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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Hello all. The news of the day is that MARC is moving. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have lost our meeting place. The Lakeview Café has closed. After quite a bit of searching for a new location that can handle our group and still be centrally located, we have settled on the Home Town Buffet, at 1008 17th Street in Santa Ana. It is easy to access from the I-5 freeway, just go a few blocks east and you will find the Buffet on the right just before the railroad tracks. From the 55 freeway proceed west on 17th Street till you cross the railroad tracks and make an immediate left. The cost of the all you can eat breakfast is very reasonable. They will even have a cook on duty in the morning to prepare your eggs or an omelet just the way you want them. The management asks that everyone pay the very nominal breakfast charge. No sharing of plates will be allowed. I feel that we will make up for this as only a very minimum of a tip will be required to pay the servers who clean the room after we leave.

One minor catch. The meeting room has already been booked by another group for the second Saturday of March and April, so, unfortunately, we will have to change our March and April meetings to the first Saturday of the month. We will meet at 8 AM on 6 March and 3 April. In May, we will revert to our normal second Saturday of the month. The manager said he will unlock the doors at 7AM and start serving food at 7:30 so everyone should be able to get something to eat before the meeting starts. Please come early and join us while we give this new meeting place a try.

Another thing. After looking at the available parking, I will recommend that everyone secure their valuables to include helmets, radios and GPS units that are easily removed. (Bring them inside.) If you can cover your cycle, that would be a good idea. None of the parking lot is visible from the meeting room, so better safe than sorry in this high traffic area.

I, for one, had a good time in Palm Springs. The Tour de Palm Springs was not

without problems but, all in all, things went well. When I got to Palm Springs, I could not key up the repeaters that were to be used for the event. Charles, KF6TXI, had his lap top with him and volunteered to check my programming. After a few clicks, I was back on the air talking to Net Control. I found out later that as the voice was now working, the APRS had ceased to beacon. Just something to deal with next time. I am still learning and will endeavor to get it right next time. My GPS did work perfectly and all the way points were spot on, as Graham would say. It was nice to have Mike, KH7RD, ride his trike down from Brookings, Oregon to help us with this event. I would also like to thank Glen, AB6PA for his work on last year's operations plan. It made it easy for Harold, KI6TYH, and I to organize this year's plan. In the near future, Harold and I will set up a meeting with the Palm Springs folks and discuss the good and bad that we encountered on this event. I will be taking notes at the March MARC meeting.

Mijo and I missed the February MARC meeting and a couple of nets also. We were tending to family business in Indiana. Our ten days there reminded both of us how fortunate we are to live here in Southern California where it is usually nice and warm. We experienced three snow storms and I shoveled the drive twice just to get the newspaper and check the mail. Eight degrees is COLD! So cold that the snow would not hold in a snow ball, but that made shoveling easier as it didn't clump and stick to the shovel. The thermometer didn't get above freezing for the entire time we were there. We now understand what Tim and Norm live with in Illinois. Except for a few icy spots, motorcycling on the main roads would not have been too bad; however the two miles of unplowed icy road from the house to the main highway would definitely keep the motorcycle in the garage. I did see a couple of motor scooters being ridden on the main roads. My nephew explained that they are usually being operated by individuals who have lost their drivers license due to DWI or something related and are using the scooter for transportation to and from work. It was good

to get home and we have a new found empathy for our friends in the great white north, you too Lloyd (in Alaska).

Now for the business at hand. We need to prepare for our upcoming events. April 17th is the San Diego Tour de Cure, April 24th is the Tour de OC for Abused Kids, and May 2nd is the Ship to Shore for the ADA. There is a lot to be done prior to these events and we will need every MARC member to do all they can to help us support these events. Motors, Support and Gear vehicles, and net control operators will all be needed. Please, come out and help. There are other events on the same dates, on 17 & 18 April there is the Houston to Austin MS 150 in Texas and on the same days the Baker to Vegas relay race in California and Nevada. As MARC members are involved in both of these events, resources are stretched thin. I acknowledge that we all volunteer to help where we can and hope that everyone does their absolute best to assist their chosen event and pray that everyone has a good safe ride.

No motorcycle problems to discuss this month, I wasn't home long enough to ride and find them. :-) I have moved my 2M/440 antenna to an alternate location and attempted to repair my low band antenna. The HF antenna has been returned to the top of my tower (till the wind blows it down again). Now to bring the coaxial cable back in and check the SWR on the appropriate bands to see if I can safely transmit and receive. If so, I will be back on the air. If not, I guess, I will be looking for another antenna that will hold up in our Rialto/Santa Ana winds.

