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

DECEMBER 2012

Merry Christmas from the President's Desk

Time for me to wish all of our MARC members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah. Mijo and I hope to see you at the Citrus Café on the eighth of December for our MARC Christmas dinner. It is the one time each year that I have time to visit with everyone and not stand at the front of the room trying to keep the meeting on track. There will be ample food, drink, and merriment with a few gifts for the lucky ticket holders.

Well, last month I asked that no one do a rain dance for Saturday the 17th of November. Someone didn't listen. It rained all day at the Santa Barbara Tour de Cure.

Many of us rode/drove up to Santa Barbara or Carpinteria on Friday and worked the event on Saturday. A few spent a second night and came home on Sunday. The ride up on Friday was dry for the most part. It did sprinkle on Fara, KF6ZQO, Krista, KB6MYR, and I between Ventura and Santa Barbara. Fara, Krista, and I met on the freeways of Los Angeles and rode north together. Thanks to ham radio, it was easy. Between Ventura and Carpinteria we passed Alex, KJ6QFZ, and Lisa (on her three wheeler). It had just started to rain. As long as one kept moving it was dry as the rain was light and just barely dampening the road. Friday evening several of us met at the "Señor Frog" restaurant for dinner. As a pleasant surprise we were joined by David, K1DRS, who came down from San Jose to join in on the Tour de Cure ride on Saturday.

About four AM Saturday, it started raining and continued to rain all day. I would say it was about three in the afternoon when it finally subsided. The bicycle rider ship for the event was way

down because of the rain. Nonetheless our SAG operators, Ray, KD6FHN, Charles, KF6TXI, and Alvin, KD6UZM were kept busy tending to distressed bicyclists. David did manage to "volunteer" to ride part of the course with the bicycles until it was decided that it was just too dangerous for him to ride the unfamiliar roads in the rain and he was summoned back to net control. Thanks to Alvin for bring the trailer and EZ-up for net control so Mijo and Bonnie, KD6OFQ, could stay inside and dry all day. The rest of us took advantage of the EX-up to take turns keeping out of the rain. As the last of the bicyclists completed the course, the rain stopped and it was time to break down and head for home. Everyone pitched in and the antennas, EZ-up and trailer wall all taken down (yes we took the trailer down as it is collapsible) and we were off. Some of us had decided to stay for a second night so we met in Carpinteria for a second dinner together. Dinner at the Palms Restaurant was delightful. We all watched Mark, aka Zippy, cook his steak for dinner. (If you order a steak at the Palms, you have to play chef and cook your own.)

Sunday was bright and dry, a beautiful day. It would seem that the ADA missed the weather by a day. Mijo and I were up early for a walk on the beach then had an early lunch at The Spot, a delightful hamburger shack near the beach. After lunch we returned to our rented condo and packed up for the drive/ride home. It was sunny and warm the entire way from Carpinteria to Rialto. I sure wish it would have been that way just one day earlier for the Santa Barbara Tour de Cure.

I have since washed the mud off of the Yellow Machine, also known as "Sissie". Boy, was it dirty! And a word to the unwise: when you wash your motor, be sure

you don't hit the kill switch. If you do, you might have to push the cycle back into the garage until you take a good look at the controls and put them back in the run position. Also this would be a good time to make sure that everything is ready for a long winter's nap. It is easier to prepare your cycle for storage now than to spend hours next spring trying to clean things out/up and get it in running order.

With that said, I shall again wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, 2013!

John F. Reynolds
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Dec 8th Christmas Party

"MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

NOV	27 TH	FOR DECEMBER
JAN 2013	2 nd	FOR JANUARY
JAN	29 TH	FOR FEBRUARY
FEB	26 TH	FOR MARCH
APR	2 ND	FOR APRIL
APR	30 TH	FOR MAY
MAY	28 TH	FOR JUNE/JULY
JUL	30 TH	FOR AUGUST
SEPT	3 RD	FOR SEPTEMBER
OCT	1 ST	FOR OCTOBER
OCT	29 TH	FOR NOVEMBER
DEC	3 RD	FOR DECEMBER

Christmas Cheer Recipe:

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

SANTA BARBARA TOUR DE CURE

NOVEMBER 17, 2012

Achieved: \$80,000 (so far) Achieved 350 riders registered
A big Thank you to everyone who came out to support the first
Santa Barbara TdC ride for the American Diabetes Association
and braved the rain. And boy did we get rain.

