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#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

*Sept* **AUGUST 2012**

#### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

##### **Question of the day: are you ready to ride?**

I ask this because we have two events in the very near future. On September 29th we will be working the Surf to Summit ride for the ADA. This is a new ride with both street and off-road courses. MARC's main duty will be to work the on-road portion of the event with a possible request for a couple of our four wheel mobiles to assist with the off-road ride at the bottom and top of the off-road portion. See the report from Michael, N6QZT, elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

On October 20 and 21 we will be involved with the MS150, Bay to Bay ride. We have worked this event for many years so most of our riders and SAG vehicle operators are well versed on the normal routes and problems that may be incurred. Of course the MS crew is always able to throw in a twist just to keep things interesting. Please come to the MARC meeting at the Home Town Buffet (on 17th street in Santa Ana) on Saturday 8 September and volunteer for one or both of these events. It is important that we, MARC, make a good showing at the new event, the Surf to Summit, and of course we need all the assistance we can get for the big two-day event, the MS 150. If you cannot make the meeting and can help with either event, please contact the event coordinator, Bonnie, KD6OFQ, or myself to sign up to work either motorcycle mobile, SAG, or net control.

Not long ago Ray, KD6FHN, received an e-mail and phone call from one of our Bay Area MARC members asking if anyone in So. Cal. would be interested in helping with an event in Marin County, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge near San Francisco. This was the Marin Century 2012. This name is very misleading as they had several routes, a 200 mile ride, a 100 mile ride with a double if desired making it too a 200 mile ride, a 100 kilometer ride, a 50 mile ride (almost the same as the 100K), a 25 mile ride and then a short ride close to the start/finish for those unable to finish the longer rides but still desiring to participate. As the cyclists on the 200 mile ride and the repeat leg of the 100 mile ride were not expected to finish until 10:30 or 11:00

PM, the motors were not requested to escort either of these rides. However, as most of the routes did overlap numerous times, all routes were well covered till dark. After dark the numerous SAG vehicles that started later in the day were able to cover the route. With 3000 sign-ups (the cut off point) and many "cling-ons" riding with friends, there was a lot of work to be done.

Now for the fun part of the Marin Co. ride. Ray put out a call on the MARC list for help in Marin County. With at least a month to plan, there were several takers. Unfortunately, a few of them had to withdraw for one reason or another. In the end it was Ray, KD6FHN, Bill, K6WBD, Michael, N7WNO, Lewis, K7LVO (from Medford, Oregon) and I who made the trip. It was about 4:15 AM, Friday morning, 3 August when I said good-bye to Mijo, KF6BEB, and left Rialto to head west then north. About 30 minutes later while riding west on the 210 freeway I heard Bill call on MARC simplex, "W5JFR where are you?" "In Pomona headed west" was my reply. "Leaving home now, will meet you on the road soon" was his reply. A few minutes and a few miles later, I spied Bill's tail lights in the distance and we were a pair heading west. The 210 freeway turns into the 134 and then the 101 (same road). Ray had arranged for us to meet him near the junction of the I-405 and the 101. As Bill and I approached the meeting place, we both called for Ray on MARC simplex. No response. We took the designated off-ramp and pulled into the gas station, Ray was there topping off and getting a drink of water. Both Bill and I took the opportunity to top off as neither of us have extra tanks on board. Ray said that there was a detour on the 405 near the Orange County/LA County line and he was off course (lost) for a bit trying to get back on the 405 north. After some water and a quick energy bar we all saddled up and headed for the 101 west then north to join up with Michael, N7WNO somewhere near Thousand Oaks or Camarillo. (Michael had worked late Thursday evening at Edwards AFB, and spent the night at a motel near Point Mugu Naval Air Station.) The sun had just come up in the east. Ray, Bill and I were all trying different frequencies to contact Michael. It was somewhere north of

Thousand Oaks, we had just topped a hill and had started down the pass to Camarillo when we were able to raise Michael on MARC Simplex. He was about 15 miles ahead riding in the slow lane pulling his trailer. It didn't take long for the group of three to catch up to Michael and away we went as a group of four.

It had been almost 200 miles since Bill and I met Ray in Sherman Oaks and without extra tanks on board it was time for a pit stop. Even Ray topped off so he wouldn't need fuel again till we got to the motel in San Rafael. With full tanks and nature's necessities taken care of, we were back on the road north. As we neared Santa Barbara, Bill suggested that we take the 154 by Lake Cachuma to save a few miles and some time. As this is not a freeway but a two and three lane roads with a few twisties thrown in, it made for a nice ride. Thirty two miles later we were all back on the 101 headed north. About noon, near King City, I heard a radio call, "I'm hungry, let's stop for a bite." It was a Carl's Jr. or Burger King. I don't remember. Just a good burger and a soda hit the spot. A splash of gas for the motors and we were ready. Thirty minutes or so for the stop and we were back on the road again. Before we left So. Cal. routes around and through San Francisco to the Golden Gate Bridge had been discussed and I had diligently loaded said routes into my Garmin GPS. As we neared San Jose, the decision was made by Ray, Bill, and Michael to abandon that route and stay on freeways as long as possible. "Quicker," they said. So I turned off my routing and followed the group. We would take the 85 to the 280 and go north. Oops, too late, we just passed the 85. No problem, the 280 would intersect the 101 a few miles further north. Our four motorcycle convoy turned on to the 280 and headed for the "City by the Bay". Somewhere near Daily City we dropped off the 280 and ended up in town on PCH 1 (Pacific Coast Highway) stopping every block or two for traffic lights. The afternoon traffic was quite heavy. As we approached Golden Gate Park, there were fewer cross streets and riding was easier. It was a zig and a zag through the park and we were all on the "Bridge". I had flown over it a couple of times and been under it both ways on a boat but never across the Golden Gate Bridge, on a



motorcycle no less. This was a first for me. As we crossed over the bridge we ended up in a cool, drizzly cloud bank, almost foggy. I turned the GPS tracking back on as we were again on the planned route and it guided the group right to the Motel 6 in San Rafael. Our group of four was there, safe and sound, ready to check in and relax before dinner. As we had arrived before normal check-in time the clerk had to move things around to get us into rooms. Ray checked in first. His room wasn't ready, so, not knowing that I was next in line, the clerk gave him my room. (No problem as I was going to share the room with Ray and give Bill and Lewis my room for the two nights.) OK, that meant that now Bill's room wasn't ready. As Lewis wasn't there yet, we made do with the room that was ready and waited for Lewis to arrive from Medford. As Michael had room reservations at the nearby Coast Guard station, he departed to secure his quarters for the duration of our stay.

