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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

**APRIL 2012**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

**April!** Mijo and I hope to see you at the MARC meeting, 14 April, 2012, at the Home Town Buffet. Last month I said that I would start the meeting at 8 AM sharp. Little did I know how important that would be. It would seem that the management has cut our time in the banquet room by 30 minutes. In the past we had until 10:00 to vacate. Now we need to be out of the room before 9:30. That doesn't give us a lot of extra time. I will have to ask everyone to keep their reports brief so we have time to plan for our events and enjoy the 50-50 and anniversary in May without the rush that we had last month.

We have two events in April to plan for. The Tour de Cure for San Diego on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the Ship to Shore on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Mijo and I have signed up for both events and we have made our reservations in Del Mar for the San Diego tour, as we will ride down on Friday afternoon and spend the night so we will be at net control early on Saturday morning. We still need motorcycles, SAG vehicles and net control operators for both events. If you have not volunteered to help and can find time, we will have sign up sheets at the 14 April meeting. I know the price of fuel is becoming prohibitive but we, MARC, and the ADA need your help. Perhaps the coordinators can assign a patrol area to each motor/SAG and once the bicycles have passed that area, the motor/SAG will be free to leave or proceed forward on the route. I usually pick a large group of bicycles and ride forward of them, stop for a while as they catch up and pass me, then ride forward again. I find this saves fuel and gives me good coverage of a larger group. This is hard to do riding with the lead rider, however, with the pack or as tail gun, it is very effective.

**Our 20<sup>th</sup>** anniversary meeting will be 12 May 2012. I am sure that Bonnie has something special planned. John, KC6ZOZ will be selling tickets for a new Kenwood D710 mobile radio and a Micro-track, all in one (you furnish the coax and antenna) APRS tracking unit. He will have them at both the 14 April meeting and the 12 May meeting also. Remember that after the May meeting, we will adjourn to the rear of the

Home Town Buffet for a group photograph. I would also like to take pictures of our members with their motor and riding partner. (If you don't have a motorcycle, we might pair you with mine or one of your choice.) Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate and we will have a nice sunny day. I might ask DeWitt, KM6UK, or Charles, KF6TXI, to bring their camera to assist and insure at least one good picture.

I did manage to sneak in a few days to ride in March. Mijo and I spent many days helping our son and daughter-in-law prepare their newly purchased house so they could move in. On 23 March, he rented a U-haul and, with the use of my pickup truck for overflow, moved their belonging from a storage locker to the new (to them) house. It took a lot of cleaning, painting, carpentry and electrical work to get things ready for the move in. Now that that is done, it is again quiet here at the Rialto house. They still have some things here to collect and move, but the majority has been transferred to their new residence. We are now waiting for the arrival of Ivy Michelle, due in May. She will be our first grandchild so the quiet we now enjoy will pass. Mijo is quite anxious as she loves babies and children. I guess old age is catching up with me. I enjoy my time with Mijo and the quiet of the house without children running and screaming everywhere. (Just the grouch in me I guess.) Perhaps I will find more time to ride the cycle with MARC or the Patriot Guard? Don't tell Mijo I said that. I will be in trouble for weeks.

I enjoyed the article by Tim, AB0TS, in the last news letter. It is nice to keep up with our members who are not in the So. Cal. area. Perhaps next month we can get an article from Texas or Florida. How about a challenge for our 20<sup>th</sup> year. Let's see if we can get a short article from each state that we have members in? That would be great for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary newsletter. Even a short note from Graham, G4FUJ, in the UK or Elie, OD5KU, in Beirut would be the proverbial icing on the cake.

I did get the new neutral position switch installed in my 1800 GW. The lead mechanic at H&H had shown me where it was located when he had Ray's Casper dismantled, but my memory was poor. I finally remembered where

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JOHN REYNOLDS	W5JFR
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**SECRETARY/TREASURER/EDITOR:**

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**50/50 & DOOR PRIZES:**

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**MARC WEBMASTER:**

CHARLES ROBLES	KF6TXI
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RAY DAVIS	KD6FHN
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**MARC LIST:**

LEWIS OSBORN	K7LVO
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DE WITT MORGAN	KM6UK
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it was and changed it out. Now I shall see if that fixes my starting problem. It had become more and more difficult with time to find the sweet spot so the starter will engage even when the green neutral light is on. Now I need to deal with the anti-freeze smell when I start the motor after sitting for a couple of days or more. The last time that happened it was the hose on the upper side of the left radiator that was weeping anti-freeze when the coolant would expand after a ride and the engine was turned off and allowed to sit after a ride. Then I could see some coolant residue on the left valve cover. This time there is none. I hope the mechanic can find the leak without a lot of disassembly as the man hours can get expensive.