Friday's forecast called for rain on and off for Saturday, but
someone never hit the off switch, so it rained for the entire event
(just about).

Participating in the event were net control

Bonnie, kd6ofq

Mijo, kf6beb

Lisa Bereczky

Chris Whitfield

SAG drivers were

Ray, kd6fhn

Alvin, kd6uzm

Charles, kf6txi

SAG support passengers were

Cody, ki6mmc

Bob Zimels, former committee member for the SB TdC

Motors

Fara, kf6zqo

John, w5jfr

Chris, kb6myr

Brian, kj6vzv

Bill, k6wbd

Alex, kj6qfz

and David, kd6drs (who came down from San Jose)

Total rider count was not available yet, but just under the 300
riders that had pre-registered. That meant that there was lots of
food for everyone, as they served quiche and fruit for breakfast,
and BBQ chicken and beans and salad for lunch, cooked by the
Kiwanis club of SB. Had the weather been better, the event
would have been fantastic.

Since we had so few riders, the 3 SAGs did most of the work, and
only David, kd6drs went out on the route for a while, and then
came in early.

The repeaters were a huge disappointment. They did not work
very well at all, probably due to the weather conditions, and
location. However, MARC simplex worked for almost all of the
route, and cell phones filled in where the coverage was null.

Alvin brought his trailer for Net control, which was great to be
out of the rain and wind. With his generator running, there was
power for the radios and for a heater set up under an easy-up for
the motors.

When the last rider came in, everyone pitched in and got all the
gear down and stored quite quickly.
Several comments were directed at us for being so efficient, so
professional, and so together.

MARC was a shining star for this event (as usual), and it was
appreciated by all.

Thank you all so very much. Zippy KE6ZRP

My thoughts on SBTDE:: Thanks to all who braved the rainy
weather- yes we had the trailer but between Lisa & Chris
they kept the leaking covered so it didn't continually drip on
ME... Glad everyone got home safe and sound.
Lisa sweetie you did great even tho you got totally soaked and
vowed never to ride in the rain again(:))ss

Bonnie KD6OFQ

In spite of the down pour, almost 200 rode - 50 on the 67 mile
and approximately 75 each on the other two. (According to
Julian, we had a total of 192 signed waivers the morning of)
A total of 350 registered to ride

How much money was raised? We expect to have raised about
\$100,000 by the end of the year as we are still fund-raising.
Almost \$90,000 at present time and received more checks today...
How many more Tour de Cure rides are scheduled in the US for
2012, and how are the stats looking this year compared to last
year?

Santa Barbara was the final tour of 2012. There were over
90 tours across the country in 2012 and the combined fundraising
is up 15% over 2011.

Looking at Saturday November 2nd, 2013

Linda Rosso

SANTA BARBARA TOUR DE CURE

American Diabetes Association

1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 1

Montecito, CA 93108

San Diego Tour de Cure April 20, 2013

Goal: 518,000 Riders: Teams

Achieved: \$11,321.30 Riders: 160 Teams: 28

Jim KD6REA <james.banks@verizon.net>

Bonnie KD6OFQ <bonidavis@juno.com>

Ship to Shore Tour de Cure April 28, 2013

GOAL: \$1,000,000 RIDERS: 3000 TEAMS: 200

Achieved: \$42,000 Riders: 200 Teams: 31

So far the only possible changes to next year's route are a slight
adjustment on the Peninsula where the 32 and the 62 split and
reconnect and possibly some slight changes to the final part of the
100 mile route. Otherwise basically the same.

