijo and I are looking forward to many outstanding events and riding with our MARC family in 2009. Please make plans to come and join the fun. A new revised Tour de Cure in the Long Beach area is planned to replace the LA/Orange county ride and also the Ventura 1000 Oaks tour. Also, this year, the Tour de OC, and the Tour de Cure for San Diego will be on different weekends so we can all have a chance to participate in both events. All of our MARC events are super and give us a chance to ride, talk on our ham radios and spend time together. "MARC" your calendar and join us for as many of the rides as you can.

Here's wishing you all many miles of good road and clear skies...

John F. Reynolds, W5JFR  
 President MARC  
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Repetitive movements like swimming have been proven to help focus the mind. (Woman's World 1/5/2009)

## THIS AND THAT

Instead of an article this month I thought you might enjoy this more. I hope you had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### YOU MAY BE ADDICTED TO HAM RADIO IF:

1. When you look at a full moon and wonder how much antenna gain you would need.
2. When a friend gets a ride from you and remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, it turns in to an hour long rant on how ham radio is not CB radio.
3. When someone asks for directions, you pause, wondering if long or short path would be best.
4. When you can look at a globe and be able to point to your antipode (and you know what an antipode is).
5. Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.
6. You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.
7. Your favorite vacation spots are always on mountain tops.
8. You notice more antennas than road signs while driving your car.
9. You have driven onto the shoulder of the road while looking at an antenna.
10. Porcupines appear to be fascinated with your car.
11. If you ever tried to figure out the operating frequency of your microwave oven.
12. When you look around your bedroom of wall to wall ham gear and ask: Why am I still single?
13. The local city council doesn't like you.
14. You think towers look pretty.
15. Your family doesn't have a clue what to get you for Christmas, even after you tell them.
16. Your HF amplifier puts out more power than the local AM radio station.
17. The wife and kids are away and the first thing that goes through your head is that no one will bother you while you call "CQ DX" a few hundred times.
18. When you pull into a donut shop and the cops there on their coffee break ask if they can see your radio setup.
19. You refer to your children as your "Harmonics".
20. Your girlfriend or wife asks: "You're going to spend \$XXXX on what???"
21. You actually believe you got a good deal on eBay.
22. When you see a house with a metal roof, and your only thought is what a great ground plane that would be.
23. You have pictures of your radio equipment as wallpaper on your computer's desktop.
24. Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.
25. The first question you ask the new car dealer is: "What is the alternator's current output?"
26. You buy a brand new car based on the radio mounting locations and antenna mounting possibilities.
27. You have tapped out Morse code on your car's horn.
28. A lightning storm takes out a new Laptop, Plasma TV, and DVD Recorder, but all you care about is if your radios are okay.
29. Your wife has had to ride in the back seat because you had radio equipment in the front seat.

30. Your wife was excited when you were talking about achieving that critical angle, but very disappointed when you finally did.
31. During a love making session with your wife, you stop to answer a call on the radio.
32. Your wife threatens you with divorce when you tell her that you are going on a "fox" hunt.
33. (Deleted due to divorce)
34. (Deleted due to domestic homicide)
35. You always park on the top floor of the deck, just in case you might have to wait in the car later.
36. When house hunting, you look for the best room for a radio shack and scan the property for possible tower placement.
37. When house hunting, you give your realtor topographical maps showing local elevations.
38. The real estate agent scratches his head when you ask if the soil conductivity is high, medium, or low.
39. You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.
40. When your doorbell rings, you immediately shut down the amplifier.
41. Fermentation never enters your mind when "homebrew" is mentioned.
42. Instead of just saying no, you have said "negative".
43. You have used a person's name to indicate acknowledgement.
44. You become impatient waiting for the latest AES catalog to arrive.
45. You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.
46. You always schedule the third weekend in May for vacation.
47. You walk carefully in your back yard to avoid being clothed.
48. You have deep anxiety or panic attacks during high winds or heavy ice.
49. You and the FedEx/UPS men are on a first name basis.
50. You really start to miss people that you've never seen.
51. Your exercise machine is a Morse code keyer.
52. You walk through the plumbing section at the hardware store and see antenna parts.
53. Your neighbors thought you were nuts when you ripped up your lawn to bury chicken wire.
54. Your next door neighbor thinks that your wife is a widow.
55. Your wife has delivered meals to your Ham shack.
56. If you sold all your Ham radio equipment, you could pay off your mortgage.

