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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

"Dedicated to providing service to the community while combining the two hobbies of motorcycling and ham radio"

**DECEMBER 2011**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

Welcome to the December MARC newsletter. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Please join Mijo and I at the Citrus Café, 1481 Edinger Ave. In Tustin, CA on Saturday 10 December 2011 for our MARC Christmas meeting. Dinner will be served at 7PM with social time at 6:30PM. I hope to see you there. Bonnie, KD6OFQ, will have a list of our gifts (so far) elsewhere in this newsletter.

Did you enjoy your Thanksgiving? Mijo and I spent our day with family. We gave thanks for the bounty available here in the United States and to those who make it all possible. We had dinner with all the trimmings and watched football till I was "footballed" out. We hope you too were able to enjoy time with family and friends.

On Saturday 26 November, 2011, I was able to join the gang for coffee and pastries at Huntington Honda. It is nice to spend time with friends; join us if you can. Many MARC members meet every Saturday (other than our meeting day) at H&H about 9 AM. You can't beat the price of the goodies, FREE! Later, we moved to Woody's Diner for brunch and more friendly banter. It was Thanksgiving weekend and all the tables on the patio were full. We had to move to booths which made our round table difficult but Joseph, K6UPB, made sure everyone was included. It is good to see that he is healing well since his accident last month and is actually riding his back-up scooter. Way to go Joseph! While at H&H, I did order a new neutral indicator switch for my 2001 Goldwing. The old one is worn and doesn't always show when the transmission is in neutral. When Big Yellow, aka, Sissie rests for a few days the green neutral light will come on but the engine will not start. It takes several tries, in and out of first and

second gear, to get the old switch in the exact place to give a good connection so the neutral lamp and starter both work in unison. I hope the new switch does the trick.

Now for an update on the Tour de Palm Springs. Harold, KI6TYH, and I have been working with the committee in Palm Desert to insure that MARC will be part of the event this year and that we can do what MARC does best: That is to keep the bicyclists moving forward by providing assistance as needed and as safely as possible. I attended my first meeting on 2 November and also the kick off on 30 November at the Braille Institute in Rancho Mirage. We were told that the routes had been finalized and were posted on the Tour de Palm Springs web site. Well.... changes have been made at least to the 56 mile route. I forwarded the changes to Chuck, KG6NJP, so he could update his GPS routing. Chuck did his usual and found that the new route had the bicyclists turning left from one street to another when the two streets are parallel and at least 1/2 mile apart. Things don't work well that way. So, I let them know in Palm Springs. Perhaps change #2 will be in the works soon. This year, MARC will be working as a separate entity and not as a part of the Desert RACES group. We found that they did not SAG (pick up tired, injured, or broken down bicyclists) and move them forward. An individual with problems had to make his/her own way forward or back to the nearest rest stop where they could get assistance or a ride back to the start/finish. As you know MARC doesn't work that way. We will provide "Pick Up" vehicles to perform our usual SAG function. When a motor finds a bicyclist with problems and cannot get them going with emergency first aid or simple repairs. So I am asking all of you to help Harold and I find volunteers who are ham operators and have a vehicle

that can carry a bicycle or two to help us with this event. The "Pick Up" vehicles will be dispatched by our MARC net control and will only take the subject bicyclist forward or back to the nearest rest stop to have their bicycle repaired or board the RACES controlled Van/bus to the start/finish. If you know of anyone who can assist in this function, please have them contact Harold or me for more information. Thanks.

As I am sure many of you have seen, the MARC list has been opened up to attachments. This was requested by many of our members so photographs of installations and schematics could be posted. This is good, but it also opens the list to all kinds of attachments good and bad. We hope that for the most part it will be good. Please be judicious in your posts and as DeWitt, KM6UK, says, this is a family forum intended for all to read so please keep things proper. I personally would request that we keep all X rated material, off the list, as well as religion or politics. There are plenty of other forums available for those items. Yes, we have probably all been guilty of an errant post at one time or another. I shall apologize for mine and I shall endeavor not to do it again. And above all, remember that you have a DELETE key. If you don't want to read something, please, just hit delete and it is gone. Then too consider whether a reply is appropriate for all or you only want to reply to the sender of the message. At times a personal conversation can become quite boring to those not involved. Thanks for your ear.