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Bonnie KD6OFQ

OC SURF-2-SUMMIT TOUR de CURE SEPT 29, 2012

GOAL: 60,000 RIDERS: 250 TEAMS:

Achieved: \$99,000+, Achieved: Riders: 300

When: Wednesday, November 07, 2012 6:00 PM-8:30 PM
(Pacific Time)

Where: Mary & Dick Allen Conference Center in
520 Superior Ave, Newport Beach, CA

Mike N6QZT <mnaron51@gmail.com>

Bonnie KD6OFQ

**FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY
MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB
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NET DRAWING WINNERS: NETS ON 447.540 check in on the nets on Wednesday nights:
10/17-#12 KI6SUJ Kevin, 10/24- #2 KD6FHN Ray, 10/31- #1 WSJFR John & 11/07- #2 KC6ZOZ John...
Each receive \$5 of 50/50 tickets.

50/50:
Well the Turkey stuffed the pockets of \$42 each to John WSJFR & Scott K6IXQ

\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by Alvin KD6UZM

"MARC" door prize donations:
Swiss Tech Micro-light key-ring won by John KC6ZOZ
Swiss Micro Xdrive pocket tool won by Mike N6QZT
Thanksgiving towels won by Ray KD6FHN
Laptop stand & USB powered computer lite won by John KC6ZOZ

Turbo snake won by Ray KD6FHN
Clip-lite won by Scott K6IXQ
Computer paper won by Alvin KD6UZM
Boraxo Hand cleaner won by Scott K6IXQ
Travel clock & 3 led Flash lite-????
Popcorn trio won by AF6ZC Chris (grey ticket)
REMEMBER WHEN YOU WIN A PRIZE DONATED BY "MARC" I NEED TO KNOW-THEY ARE MARKED...

Thanks to the following members who donated gifts:
Mike Naron, Johna & Mijo Reynolds, Kile & Chris
Nightingale, De Witt & Anita Morgan, Ray & Bonnie Davis
Very much appreciated..

Gray ticket distributors Mike N6QZT/John WSJFR
Gray ticket winners - Chris AF6ZC
How many drawn - 2

Ticket di-sectors: Thanks to Chris Nightingale, Alvin Brown & DeWitt Morgan for helping Mijo with the tickets and door prizes...

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NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome:

No new members in November :(((

MEETING:

All about the Santa Barbara Tour and the "MARC" donation of prizes for the Christmas Party...

NEWSLETTER:

Thank you all who donated articles for the November newsletter...

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

We have several "MARC" members who need our love and prayers.....Please add Billy KF6WBV & Connie KF6YOM to your prayers .. I will keep you updated on the list when I get

any news.,, Mike KE6KWQ is home and holding his own now with a neck brace on to control his neck movements....Kevin KI6SUJ with his severe back problems,,, Let's add Chet Naron N6EFT for several heart procedures+++. We do love and care about each and every one of you & your family as you are all our family.....If I missed anyone so sorry.
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

11th "MARC" 2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHERE: CITRUS CAFÉ 714-258-2404
1481 EDINGER AVE @ RED HILL
TUSTIN, CA 92780-6249
DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2012

TIME: 6:30 PM Social DINNER AT 7 PM
COST: \$ 20 per person
Will need to know a head count by Tuesday December the 4th.....**ALSO IF YOU CALL OR EMAIL ME**
REMEMBER TO SELECT SOUP OR SALAD & WHITE OR DARK MEAT... "THANK YOU."
*******Gifts so far:::::::**

GP3 Antenna from Comet
\$25 Gift certificate from JBJ Cycles
\$564 TM D710A radio by "MARC"
\$25 Gift certificate for Home Dept donated by "MARC"
\$250 CASH DONATED BY "MARC"
\$45 Honey BAKED HAM GIFT CERTIFICATE by "MARC"
\$25 gift certificate for Bed & Bath from Ray & Bon

On December 14th, 2002 we had our FIRST "MARC" Christmas party at the Lakeview Cafe and Ligia was our waitress...

