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**APRIL 2010**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

Hello all and welcome to Spring. I hope that your weather is better and that riding season will be with everyone very soon. As far as for the MARC members here in Southern California, our riding/event season is here now.

Our April MARC meeting will be on the first Saturday again, 3 April, 2010 at the Home Town Buffet, 1008 17th Street in Santa Anna. Last month they did not let us in until 7:30AM. I hope that we will be able to get in and set up earlier, but I would not bet on that. So, plan on 7:30 sharp to have breakfast so I can start the meeting at 8 AM. We have received word that they will be lowering the price of breakfast in a week or two and, with the anticipated increase in business, the corporate office might decree that all future reservations (for the private room) may have to be canceled due to the requirement for more seating. The present manager will try to work with us but we will have to adjourn and vacate the room prior to 10 AM. I hope we can make that time constraint or we will be looking for a new meeting place again.

I need your help with the next three events. On 17 April, MARC will be in the north part of San Diego County for the San Diego Tour de Cure. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a few of our "regulars" will not be able to assist with this event. Compounding this is the fact that the Baker to Vegas Relay Race and the Houston to Austin MS 150 are also on 17 & 18 April this year and a few of our members have commitments to work the Baker to Vegas event. We are looking for motorcycle mobile operators, help at net control, and also assistance with Support and Gear (SAG) vehicles. If you can help all day of just for a few hours, please contact George, WM6L, Bonnie, KD6OFQ or me to sign up, or you can sign up at the April MARC meeting. I also need help with the Tour de OC (the old Gearin-Up ride) on 24 April and the Ship to Shore ride in Long Beach on 2 May 2010. I understand that the economy is making it difficult for some to participate in many events, but if you can give

a few hours for one or more of these events, please, let me know as soon as possible. Thanks.

Are you ready for a party? On 8 May 2010 we will celebrate the MARC Anniversary. Sorry, no party hats and whistles, but we will have a cake and a super raffle with the grand prize being a Kenwood D710 mobile radio. I am sure that there will be a few other super prizes to accompany the radio, Bonnie and Ray always seem to find a few nifty gifts to sweeten the pot. Mijo and I hope to see you at the anniversary meeting, 7:30 AM on 8 May 2010 at the Home Town Buffet.

I have started to prepare my garden for this spring's planting and this summer's harvest. Seeds have been started and the soil turned. Now I am just waiting for the sprouts to grow large enough to be transplanted outside in the dirt. My lawn has turned a nice shade of green and the lawn mower has been serviced and is ready for another summer. Taking precedence however, the motorcycle is ready for a summer of riding so we shall see what comes to the top of the list. If the Breathe Easy ride is still on up in the bay area of San Francisco, Mijo and I might plan a ride up there to participate in that event. We shall see.

Finally a question that only you can answer. Are you ready? With the two big earthquakes in Haiti and Chili, the thought of earthquake preparedness comes to mind. If we have a big quake here in Southern California will you be ready to take care of your family for three to five days? It could take that long or even longer for the local and state authorities to recover and take control of the situation. Make sure that you have food, water, first aid supplies, and other necessities to take care of you and yours for the first few days. Look at what happened there and prepare! We know it is coming just not exactly where and when.

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**"MARC" CALENDAR**

APRIL 3 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING  
APRIL 17 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 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 28 th  
NOV 6/7 MS 150 LAS VEGAS, NV  
NOV 13 "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING  
DEC 11 "MARC" CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

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

**Easter Bunny Hugs And Kisses**

That cute little bunny has hopped all day,  
delivering baskets for the holiday.  
His paws are so tired and his nose how it  
itches,  
He left you something special to fulfill all  
your wishes-  
Lots of cute little Easter bunny hugs and  
kisses.

You can fool all the people some of the time,  
and some of the people all the time, but you  
cannot fool all the people all the time.

~Abraham Lincoln

It is the ability to take a joke, not make one,  
that proves you have a sense of humor.

~Max Eastman

**San Diego Tour de Cure April 17, 2010**

**Ride starts and ends at:**

**Mira Costa College  
3333 Manchester Ave  
Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007**

Routes are the same as last years!!!

(100mi) Century Ride check in 5 AM start at 6 AM  
70 miler check in 6:30 AM start at 7:30 AM  
30 miler check in 9 AM starts at 10 AM  
10 mile family ride check in 10:30 AM starts 11:30 AM

Their goal is to raise \$400,000 at this printing they are at \$166,556 (42% of their goal) Their goal is 700 riders at this printing they 600+.

**All riders wearing the Red rider shirts have diabetes.**

**George Stover WM6L Coordinator**

**Tour de OC (For Abused Kids) April 24, 2010**

Hi I'm Scott Farthing KI6IXQ one of three Directors with *Tour de OC*. My position with MARC is the *Tour de OC* ride coordinator.

**Ride starts and finishes at:**

**Vanguard University  
55 Fair Drive,  
Costa Mesa, CA 9262**

**100 Mile CENTURY RIDE - Registration at 6:00 a.m.  
ride starts at 7:00 a.m.**

**55 Mile - Registration at 7:00 a.m. ride starts at 8:00 a.m.**

**25 Mile - Registration at 7:30 a.m. ride starts at 8:30 a.m.**

*Tour de OC* ride is the only organized 100 mile ride in Orange County.

We ride to send abused children to summer camp at "Royal Family Kids Camp" 100% of pledge monies go to the campers; also there is 1.5 staff to 1 camper so there is a real sense of the family environment.

This is our 16<sup>th</sup> year doing this ride and I think MARC's 12th year marshaling our ride. *Tour de OC* is a small ride it gives MARC members a chance to get all the bugs out of their motors and check all the electronics as well.

*Tour de OC* hired a large marketing firm to redo its image and to increase ridership year before last. This program is going amazingly good. Our brochures are out and distributed.

The local cable channel will be giving us local coverage for the day of the ride and commercials again this year. So we are keeping our rider estimate at 200.

This is an extremely fun ride that MARC does; it is also a good ride to train new MARC members on. So if you're not signed up please let Bonnie know if you plan to attend. Our web site is "<http://www.tourdeoc.com>". Have fun and don't forget to sign up and it's all about the kids.

**Scott Farthing KI6IXQ <sfarthing@tourdeoc.org>  
Director of Logistics Tour de OC  
MARC Tour de OC Ride coordinator**

**No follow-up report on the Tour de Palm Springs  
as they have not had their after meeting as yet...**

**Ship to Shire Tour de Cure May 2, 2010**

**Ride starts & ends at Queen Mary Events park site...**

**Queens Hwy & Harbor Plaza  
The Queen Mary  
1126 Queens Way  
Long Beach, CA 90802**

61 miler- registration 6 AM start at 7 AM  
32 miler - registration 6:30 AM starts at 7:15 AM  
20 Miles- registration 6:30 AM starts at 7:30 AM  
10 Miles -registration 6:30 AM starts at 7:30 AM  
10 miler Returns by a Harbor Cruise  
8 miler -registration 7:30 AM starts at 8:30 AM

Our goal at present is 1000 riders we are at 107 teams (95 teams last year) nearing 800 riders.

