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

FEBRUARY 2013

#### From The President's Desk

Happy Valentine's Day to all. Don't forget to give that special someone a hug for Valentine's Day. It is difficult for me to forget as the 14th of February is my son's birthday, making Saint Valentines a special day for Mijo and I.

Our meeting at the Home Town Buffet in January went well and the newly remodeled dining room was very nice. The new seating area will make it difficult for those of us who arrive early to prepare for the meeting to stay out of the food service area, but, with a little effort, we can make it work. They were having a large party in the private meeting room so we used the open area for our meeting. It was a bit cool and the music was louder than I would like, but we made it work and had a good meeting. I hope to see you there on Feb. 9th for breakfast.

We have had a good long break since our last event in Santa Barbara to recuperate. April will be our month to get busy in MARC again. We have our meeting on the 13th, the Tour de Cure for San Diego on the 20th. A week and a day later, on the 28th, we have the Ship to Shore Tour in Long Beach and a week later the Tour de OC. Scott, K6IXQ, our coordinator, says that this is a two day event this year as it was three or four years ago. This event is not as large as some of our ADA events so we don't need as many motors each day but we will still need several on Saturday and then again on Sunday for the second half of the event. I would be nice to get some help from those who live in the southern part of Orange County or the Northern part of San Diego to help on the second day. Mijo and I will be looking for some place to lay over (say Motel) for the night so we can work both days. I hope the weather is good in April as the months of December and January have both been quite damp and cool.

In the past weeks we have had a very good discussion about radios and head sets on the MARC List. The exchange of information and ideas was excellent. That is what the list was established to do. Thanks to all who contributed to the exchange. Please be prepared to jump in

with your thoughts and comments next time. Perhaps your experiences, good or bad, can help a fellow MARC member with his/her choice of a radio or head set for his/her cycle. After all, no two are exactly alike and a little help is always a good thing.

I have not been doing a lot of riding the past month. As I said earlier, it has been windy and rainy here in So. Cal. I did ride down to Woodie's Diner for brunch once and a week later Mijo and I drove down in her BMW (I say drive as it is a 4 wheeler). I am in the process of joining the American Legion riders at our local post. I will see how much this can add to my mileage for the year. I don't know if it is the weather, the economy or what, but it seems that the roads are in worse shape than usual. The potholes are more frequent and bigger than I remember them being in the past. I caution everyone riding or driving to be careful. Hitting a big pothole is an easy way to ruin a wheel and tire.

On the home front my son and the neighbors have kept me busy for a few days. On Wednesday afternoon last week the neighbor was at the door asking for help. Her garage door had broken and fell on top of her SUV. A quick survey of the problem revealed that the torsion spring that aides the opener raise the door had broken and the door had jumped off the track. I had her take pictures for the insurance and grabbed my tools to disassemble the door so she could get her vehicle out. With her help and that of Mijo I was able to take the sections of the door apart and move them from the top of the car into the driveway. Once the door was down and moved, we found very little damage to the new SUV, just a few light scratches on the roof, nothing serious. She moved the SUV out of the garage and I put the door back together, reinstalling the rollers in the track on each side. Of course it didn't work with the broken spring but it did close the hole in the garage so they could secure the house. The insurance agent told her that someone would be there in a few days to assess the damage and initiate the proper repairs. Then on Saturday my son called. He had a leaking (gusher) sprinkler valve and could not get it stopped. I went over and showed him

how to disconnect the wires and manually shut off the valve. The next day we sawed the bad valve off and replaced it with a new unit using couplings and unions to make the job easier the next time. (There is always a next time, isn't there?) Well, one of the close nipples was bad and leaked. Even with a double wrap of Teflon tape, it would not seal. So Sunday afternoon I found a replacement nipple in my parts drawer and went over to replace the offending part. In just a few minutes all was done. I can take a break until the next time; then it will be "Pops" to the rescue again.

Join me for the MARC net on Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. I will be on the BARN system, 447.540 minus with a tone of 100.0. Who knows you might be the one who wins a few 50-50 tickets at the next meeting, just for checking in. The net also gives you a chance to check your radio equipment, make sure it is working, and also catch up on the latest MARC news.