Dinner time. Lewis had arrived and settled into the room that he was sharing with Bill. We all headed south, walking down the street toward a fast food place that we spotted as we exited the freeway earlier. Someone noticed a small Mexican restaurant on a side street and a few minutes and a few steps later it was suggested that they might have a Margarita or two. I said I would buy if any one else wanted one. So it was back to the Mexican food and a Margarita to wash it down. Both were quite tasty. After dinner it was back to the Motel 6 for the evening. As we arrived, Michael Iban, our contact for the Marin Cyclists ride showed up on his BMW. It seems most of the people in the North Bay area ride Beemers. He stayed for a while getting acquainted and briefing us on the next day's activities. Michael departed and, as it would be an early morning again for all, we retired for the evening.

Before dawn the next morning, Michael Iban was back at the Motel 6 to escort our group to the start/finish at Vallecito Elementary School. It was a wild back street, main street, parking lot, freeway ride for the three of us following Michael and his BMW across town to the school. Net control had quite an elaborate set-up in a gymnasium with several antennas outside on vehicles and military surplus towers. Cables were everywhere to connect radios and computers. As I said, quite a set up for net control. Just as we arrived at the school Michael, N7WNO, pulled up and we all signed in as "Volunteers". We were given our T-shirts and choice of assignments for the day. The SAG coordinator supplied everyone with extra tubes and a tire or two to take with us on our rounds. I chose the 100K ride, loaded supplies into "Sissie," and we were off. Oh yes, I had forgotten my cell phone at the motel so I made a quick detour back there to pick it up. As I was returning to the start/finish, there was a complaint on the repeater that someone was beaconing (APRS) on the frequency. I wonder who that could be? Bill came on up on the air and said that it was W5JFR. Sorry, the computer program I use turns on the beacon and I had neglected to turn it off after I loaded the new repeater frequencies and codes for Marin

County. The beacon was turned off and all was well.

We all departed the start point on our selected rides (thanks to Bill for creating GPS routes for most of the routes that we were to work) I had not completed my first mile before I stopped to aid two young men from Australia. Flat tire. I gave them a tube and the use of my big tire pump. I stayed in the same location for at least 45 minutes passing out tubes and letting people use my pump to fix flats. Seems that would be the story of my day. Flats!!! It was not the last time I would see these two young men. Either one or the other would need a tube and my pump again. Just after my third encounter with the Aussies, I found Ray and two bicyclists on the side of the road, a lady and young man. She had a broken chain. They had used Ray's chain breaker to remove the broken link but had replaced it with a link too narrow for the chain in use. I stopped and helped remove the narrow link and I replaced it with another (the proper size) that Ray had in his kit of spares. Soon they were both on the road again. Ray and I continued on our ride.

The ride was very well organized and supported at the rest stops with bicycle repair stations. My halfway point was a rest stop at McNear Park, Petaluma. There I gave out my last tire and tube to a lady that Ray had assisted earlier. She had another flat due to a bad tire. While speaking to Ray, taking a break assisting other bicyclists, Anna MacKinnon, showed up on her Beemer looking like she was ready for the Paris-Dakar ride. She had been sent from net control to catch up with Ray and me with extra tubes and tires. It was good to see Anna with the extras that we both needed. By the end of the day I was again low on tubes and tires. Thanks to the SAG group at the finish, I was given a supply of tubes to bring home for our next event.

The ride from Petaluma back to the finish was not quite as busy as the trip out. I did encounter several more riders who needed assistance and assistance was rendered. One stop was in front of the Rouge & Noir cheese factory. I will not to say that Mijo, KF6BEB, likes French style cheese but a visit to the sales counter/tasting room was a must. I purchased some special cheeses to bring home and was again on the road looking for riders who needed help. It was on my return trip that I spotted Ray and Michael stopped at the gate to Skywalker Ranch. Yes that Skywalker, on Lucas Valley road. They were taking a break and watching the bicyclists pass looking for anyone who might need help.

Back at the finish there was a large selection of food for lunch, BBQ chicken, pasta, ribs, salads, sodas, and even ice cream if desired. I was not feeling 100% after two long days on the road so, I had a small lunch (late) and went back to the net control area where I met Ray. A light rain had started and the daylight was failing so we decided to skip dinner, offered by the ride coordinator, and headed back to the motel. Ray and I went back to the Mexican restaurant for a light dinner and retired early as he wanted to leave well before sun-up Sunday to head for home.

Sunday morning, early, Ray was up just after 4AM, dressed and soon on the road home, not encumbered by slower riders (we shall say at RDS). He was headed for the I-5 and a quick shot south, back to Irvine. Shortly thereafter, I heard Bill stirring outside loading his cycle for his trip back to Covina. He too had to make it quick as he was due to fly out of LAX later in the day headed for Norfolk, VA. for a work assignment. It was about six AM when I departed San Rafael. Lewis was still asleep as he had a shorter ride than the three of us to get home. For me it was back over the Golden Gate Bridge retracing Friday's route to return to Rialto. For the first two and a half hours it tried to rain and was cool. The drizzle and cool air made for "COLD" motorcycling. In fact it was near Ventura where I turned away from the coast that it finally warmed over 65 degrees. It was over 100 when I finally returned to Rialto. We had all prepared for summer riding and took cool vests and other items to keep the heat away though none was needed. Thanks to Bonnie, KD6OFQ, who lent me her cool vest. With just over an hour in the warmer temps on the way home, it was not needed.

Later in the day, after speaking with Ray on Skype and e-mails from Bill, Michael, and Lewis, it was good to know that everyone made it home safe and MARC had again come through when needed. I received an E-mail from the Marin Cyclists Committee Chair thanking all of our MARC members for their help supporting the "Marin 100", as the event was called. He said that they were all overwhelmed by the job that MARC had done assisting with their ride. He also said that they had received many compliments from bicyclists who had been assisted or encouraged by the motorcyclists (MARC) who were there to help with the event.

