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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:****It's June: Happy Father's Day to all.**

We have one more event before our summer break, the Bad Ride on Sunday 14 June 2009. Please come and join us. We will have a sign up sheet at the June meeting, 13 June, 2009 at the Lakeview Café, 0800 hrs. sharp. Billy, N6EDY and Charles, KF6TXI will be briefing us on our duties for the day.

Mijo, KF6BEB and I were in Texas while our MARC family was working the Ship to Shore Tour for the ADA. I am sure that all went well and that everyone in MARC did their professional best, as usual.

The 17th anniversary meeting of MARC was super. We had some big winners, to include DeWitt who won the new Kenwood D710A dual band radio and Jim, KD6REA who won the tires from Huntington Honda. Too bad they wouldn't fit a BMW! He was able to quickly sell them to someone who can use them on a Goldwing. Congratulations to all of our big winners. After the meeting, we took a few "group" photographs on the hill. Most came out very good. Thanks to all of our MARC members who posed for our annual photograph. Also, thanks to Charles, KF6TXI, who brought his new camera to help me get some outstanding shots. At the request of Bonnie, KD6OFQ, I hope to get the MARC board together after the June meeting for a pic' or two and perhaps one or two of the staff members and event coordinators. I was just too busy to think of all that after the May meeting. Sorry!

We have been very busy here in Rialto the past month. With all of our MARC events, planting and tending my garden, and most important of all preparing for Mijo's retirement. Friday, 22 May 2009

was her last official day of work. She has now joined the ranks of the retired. This will be a big change for her as she has been working in the Rialto schools for over 25 years, the first 10 years as an Instructional Aide at Casey Elementary School here in Rialto and, after finishing college at Cal State University, San Bernardino, she worked at Rialto High School as a French teacher for 15 years. It has been an adventure. It will probably be some time this fall, after school starts again for the 2009/2010 school year, before it finally soaks in that she doesn't have to do lesson plans for the next week each weekend and also spend countless hours after school each day grading papers, correcting tests and tracking the progress of 150 plus students every day.

We do have a few project lined up. Both bathrooms need to be updated and there are a few trips and cruises that we would like to enjoy together. Of course, I have a few rides planned on the Goldwing. We just have to wait for cooler weather. Another trip up the PCH north to visit with JP, NQ6T, and our friends in the Bay Area, and a run to Parhump to visit with Tom, K2QGT, and Sheron, KC6ZSH, are on my list. Now, I find out that Mijo's sister and brother-in-law will be coming from Florida to visit for a couple of weeks in July. Needless to say, neither Mijo nor I will have time to get bored.

Kevin, KI6SUJ and his XYL, Liz, are off on a tour for the summer. Kevin has been taking pictures and posting them on the internet (check his flicker site at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/95wingrider/>) for all to see. He has also included a nice blow by blow account of their ride. If you go on a trip this summer, please take notes and perhaps a photo or two. Your adventures always make good reading here in the MARC newsletter. It doesn't take a literary genius to put together a

short article about a trip or a ride. Keep us posted. Many of us enjoy traveling vicariously through the reports of your adventures.

Don't forget that there will not be an "official" MARC meeting Saturday 11 July 2009 at the Lakeview Café. Most of the MARC board and staff are usually off riding or vacationing somewhere. Some MARC members do meet at the Lakeview anyway, just for a get together. If you feel like a ride on that day, you might want to coordinate something by using the MARC list. An alternate would be to just continue the routine Saturday meeting at Huntington Honda and then an early lunch at Woodie's diner. Mijo and I hope to see you at the June MARC meeting and then again at the August meeting. Ride/drive safely and enjoy your summer.

John F. Reynolds, W5JFR

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**"MARC" CALENDAR**

Jun 13	"MARC" Breakfast Meeting
Jun 14	BAD RIDE
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

**"MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE::**

July	29	For August
Sept	2	For September
Sept	23	For October
Oct	28	For November
Dec	2	For December

## THIS AND THAT

Hello friends. As you know by now I have retired from the Board of Directors. I was there for 17 years, and enjoyed every minute of it. I have had some health issues, and very serious issues to deal with. I have decided I need to spend more time with my wife and my babies, Priscilla and Katy, my great Australian Shepherds. That means we will be traveling more in the RV. In fact the month of July is planned for Oregon.

I cannot leave without telling you what a GREAT experience this has been for me. I got to ride with friends, and friends includes all the great people in the events we have shepherded over these years. I remember the first event we rode in as MARC, we helped earn about \$250,000 for the ADA, I have no idea where we are now, but I think it is between \$75, and 100 MILLION we have helped earn for charity. That is a staggering number.

I love you guys, and of course I will still be attending meetings, and events when I can. I'll tell you for sure, SAGing is not nearly as fun as when I was able to ride. I can't ride along side bike riders and talk to them, I can't ride along side another motorcycle and talk to them, even parking to help is sometimes more hazardous than when I was able to ride my bike.

THANKS to you all for your respect, your friendship and your love that has developed over these 17 years. My special thanks to the Board of Directors, but my most special thanks go out to those of you who coordinate events. A job that is sometimes thankless, but never by me. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Love and happiness to you all, see you at the meetings.

