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February 2012

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Hello all. Two more months and we will again be busy with our events. I am looking forward to the San Diego Tour de Cure on Saturday 21 April. It is always a pleasure to meet with everyone and ride together again. Mijo and I will probably ride/drive down on Friday evening and find a place to stay near the start. It is a good distance from here in Rialto to the area that we will be riding in, so it is much safer to ride down in the daylight on Friday than to try to get up early Saturday and make the trip. More to follow on the start location and where we will stay later. Also, don't forget that the Ship to Shore ride will be two weeks later on Sunday April 29th.

The third week of January, we had a couple of bad wind days here in Rialto. The top section of my HF antenna broke in the wind (again). I had repaired it once. Now I am afraid that it will be too short if I try the same repair a second time. I guess it is time to look into a long wire and an antenna tuner, or perhaps something else that might stand up to our wind. I would like to have a good beam, like Alvin, KD6UZM, but it probably wouldn't last a season here. Well, the loss of the HF isn't too bad as I haven't turned it on since Mijo and I returned from France last fall.

The wind also managed to destroy my garage door. Just flexing in the wind cracked two of the four 16 foot long panels that make up the bigger of the two doors. I have contacted several shops to get estimates on repairing this door or replacing booth. Seems that the doors I now have are obsolete (no longer made), so my only option is to replace. Now, to get a couple of more bids and decide who will get the job.

The first of the year we changed the reward for listening to the MARC net. Mijo and I will continue to draw a name/call sign, for each week, at the monthly MARC meeting; those who checked in to the weekly net and are present at the meeting will win \$5.00 worth of 50-50 tickets from the 50-50 lady. The winner of these tickets will be able to put them in the spinner to qualify for any gift on the door prize table and even perhaps win the 50-50 cash if their ticket is drawn. Not a bad reward for just checking in to the MARC net once a week on Wednesday evening. Thanks to Chuck, KG6NJP, Ray, KF6FHN, and I hope that soon, we will have an echo link station working 24-7 in the area. Chuck, has obtained the equipment necessary to hook up the link and is working to get it on the air from his residence. Perhaps soon our MARC members from outside repeater range will be able to use this service to contact us for the net and also at any time, day or night. I will be able to entertain early check-ins from Illinois and Florida without them having to wait till 10 or 11 at night (their time) to check in.

Thanks to, Ray, KD6FHN, Tim, AB0TS, and Michael, N6QZT, for their articles in last month's newsletter. Where was yours? Bonnie and the 50-50 lady had some news (and fillers) to add but the letter was short on news from our members. Your articles are what make this newsletter a fun read. Please let us know what is going on in your area, perhaps a ride or drive around the Bay, down to Pebble Beach or a trip to the Everglades? That would be interesting. Someone in Texas could let us know what they are doing to prepare for the Texas MS 150 Jerry, K5JEI, has written a post from his perspective, but, with all the riders, and motorcyclists a look at the ride from a participant's side would be most interesting.

I did get my 2001 Goldwing in for the recall on the brakes. The service department at Huntington Honda had it in and out in about fifteen minutes. Thanks for a super job guys. If you haven't done yours yet, don't delay. It is free and, if they have the part in stock, very quick. I also need to make an appointment to have my cooling system checked. When I start the 'Wing after sitting for a day or two, I can smell the "sweet" odor of anti-freeze evaporating from the engine area. This happened once before. It was a minor leak at the top radiator hose on the left side. My suspicion is that once again I have a leak caused by the expansion of coolant in the engine when I turn off a hot engine. The extra pressure will squeeze out just a few drops of coolant; time to get it fixed before it becomes a big leak. No need to overheat and be stranded somewhere on the road.

Our next MARC meeting will be Saturday, 11 February 1012 at the Home Town Buffet on 17th Street in Santa Anna, CA. Join us if you can! We will be there at 7AM to set up the room for our meeting (if you come to help, remember we must stay out of the food service area) and they open the doors for food service at 7:30. I will try to start our meeting at 8AM. This is a self service, all you can eat buffet, so feel free to return to the food service area for seconds at any time.

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May this Valentine's Day be filled with love, understanding, and contentment as you journey through life with those you hold dear...