In this newsletter you will find a renewal form -- if your dues are due your mailing label will be in red-- if not in red & no renewal form then you do not owe dues.. for the coming year....

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

As always, I will try to keep this in chronological order by dates, but I don't guarantee anything.

Friday Oct 26th, MARC members Pat KI6ETG and Andy W6AJB got married on the Carnival cruise ship in the Long Beach Harbor right beside the Queen Mary. Now talk about a wonderful wedding ceremony and party afterward, all I can say is WOW. I had trouble getting through security because of all the steel parts I have in both hips and right shoulder. Treated like a terrorist and practically had to undress right in front of all the other people coming on board for the wedding and the cruise. Once we got through security it was nothing but fun. They started out with an all you could eat buffet and about every 3 to 5 minutes there was someone coming around trying to hand you drinks. I love these cruises, but it is no place to be if you want to stick to a diet, we didn't that day. Pat & Andy made the whole thing so much fun. Even during the ceremony they were laughing it up with lots of help from the audience. After the ceremony we all went to the reception elsewhere on the ship and were served more food then anyone should eat in one day, let alone in one sitting. It was a spectacular day and we wish Pat & Andy a very happy, loving long life together. We certainly won't ever forget their wedding.

Tuesday Nov. 6th. Alan WB6T is now a silent key. Alan was very dear friend, personally and one of the biggest supporters of our MARC charity events. Alan had been working with our MARC organization for at least 19 years to provide repeaters where and when we need them for charity events through the BARN Repeater System. He took it upon himself many times to organize workers to get repeaters in place on mountain tops before our charity events. His brother Roy will now try to help us with the BARN Repeater system to help carry on our volunteer work. Alan had been so very ill for so many years and yet had always made himself available to help MARC. May he rest in peace.

Saturday Nov 10th, MARC meeting. We had a good turnout for this meeting. Our members love the monthly meetings at the HomeTown Buffet. It is the one day a month that we get to eat all want for \$10. There is plenty of food to choose from too. It was an important meeting in that the following Saturday Nov 17th was going to be the Santa Barbara CA. Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Assoc. and there was a lot of information to be handed out and a lot of last minute planning to complete. Little did we know what was to happen at the Santa Barbara Tour de Cure. All the planning in the world wouldn't have helped us at Santa Barbara.

Sunday Nov 11th, so what do I do, I was carrying out some trash to the trash barrel and when I stepped off the little 4 inch landing at our front door I fell down and turns out I ruptured the meniscus disk in my right knee. Went to our local family doctor on Monday, he sends us over to the hospital for an MRI and they found that part of the meniscus disk is broken off and floating around in the knee causing it to lock up causing great pain and sometimes just collapses and I fall down without warning. They also found a 3 inch long cyst in the knee that needs removal. The doctor tells me that I need orthopedic surgery on that knee and in the mean time he told me to wear a steel brace on the knee like the NFL lineman wear to protect their knees so I can still walk without crutches or a cane. Haven't got the knee brace yet or had the surgery and am still walking normally (at least until at times when a piece of the disk gets in the way and I fall. It doesn't bother riding the bicycle 5 miles 5 days a week either,

SO FAR. I guess I will just live with it until I can get time to get the surgery done. Ain't got time for all of this.

Friday Nov 16th many of us go up to Santa Barbara to stay over night and have Friday night dinner together. That is always fun to get together the night before the charity event and socialized a bit. There were 12 of us at dinner at a Mexican restaurant that night. We spent the night at the Holiday Inn Express in Santa Barbara. MARC member David K1DRS, our Bay Area MARC Chapter coordinator came down from San Jose CA on his motorcycle to help with this charity event. Sorry it couldn't have been more pleasant David.