73,

De Witt Morgan, KM6UK  
[trk29@cox.net](mailto:trk29@cox.net)  
Founding Board Member  
E-mail Coordinator

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A majority of car horns honk in the key of F  
...Per:Chevron Cars.com

Americans give more to charity than any other country  
on Earth.

## JUST THINKING & REMINDING



This newsletter may be a little short and it may be a little erratic. I came down sick Sunday night and for 24 hours I thought I was dying. In fact I was wishing I had. It isn't a good way to lose weight but I think I lost about 10 Lbs. in that 24 hours. Bonnie keeps wanting to call it the flue, but I am sure it was food poisoning. 24 hours of praying to the porcelain god was pure hell.

The 7th Annual MARC Christmas Party was very successful. We had the most people there that we had ever had before & everyone went home with something. I think Bonnie said there were 51 MARC members & their guests there. You can read elsewhere in this newsletter who won what, but you will see that I did OK when it came to the drawing for the prizes. I was very happy the way our MARC President John W5JFR went around the room with the box with the tickets in it and had many different people draw out just one ticket each. I did not draw a ticket from that box. At least the way John did it there can be no doubt that the drawings were done fairly. I only bring all of this up because I won the Garmin 2650 GPS and the Kenwood TM-D710A, along with 3 or 4 of the smaller prizes. Sometimes you just get lucky. I sold the Kenwood TM-D710A to Andy W6AJB and still have the Garmin 2650 GPS in case anyone wants to buy that too. I don't need either of those 2 items as we still have a Garmin 2650 GPS and a Kenwood TM-D710A in the box, never been opened, here at the house. We had purchased them to put on the Suzuki Bergman scooter before I wrecked it. So now I have 2 Garmin 2650's and the KW TM-D710A taking up space.

There were many, many other first class prizes too and they got spread out amongst our MARC members & guests. It was the best MARC Christmas Party to date and I want to thank all our MARC members who donated so many worthwhile prizes and then also helped to set up the room and take all the chairs & tables out when it was over. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

It seems that there is going to be a big conflict of interest on Saturday Feb. 14th, which also is Valentines Day. That day is our normal MARC meeting date. It is also the date of the SCMA (So. CA Motorcycle Assoc) Triple Crown Banquet which is open to everyone that has completed any of the 24 National Parks Ride in the State of CA, the USA 4 Corners Ride (San Ysidro CA, to Blain WA, to Madawaska ME, to Key West FL) and/or the SCMA 3 Flags Classic. All 3 rides have to be completed on one calendar year. Yours truly was the first this year to finish all 3 rides which make up the Triple Crown Rides. The SCMA Triple Crown Banquet is Saturday evening so there is no conflict there for us. However there is also supposed to be a charity event that same day going down to Palm Springs CA. There in lies the problem. Personally I am going to the SCMA Triple Crown Banquet no matter what. So I will not be working the charity event if they continue to plan it for that date, Saturday Feb 14th. We will have to decide what the membership wants to do about the MARC meeting that same day.

Our unofficial MARC get togethers at Huntington Honda are having good turnouts. We always get from 5 to 12 or more members there for the free coffee & donuts. They most of them end up over at Woody's Cafe for some brunch and more tall tales. If you Southern CA MARC members or anyone coming in from out of the area wish to join us there, you are more than welcome to do so. It's fun, it helps

develop a more meaningful relationship with our MARC members. And just to remind you, Huntington Honda gives us a set of tires for both our Christmas party and our MARC Anniversary Party in May. So if/when you are shopping for a new motorcycle or riding gear, please give Huntington Honda a chance to supply you with what you need.