**I am looking forward to our 2012 riding season. Please, come and join in the fun.**

**John F. Reynolds**

**President MARC**

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**"MARC" CALENDAR 2012:**

Apr	14 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast meeting
Apr	21 <sup>st</sup>	SD Tour de Cure
Apr	21/22	TX MS
Apr	21/22	B2V
Apr	29 <sup>th</sup>	Ship to Shore TDC
May	12 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting
June	9 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast meeting
July	NO	MEETING
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Ride 2012
Aug	11 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast meeting
Sept	8 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast meeting
Sept	29 <sup>th</sup>	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
Nov	18 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Barbara TDC??
Dec	8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party

**GOOD IDEA ::::**

When backing out of a parking space in a parking lot - use your hazard lights, just remember to turn them off.

**San Diego Tour de Cure April 21, 2012**

**NEED A COORDINATOR FOR THIS EVENT**

**GOAL: \$600,000 RIDERS: 900 TEAMS: 80**

I will have been down to their meeting on Tuesday April 10th and arrange for our Net Control sweet spot. Plan to have all info you will need at the meeting with repeater frequencies. Signs will be at the start.

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Hello Tour Committee Members, I wanted to send an email with our updated numbers **THANKING YOU** for pushing hard since our last meeting to increase our numbers - **we're doing great!**

**Here are the numbers as of April 2, 2012**

- 752 Registered Riders (our goal is to have 900 riders actually participate)
- 72 Teams (our goal is to have 80 total teams)
- \$190,044 raised by riders (last year at 3 weeks out we had raised \$197,000)
- \$72,500 in sponsorship

**Alexis (ADA)**

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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

**New Start/Finish 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 April meeting...**

**Bonnie KD6OFQ <bonidavis@juno.com>**

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

**GOAL: \$1,00,000 RIDERS: 3,000 TEAMS: 240**  
**To Date: \$227,593 Riders: 1844 Teams: 154**

I went to their meeting Tuesday April 7th in Torrance. I will have an updated map of the lay out of the park facilities. We will be in the same spot as last year. I have 9 sags Thanks to the Cares group & ADA volunteers) we have two large vans...plus Alvin. Bibs will be in color and I will send a lot of info out to each thru e-mail..

ADA will make sure we have water for the sags & motors at our site also may have some goodies

for them to pick-up- Rest stop 5 is the Lunch Stop & the Rest Stops will be well supplied.

**Start/Finish**

**The Queen Mary**  
126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA 90802

**Mark KE6ZRP ke6zrp\_mark@yahoo.com**  
**John N6JCB jbeckwith@lmu.edu**  
**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

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

They had a training session and it went well.

**(Possible another Bicycle mobile)**

Congratulations, on working on getting your ham license. Who are you taking your training from? The MARC club use's multiple frequencies. On 2 meter simplex we use, 144.370 simplex, PL 100.0. On 440, we try to stay with the "Alert/Barn" systems. These are closed systems that we, as members pay \$100.00 a year dues.

You should consider joining MARC. We have bicycle mobiles in the club, that do what you are wanting to do. We would love to have you.

We will be doing the San Diego and Long Beach tours next month, if you have your license by then. When we finalize our frequency list for the "Surf 2 Summit" ride, I'll make sure you get a copy.

Mike & I did not go to the last meeting. Their next meeting is April 19th, 2012  
If Mike is not out on duty he will make the meeting...

**Mike N6QZT <mnaron51@gmail.com>**  
**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

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**Santa Barbara TDC November 18, 2012**  
I have the name of the coordinator for ADA & waiting for an e-mail from her.

What I know at this point is the start time will be 8AM due to being dark. The longest route is 65 miles...

**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

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**MS 150 October 20th & 21st, 2012**

**First official MS meeting will be April 18th.**

**Andy W6AJB <anders.bocker@gmail.com>**  
**John KC6Z0Z (in the background)**

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



half way there and the rainy season is over with now. The snow pack in the Sierras is not up to average either so we are going to get thirsty this summer, again.

**First a reminder about the April MARC meeting being held on Saturday April 14th.** We need volunteers for the American Diabetes charity events listed below.