Thank you to our MARC team that met in San Rafael and to the members of the Bay Area MARC and their motorcycling friends for inviting us up/down to help with this event. I enjoyed the adventure and would like to see others join in next time when help is needed. After 1,150 miles and 26.9 gallons of gas--- a wonderful weekend with friends, working to admirably complete the MARC mission.

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#### "MARC" CALENDAR 2012:

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
Dec	8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party

"MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

OCT	2nd	FOR OCTOBER
OCT	30th	FOR NOVEMBER
NOV	27 <sup>th</sup>	FOR DECEMBER

**OC SURF-2-SUMMIT TOUR de CURE SEPT 29, 2012**  
**GOAL: 50,000      RIDERS: 250      TEAMS:**  
**Achieved: 36,000      Riders: 204      Teams: 28**

Well, it's the end of August, where has this year gone? The upcoming MARC meeting will be our last before the Surf 2 Summit, American Diabetes, Orange County ride.

Here's what has happened since my report at the August meeting. The start site will be at, 28291 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA., this is the LDS Stake Center (Check it out on Google Earth).

The 50 mile route has been reversed for the safety of the riders, this way there are less left hand turns on high trafficked roads. The 20 and 10 mile routes should stay the same. The 25 mile mountain course should be a lot of fun as well, I'm hoping to talk Charles TXI, into patrolling this route on his Goldwing. What do you say Charles?

OK, getting back to being serious, the first start time should still be at approximately 7AM. Lastly, we're going to need motors, sag's, net control operators and radio operators at the top and bottom of the mountain bike course.

That's all I have, I'm sure Ms. Davis will have some good info as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting and at the Surf to Summit on September 29th.

**Ride safe,**

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#### **Route info:**

**50 Miler: check in @ 6AM Start @ 7 AM (Blue)**

**20 miler: check in @ 7 AM Start @ 8:30 AM (Red)**

**6 miler check in @ 7:30 Am Start @ 10 AM ( family ride)**  
**nothing to do with us (Green)**

**Mountain rte: check in @ 6:30 AM (10-22 miles) 8 AM 5 Milers)**

**Mtn Rte start 7:30AM (10-22 miles) 9:30 AM 5 milers**

**All riders have to be in by 1PM**

**Road/Mountain combo is 20 miles road & 10 miles**

**Mountain**

**We need two members for the off road section- one at each end of that route. Also I have only 7 motors- So far 2 sags hopefully I get 2 more.... need bicycle mobiles**

**The off road rte is accessible for vehicles...**

**Just remember we will come thru smelling like a rose regardless - most committee members are not knowledgeable on all aspects of the Tour but we are coming along and will prevail...**

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

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

**GOALS: \$1,900,000      RIDERS: 2200      TEAMS:**  
**Achieved: 426,115.56      Riders:      Teams: 150**

1. 10% behind last year for fund raising
2. 150 teams signed up (down from last year)
3. There will be bicycle mechanics at every Rest Stop.  
Day 1 the 100 & 150 Start at

**Irvine Transportation Center, 15215 Barranca, Irvine 92618**

**Stop over at the Sheraton Hotel as last year...**

**Day 2 Leave Sheraton Hotel for Mission Bay.**

**The 15 & 30 milers are start & finish around Mission Bay**

**Mark it on your Calendar and join us for a fun event.**

**Andy W6AJB <anders.bocker@gmail.com>**

**John KC6ZOZ (in the background)**

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**Santa Barbara Tour de Cure Nov 17, 2012**

**GOALS: 150,000      RIDERS:      TEAMS:**  
**Achieved: 10,705.00      Riders:      Teams: 11**

Mark, KE6ZRP, John N6JCB & myself are getting all the info on this tour so if anyone wants to do this ride - we will have it ready for you. Mark is going to take a trip up to meet Linda and check it all out, repeaters etc. There is a gentleman who has a repeater we can use. He already told Linda we could use it + per the repeater book there are two open repeaters also Linda (ADA) is getting me the motel info due they have to have it for the cyclists too.

Motel Info suggested by Linda <Yacht Harbor inn Bed & Breakfast is about \$119. If anyone calls, tell the owner Linda Rosso sent them - she knows we are trying to get reasonable accommodations for our volunteers. Also she offered to put up a couple or so at her house... Anything else is a lot higher...

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**San Diego Tour de Cure April 20, 2013**

**Goal: 600,00      Riders:      Teams**  
**Achieved: \$1723      Riders: 65      Teams: 15**

**Our Tour Committee Kickoff will be held on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am -11:00 am at Amylin Pharmaceuticals, 9360 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego CA 92121.**

**We are happy to give you the 2013 Tour de Cure Stats after only 13 days!**

**\$1723 raised!      15 Teams registered!**

**65 Riders registered!**

**Last year 35 weeks out the numbers were:**

**\$40 raised      0 Teams registered**

**3 Riders registered**

**Let's keep the wave of momentum going! We are going to have a fantastic 2013 Tour de Cure!**

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**Ship to Shore Tour de Cure April 28, 2013**

**GOAL: \$1,00,000      RIDERS: 3000      TEAMS:200**  
**Achieved: \$110.00      Riders: 8      Teams: 6**

**The meetings are alternating at the ADA office@ Wilshire Blvd, LA & Waddell & Reed Torrance**

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**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



that way. :-) Bonnie is to busy doing MARC secretary work to keep an eye on me.

I will once again try to keep the paragraphs in chronological order, but we do not promise anything.

I have been talking to John W5JFR about switching our MARC Wednesday night 7:30pm nets over to the BARN Santiago 447.540 ham radio repeater system from where we now do the net on the ALERT 446.900 Santiago Repeater because of the low output power on the Santiago ALERT Repeat. We did some tests on the ALERT repeater and compared it with the BARN repeater and there was no comparison. Where there were no signals from the ALERT Repeater we were getting 7 to 9 bars on the receiving meter on the radios. So don't be surprised that we make the change in the near future. We already have permission from the BARN System Administrator to make the change when we want to. There is another net on the BARN Santiago repeater on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, but it is over before John starts the MARC Net.