I am looking forward to visiting with everyone at the MARC meeting on the 6th March, breakfast at 7:30 and meeting at 8 AM, at the new meeting place: 1008 17th Street in Santa Ana. Please join us.

John F. Reynolds
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**"MARC" CALENDAR
(SO FAR THIS IS THE WAY IT LOOKS)**

MAR 6 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING
APRIL 3 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING
APRIL 17/18 SAN DIEGO TOUR DE CURE
APRIL 17/18 MS 150 HOUSTON, TX
APRIL 17/18 BAKER TO VEGAS
APRIL 24 TOUR DE OC FOR ABUSED KIDS
MAY 2 SHIP TO SHORE TOUR
MAY 8 18TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING
JUNE 12 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING
JUNE 13 BAD RIDE
JULY NO MEETING WE ARE FREE
AUG 14 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING
SEPT 11 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING
OCT 9 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING
OCT 16/17 MS 150 28th
NOV 6/7 MS 150 LAS VEGAS, NV
NOV 13 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING
DEC 11 "MARC" CHRISTMAS PARTY

**"MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

MAR 31 FOR APRIL
APR 26 FOR MAY
JUN 2 FOR JUNE/JULY
AUG 4 FOR AUGUST
SEPT 1 FOR SEPTEMBER
SEPT 29 FOR OCTOBER
NOV 3 FOR NOVEMBER
DEC 1 FOR DECEMBER
DEC 29 FOR JANUARY 2011

2010 Tour de Palm Springs

A brief note on the Tour de Palm Springs , seems most went well on the routes with a problem with riders being picked up, which occurred when Ford renieged at the last moment so they were short 9 vehicles for their "Chase" vehicles, the ham radio operators that were to ride in the chase vehicles were at Net Control. This was a very noisy place, net control was kept very busy, at times it was very hard to hear some of our motors due to their low audio and the extra noise in room. Thanks to Chuck a KG6NJP and Bill K6WBD for their work on the routes and Bill who furnished the computers with APRS on them was great. Good to have the two of them so each radio operator could see what & where.. You guys are goodooooo...

Many thanks to our Motors for a great job as usual:
Ray KD6FHN, John W5JFR, John KC6Z0Z, Charles KF6TXI, Bill K6WBD, Andy W6AJB, John N6JCB, Mark KE6ZRP, Bob WD6L, Jim KD5REA, Chris KB6MYR, Fara KF6ZQO, Jeff KB6SUP, Kevlin KI6SUJ, Brian KG6JOA, Mike KH7RD(from Oregon), Bill KA6HMS.
NET CONTROL who did a great job.
Mijo KF6BEB, Pat KI6ETG, Karen KI6SOT, Alvin KD6UZM, & Bonnie KD6OFQ.
Remember we will have a meeting of the minds with the participants of the event after the regular meeting.
Each motor and the two vans received a \$50 gift card- they did

have rooms available but too late for us to cancel our reservations with out a serious charge at the last minute. Bill K6WBD did get to indulge as he had planned on camping..

Thank you all so very much for your time and efforts for this charity event.
See you at the meeting at the Hometown Buffet on Saturday March 6, 2010

Harold Hilbert
KI6TYH

Co-coordinator Tour de Palm Springs

San Diego Tour de Cure April 17, 2010

Just a little update from the TdC committee meeting 2/8/2010.

1) New this year will be a telephone number (number not known yet) that riders can use to call in with their phones. Audra will have people assigned to monitor that line. The plan is to have a runner between that telephone portal and MARC control center so information can be assessed and acted upon. So expect a group of ADA volunteers to set up shop in the parking lot near us to monitor this event telephone number.

2) There will be five manned rest stops, same as last year. Except for rest stop five, the locations are the same as last year. The city of Oceanside suggested a location for rest stop 5 which will be evaluated by the committee. More to come.

3) The committee has identified a team to place signs on the course the evening before the event, during the event and remove at the close of the event. I forward the latest listing turns for each course, 100/70/30 to Bill Douglas who will convert the list to a GPS map and number the turns for ease of communicating location between the motorcycles and control center.

4) The committee is expecting about 900 riders.

5) As you know Audra is very pregnant and will be absent from the event, Sandy (did not get her last name) from the ADA will head up this years event.

6) Audra will have the motorcycle/SAG kits (same as last year) which will contain signs, candy, juice and city agreements. They will be distributed the morning of the event.