De Witt Morgan KM6UK <Trk29@cox.net>  
E-mail Coordinator

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From your Orange County MS150 Coordinator

This will be the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MS Bay to Bay bike tour. The MS is planning to make a big deal of this event this year. It is truly amazing the amount of planning that is going into this event. With plans to have almost 2500 riders and probable 1000 volunteers there is a lot of planning that goes in to an event of this size.

There were about 25 people in attendance at the May 6<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. The committee is made up on a lot of sub-committees this year they are Rest Stop, Food, eClub, Training, Jersey/Incentives, route and Safety. Each sub-committee gave a report as to the item they are working on and what has been happened since the last meeting.

It looks like the need list is slowly getting worked out. We have sponsors for the bananas, oranges and water that will be used at the rest stops. I think Wahoo Taco's is again providing lunch for the riders on Saturday. The Saturday lunch stop is going to get moved to the San Clemente area as the north parking lot of the San Onofre power plant is being used as the staging area for a new reactor that is be installed at the San Onofre power plant. We will have to see

how the new location works out.

Again the Orange County Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society now has a Web Page. Check it out! "<http://www.nmsoc.org/>" They have ON LINE bike tour registration again this year! The hotels that were used last year will be the same for this year, Saturday night October 10<sup>th</sup>. The MS 150 planning committee is planning to keep registration at about 2500 riders this year which is an increase over last year.

John KC6Z0Z  
And Andy W6AJB

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## IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BE "BAD"

HearYe! HearYe! There is still time to get your name on the list to volunteer for the 2008 BAD RIDE (Bikers Against Diabetes) for Sunday June the 14th. Call me - even at the last minute and I'll find you a spot to participate - so you won't miss out on a fun day - with a picnic lunch and a whole day of entertainment and lots of motorcycles.

The final "briefing" will be presented at the MARC Breakfast meeting on Saturday June the 13th. You will receive last minute instructions, "signage", frequencies and equipment for the following days ride.

IF YOU CANNOT attend this meeting - make sure that you make arrangements with Bonnie so as to obtain what you WILL NEED for your RIDE.

We published a "scenario" of "MARC's" responsibilities and individual job instructions in the May edition of the Newsletter for all the new people who have not participated in the ride before - and - as a reminder to everyone concerning their job assignments.

The other coordinators join me in appreciation of your participation and look forward to working with you on this years **BAD BAD BAD BAD RIDE**

Billy N6EDY - Charles KF6TXI .....  
**BAD Ride Coordinators**  
Bill KE6UUD, Mike N6QZT, and John N6JCB .....  
**Area Coordinators.**

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## SUMMER COMES:

The little darling Spring has run away  
The sunshine grew too hot for her to stay  
She kissed her sister, Summer, and she said  
"When I am gone, you must be queen instead"  
Now reigns the Lady Summer, round whose feet  
A thousand fairies flock with blossoms sweet.

## EVENTS PAST/PRESENT/RIDES

I will try and do this report in chronological order by dates, but don't be surprised if it doesn't turn out that way. Hi, Hi.

1. The MARC 17th Anniversary Meeting on Saturday May 9th had a very nice turn out. Not as large as some in the past, but being only the 17th anniversary of MARC was not like the 15th was or the 20th MARC Anniversary Meeting will be, we hope. As everyone who was there or has ever been to a MARC Anniversary Meeting can tell you, we have a lot of very expensive Super Raffle prizes to draw for. I bought \$100 worth of tickets and did not win what I was after. That was the set of tires for a GW, mounted, balanced and installed, donated by Huntington Honda, one of our best sponsors. I nearly got away with them by mistake when I heard the number called and went up to get the tire prize but John KC6ZOZ spoke up and said "Wait a minute, that isn't your number". Bummer, I almost got them by mistake. As it turned out I got them anyway. Jim, who won them legally sold the tire prize to me because he rides a BMW and I guess Huntington Honda doesn't have any tires that would fit Jim's BMW. You can read elsewhere in the newsletter who won what. There were some very happy winners that day. I also won the \$40 Honey Baked Ham and a Rotating Table Platter out of the Super Raffle Prizes and some other smaller prizes from the door prizes list. All in all it was a good day.

The MARC 17th Anniversary Meeting was also the day that DeWitt KM6UK retired from the MARC Board. He will continue as the MARC List Coordinator and an active MARC member. It was a very emotional day for DeWitt, the rest of the MARC Board & MARC Staff & all the MARC members present to say good by to DeWitt as a MARC Board Member. When the meeting ended everyone lined up to give DeWitt a hug and congratulate him for all he has done for MARC over the past 17 years. More than a few tears were shed that day. Also, believe it or not, DeWitt also was the lucky winner of the top prize of the day, the Kenwood TM-D710A. Talk about a going away present, the lucky stiff, it couldn't have happened at a better time.

After the meeting ended we all gathered in the LakeView Cafe parking lot to take our annual MARC group pictures that has been a tradition since the very first meeting in May 1992.