On Friday Aug. 3rd four MARC members, John W5JFR, Bill K6WBD, Michael N7WNO and myself left our houses at about 4am to meet up in Encino CA to head up to San Rafael CA (just North of the Golden Gate Bridge) to volunteer for the Marin Century charity event on Saturday Aug. 4th. Once we got to the motel in San Rafael we were met by another MARC member, Lewis K7LVO. We all walked a couple of blocks to dinner together at a Mexican restaurant, which was very good. Saturday morning we were back up at 4:30am to get to the start of the Marin Century charity event by 5am. That is when the 200 milers were going to be starting. None of us volunteered to work on the 200 miler because some of them weren't expected to be back until 10:30pm that night. To long for me to work and ride that slow all day. We worked the 100 miler and most of those riders were back to the start /finish line by 5pm. John was busy all morning helping with flat tires and I had one flat tire to help with right away and then 2 bicycle riders broke chains. Luckily I had a bicycle chain breaker with me and bicycle chain master links, so that was very lucky for those riders. Then Sunday morning to come home, no one wanted to hit the road home early and put the hammer down all morning so I came home alone. I left San Rafael at 4:45am and arrived home at 10:55am, 365 miles with one potty stop and one stop for gas. Since I didn't have the 7 gallon auxiliary fuel tank on the seat Casper didn't have enough gas to make it all the way home without the one gas stop. All in all it was a fun ride and fun working with the bicyclists, other volunteers and the motorcycle ride going up to San Rafael and then home.

On Tuesday Aug 7th Casper gets a new set of tires in preparation for this years SCMA 3 Flags Classic.

On Saturday Aug. 11th we had our MARC meeting and had a reasonably good turn out for that. Good to see some of the members we hadn't heard from or seen in a while. We of course didn't have a July meeting so we had a lot of stories to catch up on and charity event business to conduct. There were sign up sheets for at least 2 charity events that are coming up this Sept and Oct. Feel free to contact Bonnie or one of the coordinators if you wish to sign up for one of the events and was not at the Aug. meeting. The meetings are held at the HomeTown Buffet at 1008 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701. Now that HomeTown Buffet is a good place to meet as they have that large room in the back just for meetings, but it is not a good place to eat if you are on a diet. But I do get to pig out once a month t

On Friday Aug. 17th Casper got a new set of lower cowling LED driving lights from the Electrical Connection in Knoxville TN and installed by JBJ Cycles <"<http://www.ibicycles.com/>"> in Santa Ana CA. These new LED's are so bright that you can hardly see the head lights when standing about 100 feet from Casper in the dark and the head light bulbs have just been replaced too. These LED's from the Electrical Connection

<"<http://www.electricalconnection.com/>"> are without a doubt the brightest LED's on the market for the 1800cc Honda Gold Wings right now. I wanted these new LED's on Casper in time for this years Southern CA. M/c Assoc. 3 Flags Classic <"<http://www.3flagsclassic.org/>"> over Labor Day weekend.

Today Aug. 20th I also order an electronic deer whistle from <"<http://www.xp3hornet.com/>">. I am doing all of this because of all the fires in the areas that the 3 Flags Classic route is taking us this year between El Paso TX and Nelson BC Canada. The route takes us through NM, CO, WY, MT, ID and UT into southern BC where a lot of the fires in the NW are burning. I read in the paper that the deer and elk are coming out of the forests because of the fires in those areas and the accidents with vehicles have increased 5 fold and the deaths have doubled that of normal. So anything we can do to help us get through those areas safely are well worth the money. The one thing John KC6ZOZ (my 3 Flags riding partner the past 8 years) and I have agreed on for this year is that we are no longer going to start every days ride before, say 5:30am or just about when the sun comes up just because of all the accidents with deer and elks. As, I am sure everyone knows, dawn and dusk are the most dangerous times to be on those back roads.

August 22, 2011 was the date that we (Casper & I) went back to Mitchell, SD for my Mitchell High Schools 60th graduation (yes I did graduate :-)) anniversary party & get together. Boy, how fast does a year go by.

On Wednesday Aug 29th John KC6ZOZ and I will be leaving Orange County CA at about 2 am for the 800 mile trip to El Paso TX. Leaving at 2am to try and beat some of the heat going through Phoenix and Tucson AZ. Hopefully we will get through there by 9 or 10am. We are both carrying 16.8 (John) and Casper 18.8 gallons of gas so we can run about 550 to 600 miles before we will need gas again.

At 3am on Friday August 31st the SCMA 3 Flags Classic will be turned loose from the Super 8 Airport Hotel in El Paso TX. From there it will be a mad scramble to get to the next (#2) check point in Buena Vista CO (619 miles) by 12 noon. From there we continue up highway 24 to 82 and up to Glenwood Springs CO. It is about 1900 miles up all back roads to Nelson, BC. Canada and we hope to be in there sometime Sunday afternoon. You can track us on the SPOT GPS at

<"<http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glld=0BbJYC3FPXJAUc0f5qtoAUlxSV43Whha>">. We should be back into Orange County CA by Sept. 5th or 6th. We have been known to come straight home from the 3 Flags Classic finish (over 1600 miles) in under 24 hours, but I promised Bonnie we wouldn't do that this year. I will try to send out email reports IF I get the time and am not too tired. I will have my laptop with me.

Saturday Sept 8th is the Sept MARC meeting. Hope to see a very good turnout for this meeting because it is the last chance to get signed up and to get instructions for the Surf To Summit American Diabetes Assoc. charity event which is to be held on Saturday Sept 29th. We have some new MARC members that will be at this meeting, so let's turnout to give them a nice welcome.

Saturday Sept 29th is the ADA's Surf To Summit charity event. This is a new event for the ADA and then of course it will be a new event for our MARC members. Sometime in Sept we (Bonnie & I) will have to drive down to where the start of the Surf To Summit is to be to see where we are going to set up our MARC Net Control and where we can park all of our motorcycles. Time is flying by, lots of work to do for this event.

Monday & Tuesday Oct. 1st & 2nd, Ray is once again going to the Front Sight (this time) 2 Day Defensive Handgun training course. Last April 6 of us did take the 4 Day Defensive Handgun Course. It was so interesting and fun that I decided to go back in Oct to take the shorter 2 day course, just for the training & fun of it.

Saturday & Sunday Oct. 20th & 21st is the 2 day Multiple Sclerosis Society Bay To Bay charity event. This year it is starting at the Irvine Transportation Center (about 2 miles from our house) and again finishing at Mission Bay in San Diego. It will again overnight Saturday night in Carlsbad CA. Please keep these dates on your calendars and help us volunteer for these events if you possibly can.