Bonnie and I always have both the ALERT Santiago and the BARN Santiago radios on. The BARN Santiago System has both IRLP & Echolink on it all the time. The IRLP Node is 3547 and the Echolink Node is 7470. I have heard some of our MARC members call on from all over the USA and have gone back to them. It's fun and we get to talk to our MARC members where ever they may be.

Speaking of the ALERT/BARN systems; the owners of the ALERT/BARN Systems have changed the way they want the yearly dues (\$100) paid this year. Make all checks for the ALERT/BARN repeater system dues out to Ray Davis. I will then write each owner one check apiece to cover all the MARC members who want to use the ALERT/BARN system repeaters. Again remember, that we could not be successful doing our many charity events without the support of the owners of the ALERT/BARN system and the use of their repeaters.

Please support those companies and others who support MARC & our Charity Events.

May the skies be clear & sunny and the wind forever at your back. Safe rides to one and all.  
Ray Davis KD6FHN <raykd6fhn@earthlink.net>  
MARC Chairman Of The Board  
Hm (949-551-1036) Cell (949-300-9669)  
Casper now with 167K

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Hope is often rented by the year.  
A ceremony helps ensure the signing.  
People like transitions to be clear,  
Preferably at moments when they're dining.  
Yet as a rental flat can be a home,  
No one wants to terminate this lease.  
Each thinks hope too poor a risk to own  
While needing its bright arc for inner peace.  
Years therefore start with hope again renewed  
Even as the old year's wishes die.  
After all the books have been reviewed,  
Ring in the New Year!--with a gentle sigh.  
(By Turlough O'Carolan)

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Tea's health perks extend beyond weight loss.  
It's a proven remedy for bad breath and dry mouth.  
It lowers blood pressure and cholesterol and doubles the effectiveness of antibiotics. Sipping five cups a day can also reduce arthritis 50%....(From Celestial Tea box)

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No more soggy pie crust-brush crust with 3 tablespoons of melted Apricot Preserves before adding fruit such as apple, peaches...

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**FOR THOSE IN THE SNOW AND ICE!!!**  
Spray the outside of your car windows with 3 parts vinegar and one part water before a freeze- it will keep ice from forming. Also be sure to brush the snow from every other part of your car.....

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

#### NET DRAWING:

11/5- #5 John KC6Z0Z winner, 11/12- #2 John W5JFR winner,  
11/19- #13 Andy W6AJB winner, 11/26- #11 Mark KE6ZRP  
winner, 12/3 #7 Holly KIICP winner now each gets \$10 (50  
tickets) of the 50/50 tickets.... These will be paid at the January  
meeting..On 12/10- # 12 Jose KI6SYC was drawn but no answer,  
for December 17th a number will be called on January 7th net.  
That's what happens when you check into the net and come to the  
meeting...As you know there were no nets for 12/24 & 12/31...  
Echolink: Norm N9ZKS (IL), Gary N8QKX (OH), Mark N4EOC  
(MD), Steve KI6OMT (CA), Eli OD5KU (Lebanon)

#### 50/50:

No December 50/50

Many thanks to all who donated for our Christmas Party:  
All winners are listed on another page in this newsletter....

LINDA, We thank you for all your time and efforts while waiting  
on our members.. Nick the owner and his employees are very  
accommodating to our "MARC" members... Thank you all so  
much. Greatly appreciated!!!!

"Nick" the Television is wonderful and we have certainly used  
it for our pictures of our events. A very good asset as far as  
MARC is concerned. Thank you Thank you...

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#### NEW MEMBERS:

No new members for the month of December.

Remember we are here for you as a family - any tech questions or  
problems just post them on the "MARC" list and you will get  
some assistance...

#### MEETING:

Just a great Christmas Party- Thank you all

#### NEWSLETTER:

Starting out the New Year with a fairly nice newsletter..

We Ladies wish you all a very safe happy Merry Christmas &  
A Safe Happy Prosperous New Year

#### SUNSHINE CORNER:::

Love and Prayers to All - Bill KF4MCG, De Witt KM6UK,  
Connie KD6UZE, Liz Wilson, Glenn AB6PA, Mary KF6WJF  
back in the hospital with a bad infection, Gayle KF6JTT had  
surgery and seems to be coming along and any one else who  
has been ill or surgery just \*\*\*\*\*

Remember we are here for you if you need someone to talk to  
or just a hug- I have long arms....