2. May 18th was my 77th birthday and Bonnie and I went out to the Red Lobster and I pigged out on Lobster & Shrimp and everything else that went with it. I figured it was OK to skip the diet one day and enjoy one of my favorite meals. The other morning I did get down to 160.8 Lbs., the lowest I have been since I started my diet last Dec. 1st. But that old fat just doesn't want to come off. It has been maybe 50 years since I weighed 160 Lbs. But if I don't go anyplace this summer I think I will stay on that 1000 to 1200 calories a day as long as I can. My doctor did tell me that I wasn't getting enough protein and told me to buy some Muscle Milk Powder at Costco and take at least 1/3 cup of the powder in 8 ounces of water once a day to get 50% of the protein I need each day. It also has stopped me from feeling tired so quickly but has added 130 calories to my daily diet.

3. On Friday May 22nd we (Charles KF6TXI, Billy KF6WBV & Connie KF6YOM) met at the Virgin River Casino and Hotel in Mesquite NV for the Saturday morning start of the Southern CA. M/c

Assoc. 2009 Blazing Saddles Ride. We were able to register on Friday night for the early (6am) start. Charles & I roomed together and we met Billy and Connie at the McDonalds across the street from the Virgin River Casino at 6am for breakfast and left on the ride at 6:30am. The routes the SCMA handed out to us took us North on the I-15 for 35 miles then East through Zion National Park and then we wandered through the back roads all the way up to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. We got caught in a light rain for a couple of hours without our rain gear because someone (no mention of names here) convinced me that we would not need our rain gear that day and we left them in the hotel. The route they gave us was suppose to take us back North through Bryce Canyon NP and through Cedar Breaks NP, but we ran into some really nasty looking dark clouds with a lot of lighting, so we took the short cut out of there and headed back to the Virgin River. As it turned out it was a great day for a ride and never did get really hot. We covered about 430 miles on Saturdays ride.

Sundays ride took us North again on the I-15 and this time for 85 miles. Then East from Cedar City UT on SR-14. The ride again skirted the North end of Bryce Canyon NP and then meandered almost all the way up to the I-70 Interstate Highway and back down the East side of the I-15 on all very curvy narrow back roads. Then back over to the I-15 South for the 115 miles back to Mesquite NV. Now let me tell you, Connie riding the scooter stayed right with us and did a great job.

Monday, Memorial Day we (Billy, Charles & myself) were up a little before 4am and on the road home by 4:30am. We wanted to beat the going home traffic from Las Vegas NV on Memorial Day. We did just that and were back home in Irvine by 9am. Great weekend with the friends we love and another great Blazing Saddles Ride put away for another year.

4. On Sunday May 31st we (MARC members) did the Ship to Shore Tour de Cure in Long Beach CA which started from the Queen Mary. There were a total of 30 MARC members who volunteered & worked this event. Six members worked the MARC net control, 2 members were bicycle mobile, there were 17 motorcycle mobiles and 4 MARC SAG vehicles all working this event. You will find the report from one of the Ship to Shore Coordinators elsewhere in this newsletter. I do want to say this, this was the worst event we ever have been involved in as far as the bicycle accidents were concerned. There were approximately 800 riders and they had to cross railroad tracks in the LA/Long Beach Port area many times, but there was one crossing that was by far the worst. I treated 3 young ladies at that one crossing and I was later told that as many as 20 riders went down at that very same location. Other than that, it was a very good first time event and again and as always our MARC members performed as professionally as humanly possible. We got so many thank you's from the riders at the end and from the ADA staff many times over. Well done gang, you were all spectacular.

5. The next MARC event is the Saturday June 13th MARC meeting. I am sure there will be a lot of discussion and information to be handed out for the next days, Sunday June 14th BAD (Bikers Against Diabetes) Ride. Please try to attend this meeting if you have volunteered for the BAD Ride or were a volunteer for the Ship to Shore Tour de Cure Ride on Sunday May 31st. There is going to be a meeting for all Ship to Shore volunteers right after the June MARC meeting ends. The last time we did a critique after the Palm Springs event it worked out so well that we think it would be a good idea to

do a critique of the Ship to Shore event because of all the bicycle accidents that took place. Please plan to make time to attend the critique session after the June MARC meeting. I know it is a lot to ask, but we need everyones input for this event.

6. I just talked to Alan WB6T about the BARN System Repeaters and he told me that they have 2 new Motorola Radios to be installed at the Onyx Peak site that should clear up any noise on the system. We have been able to talk to Tom & Sheron in Pahrump NV going through the Mnt. Potosi Repeater site near Las Vegas NV and linked to the Onyx Repeater above Big Bear and then through the Santiago Repeater site here in Orange County.

Both of the ALERT Repeaters that we used for the Sunday May 31st Ship to Shore event worked perfectly for us when we were in a position that we could access them. Of course there were areas at the North end of the Palos Verdes Peninsula where the road was tucked up against the hills that we had no ham radio service at all. So if there was an emergency in that area everyone was told to use their cell phones to contact MARC Net Control. There were no emergencies in that area so it never became an issue.

7. On the personal side, our new room addition is practically done all except for hooking up the air conditioning unit and they can't put it into place until the concrete is all poured for the rear patio. The concrete workers have to dig the trenches for the drainage system next. It will take about 20 yards of concrete to replace all of the old patio that they used jack hammers to take out. Then there is the rain gutters to install and a new patio cover to build. In the next week or so I hope we can move my office into the new addition.

