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

OCTOBER 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

October, and fall is in the air. The last week of September here in Southern California has been quite hot. I guess we are paying for the mild summer that we have had so far. Very few days of 100+ this year, so I guess we have to pay the piper. I know it has been hot and dry in Indiana, also in Texas where my sisters live; it would seem that weather patterns are a bit off everywhere.

I did ride down to Huntington Honda for a visit on Saturday, 25 September. It was a very nice 55 mile ride down in the early morning. At about 10 AM I excused myself and did not follow the group to Woodie’s for lunch as it was warming up quickly. That was a good move as it was nearly 100° when I got home at 11 AM and only proceeded to get warmer as the day progressed. While at Huntington Honda, I showed the Christmas afghan that Mijo has crocheted for the MARC Christmas giveaway. It is a large red, white and green blanket/throw that will be included as one of the super prizes that we will give away at the December meeting. I hope to see you there, at the Citrus Café on December 11th. Please check Bonnie’s article for the time and address of the Citrus Café.

Our next MARC meeting will be on Saturday, 9 October, at the Home Town Buffet, on 17th Street in Santa Anna. John, KC6ZOZ, and Andy, W6AJB, will be there to give us last minute instructions for the MS 150. YES, the MS 150 is on 16 & 17 October, the weekend after our meeting. I hope everyone is ready for a maximum effort to support the bicyclists who ride in this event. Mijo and I always enjoy being with our MARC family for two days and the rigors of escorting the throng of cyclists from Orange County to Mission Bay in San Diego.

As MARC net control, I have had some very good nets at 1930 hrs. on Wednesdays. There have been numerous members checking in for last minute updates and to verify that their radio gear is working at 100%. Mijo has had a few lucky listeners win the \$10 worth of 50-50 tickets (of course the winners have to

be at the next MARC meeting to collect, there are no carry overs). Don’t forget that I usually have the radio on at 1900 hrs for our members who are out of the local area and cannot hit the repeater but can use Echolink. Also, Ray KD6FHN, and I both have Skype on our computers so that is another way for members who are not in repeater range to check in on Wednesday evening. Just ask for our Skype name and we will send it to you or you can do a Skype search with our e-mail address and it will give you the Skype name.

When was the last time you checked the connectors on your antenna leads? I have found that over time the PL connectors at the radio or on the duplexer/triplexer will vibrate loose. It would be a good idea to take a few minutes and check all the connections on your cycle or in your car. The cable connectors work loose due to vibration and can cause a radio failure. Also, the electrical connections can come loose or corrode over time and the resulting loss of power can cause the connection to overheat. The radio could fail just when you need it most. Perhaps the phone jacks for the speaker etc. could use a slight squirt of contact cleaner. As is said, an ounce of prevention.....

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“MARC” CALENDAR

- OCT 9 “MARC” BREAKFAST MEETING
- OCT 16/17 28TH MS 150
- NOV 6/7 MS 150 LAS VEGAS, NV
- NOV 13 “MARC” BREAKFAST MEETING
- DEC 11 “MARC” CHRISTMAS PARTY

**“MARC” NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- SEPT 29 FOR OCTOBER
- NOV 3 FOR NOVEMBER
- DEC 1 FOR DECEMBER
- DEC 29 FOR JANUARY 2011

**DECEMBER 11, 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY :::
 CITRUS CAFE
 1481 EDINGER AVE, TUSTIN, CA
 92780-6249
 \$20 PER PERSON--CHECKS MADE OUT TO “M.A.R.C.**

MENU:
 Butternut Squash soup or salad
 Choice of light or dark turkey
 Stuffing/ Cranberry Sauce
 Mashed potatoes & gravy
 Creamed corn –Hot rolls
 Apple or pumpkin pie (whipped cream optional)
 Coffee, tea or sodas come with meal
 Alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) are available but to be paid for by the individual when served
 Need confirmation by Tuesday December 9, 2010
 MARC picks up the tax and tip
 Will have Christmas flyers at the meeting along with a sign-up sheet at the October, November meetings.

SPECIAL PRIZES CONFIRMED:
Honey Baked Ham donated by Comet
 Beautiful Hand crocheted Christmas afghan by Mijo(she has been working on it all year I do believe)
 \$100 gift certificate for Irv Seaver BMW donated by John KC6ZOZ

OTHER PRIZES SO FAR:
 Stainless steel digital scales with back light donated by Ray & Bonnie
 Cisco wireless valet for computer connection donated by Ray & Bonnie
 When seeking donation of door prizes make sure they are at least a \$20 value or if you yourself is donating also \$20 value
 Please let Bonnie know if you are going to donate a gift. Not confirmed with Huntington Honda or JBJ yet.
 Tickets will be on sale at the October, November meetings also the night of the party.

From your Orange County MS 150 Coordinators

The MS 150 Bay-to-Bay Bike Tour will start in a few short weeks. The route has been finalized except for any last minute construction detours. The MS 150 Committee will ride the routes just before the official Tour to ensure everything looks good. The GPS route and frequencies are generally handed out to MARC members a few days before the event. This ensures that we are using the same GPS routing and we don't have several versions floating around.

Things to watch out for during the event:

- 1) we pass through many small cities during the course of the two days. Be careful of cars coming out from intersections and businesses.
- 2) There is always a lot of pedestrian traffic on the weekend. Pedestrian traffic has the right-of-way.
- 3) It's hard to know what type of weather to expect. Most of the years we've had beautiful weather for the event. Check the weather report and bring appropriate clothing.
- 4) Be sure to drink plenty of liquid. We are never very far from a rest stop or store.
- 5) If you're new to the event please ask for an explanation of the waypoints. This is very important when someone is trying to find you.
- 6) If you plan to ride through Camp Pendleton, you need to have shoes/boots that cover the ankles, jacket covering the arms, gloves, and an orange vest (we should all be wearing our orange MARC vests).
- 7) Be careful when pulling over in areas of Camp Pendleton as there is gravel on the side of the road and it's very easy to lose your footing.

Have fun, enjoy the event, and meet some really great people that volunteer and participate in this great event. Take a few minutes and enjoy some of the spectacular views that we will be passing along the route. **See you on the Tour.**

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SHIP TO SHORE TOUR MAY 1, 2011

At our September meeting we had the pleasure of having Julian Dillon, our ADA Manager of the Ship to Shore Tour, Julian did indeed verify there would be a 100 mile ride along with the 60, 30 & 11 milers...

Julian presented "MARC" with a certificate of appreciation for our support & sponsorship for the 2010 Ship to Shore Tour.

Many riders on the charity events we do are adamant about having MARC riding along with them. They do appreciate our services....as well as we appreciate the opportunity to assist.

We Thank You Julian

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FAIR

Last year at the Southern California Fair which is held in Perris, there was a presentation of Ham Operation. This was very successful. This year, there is a desire to expand what was done with Ham operation.

I have volunteered to be at the fair on Wednesday, October 13th, to promote Ham Operation as well as emergency preparedness, which, as we know, Ham operation is an integral part.

During the week days, the fair opens at 4:00 p.m. and goes until 11:00 p.m. While I cannot be there that late because of having to work on Thursday, I have volunteered to promote Ham operation. At this time I am requesting help from MARC. I believe that we could promote Ham Radio Operation, Ham Operator fun [which it definitely is] and also to attempt to get more people interested in becoming Ham Operators. I wish to know if there would be a few members that would like to bring their Ham equipped motorcycles to do a "show and tell" about what it is we do in MARC and how we serve the communities in Southern California.