We honor our Military for putting their lives in danger so we  
may live. Their families need our support and love as well.

Keep up the spirit... Love & Gratitude to all

GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

#### SAVE A WET CELL PHONE!!!!

The surefire fix for a cell phone that's gotten soaked in the rain or  
snow? Turn it off and leave it opened in a bowl of uncooked rice

overnight, reveals Hughes. The dry rice draws out the excess  
moisture-- and the phone should be dry and working by morning!  
What you shouldn't do? "Don't dry-blow it -- the heat is likely to  
damage the electronics," she cautions.....

#### DE-ICE a frozen car lock!!

Is it so cold out that your door locks are frozen shut and you can't  
get in the car? Not to worry: Simply squirt a generous amount of  
waterless hand sanitizer, like Purell, onto the lock and coat your  
key it as well. Then try sticking the key in the lock. The gel's high  
alcohol content breaks up the ice on contact so your key should  
work. In fact, alcohol is the main ingredient in most commercial  
de-icers!!

Did you know that in Tokyo, stressed folks can relax at "cat  
Cafes," where they can play with cats until they feel better!

#### "MARC" CALENDAR

Jan 10	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Feb 14	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting??
Feb 14	Palm Springs Tour de Cure(ADA)??
Mar 14	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Mar 13/14	B-2-V
Apr 11	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Apr 18	San Diego Tour De Cure
Apr 18/19	BP MS 150 Houston-Austin
Apr 25	Tour de OC
May 9	"MARC" 17th Anniversary
May 31	Ship to Shore Tour de Cure
Jun 7	BAD RIDE
Jun 13	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting ??
July	NO MEETING
Aug 8	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Sept 12	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Oct 3	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Oct 10/11	MS 150 Bay to Bay
Oct 25	Love Ride 26
Nov 14	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Dec 12	"MARC" Annual Christmas Party

#### SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### "MARC" NEWSLETTER

##### DEADLINE::

Dec	31	For January '09
Jan	28	For February
Mar	4	For March
April	1	For April
April	29	For May
May	27	For June/July
July	29	For August
Sept	2	For September
Sept	23	For October
Oct	28	For November
Dec	2	For December

#### SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!!!!

## YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Because of the current banking problems, we, MARC, have encountered a problem. In the past we have just deposited the checks we get from our members for dues and etc.. Now they want all kinds of documentation for deposits.

From now on, PLEASE, all MARC members, in making your checks out for "MARC" dues, or any check for "MARC," please make them out to; Zella Y Davis, make a notation on the memo line for, "MARC" Dues, or whatever it is for. That way I can get them deposited into the MARC account without a hassle.

Having the MARC logo on the account checks is fine for outgoing checks, but incoming checks have to be made out to, Zella Y. Davis, and make a notation on your check for MARC on the memo line. I know, I just repeated what I just wrote above, but I need to make it clear as what has to be done.

All the checks I collected at the Christmas party, and the ones I just received for dues, I have to send back to each member to be replaced with a new check by each MARC member, with Zella Y: Davis on the To: line, and MARC, (Dues, Newsletter, or whatever) on the MEMO line. This is important so I know what to do with the check. I will stamp each check with my VOID stamp before sending back to you.

Unfortunately I just got the right teller who was knowledgeable and caught these current ones... I am so very sorry this has happened, and the inconvenience for each of you. None of us need this at this busy Christmas time.

Thanks for your understanding of the problem, and for the inconvenience it has caused you, and me.

Thanks to each of you for handling this promptly, so I can get the MARC banking done, and get all the "MARC" renewals updated on the rosters... Thank you to all who have responded...

**A HAPPY HEALTHY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, to each of you**

Bonnie Davis (Zella Y Davis)  
Board Approved

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Hi This is Randy from Ohio.

The Plane is suppose to land at LAX 11:59 AM Local Pacific time on Feb 7, 2009 and I will be picking up my rental car just after that. I will be heading to the Motel to check in, It is the Motel 6 #1014 Los Angeles-Rowland Heights at 18970 e. Labin ct. Phone there 626-964-5333.