I still don't know what I am going to do this summer. This will be the first summer in over 15 years that I have not left in late May or early June and spent the whole summer on the road. The only plans I have for sure is to go to Tulsa OK for the GWRRA Wing Ding over the week of July 4th. I may also attend the Gold Wing Touring Assoc. Gold Rush in Lexington KY the 13th thru the 16 of July. I also made reservation up in Bellefontaine OH just in case they come up with something to replace what used to be Honda Homecoming for July 22nd thru the 25th. Nothing is set in concrete like it has been in past years. Bonnie is flying back to OH on June 15th for her families annual reunion and is scheduled to return home to Irvine July 1st. I may not leave at all if all the work is not done to the back yard before I leave.

Well the days now have 14 hours and 15 minutes of day light and it really is time to leave for the summer ride. So let's all have a safe summer riding season.

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

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MARC Chairman Of The Board  
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Casper now with 171K

#### To remove a label

Pour some white vinegar onto a paper towel and press onto label so it soaks thru. Wait 10 minutes, then sponge it off..

## SHIP TO SHORE TOUR DE CURE

Due to John N6JCB spending so much of his work time on the Ship to Shore Tour, he is now buried at work for end of year stuff.

We want to thank all volunteers for taking the time out of their weekend to work the Ship to Shore Tour.  
Thank you to each:

#### NET CONTROL:

Carolyn KE6JWD, Kim KI6MRQ, Chuck KG6NJP, Karen KI6SOT, Clint NR6T— For not having the experience at “MARC” Net Control as some of us do- I tell you they did a great job and very professional. I tried to get each over on the busiest radio but didn't get Carolyn KE6JWD there.

Just a little memo to all motors- When you hear conversation regarding an incident, please hold all transmissions until we can get it cleared.

#### BICYCLE MOBILE::

Rich KG6NPA and Dave W6DRC great job.

#### MOTORS:

Mike N6QZT Lead on 60 miler, Jeff KB6SUP & Julie KC6ZDS who surprised net control when a lady came on and was transmitting and at first they thought she was jamming(:)ss, Mark KE6ZRP, Butch KD6VBO, Carey KE6JWE & Billy KF6WBV who was Sweep for the 60....

Charles KF6TXI lead on the 33 miler and back tracked the routes to look for any strays, Ray KD6FHN, Bill K6WBD, Andy W6AJB who was shadow for Rich (our logistics) & Fara KF6ZQO who was sweep for the 33 miler..

John KC6ZOZ lead for the 20 miler, Teri KF6HJT, Mike KE6KWQ and Lewis K7LVO from Oregon was sweep for the 11/20 routes....

I do believe some of the motors came in carrying a lot of rubber for the trash(:)ss Several flats I would guess.

#### SAGS:

WA0FMB Jim, Scott KI6IXQ, Harold KI6TYH(worked with Scott), Glenn AB6PA & Alvin KD6UZM

I do believe we kept them a little busy later in the day. Seems the bicyclists had a shine for the railroad tracks. Which will be remedied next year.

At Net Control we are not used to the coordinator being right on top of us. Asking questions as was Julian & Jane from ADA, this was because this being a new route we were all a little concerned if everything was going well.

Don't forget there will be a short critiquing after the meeting so bring your notes with you. John N6JCB tried to corner each one before they went home for their input.

Everyone did a superb job as always, I have genuine faith in our “MARC” members. Many of the riders made it a point to come to Net Control and thank us for being there for them...Made them feel safer...

Again THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH.

See you at the meeting.

Bonnie KD6OFQ ASST Coordinator

#### Remove goo!!!

Got the sticker off but glue remains? Spritz with cooking spray, let it sit for a minute, the wipe--the mess will rub right off!!

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

**NET DRAWING:**

**DRAWN ON 5/6 for 4/29- Mel KD6MPB winner(PD)  
DRAWN ON 5/13 for 5/6- # 18 Jim KC6OAU(Notta)  
DRAWN ON 5/20 for 5/13- # 3 Ray KD6FHN winner  
DRAWN ON 5/27 for 5/20 # 16 Bob WD6L (Notta)**

**ECHOLINK: Norm N9ZKS, IL, Joe KC2KRQ NY, Mike  
KE6KWQ CA, N5HQ Bill (AR) , Mark N4EC (MD)  
This was neat for me(Bonnie) as I haven't dealt with Echolink  
before.. We give you credit for trying...**

**50/50:**

**April showers brought May flower winners each winning \$63 each  
were Keara Gallagher, Alvin KD6UZM & De Witt KM6UK**

**\$25 Gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by  
Alvin KD6UZM**

**"MARC" donations:**

**Helmet ID strap won by Andy W6AJB  
Schwinn Dual pump won by Scott KI6IXQ  
Mini Frame pump won by Mike N6QZT  
9 PC Basic Office Tool set won by Peter N6LMO  
Cord cover won by Jeff KB6SUP  
Mini Utility Folding knife won by Mel KD6MPB  
Pancake Mix won by John KC6ZOZ**

**A Big Thank you to each who donated items:**

**John & Mijo Reynolds, , Billy Hall, Mike Naron, Tom & ShEron,  
Jeff, Julie, Keara Gallagher, Mel Johnson Ray & Bonnie Davis--  
very much appreciated....We do accept door prizes from our  
members...**

