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January 2012

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Happy New Year from Rialto and Southern California. Mijo and I hope all is well with you and your family. I checked last January's newsletter just before starting this note to you. Many things have changed, some have not: One important change for this year is that we, MARC, will not be assisting with the Tour de Palm Springs bicycle ride in February. Harold, KI6TYH, our coordinator and I, the assistant coordinator, encountered several obstacles between us, MARC, the Palm Springs RACES organization, and the Tour of Palm Springs Executive Director that could not be overcome. Therefore, in the interest and the benefit of all concerned, Harold and I recommended to the MARC Board of directors that we not participate in the Palm Springs tour this year. It was a nice event and our MARC riders enjoyed riding in the Coachella Valley early in the year. Hopefully, by next year, we will be able to overcome our impasse with the Tour Committee and RACES. If so, we might consider rejoining them for 2013.

This time last year I was lamenting the December rain and flooding here in the San Bernardino area of Southern California. This year we have enjoyed just the opposite. We are having an outstanding December/January. For example, yesterday, December 31, it was sunny and dry. I left home at 8:15 AM to ride down to Huntington Beach. It was over 70 degrees here. When I got to Huntington Honda, it was foggy (coastal fog) and cooled to near 55. While at Huntington Honda, I passed out CDs with photographs from our MARC Christmas party to all but two of our members who requested a copy. I will bring CDs for Harold, KI6TYH, and Scott, K6IXQ, to the next MARC meeting. After a visit with our MARC members who had met there (19 of us) and a cup of coffee and donut for breakfast, most of us moved to Woody's diner for brunch. There we met DeWitt, KM6UK, and had a good time discussing world problems and suggesting cures. Oh yes, while at Huntington Honda, I had them change the rear master cylinder on my Goldwing. Seems there is a recall on many years' worth of 'Wings that were equipped with anti lock brakes. If you have an 1800 series wing, you might ask your local Honda dealer to

run your VIN number through their computer system to see if your cycle also needs this quick fix.

When I left Woody's, I rode over to Long Beach for a short visit with MARC members Butch, KD6VBO, and Carolyn Macy, KE6JWD. I had some unfinished business to take care of there. We chatted for almost an hour and a half just catching up on what has happened in our families in the past four or five months, how time flies. When I left Long Beach it was off to Anaheim and Ham Radio Outlet. There I met Wayne, KB6UJW, another MARC member who works there part time. I bought an adapter for my hand-held radio so I can connect to the mobile antennas mounted on our Rialto Fire trucks. I should get a better signal with the external antenna versus the rubber duck inside the Engine. I also priced a replacement battery for my Kenwood D7A but that was too expensive so I put it on the back burner for now. Another customer in the store suggested that I check elsewhere (on line) where they might be a little less costly. From HRO, I pointed the cycle towards Rialto and home, just over 150 miles for the day. Not bad for the last day of the year. As an afterthought I checked my mileage for all of 2011. Gas records show that I rode just short of 7,900 miles. Not bad considering that it was all pleasure riding, no back and forth to work trips included (retired you know). Also, Mijo and I spent 5 weeks in France last fall, which cut into the mileage some. Yes, I know Tim, AB0TS, in the "Great White North" and a few others will get a grin out of those meager mileage figures, but I have never professed to be one of the long distance riders in our club. Please, whether you ride near or far, have fun, ride safe and let the rest of us enjoy your trip. Drop a note to Bonnie and give us a few details. It doesn't have to be perfect. She does a good job cleaning up the English and making things readable.

It looks like our next event will be the San Diego Tour de Cure on 21 April 2012. This is a one day event in the northern part of San Diego County. We still need a full time coordinator for this event. Someone who lives in the southern Orange County or northern San Diego county area would be perfect. So far I think Bonnie has been coordinating this event by attending some

of the meetings and getting information from the ADA staff that does the Ship 2 Shore. How about some help? Please! Those of us who are currently coordinators or have coordinated events in the past are always willing to help a new volunteer. We have been there and done that. There is no need to start over from scratch and we never leave new coordinators "out there alone". Get involved, it can be a lot of fun and you meet some interesting people.