## San Diego Tour de Cure April 21, 2012

### NEED A COORDINATOR FOR THIS EVENT

GOAL: \$600,000 RIDERS: 1500 TEAMS: 80

On Saturday January 28th we had our kick-off party at Phil's BBQ (our lunch sponsor) in San Diego. What a great successful event!! We had a couple of the Charger girls on site welcoming the participants as they came to the event.. Real Cuties (oh I wish I was as slim as they are) I worked the raffle table and thoroughly enjoyed my time.

\* A training ride started at Fiesta Island at 10:30 am and had over 50 riders. The event was held again at Phil's BBQ which had over 130 people attending and the guests were entertained by music, the Charger Girls and great food. The program featured Alexis Pollak, the Volunteer Chair giving details about this year's Tour de Cure, Julianna Mihalick the 12 year old daughter of Jim Mihalick spoke about her father being a Red Rider and how everyone can get involved and we gave away great raffle prizes including an iPad2 and Hotel packages to Sycuan and the Double Tree Hilton. Twenty five new riders registered for the Tour de Cure and we have raised over \$5000 in donations since the event.

This year's Tour de Cure will be held on April 21, 2012 at Torrey Pines High School in San Diego. Our routes include 10, 30, 50 and 100 miles. It is only \$15 to register and each rider must raise a minimum of \$200 for the American Diabetes Association. Our goal this year is to raise \$600,000. Please register today at [www.diabetes.org/sandiegotourdecure](http://www.diabetes.org/sandiegotourdecure) to help us stop diabetes!\* From Jim Duckworth SDTDC Assoc Director of SDTour de Cure( up to 500 riders & 50 teams raised \$36,000) so far.

Here is the hotel info for Friday night:

DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego - Del Mar  
11915 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130  
Call 800-222-TREE or 858-764-0273...  
give CODE: ADA

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  
There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting...  
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### Ship to Shore Tour de Cure April 29, 2012

GOAL: \$1,00,000 RIDERS: 3,000 TEAMS: 240

The American Diabetes Association held their kickoff party last Saturday at the Queen Mary in Long Beach to officially get the event rolling for this year. Fundraising had already begun, and teams of riders are signing up. To date, this year is slightly ahead of last year in terms of teams, money raised so far, and sponsors. It was announced that Wahoo Tacos will be providing the lunch this

year. The goal for this year is to raise \$ 1,000,000 from this event. It can be done with some hard work, so MARC will have to be prepared. There may be as many as 3,000 riders this year. More will be known as the April 29 event gets closer. Please volunteer for this event as we will need many riders, as well as net control and support and SAG's.

There is a little bit of bad news however. We were told after last year's event that there would be more support for the notorious railroad tracks. I have been told officially that there will not be much more done than last year which meant a few cones out in the middle of the street. I will push to get some large signs made if possible. But I am also open to suggestions by MARC members if there is anything that we can do to help with this dangerous spot. Discussed last year was a Caltrans sign, plywood, and even police patrol at the spot, but it does not look like that will happen. So be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

I am not sure that I will be able to make the meeting on Sat, Feb 11, 2012. I am scheduled to have eye surgery on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb, and do not know if I will be able to drive to Santa Ana.

We will have a signup sheet at the Feb MARC meeting, but please mark your calendar for April 29, Ship to Shore.

Thanks

Mark, KE6ZRP, zippy  
(They had over 150 in attendance...)

Mark KE6ZRP <[ke6zrp\\_mark@yahoo.com](mailto:ke6zrp_mark@yahoo.com)>  
Bonnie KD6OFQ

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OC SURF-2-SUMMIT TOUR de CURE SEPT 29, 2012  
GOAL: 50,000 RIDERS: 250

Our next meeting was on February 4th, 10:00 AM- 1:30 PM, at the Aliso Viejo Public Library-Conference room 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656.

As it stands right now, we have three (3) road courses, a 55 mile, 25 mile and a 10 mile family ride, plus a mountain course. The Start location is looking like it will be the Aliso Niguel High School at 28000 Wolverine Way, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656. We have been asked to provide 2 "mobile" hams for the mountain course, 1 stationed at the top and 1 at the bottom.