**Gray ticket distributor John W5JFR  
Gray ticket winner Mother's Day Calendar won by Danny  
KD6FLP  
How many gray tickets drawn - 1**

**Ticket drawer- Mijo KF6BEB  
Ticket dissectors Alvin KD6UZM, Holly KI6ICP & Heidi**

**LINDA, We thank you for all your time and efforts while waiting  
on our members.. Nick & Pamela Goody the owners and their  
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: Please Welcome:**

**\_April 27, Harold Hilbert KI6TYH from Beaumont, CA  
(Harold got missed for the May newsletter)SORRY!!  
We got Harold from the Tour de OC via Scott KI6IXQ..**

**No new members for MAY...**

**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:**

**Discussion on the Ship to Shore Tour de Cure & BAD RIDE.  
Sheron & Tom had a little surprise for the Board & their  
sweeties... Thank you much you two...**

**NEWSLETTER:**

**Thank you all for your articles for the May newsletter . Expecting  
good articles for this newsletter.....**

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

**Love and Prayers to All who are ill , had surgery, lost a loved  
one we "MARC" are here for you day and night...**

**We pray each of you are healing quickly, Howard KG6SHL,  
De Witt KM6UK, Mel KD6MPB is doing alright but has to take 4  
hour breaks a day.(.)ss**

**Dylon (Alvin's grandson) is home from having his appendics out  
on short notice. Get well Dylan-we love you all  
Bill KF4MCG, is back to work, so that means he is walking on his  
own, has rode the motor for short errands but not to work as yet.**

**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  
IN GOD WE TRUST**

**SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING:**

**SET of tires mounted & balanced donated by HUNTINGTON  
HONDA won by Jim KD6REA ticket # 952103  
COMET GP-3 antenna donated by COMET (NCG)  
won by Teri KF6HJT ticket # 139969  
\$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE donated by JBJ CYCLES won by  
Scott KI6IXQ Ticket # 952234**

**DONATED BY MARC:**

**KENWOOD D710A RADIO won by De Witt KM6UK  
Ticket # 139938**

**\$35-40 GIFT CERTIFICATE for a Honey Baked ham won by  
Ray KD6FHN ticket # 952004**

**\$62.50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A "MARC" SWEATER won  
by Jim KD6REA ticket # 139808**

**\$25 "MARC" BELT BUCKLE won by Mike N6QZT  
ticket # 952142**

**DONATED BY OTHERS:AT THIS TIME**

**\$25 PICNIC TIME WINE TOTE donated by RAY & BONNIE  
won by Charles KF6TXI ticket # 139909**

**\$25 ROTATING 3 TIER PLATTER donated by  
DE WITT & ANITA won by Ray KD6FHN ticket # 952100**

**\$40 BATTERY TENDER donated by JOHN & MIJO won by  
Scott KI6IXQ ticket # 952222**

**HAPPY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO EACH FATHER...**



## NEWS FROM THE TUNDRA

Finally... decided to take the weekend off and head for the Hiawatha BMW Rally. I had been working on mounting the antenna and radio. All seemed OK. However had some hesitations about the microphone which I had moved from the older helmet. Left early Friday morning. Well early that is IF I was on California time... heehh...

Pulled into the gas station and filled with the non oxidation fuel meant for off road and antique cars as well as motorcycles. Prices up here are in the \$2.60 range for unleaded... This stuff was 2.59. Yes the winds were behind me as I rode south. Took Hwy 61 along the Mississippi and enjoyed the sunshine. Winter grip or Spring coolness is still here in Minnesota. Some days we get into the 70's and other days its mid 60's. Good ride.

My friend Duane had told me that he and Tim Hurley would be coming in late. Late alright... Both of them blew by me not 8 miles from the camp! However I smiled and purred along. Can't beat the mileage on this K bike! I know its built for power and speed!!! Not the fastest rider.. I knew though that one tank was more than enough. Would you believe 56miles per gallon? That is in the scooter range!

Parked the bike by registration and the stares at the antenna and quips began. Duane just shook his head..."Radio Mumbo jumbo." Finally gave the people the money for the weekend and rode up to our camping spot. Good shade trees and soft grass, although wet. Seems southern Minnesota is getting rain. Minneapolis Metro is in a drought.

"Want to come?" Tim H. asks. " There is a junkyard outside of Arcadia. He also has collection of the toys we used to have when we were kids!"

"Oh, you mean the ones we threw out?" I replied.

"Yup, that's the ones!" "Sure." "Good your leading..."

"I don't know where this place is!"

"We will be right behind you!" Tim laughs.

Back on the road again only into the winds. Funny... I had just passed all these farms and back way into Winona. I knew Duane and Tim had taken the freeway system of I-90 and Hwy 52. Meandered thru Winona and then across the bridge into Wisconsin. Stopped a couple of times to make sure I was err Leading the right way! I would get a Nod from Tim and away we would go... Into Arcadia and I filled up with gas. "IT's 5 miles north of this town!" "Ok" I replied. I was more interested in how many gallons of gas I had just used...So we kept riding 10 more miles and the town of Independance. The 2 headlights in the mirrors seemed to diminish. I looked again and no headlights... hmmm. Well maybe I should have gone back. Heehh...