Saturday Nov. 17th, Santa Barbara Tour de Cure. We get up at 6am and it is raining out pretty hard. Glad I didn't bring Casper (our 04 Honda Gold Wing) because of the bad knee. At least the bad knee kept me from having to ride the event in the rain. 6 of our other motorcycle riders weren't so lucky. Bonnie and I took the time to get the free continental breakfast at 6:30am at the Holiday Inn Express. The others aren't so lucky, they had to be at the beach front parking lot early to get the antenna towers and ham radio equipment in place for the charity event. There were about 300 pre-registered riders signed up, but only about 50 or 60 die hard bicyclists showed up (I was told) in the rain. Bonnie worked with the other net control operators in the little trailer that Alvin KD6UZM had towed up from Moreno Valley CA. I had put the bicycle rack on the back of our Toyota Sienna van and used that all day to patrol the course the bicycle riders were on. Only had to help fix a couple of flat tires and transport one lady (soaking wet and freezing) back to the start after she had gone about 23 miles in the rain. She is the only one that I transported all day. It rained off and on all day and sometimes pretty darn hard. When the riders were all in and we were shutting down Net Control, the sun came out. Thank God that I had a local guy an avid bicyclist himself that knew the area very, very well that was riding along in the van with me to keep me from getting lost in that unfamiliar area.

Thursday Nov 22nd. Yea it is Thanksgiving and we can again make ourselves sick eating all of that turkey, stuffing & etc. Well Bonnie and I stayed home and bought dinners from Marie Calenders and watched football all day long. I did take the time in the morning to get my daily 5 mile bicycle ride in before we ate.

Saturday Dec. 8th is our annual MARC Christmas Party at the Citrus Cafe in Tustin. We have about 40 MARC members already signed up and have paid for it already. This annual Christmas party is always one of the two biggest get to gathers we MARC members put on. The other being our May MARC anniversary parties. All the prizes are all worth over \$20 and then there is a ham radio (about \$500) to be drawn for and I think Bonnie said that there is also going to be a \$250 cash prize to be drawn for. Plus the expensive prizes we get from Huntington Honda, Comet ham radio antennas and our other newsletter advertisers. Still time to get signed up and attend this very special MARC event.

Please don't forget to support our MARC Newsletter advertisers and those that provide us with so many door prizes throughout the year.

Also don't forget our Saturday morning unofficial MARC get to gathers at Huntington Honda every Saturday morning for free coffee and donuts. Then it's over to Woody's for more fun, conversation and food. Does it ever end? :-)

Thanks to Steve KB6CRE and Kevin WD6DIH for the use of both the ALERT & BARN system repeaters for our Wed night nets and their continued support of our many charity events.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Safe rides to one and all.

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Casper now with 208K

"<http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0BbJYC3FPXJAuc0f5qtoAUlxSV43Whha>"

MINNESOTA RIDING

Cold darkness on this Thursday in the middle of November. Took the van back to her house and checked the home. BMW purrs on the way home... Cold but dry roads. Well cold to me is around 30 degrees. No sun to heat up mother earth...

Arrived back at the hospital and there was a blood clot on her speech side of the brain. Medications will change. She is 82 years old. Anyway she is doing fine... except the next day, Saturday we headed to Cushing to have our pre Thanksgiving meal with my brother and sister and their kids along with an aunt or sister of Mom's who lives in Brainerd. All went well... except.. Mom left her purse and I didn't have the cell phone on.

Sunday I get a call from Mom.. or an email first. Then my sister emails that they would be in St. Cloud visiting their son. First thing to do was look at Mom's boiler.. the radiant heat was needed.. Checked that out then headed for St. Cloud.. Of course on the BMW. Sunshine was Brigit. 40 degrees would cave in to 50's in the cities... North of the metro though.. we will see.

Arrived at the rest stop on Hwy 10 just south east of St. Cloud. My cell is ringing... Listened to the voice mail from my sister. "We are heading for ST. Cloud and plan to be there until 430pm. Can you come and get Mom's purse?" Then she tells me the phone number. Now wait a minute! Area code 215? So off into the rest area to find a paper and pen.. and jot the phone number down... and call, "Hello?" "Hi Becky! I am at the rest stop just south of St. Cloud!" "Your what?" She was surprised that I was already in the area.. hee "We are 10 minutes from Johno's and will be down to the rest area in 15!"