Last but not least, Friday Oct 26th is MARC member Pat and Andy's wedding aboard the Cruise ship in the Los Angeles Harbor. That will be pretty wild I am sure. We (Bonnie and I) are not able to take the wedding cruise to Ensenada MX with the other MARC members that are going to make the weekend trip. It will be fun.

Our unofficial MARC meetings at Huntington Honda on Saturdays and after that at Woody's Diner are always fun and a good way to get the latest stories and jokes, plus the food is very good too.

As always please try to support those companies who have supported our efforts on the many charity events and give those wonderful door prizes and Super Raffle prizes for our MARC Anniversary parties and the MARC Christmas parties. Also please also support those individuals and companies that advertise in our MARC newsletters.

Safe rides to one and all.

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<"<http://www.marc-hq.org/>">

Casper now with 204K

"<http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0BblJYC3FPXJAUc0f5qtoAUIxSV43Whha>"

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## MINNESOTA RIDING

Life in the life of Tim is getting interesting. Decided it was time to resign from the maintenance job that I had for over 21 years. Seemed the pastoral Staff wanted me to do more and well not get paid more. The Church has transitioned from a congregation led church to a pastoral led.. So in disagreement I left, knowing that the GOD that keeps me safe on those long road trips will certainly keep me or find

me that position for another decade.

Anyway decided to ride out to Beach, ND to see a friend that also was let go in a Food Ministry. He is now working in the oil fields on the pumps at the different oil rigs. Works 12 hours per day. Decided to do a Ray Davis trip.. You know the type.. Get up early and ride the first 300 miles before breakfast. Beach is the last town or the first town in North Dakota when your heading East on I-94. From my alley its only 570 miles. So with excitement of a lad inside some 58 year old body... I awoke at 130am on Sunday the 12th of August. Karen stirred while I moved around in the bedroom. Gave her the kiss and smiled... she groaned .. you know

Hit the garage door button and the dark bike against the lighter shades of the night seemed ready. I had been adding air to the rear tire every 2 days... "Hmmm wonder if it dropped overnight." Pulled the tire guage out of my Stich arm pocket.. "Yep!" Yanked the bike up on the center stand and spun the rear tire.. tiny shiny round thing which I pulled out of the face of the tire. Small tac... Moistened the tiny hole... bubbles coming out at 1 per second... "OK... where is the tire plugs?" Pulled the beaded seat cover off.. opened the back storage area.. Tried plugging the tire.. "Nope... " Looked around and spotted the other rear tire from the older K bike...

"OK lets see what happens with this rear wheel." Looked down at the clock.. Spent an hour trying and finally replaced the rear rim with the older snow flake with a Radial tire.. North to 694 and opened the throttle... Engine is willing although the Radial on the Rear and a Bias on the front gave me lessons on how to ride.. Worked better at speeds over 80.

Due to working on the rear tire.. meant I was getting tired... pulled into a boat landing area and layed down on some curb for a few minutes... then back heading west and waiting for the Sun to catch up to me! From the cold or high dew points to the heat of the day in North Dakota. Stopped for breakfast in Bismark, ND..."Did you get wet?" A young lady asked as she walked by the beemer. " Well there was some sprinkling but not that bad." I replied.

"Some of the small towns north" she swepted her arm west "had over an inch yesterday!"

"Yah we need the moisture!" I said.. "NO big deal to me if its raining when I am riding."

"Where you going?"She asked.. "Beach." "You looking for work?"

"Well not really just checking it out though!" I replied.

"Long days." She chuckled.. "Have a good trip!" "Thanks, you too!" I replied.

Seemed like it should have been later.. looked at the clock.. 10am. Some fellow came by and looked at the black bmw.."How do you like these machines?" Gave him the 100,000 miles within 5 years. speech... later when walking to the restroom at Mc D's, over heard him telling his friend the same... and watching the other guy shake his head. First impressions!

Arrived in Beach around noon or 9 hours after leaving home. I know, Ray Davis rides circles around Timmy's bike... sigh.. Walked into the back of this house... "HELLO?" Tom is a big man.. and with him comes the bear hug.. "Hungry?" "We can eat out on the porch and watch the cars go by!" Haven't seen Tom since April.. He moved out to Beach and lived with a family until this rental house had been ready. Kept talking to him over the cell phone, but this was much better. "Dude.. there is nothing open downtown Beach..." declares Tom.."and look at all the cars coming thru here!" We laughed and

watched the parade..."That one came back .." "Well Tom, maybe they think they are helping the economy of Beach by driving!" I laughed... "What do you want to do?" Tom asked when taking the dishes.. "Tour of Beach..!" I grinned. Sprawled along the south side of I-94... Even has some larger trees in the older neighborhoods We drove around and then he headed out of town or east.. "This lake was a creek til the freeway came thru. Now there is pan fish and even some northern in the waters..." he showed me his favorite spot to catch the fish... Then we drove south to Golve. "There is nobody out today!" Tom exclaimed... "Well there is that busy stretch along your block though..."

Sign said Rummage Sale.. "Trying to find myself a microwave, Tim.. lets check that sale out!" Drove over to the catholic church.. One car parked by the side door.. Tom checks the door.. "HEY its unlocked!" "Of course it is!" we had talked of that before that the churches that we go to are always locked. For all the town's people in the area.. and really I didn't see that many homes... there was lots of junk at the rummage sale.. But no microwave ovens. Older man was wheeling an office chair to the van outside.. he opened the rear hatch.. stuffed with bags of ...rummage... I picked up his office chair and got it in there to the surprise of him and the woman whose van it was... "You be careful...might break something in those bags..."

Drove back to Beach.. Tom is complaining.. "I had at least 3 microwaves at my house and more in people's garages or basements around me.. and out here? nothing!!" We went over to this family that he had stayed with for 2 plus months.. as we walked over the neighbor had his garden getting water from the hose.. "Smell that?" I nodded.. "Sulpher smell if you can smell it your ok.. however if its concentrated as in a tanker car... and you breath it.. your dead!" "Really?" "H2SL" is the name of that sulpher stuff.. its the oil decomposing." Tom showed me his monitor that is hung on the outside of his Fire Retardant Suit.. FRS. "This thing smells it way before I can!"