**OK, OK,** the days are getting longer (12 hrs. 40 minutes of day light) and the temperatures are climbing back up to pleasant levels (75 to 80 degrees) so it is time to get back to what we MARC members do best. Ride our motorcycles while volunteering for our spring charity events.

The first charity event this spring is the San Diego Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Assoc. That is a one day event being held on Saturday April 21st. We will go down on Friday afternoon and set up most of the MARC net control equipment, canopy, tables, chairs, towers & etc. We are staying Friday night at the DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego in Del Mar (858-764-0273). After the event we will take down all of the equipment and return home to Irvine that night.

The second charity event this month is the one we all really love to volunteer for because it is the only time of the year that bicycles are allowed over the Vincent Thomas Bridge that spans the harbor entrance to the LA Harbor. Motorcycles can pass over the bridge any time of the year, but bicycles can only do it that one day during the Ship To Shore Tour de Cure. During the short period that this event has been added to the American Diabetes Assoc. bicycle charity events schedule, it has grown by leaps and bounds and is now one of the favorite bicycle rides on the ADA schedule. For the Ship to Shore charity event we (Bonnie & I) just get up very early (about 3am) and drive down to the Queen Mary parking lot and meet other MARC members and set up the MARC net control Sunday morning so that we have our communications up and running by about 6am. We always have to load the van up with about 500 pounds of radio gear, towers, canopies, chairs, tables & etc on Friday morning the day before the events. It is always a lot of hard work, but when we are done with these charity events you do get hugs from some of the people that have diabetes and ride these rides and you get a warm feeling from knowing that you are doing something for those less fortunate than ourselves. God Bless our MARC volunteers.

**Other MARC info:** Chuck KG6NJP is still working on getting the Echolink system working, (the use of computers connecting to a ham radio repeater site) for world wide communications for all licensed ham radio operators. Chuck is trying to get it coordinated with the ALERT Santiago Peak repeater so that we can talk to our MARC members world wide at any time and for our MARC Wednesday night 7:30pm nets. Chuck has it just about perfected and hopes to have it up and running in the very near future. It is a lot of work and the equipment to get it working is not cheap. Thank you for your time, effort and money spent Chuck.

**Huntington Honda & Woody's report.** One Saturday there were only 2 MARC members at Huntington Honda of the free coffee and donuts. It was raining so the only 2 people that showed up were Chuck and I. When Chuck and I got to Woody's Cafe we were joined by Andy W6AJB & Pat KI6ETG. For the most part though, we have been having good turn outs at the unofficial get together at Huntington Honda & Woody's.

Yes it does rain once in awhile here in Orange County CA, but not often, as our yearly average is about 15 inches. This year we are only

I (Ray) had a little accident in our garage on Thursday March 22nd. I have one of those big steel boxes that fits up against the front of a pickup bed that workers put there expensive tools in and lock them up. I used it in our pickup when I was doing swimming pool repairs and cleaning them on my days off from the fire department why back in the early 60's. It is a home made one that I made, that is very heavy. I was trying to lift it up onto some 4x4's and the lid was open. The lid came down on my right arm and my reaction was to pull the arm back. It was a reflex reaction and it peeled off about 4 inches of skin. Luckily I had a heavy sweat shirt on or the damage would have been a lot worse. The sharp metal edge did not cut through the sweat shirt. But I knew it was bad, so I tore off the sweat shirt and saw that I had about 4 inches of the skin on my forearm peeled down to my wrist. I pulled the skin back up the arm and wrapped the arm with a roll of paper towels and Bonnie drove me to the emergency room about 5 miles away. They took me right in when the ER people saw all the blood. They said I had done the right thing by pulling the skin back up into place and hoped that it would reattach it self. But it didn't. So 2 weeks later I still have to change the bandages twice a day, but it is looking better and it has not become infected yet.

That right arm better be healed by April 16th when 4 of our MARC members and my son-in-law (Rick) from FL and a doctor friend of his go to the Front Sight <"<http://www.frontsight.com>"> 4 day Defensive Handgun Course out at Pahrump NV. We have been planning on this for at least 6 months and have all the gear, guns, ammo (600 rounds) per gun we take. That is at least 150 rounds a day and many hours of drill and class room instruction. When we are done we can go back on Tuesday April 24th and get our 31 state CCW (Concealed Carry Weapon Permit). We are all really looking forward to this Front Sight adventure and 4 day training course. My son-in-law had taken it last year and is going back a second time. We know it will be fun and exciting. Some of us have been going to the local range every week to hone our shooting skills. Come to find out when going to Front Sight was first brought up at Huntington Honda and/or Woody's, that darn near all of our MARC members are shooters and have guns, but some couldn't take the time off work to join us.