Rode to hwy 121 and headed west. Looking for hwy 35 which is on the east side of the big river. Took an hour. Went thru weird name towns. Lookout and Cream... tried listening to the HF radio however too windy and the roads to twisted. Finally back on 35 and south again to the bridge and then west or back to camp. Duane and Tim finally showed up. "We found it... but it was closed!" My friend Steve from Rochester shows up as well. 40 miles or so for his tour. We introduced Steve to Tim H. and Steve remembered Duane. Talked of bikes of course.

Saturday Steve and I headed east again. This time through La Crosse, Wisconsin. I had pulled up beside Steve. "You can take this bridge." I motioned to the right.

"There is one up ahead, ok?"

I nodded... Steve was leading for most of the day. We rode around 220 miles. Headed east on hwy 56 to Hwy 61. I turned on the radio and could hear the SATERN Net operator N3DV. He was asking someone if they could move off 14.265 so we could do the net. Finally he starts calling or asking for people to call in.

I waited and called. Took 3 tries before he heard me.

"AB0TS, motorcycle mobile... where are you?"

"Heading East on hwy 23... ( well I thot that but it was hwy 56) Over," "Can you stay for the net?" Dick replies

"I will try! Never know what the conditions will be."

"How is the weather, Tim?" Dick asks

"Over cast and some winds, but I will be listening!"

"OK Tim, the setup sounds excellent! We will call for you later!"

We stopped in a small town to look at an old K75 BMW. Then went to the closest gas station. Got fuel and headed west on hwy 18 for Prairie De Schene. I had figured that MY turn to talk on the Net was gone. However I heard Dick calling for AB0TS Motorcycle Mobile. "This is AB0TS, Good Net, Good to hear everyone! Talk to you later! Over!"

"You Be careful Tim" Is there anyone else who wants to check in...."

Cool! Always neat to have something work. Although now the wiring for the mic and speakers in the helmet is messed up. But Hey!

Saturday evening and Sunday morning the temps dropped again.

Maybe 40 degrees. Almost thot I saw frost on the roof of the restrooms! Hot shower never felt soo good! I was packed and ready to head home... or was I... I had wanted to go this church in Winona... Services start at 9am and I was looking at my clock... 6am.... hmmm My friend Mark had mentioned that he and his wife Nancey would be down in the Winona area to go to this church as their daughter had done a missions trip. Wanted to hear the stories and see the slides. I had forgotten which service but still felt I should at least try. So I rode southern Minnesota for 3 hours... Walked into the church asking where is the hangers for coats. Sat down in the back and sang the songs. Good Service.

However... the people I had wanted to scare by my presence wasn't there... I knew they would be coming for the second Service.

A tall fellow walked over to the bike.."I am Wayne and ride a BMW!" "No BMW rally this year?"

"Too many other things that had to be done!"

Soon his wife came out and he shook my hand again and headed over to their car. I am waiting for this car to move then decide to go around him... Hey there is Mark and Nancy... yelling within a helmet does not work. blasted the horn and Mark turns..

"HE did it! Tim... Nancy... I don't believe it!! Are you coming in?" He was really excited. "No I was in the first service... need to head home!" I smiled at him... well I hope he could see the twinkle in me eyes... eh?

Success! Radio works again. The antenna used to be Lewis Osborn.. remember? Thanks Lewis! Rode 735 miles... Not exactly as much as an RD trip... but then my Initials are TL. Met friends and froze and still am alive...

I have one more rally to attend then in July I am still planning to tour the nation. take care and 73!

tim lindstrom, ab0ts  
columbia heights, mn

motorcycle mobile

## TIM'S BMW



## HELLO TO ALL MARC MEMBERS

It has been an interesting start to the summer riding season, and I have been thoroughly enjoying the travels of Kevin and his wife. Not to mention the pictures of the places that they have been seeing. Makes me want to close up the shop and head out to join them.

We also got some great pictures from our friend and fellow MARC member Ellie from Beirut Lebanon. And with a little coaxing from Bonnie, we got to actually find out which of the fellows in the pictures was Ellie. As some may know, we have talked to him via my Echolink setup on our Wed. night nets, although it is quite early in the morning for him when we are on in the evening. But something that I am very anxious to try is to talk to him motorcycle mobile (USA) to motorcycle mobile (Lebanon). I am sure that it can be done, but the only problem that I have in setting it up is that we would have to use simplex into my station here, then go through the Echolink to a repeater in Lebanon, to his motorcycle. So, if we ever have a group of MARC members gathered up in the Glendale area, such as for the Love Ride, or possibly just before it, then we should be able to make it work. Way cool.