Chris and I will have our hand held's, I plan to bring one of our "bigger" radios, a couple of antennas to set up, and a generator for power. We are also going to go through the new Technician test and make "mini" tests that people can try their skills. On the back side of the answer sheets, I wish to list some of the local clubs like GTARC, MARC, and other clubs, as well as testing dates and sites, and contacts for getting their licenses. Beyond this, we will be given a call sign that we can use for those wishing to actually get "on line".

If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact me at "<mailto:kilenightingale@hotmail.com>", or call at 951-247-1479 so that I can get the necessary passes for you for the fair.

Thanks

Kile & Chris [AF6YK and AF6ZC]

A big thank you to all those that helped with my search for 23cm HTs, postage costs etc.

In particular, **thanks to John, W5JFR**, for taking on the project and finding 2 radios within the club, plus shipping them and associated batteries and chargers to me.

I am now able to keep up with a local weekend net on the band. There's no need to modify chargers to 220V - I've had 110V available in the shack since I used to run a TenTec Scout. Two of the four battery packs are being upgraded to NiMH by a local supplier. Hopefully, I will soon be carrying out some railway tunnel tests with the local section of RAYNET (the UK version of ARES).

73

Graham G4FUJ

RAY'S RAMBLINGS



I do apologize for not having a newsletter article for the Sept MARC newsletter, but the Dell laptop screen had a melt down and it was nearly impossible to read anything on the screen. It gave me a headache and near blindness just looking at it for more than a couple of minutes. It was because I always, in the past have put the laptop (in its case and protected by 2 sheets of aluminum to keep it from getting crushed), in the bottom of the big box on the trailer hitch and then pile on all my clothes and all the other things I put in there. Now I will have to see if I can get a new screen for it without buying a new computer. Don't want to have to go through moving all the stuff from one computer to another. I use the Dell laptop at home for my PC too as it has a docking station and I have it feeding into a 17 inch monitor. So we know it is the monitor on the laptop that is messed up, because the Dell works just fine when on the docking station/NEC monitor.

We are surely getting to that time of year again when the days are getting shorter. Bummer, now at 11 hours, 57 minutes of daylight.

Big story here in Southern CA of course is the terrible heat wave we are having (last week of Sept.) All summer long it has been 10 to 15 degrees below our normal temperatures and we haven't had to run the air conditioner for more than 2 or 3 days all summer. But now we are in a severe Fall heat wave, but it is only supposed to last a couple of days. Thank the good lord for that. It has set heat temperature records in LA that are the hottest since they started keeping records 115 years ago. Yesterday (Monday, Sept. 27th) there were power outages all over LA County. We haven't had a problem here in Orange County yet.

SCMA 3 Flags Classic report was never put out because of the Dell laptop problems while on the road. So this will be a short report of this years 3 Flags Classic. John KC6ZOZ and I left Orange Co. CA at 4am on Tuesday Aug 31st and made it 1250 miles to Bozeman MT on that first day out. That night is when I discovered that I had damaged the Dell Laptop. The next morning we got up to a slight drizzle and took off as soon as we had enjoyed a continental breakfast. We followed I-90, I-94 to the back road that took us up to the Canadian Border and on to Regina SK Canada. We got to the Regina Ramada Hotel about noon Wednesday and thought that we would be some the first one there, but to our surprise their were many 3 Flags riders there to meet us. We didn't do anything but rest and sign in on Thursday. John hadn't signed up this years 3 Flags Classic because originally it was going to end 60 miles South of the MX border, but then the finish was changed to Nogales AZ & then back to Tucson, so John decided to ride it with me without being an official entry. Luckily while we were waiting in a line, the 2010 3 Flags coordinator walked by and I asked him if he knew of a 3 Flags ticket that someone wanted to sell.

He did and John got a ticket right there and then and became an official participant.

At 5am Friday morning we were stationed by the door for the guy to collect the "Start Cards" and at exactly 5am we were out the door running for the motorcycles and within minutes we were on the way to the first check point in Deadwood, SD. We got there about 3 minutes after it opened at noon and got some snacks & water and were off again for the 2nd Check In point in Craig, CO. Have to mention that the secondary roads on which most of the 3 Flags roads are on the official route are sometimes very challenging, but always spectacularly beautiful.

Of course we did not expect to make it to Craig CO because Check Point #2 was not to open until 11am on Sat. Sept 4th. We did however make it 850 miles to Fort Collins, CO & the Motel 6 for the night. We got in there about 5:30pm or 6 and cleaned the windshields and head lights and went to supper next door, then went to bed about 8pm.

Next morning we were up long before daylight and on the road to Craig CO and the 2nd check point. We got there about 9am and had to wait 2 hours for it to open. The fun part is talking to the check point volunteers (God Bless them) and kicking tires with the other riders who are also early and waiting for the check point to open. Check point 1 & 2 were manned by some fellows from Pierre SD, my home state.

At 11am we were turned loose from Check Point 2 and headed for Check Point 3 in Taos, NM. We again got there early and stayed the night in the Grizzly Inn in Alamosa CO, North of Taos NM. The Check Point in Taos was not going to open until 6am Sunday Sept 5th. anyway. Besides, there were no rooms to be had in Taos NM and we got the last room in town in Alamosa, CO. What a stroke of luck we had with that. There were all kinds of activities going on in Alamosa, antique car show, high school soccer tournament, and an antique cook ware flee market. But the Grizzly Inn just had a cancellation before we called them as a last resort and we got the room. How lucky can you get. Did I mention that the roads and scenery were spectacular?

The next morning we were up again at 4am and on the road to Taos. We got to the Check Point 3 at a trailer court NW of Taos at about 5:30am and it was in a gravel covered parking lot. You had to go up a small incline driveway to the gravel parking lot in total darkness where 4 or 5 other motorcycle were already there and make a "U" turn in that gravel. I had to have help from John to get Casper turned around. Thank you John. We found out later that a lot of others had trouble make that short U turn in the gravel parking lot, even in the daylight.

We got into Check Point #4 at the American Best Value Inn in Springerville AZ about noon Monday Sept 6th. We would have an 18 hour wait until the Check Point opened at 6am. But

our time all afternoon was not wasted. There were at least 4 other riders in to the Check Point #4 when we got there. So we knocked down a few beers (thank you Mike H.) and then walked about a mile up to Western style restaurant for some fine food. Then we had that mile walk back that I (with 2 artificial hips) didn't care for. They said it was only going to be a couple of blocks, yeh right.

We were back up at about 4:20am to help the Check Point #4 volunteers to get set up and ready for the crush of riders that were already there and those coming that day. Again, thank goodness for those great people who volunteer on a Labor Day Weekend to help the SCMA 3 Flags staff members put this ride on. At least 10 riders and maybe more like 15 riders already had their 3 Flags passports stamped and on their motorcycle when the volunteers turned us loose at exactly 6am.

On Monday morning from Check Point #4, John & I chose not to ride the route going down Devils Hiway (the old 666, now US-191) because we had ridden it at least twice before. So we headed West on US-60 and over through Globe AZ on to US-77 South through Tucson and down I-10 to I-19 to Nogales AZ for a gas receipt and back up I-19 to the DoubleTree Hotel in Tucson and the end of our ride. We got to the hotel in Tucson at about 11:30am on Monday Sept 6th. The finish sign in was not to open until 12 noon on Tuesday Sept 7th. That gave us 24 hours to relax around the pool, go to the lounge and toss stories around about the ride and have a beer or two.

At 12 noon Tuesday after we got our 3 Flags Passports signed and then volunteered to work from 12 noon to the 9pm closing of the finish line. John and I helped pass out all the hundreds of 3 Flags T-shirts, 2010 3 Flags belt buckles, 2010 3 Flags finisher plaques, caps (the best 3 Flags caps that I have ever received in the 27 years of doing the 3 Flags, they are just beautiful), luggage bags, 3 Flags finisher pins & etc. It was fun because we got to see all of those riders that we have known for so many years and got congratulate them for finishing another 3 Flags Classic. It really was an honor to meet and greet them.