It has been nice chatting with Lu, KA4EPS, in Florida and our other MARC members who are not in So. Cal. Ray, KD6FHN, and I have been talking about how we can get a link to the system up and running 24-7 or close to it. That way our out of the repeater coverage members would have a way to contact fellow MARC members without having to wait for net time. After all when I start the net here at 7:30 PM it is 10:30 on the east coast. Give me a few days and I shall see what we can do. While on the chat subject, I shall mention the MARC Net. Bonnie, KD6OFQ, has asked me, Net Control, if we can cut off the weekly net draw for the free breakfast with the last net in December? Doing so will make her book keeping much easier. I said no problem. So, if you checked in on the MARC net on 4 or 11 January 2012, your number (call) will go in the pot for the meeting in February. This will still give all that check in a chance for breakfast on MARC and make record keeping a bit easier. It pays to listen to the MARC net!

John F. Reynolds
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Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's eve.. Middle age is when you're forced to..~Bill Vaughn
Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits.(Anon)
Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.

(Ben Franklin)

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

IMPORTANT: Tour de Cure KICK OFF PARTY is on January 28th from 1-4 at Phils BBQ in Sports Arena Area. **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!** We'll be registering people for the ride, having several awesome guest speakers, and doing a raffle with amazing prizes all while chowing down on Phil's. There will be a training ride at 9am before hand starting and finishing near Fiesta Island (details to come later) for those who wish to really earn their lunch :)

Phil's BBQ address:
3750 Sports Arena Boulevard San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 226-6333
(I(Bonnie) will be attending....

Our goal is to raise \$600,000 so far we have raised \$14,963
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>

Ship to Shore Tour de Cure April 29, 2012

The event kick off will be at the Queen Mary 5:00pm - 7:00pm on Sat Jan 28th.

Their goal is \$1,000,000 raised so far \$25,395
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 <ke6zrp_mark@yahoo.com>
Bonnie KD6OFQ

SURF TO SUMMIT TOUR de CURE SEPT 29, 2012

NEXT MEETINGS SET-UP:

Thurs Jan 19th, Wed Feb 15th, Thurs Mar 15th, Thurs Apr 19th and Thurs May 17th @ Mimi's Cafe in Lake Forest...
At the present time I do not have a rider count & monies raised..

Mike N6QZT <mnaron51@gmail.com>
Bonnie KD6OFQ

Feeling a little blue in January is normal.
(Marilu Henner)

"MARC" CALENDAR 2012:

Jan	14 th	Breakfast meeting
Feb	11th	Breakfast meeting
Mar	10 th	Breakfast meeting
Apr	14 th	Breakfast meeting
Apr	21st	SD Tour de Cure
Apr	21/22	B2V
Apr	29th	Ship to Shore TDC
May	12 th	20 th Anniversary meeting
June	2 nd	Breakfast meeting
June	3 rd	Bad Ride
July	NO	MEETING
Aug	11 th	Breakfast meeting
Sept	8 th	Breakfast meeting
Sept	29th	Surf to Summit TDC
Oct	13 th	Breakfast meeting
Oct	20/21	MS 150 BAY TO BAY
Nov	3/4	LAS VEGAS MS
Nov	10 th	Breakfast meeting
Dec	8 th	Christmas Party

**MEMO:

TOUR DE OC IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28TH & 29TH
IF THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED IT-YES IT IS GOING TO
BE A 2 DAY EVENT AND GO TO SAN DIEGO AREA...
DISCUSSION SHOULD BE AT THE JANUARY MEETING --

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"SINCE THE SHIP TO SHORE IS ON THE 29TH AND HAS
BEEN ON THERE SINCE LAST YEARS EVENT.."

"MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

JAN 2012	3 rd	FOR JANUARY
JAN	25th	FOR FEBRUARY
FEB	29th	FOR MARCH
APR	3rd	FOR APRIL
MAY	1st	FOR MAY
MAY	23rd	FOR JUNE
Aug	1st	FOR AUGUST
AUG	28th	FOR SEPTEMBER
OCT	2nd	FOR OCTOBER
OCT	30th	FOR NOVEMBER
NOV	27th	FOR DECEMBER

Dieting on New Year's Day isn't a good idea as you can't eat rationally but really need to be free to consume whatever is necessary, moment by moment, in order to ease your hangover. I think it would be much more sensible if resolutions began generally on January the second. (Helen Fielding)

Leap years exempted, January always begins on the same day as October.