That's all the news I have right now, just let me say that I think this

will be a fun and exciting event for MARC. Anyone that would like to join me and the bicycle riders this Saturday, February 4th, for a short ride before the meeting, we will be meeting at:

9:00am, at the Aliso Niguel High School at 28000 Wolverine Way, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656.

Look for more information next month.

Mike Naron, N6QZT

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Mike N6QZT <[mnaron51@gmail.com](mailto:mnaron51@gmail.com)>  
Bonnie KD6OFQ

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A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous!!  
(Ingrid Bergman)

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

11/16 #6 KI6WOD Scott (Notta), 11/23-#20 AF6ZC Chris (Winner), 11/30- #36 N6QZT Mike (winner), 12/7- #47 Mijo (winner), 12/14- #61 N6QZT Mike (winner), 12/21- #72 WSJFR John (winner), 12/28- # 84 WSJFR John (winner) wow two double winners....

It has been proposed to go back to giving 50/50 tickets out since giving free breakfasts per each net did not work out - as we were hoping it would draw more check -ins on our weekly nets...But alas -did not...

**50/50:**

Seems the New Year baby brought \$36 each to N6EDY Billy, KD6UZM Alvin & WSJFR John- Congratulations to each..

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by Ray KD6FHN

**"MARC" door prize donations:**

Mini Booster cable won by Burt N6USO  
Talking Pedometer won by Ray KD6FHN  
Magnetic wrist band won by Alvin KD6UZM  
8 function warning light won by Burt N6USO  
Safe & Disguise won by Billy N6EDY  
Emergency Sensor light won by John KC6ZOZ  
Media stand portable speakers won by Mike N6QZT  
20 lb all in one paper win by John WSJFR

**Thanks to the following members who donated gifts:**

Billy Hall, Peter & Cathy, John & Mijo & Ray & Bonnie..  
Very much appreciated..

Gray ticket distributors John WSJFR & Chuck KG6NJP  
Gray ticket winner - Mike, Media stand portable speaker  
How many drawn -1

Ticket disectors: Alvin KD6UZM  
Ticket drawer: Mijo KF6BEB

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**NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome:**

Welcome Back ::::

1/14/12- Rich N6TAX & Sue KB6UMH Blackburn  
Riverside, CA

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

**MEETING:**

Discussion of net draw...Palm Springs event...

**NEWSLETTER:**

Thank you for your articles for February...

When you ride somewhere sometime send us an article- many readers are not on the MARC list...

**CHARITY EVENTS:::**

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, keep up the good work.. George WM6L, Mike KE6KWQ, Kevin KI6SUJ, Bill K6WBD, and all others. Yes Joseph W6UPB , you are looking good.. We have De Witt KM6UK & Mark KE6ZRP under going cataract surgery - got to keep those peepers in good shape, guys...AB0TS Tim (still holding our breathe) Scott KI6WOD & family...

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 2012 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 EVEN IF YOU GET YOUR N/L VIA THE WEB- YOUR DUES ARE DUE... OTHERWISE YOU ARE PAID UP...**

**YOUR DUES ARE DUE BY February or you will not receive a March newsletter and will be removed from the "MARC" list. Thank You all-**

**February being Heart Awareness month:**

- Only 13 percent of women view heart disease as a health threat, even though it's women's No. 1 killer.
- Cardiovascular disease (CVD) kills nearly half a million women a year, about one per minute.
- CVD claims more lives than the next six most common causes of death combined.
- On average, an American dies of CVD every 34 seconds.
- Coronary heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women over age 25.
- Sixty-four percent of women who died suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms.
- One in 2.5 women will die of heart disease or stroke, compared with one in 30 from breast cancer.
- Heart disease rates in post-menopausal women are two to three times higher than in pre-menopausal women of the same age.
- Stroke is the No. 3 cause of death for American women, and is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability.
- Stroke kills more women than men. In 2002, females represented nearly 62 percent of stroke deaths.
- African-American and Mexican-American women have higher heart disease and stroke risk factors than white women of comparable socioeconomic status.