There were some accidents on that stretch of Devils Hiway and the riders who were coming in late Tuesday afternoon were also wet as they had encountered some heavy rain before reaching the finish in Tucson. Glad we missed the rain by coming in on Monday. One of our Canadian friends, Don Strum and his sweetie came in soak and wet and we were allowed to feel her pant legs that had water running down into her boots. Well at least we got to feel her legs. :-) It always amazes me what we riders go through just to go for a little motorcycle adventure.

This years SCMA 3 Flags Classic was, in my humble opinion, one of the best 3 Flags Classics to date. Thanks to Huey and his 3 Flags Staff and all the SCMA board and

SCMA staff members for putting on one heck of a ride and top of the line 3 Flags Banquet too. Those who are going to be organizing future 3 Flags Classics will have a huge act to follow after this years ride and banquet. **Thank you all very much.**

After we got home from the 3 Flags Classic on Thursday, the following Tuesday at 12 noon Alvin KD6UZM and I left with the Toyota van and single rail Kendon motorcycle transport trailer for Duncan AZ to pick up Betty McCloskey's motorcycle that she crashed on in the curves on the Devils Hiway South of Springerville. We made it over and back by Wednesday afternoon with both of us driving and not stopping for anything but a few hours in a motel to wait until the wrecking yard opened at 6:30am on Wednesday morning in Duncan, to get gas and never did make a stop to eat other than at the same time we were getting gas. Got to Betty's place in Sun City and unloaded the motorcycle in to her garage and headed for home over the Ortega Hiway. End of 3 Flags, end of adventure.

Don't forget that Oct is the month we start our fall bicycle charity events escorting bicycle riders. So please sign up and help us with these very worth while events. It is what MARC is all about and we do need everyone we can get to help with these events.

The Sept MARC meeting was a little slim on attendees. I counted 25 people at the meeting, but the Sept meetings are usually lightly attended as everyone is getting ready for school or they are not back from vacations. Be sure to attend the Oct MARC meeting as we are going to be asking for your opinions on what item to buy for the Super Raffle Prize at this years MARC Christmas party (Saturday, Dec. 11th) at the Citrus Cafe in Tustin. We already have commitments from some of our sponsors (Comet again is offering a large Honey Baked Ham) and others too. We do need your input.

Last month we set a record for attendees at our Saturday morning get togethers at Huntington Honda. There were 19 MARC members and all went over to Woody's for brunch. That was such a scream when the girls/waitresses at Woody's saw us all. It is amazing they can remember what everyone always orders. They just see who is there and then places the orders sometimes without asking if you want to change what you normally have. We love um. Last Saturday it was a very hot day and the turnout was small at H & H, but of course we still had fun and plenty of donuts and coffee, too. For the past couple of weeks we have been having some very bad interference on our base station radios here at the house. Yesterday an electrician was here and today a fellow from Edison Co. was here and we found that a lot of electrical interference was coming from the house next door. So I will have to talk to Joe, our neighbor and see what is causing all the electrical interference from his house. It is so bad that we can't

use the base station radios here at the house any more.
The HT's don't pick it up with their very short antennas.

We have had a lot of work done on the house recently. We had a pull down attic ladder installed, the attic partially floored with plywood, an attic fan installed, new faucets & new stainless steel tubing replaced along with a bathroom sink in the guest bathroom, pressure regulator put on the incoming water line and etc. Lots of work, but we are glad to get it done and out of the way because we were afraid that what happened when our neighbors were on vacation and one of the old copper flex lines broke, would happen to us. We don't have to worry about that anymore with all the new and improved hardware.

Last but not least, as they say. A couple of days ago on Channel 5 KTLA on the morning news segment of Cyberguy, he demonstrated a (new to me) SPOT GPS. So I went to Google and put in SPOT GPS and read all the comments on it and the many things it can do for you in an emergency when there is no cell phone service. I imagine many of you already know about this device, but I did not. So after reading all the literature about it I ordered one on line today. I plan on taking it with me at all times, because it actually uses the 48 American satellites circling the earth 24/7 to give you unprecedented coverage in an emergency. It doesn't make any difference where you are on earth, if you have an emergency you can press one of the several buttons and it will send land or sea rescue teams to find & assist you. I figure what the heck, for \$149 it could save your life, and there is no fees to pay to keep it activated. It has 3 AA batteries to run it. You can shut it off when not needed to save the batteries.

May the skies be clear & sunny and the wind forever at your back. Safe rides to one and all.

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Casper now with 185K

To Ray and the Group
The Sept meeting

Thanks for the nice welcome to the meeting this morning. I forgot to explain to you I had an adventure this morning on the way down. I was in the H.O.V. lane getting off the 60 freeway and onto the 57 freeway and as I crested the rise of the overpass I looked up to see a 16 foot extension ladder covering all of the traffic lanes. I made an emergency procedure to avoid the ladder and continued on it was pretty scary but my years of riding paid off and I almost automatically did the emergency lane change into the breakdown area and on up the road from there. Then everything was uneventful the remainder of the way to the meeting. However, my Days adventure it seems had only

started! After the meeting I spent a while out in the parking lot with everyone and it was after 11:00 before Chuck and I broke and I headed home. Coming up the on-ramp something felt weird, like I had a flat front tire or something had happened in the triple tree area. I pulled over checked everything over, found nothing so I got back on and figured maybe it was the wind. I have less than 3 weeks on the bike so I thought I might be getting some weird reaction. By Katella on the 57 freeway I was convinced something wasn't right so I pulled over again at Ball and rechecked everything.

Did a front tire pressure check, it as down to 32 psi so I added a bit, and tried again. Back on the 57 freeway and nope still acting up. I milked it along just passed the 71 freeway then got off on Reservoir, there's a Honda dealer there. I pulled in, talked to the tech guy, he came out looked found nothing, then had me sit on the bike and tweak the front back and forth. Nothing, then he looked under the bike and saw the "back tire" was close to flat. Close inspection on the center stand revealed a rivet in the rear tire. (I already had Ray's mud flap on my to do list, it just got moved up the list!) Called AAA they came and picked me up and I endured the tow truck drivers storytelling all the way home. I would have sworn the problem was in the front end, but obviously I found out otherwise. I ass-u-me'd and traveled way to far (luckily safely) on an unsafe condition. If it feels wrong, something always is wrong, so don't assume. I'm sure now I got the debris while evading the ladder and it took quite a while for the problem to surface.

Lesson learned for me, but do yourself a favor and learn from "MY" mistake. Contributing factors: 1. riding over debris in breakdown area. 2. Ass-u-ming. 3. New bike and traits from one bike to another require "EXPERIENCE" to overcome. 4. **DID I MENTION ass-u-ming** 5. Disregarding that feeling in the back of the head that says something was wrong, as it definitely was.

So I'm laid up for repairs, but I was very lucky that the bike treated my stupidity with grace. I'm home unscratched but my wallets going to suffer.

lol Now I have to see when Ray's mud flap shop can fit me in. (just kidding Ray) Everyone have a good day.

Mike N7WNO
Victorville

LIVE SIMPLE. LOVE GENEROUSLY. CARE DEEPLY. SPEAK KINDLY

GET OUTSIDE EVER DAY. MIRACLES ARE WAITING EVERYWHERE.

SOME MISTAKES ARE TOO MUCH FUN TO ONLY MAKE ONCE...