In leap years, January always begins on the same day as April and July

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Good news for Southern CA residents, we here in CA are having bright, clear sunny days and 80 degree temperatures. It is almost like summer. It was that way over Christmas and New Years for the Rose Bowl Parade and game. The ocean beaches are experiencing 75 degree weather. Wow. I just love CA. The coolest it has been here this winter over night is about 39 degrees, but then it warms up during the day to about 70. It is suppose to remain this warm for about another week. I need to get Casper out and take him for a ride before it cools off again.

I may not be able to take Casper out unless I can figure out a way to put my helmet on without the helmet touching the 10 staples in the top of my noggin. On Dec 28th I had a cancer spot removed from the very top of my head and I don't get the staples out until Jan 11th. That hole in the scalp is about the size of a quarter and deep. If it isn't one thing it's another. Just hope they got it all so I won't be bothered by it this summer while I am on the road.

Hey, we're back on the upswing in day light. Sure will be happy when we get back to 12 to 14 hours of daylight again. We are now at 9 hours 59 minutes and counting the days.

The annual MARC Christmas Party was again a smashing success. Look for Bonnie's article for who won what. It was great to see everyone dressed up and many wearing bright red and green in the spirit of Christmas. There were so many prizes, I think everyone got at least one and of course some won several. When you buy a lot of tickets, you should win something. I did get lucky and won the \$500 cash prize, but there was not a lot of profit in that because I bought so many tickets and Bonnie and I brought many door prizes that had to be worth \$25 or more. \$25 prizes is the minimum cost of any of our prizes for both the Christmas and MARC Anniversary parties. The banquet room at the Citrus Cafe was full like last year but it was not overly crowded. Everyone said they had a great time too. Bonnie and I had bought a case (12 bottles) of sparkling wine and I was amazed at how much was still left on the tables when it was over. But I do understand, we all had to drive home and many had come a long ways to join us at the MARC Christmas Party. By the way, this year makes the 9th year that we have had a MARC Christmas Party of any kind. We started at the LakeView Cafe in Dec 2002.

The meeting at Huntington Honda on New Years Eve day brought out a lot of MARC members. There were at least 19 MARC members there and of course there is always the free coffee and donuts. We usually stay at H&H until about 10:15 or 10:30am and then head over to Woody's 50's Diner for brunch. The girls there always treat us as royalty and really take care of us. It is always fun, so come and join us on those Saturday morning get-togethers.

Don't forget the next MARC meeting is Jan. 14th at the HomeTown Buffet. When Bonnie and I went over to the HomeTown Buffet on Dec 29th to book their large meeting room for the second Saturday of every month we found out that the corporate offices had cancelled the remodeling job they were suppose to do between Nov 27th and Dec 7th. It never took place, so nothing has changed since last year.

Don't forget MARC DUES ARE DUE AS OF JAN 1ST. You can look at your MARC Newsletters and if the mailing label on the front of the newsletter is in red lettering, then you owe MARC dues, or you can send Bonnie and email <bonidavis@juno.com> and ask her or



call us at (949-551-1036) to check it out.

ALL SO, for our Southern CA MARC members who want to support or continue to support the ALERT/BARN Systems their dues are also due, but there is no hurry right now to pay those up as we get a month or 2 to send them in before anyone gets dropped from the ALERT/BARN membership. After all we/they do understand that this is soon after Christmas and everyone is a little short of funds.

New Years resolutions: everyone makes one or more, well almost everyone. Of course you are tired of hearing mine as I have to make the same one every 2 or 3 years to go back on my diet and lose, sometimes as much a 30 Lbs. But this year I have been really good and only need to loose a couple of Lbs. Yea. I can do that in a couple of weeks instead of taking 5 months to get off 30 Lbs. It seems the older we get the harder it is to get that extra weight off. But I am still walking 1.5 miles a day 3 days a week and this week I go back to working with my weights 3 days a week. Being back on a thousand calories a day would get it done even without the exercise. I don't plan on getting clear down to 155 Lbs again this year, it is too hard to maintain. In fact, it is impossible even when after losing the weight when I go back to 2,000 calories a day. So I am going to stay at 170 and be happy with it.