Thought this health info might be of interest to all

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

As always the good news this time of year is that the days are now getting longer. Went from 9:59 to 10:30 hours of daylight in one month. So of course that equates into more riding time. Of course that would be for those of us who dwell in the warmer climate around the world. Although our MARC member Tim ABOTS up there in MN seems to get out and ride no matter what. Spent 25 years living in SD and know what that weather is like. Don't miss it a bit either. If we want to see or play in the snow, we can drive up to Big Bear in about an hour and be home for supper.

As long as we are on the subject of weather, it has been unseasonably warm even for Southern CA. The last week or so we have been having 80 or near 80 degree weather. Where we live the winds coming through the passes are compressed and when they get to here they are very warm. Makes for warm days with some pretty strong breezes at times. But we love the warm weather this time of year. Saves heating bills.

Time is flying by for sure. Here it is the end of January already and before we know it our charity events will be upon us. Unforgettably for those of us who have to work everyone of these charity events that MARC works, having them so close together in April really puts a bind on us. We have the MARC meeting on Saturday April 14th. Then Sunday some of us are leaving for NV for a 4 day Defensive Handgun course at Front Sight <<http://www.frontsight.com/>> that is scheduled for April 16/17/18/19. We will have to come home to Orange County late Thursday night. Then Friday go through all of the communications equipment, get it all loaded in the van and leave Friday afternoon for San Diego and stay over night down there for the Saturday morning start of the San Diego Tour de Cure. The San Diego Tour de Cure has been growing in size the past few years and is one of the most fun events to work. Wow, I hope I am up for all of that. Too much going on too fast. We will need to go down to San Diego to do some testing before hand to make sure we will have the gear and the spot to put it to have good communications with the motorcycles for that event.

The very next week end (April 28th & 29th) we have 2 of our favorite charity events over lapping on the same weekend and it is a really big problem. The 2 day Southern CA Tour de OC (Orange County) Irvine to Mission Bay in San Diego has started up again this year and is on the same weekend as the much, much larger one day, Sunday only American Diabetes Associations, Ship To Shore event in Long Beach. So we will try to provide some ham radio equipped motorcycles for the Tour de OC on Saturday, but Sunday we will have to pull all of them off that event and use every motorcycle we can muster for the Ship To Shore charity event, because of the number of participants in the Ship To Shore. The Ship to Shore ADA event is only 3 years old, but it has already grown to be the largest charity event in the LA/OC area. Our charity event coordinators are really busy this time of year trying to put all the planning together and get our MARC members signed up so we can do a proper job of providing communications and support. So we need our MARC members to come to the MARC meetings to sign up for the charity events you can work or let Bonnie know either by email or telephone which ones you can sign up for. We certainly understand the pressure this puts on our MARC members under, but one way to look at it is to know that all those events are in a 15 day span and then we have at least a month break before the next event.

What ever happened to those of you who were going to get on to Skype, the free internet live video program that we brought up some time ago. I am usually on line with Skype on from about 9 or 10am (after I read my paper) until some times to 2 or 3 in the afternoon all the while answering ham radio/motorcycle questions for our MARC members. If you have a video camera on your computer try it, it is fun and I just love to get to see face to face with the people that I am talking too. It works with my daughter in FL, my son in Moreno Valley CA other family members and MARC members. Try it, it's fun. My old lap top that I use on a docking station for a PC doesn't have a built in camera, so I bought a Logitech video camera that attaches to the monitor and it works perfect.

We have been having some super turn outs at our unofficial MARC get togethers at Huntington Honda on Saturday morning for the free coffee and donuts. If you have nothing else to do, come and join us, you won't be sorry, it is always a lot of fun even if you don't want to eat the donuts. The address for Huntington Honda is, 17555 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, CA. 92647, just in case you haven't been there before. You know for sure that if you are looking for a new motorcycle that Huntington Honda will meet or beat any price anyone else can give you and if you are a MARC member you get discounts on merchandise.

Talk about donuts, I have stayed away from them for diet reasons, per the New Years resolutions too. So far I have only gained 2 pounds. :-)

The one cancer spot on the side of the face near the right ear and the large one on the top of my head are healed up and gone. Hope that is the last we see of that stuff.