Their goal is to raise \$ 451,000 at this printing they are at \$73,101(16%)

The routes regarding the railroad crossings has been changed and are finished at this time. Chuck should have them in his hot little hands.. Rich Savitt has spent a lot of time trying to find a safe way to have the routes without railroad crossings at least where they would be easy to cross and not have any trains crossing during the timed ride.

The question for riders is to ask their selves is "Can I Ride this Ride"

**Again all riders wearing the red shirts have diabetes...**

**Bonnie KD6OFQ, John N6JCB, Butch KD6VBO**

**From your Orange County MS150 Coordinators**

**First please make note of the Date of the MS150 ride for this year October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

The first meeting I had for this year Bike MS Bay to Bay Tour was on March 10<sup>th</sup>. It was made up of the people that were going to leading each of the varies sub-committees.

I'm really excited about this year's Bay to Bay Tour. More importantly, I hope you're all excited about it as well! They have made a few additions to the committee designed to enhance the productivity for all of the riders and to enhance this year's Bike MS Bay to Bay Tour and to make this years ride the best ever!

John Most is coming aboard to be the Bike Committee Chair. He's dynamic, positive is just the right addition to the committee.

The first official Bike Committee meeting is **Wednesday, April 14 at SONGS power plant**. As we are just getting started the routes have not been discussed yet but by the sound of it there will be very little change from last years routes. The addition of 30 mile route had a great first and second year. We are looking forward to this year's 30 mile route that will start and finish at the day one (Saturday) finish. **Bike Mechanics ARE GREATLY NEEDED.** Got one you can recommend?

The Orange County MS office has a Web Page "<http://www.nmssoc.org/>" Check it out! They again have ON LINE bike tour registration this year!

**John Edwards KC6ZOZ Andy Bocker W6AJB**

## CATCHING UP WITH MYSELF



Yea, days are now 12:17 hours long  
(as of 3-25-10) and that's one hour more then  
last month at this time.

Yea for Mark KE6ZRP, he has gotten the EchoLink system up and working perfectly and we are taking calls as far away as Lebanon and Saudi Arabia and hopefully we will be able to talk to Graham G4FUJ in England pretty soon. (are you listening Graham?) EchoLink is working very well for our members on the North American continent. Meaning we can talk to Lloyd in Alaska too. Also I am going to talk to Charles about putting the EchoLink hook up on our MARC Web Site. Thank you Mark and another job well done.

Speaking of contacts one way or the other. My Skype address is (ray.daviskd6fhn) and if you have the Skype (which is a free download software program) on your computer (and a video camera on your computer) you can talk to me direct face to face about electronic installations on motorcycles or to order parts from Comet or from us. It is a fun way to talk to your family or friends from all over the world and it is all for free. Try it you'll love it.

Also, I am finding that many non MARC members are wanting installation questions answered and want to order antennas or antenna brackets & etc. from us. We will try to help them with their questions, but we can not sell them antenna brackets, stainless steel plates & etc. any longer because we are running low on those parts and it costs a couple of thousand dollars to reorder because we have to order so many of them at a time to keep the price down for our MARC members. Lately in almost every case when a non MARC member has asked us to order and ship an antenna for them and I inform them that they have to be MARC member to do that for them and that the MARC dues are only \$12 a year and you save that on the very first thing you buy from us, we usually never hear from them again. Talk about cheap. They all want something for nothing. I don't blame them for that, but it isn't the way we operate. It cost us (Bonnie & I) cash and toll road fees every time we go out to Comet (66 miles round trip) to pick or ship anything from Comet. If we were doing it for money we would be losing our #\$\$^ because we are doing it for our MARC members as a benefit to them for belonging to MARC.

The San Diego Tour de Cure is the first of the 2 charity events we have coming up in April on Saturdays back to back. We have been told that the BARN system will have a new repeater up on Palomar in time for the San Diego Tour de Cure on Saturday April 17th. That would give us both a primary repeater and a back up and that would be a wonderful thing if that would happen. We could certainly use two repeaters on Palomar and put them both to good use while we have an emergency situation going on, on one of them. Thanks to both the PARA, (Palomar Amateur Radio Association) and the BARN (Bikini Amateur Radio Network) Repeaters for their continued support of our many Nationally recognized charity events. We will also be using the ALERT Santiago repeater system for the Saturday April 24th Tour de OC. Also want to thank those MARC members who can see their way to afford to pay their \$100 ALERT/BARN dues and be on the ALERT/BARN system.

Good news, bad news: The good news is that the new MARC monthly meeting place (the Hometown Buffet in Santa Ana) worked out very well for our first meeting in there for March. Hopefully it

will continue to be our place to meet on the second Saturday each month starting in May. (the April meeting is still going to be the first Saturday (April 3rd) The Bad news: is that Bonnie and I went over to talk to the head manager (they have 3) and he told us that HomeTown Buffet had cancelled all other clubs meeting on any Saturday or Sunday for the rest of the year except ours. He showed us the reservations book and in big red letters it says that the big meeting room can not be reserved for any groups on Saturdays or Sundays. They are starting a new promotion \$4.99 all you can breakfast on Saturdays & Sundays. Now if you could have been there the first time MARC used that room to meet on Saturday March 6th you would have seen how packed the place was when we vacated the room at 10:30am. People were standing at the door waiting to get in because there was no place else to sit in that very large dinning area outside that room and that was when the price was still at \$6.99. So far we can still use that big meeting room but we must be out of there before 10am now or we can assure you that we will be cancelled too.

While we were there at the HomeTown Buffet we cancelled the reservation for Saturday Night Dec. 11th at the HomeTown Buffet, the night we had reserved it for the MARC Annual Christmas party. We did that because we had gone over to the Citrus Cafe at the corner of Red Hill and Edinger in Tustin and talked to Dimitri, (the owner of the LakeView Cafe when we first started using it for our MARC meetings back in 1994) and he has a very nice large inclosed room and they have a beer and wine license there so that we can still bring in our Martin & Rossi Asti for the Christmas party.