I sat in the sunshine along the building. The winds that are bringing the warmth up from the south abated at the building. So I waited.. Then Keith walks up to me.. with the purse in hand.. Shook his right hand and walked back to the bike and opened the top case for the purse. Handed him the envelope of money that is his wife's. He opens that, "500 bucks?" "Yep.. the Cello that I sold for Becky."

Then he pulls out a map... and gives it to me.. "Nice day for a ride, eh? Want to head over to Cambridge and get me this electric stapler?" "Sure!" I grinned.. "Here is the \$60 for the item.. I only have \$11 for your time..."

"No problem, Keith, glad to help!" "Well you can go home from there and I will get the stapler later on this week!" I nodded. Stuck the

papers in the breast pocket of the Aerostich and bid him a good day. St. Cloud then east on Mn hwy 23 to MN 95 east. Sign said 42 miles to Cambridge... Hour later I am at this home on Glenwood

lake. Knocking on the door... Big man named Ed with the smell of Sunday dinner wafting out came. He smiled and then noticed the BMW on the sidestand.. And the talk of bikes as well as one electric Stapler filled the sun filled day. Added the stapler case to the trunk and said good bye and headed back to hwy 65... then decided to go back to St. Cloud. Stopped at the corners of MN 47 and MN 95 and called that strange phone number of my sister's.. left a message and then started to put my helmet on... Cell phone was ringing...

back?" Keith asks? " Yah when are you heading home?" Keith and Becky talked.. "Can you meet us at Chipotle?" "Where is that?" I ask... "Main drag in town. IF you have trouble call us, ok?" Rode the 30 miles in quick time.. and called the phone number again.. "When crossing the river its the first stop light and the food place is on the left!" "OK, thanks." I replied. Problem was the sun is low in the sky and had trouble seeing the street signs... but I pulled in and backed the bike and there they are in the Honda Acura...

"Hungry?" Becky asks.. Keith looks at me and motions at Becky.. "She hasn't eaten since breakfast either."

"YOU be careful, Tim!" I just nod my head.. "Thanks for the supper!" "And Thanks for the Stapler! Keith replied.

Headed back down Hwy 10. Sun disappears now around 5pm. Darkness and headlights. Arrived at Mom's around 630pm with purse.. She was also thankful.. "Need anything?" "Just a hug, MOM." Smiled as I rode home... Not bad ride for November... 200 miles on Sunday.

Looking for one more ride in December. So I can truthfully say that I do ride every month.. not every day. Low miles this year. Hope to get 15,000.

take care.. and keep looking for ways to ride those motorcycles!

73

tim lindstrom, ab0ts

1995 BMW k1100rs 127,700+

Again That Time of Year is Here

Again that time of year is here

When wreaths elves lights appear

The hue of Santa's suit and sleigh

Adding color the wintry skies of gray

Until pansies roses tulips grow

Melting all of the Season's snow

But I like holly gifts Advent more

Than all that springtime holds in store

For it's this I'll tell you I so adore:

Again that time of year is here

When wreaths elves lights appear.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRFA&E)

was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population creating a greater need. Motorcycle riders and activists have long recognized that motorcycle rider education and awareness are crucial in enhancing rider safety. No one is more concerned with rider safety than riders themselves, and obviously those best suited to educate newer riders are veteran riders. In addition, there are extremely successful and beneficial programs already in place that are willing to share their expertise and materials with others.

To achieve the mission of the MRFA&E, a database has been created on the MRFA&E website (mrfae.org) that includes the following:

1. [education.php](#) that are currently offered and promoted around the country by State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs) and other qualified organizations. This listing assists new riders in quickly and easily finding locations and information regarding local rider training programs.