**John F. Reynolds**  
President MARC  
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## 2012 Tour de Palm Springs Feb 11, 2012

Mijo and I attended the Tour de Palm Springs kick-off meeting last night Nov 30th, 2011

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January & February meetings. Remember the February meeting will be moved to the first Saturday of February the 4th

John WSJFR

## SURF TO SUMMIT TOUR de CURE SEPT 29, 2012

Hello Marc Members,

Ms. B., asked me to report on the "2012 Orange County Tour de Cure", so here go's.

At the November meeting we confirmed the name for the event, "Surf to Summit". The start location was discussed. We are looking at Aliso Niguel H. S., and the date is looking like the 29Th of September, 2012.

I have asked the Road Route Coordinator to send me the tentative route, so that MARC can do an early safety pre-ride.

That's about all. The next meeting will be in January, so if any MARC member has any input for Bonnie or myself, send me an e-mail, remember, you ALL have good input to give, to help make this a good event.

Merry Christmas

Mike N6QZT

## Ship to Shore Tour de Cure April 29, 2012

Not much to report except the monies raised so far has gone up from \$3390 to \$6495--since the last meeting-- not sure of rider count at this time. They are really busy working with the routes due the street departing for the ocean.....

Mark KE6ZRP & Bonnie KD6OFQ

## San Diego Tour de Cure April 21, 2012

### NEED A COORDINATOR FOR THIS EVENT

Their meeting is held second Tuesday of the month  
at American Diabetes Association  
5060 Shoreham Place, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92122  
619.234.9897 x 7418  
Fax 858.824.9429

New Start Location: One hour & 11 minutes(from our house)  
Torrey Pines High School  
3710 Del Mar Heights Rd  
San Diego, CA 92130-1316

Bonnie KD6OFQ <bonidavis@juno.com>

Some important dates in December  
December 7-Remember Pearl Harbor  
December 25- Merry Christmas  
December 31-New Years Eve

## Las Vegas MS 2011

I heard that they had 23 motors, 5 with ham radios. Amazingly, there were no incidents or injuries of any consequence that I heard about. They had bicyclists who stopped at the Las Vegas sign for a picture. That required them to go across 3 lanes of Las Vegas Blvd (it is a left entrance to the Las Vegas Sign) and return across 3 lanes of traffic to get ready for the next right turn. The thing that was going for them was the early hour on Saturday.

Sorry, I really had very little to do with the motor side of the event. I set up the stationary (Rest Stop) ham locations. I do not think I will volunteer to be the ham coordinator for the event. Next year should be a little easier if they stay with the same routing. I expect more bicyclist next year. The number of bicyclist was about 270 total.

Gene K7GRD

"They raised \$145,222"Next years event is 11/3&4 per their website.. KD6OFQ

MS Bay to Bay 150-CA raised \$1,975,987.03 with 2300 riders- The Top fund raiser \$44,790.00

## Events for 2011::

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> So Cal Christmas Party

## Events for 2012 so far:

|      |       |                    |
|------|-------|--------------------|
| Feb  | 11    | TDPS               |
| Apr  | 21    | SD Tour de Cure    |
| Apr  | 21/22 | B2V                |
| Apr  | 29    | Ship to Shore TDC  |
| Sept | 29    | Surf to Summit TDC |
| Oct  | 20/21 | MS 150 BAY TO BAY  |
| Nov  | 3/4   | LAS VEGAS MS       |

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

|          |                 |               |
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| JAN 2012 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | FOR JANUARY   |
| JAN      | 25              | FOR FEBRUARY  |
| FEB      | 29              | FOR MARCH     |
| APR      | 3               | FOR APRIL     |
| MAY      | 1               | FOR MAY       |
| MAY      | 29              | FOR JUNE      |
| JULY     | 31              | FOR AUGUST    |
| AUG      | 28              | FOR SEPTEMBER |
| OCT      | 2               | FOR OCTOBER   |
| OCT      | 30              | FOR NOVEMBER  |
| NOV      | 27              | FOR DECEMBER  |

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. Of course I am back on my 1000 to 1200 calorie a day diet until I get back to the weight I want to stay at. Keeping the weight off keeps me from having to take blood pressure medication.

If you haven't already, you can still sign up for the **MARC Christmas Party** to be held at 6:30pm to 9pm **Saturday, Dec. 10th at the Citrus Cafe (same place as last year)**. You can email us or call us at (house 949-551-1036), (cell 949-300-9669) let us know at least 4 days before the Christmas party. We have to have all the info for the Citrus Cafe so they can set up the room and order the right amount of food & free Champagne.