After I get checked in I will have the rest of the day Saturday to Meet up with anyone. I will have my Hand Held, Burton Brink N6USO has gave me his repeater freq. 145.440 136.5 HZ tone and said it is real close to Pomona, so I will have it on that freq.

I have decided to keep the room for Sunday night as well, so after the race I will have the evening, I will need to be back at LAX Monday shooting for around 10:00am for my flight to depart at 1:00PM. I should be able to go just about anywhere as I will have my TomTom and can input in any address. I have

decided to leave my Laptop at home, With the extra cost of Baggage I am going to travel goldwing style Packing. I also will have the following phones with me, Both Phones are Sprint and have free anytime weekend Mins. They both get e-mail and text messages.

419-371-7166 Is the primary phone and its E-Mail address is <ejcsprint@embarqmail.com>

419-371-6082 Is my PDA Phone and its e-mail is <rltsprint@embarqmail.com>

While at the Race I will never hear them ring so an e-mail, Voice mail to TXT message will be best, as I regular check the displays if there are any calls. Guess that is about all I can think of this Moment.

73□s Hope to maybe see you all in Feb.

Randy WD8EJ <wd8ejc@embarqmail.com>

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Well Randy we might just arrange a little meeting with you for a dinner or coffee but no MARC functions at this time. Let's throw this out to our members here and if we can get a definite time you will get in to LAX and over to your motel we just might be able to meet up with you. How does that sound??? BON

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## MS 150 UPDATE

The next regular meeting of the MS 150 Bay-to-Bay Bicycle Tour Planning Committee will be held in February. Presently the critiques that were turned in by the riders are being reviewed. Many of the comments were similar to what we heard from the MARC volunteers with poor signage being one of the top problems.

Several rider critiques gave high marks to "the motorcycle guys" for all their help. More information will become available in February. Be sure to "MARC" your calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October for another great event with great scenery and good friends.

Andy Bocker W6AJB  
John Edwards KC6ZOZ

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## SHIP TO SHORE TOUR DE CURE

They are still working on the routes trying to perfect them. Constantly updating when they are finalized Butch KD6VBO will ride them all for "MARC" input.

The five miler has been rode and seems to be ready for use....Rich Savitt has been perfecting it so they have a rest room available and where the sag vehicles any pick up anyone needing to be taken back to the start. Not sure what they found to put on the bridges for the safety of the bicyclists and motors...

Butch KD6VBO Coordinator  
Bonnie KD6OFQ Asst coordinator

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There is a new updated renewal form in this newsletter for those who have not paid their dues as yet.....  
I have to protect "MARC" and the Davis'.  
Thank you again for bearing with us on this matter...

## **RIDING WARM!!!!**

"Well that stuff you got this past week can be Your Christmas Present!"

I had just gotten back from the December ride for 08. Smiles of relief that I finally got it done. Huge weather maker had been forecasted to arrive this weekend. (DEC. 13 and 14). Out ahead of the major snow storm was a warm front. Forecasts of freezing rain never happened. Karen and I did some work on the morning of the 13th. By the time we left the church building the weather felt balmy.

Getting home I checked the thermometer. 40 degrees.

"Think I will take a ride, Karen."

"Now? Or after lunch?" came the quick reply.

"Hmmm after lunch." I replied.

Earlier this week I had purchased Aerostich combat boots and electric vest. Found the items on Craigslist here in Minneapolis. I have small feet. Amazed to find a pair in my size and the vest felt snug. So I needed to "test" the new to me equipment. Beemer hadn't been awoken for 2 weeks. Fired right off though. While the engine warmed I checked the tires. both at 40 lbs. Noticed that the idiot lights for the ABS was alternating when flashing. 2 lights which are to flash together. Shut the motor off and fired it again. Now the lights were normal. Good. There is a procedure to short out those lights to get the ABS to work, however I really just wanted to go for a ride. eh?