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

**DRAW FOR 9/1 ON 9/8 Mark KE6ZRP winner (pd)
DRAW FOR 9/8 ON 9/15 # 2 Mike N6QZT n/a
DRAW FOR 9/15 ON 9/22 # 16 Joseph KE6UPB winner
DRAW FOR 9/22 ON 9/29 # 11 Liz KJ6JJD winner
EB: K2QGT Tom, KC6ZSH ShEron, N6QZT Mike,
KF6TPH David, KF6BEB Mijo KF6TXI Charles, KI6IXQ
Scott,
KJ6JJD Liz, KC6ZOZ John, KD6FHN Ray.
Echolink: KI6TYH Harold (CA) W6AJB Andy, KE6ZRP
Mark
SKYPE: Mike N6QZT**

50/50:

**The teacher had (3) \$36 pots won by Alvin the 1st & 2nd
ones & Mike N6QZT won the third one. Did you bring
the teacher an apple???**

**\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won
by Teri KF6HJT
Lido LM 500H Vehicle mount donated by Comet(NCG)-
-by Billy N6EDY
Special flagpole & bracket donated by Mike N6QZT won
by ??**

Items donated by "MARC"

**Head lamp/no rust shield won by Alvin KD6UZM
Stubby screwdrivers/ metal rulers won by Mike KE6KWQ
Grill daddy won by Kile AF6YK
15 ft Ratchet tie down won by Alvin KD6UZM
6 PC Bungee pack won by Ray KD6FHN
Fiber Optic light won by Teri KF6HJT
Multi-purpose paper won by Billy N6EDY
Flexible keyboard won by Mike N6QZT**

A big "THANK YOU" to each who donated items:

**Mike Naron, John & Mijo Reynolds, Billy Hall & Audrey
Swearengen, Peter Fleming & Ray & Bonnie Davis**

**Gray ticket distributor - Mike N6QZT & John W5JFR
Gray ticket winner- Charles Robles
Gray ticket prize was Harley shirts..
How many gray ticket s drawn- 1**

**Ticket Drawer- Chris AF6ZC
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NEW MEMBERS:

No new members for September...

MEETING:

Last chance to sign up for the MS 150 at the meeting...

**Regarding new vests- I will have a sample at the meeting in
a lime color, I have had two bids at this time. I probably
won't order them until December so we have them for the
start of next years
events...**

NEWSLETTER:

**Thanking each for your articles- larger newsletter...
regarding the newsletter articles--when you send them to me
please don't set them up in a special format as I have
problems getting them to work for me. Yes designate the
paragraphs but no special line stuff. Thank you all very
much..**

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

**Continuous love and prayers for Bob N6HOJ still
maintaining, Alan Gallagher WB6T is back in the hospital
due to an accident in the kitchen with hot oil Alan lost 3
fingers on his right hand and will have a 30 day stay at UCI.
Anyone else out there who I have not mentioned Please
know we love and pray for each of you...as we do care...
Life is not an easy task when it comes to sickness and
losing someone.
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.**

**We honor our Military for putting their lives in danger
so we may live. Their families need our support and love
as well.**

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

IN GOD WE TRUST

**I did talk to Mel KD6MPB yesterday (Tuesday), he is doing
fine, they are remodeling and getting ready for the new great
granddaughter to arrive the first of December... He sounds
great says he is quite busy with all the work going on and to
tell each and everyone he does miss you all & sends his
love.**

**Who knew the number one candy of choice for trick-or-
treaters is the Snickers Bar.**

**"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."
(Lao Tzu)
"You grow up the first day you have your first real laugh---
at yourself." (Ehtel Barrymoore)**

**"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to
you." (Desmond Tutu)**

Mike N7WNO INSTALLATION

My Christmas came early..... Last Monday I had the day off and having communicated with Ray that I wanted to come pick up an antenna mount from him so I could get a temporary install of my Kenwood 742 on my new to me 2001 GW. I had already set up a relay to power the radio when the key came on and using a glass mount antenna on my luggage compartment had the radio working but I had the control head mounted in the luggage area and had to stop to change frequencies.

This would do until I could get the parts all together and get help doing it right. So I jumped on the bike and headed for Rays with enough cash for the antenna mount, and a PTT switch.

On arriving, I pulled in front of Rays open garage and he tells me to wait while he moves Casper and then gave me exacting directions on how to swing into the driveway and back into the garage. Now I'm sitting on "Blue" thinking what is he talking about and finally I ask why I need to be in the garage just to buy a couple of parts. He tells me, well this is where we do installs. So I counter back, what install? Your antenna and radio, he says. Obviously we have some sort of miscommunication going. I just shook my head and feeling kind of bad that I had given him the wrong impression, I made sure he had a chance to back out. He told me this is what MARC is about and directed me into the garage. My install was reasonably simple compared to many. The plan came to be that we would install the radio correctly (not temp'd) install the control head, new antenna, a power outlet in the left pocket.

Ray and Chuck swiftly removed the offending parts preventing proper access to where we needed and showing me the basics of it as we went. In a short time Chuck was disassembling the main panel to allow the radio head mount bracket, and Ray was busy disassembling another bike for a windshield replacement. Note: since I hadn't planned this ahead of time I had a few parts I'd already purchased at home. (aka control head brackets and spiral wrap) Chuck found enough parts to make finishing the head simple and completed the main bracket install. I was made busy by spiral wrapping the control head separation cable, when it was complete I assisted Chuck in reassembling the 3 pieces of the main front panel and cleaned up the power wire routing to a more permanent location.

Meanwhile, Ray having finished the windshield swap on the other bike was installing the luggage rack ground wire and antenna mount. (I was blessed for buying a bike with the proper round bar rack instead of the flat rack.) Many of the MARC GL1800s use the Kennedy system to integrate the audio to the helmet. I am considering this for the future but currently I am using a **TalkSafe Bluetooth box**. It plugs

into the Radio Mic plug and sends the audio wireless to my Bluetooth Helmet. So while Chuck had moved on to running the PTT wires aft. I got it connected except the PTT wires. Ray moved on toward completion of the antenna once the coax was properly into the radio he noticed that my Triplexer for the radio antennas was an older style and much boxier than the one he used on his 742. He went digging around in the house and came back shortly with the much nicer newer unit and added it to my "Funding List." It was closing on kickoff time and Ray was monitoring the clock when we buttoned up the install and did a test with the radio head wired on but awaiting finish at home with my RAM parts I'd left there. Initially we had power to the TalkSafe but none to the radio. 10 minutes of troubleshooting and 10 or so correcting a bad ground (my solder job on a power splitter hadn't held) and everything ops checked good. I secured the radio head to the truck, moved "Blue" to the street and supervised cleanup since I was unaware of proper locations for things.

Ray was unhappy I couldn't talk to them on the way home, but 10 minutes after arriving home and giving Maggie a peck on the cheek I had the control head finished and everything checked out good. The only thing left was to adjust the audio output on the TalkSafe to eliminate some over-deviations. The following day I went over to my buddy Pat WR6S's house and we did some tweaking on this on both of our bikes. Pat has a Yaesu 8900 with a TalkSafe on his Kawasaki 650 . (I'm working on getting him into MARC) Reports on my audio are outstanding. I have to give credit where its due I'd have been petrified to tear into that beautiful front panel without Chuck and Ray's help. They are truly a gift to us from above and I'm sure everyone that knows them agrees. **Thanks Gentlemen** from the bottom of my heart. Should anyone have questions on the **TalkSafe** unit or just want to make contact, please feel free to email me. **Note:** at this time there are very few of these units still available because the company has disbanded. They however work very well and are cherished by those of us using them. I highly recommend them.