I had requested to ride with him on his work shift and he called his supervisor to see if I could. His route is over 300 miles per 12 hour shift. Gravel road on most. And his shift is from 5pm to 530am.. Due to his work shift he stayed up late on Sunday and I slept. After breakfast.. "What to do now?" Tom asked.. "Glendive, MT" I replied.. So we drove the 50 miles or so into Montana.. "Ask at the gas station for a second hand store, ok Tim?" Came back outside with 2 cokes.. "The guy at the counter says there is a 2nd hand store down this road.. he also says there is a store in the Big Lutheran church east and south of here!" "Oh, Tom which Coke you want?" "You can pick the one you want, Tim, your buying!" I picked the sugared one.. and gave him the zero calorie.. "Thanks Alot!" Tom cracked up laughing "We checked out the 2nd hand store.. "Lady do you have any microwaves?" She turned away from us.. Figure she was in her 80's and volunteering. Looked back at us. almost startled her. "No we don't have any." Tom was mumbling on the way out.. " I am tired of cooking the slow way.. where is the microwaves?" We found the church BUT its not open on Mondays and if it is from 330pm to 8pm... "That isn't the best time for me to come over here." "Any Walmart stores around here?" I ask.. "K mart." Tom replies.. "Why?" " Think I should buy you a microwave...!" "NOPE I am NOT interested in YOU buying me a microwave!" "Well we have looked all over the place for the ovens.. i can buy you 1..." "Oh no you can't.. I have microwave coming from Minnesota.." "Well

then I will buy one for myself and then RENT it to you!" "Tim , you don't have a job anymore and Karen will be mad if YOU even think of buying one for ME!" Ahh friendships... The supervisor called him and told him I couldn't ride with. "Might as well head home, then Tom!" "Ahhh nuts!" Tom continued.. "You can stay and we could have breakfast Tuesday morning before you go home..." "Next time." I said.. " Well we are going to eat some pork steaks then you can leave when I am ready to go to work!" Tom relented.. Dark clouds to the west.. packed the bike and took some pictures of Tom and his 2 small dogs. His wife and family had just left that Sunday morning. Left him the 2 pug nose dogs for company. We shook hands. and yep one more bear hug. "Tim you don't know what it meant to have you here for these 2 days! Thanks for coming out!"

"Well keep in touch and figure out when we can help move the big stuff, ok?" "Call me when you get home!" I nodded... Fired up the bike and idled up the street... West skies getting darker. Filled on gas at the station and looked at my clock.. 530pm central time... Headed home... Sun was running away from me this time. Skies darkened but not from the clouds. I had left them behind and found blue skies and then stars. BMW purred... Running with the semi trucks and those pesky cages that seem to think they own the passing lane. Stopped a few times for gas but never needed food. Tom had given me the extra pork chop.. munched on that. By 10am I was in Fargo.. Bug splattered Bike.. Cleaned them off the shield and whatever bug grease that was on the helmet. Kept rolling. Did stop at the rest area in Minnesota and tried calling Karen. Busy signal... "Who is she talking to at this hour of the night?"

Finally at 3am I arrived at home... "Wha.. Who? " Karen shook her head... " I never know when you will be here do I." "Well that way Karen.. you don't have to worry!" I reply.. "But who were you talking to at 1030pm?" "Your Daughter, Tanya and their Cruise trip!"

**14,000 miles on the beemer this year. 2 more months of the BMW mileage contest.**

**Keep looking up!**

**Tim Lindstrom, ab0ts                      columbia Heights, mn**  
**1995 bmw k1100 RS... 126,200+ miles**

**For Sale:**

Kenwood TM-742A. Works fine. Includes remote kit with extra cable. There is a 220 module installed, but the final is bad. (The finals were out when I bought it used.) \$495.00/offer.

**For Sale:**

Comet's Triplexer CFX-324a  
144-220-440  
\$60.00

I will have these at the May anniversary meeting.

**Lewis Osborn, K7LVO                      losborn52@gmail.com**

**For Sale -**

Cushcraft R-8 Vertical HF Multiband Antenna, 6m - 40m.

Will include several lengths of mounting poles.

Pickup in SoCal (Near LAX)    Asking \$320 (New \$500)

Web-- <http://www.cushcraftamateur.com/Product.php?productid=R-8>

**John Beckwith, N6JCB**

**john.beckwith@lmu.edu, 310-338-4410 - Work**

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

8/8- #10 Jim KD6REA the only one drawn due the nets just started again but check in on the nets on Wednesday nights receive \$5 of 50/50 tickets.

**ECHOLINK: ...UP & RUNNING**

**50/50:**

August was good to lucky winners each receiving \$46 each  
KC6ZOX John & K6IXQ Scott

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by  
Billy N6EDY

\$50 Suction Cup mount donated by COMET won by  
Billy N6EDY

**"MARC" door prize donations:**

Frogg Togg cooling towel won by John W5JFR  
SC Cooling Towel won by Ray KD6FHN  
29 pc Ratchet T-driver set won by Mike N6QZT  
3 PC retrieval set won by John KC6ZOX  
Note ensemble/sewing kit won by John W5JFR on gray ticket  
Boise computer paper won by Billy N6EDY  
Sweet Pea shower set won by Scott K6IXQ  
Led Hi power lantern won by Scott K6IXQ  
wonderful work station won by Harold KI6TYH  
Clip-lite won by Jon W5JFR

Thanks to the following members who donated gifts:  
Billy Hall, Mike Naron, John & Mijo Reynolds, John & Teri  
Edwards, Mark Kanzler, DeWitt Morgan, & Alex Bereczky  
Very much appreciated..

Gray ticket distributors John W5JFR/Mike N6QZT  
Gray ticket winners - John W5JFR  
How many drawn -1

Ticket di-sectors: Thanks to Pat Banks & Teri Edwards for  
helping Mijo with the tickets and door prizes...

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**NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome:**

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Ken Lluzek WB0EHY Ballwin, MO  
Joseph Lopez W6BGR San Juan Capistrano, CA

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

**MEETING:**

Sign up sheets for the Surf 2 Summit & MS 150 were  
available and will be at the September meeting as well.  
Mike N6QZT presented a slide show on some of the road  
conditions for the Surf 2 Summit.

**NEWSLETTER:**

Thank you for your articles for MARC- Okay summer is almost

over with and some of you must have an interesting story to  
submit for your summer fun... so let us have a few articles  
regarding your adventures...many are not on the MARC list so it  
would be nice for them to read of your glorious time on your motor  
or other mode of transportation in the newsletter.....