Finally out on the road and running the gears. Up on highway 694 heading east. New Vest seemed warm... then it occurred to me that this one has a real switch... the one I made when warm I would just pull the power plug out of the outlet. Ahhh warmth! Little light on the switch even! And to think I paid less than 100 bucks for it! Cool. Praise the Lord Jesus! Boots also cost me 100 bucks. Perfect fit!

While riding and thinking where to go... hmmm haven't gone over the new 35W bridge. No big deal. Its prettier from the West River Road. Although the bridge sure is smooth compared to the old one! Rode south to Mendota Bridge and then headed home on 35E.... which is called "The Practice Freeway". Top Speed is 45mph... Could Ray ride that slow? No other motorcycles today. Still lots of smiles and waves from the caged 4 wheelers around me. I would nod or wave as they passed by.

"Yep!" You don't need to buy anything for me for Christmas, Karen... The boots and vest will do!" I laughed.  
Is it ever safe to purchase anything before Christmas or birthdays?

Another year of riding every month. Great day to be out riding between the snow banks!

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Take care!  
Tim Lindstrom, AB0TS  
95k1100rs 46,000+ miles...  
Columbia Heights, MN

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Did you know Americans pocketed \$3 billion in savings in 2007 by redeeming coupons! (Women's World 1/5/09)

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Contact the President-elect on Transportation Secretary Appointment

This is a time of year when motorcyclists' rights move to the back burner for many riders. This is understandable with the weather in many parts of the country not being conducive to motorcycle riding. Throw in the fact that we are coming off of a long election cycle and with the holiday season upon us, and one's attention can shift elsewhere. Despite the reasons stated above, this should not be a period of hibernation for us. Currently, President-elect Obama is in the process of naming his cabinet members and White House staff. Most of those appointments have nothing to do with motorcycling. Several cabinet level positions do, however. Most notable would be Secretary of Transportation.

It is not too late to let President-elect Obama know our feelings about what type of person we would like to see named to that position. It may not be a bad idea to also thank President-elect Obama for his vote in the Senate against the "Lautenberg Amendment." That amendment, offered by the New Jersey Senator during the last re-authorization of the interstate highway funding act, was an attempt to pressure states into passing mandatory helmet laws. Don't be surprised if we are fighting such legislation again next year. It is not too early to start raising that issue.

What better place to kick-off our lobbying efforts for 2009 than by contacting the President-elect of the United States of America? An easy way to get a message to the President - elect is through his transition team's web-site. Please don't delay, as the process is well under way.

President-elect Obama's Web site:

"<http://change.gov/>"

Contact page. Write your comments here:

"<http://change.gov/page/s/contact>"

Michael Kerr  
MRF Vice President

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For those in icy snowy areas - keep a stack of newspapers in your car, use them to slip under your wheels, the dry surface will give you enough extra traction to get you unstuck. (Women's World 1/5/09)

Did you know that March, April, June & August have no Federal Holidays??

"Every ending is also a beginning, we just don't know it at the time." (Mitch Albom- Women's World 7/21/08)



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**MARC Equipment controller is Ray Davis KD6FHN**  
as we have most of the set-up equipment at  
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Dues are due yearly from January to January \$12 (USA & Canada) & \$15 for all other countries per household. It is a \$1 per month after February for the balance of the year unless you want back copies then it is a full \$12. You may also pay for more than one year if you care...your choice..

**REMINDER:.....:**

When signing up for the events, we welcome all the signage we can get but if for some unforeseen reason you can not make the ride it is important you let us know due to the fact we worry about each and every one of you. If we don't hear from you then we wonder if you had a motorcycle problem or you are ill, just what happened. Please keep this in mind when you sign up for the charity events.

Thanks so much.....

Per the Coordinators and the Board....

**ShEron Guthrie KC6ZSH Embroidery Prices**

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**"We can't change the winds but we can adjust our sails." (Submitted by Jim KD6REA)**



## **John Edwards, (KC6ZOZ), hard at work, the day of Heart Walk '08...**

That is one of the AHA Heart Walk promotional staff on the back seat. John had lead out the Heart and Sole, (which became the Heart Walk, when the running and cycling portions of the event were dropped), EVERY year IDEC has been involved...