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Victorville, CA

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**RE: Ham radio (Bill Mc Ininch)**  
Hold out your hand: in the nothing that's there  
All the world's voices are filling the air  
Making from many lands one.

Reach for a signal, see who it might bring:  
Actors or astronauts, children, a king,  
Daring adventure, about anything  
It's all ham radio. Let your voice spring  
Out to the world, and have fun.

## FALL SOON TO BE WINTER

**Minnesota** hot summer came to a cold front just before Labor Day. Cold and rain without proper gear and we ALL have been there, eh?

I had finally started this Face Book thing and sent a note to John, "Flipped on the heated grips today!" The response is Classic... one word..."Wimp" This happened on September 2nd. I had asked John if he wanted to ride with me up to Sandstone, MN to the Grindstone Bible Camp. Every year for the past 35 years our church has taken over the camp for the Labor Day weekend.

Out comes the boats and fishing equipment or for the gamers there is scrabble or some puzzle to get together before Monday. The musty smells meet the nostrils and reminds one of former years. Squeaky doors with those long springs... spouse they are made in China too?

"**Meet me** at Caribou in Circle Pines... just beyond the McDonald's.." Came the reply from John. So that Saturday morning I pull the bike out of the garage only to hear the starter motor turn but NO engine cranking! Sprag clutch is dirty and the oil needs to be changed... i mutter.

Paddling down the alley and popping the clutch while thumbing the starter... Well to get the fuel pump to start one has to thumb the starter. Burbbles to life as I sit there sweating and smiling. Filled on fuel and headed up the freeway to Lake Drive... "There's the Mc D's! now where is that Caribou... hmmm... so I kept following Lake drive as it passed Over I 35W again... and another McDonald's and well there it is... a Caribou...

"Yah, Tim I saw you go by and then come back!"

"Well I had thot it was the first Mc D's..." "Oh NO..." John Smiles.... "That one is in Blaine!"

**You know** maybe there is too many golden arches around?

"Are you getting any coffee? I have too many layers on!" John asks..

"Hey.. your the guy that called me a WIMP!" John chuckles as he removes his cowboy hat and puts on the modular helmet... this is the first time that he has ridden with me and most days its that cowboy hat... and his waxed moustache... nope not going there

We rode north. Feeling each other out on how we moved around the slower traffic. The camp is about 70 miles north and yep we were there in 1 hour. John has the Yamaha road star 1700. He had triked out a 01 gold wing but decided he wanted only 2 wheels and purchased this bike a year ago. 08 I believe.

"**I won't be** riding back with you, Tim. I paid for the supper meal." We walked down to the Grindstone Lake watching the fishing guys getting their paddle boat ready. Noticed Ladd who came back one more time from Seattle, Washington. Shook hands and talked of his trip and when he would need me for the second truck.

**Ate lunch** with these people and one of them realized it was my birthday... so with singing and catcalls I just nodded as I grabbed food from the tables... Decided to head home after an hour. I am not into fishing.. its too cold in that lake to even wade in it and well the sun was high, blue skies and i really need to ride!

**Sunday** I headed up to Crooked Lake, Now you who live out side of Minnesota and Wisconsin should realize that there is over 20,000 lakes in our region. 13,000 approximate in Minnesota alone... So the problem is there maybe be 100's of lakes that are called Crooked.. almost like the McDonald's store... This one is over by a small town called Siren on a 2 lane road called 35. YEP..there is interstate 35 and 40 miles east hwy 35... got me... seems we have no imagination... Well anyways I rode up hwy 65 to some county roads and finally passed into Wisconsin skirting another town called Grantsburg... 'I really should stop someday and see my cousins who live there...' 20 miles further and I was in Siren, then the turn off to Crooked Lake... and well there is my cousin's husband talking to my other cousin who owns the cabin... So much for sneaking thru some town... hoping not to be seen Winds had taken the top off the trees in their lot. Wayne removed the chainsaw from his pickup and we grabbed the branches and logs as he cut them up. "That was fun!" Wayne laughed, "Usually I have to carry them myself as well as cut them!"

**I had** hoped to be at my sister's in Cushing by dark.. however as Ray comments in the news in his column that our summer daylight is lessening. I had left Siren around 615pm and took back roads heading west. Thru Hinkley and on to Onamia which is south of the big lake called Millacs. Finally Little Falls and head north to Cushing. My brother in law had asked if we wanted to build a fire... took a long time or rather lots of gas to get the wood to burn... Wayne told me that central Minnesota and western Wisconsin had 32 inches of water this summer!

**We ate** supper and watched some TV... in the morning we cut down some trees and pulled them to the firepit. the Kawasaki mule looked camouflaged with all the branches on and over it. Sunshine we had at breakfast gave way to high clouds...

"Tim you had better head home before you know what is coming!" Keith exclaimed.

I nodded and thanked him for the fun. "Come up anytime, Tim!" He called after me. Rode out on to the pavement.. always a release when getting off gravel.

**Decided** to take the river road out of Little Falls... so headed south along the might Mississippi.. not realizing that hwy 10 the 4 lane road that I usually take had traffic backed up for 10 miles due to a blown light in Royalton! I on the other side had no trucks and plenty of scenery... especially the odometer... Finally I stopped and took the prized picture of the gauges... 87,654 it read on the main odometer.. the trip I had set earlier that weekend... so it read 321. Aha!

**Fork seals** looked to be original.. I had popped off the old ones and replaced them with Leak Seal ones..

however I didn't realize that the fork tubes on the BMW are 41.7mm.. not 41mm like what these are made for.. No shock value at all! Ordered the BMW seals and finally replaced the Leak proof ones with beemer's! What a difference! Seems that I have taken the bike apart many times this past few weeks. However I can not complain. Been running long days, long miles, doesn't complain about the weather either.

**I knew** that the trip to Seattle was coming up and wanted to make sure i had tires and well anything that I could do to it NOW would be lots better than down some broken road. However that changed.

"Tim, I don't need your help!" The voice of Ladd squawked in my cell. "Oh?" I replied

"My nephew Darin has volunteered to drive the truck and sees no problem pulling the trailer with Moses on it!" Moses is a 71 Ford Torino that Ladd had purchased brand new.

**Ok.. no big trip to the west coast this fall.**

**Well there** is one more trip but that is in an 86 Buick Lesabre... down to South Carolina. Down to see Connie one more time this year.. however she had told me... "Next trip Tim... your bringing my sister!" So that happens this coming week! no motorcycles just a car with a tank that is almost as big as the tanks on Ray's tanker... eh?

**I have 3 goals** left for this year.. well I had 3. Last week I rolled over 20,000 miles since starting the bike and riding it back in February. i think it was the 19th. So that one is done. The next goal will be another picture... 88888 with the trip 888... now the number 8 on the side on a camera lens means infinity... hungry for more miles with all these 8's? the Third goal is to do 20,000 miles for the BMW moa contest. Or ride it another 870+ miles before the 10th of October... so yes summer is over... fall is here, eh? Keep persevering... keep concentrating.. and mostly keep Praying... and see if the LORD Jesus will agree with your plans and help you succeed... and maybe far better than anyone can imagine!

**73 then!**

**tim lindstrom, ab0ts**

**1995 BMW k1100rs with 88,840 and rolling  
Columbia Heights MN**

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POST SCRIPT!!!!!!

You know how it is, eh? You or I want to write an interesting article for the newsletter. Not the scenario of "I got up, I ate, I ride... I, I, I ...!" You Know? However we write what is happening no matter how boring or how mundane it could be...or might be. Focus is on individual transportation, Communications via or with or for.