Well we have lost another 42 minutes of riding day light since last month. Sure will be glad when that starts to turn around. There is now only 10.07 hours of daylight.

It would seem that we (Bonnie and I) would have a lot of time on our hands now that we have a long break before we start on another bunch of charity events, but it ain't so. Seems there still isn't enough hours in the day to get everything done, with walking 1.5 miles in the mornings, doing a little lifting, reading the paper & etc. It is just go, go, go. Thank goodness for Sundays and the NFL games. It's when nothing gets done.

The 1993 1500cc Gold Wing (Teal Green Machine) is now gone from the garage. After Chuck KG6NJP and I tore it down and removed the Garmin GPS, Kenwood TM-742 ham radio and the Valentine One radar detector and put everything back to stock, it was sold to local MARC member Jim KD6REA. He now rides it about 100 miles to work and back home every day. We still have the matching Bushtec Turbo Trailer for it here at the house, which is for sale too.

We, (those who had planned on it) did not go to the Las Vegas MS-150 charity event because of the lack of all the necessary information. We are glad we didn't put forth another big effort for this charity event as it turned out they only had about 250 bicycle rides participate. Maybe, if they are more organized next year and get the information out to us earlier we will once again make an effort to participate. We still didn't care for the route they were telling about coming right down the Las Vegas Strip with the bicycle riders without blocking off lanes and cooperation from the law enforcement. That would have been scary and dangerous.

It seems that there are 3 main topics that are discussed when the MARC members gather for their free coffee and donuts at Huntington Honda and Woody's Dinner on Saturday mornings. They are of course Ham Radio & Motorcycles and then there is a 3rd subject that always seems to come up and that is guns. Some of our MARC members (me included) have



already received our confirmation letters to the 4 Day Defensive Hand Gun Course at Front Sight <"<http://www.frontsight.com/>"> for April 16/17/18/19. So last weekend some of us went to the Orange County Fair Grounds to the Crossroads of the West gun show both Saturday & Sunday. Front Sight is very strict in what they want you to bring with you to the course. Clothes, boots, 2 guns, type of ammunition & 600 rounds, eye protection, electronic ear protection and the list goes on and on. No kidding, for safety purposes they do not fool around. While at the gun show this past weekend we met several people who had been to the Front Sight location near Pahrump NV (about 60 miles N. of LV) many times for different classes and they had nothing but praise for it. I am really looking forward to going. I may even take a 2 day Defensive Handgun course before the 4 day course just to get used to the setting. There are 580 acres of land with ranges of all kinds on it. My son-in-law from FL is going to meet us there with a doctor friend of his. Should be fun.

Please be sure to support those MARC Newsletter advertisers and those that provide us with all those wonderful Supper Raffle and door prizes for our MARC Christmas Party and our MARC Anniversary Parties.

Thanks to the owners of the **ALERT & BARN** ham radio repeater systems for their continued support for our Charity events.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

May your riding always be safe.  
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Casper now with 201K

### WHO KNEW?????

Santa would have to visit 822 homes per second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve..

"When we recall Christmas Past, we usually find that the simplest things— not the greatest occasions— give off the greatest glow of happiness." (Bob Hope)

ALERT!!!!!! ALERT!!!!!!

All MARC members, next breakfast I will bring my work van, so I can duplicate house, cars, moto, any keys that our MARC members would need at no cost to them.

See everyone at the dinner xmas.

AI KJ6RIX

## MINNESOTA RIDING

"Either its road construction or Winter around here Tim!" Cold winds are finally blowing across the plains of Minnesota. We did have a great Thanksgiving with all the people that came. So many that I called my daughter Kelly and requested the family to come to her home in Plymouth. Western side of Minneapolis suburb. Been thinking of that statement and yep have to agree.. however being a motorcycle ham has a different take... Motorcycle riding and antenna building, me thinks. Now remember the best time to build that antenna is when the hands are stinging with cold and the winds are bending the mast or tower...

I did ride this past Friday which was the Black one. Did over 200 miles too.. had hoped to ride up to Duluth and Riderwarehouse.. however even with the heated vest on, well the home made vest is lots warmer... and the heated grips, hmmm didn't help my knees. Cold seeped in thru the blown zipper on the areostich crawling down my leg.