7) Will try to make the NET tomorrow, I need to see if my handheld still works.

George Stover WM6L Coordinator

For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way -
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.
~Author Unknown

Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck. ~Author Unknown

THE GOOD AND BAD



I don't know how you like your news, bad news first or good news first, but here it goes one way or the other.

Bad news. The Lake View Cafe where MARC had been meeting for the past 14 years has closed. **Good news,** We have found a new place and it is the HomeTown Buffet at 1008 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA. 92701. The new day to meet for March & April only is the first Saturday of the month. That would be Saturday March 6th and Saturday April 3rd. The HomeTown Buffet opens it's doors at 7am to sell the breakfast tickets and start serving at 7:30am. For this one time at least we will have to start the meeting at 7:30 in order to make time for the Palm Springs TdC after the meeting. The 2nd Saturday had been booked already for both March & April so we will go back to the 2nd Saturday of the month starting on Saturday May 8th and that will remain the same for the rest of the year. The new rules for the HomeTown Buffet is that they start serving food at 7:30am and it is all you can eat for \$5.99. Another new rule for us is that anyone wanting to come back to the meeting room (it is really a nice room and set off from the rest of the rooms) will have to pay the \$5.99 just to go to the back room whether you are going to eat or not. No sharing of plates, no taking out left overs. It is a big room (can hold up to 85 people), has doors on it and there is a speaker control in it to shut off any music that may cause interference with our speakers. Another thing, we won't have to bring in any tables or chairs or any meeting or Christmas Party.

Good news, the days are getting longer and are now up to 11 hours 17 minutes of day light. **Bad news,** the problem around Southern CA is that we are seeing a lot of dark over cast skies and we are nearly up to our normal rain fall level of 15 inches a year. We really need that rain after 5 years of drought and we (at least me) are not complaining about the nice rains we have been having.

Good news, the Palm Springs Tour de Cure went off very well with only very few little glitches in the process. See the Palm Springs Coordinators report else where in this newsletter. More good news, I actually rode Casper (04 Gold Wing for new members) down to Palm Springs on Friday morning. Friday afternoon with the help of some MARC volunteers who came down to Palm Springs by noon, set up the ham radio antenna towers and organized where the net control operators were going to be sitting. Saturday I started riding at about 7am on the 50 mile course so I thought that I could finish that assignment, but by about 11:30am my shoulder got so tired that I was having trouble hanging on to the handlebar. And it wasn't the right shoulder (the one I just had replacement surgery on) but instead it was the left shoulder that will have to be replaced next. So I came into the net control and spent my time watching the MARC net control operators do their thing. And a very fine job they did too. The charity event ended a little after 5pm and we had to take down the antenna towers, put the base station radios away, load everything in the van and then Bonnie drove and I rode the motorcycle all the way back home to Irvine. Going so very slow while working with the bicycle riders was very tiring for the shoulder, but riding at highway speeds gives me a chance to change gripping the handlebars and makes it much easier to ride at highway speeds then working slow speeds of a charity event.

We are going to have a review meeting with all MARC member participants right after the MARC March meeting.

Special Note to all who are going to attend this meeting. I just talked to one of the managers at the HomeTown Buffet to extend our meeting time one hour. I find out that they have us booked to start the meeting at 7:30am and I extended the meeting for one hour to 10:30am. So that we could hold the Palm Springs Tour de Cure review meeting. If we are not out of the meeting room in the 3 hour limit they place on anyone using the room, we will have to pay an additional \$100. So for this March meeting **'PLEASE BE THERE BY 7:30AM.**

Good news; I was just talking on ham radio to our MARC Wednesday night net Echolink coordinator, Mark KE6ZRP, and he now has the Echolink connection moved from his home to his shop in LA where he now has a line of sight view to the ALERT Santiago Repeater Site. His signal was very strong and he said he had an S7 on his receiver audio. So now we should have a really good connection for our out of area MARC members to be able to talk to us on Echolink from anywhere in the U.S. or else where. I think he plans on leaving it running all the time so that our MARC members can call anytime they wish, other then just for the Wed night MARC Net.

Bad news; We lost a lot of MARC members this year who did not renew their membership. I guess it must be the economy. Of course those who do not pay their \$12 a year MARC dues are dropped from the MARC roster and the MARC List.

Good & Bad; The right shoulder rehab is going very well, but it is a longer process then I had anticipated and even though I am really working hard on the rehab the improvements have slowed down. Working out 2 hours a day every other day puts a heavy strain on both shoulders. Got to power on.