In the past month we have had some really big turn outs at our MARC informal get togethers at Huntington Honda. One Saturday morning we had 15 MARC members show up for their weekly fix of free coffee and donuts. Also we have been able to pick up at least 3 or maybe 4 new MARC members that have been meeting us at H&H on Saturday mornings. Already Dennis KF5FFJ has ordered his mobile ham radio, GPS, Kennedy Cell set and the other electronic equipment for Chuck KG6NJP and I to install. We have had Dennis over here twice already to make the brackets for his Predator 2 police light, run the ground cable from the trunk rack to the frame, mount the antenna bracket and install the stainless steel plates under the rear legs of the trunk rack. All of his equipment should be in today so by tomorrow we can start on the actual installation of the electronics. We sure would like to get some more of these installations done so that they could help us with the up coming charity events.

Speaking of Huntington Honda, we got confirmation this week that Huntington Honda is once again providing us a set of tires, mounted, balanced and installed for the Super Raffle drawing at our Saturday May 8th MARC 18th Anniversary party.

There are some new products I would like to mention. While I was at Huntington Honda Wed. getting the oil & filter changed in Casper, I was told about this new Bluetooth head set for motorcycle helmets. It is called the Cardo Scala Rider Motorcycle Helmet Headsets. You can see and read about it on their web site at <<http://www.cardosystems.com/tutorial>>. Something we may be looking into for future use.

Stopping the wear & tear between the trunk lid and the lower trunk box on an 1800 GW. Another product literature that was sent to me by Chuck KG6NJP that is interesting is a fix for the truck lid problems that the 1800 Gold Wings are having after a few years,



especially if they have a trunk rack on the trunk lid and are using it to put heavy items that weight more then 5 Lbs on. That product is from Wing Rider Products LLC <"<http://wingriderproducts.com/>">. I certainly like the concept, but after downloading the installation instructions I would hesitate to try to install it myself and I am good motorcycle mechanic and have the tools to work on anything. However I may order it just to do a project report of our MARC members and let them know how hard it is to install and how good it works. If it works like it shows, then it may be worth all the sweat and tears/cussing.

I also see in today's Orange County Register that the local motorcycle shops are having a full day of free demo rides for the CAN-AM 3 wheel motorcycle (2 wheels in the front and one in the back). To late for you reading this MARC newsletter. Sorry about that. I would like to go try one out just for the heck of it.

On the personal side; the right shoulder replacement surgery recovery is going much slower then I anticipated and would like. But they (the therapist) keep trying to convince me that everything is fine and at 77 years of age I am expecting to much to soon after 4 months, yah right.

We had our Toyota Sienna Van windshield broken out on Saturday night sometime after 2:30am (when the neighbor boy came home because it was alright then). Those who did it pulled a 4X4 inch x 6 feet long street sign post out of the ground and tried to shove it through the windshield bottom end first. When they couldn't get that done they then turned the sign on edge and beat a cut line across the bottom of the windshield and still they could not get through the windshield. Luckily they did not scratch the van anywhere or do any body damage. But there was glass all over the inside where the shards of glass flew everywhere. We called the police and they took a report and sent the CSI Irvine Police Unit out also to check for fingerprints and hair or any treads of fabric. We could stand there and watch them and those guys were really sharp and very courteous.

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

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Casper now with 178K miles

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**Happy Spring to all!**

I am going to do my best to forward a little something from Ham Radio Outlet monthly, which you are more than welcome to use or not depending on what space you might have. If it helps fill in some slack, then go for it! If we're in time for April newsletters, please include the following:

**Yaesu and Ham Radio Outlet** have teamed up to offer additional savings during the month of April. "Yaesu Month" actually started March 16<sup>th</sup> when "QST" issues became available at the stores, and will continue through April 30, 2010.

**You will find some savings on some radios,** but this will be the time to take advantage of extra savings on all Yaesu accessory items as well. Since this sort of opportunity does not present itself often, be sure to visit your closest HRO or call us at 1-800-854-6046 before the end of April. We have all current HF and VHF/UHF, base, mobile and handheld transceivers on display for your perusal, and since external antennas are connected, operation of the displays is possible if you have a copy of your license with you. There's nothing like taking a new radio for a test drive!

**If you're reading this before the end of March, "Icom Month"** is just concluding. If you wish to take advantage of savings on any Icom radio or accessory, be sure to contact us before close of business on March 31, 2010. If your club or group is forming a class for new hams and requires license manuals in bulk, we will be happy to offer you a quantity discount on the books. Remember as well, most orders over \$100 are shipped via UPS GND at no charge, so if we can save you the cost of gas and a trip on Southern California freeways, don't hesitate to call in your order.

**Since HF propagation has improved greatly over the last few weeks, we hope everyone has been able to get on the air and enjoy working some DX on the first call.** If you're ready to swap stories with other DXers and Contesters, be sure to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual DX Convention in Visalia April 16-18.

**Thank you all for your continuing support of your local Ham Radio Outlet store! We hope to see you soon.**

**Kind 73 de  
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**Easter** is the holiday of spring, hope and new life. From prehistoric times, people everywhere have rejoiced to welcome spring. The awakening of the earth after its long winter sleep has been observed with feasting, singing, dancing and worship.

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The really happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery when on a detour. (Unknown)

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

Draw for 2/24 on 3/3 # 3 Ray KD6FHN winner (PD)  
Draw for 3/3 on 3/10 # 15 Jim KC6RCR N/A  
Draw for 3/10 on 3/17 # 2 Mijo KF6BEB winner  
Draw for 3/17 on 3/24 # 9 Billy KF6WBV N/A  
EBs: KI6ETG Pat, KC6ZSH Sheron, K2QGT Tom,  
KG6NJP Chuck  
Echolink:: Norm N9ZKS (IL), Pat KI6ETG (CA) KF65MLP  
Marvin, (AR)  
KB6RRX Doug (GA), Lewis K7LVO, Mark N4EOC (MD),  
Paul K9PEP (IL), we heard you but you were gone by the time  
of the net-Of couse we had from CA. on echolink those being  
Mike KE6KWQ, Harold KI6TYH, Brian KG6JOA  
Visitors: Jay KJ6FQA Mission Viejo, CA

**50/50:**

Well I must say Alvin KD6UZM went for ST Paddy's pot o' gold  
by winning all 3 pots of \$35 each.