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

We have several "MARC" members who need our love and  
prayers.....Each day we learn of someone who needs our  
prayers.. 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**

**SEPTEMBER:**

**BIRTHSTONE: SAPPHIRE**

**FLOWER: ASTER OR MORNING GLORY**

**COLOUR: VARIOUS PINKS & PURPLES**

**MEANING: DEVOTION, DAINTINESS, FILLED WITH  
LIGHT, LIFE AND JOY AND SYMBOL OF LOVE..**

**OTHER INFO:**

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**LABOR DAY SEPT 3RD**

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY SEPT 9TH**

**REMEMBER 9/11 SEPT 11TH**

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPT 15 - OCT 15**

**FIRST DAY OF FALL SEPT 22**

**"Hugs are the Universal medicine" (Unknown)**

**"A smile is like a boomerang--if you send one out, it will  
com back to you." (Hailey Knight)**

**SURF 2 SUMMIT**

We need more motors, sags, net control & bicycle  
mobiles for this event....Pleaseeeeeeeeeee  
The frequencies will be available Monday Sept. 12...

**"The only ones who don't notice when your hair starts  
graying, your face is sagging, and your waistline is  
disappearing are your grandchildren & the family dog"  
(Grandma Jan)**



## LOVIN' TO RIDE

As many of you know I love to ride but I also am a gadget nut. When I'm riding I'm also sometimes doing one or two other things that I enjoy, volunteering and Amateur Radio. Because of this I am a member of the Motorcycle Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.). This group combines the two hobbies and also is very dedicated to providing communication needs for American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure. A huge fund-raiser of which bicycle ride/races in the local area. Although not a Tour De Cure Event, a large bike group in Marin County had riders that had attended these local rides and brought back an idea to try using the motorcycle mounted hams to help in their event. They contacted a local M.A.R.C. member and he fell short of the required number of motorcycles to meet their needs. Eventually he asked if any of us So Cal members would be up to helping, myself included.

On Thursday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> after completing a day's work I left from work with bike and trailer and headed for Camarillo. Here I got a hotel and a few hours sleep before awaiting the other members on the on-ramp of the 101. Morning traffic was headed into L.A. and a 5:30 meeting time got us ahead of weekend traffic by 7:00 am we had stopped for a quick breakfast at McD's in Santa Barbara. We then took a new road for me, SR 154, this road cuts 12 miles from the traditional Rt 101 route. It is a 2 lane blacktop with many curves, beautiful scenery, deer, Lake Cachuma, 1 stop sign and 1 stop light. Try it, your bound to like it.

Shortly after Los Olivos, we rejoined the 101 and stayed in the seats until lunch in Soledad. Somehow I ended up leading the group over to the 280 and through a city I hardly know until we crossed the famous Golden Gate. Somehow the sun stayed out long enough to enjoy the crossing but the winds were very gusty on the north end. We pulled into San Rafael where the others spent the night. I proceeded 7 miles up to Novato to my room, after which I dropped the trailer and went for a scenic ride. After all 480 miles is a short day for me. Lol. I managed to add East Brother Lighthouse to my collection along with China Camp State Park.

The next morning I awoke at 4:30 got breakfast and headed for the formation point for the bike ride. This was a truly gorgeous route through farm country less than 30 miles from downtown San Francisco. We rode down a winding road with more 20 mph corners and Muir Woods like redwood groves, past the Lucas Skywalker Ranch and up to the edge of Petaluma, then down another route and back to San Rafael, the ride I made was 60 kilometers, but at a leisurely rate for most of the ride.

At one point alone the route I was the first vehicle on scene at a terrible bike wreck, the patient's friends had stabilized her neck and were trying to summons medical help.

The location was remote enough I had to ride about a mile up the canyon to get in contact with race control, they called 911 and sent fire and medical help, I turned around and waited with the patient and family at the crash site. The Patient was then transported to a local hospital, while I kept the lady's husband company while he awaited a support vehicle to take himself and their bikes to the hospital. In all a rewarding and wonderful day with the exception of the accident. This turned out to be the only major crash of the event and our group has been invited back next year.

Sunday Morning I got up at 4:30 again and headed south. I stopped for a total of 12 minutes over the entire 480 miles and arrived home at 11:26. The trip down the 580, 5, 58, and 395 was hot and not to scenic but overall I had a great ride all 1180 miles of it. If your interested in helping with these great volunteer events they always need assistance, just ask me how you can help.

Of Course, Ray left at the same time and got home 15 minutes ahead of me.

Mike R. N7WNO Victorville, CA

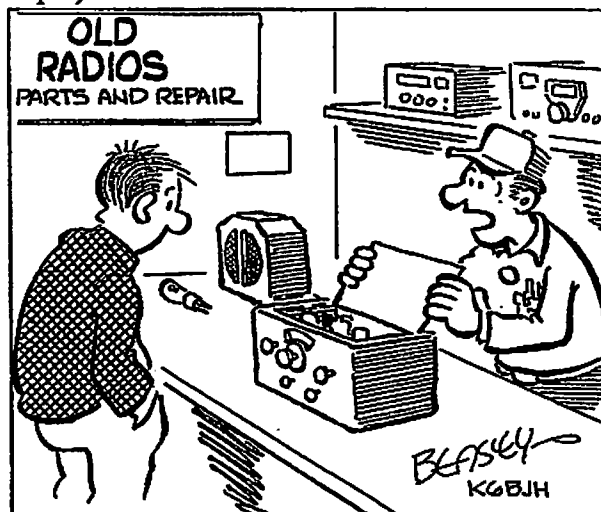
### Riding Thru

Under the wheels, Under my feet,  
Pass mile upon mile of old fields of wheat.

And out of the corner, No the tip of my eye,  
There are fields of green just passing right by.

No matter how much I have in the bank  
Or how much I owe on this bike I now thank

The mercy of nature for the fields I see  
And the fertile land in the heart of me.  
(Amanda Mapel)



NO, I DON'T HAVE A PILOT LIGHT REPLACEMENT.  
THIS ONE IS SO OLD IT'LL TAKE A NEW  
WICK AND A PINT OF KEROSENE!



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Wayne Barringer WB6UJW (Past Web Master)

**MARC Equipment controller is Ray Davis KD6FHN**  
as we have most of the set-up equipment at  
3 Lindberg, Irvine, CA for charity events.