Well anyways Sunday I decided due to the heavy work load for the past week to leave town on the bike instead of going to Church. Some of you might know that Karen and I work for the church that we belong to. Job requirements

use to be 6 days of work and see you Sunday... That has loosened some with extra help now,

Main reason for this trip was to get the odometer and the trip meter to read 88,888 and 888.8 Which I did on some back roads north of Big Lake or East of Becker. If your interested those pics and my mug is on face book for all to see... Filled the tank with gas and headed east then north of St. Cloud. Back roads primarily however I did take MN hwy 25 and 23. Finally heading east from Hinkley on MN 48 into Wisconsin.

Sunshine and bright blue skies. Fields ready or done with harvest. The Rains we have had for past week are forgotten on this day. Didn't mine the cages as they passed me. This trip was to see how the engine could sip the fuel, Bright leaves reflected the sun with reds and yellows. I tried finding a short cut to Pine City, however it was gravel road and I don't do gravel. Did stop and take some pics of a might white oak with its crown of yellow against the blue. South of Webster a Dodge truck with sirens blaring screamed by me... hmmm Of course I looked at my speed. Nope I wasn't. 4 miles more and there are cars everywhere... 3 cop cars and this deputy is out of his truck..."Keep moving! Get going!" He screamed and flailed his arms. We the traffic obeyed...Another mile and here comes 3 squad cars, lights flashing and sirens... then later more cars!

Siren Wisconsin... yep that's the name of that town. I had wanted to head west on hwy 70 but it was blocked by a big fire engine and a few firemen walking around with their radios...ok. So I kept heading south. Finally got home and told Karen about it... wondering what happened... Well on the news we heard that a 43 year old man was shooting his shotgun into passing cars! He had shot up a few plus hitting a man in his arm and a woman in her shoulder and face! Ayeeee!

That had happened in Siren on hwy 70. He then hopped into his truck and headed north on hwy 35.. a 2 lane road that goes north to Superior, Wisconsin. The sheriff in that truck had stopped him... the 2 other police cars boxed him in from the south and there I was not knowing the danger, eh? After I had moved on south of the crime scene the 43 year old man had tried shooting at the police and they returned fire... killing him.

Usually when I am out riding I like to at least run 5 over. You know the power of these machines. Yesterday I decided to keep it at just 5 over and enjoy the coolness of fall to reflect on the summer and travel. Not realizing that IF I had done a faster trip that maybe... but that is the 20/20 hindsight that we like to think about! **Thankful to God** for letting me see HIS protection! I figure there are more times that we don't know how or how close God and his angels have been to the personal transportation devices that we love!

take care... or let GOD take care?

**73, Tim Lindstrom, ab0ts Columbia Heights, MN
1995 BMW K1100RS - 89,150 miles & no bullet holes!**

How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Harold Hilbert, KI6TYH

Prologue: select pictures of our vacation are available at ["http://picasaweb.google.com/104414162959684983749/GrantsPassVacation2010#"](http://picasaweb.google.com/104414162959684983749/GrantsPassVacation2010#). The MARC newsletter probably won't be able to display the HTML so the URL will have to be copied and pasted to view the pictures. Others can just click the URL. The pics are more or less chronological with the story below. HH

Sorry, I couldn't help myself with the title. My wife, Andrea, and I and our two mini-doxies, sisters Gretchen (aka, The Huntress) and Mitzi (aka, The Princess) (together aka, The Girls), left on vacation for Grants Pass, OR, beginning on Saturday, September 11 (I think it was still summer since the Autumn Equinox wasn't until September 22 at 8:09 PM). We picked Grants Pass as a destination because it is one consideration for our relocation after retirement.

My brother, Larry, lives in Cottonwood, CA (about 15 miles south of Redding) where we spent the night on Saturday, 9/12. It is 604 miles door-to-door from Beaumont to his home. It was 10 hours of driving (lots of potty stops for The Girls...just in case) and we spent a great evening visiting and enjoyed a great BBQ'd dinner on his patio. His home is on an acre of land so the girls spent lots of time exploring and barking at all the strange sounds associated with rural living (if you don't know it, doxies are great watch-dogs...noisy but no bite).

We spent a leisurely morning on Sunday with Larry then Andrea and I and The Girls left about noon for the 3-hour drive to Grants Pass. On our way out of town, we found that Cottonwood has Charter School system in Cottonwood. (I mention this only because Andrea's son, Darron, is Dean of Students at a Charter School in Huntington Park (about 400 students if I remember correctly)...we were speculating about whether or not he might consider moving to the Charter School in Cottonwood...but we could be dead wrong about that).

North of Redding the vegetation changed from scrub oak to piney woods. The piney woods only increased in density and height as we crossed into Oregon and arrived at Grants Pass. We arrived about 3:10 PM and went straight to our Vacation Rental Home called Nana's Nook; an upstairs mini-apartment above the owner's residence.

Grants Pass has a population of about 33,000; about the same as Beaumont. However, it doesn't compare to Beaumont except that they both have a Super Wal-Mart. The owner's of Nana's Nook are partial to mini-doxies so they didn't charge us an extra fee for The Girls. However, they asked that The Girls use the "field" across the street for their business. Well, this field was an area next to some

(it looked like abandoned) railroad tracks that was

mostly surrounded by asphalt with some dried grasses poking up through broken areas of the asphalt. Well, The Girls, especially The Princess, did not like this area at all and I didn't like all the dried foxtails on the ground. (We've already had two previous veterinarian visits to remove foxtails sniffed up their noses...the foxtails go in but they don't come out when the dog sneezes).

We found some grassy area about 100 yards away that was acceptable to both the girls and me; a short walk down the sidewalk past a couple of small businesses and a residence. As I walked the girls on their leashes past the only residence on the way to "the grassy knoll" I looked into the backyard of the nearby residence. Their back fence was covered with a heavy growth of blackberry bushes (as are most of the rural fences and as is many undisturbed open areas). There lying on the under the blackberry bushes, about 75 feet away, was statue of a deer with her head up and ears pointed in my direction. I'm thinking, why would someone have such a statue and in that location? I looked at it, the girls looked at it and then the statue stood up and slowly walked out of view..."Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore!" Of course, the camera was still in my suitcase!

We spent the rest of Sunday reconnoitering Grants Pass. It isn't a hard city to get around in and to locate restaurants and businesses. We needed to gas-up the Prius so I started looking for a station I was familiar with. I found a Shell station, got out of the car and this young woman came up to me and asked what grade of gas I wanted and was I paying with cash or credit card? Huh? I told her debit card, she started to fuel the Prius and then to wash the windows...huh? When my shock wore off, I asked her what was there to do in Grants Pass. After a moments thought, she said, "nothing." A co-worker arrived at the pump and she asked him the same question...his response was the same as her's.

My wife had a hankering for pizza so we found a restaurant about two miles away; Abby's Legendary Pizza. As pizza goes, it was better than Shakey's (not hard to do) but I've had better. Later, we watched a little TV and planned our exploring for the next day; Jacksonville.

Monday we headed back to the 5 freeway south toward Medford (about 25 miles); first to get the oil changed in my Prius (it was due would be way overdue by the time we got home) and then headed to Jacksonville, about 5 miles south of Medford.

Jacksonville is an old mining town; they've recently celebrated their 150th anniversary. The main street is two, short blocks long and is (mostly) the original buildings built during its early days of the town following incorporation. **Walking the** main street, there are little signs on the buildings that identify who lived there or what the business

was there in the late 1800's. It was a town that was built around gold mining that occurred nearby. It has become a rather exclusive area to live in for those that want a slower paced community but still close to "civilization", *i.e.* Wal-Mart and Home Depot.