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by  
De Witt KM6UK  
Comet SMA24 146/446 KHz donated by NCG(Comet) won by  
Mark KE6ZRP

**Items donated by "MARC"**

Precision Knife set won by Scott KI6IXQ  
Otreube won by Billy N6EDY  
Travel Cleaning kit won by Pat KI6ETG (gray ticket winner)  
Pretty tape dispenser/hold up display rail won by Billy N6EDY  
Warning triangle won by Harold KI6TYH  
Irish singing bear won by Dylan Whitehead  
Armorall protectant & glass wipes won by Teri KF6HJT  
Multipurpose white paper won by Billy N6EDY

**A big "THANK YOU" to each who donated items:**

Billy Hall & Audrey Swarengen, John & Mijo Reynolds, Keara  
Gallagher, Kirk Wahrman KJ6FWU now KW6USN (new member)  
& Ray & Bonnie Davis

Gray ticket distributor - John W5JFR  
Gray ticket winner- Pat KI6ETG  
How many gray ticket s drawn- 1

Ticket Drawer- Mijo  
Ticket dissectors- John N6JCB, Alvin KD6UZM & little Gracie

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:**

Kirk Wahrman KJ6FWU changed to KW6@USN from Garden  
Grove, CA (brought in by Dennis KF6FFJ)

Bill Rose KF5FFJ Huntington Beach, CA (Brought in by Chris  
KB6MYR

Peter AD6TN and Mercedes Shores of Huntington Beach, CA  
brought in by Chris Owens KB6MYR

Michael Rand N7WNO & Margaret Gray -Victorville, CA

**MEETING:**

Guests at our meeting were Al & Jennifer and Jeff Turlis  
KE6BNS including the new members who joined.

Our first meeting at the Hometown Buffet was kind of disruptive  
but we made it thru. At least for April we will be a little bit more  
organized...Discussions on the upcoming San Diego Tour de Cure,  
April 17th, Tour de OC(for abused kids) April 24th & the Ship to  
Shore Tour de Cure May 2-- now we need all the volunteers we  
can get- we are running short of motors, sags & net control. So if  
you can please assist with these events we would really be very  
happy...

I thank the new members that Chris KB6MYR & Dennis brought  
to the meeting. Also thank you new members for jumping right in  
and signing up.

**NEWSLETTER:**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ARTICLES** -be sure and  
check this month's articles out. They are very interesting and also  
a learning process for new & old members.

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

Those in Dire need of love and prayers are Bob N6HOJ is  
maintaining but not good, Chuck KG6NJP is doing great.....Mike  
N6QZT, slowly progressing, Brian KG6JOA had back surgery  
on Thursday March 18th and home resting & hoping his nurse  
Desiree takes good care of him - wishing for a speedy recovery  
(6 wks) ouch..

Connie KD6UZE we certainly hope they can get you fixed up &  
back to where you feel normal again

Correction for Harold KI6TYH & Andrea in their loss of her  
brother not her mother...

Also we understand Alan WB6T from the BARN system was in  
the hospital for 21 days, he is home --Alan, our love and prayers  
are there for you and hope you have a speedy recovery..

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**

**May 8th Our 18th MARC anniversary prizes so far are:**

Kenwood D710A

Predator II

Portable Tire Inflator

7 pc Metric Flexhead set

7 pc Standard Fflexhead set

Set of tires mounted/ balanced donated by Huntington Honda

\$25 gift certificate donated by JBJ Cycles

More on the Yaesu FTM-350 (in two parts)

First of all, I STILL LOVE IT!!!!.... Cool radio. Of all the radios I've ever had, this is easily #1!!! Now, having said that....

I had the radio about a week when I got the little add-on GPS receiver. This was back in January. Unfortunately we couldn't get it or a replacement to work. So the store sent it back to Yaesu (in Cal.) who then sent it back to Japan. It was fixed and back to me.

Total down time – 3 weeks. I also understand that a number of other folks have sent their radios back for repair (don't know what for?) and a friend of a friend also took it back for a refund. Don't know what their problems were, but, for me, so far so good – other than that 3 week blip (and one other problem noted in the second part below.)



In any case – I got the radio wired and mounted on my 1500 and I've been playing with the GPS/APRS – and so far it's great. Very easy to use and beamed this morning on the way to work (N6JCB-8).

A couple of things I like – From the front panel I can turn the beacon on/off (not the modem, just the beacon) or set it to beacon on time or smart beaconing – again right from the front panel – what they call “smart menus”. Settings for both fixed and smart beaconing are easy to get to and have a lot of variables.

I can also set the APRS to use the Main Band or the Sub Band (the one not selected on the panel). I can also mute the APRS automatically, on Rx, Tx or both, and I can Dual Watch the side that is running the APRS, so I can still monitor a frequency (every 5 seconds) on that side of the radio, while using the other side of the radio for my primary frequency. This effectively gives me 3 frequencies “operational” at one time.

I can preload 5 different Status Text notes – the selected one goes out with the beacon (or none). And that can be set to go with every beacon or up to 1:8 beacons. I can also preload up to 5 text messages that I can send out separately.

Of course, outside of the APRS, my favorite is still the ability to listen to alternate source (e.g. iPod, AM, FM) through the radio, while still monitoring a ham frequency. And the Line In (or AM or FM) will mute as soon as the call comes in. Won't miss a syllable. (This is also available on the FTM-10 and VX-8.)

One little thing I've grown to like on the VX-8 and FTM-10 is a visual display of my volume setting. I can glance at the display and tell where my volume is set – no need to turn off the squelch to set the volume. Very useful at night. Unfortunately they omitted that from the 350.

So, assuming I find no more problems with the radio, I'm a happy hammer.....:-))) I'll have the bike/radio at the meeting again

this week in SoCal (WX permitting) [Ed. Note – WX did NOT permit – was raining] and, of course, plan to stress test it at Palm Springs in a couple of weeks (again, Wx permitting:-)) John Beckwith, N6JCB

[Part 2]

Update and the Palm Springs ADA event.

Well – I've had a chance to use the radio a bit more. In fact I used it for 2 full days riding out to Palm Springs and back to support the ADA event out there. A few interesting developments.

Of course, the first “development” was the problem I had on the way to Ray's house to join the group going out to PS on Friday. About half way out there I noticed someone (I thought) throwing oil in front of me onto my windshield. However, moving over didn't stop anything and it was then I realized the oil was on the inside of my windshield. Hmmm – that must be me. Sure enough I looked down and found oil all over my boot and the right side of the bike. Dang! A blown gasket!?! I immediately got off the freeway and fortunately stopped at a tire repair store where I found it was nothing more than my filler cap had backed out. I initially thought I'd left it off, but it was inside the cover, so I had to have put it on. Apparently, not tight enough. I'd only lost about a quart of oil which I could replace from the one I was carrying with me. So it was on to Ray's house, a quick cleaning on the street in front and I was ready to continue – albeit with oil on my boots pants and jacket.....:-(( (BTW – there are lots of home remedies for getting oil out of clothing. I had washed AND dried my pants and jacket, so I had pretty well set the oil stains. However, I bought some degreasing liquid from Home Depot and, with a little soaking and scrubbing got most of it out. So don't overlook the obvious.....:-))

Next, on the way out to Palm Springs I was apparently dealing with a “stuck mic”. Fortunately Andy – W6AJB – was alongside me and let me know about the problem. The radio was keying on its own or would continue to key after releasing the mic button. So I dealt with that by powering the radio off and back on until we finally got settled in the hotel where I could pull a few things apart to locate the problem. Turned out it had nothing to do with the radio, but the mic cable back to my Kennedy unit. When I installed this radio I had reworked some of the wiring. While I have all the wiring in a split comb sheath, the mic cable had worked its way out and was getting pinched between the seat and the frame. (We've heard this before.....:-) Once I determined the problem I tucked the cables back in – better – tie wrapped them in place and had no further problems.