Finally turned south on to county road 61 and south to Hinkley then back down I-35. "Been better to ride south to Iowa than this snow covered ditches with natural air conditioning!" I muttered.. Reminded of that saying on some email.. " any day on a MC is better than being at work!"

The previous story was about the trip to Seattle. My friend Hal came with, remember? Well about 3 weekends after the trip Hal was cutting a tree down in his yard.. trying to cut it as close to the ground as possible. November 5th to be exact. Bonnie, his wife sees him in the living room and asked if he was ready to go to Ladd and Lynn's reception... The couple we went out to see was doing a reception for church people. I figured we had gone to the original reception and didn't need to do this one. Decided to take the van up to my sister's in central Minnesota.

Anyways Hal shook his head and decided he should stay home.

"Do you want to go to the hospital instead?" Bonnie must have seen something wrong...

Hal agreed to head for the local Hospital in Fridley. Doctors agreed that he had a mild heart attack. Shipped him to the recognized heart hospital in Coon Rapids, Mercy. Decided to add those stents.. 4th one collapsed the artery.. pulling it away from the heart! This was Monday.. I get a call from Lynn to pray for Hal as, " He has a 50/50 chance Tim!" Monday evening they worked on Hal. His heart stopped 3 times during the surgery. All I could think of is the trip and what ifs? Then putting

Hal on a bike not only for 3400 miles but making him.. well I did give him that decision to take a motel.. doing 1100 miles in 22 hours! Miracles have been seen! Retired Doctor was saying that Hal's blood should have bled out during that main artery collapsing! Prayers from thruout the nation if not the world insisting on Hal's healing. After the surgery the medical people gave him up to 48 hours to have a set back. And he made it thru that too!

Last Wednesday we had our annual Prayer, Praise and Pie service... And there was Hal and Bonnie in the back row! Family around him... Testimony time, Bonnie gets up with a weeping voice, thanking all for praying and praising the LORD that her husband was still sitting beside her! Tears came to most eyes... After the service all I could do was shake his hand... tears and praise... amazing!

So now its almost antenna season. The snows we had last week melted. Not sure when the next storm will come. However plans are to get the Broad Band Hex Beam up in the air shortly! As far as BMW riding.. another year of doing over 20,000 miles! Yep.. only drawback from high miles is that pesky replacement of tires! I have 11,000 miles on this set.. maybe I can make it to spring?

Used to be people would laugh at me and ask why aren't you riding your bike today? Now I can get some respect even if I don't ride it every day.. non bikers or even sunshine bikers think, "That's more miles than I put on my car in a year!"

take care! enjoy the people around you. never know how long we have on this earth. Keep looking up, God has great plans for those who accept his salvation!

73

tim lindstrom, ab0ts  
columbia heights, mn  
1995 bmw k1100rs with 111,700+ miles

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"The difference between TRY and TRIUMPH is a little UMPH!" (Anon)

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"Believe in yourself.. There's no reason not to."

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**Christmas Cheer Recipe:**

Combine loads of good wishes, heart full of love and armfuls of hugs. Sprinkle with laughter and garnish with mistletoe. Top off with presents. Serves everyone!

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY  
MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB  
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**NET DRAWING:** And the winners were:

10/12-#8 KF6BEB Mijo winner, 10/19- #29 KJ6RIX AL  
winner, 10/26- #42 AF6ZC Chris winner, 11/2- # 60 KI6WOD  
Scott winner, 11/9- #71 KJ6RIX Al winner....  
EB-KI6TYH, KD6FHN, W5JFR, KF6BEB, N6EDY, W6AJB,  
KC6ZSH & K2QGT, KE6KWQ, K7WNO,  
Echolink-N6QZT, KE6ZRP, N9ZKS, KD6DRO(OR)

**50/50:**

Lucky turkeys winning \$38 each were KM6UK De Witt,  
KE6ZRP Mark & KI6WOD Scott--

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by John  
KC6ZOZ

Petite Mic donated by Comet won by Alvin KD6UZM

**Donations by MARC:**

ACT 11 (40 MINI BAGS) popcorn won by Jeff KE6BNS  
4 Place setting & dishtowels won by John W5JFR  
Gingerbread train cake won by Mike N6QZT  
Talking digital tire gauge won by John KC6ZOZ  
Hot Chocolate & Fruit Confets won by John W5JFR  
9 box organizer won by Scott KI6WOD  
Digital tire gauge/multi-tools won by Alvin KD6UZM  
Flexible reach utility lighter won by Scott KI6WOD  
1 year MARC renewal won by John KC6ZOZ  
20lb all in one paper won by Mike K7WNO  
Mini oranges won by Chris AF6ZC (Grey ticket winner)