After visiting Jacksonville, we headed out of Jackson west and north on SR 238, a two-lane road toward Applegate and then back to Grants Pass...a more scenic route. Applegate is very rural and has become a center for wineries and small farms. It was very picturesque drive and meandered alongside the Applegate River much of way. The drive is very green and has gorgeous scenery. It took about 25 minutes to drive from Grants Pass to Medford on the freeway but about 50 minutes to travel from Jacksonville to Grants Pass on 238. You can see so many more things at 30 miles per hour than you can at 65 mph.

Tuesday we drove to Crater Lake National Park. A short 10 mile drive south on the 5 freeway again to Gold Hill, then on SR 234 to SR 62 to the Crater. (Sidebar: in July when I spent a week at my brother's sight-seeing and fishing, one day we went to Lassen National Park. For \$10, seniors at least 62 years old can buy an "America the Beautiful" Senior Pass. It is good for as long as you need it (translation: the rest of your life). It is good at all National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands...end of Sidebar.) When Crater Lake is open, it is open 24/7. It costs \$10 to enter the Park; I showed the Ranger my Senior Pass and, waalaa, the card had paid for itself...my first use.

Crater Lake is an extinct volcano that blew its top about 7,700 years ago +/- 150 years. The top of the volcano later caved in on itself and has slowly filled with water. The water source is rain and snow. It is the deepest lake that is completely within the US at 1,949 ft deep. And, it is absolutely beautiful and every bit worth the drive. The mountain top around the lake ranges from 7,000 to 8,000 ft. The guide books mention that the stars are particularly beautiful on clear nights, ergo, open 24/7.

The drive to and from the Crater on SR 62, the road goes through very tall pine forests; most of the trees exceeding 100 feet tall...it is like driving through a narrow, green canyon. The GPS and XM satellite weren't too much use during this portion of the drive because we kept losing the satellites.

Wednesday was laundry day (how exciting can that be?). While we were waiting for the clothes to wash and dry, Andrea found a newly opened candy shop a few doors away. They had only been open a couple of months and it was owned by a lady that had moved to Grants Pass from Tustin (small world). They specialized in candies from the era when we were kids. Andrea bought a couple of Cup O' Gold candy bars which I haven't seen in over 45 years.

Larry drove up early afternoon and met us just as we're leaving the laundromat. We showed him the sights in Grants Pass (we were now experts) and later he and I planned our salmon fishing trip for the next day. Larry had previously made reservations with Geoff's Guide Service. We contacted Geoff and agreed to meet the next morning at 6:30 AM at a 76 gas station located on Route 199 in south Grants Pass. The 76 gas station was also a fishing tackle and bait shop. Geoff said his trip that day had landed 3 of 5 hits and the day before they landed two salmon...he expected another good day for us on Thursday.

Wednesday night I made the MARC Net at 7:00 PM on my Droid cell phone to Mark's, KE6ZRP, Echolink node...thank you Mark. Scott, KI6IXQ, has had Echolink on his iPhone a long time ago so I had been very envious until the app became available on the Droid. Thanks Scott for showing me the way. And, thank you John, W5JFR, for hosting the Net.

After buying our non-resident, one-day fishing license at the 76 station, we were off to the boat ramp on the Rogue River. The boat was launched about 6:45 and I stayed with it while Larry and Geoff shuttled Geoff's truck and trailer down river. By 7:30 AM, we were all aboard and drifting down river. Geoff provides all services and gear for the client. The only thing we provide is our own lunch and drinks.

Most of the fishing guides use a drift boat called a Willie Boat. Our boat was a three-person boat; one for the guide and two for the clients sitting up front. Some have outboards and some guides only use oars. Geoff's boat didn't have an outboard so he worked the oars all day. He said his guide license would have an extra tariff if he had an outboard on the boat.

It had threatened rain on Thursday for over a week but it never materialized. The weather was perfect albeit overcast. It was very peaceful and relaxing, salmon jumping out of the water all day long, baiting and re-baiting the lures, Geoff rowing up river and drifting down river...just perfect. We didn't get a nibble all day! So much for perfection! Geoff tried all kinds of tricks and he was very disappointed that we got skunked, but, as the saying goes, "the worst day fishing is better than the best day at work." By 4:30 PM we beached the Willie Boat where Geoff's truck and trailer had been shuttled.

Friday morning Larry headed back to Cottonwood early. He said he was stopping in Yreka to visit a friend and wanted to be home by early afternoon. After breakfast, we loaded the car again and headed back to Medford to visit the Harry and David store. If you're not familiar with Harry and David, they are a specialty store in the genre of Trader Joe's, Henry's Marketplace or Sprouts. However, they are really known for the mail order gift boxes and baskets, chocolates and fresh fruits and vegetables. The front of the Store had an old (1940's ?) Ford delivery truck surrounded by tons of

pumpkins (nothing under 12”) and bales of hay. The guy at the check stand said they had another 20,000 pounds of pumpkins arriving that afternoon...where would they put them? We enjoyed the store, bought a few things and headed back north on the 5 freeway.

Just a few miles north is the town of Central Point, our next destination. In Central Point is a cheese store on Interstate 99 called Rogue Creamery...famous for their Blue Cheese and Cheddar cheeses. Check them out on the internet, "<http://www.roguecreamery.com/>". You can sample any cheese you see and they are all delicious. They are specially famous for their Rogue River Blue Cheese which is only available in the fall. It is something to do with the type of food-source the cows have in the fall. The cheese is aged for 9 months and then only available for a short time beginning in August. We made our purchases and headed back to Grants Pass.

About 6 miles from the off-ramp to Grants Pass, the Prius shifted itself out of cruise control and no less than 5 warning symbols illuminated the dashboard! The most obvious one was a 1” bright red triangle with an exclamation point in the center...I didn’t know what was happening. It was 7 miles back to Nana’s Nook and we arrived about 1:15 PM. I got the owner’s manual out and began reading. The Prius has lots of warning lamps and a definition was given for each of them. Each of the five warning lights said, “Drive to your nearest Toyota dealer.”

I called the local dealer, Wheeler Toyota, explained my situation and some of the warning icons and they said they had an opening at 3:15. Mike, who I was talking with, said the red triangle was, aka, The Kiss of Death. I waited. I headed for Wheeler Toyota and it began raining...the threat had become a promise. I arrived at 3:10 PM, they said their Prius technician had just finished a job and was available; he would hook-up my car to the computer. 10 minutes later, Mike, the Service Writer said the good news is the Inverter Cooling Pump was blown and needed replacing. It would be about \$350 to replace it. They also did not recommend driving the car even locally since if the Inverter overheated, that would be a few thousand dollars replacement...he didn’t say how many a “few” was but I did understand the word “thousand”. He went on to say, “the bad news is they don’t have the pump in stock. The computer shows a lot of them are on a ship at sea but that was all they knew and they didn’t know when it would reach port”.

The Parts Counter guy was busy on the phone calling other dealers. About a half hour later, Mike came to me in the Customer Lounge and said they found a pump in Portland; 300 miles away. The earliest it could be in Grants Pass by UPS was Monday; maybe Tuesday. It could be installed in 1 ½ to 2 hours. I said, “Where’s your nearest Enterprise Car Rental?”

While Enterprise was sending a driver to pick me up,

I called my boss, Dave. I told him about the car and that I would not be at work on Monday, the earliest that I would be at work is Wednesday, maybe Thursday. Until the part actually arrived, a firm date couldn’t be determined. He said he understood and just to keep him informed. The Enterprise driver arrived and we returned to the Enterprise store. For \$33 per day, I rented a little 4-door Chevy Aveo...the only thing electric on the car was the clock and the radio...not the door locks, windows or seats.