2. [awareness.php](#) shared by SMROs and other knowledgeable organizations. Motorcycle awareness programs include those that educate non-riders in interacting with motorcyclists on the roadways. Ways that you can help the MRFA&E through tax-deductible donations:

1. Contributions by Individuals, Organizations, and Businesses.

We encourage you to contact your employer to determine if they have a matching gifts program to help make your donation go further. Many companies encourage employees to donate to their favorite charities by matching their contributions, sometimes dollar-for-dollar or more. Simply request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it completed and signed with your donation.

2. Contributions to the [yas.php](#).

MRFA&E has created a Young Activist Scholarship Fund (YASF). It is no secret that there is an increased need to encourage younger motorcyclists to get involved in motorcycle safety and awareness programs. To that end, MRFA&E created the YASF to recognize deserving and promising candidates between the ages of 18 and 30 years old. Eligible candidates may receive a scholarship to attend MRFA&E educational programs held at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's annual Meeting of the Minds conference.

3. Honor and Memorial Donations.

What better way to keep a motorcyclist's memory alive than to make a donation in his/her memory to promote motorcycle safety and awareness?

4. Legacy Program.

The Legacy Program allows you to integrate your generosity with your overall financial, tax and estate planning goals to maximize benefits for both you and the MRFA&E. When you make a future or planned gift to the MRFA&E, you really are funding the future of motorcycle safety and awareness.

Making Legacy Program donations can be as simple as naming the MRFA&E as a full or partial beneficiary of an insurance policy, will, estate or trust.

MRF A&E 3R's Presentation

This presentation addresses the subject of Impaired Riding on a personal level. It says to the audience "I love riding with you, your friendship is important in my life, I don't want to ride in your funeral procession". By **Being Responsible to yourself, Riding Responsibly** when you are alone or in a group and **Taking Responsibility** for your actions we can successfully start reducing fatalities due to impaired riding. This program was developed as a power point presentation that you can present to your group or organization. The power point disk is available by contacting Wayne Wierson. "<mailto:wwierson@hotmail.com>" and asking for a copy. While the program is free for the asking, we hope you would consider donating \$10 per disk to help offset the cost of postage and disk duplication.

"I was impressed by the 3Rs program and would recommend its use to raise awareness of the dangers of operating a motorcycle under the influence of alcohol."

Sergeant Steve Jarrett
Alabama Department of Public Safety
Public Information/Education Unit
Administrative Division

"You are capable of more than you know. Persist!! The world needs all you can give." (E. O. Wilson)

"You're more able, more amazing, more special than you give yourself credit for." (Nyla Day)

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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
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Advertising for our "MARC" members is free.....

"MARC" CALENDAR FOR 2013

JAN	12TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
FEB	9TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
MAR	9TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
APR	13TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
Apr	20th	SAN DIEGO TOUR
Apr	28th	SHIP TO SHORE TOUR
May	4th-5th	TOUR DE OC
May	11th	21st ANNIVERSARY "MARC"
JUN	8TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
JUL		NO MEETING
AUG	10TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
SEPT	14TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
OCT	12TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
NOV	2nd	SANTA BARBARA TOUR
NOV	9TH	BREAKFAST MEETING
DEC	14th	CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Cheer Recipe:

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

**"Christmas is doing a little something extra
for someone."**

(Charles Schultz)

The Twenty-fourth of December
The clock ticks slowly, slowly in the hall,
And slower and more slow the long hours
crawl;

It seems as though today
Would never pass away;
The clock ticks slowly, s-l-o-w-l-y in the
hall.