A big Thank You for those members donating to the cause:  
Billy Hall, John & Mijo Reynolds, De Witt Morgan, Kyle & Chris  
Nightingale, Ray & Bonnie Davis

Gray ticket distributor-- W5JFR  
Gray ticket winner - AF6ZC Chris  
How many tickets drawn - 2

Ticket drawer- Mijo KF6BEB  
Ticket dissectors- Alvin KD6UZM & Ray KD6FHN

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**NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome:**

11/3- Bob KK4EJG & La Verne Van Orman  
of Zephyrhills, FL

We are here for you and feel free to access the MARC list for  
technical information--Welcome aboard..

**MEETING:**

Some discussion regarding the MS 150 event--  
Great location, Sheraton Hotel very receptive, sag vehicles  
were very good. MARC members as always did their usual  
great assistance.  
Tour de Palm Springs meetings, our next charity event, are

progressing for "MARC"

**NEWSLETTER:**

Thank you to all for your articles for the December newsletter.  
Remember when you are a Coordinator for an event you  
are then responsible for newsletter articles on such events..  
Also as a coordinator of an event and ride a M/C you are to ride in  
the event

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

We have several "MARC" members who need our love and  
prayers.....Melonie, hey girl please take it easy and take your time  
getting well. George WM6L, Mike KE6KWQ, Kevin KI6SUJ,  
Bill K6WBD, and all the others out there.

Yes Joseph W6UPB, sounds like you are progressing very well..

We do love and care about each and every one of you.

A special "Thank You" for those who are taking the time for our  
Fallen Military, ushering them to their final destination of rest.

Love and Prayers to All who are ill, had surgery, lost a loved  
one, we "MARC" are here for you day and night...as we care.  
Also for all the people who are out of work, homeless due  
circumstances beyond their control...

Special 2011 prayers for our troops.

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

They need our support in anyway we can help..

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

**GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**  
**IN GOD WE TRUST**

**"MARC" 2011 Christmas Party::::**

(Same place as last year- just under new owners)

Citrus Cafe 714-258-2404  
1481 Edinger Ave  
Tustin, CA 92780

**Prizes for the Special Drawing:**

Gift certificates from Huntington Honda, JBJ Cycles,  
HRO, Honey Baked Ham -- \$500 Cash (MARC)  
Battery Tender, Family Tree, (Ray & Bonnie), MARC  
sweater jacket (John & Mijo) Cross needle SWR &  
Power meter (Jim & Pat Banks)

And we take donations (prizes) for the Christmas party at  
least \$25 value...if you so desire..

If you haven't signed up and want to party with us I need  
you selection of soup or salad- white or dark turkey. Send  
me an e-mail with info. At this point in time you can pay  
that night.

Thank you all

**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

**Renewal-** For those who receive their n/l on the web, you  
will receive a regular newsletter with your renewal slip  
Your newsletter label will be in RED.... Thanks again

## **From Mick at Comet...**

**Ray,**

Here is some interesting news for your newsletter and web site and next email I hope!

Have heard about the ham radio connection to "Last Man Standing" starring Tim Allen on ABC??

Maybe you can send an email to your members so they are aware of the show and the time it airs??

**Tuesdays at 8 pm on ABC.**

Tim Allen is "Mike" on the show, and he is a ham. The show has the Comet CHV-5X HF dipole and a GP-1 up in the rafters of the studio connected to the ham radios used during the show!

**Here is the email from the producer explaining the show:**

Our show follows Mike Baxter (Tim Allen), a man who splits his time between his home life, with his wife and three daughters, and his work life at "Outdoor Man" (a fictitious outdoor store) with an all male sales team.

Mike is a marketing director, and is involved on creating the sales strategy for the store including their catalogue and Internet sales identity. The store is like "Bass ProShop" or "Cabela's".

There is a strong survival aspect to "Last Man Standing"-- hunting, fishing, camping, etc. Ham radio fits in the story as a means of emergency communication. Tim's character (Mike) is a ham. In fact, we have created the fictitious call sign KA0XTT.