Since Bonnie has put out the call to have us MARC members let her know what has been going on with our lives, I wanted to take a moment and share with you something that me and my girlfriend Chris did just a couple of weeks ago. I received an e-mail from the event coordinator of the HOG chapter that we are in looking for volunteers to go to Disney Studios on a Tuesday night so that they could take some pictures of "Biker types" Well, I answered and they said "come on down" so off we went with 19 other guys and our girls to meet at the studios. We were split into 2 groups of 10, me being in the 2nd group. They took lots of pictures of the first group, each person posing "looking tough" Ha. We were told to wear our leathers, chains, skull caps, etc, but keep the logos to a minimum. After about 1 1/2 hours of taking the pictures, and a couple of group photos, we were then treated to a movie sneak preview of a Sandra Bullock/Ryan Reynolds movie called "The Proposal" There have been some advertisements for this movie and I have seen some billboards for it, and having seen it already, I have to say that it is really VERY funny. Shot on location in New York, and Sitka Alaska, the scenery is beautiful. My recommendation is to go and see it, you will laugh all through the movie.. Very well done. Now, the connection to the movie and the pictures of tough looking biker types.....well, the people at Disney are thinking that most will consider this to be a "chick flick", meaning more appealing to women than to men. So what

they told us is that they will use our pictures to make "standies", those close to life size 2 dimensional standup cardboard dolls that you sometimes see in the lobby of theaters to promote an up coming movie. And guess what, the idea is for these tough guys to say "yeah, I'm taking my chick to see this movie", or something to that extent. Anyway, it was fun to do, although I think they will be using the ugly mugs from the 1st group and not the 2nd, so my ugly mug will not be there. Or maybe it was because I was "too good looking" Either way, I suggest to go see the movie and have a very good laugh. SEE PICS BELOW

73

Mark Kanzler KE6ZRP  
Echolink node KE6ZRP-L  
Ham on a Hog





## **The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Houston-Austin MS150 a Success Despite Severe Weather and Flooding**

### **Saturday Cancelled, Sunday Better Than Ever.**

**Greetings MARCies World Wide,**

**The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Houston-Austin MS150** was held April 18-19 and it was quite a weekend. Due to severe weather all Saturday activities were cancelled, the first cancellation in the ride's history. Nearly 12,000 riders were in town from every state in the Union as well as 13 other countries for this ride. Recall that 13,000 rider slots for the MS150 were taken in just over 7 hours when registration opened last year. Fund raising for the National MS Society from this event is expected to be around \$17 Million. Yep, million with an 'M'.

**During the week** leading up to the Tour, we were keeping a close eye on the sever thunderstorms making their way across the western US. Weather guessing is far from an exact science and the weekend forecast fluctuated from good to bad several times. Starting on Tuesday prior to the ride the Steering Committee began daily conference calls to discuss our contingency planning. Now throughout the years the Executive Committee and Steering Committee both spend considerable time planning for abnormal and emergency situations. As the problems we were facing became better defined we fine tuned how we would handle the weather issues.

**Also, I had started** investigating a way to get messages to the volunteers on short notice. We do almost all of the Motorcycle Marshal coordination and information by our web site donated by MARC member Damien Nelson, KE5LZP, and emails. I decided we needed a short notice communication tool and a way to get information to the team members that would not have access to their computers for the weekend. I put a poll up on the web site to see how many were set up for cell phone text messaging. Response was good and since my archaic old cellphone didn't sufficient memory to add 100 or so numbers for a text group I was going to build an email group in my computer for messages since I always have my computer with an air card with me. On Wednesday MARC member David Ellerbe, K5DGE, offered to build the list in his Blackberry and increase his cell plan to handle the messages and that's what we did. That turned out to be a great decision to have texting available to volunteers as the weekend unfolded.

**The primary** gathering place on Friday is the Omni Hotel in west Houston. The severe weather was all across Texas at the time and we were watching it closely. During early afternoon an intense group of thunderstorms with hail and damaging wind parked above the overnight location of LaGrange. It dumped several inches of rain in just a couple of hours and the wind destroyed several tents as well as other facilities in the Fairgrounds. The city of LaGrange closed the fairgrounds and prohibited anybody from entering since it was deeply flooded. At 4:30 p.m. NMSS Lone Star Chapter President Mark Neagli made the wise decision to cancel all activities for Saturday. The steering committee was called into session shortly in a much too small conference room at the Omni. Our first meeting was to kick some ideas around and decide what to talk about at the next meeting. We adjourned in about an hour and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. That meeting lasted nearly three hours and we had to decide whether to cancel the entire weekend, have a reduced route on Sunday, or what. I have attended a whole bunch of meetings in the last 45 years, and this is one of the most intense meetings I have ever been in.

**We identified** three main problems: logistics, logistics and logistics. Wow. How do we get 12,000 people and their bicycles from Houston to LaGrange. Where do we lodge the thousands that had planned to camp in company team tents in the Fairgrounds? What's the condition of the Sunday routes? Were the break points destroyed? Where do we start, since the normal start in the Fairgrounds was not available? The forecast was for good weather Sunday except for an expected headwind for the riders. We ended the meeting deciding to go forward with a normal ride on Sunday except for changing the start location from the Fairgrounds to the LaGrange town square. I don't need to list all the details here however we decided to transport those we could with busses and SAG vans and leave to rest to fend for themselves. We expected a considerable no-show rate and figured we would be lucky to have 6,000 riders.