Good news; A couple of days ago we went to HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) and bought the Kenwood TM-710A for the Super Raffle prize drawing for the May Anniversary meeting. We also hope to have a set of tires from our biggest sponsor, Huntington Honda, and many other valuable prizes. **Be sure to MARC your calendars for Saturday May 8th for this years annual MARC 18th Anniversary Meeting.**

Don't forget too, that it is time to pay our ALERT/BARN dues so that we may continue to support and use the ALERT/BARN systems for our many charity events. For those that have not already done so, please make your checks out for \$100 and make it out to **Alan Gallagher** and mail it to Bonnie Davis, at 3 Lindberg, Irvine, CA. 92620 so that we may record it and forward it to Alan. We certainly want to thank those MARC members who have already done so. We couldn't do the things we do for those National Charity organizations with the ALERT/BARN systems support.

We wish all of our MARC members were on the free Skype web system, it would be so much fun to be able to hold a conversation with them face to face when trying to help them with installations. **Good news,** I got to hold a 4 way conversation this morning with my grandson Brad in the Navy and stationed in Japan. My daughter Janell and my 2 granddaughters were all on at the same time with Brad. You can not have 4 pictures at once going but we were all on line at the same time like a 4 way telephone call. After my daughter had to leave for work and the granddaughters had to go to bed after working the night shift at the hospital for their internship, Brad and I got to see each other for the first time in over 5 years. Man what a thrill that was

to talk to Brad face to face from Japan. Try it, you'll love it. If you do get on Skype, be sure to put either my email address (raykd6fhn@earthlink.net) or my Skype address (ray.daviskd6fhn) and asked Skype to allow me to put you on my "Contacts List". I had to just take a break from this newsletter article because Tom (Bonnie's son) was calling on Skype from Virginia.

Bad news, for Bonnie and I anyway, our wash machine started throwing water out the bottom Monday. It is about 30 years old, so we have been looking for a new washer and a drier. Today Bonnie's 1997 Dodge Caravan blew a seal or hose in the power steering or transmission and was dumping a red oily liquid on the driveway and street. So we had to take it over to the Dodge dealership in Tustin. That will cost about \$700 at least they said. If it ain't one thing it's another.

Please always try to support our MARC sponsors.

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 178K

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**Hello Everyone,**

This is to inform you that the N6USO Sunset Ridge Linked Repeater System 145.440-136.5 PL repeater's IRLP node #3718 is now working and linked FULL time IRLP Reflector 9663. This repeater covers most of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties!

This reflector channel (3) is the "Micro-Node" Reflector and belongs to the owner of "<http://www.micro-node.com/>". They are allowing us to make this reflector channel (9663) the N6USO's reflector channel, for us to use full time for our linking with other repeaters!

Owner, Mark, K7IZA, thank you so much for all your support and allowing us to use this channel for our linking!

For those of you with repeaters/IRLP nodes that wish to link into our system, please feel free to link in via reflector 9663 any time and stay connected as long as you like! We looking for those systems around the world to link in and enjoy the hobby we all love so much and for the fun of meeting great people from around the world on our system! Feel free to share this email with your ham friends and families as you wish! There is no time limit for how long you can connect or talk on the system! All we ask is for you to leave long enough breaks between transmissions for others to join in or to be able to make a call.

The 145.440 repeater is also linked in full time with our 1.2 repeater on 1282.8250- 88.5 PL, also located on Sunset Ridge. This repeater is located at the same location as the 2 meter box and puts out 35 watts. For those of you with 1.2, this give you another option for being able to get into the system. I hope this repeater is a benefit for you the users as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the system. I hope you enjoy the new changes and work that has been done to the system.

Don't forget to join us for our Tuesday night Amateur Radio News-line Check-In net at 7:30 PM (1930 Hrs, California Time) brought to you by Hector KE6VRL who is the Net Control for the net! All IRLP/Repeaters are welcome to join the net anytime!

Once again, thanks for all your support and we hope to hear you on the air again real soon!!!!

73,  
Be Safe,  
Sgt. Burton Brink-N6USO, MARC Member since 1993  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept  
Owner/Licensee of the 145.440- 136.5 (Tone) Repeater Sunset Ridge, Southern California  
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Welcome to Tour De OC APRIL 24, 2010

Tour De OC is a fund-raiser bike-a-thon for abused and neglected kids. Proceeds help Royal Family Kid's Camp invite 100 children, removed from abusive situations; enjoy a week of "normal" camping experiences. These kids will experience love & support from adults who truly care about them. 2.4 million Children in America are abused and neglected each year & a child dies every four hours due to abuse.