Bonnie and I didn't make it to the dropping of the ball in Time Square this year. We planned on opening a little (7oz) bottle of Martin & Rossi Asti just before midnight and toast in the new year while the ball dropped, but she fell asleep on the bed and I was asleep in the recliner. I woke up a couple of minutes after midnight and turned off the TV and went to bed. Maybe next year we will make it. :-)

We have a group of MARC members and/or prospective MARC members who are trying to start another MARC Chapter in FL. I see an email from Lu KA4EPS that he and others in his group are going to the Hamcation in Orlando FL the weekend of Feb. 10/11/12. Hope they stop by the Comet booth and meet Mike and Jim.

A LITTLE MARC HISTORY; Twenty years ago this month, 3 of the original MARC board members Danny KD6FLP, Dewitt KM6UK and myself (Ray KD6FHN) got our first No Code Tech FCC ham radio licenses. We weren't MARC board members then because we hadn't even thought about starting a ham radio club that also rides motorcycles. We, Billy N6EDY, Danny KD6FLP, Dewitt KM6UK and myself started talking about it later that spring and had our first MARC meeting in May 1992. Little did we know what we were getting ourselves into. So now Billy N6EDY and myself are the only original MARC Board members that are still Board Members.

Please continue to support those companies that advertise in our MARC Newsletters and those that support MARC with our many charity events and of course those that donate all of those great door prizes we continue to have at our monthly meetings and our MARC Christmas party. We couldn't get anything done with these charity events if it were not for the ALERT/BARN Systems.

May all your rides be safe ones.

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Casper now with 201K

MINNESOTA RIDING

Finally the winds of snow has come to the upper midwest! Basking in temperatures of more than 35 degrees keeps enticing me to head home and find the motorcycle gear and go for a ride. However that changed when the heavy snow fall appeared in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro.

2012 is finally here. Miles amassed for 2011 is over 20,000 miles. A new year for us to plan on, eh? 4 months til i depart for the 20th anniversary MARC breakfast. many of my friends have raised eyebrows when I tell them the ride of over 2000 miles for a meal with MARC family.. and that I still have to pay for it! ahh priceless!

Time sure flies! Nothing to report. Haven't put up the broad band Hex beam yet. Too easy to buy parts on the web instead of scournging around the 2nd hand stores in the metro.

Happy NEW year! later,
tim lindstrom, ab0ts
columbia heights, mn
'95 BMW K1100RS, 111,700+ miles

A few tips for riding safety

Hi from Southern California, just a few tidbits to help you ride safely this New Year.

Do safety checks often. I visually check my lights and tires every time I ride and check tire pressures and fluids weekly.
Ride "Paranoid". I ride with the attitude that "everyone" in a cage is out to get me, and not in a good way.
Try not to ride beyond your abilities. Everyone will at sometime or another, just try to keep them down to a minimum.
Ride with your lights on. I have a "modulator" on my headlight and my break light is setup to pulse for several seconds before coming on steady.

These are just a few of my favorite things (sound of music reference), to keep in mind for your riding enjoyment.

One last time. Keep your head on a swivel and look out for those people in cages, chances are they won't be looking out for you.

Be safe and have a Happy New Year.

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ALERT ALERT ALERT

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

AI KJ6RIX

National Call to Action: Federal

Helmet Mandates

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that the US Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation will be marking up The Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2011 (S. 1449). This bill governs the National Highway Transportation Safety Administrations activities. This bill has the potential to greatly affect motorcyclists nationwide.

There are three provisions that specifically target motorcyclists. Call your Senators and ask them to:

Oppose Lautenberg amendment #1. This amendment would alter the motorcycle safety grant program by forcing states to pass mandatory universal helmet laws and drive federal tax dollars to be used to promote the use of helmets. This provision would make it easier for helmet law states to obtain 2010 grant money. This amendment would provide no money for awareness or training.

Support DeMint amendments #1 and #18. These amendments protect the NHTSA lobby ban. Under the proposed legislation are provisions to lift this lobby ban.

Support DeMint amendment #2. The bill, (S 1449) would change the definition of "motor vehicle equipment" to include motorcycle helmets. This would allow States to spend federal money dedicated to "motor vehicle equipment" on motorcycle helmets. The DeMint amendment would keep helmets out of that definition.