We had a contractor do some dry walling in our garage and added some more electrical outlets and he also has just completed the remodeling of the kitchen. Glad that is all done and out of the way. At our age I hate the disruptions and having to eat out all the time. Actually I love eating out, but it is hard to keep track of the calories.

April is a very important month on our lives. It was April 1st, yes April Fools Day that I started on the Inglewood Fire Dept. in 1960 and it was April 7th 1991 that I retired. I forgot to celebrate April 1st, but I do have plans on celebrating Saturday April 7th.

**A little MARC history.** Since this coming May will be the 20 anniversary of the first official MARC meeting ever, here is a little more MARC history. According to our old newsletters, it was about April 1992 that the then MARC board members were starting to buy the Kenwood TM 741A Tri-band radios. That we all used for so many years and Bonnie and I still have many of them that have held up all these years with a little repair now and we still use for our many charity events. In Oct of 1991 when we first did the MS-150 Charity event we were using CB radios only. It was at that event that started

us on the road to getting out ham licenses and in early 1992 we were buying the Radio Shack XTX 202's. What a joke they were, hard to program and only 5 watts of power output. We have come a very, very long way since then.

And finally, please don't forget to support those advertisers in our MARC Newsletters and provide all of those door and Super Raffle prizes for our MARC meetings.

May all your rides be safe.  
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MARC Chairman Of The Board  
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<"http://www.marc-hq.org/" >  
Casper now with 202K

**MINNESOTA RIDING**

"Your planning what?" Carol asked.  
"1000 miles from Minneapolis to Denver. plan to leave May 5th at 130am and get in to Denver by 7pm." I replied.  
"Oh, ok... staying with friends there? Are you coming back after the week?"  
"Nope. Stay with friends, then on the 7th head for Dove Creek, Colorado and bug my sister for a few days.'  
" Dover Creek... where's that?" Carol insisted. " Southwest corner of Colorado, 30 miles from Montidello, Utah." I explained. "Then what?" Carol tilted her head. " We want to pray for this trip and need to know the details."  
"Depart for Apple Valley, California on the 10th which is around 650 miles. Karen's brother and his tribe awaits my teasing."  
"Now what are you doing in California?" Carol and her husband Tom asked. "That my friends,is WHY i am going... or the excuse on going and riding, eh? "See there is this band of friends, club of dedicated servants who have been together for 20 years and they are having a breakfast which I NEED to be at!"  
"OK. so your staying down there for a week?" "Nope, staying the weekend with the nieces and nephew and their kids. Mother's day is that Sunday. Then on Monday head east to Dallas Texas." "How long are you there? Carol kept asking. " Well not sure., plan to be home by the 18th. "  
" Are you staying anywhere on the way back to Minnesota... or . ?" "Well that depends.." I smiled "High costs of fuel will keep me on the bike and burning fuel for the body and bike is the plan."  
Well the discussion was something like that. I had told these 2 that sometimes I do put my friends in the article and there should be a disclaimer. Karen had nodded that she has seen some stuff that she has said in print.."You don't know what he will write!" she replied with a shaking of her head... eyes twinkling though.  
The other news from the tundra... BMW moa magazine showed up yesterday. April is the mileage contest start and shows all the finishers from the past year. I quickly paged thru it to the state finishers and came in 2nd! in Minnesota. Top

rider for this state did over 32K and my paultry 17K came was just under. Figure its the economy as lots of the high mileage leaders from the years gone by are still on the list but in the 14K for 6 months.  
Another month and I will be on the road, riding! God willing, that is. I have a tiny oil leak from the rear seal on the engine on the RS. Leaks only when on the sidestand. Pulling the rear wheel, driveshaft housing, transmission and dry clutch to get to it is tedious. Got to do it though before the trip.  
And after that is done, tires... Still its worth it to see and get that bear hug from DeWitt! eh?

Tim Lindstrom, ab0ts  
1995 K1100RS, 113,400+ miles,  
Columbia heights, MN

**LAUGH YOUR PAIN AWAY!!!!**

The next time you throw out your back or do too many crunches, hit a comedy club or watch "Everybody Loves Raymond" reruns. Scientists at the University of Oxford in England found tat a good laugh significantly raises pain tolerance by flooding the brain with endorphins--natural opioids that are produced in the central nervous system and can dull your aches and pains as effectively as a pill..(from the Prevention magazine)

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

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

**"April is National Poetry Month"**

**ALERT      ALERT      ALERT**

We need to decide how we are going to handle the information for the BAD Ride on Sunday July 1st.....