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**"MARC" NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)  
FEB 26<sup>TH</sup> FOR MARCH  
APR 2<sup>ND</sup> FOR APRIL  
APR 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR MAY  
MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FOR JUNE/JULY  
JUL 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR AUGUST  
SEPT 3<sup>RD</sup> FOR SEPTEMBER  
OCT 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR OCTOBER  
OCT 28<sup>TH</sup> FOR NOVEMBER  
DEC 3<sup>RD</sup> FOR DECEMBER

A healthy brain contributes to our well-being..

"The wonder of living is that its greatest paths are always usually about one step closer than we think!" (Roberta Reeb)

"One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: That word is LOVE." Sophocles)

**San Diego Tour de Cure April 20, 2013**  
**Goal: 530,000      Riders: 554      Teams: 69**  
**Achieved: \$49,769**

Kick-off was Jan 19th, they had a pre ride before I went and a breakfast at 10:30. Last year they brought in \$490.000 and were going to try for \$500,000 but one of the speaker challenged them to go for \$750.000.

They had a 15 yr old girl that was diagnosed at 3 gave a talk about how much the ADA has helped with the Tour de Cure money. Then a father with a 2 1/2 year old that was diagnosed at 18 months gave a talk.

They did a slide show of last years ride. People clapped for some of pictures of riders but when a picture of one of our bikes was shown the whole crowd clapped and cheered.

**Routes this year are 7,30,50,75,100**

**Jim KD6REA**

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

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

**GOAL: \$1,000,000      RIDERS: 3000      TEAMS: 200**  
**Achieved: \$51,768      Riders: 730      Teams: 85**

On January 19 was the official kick off party for the Long Beach ship to shore tour de cure ride scheduled for April 28th . Although fundraising had already begun, and some teams had been formed, the kick off brings everyone together and also introduces new participants to join. So far, the numbers look about the same as they did for last year which means that they will need our support again this year as always. The routes are pretty much set barring any last minute construction detours, and there have been a couple of changes to help the riders out over some of the rough spots. MARC will be supporting this event with net control, and our usual motors and sags out working their magic on the course. If you would like to work this event, please sign up at the Feb. MARC meeting, and indicate what length of route you would like to work for that day. These events seem to grow each year, but the can not do it without MARC. Thank you to all who do these events. We are truly special.

**Thank you**

**zippy**

**Routes are 8, 11, 32, 61, 100**

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**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

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**When ants unite they can carry an elephant....**

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**“Being rich of heart makes you wealthy beyond compare.”(Rodney Williams)**

**TOUR DE OC MAY 4/5, 2013**  
**Goal: \$200,000      Riders: 250**

**RIDE THE TOUR DE OC** and give kids a chance to get help. Your support goes to the Royal Family Kids Camp, the nation's leading network of camps for abused, neglected and abandoned children.

Start @ Chick Filet in Costa Mesa & finish in Mission Bay

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**Scott K6IXQ**  
**Kim KI6MRQ**

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**SANTA BARBARA TOUR DE CURE OCT 26, 2013**

**GOAL      TEAMS:      RIDERS:**  
Just a little info the city made the ADA change their date again... so it will be Oct 26. But Linda already ask for Sept 13th, 2014

Now they can get down to business & set their goals etc.

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**Mark KE6ZRP**  
**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

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**ORANGE COUNTY TOUR de CURE NOV 2, 2013**

**GOAL: \$200,00      RIDERS:      TEAMS:**  
**Achieved: \$408      Riders: 10      Teams: 4**

This ride begins & ends in the majestic beauty of Rancho Santa Margarita to the beautiful California coastline on our road portion and get down and dirty as we mountain bike through the incomparable O'Neill Park.

Rtes 8\*25\*66\*10 MTN\*20 MTN

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**Bonnie KD6OFQ**

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**MS 150 Bay to Bay Event: OCT 19th & 20th, 2013**

**GOAL:      TEAMS:      RIDERS:**

John KC6ZOZ Teri KF6HJT & myself KD6OFQ attended the MS awards breakfast last Saturday where John received a plaque for MARC's fine participation in the MS. Very nice breakfast & seeing some of the older MS people once again. John was interviewed by the MS PR gentleman who is to call the MARC office for more input.