To participate in this ride, all riders must pay registration fee plus raise \$150.00 in pledges. All pledges are due by May 9th. Registrations are starting to roll in.....

Sign-up sheets available at the next meeting

Vanguard University
55 Fair Drive,
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Registration opens at 6:00 AM
First riders out at 7 am

Scott KI6IXQ Coordinator

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May luck be our companion  
May friends stand by our side  
May history remind us all  
Of Ireland's faith and pride.  
May God bless us with happiness  
May love and faith abide.  
~Irish Blessing

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A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have. ~Author Unknown

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Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year. ~Ogden Nash

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

Draw for 1/27 ON 2/3 #11 CHARLES KF6TXI WINNER(PD)  
Draw for 2/3 ON 2/10 #10 KEVIN KI6SUJ N/A  
Draw for 2/10 ON 2/17 #3 ANDY W6AJB WINNER  
Draw for 2/17 ON 2/24 #7 SCOTT KI6IXQ WINNER  
EBs: JOHN W5JFR, MIJO KF6BEB, DE WITT KM6UK,  
SHERON KC6ZSH, TOM K2QGT  
Echolink:: NORM N9ZKS (IL)

**50/50:**

My My Cupid shot his arrow thru a little cash of \$40 each to  
Charles KF6TXI & Alvin KD6UZZ

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by  
Teri KF6HJT & John KC6ZOZ  
Comet tri-band antenna donated by NCG(Comet) won by  
John N6JCB

**Items donated by "MARC"**

Led head & bicycle lamp won by Ray KD6FHN  
Windshield wonder won by Teri & John  
5-piece Micro-tool won by Alvin KD6UZZ  
h2o zone water bottle won by Alvin KD6UZZ  
Valentine heart of candy won by Ray KD6FHN who passed it  
around.

Multipurpose white paper won by Alvin KD6UZZ

A big "THANK YOU" to each who donated items:  
Billy Hall & Audrey Swearingen, Ray & Bonnie Davis

Gray ticket distributor - David KF6THP (Thank you much)  
Gray ticket winner- Alvin a Heart box of candy  
How many gray ticket s drawn- 1

Ticket Drawer- John KC6ZOZ

Ticket disectors- Teri KF6HJT, John N6JCB, Bonnie KD6OFQ,  
Alvin KD6UZZ

Thank you all very much, yes those who took over in absence of  
John & Mijo too.

John KC6ZOZ took KF6BEB Mijo's place while Ray took W5JFR  
John's place.

LINDA, We thank you for all your time and efforts while waiting  
on our members.. Thank you Thank you...We will miss you

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

Please welcome:

2/5- Phil & Leah Leonard of Econdido, CA(no Call)

2/20- Dennis Ingersoll, CA (Waiting on call)

**MEETING:**

Concentrated mostly on the Tour De Palm Springs event.  
sign-up sheets for the San Diego Tour de Cure, Tour de OC & Ship  
2 Shore Tour de Cure were available. We had a small meeting, if  
you can't make it to a meeting and want to sign up for any or the  
events,. please let me know and I will add you to the list.  
I know times are tough but we need all who can sign up for the  
events.

We did meet in a flooded room but we survived...

**NEWSLETTER:**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ARTICLES -**

Members who will have dues coming up for 2010- your mailing  
label will be in RED if your dues are due, also there was a  
renewal form in your December newsletter with some changes,  
checks to be made out to M.A.R.C. I did manage to get things  
back to what they should be... also at the bottom we are asking  
if you want to keep receiving the newsletter by mail or get it  
off the website, there you can print out what you want.  
You will receive a newsletter if I have receipts from your dues  
or whatever... You have until the end of February to  
renew...OH Oh it may be too late....

May 8th Our 18th MARC anniversary prizes so far are  
Kenwood D710A-----Portable Tire Inflator  
7 pc Metric Flexhead set -----7 pc Standard Flexhead set

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

Those in Dire need of love and prayers are Bob N6HOJ has  
pancreatic cancer stage 4,, Bob is up north and the doctors there  
are going to try another procedure to hopefully help him. Chuck  
KG6NJP is doing great.....Mike N6QZT, had an emergency  
appendectomy and still having problems from that plus back to  
hospital and maybe sent home Thursday Feb 25th again..  
Sounds like the Brown family let their cute little red head Gracie  
hand them some cold stuff(:))s Hope all get to feeling better.  
Love and prayers to Harold KI6TYH & Andrea in the loss of  
Andrea's mother.