Call Now. Time is of the essence. Call your Senators via the capitol switch board at 202 224 3121.

Of key importance are the Senators on the committee you can contact them directly:

Senator Rockefeller-WV 202 224 6472
Senator Kerry-MA 202 224 2742
Senator Lautenberg-NJ 202 224 3224
Senator McCaskill-MO 202 224 6154
Senator Udall-NM 202 224 5941
Senator Begich-AK 202 224 3004
Senator Inouye-HI 202 224 3934
Senator Boxer-CA 202 224 3553
Senator Cantwell-WA 202 224 3441
Senator Pryor-AR 202 224 2353
Senator Klobucher-MN 202 224 3244
Senator Hutchinson-TX 202 224 5922
Senator DeMint-SC 202 224 6121
Senator Wicker-MS 202 224 6253
Senator Blunt-MO 202 224 5721
Senator Toomey-PA 202 224 4254
Senator Ayotte-NH 202 224 3324
Senator Snowe-ME 202 224 5344
Senator Thune- SD 202 224 2321
Senator Isakson-GA 202 224 3643
Senator Boozman-AR 202 224 4843
Senator Marco Rubio-FL 202 224 3041
Senator Heller-NV 202 224 6244

This is of extreme importance. Please call today, Tuesday, December 13th, 2011.

Do not hesitate to contact the MRF should you have any questions.
202 546 0983

THIS CAME OUT AFTER THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

NET DRAWING:

Since we had no regular meeting in December the Net draws from November 16,23,30-Dec 7,14,21,28, will be held at the January meeting 2012...

50/50: None for December

Christmas Special draw winners::::

\$25 July Monthly donation by Huntington Honda won by Sandra KB6IFU #613894
\$25 December monthly donation by Huntington Honda won by Teri KF6HJT # 614307
\$25 Gift certificate donated by JBJ Cycles won by Bonnie KD6OFQ #613381
\$25 gift certificate donated by HRO won by Mijo KF6BEB # 613595
\$100+ GP3 Antenna donated by Comet won by Ray KD6FHN #613445

who donated it back and won by Mike N6QZT # 613614

'MARC' DONATIONS::

\$500 cash won by Ray KD6FHN # 613427
\$50 Honey baked Ham won by #Kevin KI6SUJ # 613567
\$25 gift certificate from HRO won by Dennis KA6VKP #613848
\$29 Knots Holiday breakfast/Starbucks won by David KF6TPH # 613627

MEMBER DONATIONS:

\$80 Battery tender donated by Ray & Bon won by Alvin KD6UZM # 613524
\$70 Family Tree donated by Ray & bon won by Alvin KD6UZM #613522
\$63 MARC sweater/jacket donated by John & Mijo won by Billy N6EDY # 613235
\$115 SWR/Power meter donated by Jim & Pat won by Ray KD6FHN # 614363
\$50 Jensen speakers donated by Joseph W6UPB won by Al KJ6RIX # 613719
\$50 Jensen speakers donated by Joseph won by Melonie #614179
\$25 aluminum case donated by David & Mike won by Teri KF6HJT # 614310
\$25 gift certificate for 5 Guys Burger donated by Mike & Maggie won by Anita # 613777

\$10 Starbucks gift certificate & A 1500 windshield cover donated by Mike & Maggie won by Dennis KA6VKP # 613848
\$25 gift certificate for JBJ donated by Billy N6EDY won by Bill K6WBD # 614190

Centerpiece winners:

Mike N6QZT # 613639
Bill KA6HMS # 6134757
Dennis KA6VKP # 613841
Teri KF6HJT # 613699
Maggie #614020
Sheron KC6ZSH # 613923
Anita #613771
Ray KD6FHN # 614343

Thanks to my friend Vickie(from Curves) who made them for me....

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NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome:

12/3- Alex KJ6QFZ & Lisa Bereczky Of Anaheim, CA
12/19- Wayne AE5RR & Julia Hunteman of Yukon, OK

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

MEETING: No meeting in December -although the announcement of the Tour de Palm Springs event being dropped by the Board's decision...

NEWSLETTER:

Wow 2012 already so ladies & gentlemen get your trusty fingers running over the keyboard for a great year with lots of interesting stories to read..