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**Andy W6AJB**  
**Chris KB6MYR**

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**“Courage isn't having the strength to go on— it is going on when you don't have the strength.” (Napoleon Bonaparte)**

**“Volunteers, a precious resource we can not afford to lose.” (Denise Penn)**

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:  
Since there was a low attendance we only drew one name  
for the net draw & I believe the winner was Alvin  
KD6UZM.

Winners receive \$5 of 50/50 tickets.

50/50:

John W5JFR & Billy N6EDY started the New Year out  
right winning \$39 each.

\$25 Gift certificate from Huntington Honda won by  
Ray KD6FHN

Beer glasses donated by Comet won by Mike N6QZT  
We didn't make it out to pick anything up(:)ss

**"MARC" door prize donations:**

Travel Alarm & Flashlite won by Alvin KD6UZM

Turbo snake won by Mark KE6ZRP

Hardware Caddy won by Mark KE6ZRP

Desk Organizer won by Mike N6QZT

Commuter Cell Cup won by John W5JFR

Computer paper won by Ray KD6FHN

Bottle tops won by Alvin KD6UZM

Megapro Shaftlok screwdriver won by Ray KD6FHN

**Thank you to the following for your donations:**

Billy Hall, John & Mijo Reynolds, Mike Naron, John  
Beckwith, Peter Fleming & Ray & Bonnie Davis

**Gray ticket distributor: John W5JFR**

**Gray ticket winner: Sm Flashlite won by Chuck  
KG6NJP**

**One gray ticket drawn this meeting...**

**Thanks to Pat Banks & Alvin for helping Mijo with the  
tickets...so much appreciated...**

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**NEW MEMBERS: Please Welcome:**

**No New members for January...**

Just a memo remember your if December newsletter had  
a red label on it & an renewal form in it, then your dues  
are due. Also they are to be paid by the end of February  
or there will be no March newsletter and you will be  
dropped from the roster.. If you are not going to re-up  
let me know I really would appreciate it.

**MEETING:**

January meeting was quite small. Just a memo here is if we  
have a small group we can lose the room and have to use the

other room which in the remodel there was a problem with  
the AC & music. Hopefully they got it fixed. There will be  
sign up sheets for the San Diego Tour de Cure & the Ship to  
Shore Tour at the February meeting.. March we will have  
the Tour de OC sign up sheets. Check page 2 for the dates  
of each event.

**NEWSLETTER:**

Thanks to those who contributed to the February newsletter.  
So many people travel by car, motorcycle, plane for a  
journey here and there. Share your trip with us. We enjoy  
reading of your adventures.....even if you have a little secret  
of something silly happened to you(:)ss We all have those  
things happening every day of our lives.....

**SUNSHINE CORNER:::**

Please keep Billy KF6WBV & Connie KF6YOM in your  
prayers Billy KF6WBV is out of the VA hospital & has gone to  
see Connie.. Connie had surgery to relieve the water pressure  
on her brain and hoping it will bring her out of coma...  
Mike KE6KWQ is doing ok per Mike(:)ss..

Chet Naron N6EFT is home and doing well. Tom K2QGT  
will be going in for surgery Feb 11 for biopsy on pancreas at  
Kaiser Permanente in Riverside...

I have not heard from any of the East Coast members who live  
in New York, Connecticut & New Jersey.. Have e-mailed them  
but no answers...

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, all the people who are out of work, homeless due  
circumstances beyond their control...we "MARC" are here  
for you day and night...as we care.

We honor our Military for putting their lives in danger  
so we may live. Their families need our support in  
anyway we can.

Keep up the spirit... Love & Gratitude to all  
**GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
IN GOD WE TRUST**

**National Bicycle Ride to Work is May 13th thru 17th, 13**

**Motorcycle Ride to Work is June 17th, 2013...**

Love is the thing that enables a woman to sing while  
she mops up the floor after her husband has walked  
across it in his barn boots.