**"MARC" DUES:**

Dues are due yearly from January to January \$12 (USA & Canada) &  
\$15 for all other countries per household. It is a \$1 per month after  
February for the balance of the year unless you want back copies then it  
is a full \$12. You may also pay for more than one year if you  
care...your choice..

**"MARC" ADVERTISING YEARLY FEES:**

**Business card size:** \$15  
**Quarter page** \$40  
**Half page** \$80  
**Full Page (8 1/2 x 11)** \$175  
Advertising for our "MARC" members is free.....

**Sweet September Showers**

Sweet September showers,  
Not quite winter yet,  
Not quite Autumn either,  
But Summer has definitely left.

The air contains such a chill,  
Makes you shiver inside,  
Yet sweet September showers,  
Still in summer reside.

The night air is so frosty,  
That you can see your breath.  
The winds are fierce and blustery,  
Don't stay out, 'You'll catch your death.'

Sweet September Showers,  
Dulling the sky each day,  
Delicately petalled flowers,  
Fade and die away.

(C) Victoria Elizabeth Hughes

**SEPTEMBER IS**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**  
and the Red Cross wants all to take in some tips for  
after an earthquake, flooding and a hurricane, we still  
stand strong, but we can never let our guard down.  
Here are five things to know from the Red Cross about  
this month:

**1. Three Principles:** The three principles of being  
"Red Cross Ready" are: **Get a kit, Make a plan, Be  
informed.** People should build an emergency  
preparedness kit, make a plan as to what your family  
will do in an emergency, and be informed about what  
resources are available in your community and what  
types of disasters could occur there.

\*\*\*A note from myself(Bonnie) who has worked with  
Red Cross and one thing I did notice was victims of  
the disaster fail to register with Red Cross with their  
family info and relatives of victims fail to make sure  
their relatives have contact info...plus let family know  
if you are ok and where you are...

## 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 Kurvakyn 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))

## **Custom Cables for GPS and APRS – contact Chuck KG6NJP [kg6njp@pacbell.net](mailto: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...!

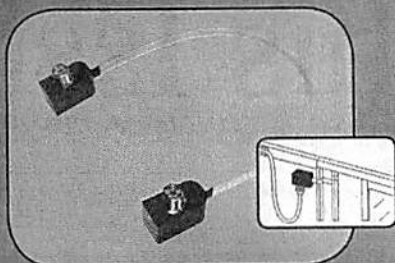
**Price: \$24.00 Kit: \$14.00 Special lengths up to 72" – no extra charge**

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

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

# Life is a JOURNEY. Enjoy the ride!



## **NEW! COMET CTC-50M Window Gap Adapter!**

Max Power: HF 100W PEP  
VHF: 60W FM  
UHF: 40W FM  
900MHz - 1.3GHz: 10W  
VSWR: <500MHz 1.3:1  
          >500MHz 1.5:1  
Impedance: 50Ohm  
Length: 15.75"  
Conn: 24k Gold Plated SO-239s

## **MALDOL HVU-8 Ultra-Compact 8 Band Antenna!**

Unique ground radial system rotates 180 degrees around the base if building side mounting is required.

Max Power: HF 200W SSB/100W FM

6M - 70cm: 150W FM

TX: 80/40/20/15/10/6/2M/70cm

Impedance: 50 Ohm

Length: 8'6" approx

Weight: 5lbs 7oz

Conn: SO-239

Max Wind Speed: 92MPH

Each band tunes independently.

Approx 2:1 band-width:

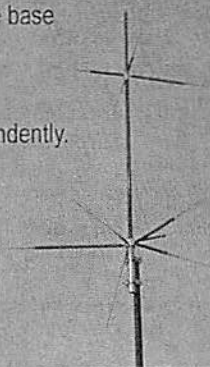
80M 22kHz

40M 52kHz

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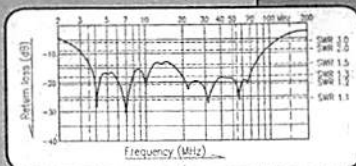
Impedance: 50Ohm

Length: 23'5"

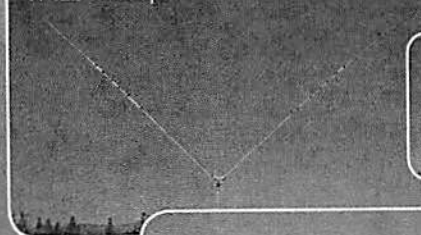
Weight: 7lbs 1 oz

Conn: SO-239

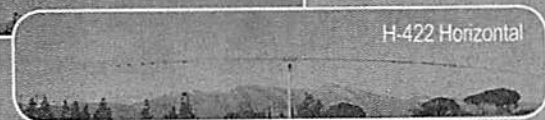
Max Wind Speed: 67MPH



H-422 "V" Shape



H-422 Horizontal



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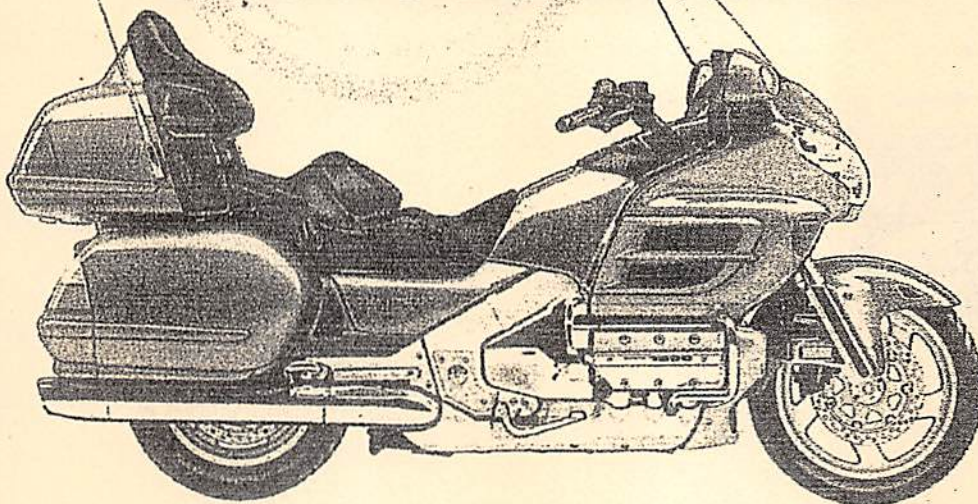


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