Thank you to all for your articles for the January 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, seems to be improving... George WM6L, Mike KE6KWQ, Kevin KI6SUJ, Bill K6WBD, and all others out there.

Yes Joseph W6UPB , sounds like you are progressing very well.. ABOTS Tim (holding our breathe)

Ray with his skin cancer as Chuck has had the same conditions as Ray so you will see them from time to time with little bandaged bumps on their heads..(:))ss They both go to the same skin doctor...

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.

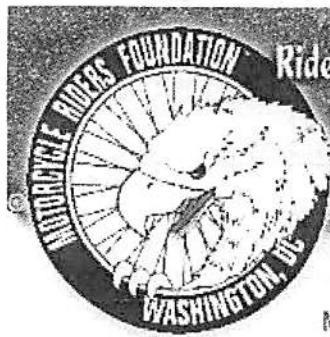
Love and Prayers to All who are ill , had surgery, lost a loved one, we "MARC" are here for you day and night...as we care. Also for all the people who are out of work, homeless due circumstances beyond their control...

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**

**NOW REMEMBER IF YOU RECEIVE A
NEWSLETTER WITH A RED LABEL ON IT & AN
APPLICATION IN IT EVEN IF YOU GET YOUR N/L
VIA THE WEB- YOUR DUES ARE DUE...
OTHERWISE YOU ARE PAID UP...
THE EDITOR BONNIE KD6OFQ.... THANK YOU**



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11NR35 - MRF News Release - Senate Committee Passes Highway Safety Bill

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
14 December 2011**

Contact: Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

Senate Committee Passes Highway Safety Bill

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Today, the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation passed a sweeping safety bill known as the Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act (S. 1449). The bill passed by voice vote.

Earlier this week, Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed an amendment that would have gutted the popular federal motorcycle education and awareness grants, known as the 2010 funds. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to report that Lautenberg did not call that amendment for a vote. Due to an overwhelming response from the motorcycle community, the 2010 grants are safe for now.

Also under attack was the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) lobby ban. This law prohibits NHTSA from using federal money to lobby State legislatures, uninvited. The way S. 1449 was drafted, it removed this lobby ban. Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) introduced a number of amendments to maintain the ban and the necessary amendments were agreed to, by unanimous consent of the full committee.

The one sticking point that remains is at least, the least troublesome. That being said, it is still something that will keep the attention of the MRF lobby efforts. The trouble lies in a provision in S. 1449 that calls out motorcycle helmets in the list of definitions as "motor vehicle equipment". Previously, the list simply stated: "any device or an article or apparel... that is not a system, part, or component of a motor vehicle".

The MRF would like to thank all the State motorcycle rights organizations and everyone else who helped with this legislation.

The bill passed today will likely move on to be a part of the larger Highway Bill which could happen in early 2012. The MRF will keep you informed on this issue.

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**VERY IMPORTANT POSITIONS FILLED BY
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Disaster & E-Mail Coordinator: **De Witt Morgan** **KM6UK**

MS 150K Coordinators: **John Edwards** **KC6ZOZ**
 Andy Bocker **W6AJB**

TOUR DE OC For Abused Children Coordinator:
 Scott Farthing **K6IXQ**

Love Ride Coordinators: **Bill Douglas** **K6WBD**
 John Reynolds **W5JFR**
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Advertising for our "MARC" members is free.....

The Month After Christmas...

**'Twas the month after Christmas,
and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a
number
When I walked to the store
(less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the
cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you,
please."**

**As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt--
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.**

**I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore--
But isn't that what January is for?**

**Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!
~Author Unknown**

**"Sorrow looks back... Worry looks around... But
faith looks up."**

---From 'God's Little Instruction Book'

**Who knew that approximately 8 million pounds of
guacamole are consumed on Super Bowl Sunday-- not
to mention the 14,500 tons of chips that go with it...**

HAPPY HEALTHY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2012

MOTORCYCLE BRACKETS

The following brackets are the ones we keep here at the house for our MARC members. These are not sold by MARC..