"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life." ~S.D. Gordon

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

**NET DRAWING WINNERS:**

2/15- #7 W6UPB Joseph, 2/22- #23 N6QZT Mike, 2/29-  
#32 KD6FHN Ray, 3/7- # 53 KJ6RIX Al...

**ECHOLINK: None....**

**EB: N6TAX Rich & Sue KC6UMH, KF6BEB Mijo**

**50/50:**

St Patrick did an Irish Jig while pulling tickets for Alvin  
KD6UZM, Mike N6QZT & Alvin KD6UZM receiving \$33 each  
draw.

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by Andy  
W6AJB

Comet 3D4MB Cable donated by Comet won by Andy W6AJB

**"MARC" door prize donations:**

3-LED WIND-UP FLASHLIGHT won by Ray KD6FHN  
18 PC 1/4 IN DRIVE SOCKET SET won by Mike KE6KWQ  
MAGNETIC WRIST BAND won by John W5JFR  
23 PC PRECISION SCREWDRIVER SET won by Mike N6QZT  
SUPER GLUE won by Billy N6EDY  
LEATHER WALLET won by Kile AF6YK  
20 LB ALL IN ONE PAPER Ray KD6FHN  
GRANDKIDS PICTURE FRAMES won by John W5JFR

Thanks to the following members who donated gifts:  
Billy Hall, John & Mijo Reynolds, Mike Naron, Audrey  
S, wearinger, Peter Fleming, Cathy Fleming, Dewitt Morgan  
& Ray & Bonnie Davis..  
Very much appreciated..

Gray ticket distributors John W5JFR  
Gray ticket winner - Mijo KF6BEB  
How many drawn -1

Ticket di-sectors: Alvin KD6UZM, De Witt KM6UK & Billy  
N6EDY

Ticket drawer: Mijo KF6BEB & Ray KD6FHN

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**NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome:**

**Please Welcome :::**

3/1- Greg WB7OEC & Maureen Ballard Phoenix, AZ  
3/23- Henry Navas San Francisco, CA  
3/31- Joe K4BRY & Victoria Bryant Pembroke, FL  
4/4- Ken Worland KK4GSM Kernersville, NC

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

**MEETING:**

Well I never in all my "MARC" days have I heard such a  
noisy meeting. Please give the person who has the

floor the courtesy to pass their information without  
having to yell or get the big bad gavel. We will have  
information for the up coming events and I have a soft  
voice and expect my audience to be quiet, I will then take  
questions for each event if you have any. I have had a lot  
of extra things to deal with in my life lately and I do not  
need any hassle...(Bonnie)

Visitors were Dean KJ6UME & Sharon Raustadt of  
Santa Ana, CA

**NEWSLETTER:**

Thank you for your articles for MARC- Spring has sprung (so they  
say) but riding season is upon us so have a blast & send me an  
article on your experience.

**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, please take it easy young lady, Mike  
KE6KWQ looking good, Kevin KI6SUJ that back of yours  
needs to be totally reborn, Bill K6WBD pray things are going  
well for you. We have De Witt KM6UK & Mark KE6ZRP  
under going cataract surgery - Mark has gone 2 surgeries since our  
last meeting and not been able to do anything, down in bed 2-3  
weeks, ..Please add Julie KC6ZDS she has had the surgery but .  
Sue KC6UMH had her knee surgery - understand she has  
been back on the motor- Good going Sue, now to get the  
other one done. Ray KD6FHN, I think I need to keep a leash  
on him...Mary Ellen McGrath (ECM) has had a real bad  
year+, we pray she is getting better slowly.....

We do love and care about each and every one of you & your  
family as you are all our family.....Lots of Love & Prayers to  
all.

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**

**Special prizes for the 20th Anniversary Meeting:::**

D710A Kenwood radio  
MicroTrak RTG (Ready-To-Go)

Will get busy on this project now.....