**- Hoosier Farmer**

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



Hotel & Casino. I like the Pahrump Casino & Hotel better, but it was already full.

We've had some really different weather patterns here in Southern CA. It's gotten down to 33 some mornings with frost on the grass and roof tops. Then several days later it is 60 degrees over night, with light showers and then temperatures jump up to 75 in the day time. We do love those 75 degree days with clear sunny skies.

We have the first of the charity events for this year coming up in April and we need our MARC members to COME TO THE MEETINGS prior to April and get signed up for those charity events so we can tell the charity organizations what they can expect from us. Yes we know it is early, but we have been short of help on some of those charity events. We can always use more help at any charity event. Your time does not go to waste when helping the ADA, MSS or the MDA national charity organizations. Every dollar we can help raise, goes toward helping eliminate or controlling these illnesses.

We have not heard back from either Kevin WD6DIH or Steve KB6CRE owners of the ALERT & BARN ham radio repeater systems about how they want us to handle the ALERT/BARN dues this year. So until we do, we have the paying of dues on hold.

Our MARC members should support those companies that pay to advertise in our MARC Newsletters and donate the many expensive prizes we are given for our monthly meetings and for sure for the really large prizes they provide for our MARC Christmas Party and our annual May MARC Anniversary Party every year.

January 2nd, signed up for this years Southern CA. M/c Assoc. 3 Flags Classic. This will be my 31 consecutive year of doing that ride over Labor Day Weekend. Made hotel reservations for John KC6ZOZ and I at the start (Holiday Inn, Deming, NM) and at the finish (Canada Inns, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada).

January 4th, finished taking down indoor and outdoor Christmas lights, 14 boxes worth, with the help of our neighbor boy.

Jan. 12th was our first MARC meeting of the new year and the first meeting since they did the refurbishing job on the HomeTown Buffet. WOW, what a difference the place looks now. Nothing is where it used to be, the new interior is really beautiful. Come see it for yourself at the Saturday Feb. 9th MARC meeting. That was the morning it was 33 degrees and obviously I didn't take Casper.

Jan. 13th, signed up for another Front Sight 4 Day Defensive Handgun Course near Pahrump NV for April 15/16/17 & 18th and made reservations at the Saddle West

Jan. 13th, also went to On Target, (shooting range) where we are yearly members and tried out the, new to me, Colt 1911 Army 45. It's serial number indicates that it was built by Colt in 1913 so it is 100 years old this year. Records show that it was used in both the 1st and 2nd world wars. So because it is such a valuable piece of history, I was advised not to shoot it much. I was told the more you shoot it the less it is worth.

Jan. 26th, my son Rod KE6WOD, Charles KF6TXI and myself wanted to go to the Crossroads Of The West Gun Show in Costa Mesa, CA. to pick up some ammunition. Rod is from Moreno Valley CA (55 miles) got to our house at about 3:50am. We then drove over to Tustin (about 6 miles) to pick up Charles by 4:30am and was parked outside the fenced area of the Orange County Fair Grounds by 4:45am and was the 12th car in line. Well the police came along and said we couldn't park there along with, now about 50 cars and sent us back to another gate they had just opened. By that time it was raining pretty good. But at least we were in the parking lot and we immediately ran over to the pedestrian gate and got in line there, By then it was 5am. The pedestrian gates were to open at 7am so we stood in the rain for about 2 hours (we 3 had umbrellas and rain gear on, not everyone else did). However they did open the pedestrian gates at 6:30am and then there was a mad dash to get in line again for the real entrance to the gun show. Well by the time we walked that half mile in the rain to get to that main entrance line, we are now about 150 to 200 people back, but at least this is the last line we have to stand in before actually getting into the gun show. Some of the gun show employees came along and took our tickets (that we bought online) and stamped our hands so they wouldn't have to scan the bar codes on the tickets as we went crowding in. Believe this or not, about 8:45am, Charles took a walk to look for the back of the line in the parking lot of the OC Fair Grounds and he said that it was probably a mile long or more and we were in the first of about 150/200 people in line. So the gates opened at 9am and then there is a big rush to get into another line for the ammunition. We stood in that line for about another hour before we finally got into the ammunition tent. So we got what we came for (they had a 2000 round limit on all calibers) so you could buy 2,000 rounds of as many calibers as you wanted (except .223 and that was only 500 rounds). we were done and out of there by about 11:30am. We read in the OC Register and heard on the local news that there were 18,000 people at the that gun show on Saturday and a total of 25,000 for the 2 days. They had stopped selling ammo at 3:30pm Saturday so that they would have ammunition for Sundays crowd. Were we nuts for going through all of that just for some ammunition. Well Yeh, but it was nice to spend that many hours with my son Rod and Charles too.