PTT Button Bracket

Fits under the left handlebar module and positions the button so it is right where your left thumb is naturally under the left hand grip. Fits 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda models. Has been adapted to some other brands and models. Black anodized or plain aluminum available. Has standard 1/2" hole for PTT button. Price \$10.00

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Antenna Bracket For 1/2" Tubular Trunk Racks

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

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Polished Stainless Steel Trunk Rack Plates

These 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" X .62" (1/16") SS plates are used by most of the MARC Members to keep from cracking the trunk lids. We have seen many cracked and busted trunk lids before we started putting these plates under the rear legs of the trunk racks. We have never seen a cracked lid when using these SS Plates. They fit under both the tubular and flat racks on the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings.

\$25 a set for polished plates

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(Ray & I bought these as MARC could not afford to pay for 50-100 of these at a time so Checks go to Ray Davis (not MARC)

Custom Cables for GPS and APRS – contact Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net

Garmin GPS-18PC GPS power cable

36" power cable assembly, with a 2A mini-ATO fuse in a weatherproof fuse holder. Adapts the Garmin GPS-18PC cigarette lighter adapter plug to "hard wired" for motorcycle or car. As described in the January 2005 MARC newsletter article about the GPS-18PC.

Price: \$19.00

Garmin GPS serial cable to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

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

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

IBM PC or compatible to Kenwood TH-D7A

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

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

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

72" data cable with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a right-angle "Garmin original-style" (4-pin) round connector plug on the other end. Connects a "classic" Garmin GPS with the "original" 4-pin round connector to a TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. This cable does not provide power to the GPS...!

Price: \$24.00 Kit: \$14.00 Special lengths up to 72" -- no extra charge

Garmin "eTrex-type" plug to Kenwood TH-D7A, TM-D700A or TM-D710A

72" data cable with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a Garmin "eTrex-style" flat connector on the other end. Connects a Garmin GPS with the "eTrex-type" connector to a TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. This cable does not provide power to the GPS...!

Price: \$24.00 Kit: \$14.00 Special lengths up to 72" -- no extra charge

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.

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For Medium Size Antennas

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For Tall or Multi-band HF Antennas

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Footprint: 3.75" x 1.1"

Max antenna: 80"



***COMET* BNC-24**

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

• Wavelength: 2M 1/4 wave • 440MHz 1/2 wave • Length: 17" • Conn: BNC Super flexible featherweight whip

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COMET NEW! CSB770A DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz W/FOLD-OVER

Wavelength: 2M 5/8 wave center load, 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 center load • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 51" • Conn: PL-259

• Max Pwr: 150W

COMET NEW! CSB790A DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz W/FOLD-OVER

Wavelength: 2M 7/8 wave center load, 70cm 5/8 wave x 3 center load • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 62" • Conn: PL-259

• Max Pwr: 150W

***Mal dol* AX-50 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz**

Wavelength: 2M 1/4 wave • 70cm 9/8 wave • Length: 21" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

***Mal dol* AX-75 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz W/FOLD-OVER**

Wavelength: 2M 1/2 wave center load • 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 • Length: 30" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

***Mal dol* AX-95 DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz W/FOLD-OVER**

Wavelength: 2M 1/2 wave • 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 • Length: 38" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

COMET B-10 / B-10NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz

Wavelength: 146MHz 1/4 wave • 446MHz 1/2 wave • Length: 12"

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

COMET SBB-2 / SBB-2NMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz

Wavelength: 146MHz 1/4 wave • 446MHz 5/8 wave center load • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 16"

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

***Mal dol* EX-107RB / EX-107RBNMO DUAL-BAND 2M/440MHz**

Wavelength: 146MHz 1/2 wave • 446MHz 5/8 wave x 2 • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 29"

• Conn: EX-107RB PL-259 • Ex-107RBNMO NMO style • Max Pwr: 100W

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

Wavelength: 146MHz 1/2 wave • 446MHz 5/8 wave x 2 • Length: 39"

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

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

Wavelength: 146MHz 6/8 wave • 446MHz 5/8 wave x 3 • Length: 58"

• Conn: SBB-7 PL-259, SBB-7NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 70W

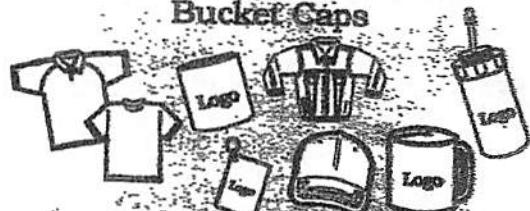
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