Icom has generously loaned us an IC-9100 and we have installed it on our stage in the Mike's office set. We will attach the Comet CHV-5X antenna to it. Our producer, John Amodeo (NN6JA) is trying to get permission from 20th Century Fox and ABC to allow local hams to make contacts directly from our stage. We feel this can be a promotable activity among the 700,000 hams in the US.

The show is produced by 20th Century Fox and airs on ABC and we shoot it at the CBS Studio Center in Studio City California.

We, COMET sent them a CHV-5X HF dipole and a CAA-500 analyzer to help with the install and tuning of the antenna and this is the email I got

**from them today:**

Thank you so much for the Comet CHV-5X HF antenna and the loan of the Comet CAA-500 antenna analyzer. We assembled the antenna today and used the CAA-500 to tune it. We got very good SWR results. On Monday, we'll install the antenna in the upper part of our stage.

"Last Man Standing", starring Tim Allen has been averaging more than 9 million viewers each week. Ham radio operators match our viewing demographic very closely. Because Tim's character is a ham radio operator, **the show is mentioned in the December issue of CQ.**

QST is also planning an article in about two weeks.

In Mike Baxter's (Tim Allen) office set, there is a corner desk where all our radio equipment lives. ICOM has loaned us an IC-9100 and we intend to hook it up to the CHV-5X along with a 2 meter and 70 cm antenna. The idea is to invite licensed Amateur radio operators to make contacts from our stage.

QST, CQ and "This week in Technology" are interested in covering these events.

**You might want to set your Tivo for Tuesday, December 13th on ABC at 8:00 pm. It's the first of our episodes featuring Ham Radio gear.**

**Thanks again.**

**Regard,**

**John Amodeo – Producer LMS  
NN6JA**

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Check the next two pages for the CQ story & picture of antenna used

**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

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**Some Christmas thots::**

"Snow on Christmas means Easter will be green."

"Good luck will come to the home where a fire is kept burning throughout the Christmas season.

"Place shoes by side on Christmas Eve to prevent a quarreling family."

"A clear star-filled sky on Christmas Eve will bring good crops in the summer."

"A blowing wind on Christmas Day brings good luck."



"I'm the producer of the new Tim Allen show for ABC," read the e-mail. "Recently, I created a 'Ham Radio Challenge' for my office staff. We held the test on our studio lot and seven passed ... Are you guys interested in (an article)?" The answer, of course, was yes, and here it is!

## Producing Ham Radio

BY JOHN AMODEO,\* NN6JA

I've been a ham for about 40 years (WB2HLO, KA6MVE, now NN6JA) and a television producer for the last 20. You may know some of the shows I've produced. They include "Sports Night," "Titus," "Arrested Development," "Samantha Who?" "Accidentally on Purpose," and a few I don't talk about.

To a great extent, I owe my television career to my pre-teen days reading and rereading the *ARRL Handbook*. The electronics knowledge I acquired from my original Technician license and later my General license was directly applicable to my early days as a video engineer and editor. As I moved up the ladder, I was able to talk to my technical crews with full confidence because we spoke the same language. Even now as a producer, I frequently use this knowledge.

A few months ago, I began working on "Last Man Standing" (Visit: <http://abc.tv/qVtzUg>), a new sitcom starring Tim Allen<sup>1</sup>, produced for the ABC network. Around the same time, I decided to upgrade to Extra and enjoyed the process quite a lot. When I spoke about my hobby with my staff, I was surprised to find that many of them were interested in what made amateur radio so important. I gave them the most direct explanation possible: When earthquakes hit, tsunamis strike, zombies attack, the machines rise up against mankind, the phones and internet may be down, but ham radio will still be here!

### The Ham Radio Challenge

After a few conversations, some of the staff became interested in amateur radio, so I decided to create the "Ham Radio Challenge." Staff members who

successfully passed the Technician examination would get a free dual-band HT. A number of the staff accepted the challenge.

I should mention that all of the crew members are familiar with basic handheld radio operations. We use the 16-channel version of the Motorola CP200s in the UHF business band all day for communications between our offices and our stage. Each department has a channel. The assistant directors (who run the stage) are on channel 1, inter-department communications are on 2, transportation is on 3, etc.