John's job is to meet one of the organizers at about 0745, and tour the route with her, to make sure that the Water Stations, and the course markers and the entertainment components are all in place, up and working, waiting for business. He then cruises the course looking for "trouble" then about half way through the event, John spots the last walker, and follows she/he back to the finish line, AND closing down water stations as he passes by. Without John, our Observe and Communications job would certainly be more difficult, and not nearly as complete!

On board the big Honda, John has a dual bander (along with stereo--multiple inputs, GPS, cruise control, CB radio, heated grips and a heated vest to boot), wired into his helmet, which allows him to ride (both hands on the bars), and talk at the same time... John has the system down pat. He and his passenger talk via an integrated intercom.... If she doesn't fall asleep (his Gold Wing, is an amazingly soft and comfortable ride), she can just sit back and enjoy the scenery.. She even has a cup holder!

Bottom line: Thanks John. You do a heck of a job, and WE appreciate it..



John, at work... How fast do U think he's going? Submitted by Clark KA6TMK (IDEC)

## 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 1/2" Tubular Trunk Racks

Natural aluminum color only Fits coax with SO-239 fitting only for antennas with PL-259 fittings, can not be modified to use with NMO fittings. Price \$25.00

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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

### Polished Stainless Steel Trunk Rack Plates

These 2 1/2" X 2 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

""PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE SHIPPING & HANDLING""

(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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## Custom Cables for GPS and APRS – contact Chuck KG6NJP [kg6njp@pacbell.net](mailto: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, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

72" data cable with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a DE-9 male connector on the other end. Connects a standard Garmin GPS cable (designed to plug into a PC) to a Kenwood TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. As described in the January 2005 MARC newsletter article about the GPS-18PC

Price: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00 Special lengths up to 72" – no extra charge

### IBM PC or compatible to Kenwood TH-D7A

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

Price: \$19.00 Kit: \$9.00 Special lengths up to 72" – no extra charge

### Garmin 4-pin "round" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

72" data cable with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a right-angle "Garmin original-style" (4-pin) round connector plug on the other end. Connects a "classic" Garmin GPS with the "original" 4-pin round connector to a TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. 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, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

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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](mailto:kg6njp@pacbell.net)

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Gain & Wave: 146MHz 1.7dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 2.15dBi 1/2 wave • Length: 16" • Max Pwr: 60W

Conn: SBB-1 PL-259, SBB-1NMO: NMO type

**Maldol AX-50 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ**

Gain & Wave: 2M 1/4 wave • 70cm 5.0dBi 9/8 wave • Length: 21" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

**Maldol AX-75 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ W/FOLD-OVER**

Gain & Wave: 2M 1/2 wave center load 3.2dBi • 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 5.7dBi • Length: 30" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

**Maldol AX-95 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ W/FOLD-OVER**

Gain & Wave: 2M 1/2 wave center load 3.3dBi • 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 5.8dBi • Length: 38" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

**COMET B-10 / B-10NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 0dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 2.15dBi 1/2 wave • Length: 12"

• Conn: B-10 PL-259, B-10NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 50W

**COMET SBB-2 / SBB-2NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.15dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 3.8dBi 5/8 wave center load • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 18"

• Conn: PL-259, SBB-2NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 60W

**Maldol EX-107RB / EX-107BNMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.6dBi 1/2 wave, 446MHz 4.9dBi 5/8 wave x 2 • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 29"

• Conn: PL-259, EX-107BNMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 100W

**COMET SBB-5 / SBB-5NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ W/FOLD-OVER**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.5dBi 1/2 wave • 446MHz 5.5dBi 5/8 wave x 2 • Length: 39"

• Conn: SBB-5 PL-259, SBB-5NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 120W

**COMET SBB-7 / SBB-7NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHZ W/FOLD-OVER**

Gain & Wave: 146MHz 4.5dBi 5/8 wave • 446MHz 7.2dBi 5/8 wave x 3 • Length: 58"