Chuck KG6NJP is working on getting a new MARC Echolink link set up to run 24/7 so that we can talk to our MARC members around the world anytime they want. We'll put the information out over the MARC email list <[marc@nxport.com](mailto:marc@nxport.com)> and the MARC web site <[marc-hq.org](http://marc-hq.org)> when Chuck has it up and running. It won't be on just for the Wed. night ham radio nets when he has it ready.

For the local Southern CA members, we really do need our Southern CA MARC members to help us support the ALERT/BARN ham radio repeater systems because of all the costs they encounter trying to keep 15 to 20 repeater sights up and running so that we can use them for communications for our many charity events. We would be dead in the water and have no communications without their help and support. We normally have 20 or more MARC members sign up to use and support the ALERT/BARN repeater systems, but so far this year we only have 9 MARC members signed up so far.  
**ALERT/BARN IS OUR LIFE SUPPORT FOR OUR CHARITY EVENTS.**

MARC dues are due also. about the first week of March we will go through the MARC roster and delete anyone who has not paid their dues by March 1st. If you have questions about your membership, contact Bonnie our MARC secretary at <[bonidavis@juno.com](mailto:bonidavis@juno.com)> or phone 949-551-1036 for information.

As always, please try to support those who support our MARC charity events and those that so willing give Super Raffle prizes and door prizes for our MARC meetings and our Christmas and May MARC anniversary parties.

Summer planning, I made some already. I plan on riding the SCMA (So. CA. M/c Assoc.) Blazing Saddles ride over Memorial Day weekend again along with some other MARC members. That is always a great ride and it is different every year. Haven't made any motel reservations for the Blazing Saddles yet as I don't know for sure where it is going. Did however make reservations at the Comfort Inn SW in Fort Wayne IN for Wing Ding over July the 4th. You can see the information here at <"<http://wing-ding.org/>">. I plan on arriving on July 3rd and departing on July 8th. John KC6ZOZ and I have already sent our money in for the drawing for the SCMA 3 Flags Classic (held over Labor Day weekend) and the drawing for that is April first. So providing that Casper (our 04 Honda Gold Wing) does break another frame or something else doesn't break, and my health holds up, we will get some traveling in this summer, we hope.

**A little MARC history.** It was about Jan 21st 1992 that DeWitt KM6UK, Danny KD6FLP and myself (future MARC board members to be) received our FCC Ham Radio licenses. Billy N6EDY already had his ham license for many years. We hadn't talked about a club yet and were just buying our first ham radio Radio Shack HTX 202's to put on our 1500cc Gold Wings. We had no idea what the heck we were getting ourselves into. Dewitt and I had retired from our respective fire departments the year before and were just getting started into ham radio. Twenty years at this ham radio and motorcycling combined thing has really kept us busy.

**Don't forget your loved ones on Valentines Day.** It could get you in bad trouble.

**May all your rides be safe.**

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Casper now with 201K

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#### "MARC" CALENDAR 2012:

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

#### MINNESOTA RIDING

January 31st.. I had in the back of my mind to get out early and go for a ride. No big deal IF you live among the members of MARC in the southern climates. However this is Minnesota and usually we have lots of snow and ice. Usually or 98% of the time we are still warming ourselves by the ice fishing holes on a lake. Not this year! More cars are dropping thru the ice as people.. well sometimes we don't think! Expected high for today at the Airport was 41... at 230pm its 45. however that is the unofficial temperature.

Dirty ice on the lakes. Freezing and then thawing and then well you get the idea.

Filled the gas tank on the beemer back in December and drove it home. Never know when the january Thaw would be coming! First Week in the new year the temps shot up into the 40's! Finally on the 8th I took the first Ride and found my way back from Wisconsin.

January 10th the official temp was 52.. however as I rode by the local bank the temp there was 58.

Well anyway... I removed the battery tender from the black RS and pushed it out on the tarmac... err driveway. Water dripping and running down the alley... Bike was running until I put down the side stand. Walked back into the garage and readjusted the tender on the 85 BMW K. Closed the garage door and blipped the throttle while checking the mirrors.