We began studying by printing the Technician question pool and having "Ham Radio Lunches." Each day we sat outside, ate lunch, and talked through a few pages of the question pool. The participants also started taking daily online practice exams from the QRZ <http://www.qrz.com/ht/> and AA9PW <http://aa9pw.com/> websites. I asked them to think of it as a few less hours a week on "Facebook" while taking practice exams. To my surprise, within a few days I could hear discussions outside my door about frequency in relationship to wavelength!

At the same time, I started acquiring the radios from a dependable but low-cost (I could almost say "cheap") online vendor. I chose a reliable, although inexpensive, dual-band handheld as the reward.

Let me say that my staff works hard. A typical shooting day is 12 hours or longer. When it came time for the test, the idea of rounding them up and taking them to an exam on a Saturday or Sunday did not seem like it would work. I decided to try to have the exam on our studio lot.

"Last Man Standing" is produced by 20th Century Fox for the ABC Network and we shoot it on the CBS Studio Center Lot in Studio City, California, so



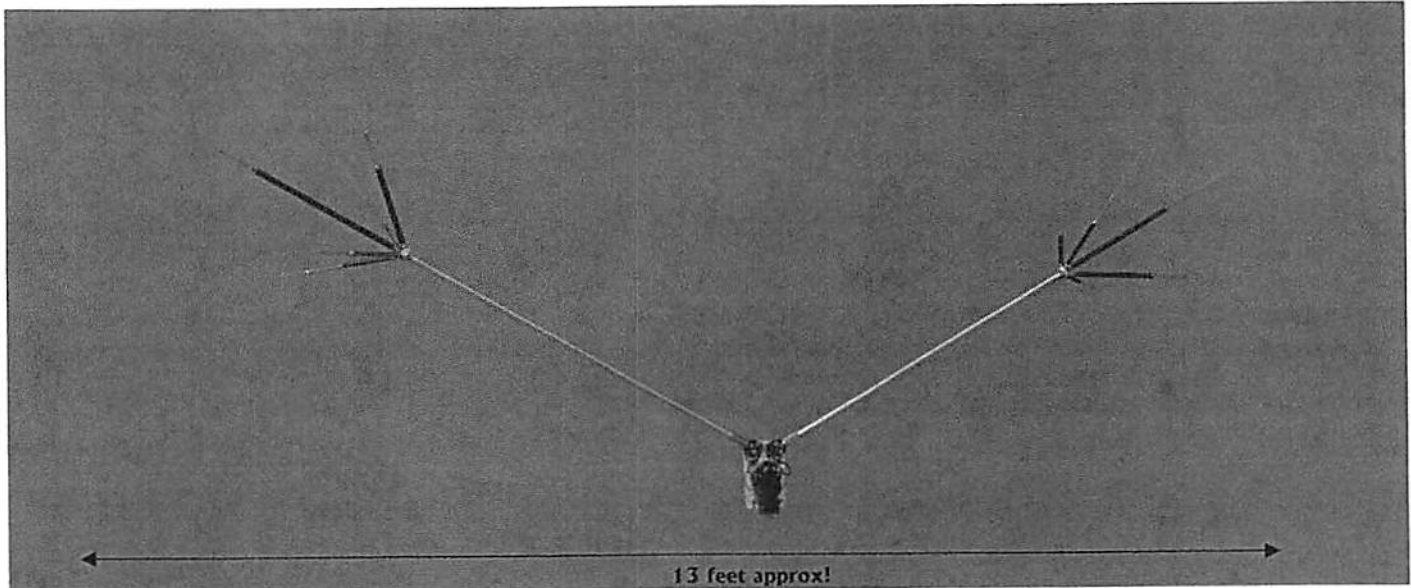
Tim Allen stars as a "manly-man" in a house full of women in the new ABC comedy, "Last Man Standing." Producer John Amodeo and at least seven of the show's staff members (but alas, not Allen ... yet) are hams. (Photo courtesy ABC TV)

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

Thank you...! **Chuck KG6NJP [kg6njp@pacbell.net](mailto:kg6njp@pacbell.net)**

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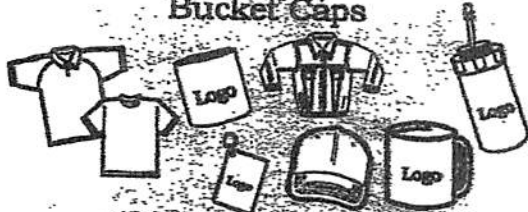
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