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**COMET SMA-503 DUAL-BAND 2M/70CM HT ANTENNA** RX range: 100-1200MHz  
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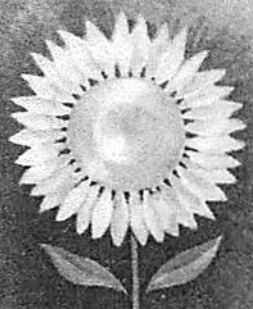
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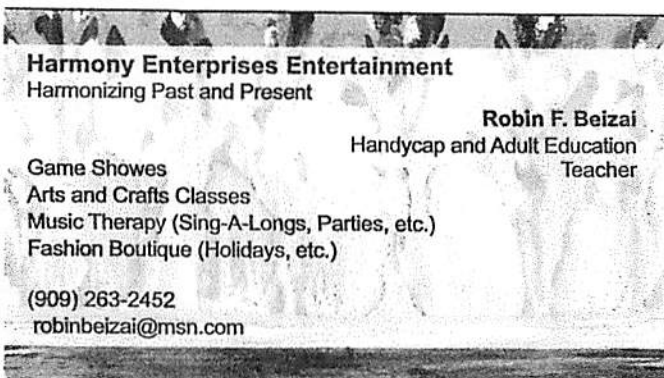




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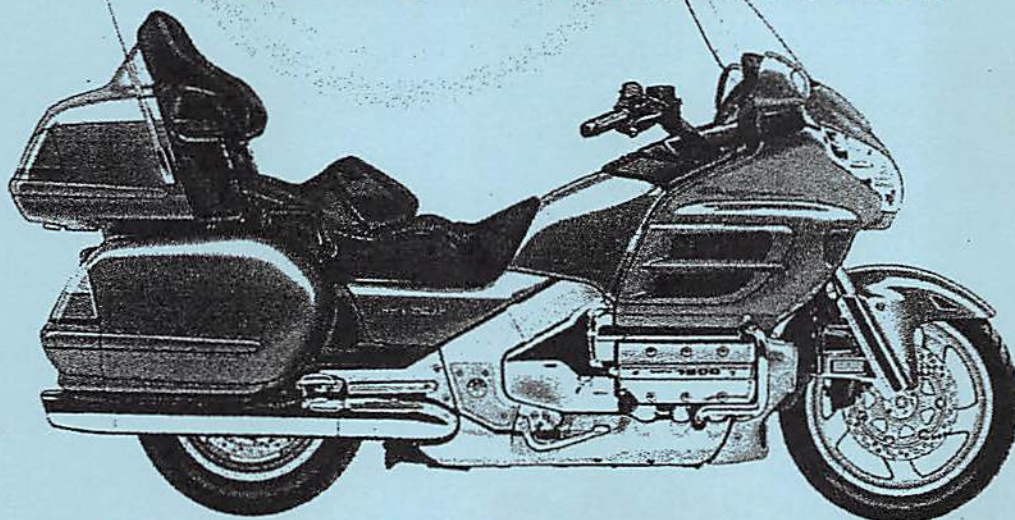


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7, 14, 21, 28- "MARC" NET ON THE ALERT SYSTEM 446.900 PL 110.9 PL (7:30 pm PST) A VERY HAPPY PROSPEROUS  
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10- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING 8 AM AT LAKE VIEW CAFE (714-572-8521)

FEB 2- GROUND HOG DAY- (WILL HE SEE HIS SHADOW?)  
4, 11, 18, 25- "MARC" NET ON THE ALERT SYSTEM 446.900 PL 110.9 PL (7:30 PM PST)

9- PRESIDENT'S DAY  
14- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING 8 AM AT LAKE VIEW CAFE (714-572-8521)

14- "HAPPY VALENTINES DAY" TREAT YOUR SWEETIE(:))SS  
14- POSSIBLE PALM SPRINGS TOUR DE CURE (IF SO WE WILL HAVE TO MOVE OUR MEETING)

MAR 4, 11, 18, 25- "MARC" NET ON THE ALERT SYSTEM 446.900 PL 110.9 PL (7:30 pm PST)

8- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
14- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING

13/14- BAKER-2- VEGAS  
20- FIRST DAY OF SPRING

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