Take good care of yourselves, stay away from the swine flu and  
any other bad colds that are floating about .

Anyone else out there who I have not mentioned Please know  
we love and pray for each of you...as we do care... Life is not an  
easy task when it comes to sickness and losing someone.

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

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

Weather like my mood...  
Rain beating against window...  
Singing her sad song,  
beats against my soul window...  
I feel a sadness inside.  
(Tanka Style)



## SPRING IS EASING IN

Motorcycle Drought finally broke this past Friday! Thursday I had seen the air temperature sitting at 41 degrees. The smile from inside my soul erupted, giddiness of spring fever and well you know... eh?

Put on the gear and walked slowly out to the garage. Unhooked the battery charger and started the beemer. Purred. Then I remembered or noticed no headlight! The window of opportunity was closing rapidly. Sunshine although strong and bright, dropping out of the dark blue skies.

Friday I headed for work at 5am. One of the perks in my work is the idea of going in or staying as long as needed. Did my work plus the extras that show up each day.

"I think I am done!" I smile at the secretaries.

"Have a Great Weekend, Tim!" Teri replies "As well as you 2!" I replied

The Napa purchased Head light bulb burned brightly while the bike idled. Closing the garage door and hopping on the seat. Feels kind of hard still. Not sure if its from sub zero temperatures or just stiff. Picking my path thru the snow ruts. Front wheel loses traction or slides back in the snow ruts. Finally back on the main roads where the salt and chemicals have long ago dried the pavement! Cracked the throttle and the moaning beemer comes to life with an accelerated roar. "Focus on the road, Lindstrom!" I keep saying within my brain. I KNOW they... the Cage dwellers are watching, staring, shaking heads... if there is more than 1 cage dweller... a car pool... then heads are turning and lips are moving... BUT this is not the time for my fame... I have puddles, potholes and presence of mind to Keep...( notice the "P" points!)

694 always feels good in the middle of Winter. Snow not only cold but reflects Sun light. When the sun is out and no clouds it feels more like an over washed print. OR the F-stop on your 35mm camera is open! NO ONE on 2 wheeled transportation met me or passed. I am sure they were there in the cars and trucks around me. "Now where to go?" I had 2 choices, north to North Branch or east to Oakdale... "ok Oakdale it is!" Mark had tried to rake his roof this past month. He had a ladder up against the eve, however the ladder lost grip on the cement and down he came. Broke the top of his right foot and broke his ankle.

I parked my black beemer on their driveway. Noticing the driveway slab had risen maybe an inch. Frost heaves. No cracks though. By June the driveway will settle again. Hit the doorbell, dog howled... "Yep they are in there!" If no body is home some of these small dogs will not bark.

"You rode your motorcycle?" Nancy laughed, "Come on in!"

"Nancy, I keep dreaming of Tim Lindstrom, of some motorcycle of...OH NO its a nightmare!" Mark is laying on the sofa in this split entry home. White bandages swelling the oversized right foot. He swings his body around, his eyes have that twinkle...

"I have been dosing most of the afternoon! Come on up here... sit over there!" Nancy is helping him with his pillows and ice pack. His crutches are right beside him.

"And how are you, Nancy?"

She turns to me with a surprised look, "ME? Well I am fine, thanks for asking! Want some Tea?"

"Sure!" I replied.

"I am suppose to keep this foot above my heart for 23 hours per day!" Mark says

"Sure, Mark..." Nancy says from the kitchen. "What about yesterday?"

"OH that!" Mark laughs...

"What happened yesterday?" I ask taking the bait.

Nancy comes out with a wooden tray. 2 cups of hot water and a few bags of Tea, caramel sweets and cherry raisins. Hmmm!

"I am working in my office... I hear a car door slam and look out front... and there is Mark driving my Jetta! He was in Trouble when he returned!"

"Now, now, Nancy!" Mark soothingly replied, "I have promised you years ago that I would fill your gas tank and I was faithfully doing that!"

"On a broken Foot? Under Doctor's orders?"

"Well the doctor said I could drive if nobody KNEW about it!"

Mark has the PT cruiser with a manual tranny... figure he will not using his feet for another 3 weeks. He also drives the City buses which also means no work for the next few weeks.

"Yeah, I can't do much for another week Tim, but later we can work on my Goldwing, eh?"