After dinner and a decent night's sleep I got up the next morning to find I'd parked too close to a grassy area and found that,

not only the grass, but my bike, had been "watered" during the night. (Next time I'll listen to Ray and John (ZOZ) and cover my bike....) So I was little wet for a few hours the next morning, but I guess it got some more of the oil off....:-))

Following that – the day went well. I was beaconing all day either fixed or smartbeaconing and looking at APRS/FI my beacons later seem to reflect proper operation – as did Net Control. I was released by Net Control about 1:30 and headed home – about a 2 hour drive. Sometime around 2:30 the radio froze. It wasn't until I got home and disconnected the power that I was able to get control back. This is a problem that has been widely reported. The next day, I put the radio on my bench and turned it on and set the radio to beacon every minute. I ran it that way for about 28 hours and it never failed. So I'm not sure what the circumstances are that creates the problem.

Contacting Yaesu they tell me they have a firmware fix for this problem. Since I'm within decent driving distance of their facility I will drive down there and drop the radio off. Given that it's a firmware update, I'm going to try to talk them into doing it "while I wait". We'll see. Otherwise it should be a one day fix. And at this point, I understand from the author that the software to program the radio should be out in a couple of weeks. Since I've manually programmed so many stations, I'll probably wait until I can download all my stations to a file and then take the radio in, since the firmware upgrade erases all the memories. So stay tuned.

In my earlier note – I mentioned that you could, theoretically, monitor 3 stations at a time. Actually I was wrong. You can monitor 4 stations at a time. Since both sides of the radio are totally independent (and have two transceivers) - you can turn on "Dual Watch" on both sides. This means you setup a "Home" frequency (Memory 00) then tune to another memory number, then turn on Dual Watch. Then, every 5 seconds the radio jumps over to Memory 00 to see if anything's going on. If it is, it pauses there. You then have a setting that says - "Stop" and stay on that other frequency, or "Resume" normal Dual Watch operation after the transmission stops. This works on both sides of the radio, especially since you can have different frequencies in Memory 00 on each side. So you can be monitoring two different memory channels - one on the left and one on the right - and have both sides jump every 5 seconds to their respective Memory 00 channels to check. Pretty neat. We'll see how useful.....??

**A little more about APRS** – One of the nicest features about the APRS is that you can use the "soft" GPS menu to make a couple of common changes. With that menu displayed there's a button that allows you to cycle between Smart Beaconing, Fixed Beaconing (at whatever interval you have set) and No Beaconing. I found this very convenient. Additionally, right next to that button is an "on demand" beacon button. So you can do a manual beacon anytime you want to. Nice!

So, yes there are a couple of problems with the radio. Certainly ones we'd like to have seen worked out before release. But that's true with any new technology. (Just look at any new software release....:-) But I still love the radio and as an "early adopter" I'm willing to put up with some of these issues in trade for getting my hands on what I consider to be a great radio that I hope will serve me for many years. (As my old 8100's did – Just ask Alvin....:-)) Now, aside from getting the radio in for the firmware upgrade, I'm just waiting for the software to be published to aid in programming the radio.....

Thanks again and stay tuned.....  
73's John Beckwith, N6JCB

## Providing Support during MARC Supported Charity Events

For each charity event where MARC will provide support, there is an event coordinator from MARC. He or she may have one or more MARC assistants and together, they meet with event coordinators associated with the event. All communications between MARC members and the event officials should go through the MARC event coordinator. The following information is intended as a guide to help new MARC members become acclimated to the various aspects of supporting charity events as a MARC member.

### Before the Event

### Attend MARC Meetings

- At the MARC meetings, details of the event will be provided. If you have questions, this is a good place to ask them.
- Signup sheets will be passed around during MARC meetings. On the signup sheet, you can enter your name and some details as to the types of support needed for the event. (Sign up as early as you can so we will know how many to anticipate. This helps in assigning routes to the motors)
- The MARC event coordinator will provide information regarding the status of the coordination meetings between MARC and the coordinator from the charity organizers.

### Participate In o the MARC NET Meetings

- During the Wednesday NET meetings, which start at 7:30 PM, any new updates that occur between meetings are announced. There are usually updates by e-mails, but the NET meeting provides another opportunity to ask questions.
- During the week prior to the event, the MARC event coordinator will provide the details to each MARC member working that event as to when they need to arrive at the staging area.

### Getting the Motorcycle Ready

- GPS - On most events, Garmin GPS routes are used by motorcyclists. The routes are distributed by e-mail about a week prior to the event with instructions on how to use them.
  - If you have a compatible GPS, you should load the routes and waypoints before arriving to the event. Sometimes, people working the event can help you load the routes and waypoints on the morning of the event. If you need this help, let people know in advance, so they can bring a laptop with the software and configuration files.
- APRS - On most events, APRS units are used by NET Control and by other MARC members to track motor locations. Although having an APRS unit on your bike is not required, it is a great benefit during the event. Details on APRS can be found at <http://www.marc-hq.org/40.technotes/40.htm>. (APRS) is an amateur radio-based system for real time tactical digital communications of information used on events or nets.
- Do the usual things; check your tires for air and usability. You should follow all the regular bike maintenance so you have a good ride and can provide support without worrying about your own ride.

### What You Should Carry on your Motor

- Comfort Items – Light or heavy jacket, or both. Some mornings start out very cold then the day can later get to around 100 degrees on some events. Sunscreen. Lip balm. Gloves appropriate for the ride. Long sleeve shirt.

- Some kind of air pump. Manual or electric are probably the best since they are a onetime investment. Air cartridges work fine, but incur additional cost, since they can only be used once. Your pump should be compatible with multiple types of valve stems. You can purchase and carry adapters.
- You might want to carry basic tire changing tools, but most riders carry their own tools.
- At some events, potassium tablets; energy bars or energy liquids may be supplied to the motors to carry should a bicyclist require help. Extra inner tubes (when supplied by the charity event sponsors).