Author Unknown

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)

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

Garmin GPS-18PC GPS power cable

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

Price: \$19.00

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

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

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

IBM PC or compatible to Kenwood TH-D7A

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

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

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

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

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

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

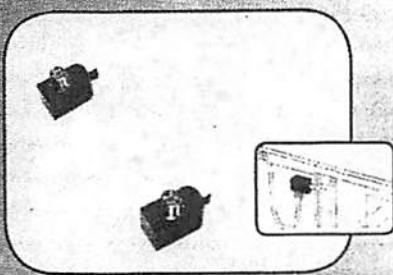
72" data cable with a molded right-angle 3/32" stereo plug on one end and a Garmin "eTrex-style" flat connector on the other end. Connects a Garmin GPS with the "eTrex-type" connector to a TH-D7A, M-D700A or TM-D710A. This cable does not provide power to the GPS...!

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

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

Thank you...! Chuck KG6NJP kg6njp@pacbell.net

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

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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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15M 134kHz

10M 260kHz



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Broadband HF Vertical!

3.5 - 57MHz with SWR of 1.6:1 or less!

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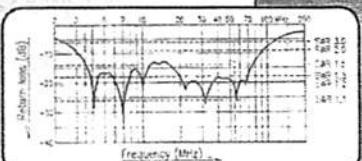
Impedance: 50Ohm

Length: 23'5"

Weight: 7lbs 1 oz

Conn: SO-239

Max Wind Speed: 67MPH



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Wind load: 3.01 sq feet

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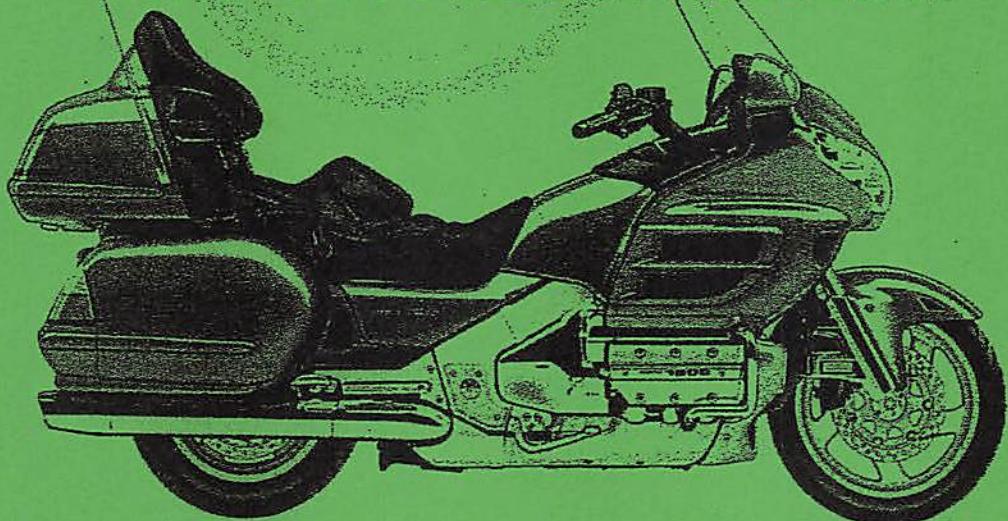
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8- "MARC" CHRISTMAS PARTY @ CITRUS CAFE 1481 EDINGER AVE @ RED HILL, TUSTIN, CA
7- REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR DAY
21- FIRST DAY OF WINTER
25- MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH & YOUR FAMILY & TO OUR FRIENDS
31- NEW YEAR'S EVE HAVE A GREAT ONE

JAN '13 1- HAPPY NEW YEARS 2013
2, 9,16,23,30- "MARC" NET ON THE BARN SYSTEM 447.540 PL 100 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
12- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING @HOMETOWN BUFFET(DOOR OPENS @7am & SERVE @7:30am)
JANUARY IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

FEB 2-GROUNDHOG DAY
6,13,20,27- "MARC" NET ON THE BARN SYSTEM 447.540 PL 100 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
9- "MARC" BREAKFAST MEETING @HOMETOWN BUFFET(DOOR OPENS @7am & SERVE @7:30am)
13- ASH WEDNESDAY
14- "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY" TREAT YOUR SWEETIE....
18- PRESIDENT'S DAY
FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH & BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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