Other than this, there isn't much going on around here. :-) Oh wait, did I mention that I have now put on about 500 miles

on the Trek 28 speed bike that we bought in Nov. 2012, riding 10 miles on Mon, Wed & Fridays and 5 miles on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Staying on less than 1500 calories a day and riding that bicycle is doing wonders for my weight and health, no kidding.

**God Bless everyone and stay safe out there.**

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

**Casper now with 209K**

**"http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?gId=0BbIJYC3FPXJAUc0f5qtoAUlxSV43Whha"**

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## **MINNESOTA RIDING**

Sleet and rain came today. We have been below zero this past week. Minnesota land of 10,000 lakes is drying up! Weather people told us that we hadn't had a below zero reading for the high for the day in 4 years... Read that again.. please.. Another words the temp was -15 below in the morning and it got up to -4 for the cold sunshine. Temperatures are fine at -15 below.. ask Ray... Its the only way we can remember things up here on the tundra... "Yah.. way back on 09... soo cold the steam coming from yer mouth froze..."

Global warming is no longer here... or climate change. This season we had a big snow storm on the 16th of December, however now its just 2 inches. The black BMW slumbers on with its battery tender stirring the battery. I did ride on the 7th when the temps was around 40 degrees above zero. Didn't go to far but did get the engine warmed up. Then later that week. I rode a longer ride... amassed over 47 miles for 2013!

Put up a inverted V antenna and have played radio again. HF I like as there isn't much activity on the vhf/UHF like California. I also have been doing odd jobs for friends and family. Amazing that 6 months of NOT working is already done! However I am still looking and waiting for that new employment.

"Got any plans for a motorcycle trip this year, Tim?" We went down to Bob's Java Hut for some biker fellowship. Sipping Mexican Hot chocolate and reflecting on the past year and what we can do this year.

"Well I NEED to ride to Colorado and see my sister!" I exclaimed... "Been going down there every year since 1991! I think I NEED to go, but never do know."

Dave nodded... "Do you think Doug will let me buy that BMW?" Dave has the itch for something newer. I had hoped to convince him on buying at least in the 90's if not this century!

Doug had purchased this 88 BMW k100RT. However

Doug is one tall guy and the RT looks like a mini bike when Doug is riding. He had told Dave he would sell it to him. "Yup we should go over there and see it, Dave!" I commented. Dave nodded... talked of selling his old cx500 and parts bike.

Sent him a text this past week... " Need to read BMW moa magazines?"

Cell phone vibrated... flipped it open and with a smile.. "Bring them over!"

So before the sleet and snow got going today... Drove the van north into Blaine and then east on 109th. No one home when I arrived.. placed the 3 bundles of magazines inside the storm door and headed home...

Cell was vibrating... "thanks for the brain washing mags!"

Text him back... "Read October 2011... International BMW rally recap.. and look for the youngest rider... The after that is read find January 2013.. The young rider is on the front... followed her Dad to Alaska!"

2 months and really it will be close to April. My youngest daughter has a baby due in 3 months! Not sure if she will trust the child in my care.. brain washing baby style...

73!