### **Travel, Hotel Accommodations and Meals**

Depending on the size and location of the event, some MARC members will make hotel arrangements local to the event starting or staging area. Hotel locations are usually announced well in advance of the event, so MARC members can get rooms at the same hotel. Choosing to do this allows MARC members to meet for some extra camaraderie during an evening dinner and in the morning, an early breakfast.

- Look for emails that announce the hotel MARC members will be staying at. You are welcome to choose any hotel, but staying in the same hotel allows you to be together and in some cases, discount prices are pre-arranged.
- If you plan to work the event and you will need a hotel, our advice is to get the room as early as possible. When an event has multiple thousands of bicyclists arriving to the town, the hotels anywhere near the event can fill up quickly. Most hotels allow cancelation without penalty if you cancel soon enough and within their guidelines.
- If you plan to work the event and plan to meet up with other MARC members for dinner, watch your emails or ask on the NET. Meals are usually informally announced, so if you do not ask, you may miss out on a good time. Restaurants MARC members chose to have dinner or breakfast at are often within walking distance from the hotel that is announced as the hotel of choice.

### **Morning the Event**

- Event safety vest, owned by MARC. If you do not already have one, one will be issued to you for you to wear at all times while you work the event.
- MARC Signs for your bike. When provided by MARC, tape signs to our bikes prior to the event. These are distributed the morning of the event. The signs, taped onto your bike, identify you as MARC event volunteer.

### **Working the Event**

The MARC event coordinator will probably be at the staging area to help you to take off on time, or will have provided you your route and departure time. There will be a lead MARC motor and a sweep or tail MARC motor. In between, are as many MARC motors as have volunteered. Some will be riding the same path as yours, while some may be supporting another route. Larger events may have many different length routes, so you need to pay attention to the route you are on. It can be easy to follow a group of bicycles that turn, but you should have gone straight. The MARC event coordinator may make suggestions as how to support the bicycles. On some events, it is safest to ride up a ways, then stop

and let bikes pass, then ride further up, repeating this progress forward. On some rides, it is best to ride slowly forward until you get to the beginning of your group of bikes, then circle back to the motor riding the section behind you, then turn around and go forward again. Those riding to the rear of all the riders tend to go back and forth more, while those near the front of the first riders tend to hop forward, with less backtracking.

- When you start your support ride, this is the time to check in with NET Control. Announce "call sign" "motorcycle mobile" "leaving the staging area". This lets the NET Control know you are now mobile and supporting the bikes. NET Control will acknowledge your transmission. You can complete the transmission with "call sign".
- As you depart the staging area, you will find this area will probably be the most congested area. Use extra care here.
- When on your route, try to keep yourself staggered away from other MARC motors, unless you have been assigned to buddy up with another MARC motor.
- If you see a number of other MARC motors arriving at the rest stop you are at, that is a good indication that you need to hop on your motor and move forward.
- If you get off your motor, it is necessary to let NET Control know. This could be when helping a bicyclist or for your break. When you are riding again, let NET Control know.
- Important - If you are getting off the bike to support a bicyclist, do not broadcast the name of the rider when reporting to NET Control. Many events issue each rider a number. It is OK and recommended to broadcast the bike number. Using the number will assist the SAG units that may need to be called in to provide transport for your rider.
- Along the routes on larger events, there are usually rest stops for the bicycles. When you get to one of these, it is a good time to get off the bike and take a quick break. You may be working a long day, so your comfort and safety is important to us. It also helps you to stay alert and to be at your peak riding performance. Stock up on a few extra bottles of water for the riders who may need it. We do not carry water for the riders convenience, but sometimes, it may be needed should a rider become severely dehydrated.
- When possible, let the rider's change their own tubes. You can choose to help the rider and many of us do, but ultimately, we are not obligated to work on rider's bicycles.

These are general guidelines. Most importantly, ride in a manner that is safe for you and does not interfere with the bicycles. If there is a particular style recommended by the MARC event coordinator, use safety while following the instructions provided.

### **Working the Event – More things to Consider**

- At no time during the event should a net controlled frequency be used for casual conversations.
- At no time, should you allow a bicyclist to ride on your motorcycle. The liability is too great and their gear is not designed for the motorcycle.



- If you come across an emergency situation, secure your own safety, then safety of the rider, call in to Net Control or 911 then call NET Control.
- After the emergency situation is addressed, then deal with the bicycles involved. (Recent concerns have been raised recently regarding excessive charges occurring in some locations when calling 911. I will not address this here. We are volunteers and will need to make decisions on what action we take on a case by case basis. At minimum, all emergency situations need to be called into NET Control)
- If you arrive at NET Control at any time during the event, do not speak to those working the net or start up conversations in the vicinity of those running the net. Your work may be done, but they are still working. MARC members staffing NET Control need to focus on their responsibilities until the net is officially closed.

### **Important Note**

If you have any concerns about how the charity event is being handled by the organizers, SAG units or any volunteer team associated to the event, address these issues with the MARC event coordinator. Speak to him confidentially or if appropriate during the next MARC meeting where your comments are usually solicited in an open discussion. There have been occasions where the charity event organizers may not have contributed to our providing smooth support. Please, at no time, address problem issues with the charity event staff or organizers. It will not be conducive to good will between our groups.

### **Final Thoughts for Event Support**

We are all volunteers on these events and no one works harder than the MARC event coordinator. Help him out by arriving early, being flexible, and being patient. Some day you may be in his position and you will expect the same from those riding the event that you helped to organize. The MARC event coordinator may be very busy the morning of the event, so spend time talking to the other MARC members. Respect the event coordinators time so he can focus on his job.

From the moment you arrive for the event, remember you are representing MARC. You should ride comfortably and ride safe. Enjoy the ride, be friendly and use every bit of good driving skills you can muster. You will be supporting very experienced to very inexperienced bicycle riders. Most riders are courteous, but you will find many ignoring traffic laws since they think being on a sponsored event excludes them from traffic laws. Local police will be aware of the event and most try to help, but many officers feel these events are an intrusion, so they may be eagerly handing out tickets as bikes (and motorcycles) pass through their patrol area. Most officers tend to be supportive of the events, but remember we do not have any special status that allows us to break traffic laws. We are licensed motorcycles on public roads. Please, follow all traffic laws. It is safer for you and for the bicyclists. You are responsible for your own safety on these events.

If you were finished supporting the event on your bike, this would

be a good time to mingle with those who rode bicycles in support of the charities. You will find them to be very grateful for your support of the event. Many have heartwarming personal stories to share.