Gently rode south to 37th. The roads are white with salt residue and rode west to Hwy 47, north to the freeway 694 and took the loop east and south to 94 then west thru St. Paul and then on to Minneapolis. Noticed the odometer read 112233. Left lane of 94 waiting for the Mercury Cougar to react to the headlight. Finally opened the throttle and well you know.

My nephew in Texas had told me he rode on Sunday for 110 miles. Sent a text to him that for january its 165 which he responded of doing 350+.

"Oh you will catch him, Tim." Karen smiled.

"Yep Justin has taken January, but how much will he ride this summer is the question!"

Weather people have short memories. Most of them are stunned with the heat wave. And yet the records that we are breaking are from the late 1800's. Mean temperature is around 24 degrees or we are in 8th place for the warmest january.

Back in 1999/2000 the weather was simular. Now rain would be nice or moisture as we are in a drastic drought!

3 months til well 20th anniversary! Yep have to ride down and see all of yews!

We have this ST. Paul Winter Carnival this week and well canceling of cross country skiing across the lakes or Ice carving or snow sculptures isn't! Last year we had over 55 inches of snow by this time. at least 1 foot of snow pack in the parks.. For an even year its odd!

tim lindstrom, ab0ts

1995 bmw k1100rs... tracking for 100K in 5 years.  
Columbia Heights, MN

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### **12NR01 - MRF News Release - US House Committee Targets Federal Funding of Motorcycle Only Roadside Checkpoints**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**01 February 2012**

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

### **US House Committee Targets Federal Funding of Motorcycle Only Roadside Checkpoints**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that Wednesday, February 1st, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure rolled out the latest version of the highway bill. The bill is the long term funding bill for road construction and highway programs.

This version of the bill takes aim at a controversial practice of the Department of Transportation which funded motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints with taxpayer dollars.

The checkpoints have drawn much criticism from the motorcycle community at large. So much so, that longtime motorcycle champion Representative James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) had introduced legislation to end the program by prohibiting any future Federal funding of any motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. That bill is HR 904. The mammoth highway bill includes the same language as contained in HR 904.

Representative Sensenbrenner had this to say, "We need to focus on proven methods of motorcycle safety, including crash prevention, rider education, and training and proper licensing. Motorcycle-only checkpoints are an intrusive governmental overreach that place an undue burden on riders while doing little to actually improve safety." He added, "It is encouraging to see that the transportation reauthorization bill will encourage more efficient use of taxpayer dollars and smart motorcycle safety policy."

Representative Tom Petri (R-WI), a staunch defender of the motorcyclists, had this comment on the issue, "Motorcycle riders are right to be outraged at being singled out for safety inspections," Petri said. "Nobody is suggesting flagging cars down for unscheduled inspections, and there's no good reason why motorcycles should be treated differently. It's unnecessarily intrusive, and not a smart way to use limited police resources."

We at the MRF could not agree more. While swift passage into law is not likely, this is certainly an encouraging step.

The MRF will keep you updated on this issue.

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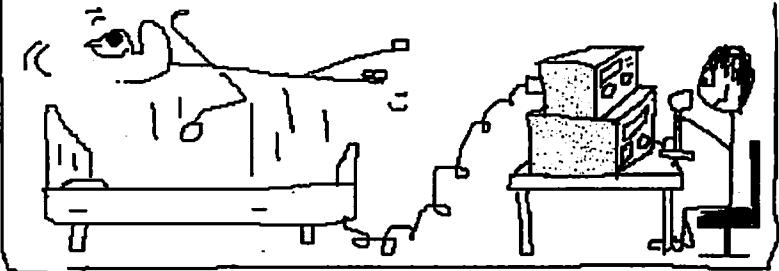
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**ALERT:::::::If any "MARC" members World-wide have APRS (or are working on it) and are not on the MARC World-wide APRS Capabilities list (distributed earlier with the Newsletter), please email your APRS information If you need help in selecting appropriate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

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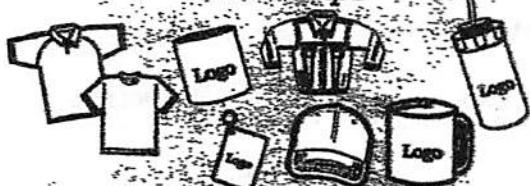
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