**tim lindstrom, ab0ts  
1995 BMW K 1100RS..  
starting mileage for 2013, 128,109  
Columbia Heights, MN**

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## **MARC" CALENDAR FOR 2013**

FEB	9 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
MAR	9 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
APR	13 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
Apr	20 <sup>th</sup>	SAN DIEGO TOUR
Apr	28 <sup>th</sup>	SHIP TO SHORE TOUR
May	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	TOUR DE OC
May	11 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY "MARC"
JUN	8 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
JUL		NO MEETING
AUG	10 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
SEPT	14 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
OCT	12 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
OCT	19th/20th	MS BAY TO BAY
OCT	26Th	SANTA BARBARA TOUR
NOV	2 <sup>nd</sup>	ORANGE CO TOUR
NOV	9 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST MEETING
DEC	14 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS PARTY

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**"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."**  
(Albert Schweitzer)

## QUICK TIPS: Should You Ride A Motorcycle?

Riding a motorcycle is a unique experience. Riding is fun and invigorating, yet the skills needed for safe riding, combined with the lack of car-like crash protection on a motorcycle, can cast doubts on whether a person should choose to ride a motorcycle. Some potential riders lack the ability to execute skilled and timely actions in a complex traffic environment; others lack keen judgment or don't have a firm grasp of the concept of risk management.

MSF believes that motorcycling isn't for everyone. If you're considering becoming a rider, however, here are some questions for you to use as a self-assessment of the physical capabilities and mental attitude required to safely navigate a motorcycle on the street:

1. Are you a higher risk-taker than others you know? If you tend to need a thrill while driving a car and have aggressive or risky tendencies (following too closely, turning without signaling, talking on a cell phone, getting angry at other drivers, etc.), motorcycling may not be for you. While motorcycling improves the overall quality of life for many, for some it can lead to disaster. Thinking that accidents only happen to others is an attitude that will get you in trouble.
2. Can you ride a bicycle? This is a prerequisite for enrolling in our *Basic RiderCourse* and generally a good gauge of your ability to maneuver a motorcycle. Bicycling, like motorcycling, is a physical activity that involves balance and coordination. And speaking of coordination ...
3. Can you drive a stick-shift car? This is *not* a requirement, but it may make learning to ride easier because almost all motorcycles have manual transmissions. If you can't get the hang of shifting gears but still want to enjoy a powered two-wheeler, you might want to start out on a motor scooter. Motor scooters generally have automatic transmissions and come in many sizes, from simpler models with an engine size of 50 cubic centimeters (cc) to powerful 650cc models.
4. Do you see well? Riding a motorcycle requires special perceptual skills that rely on good vision. Have you had an eye examination recently? Do you tend to see things that are far away later than other people you know? The ability to see well ahead is important for safe riding
5. Are you mechanically inclined? Today's motorcycles are very reliable machines, but with all the bolts, nuts, and mechanisms out in the open, and only two tires connecting you to the pavement, you need to be able to inspect your equipment and make the occasional minor adjustment. You don't need to be a master mechanic, but it helps to know your way around a tire pressure gauge and a wrench. Most everything a rider needs to know is in the motorcycle owner's manual, and if you've never read your car owner's manual, that could be a sign that motorcycling is not for you.

6. Are you safety-minded? If you routinely find yourself bandaged up after doing simple do-it-yourself projects around the house, or think it's acceptable to operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, the unique challenges of motorcycle riding may not be compatible with your decision-making. Riders can control their situation only if safety is a high priority. Millions of motorcyclists ride millions of miles without incident, and they likely take safety seriously.
7. Do you respect machinery and other equipment that has risk? For example, when using a lawn mower or chainsaw, do you maintain it properly and wear eye/ear/hand protection when needed? If you're not serious about safety in connection with simple machinery and equipment whose improper use can lead to serious injury, you may not respect motorcycling enough to follow safety precautions. Successful riders know that safety isn't a matter of luck, but a matter of doing the right things to minimize risk.
8. Can you focus? Inattention is a major cause of crashes. Safe motorcycling requires dedicated attention to the immediate task and a keen awareness of everything going on 360 degrees around you. Rush-hour traffic aboard a motorcycle is not the place to be daydreaming. For instance, if you find yourself overusing your brakes because you were caught off-guard, or are often surprised by a passing car or truck you didn't see, your situational awareness could be less than adequate.
9. Can you handle your car in an emergency? Drivers don't often have the need to brake hard or swerve to miss a crash, but it's important to have the skills to be able to do so when needed. On a motorcycle, having these types of skills is essential because other highway users tend not to see motorcyclists in traffic, especially around intersections.
10. Are you willing to invest some time in learning to ride the right way *before* hopping on a bike? Your best "first ride" is a *Basic RiderCourse* where you can familiarize yourself with the safe operation of a motorcycle. You can even take the course as an experiment, to help you better understand the dynamics of good riding and to determine if motorcycling is right for you.