### **My Final Comments**

If you have never ridden an event with MARC, let me share this with you. In 2009, I rode support for the MS Bay to Bay, which ended in San Diego. While walking around the finish area, I met a young girl who stood with her dad. I recognized both of them from the ride. They were with her mother, who was confined to a wheelchair. The daughter smiled at me, said thanks for my help and proudly proclaimed to me that she rode both days in support that someday, her mom would walk again. All the way home, I had people in cars pull up beside me and shout a big thank you. The last one was less than a mile from my freeway exit, which was about a 100 miles from the event. At first, it was a little disconcerting. Once I got used to them doing this, if my heart could swell even larger, it would have. It was a wonderful feeling knowing that MARC and I as a MARC member made a difference in people's lives.

There can be a lot to absorb the first time you work a charity event with MARC, but if you keep it simple, it will be. MARC is a group of dedicated people who have a love for HAM radio, motorcycle and providing support for charity events. Since starting with MARC, I have learned a lot from MARC members. My hope is that the above information will help to make your participation with MARC and MARC events to be as fun and rewarding as mine have been.

Kevin Wilson – KI6SUJ

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## **WELCOME TO SPRING**

**We must live through the dreary  
winter**

**If we would value the spring;  
And the woods must be cold and silent  
Before the robins sing.**

**The flowers must be buried in  
darkness**

**Before they can bud and bloom,  
And the sweetest, warmest sunshine  
Comes after the storm and gloom.**

**--Anonymous**

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## STILL CHILLY, YOU HEAR!!

**Cold** sunshine, blue skies The BMW drones under me. Every stop light I look down and think..."yeah I know the idle is a leetle too high!" Tach reading is 1100 on this BMW K 1100. hmmm. Spring arrived today. Weather watches are out for southern Iowa and Missouri. We have had great weather for most of March. NO Snows! 60 degree days and high sunshine is melting the cemented snowbanks. Still some are stubborn to leave.

Flood dangers now for the main Rivers.

**I installed** tires this past month. Purchased the back one from Bikebandit out of San Diego. Front came from Dennis Kirk out of Rush City, MN.

**This bike** the front wheel needs both the calipers and Rotors removed off the wheel and forks to get the wheel out from the forks! So reinstalling I tightened the axle nut and then flexed the forks by rocking the bike back and forth, using the front brakes. Then tightened down the pinching bolts to the axle...

**Sunday March 7th** I took the beemer and rode north on I-35. There was this tiny voice within me ... telling me .. did you check the front end... and as normal.. I thot of it but didn't stop. Thot of stopping in North Branch but kept going until I came to the exit for Cambridge/ Grantsburg... Slowed the bike and squeezed the front brake... CLUNK... No brakes! i grabbed the lever and pumped until I felt some braking...Looked both ways on the cross street. SLOWLY rode west to the BP station and idled down to a sandy stretch of parking lot.

**Pulled the bike up** on its center stand... and looked... The bolts that held the left caliper on the wheel... GONE! Walked around the Right side of the bike the bolts were there that hold the calipers to those "ears" on the fork legs... Took one bolt off the right caliper and installed it on the left side. Tightened both.

**Called my friend Tom.**

"Any Hardware stores open on Sundays in Pine City?"

"Nope, You want me to come and drag you back to my place?"

" Thanks, but I will make it!" I replied.

" Call me when you get home or otherwise!" Tom laughs

"OK" I said

**Headed south** after filling on fuel. looking thru the fairing at the forks and thinking as I rode.. 20/20 hindsight... We all get that y'know? On the way north I was humming at 75... not knowing the problems I

had... Now with known information and 2 bolts missing I am taking it easy at 60. The drone on the freeway as people pass me .. LOOKING...

**Down** to Forest Lake then the split of 35W/35E. Right of course and finally to Lexington exit.

I am sure the security people who watch those cameras had something to say when seeing this lone bike in their parking lot. First i removed 1 bolt and walked into Home Depot. In my dirty Aerostich I head for the hardware aisle and find the metric shelf. Studying the sizes and finding a nut that was not in its bag sure helped.

**Paid the 2 dollars and 55 cents** for 2 bolts and 3 washers... back to the bike and wrenches in hand to tighten these shiny Bolts. Relief never felt sooo good, eh?

**So starts another year of riding I hope!**

**The Icom 706mkii** which I have had on 3 beemers... amassing over 120,000 miles is now sitting on my radio bench. Costs of repair has me thinking of keeping it in the shack for digital communications. Still not sure what I should do about cycle ham radio. hard to ride without some kind of radio on the bike. Now to watch for a good deal!

**YES the tundra is snowless...** Flooded waters are blocking some roads BUT the winter of 09/10 is over! Bikes are out even before the proclamation of SPRING! Still can't figure out how those guys ride without a Helmet! 40 degree weather when standing still... 70mph windchill... eh?

73!

**tim lindstrom, ab0ts**

**Columbia Heights, MN**

**95 BMW K1100RS**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:::**

Emily Naron & her new husband to be Steven Rider,Jr on their approaching wedding on April 9th, 2010. They will getting married in St David, Arizona.

After a short short honeymoon he will go back to Korea after that stint is finished they will be stationed in the state of Washington.

We watched this young lady grow up to be a beautiful talented lady.

Her daddy Mike was given clearance to attend the wedding by his doctor.. Mike is doing as well as can be expected, he goes to Loma Linda for a CT scan of the liver under the VA medical. He has lost 30 lbs so far. His Physical therapy consists of keep moving and also the breathing apparatus they give you when you are in the hospital to make sure your lungs are clear...Our love and prayers for the newlyweds & Michael getting well...

**Hello MARC members.** I thought that April would be a good time to let everyone know about something that will be going on for the June Bad Ride. As Billy stated last month it is possibly turning out to be a little bigger event than past years. A couple of months ago I was asked by the co-chairman John Beckwith, N6JCB if I could possibly come up with a copy of the Bad Ride 13 logo and put it on an acoustic guitar that is being donated to the Inland Empire chapter of the American Diabetes Association, which was to be circulated for signatures of various famous artist, and then later auctioned off to help raise funds for the event. I met with a fellow by the name of Perry, who is the IE chairman and he gave me the guitar and the logo artwork for me to come up with something. Well, I did as you can see in the picture, a good friend of mine owns a sign shop and he made a digital decal sticker of the logo for me which I applied to the guitar, and then an artist friend of mine provided the flame pinstriping background. When you see this thing in person, it looks great. I was hesitant to put clear coat over everything since I did not know what type of clear was used on the new Yamaha guitar, and did not want a reaction between my clear and the original clear. However, the decal sticker that was made for me was special in that it was "extra" thin material, only 1 mil thickness. Worked great. I am not sure if the guitar will be on display anywhere on the day of the ride, probably at one of the pre ride events, but is sure looks nice.