I nodded. We talked of his family and my work and the usual stuff. My good deed was almost done. Kept watching the sun shadows.

"Want to play a card game?" Mark asks

"No, I had better go play in the traffic." I replied. I was done with the hot chocolate.

"Thanks for coming over, Tim!" The eyes of appreciation with his twinkle of mischief met mine.

Nancy walked me to the front door. Her eyes also happy.

"Thanks Tim for coming over and babysitting Mark for me!"

"yup, glad to do it for you!" I said.

Suited up and backed the beemer down the driveway. Snow sparkling in the sunshine. You do know we have over 6 inches of the stuff everywhere! Snow banks are higher at intersections. Seeing not only for myself but those who are used to snowmobiles running in the ditch instead of single headlight machines ON the roads.

Plugged in the vest, flipped on the heated grips, Beemer growling at the lights. Away I go focusing on what needs to be done and NOT watching the cages as they again realize that for Me at least ... the Riding Season has started!

Always its easy to ride one day during the months of ice and snow. If I can ride a streak of days its better! Saturday's ride was up to the church we go to.

Ever hear of Upwards Basketball? Its a way to introduce Basketball to kids and also a way to reach the same kids for Jesus Christ. We started this program 2 years ago had around 60 kids. This year we have 180 kids and are looking for other church campuses that have gyms. 1st graders thru 5th come in their uniforms.. parents and grand parents.. and families are coming in. Thankfully the games are around 1 hour long. Half court so 2 games going on at a time. 12 games!

I was drafted to speak at the 130 half time. So I rode the beemer with that Bear.. remember that story? I have this oversized Teddy BEAR that I tied to the bike with a 4 point Seat belt system... err a Bungie cord. The legs are strapped down but the arms are always waving. I also have knee and elbow pads attached to the arms. I have been told that this bear is a She bear due to the pink colors of those pads.

So before a crowd of 30 parents and kids. Some that know me in the first place.. I tell the story of how I met this Bear and what it does on the highways when riding along with the Cages. And yep, the kids and parents still looked. shaking their heads... Perfect!

Time to change tires on this BMW. Has the prices shocked any of you? Ray I have been researching car tire to shoe on my 17 inch rim. Looking at the Darkside web site or just looking. Cutting edge tire evolution! I have 2 rims. The original 18 inch and the other one for the k1200LT bike. Sooo one of these days I need to find a cheap tire and see how that works!

1 more month of official winter. Sometimes its better to live up north. Snow storms are tracking further south. 20 degree days the ice and snow has traction... 40 degree days the ice is slippery. Done that yesterday... ZZZZZ with the Front wheel.

If you get the Rider magazine.. there is the die hard rider from Minneapolis. Rides a Ural with side car. Great read. Also he has a small newspaper that we devour when published!

that is it for this month!

Tim Lindstrom, ab0ts  
1995 BMW K1100RS, starting mileage 68,670  
Columbia Heights, MN

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#### KEVIN'S APRS SYSTEM

I had my Micro-Trak 8000 FA in the trunk of my 1500 95 SE. It has since been moved to my 1800 06 Wing. I agree with the other comments. Using a solid Comet antenna, rather than a rubber ducky style will be well worth it. Things to consider if you ride two up; having a short flexible rubber antenna mounted on an L bracket attached behind the rear seat close to the passenger will also reduce the effectiveness of the antenna. If you ride solo, this will be less of an issue, but overall effectiveness of the rubber antenna will still be marginal. Having a taller and higher gain antenna than what a rubber antenna can offer is the way to go no matter where you put it. Mine is only about 24 inches, but does the trick well. Where ever you mount the antenna, remember that antenna wants a ground plane. To get this on the bike, run a good wire from the ground of the antenna to the frame of the bike. This was already mentioned, but I wanted to stress the point due to it's importance. If you end up mounting the antenna to a trunk rack, you can run the wire up the inside of the trunk and attach it to the trunk rack mounting screw from the inside. This keeps the wire completely concealed. I tried mounting the hockey puck GPS in the trunk figuring it was all plastic anyway, but later moved it to the outside and attached it to the trunk rack too and could tell the improvement it made. Antennas to a HAM radio (or APRS unit) are like speakers to a sound system. No mater how good the sound system, if the speakers are bad, the experience will be bad. The antenna can make or break your ability to send and receive in fringe areas. I travel multiple states on my

rides, just for fun. In most places, my wife can track me as I ride. Here is radio stuff on the 1800, including the APRS unit in progress. Notice the added plates used to support the trunk rack. These help prevent cracking by further dispersing the weight.