## 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

### PTT Waterproof Button

Has large rounded surface for your thumb, so your thumb does not get tired or sore with heavy use. Black in color. Fits in 1/2" hole on PTT Button Bracket. Price \$13.00

### 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

### Antenna Bracket For Kuryakyn or American Flat Racks For The 1800 Gold Wings.

Natural aluminum color only. The brackets are flat stock, bent so that the antenna is perfectly vertical, with 2, 8-32 threaded holes, so you have to drill 2 matching holes in the rear of your flat rack. Round head stainless steel screws hide the holes. Price \$12.50

### Handlebar Brackets For HT's, Cell Phones, GPS's or Just About Anything Else

We just have them for the Left side handlebars (No more for the right side). They fit the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda's too. They are Black anodized and come with all mounting hardware. Price \$25.00

### 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

""PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE SHIPPING & HANDLING""

(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))

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



## **News: Naval Safety Center commander visits Pendleton to discuss motorcycle safety**

**Rear Adm. Brian C. Prindle**, commander of the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., speaks with Lt. Col. Brian Kane, deputy director of Training Support Division, Marine Corps Base, while touring the mine resistant ambush protected armored vehicle egress trainer here, April 3. The admiral's visit, which included a meeting with unit motorcycle safety representatives from Camp Pendleton and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, was part of a weeklong tour dedicated to emphasizing the importance of motorcycle safety within the Navy.

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. –** Rear Adm. Brian C. Prindle, commander of the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., met with unit motorcycle safety representatives from Camp Pendleton and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar at the Pacific Views South Mesa Club here, April 3.

The admiral's visit, which included a tour of the mine resistant ambush protected armored vehicle egress trainer, was part of a weeklong tour dedicated to emphasizing the importance of motorcycle safety within the Navy.

Several Marine Corps and Navy bases, including Camp Lejeune, King's Bay Submarine Base and Oceana Naval Air Station, were designated as stops on the tour.

The visit also served to raise awareness for the 21st Century Sailor and Marine Initiative, a program established by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and designed to better serve sailors, Marines and their families by focusing on readiness, safety, physical fitness, inclusion and continuum of service.

"When we talk about taking care of Marines and sailors more holistically, concern for their safety is at the top of the list," said Prindle. "Making sure we're tracking and contributing to motorcycle safety is essential to mission readiness."

Throughout the presentation, Prindle reiterated the importance of utilizing the training available to Marine and sailors to prevent mishaps.

"In more than 50 percent of motorcycle mishaps that occur amongst Marines and sailors, the driver failed to

complete the Basic Rider Course," said Prindle. "Attending the BRC and other safety courses makes them four to five times more likely to not have an accident, which is why it is vital that every Marine with a motorcycle complete the necessary training."

Several Marines shared their stories of close calls and survival, also drawing attention to the issue of safety.

Gunnery Sgt. David Smith, a Marine currently on temporary additional duty with the Wounded Warrior Battalion- West, shared his experience of suffering extreme injuries at the hands of a drunk driver, and surviving despite the odds.

"The driver hit me going 50 miles per hour, and I was thrown more than 97 feet after impact, but I'm still here," said Smith. "Driving safely and wearing proper personal protective equipment doesn't fully exempt you from being involved in an accident, but it is extremely important to be trained to know how to react in certain situations that could cost you your life."

At the end of the presentation, Prindle awarded several unit motorcycle safety representatives with letters of commendation and coins to thank them for going above and beyond the call of duty when it came to teaching Marines and sailors how to operate safely.

"Being an MSR is a collateral duty, and the job these guys have done is phenomenal," said Prindle. "They genuinely care about making sure that each and every motorcyclist has the skills, training and experience they need to be safe on the road."

When the tour ends, the Naval Safety Center will continue to help units be successfully safe by building safe thinking into the culture of the Navy and Marine Corps, said Prindle.

"Our job is to make sure there is a foundation of safe thinking so that it becomes second nature to each and every member of each and every unit," said Prindle. "If we focus on the basics, we can get the number of motorcycle accidents down to zero."

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**A: Hot, cross bunnies.**

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And makes us rather bear those ills we have  
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Thus conscience does make cowards of us all,  
And thus the native hue of resolution  
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,  
And enterprises of great pitch and moment,  
With this regard their currents turn awry,  
And lose the name of action. Soft you now,  
The fair Ophelia! Nymph, in thy orisons  
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Not sure who wrote it I retrieved it from a poem  
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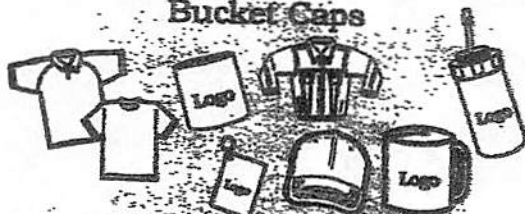
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