**After** I had made the logo and returned it to Perry (he really liked it) I told him to be sure to let the ADA know that this was a donation. However, I specifically told him that it was not a donation from Mark, but rather from MARC I truly believe that what goes around comes around, and for the past several years as a volunteer helping out the Bad Ride, they have always been good to me, and MARC as well. Great venue, great food, vendors, support people music and weather. And a nice shirt and pin! As I said, we probably will never see the guitar, but it came from MARC to help out this great cause. And that is just how MARC is. Thanks to Billy and John for leading us. See you in June, Bad Ride 13, June 13th, 2010.

**Mark Kanzler KE6ZRP "Zippy"**  
**Ham on a Hog**  
**Echolink node KE6ZRP-L**  
**1200 Sportster**



## BIKERS AGAINST DIABETES -- 2010 BAD RIDE

**When is a BAD Ride ... Really GOOD ?** When the BAD ride stands for "**Bikers against Diabetes**" - And is sponsored by the American Diabetes Association. It's coming the second Sunday of June - the 13th.

We will have the sign up sheet for the BAD ride at the April and May meetings. In the event that you are planning on "working" the ride AND you **KNOW THAT YOU WILL NOT** be at either the April or the May meeting - Please drop Bonnie an email ASAP so we can get an indication of how much support we will have for this operation.

We will need the following information: Name, call sign, phone number, e-mail address, whether you receive e-mail on the MARC List, passenger info.

**FOR CYCLE RIDERS** -- do you have VHF, UHF, APRS, and do you have CB capability? We always need all the motorcycles we can get. We will also need 5 to 6 hand held operators, and operators for the Net Control. Additionally we will also need operators who will monitor the ride from their home QTH's to act as relays, or to call 911 ... in the event any of the Start Point Riders have an emergency while en route.

Please let me know if you know any CB'rs that you recommend as "Trail Sweeps" in the event that we do not have enough "MARCies" to do the job.

We will have a MARC Breakfast meeting the day before the actual Ride -- to finalize instructions and hand out equipment. It appears that we will have about 18 to 20 Start Sites this year. This will really "tax" our capability -- So we will need all the motorcycle support that we can "conjure up".

This will be the 10th year that MARC has supported the BAD Ride. And the 6th year to support it with our APRS Route System. This ride "tests our abilities and stretches our capabilities" more than any of our other endeavors because our members are working such a diverse number of assignments ... which are spread out over a goodly portion of Southern California. Each year the ride has been a huge success, and getting more popular every year..

MARC can claim a good share of the credit for this successful operation because of the services we provide.

So save that 2nd Sunday in June for a .. "Fun Day" .. supporting the ADA.

Billy N6EDY <billyn6edy@aol.com>  
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 BAD Ride Coordinators.

The number of people in the world: 6.4 Billion  
 The number of brain cells in a human: 100 Billion

Although the brain accounts for only 2% of the whole body's mass, it uses 20% of all the oxygen we breathe.

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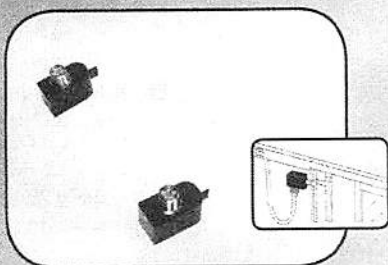
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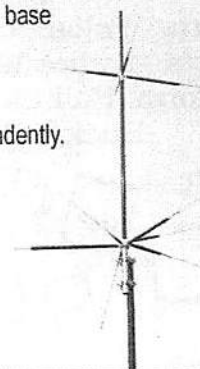
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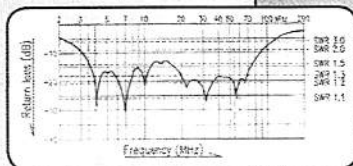
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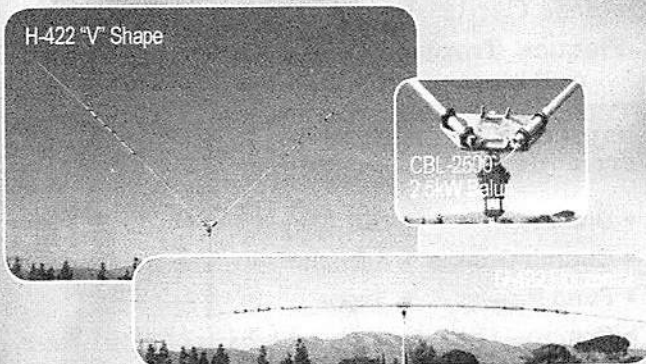
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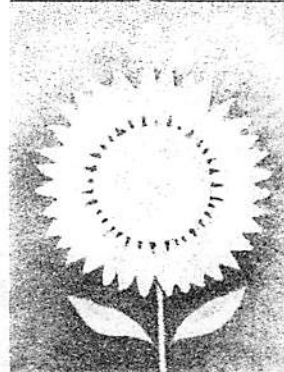
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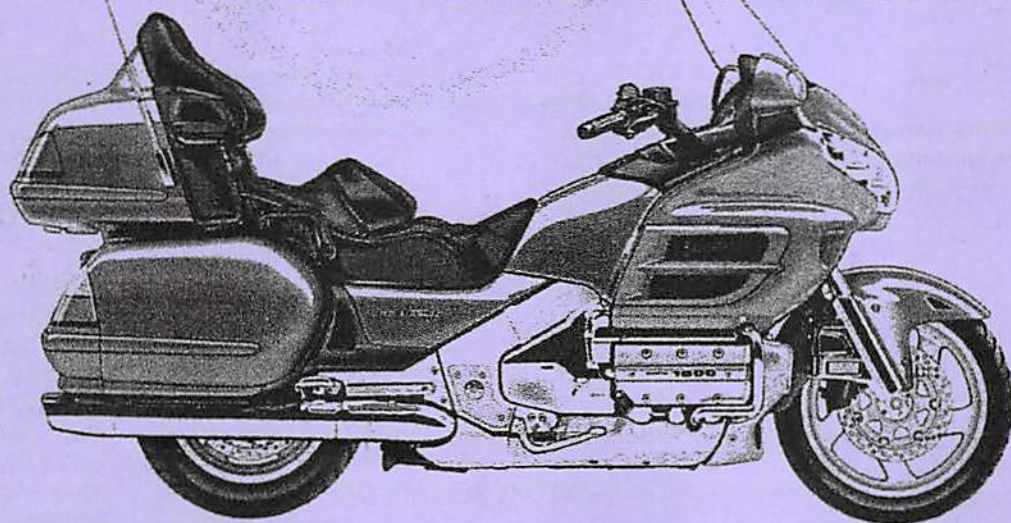


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