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Kevin Wilson, KI6SUJ  
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#### SHIP TO SHORE TOUR DE CURE MAY 2, 2010

As of Feb. 10, 2010 we have registered 75 teams, 535 riders and raised \$43,300.

Rich updated on progress with permits, noted that we still need to make contact with Terranea and formalize details for Lomita Rest Stop

Anyone know people who like to volunteer, please give them my name Bonnie , phone # or e-mail or contact this lady Kathy at [ksanches@diabetes.org](mailto:ksanches@diabetes.org) , this could be day of event such as rest stops, at the park, there are several jobs that we need dependable volunteers...

Next meeting is March 3, 2010

Butch KD6VBO, John N6JCB & Bonnie KD6OFQ  
Coordinators

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#### SNOW

The snow had fallen through the night,  
With a silence deep and white.  
Every pine and hemlock tree,  
Was ridged with pearls for all to see.  
I watched it fall down from the sky,  
As snowbirds whirled like leaves gone by.  
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That snow had fallen through the night.  
- Anon.



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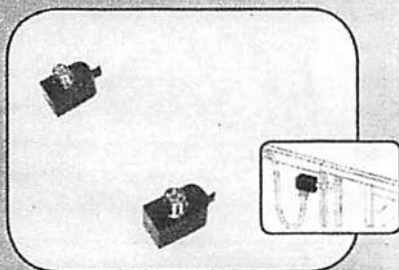
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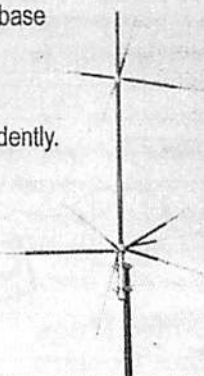
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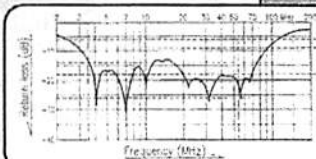
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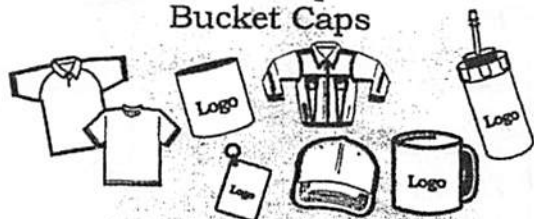
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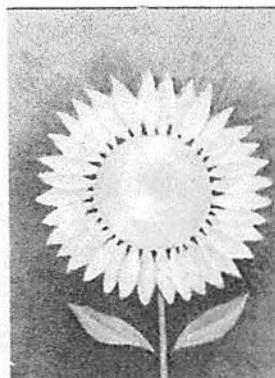
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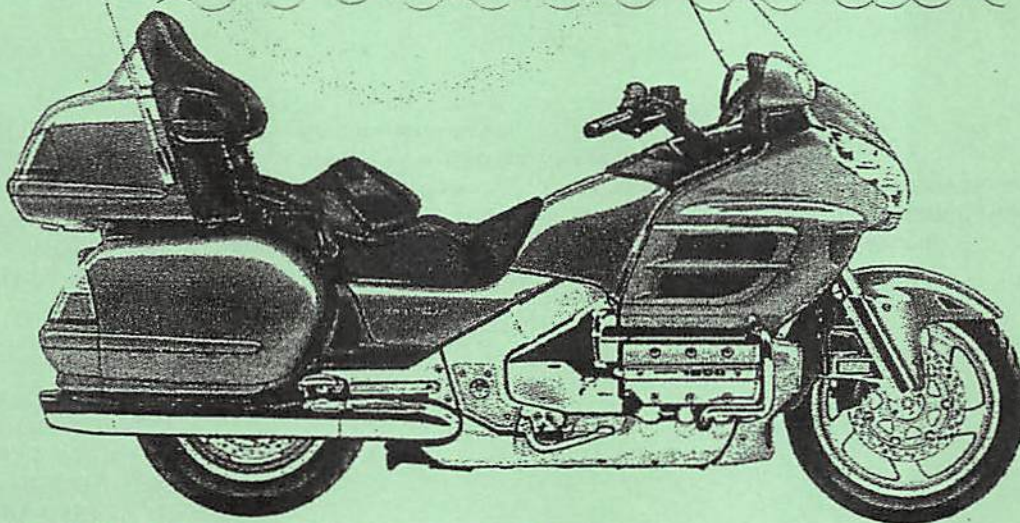
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