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Did you all get a chance to read the Lane splitting article?? Mike N6QZT sent out???

I like the FOUR R's or "Be-Attitudes" of Lane Splitting: Be Reasonable, be Responsible, be Respectful, be aware of all Roadway and traffic

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

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

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

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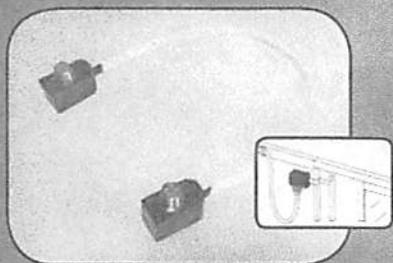
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**ALERT:::::::If any "MARC" members World-wide have APRS (or are working on it) and are not on the MARC World-wide APRS Capabilities list (distributed earlier with the Newsletter), please email your APRS information If you need help in selecting appropriate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

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

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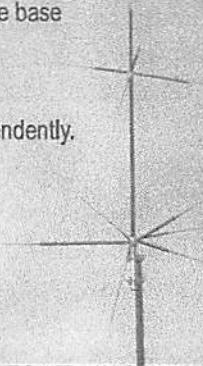
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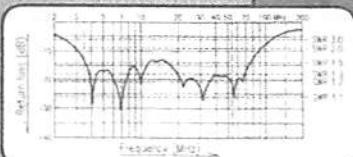
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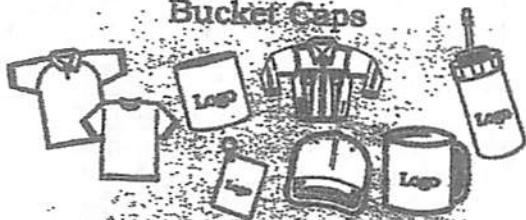
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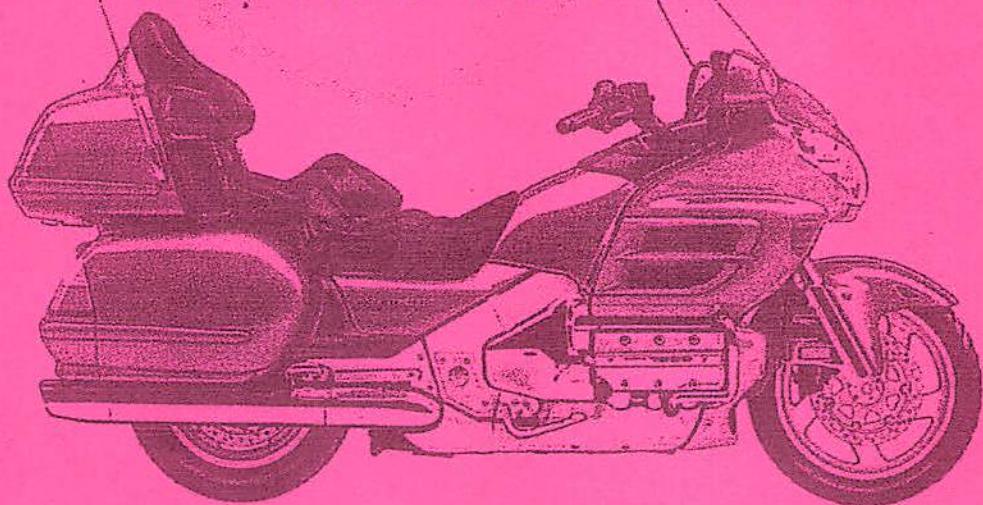
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