**The severe** weather continued in central and east Texas throughout most of Saturday with some relief finally coming around 3:00 p.m. or so followed by clear skies. I along with some other motorcycle volunteers left the Omni in the rain around 2:00 o'clock to head for our overnight location. On the way we passed through LaGrange so I could see the new start and how to direct the motorcycles Sunday morning. Alan Fuller, the LaGrange coordinator and his team of volunteers along with the City of LaGrange had done a monumental job of moving the



start from the Fairgrounds to Town Square. Just awesome. The remainder of the afternoon/evening I spent on the phone playing "front desk" re-arranging my supply of hotel rooms among volunteers that had planned to camp in the Fairgrounds and now needed a place to stay.

Sunday was bright and clear although that pesky headwind was alive and well. That would be tough on the bicycles however since they didn't ride Saturday the riders would not be so tired. Given that a lot of bicycle riders would be driving in from Houston, Austin and other places we delayed the start on Sunday until 8:00 o'clock. We were astounded then the counting was done that an estimated 11,300 riders participated on Sunday. WOW! That is pretty close to the normal Sunday number. We were amazed.

The ride went reasonably well. There were 44 medical incidents, about 2 dozen transports and two airlifts. The second airlift was a severe head injury which occurred in a remote area among some hills in Bastrop State Park where cell phone coverage is very poor. MARC member David Ellerbe, K5DGE, was first on the scene and got the help rolling by ham radio. Ham radio and APRS played key rolls in the quick response to this accident. I was about three miles away and riding as radio operator for two excellent non-ham paramedics. We pushed it up and headed for that scene. There were bicycle medics with the injured rider however Chip and Jim were carrying first responder equipment on their bikes and applied a collar, started an IV and did other things I don't know anything about to stabilize the patient until the ambulance arrived. The ambulance transported the patient out of the forested hilly area to a near by golf course to be loaded on the helicopter.

The finish at the Texas State Capitol building was grand as it has been every year since we moved the finish to that location. All injured riders have recovered, including the sever head injury that spent about a month in the hospital.

Sunday evening about 35 members of the motorcycle team spent the night in the Austin Omni hotel. We had our annual "Motorcycle Marshal Recap Meeting" that evening in the Omni Lobby Bar. This 'meeting' is always a lot of fun and gives us an opportunity to socialize and unwind after working hard out on the Tour. Then Monday morning we meet for a relaxing breakfast and then take an all day scenic ride through the hill country as we head back toward Houston.

This year after cancellations and we had 84 motorcycles patrolling on the Tour, 62 of them hams. On the Tuesday following the MS150 I opened the Motorcycle Marshal sign up list for the 2010 MS150. In about 48 hours all 90 slots were filled with 5 extras. Ray, I hope you can make the next one.

To see how this Steering Committee and the MS Chapter Staff recovered from the Saturday cancellation and put on a magnificent ride can only be described as astounding. Talk about a can-do team. All the logistics involved in re-routing, lodging, and taking care of 12,000 riders and 4,000 volunteers was just incredible and it came off without a hitch. I am humbled and proud to be a member of this group.

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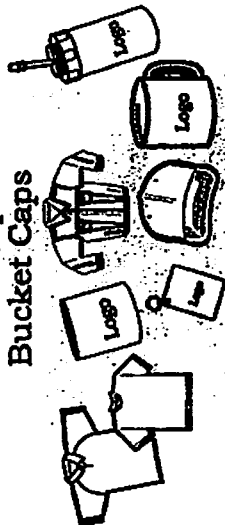
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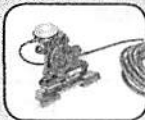
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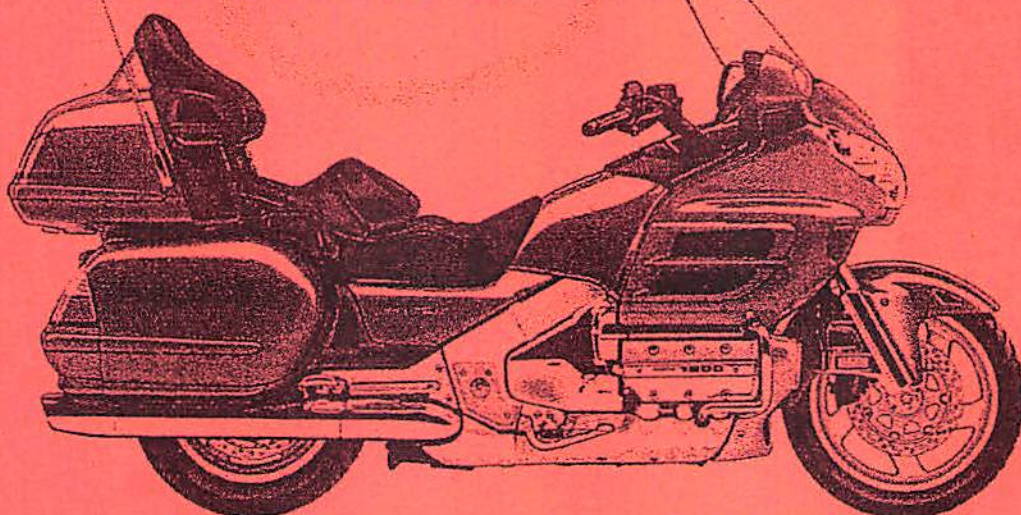
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