Our plans for Saturday were to have breakfast at 10:00 AM with a friend of Andrea’s, Rob. Rob and Andrea had worked together years before and lived in Mission Viejo at the same time. He is a computer programmer / IT professional and currently works in Redding. About 5 years ago he refinanced his home in Mission Viejo then bought 116 acres of wooded land in Rogue River...a small town about 6 miles south of Grants Pass down the 5 freeway. He has since put an upgraded manufactured home on his land and brought in the utilities. Except for seeing a driveway to his home, you’d never know it was there...absolute privacy...I digress. Original plans were to have breakfast with Rob, then visit with Rob at his Rogue River home, leave Oregon and drive to my brother’s Saturday afternoon. We could still do the visit but the drive to Larry’s was now postponed until...?

Saturday morning I took the girls out about 9:30 AM for one last break before heading to breakfast with Rob. As I headed out the front gate to the sidewalk, about 80 feet across the street, walking in front of another huge growth of blackberry bushes were two does. Just taking their sweet time and then they disappeared in the brambles. This is my kind of town.

By the time we headed to breakfast, it was drizzling. I came prepared though; I brought an umbrella. Rob arrived in the parking lot and we all headed to the door about the same time although Rob was ahead of us. I had my new Tilley hat (thanks Chuck, KG6NJP, for the Tilley recommendation) so I gave the umbrella to Andrea. We met in the lobby, exchanged greeting and were seated immediately. Just after we sat down, Rob commented, “it was easy to tell we were from California, we had an umbrella.” Hhhmm, will have to work on that one. We had a nice breakfast and visit with Rob at Shari’s Restaurant before heading to Rogue River to see Rob’s home. It rained off and on during the drive.

The 10 miles to Rob’s from the freeway is mostly farms with small groups of homes here and there. Traveling down this narrow, two lane road we pass another deer about 5 feet away from the car, just standing by the roadway in someone’s front yard. You don’t see that in Beaumont too often either.

It was drizzly when we arrived at Rob’s Forest. He unlocked the chained cable across his driveway and we followed him

down the winding driveway a few hundred yards to his home. He gave us a tour of his custom home; 1970's it is not...wow what a home. We sat in his living room in front of the three huge windows overlooking his forest and visited for while. He was telling us about what he went through getting the utilities brought in, clearing out forest and setting up his home. He told us about the deer sleeping against his north foundation in the summer to escape from the heat. All of a sudden, Rob jumped up and said, "look at the wildlife." Roaming around the trees in his "front yard" was a fox...you don't see that in Beaumont either...possums and skunks yes...foxes no.

The rain had abated after a bit and Andrea suggested we tour Rob's property. He said his lot was, basically, about ¾ mile x ¼ mile except that the creek on the south of his property line didn't follow a straight line. He led the way as we headed eastward (I think). We had walked about 200 yards when Rob said, "see that white PVC pipe sticking up a couple of feet? That is where my septic tank is located. That other pipe over there (he points) about 150 ft away, that's the end of the leach line." I guess that's far enough away from the house to prevent problems...by the way, where is the house? It started to drizzle.

Did I mention we are carrying The Girls. There are lots of beautiful pines, Manzanita, firs and cedars and who know what else (a Bachelors in Biology, emphasis in Plant Ecology / Molecular Genetics and I don't know my Oregon flora!...egads). But, there are lots of foptails again. Sidebar: The Girls, albeit sisters and miniature Dachshunds, are very different. Gretchen, aka, The Huntress, weighs about 20 LB. Mitzi, aka, The Princess, weighs about 12 LB. The Huntress gets heavy after a while. I've got Gretchen, Andrea has Mitzi. Rob takes over the Duty with Gretchen. It begins to rain.

We walk a while longer and reach a "road" cut out by a dozer. It is a right-of-way road across Rob's property. We walk it for a couple of minutes then decide the rain is getting heavier and so are The Girls. We head back up the road to where we entered it and head back to the house...which is where? I, in my Tilley hat (thank you again Chuck), have a dry head although everything else is soaked. Rob can't see with his glasses and Andrea's hair is drooping. After about 100 yards, Rob is off-course...we back track. Ah, we find our path and we're off again. Another 50 yards and we're lost again. Where's the sun? Can't tell because it is raining. Backtrack again...we find something that looks familiar and we go again. Then we finally see the house through the trees, Rob says we'll get to finish our vacation and we head for dryer surroundings. Ah, nature. This is what I get for getting away from concrete. We later say goodbye to Rob and his beautiful home and drive back to Nana's Nook and dryer clothes.

Sunday is a quiet day. Andrea spotted a park, Riverside

Park, located next to the Rogue River. We spend a couple hours there walking around and enjoying the flowers (flora), pigeons, ducks and geese (watch where you step 'cause geese have droppings like a Great Dane...almost). The Girls enjoyed the park and we have a nice couple of hours walking around the Park.

Monday, we're counting on Wheeler Toyota receiving the UPS delivery and getting the pump. I called them about 8 o'clock AM. Mike said their UPS delivery was usually about 10:30 AM and they had confirmed the pump was on today's truck...time to pack. We're loaded and in the car by 10:30 but where to go? Wheeler would be boring to sit in their Customer Lounge for two hours so we head to Riverside Park again. Again, it is again very enjoyable. Caught some pics of the geese flying above the Rogue River and we just walked around. It is getting to be about 11:20, we start meandering toward the parking lot and the Chevy Aveo.

A Gray Squirrel decides this is a good time to walk through the parking lot. The Huntress goes on point. "What is that? Am I supposed to chase it?" She opts for the chase. If I had tripped and fallen, she would have pulled me though the parking lot. The squirrel is up a giant pine tree...Gretchen is in hot pursuit. The squirrel is up the tree when The Huntress reaches the base. The squirrel, up about 10 ft is barking and squawking at Gretchen. If Gretchen were a cat and not a dog, she would be spitting gray hairs. By now the squirrel is up about 30 ft still barking and squawking.

We all clamber in the Aveo about 11:30 and head to Wheeler's. When we arrive, the Prius Technician is just headed out for a test drive in my car...a good sign. We wait. He returns in about 10 minutes and turns over the Prius key fob (wireless start; no key) with his blessings. I pay the repair bill (\$334) and start transferring gear. We head to Enterprise. \$99 later we are on the road to Cottonwood. Tuesday we are home by 4:20 PM, exhausted but glad to be home. That's how I spent my summer vacation.

IT'S HALLOWEEN BY Jack Prelutsky

It's Halloween! It's Halloween!
The moon is full and bright
And we shall see what can't be seen
On any other night.

Skeletons and ghosts and ghouls,
Grinning goblins fighting duels,
Werewolves rising from their tombs,
Witches on their magic brooms.

In masks and gowns we haunt the street
And knock on doors for trick or treat.
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For tonight it's Halloween!

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A Fall Song
by Ellen Robena Field

Golden and red trees
Nod to the soft breeze,
As it whispers, "Winter is near;"
And the brown nuts fall
At the wind's loud call,
For this is the Fall of the year.

Good-by, sweet flowers!
Through bright Summer hours
You have filled our hearts with cheer
We shall miss you so,
And yet you must go,
For this is the Fall of the year.

Now the days grow cold,
As the year grows old,
And the meadows are brown and sere;
Brave robin redbreast
Has gone from his nest,
For this is the Fall of the year.

I do softly pray
At the close of day,
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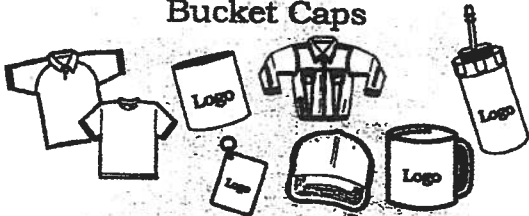
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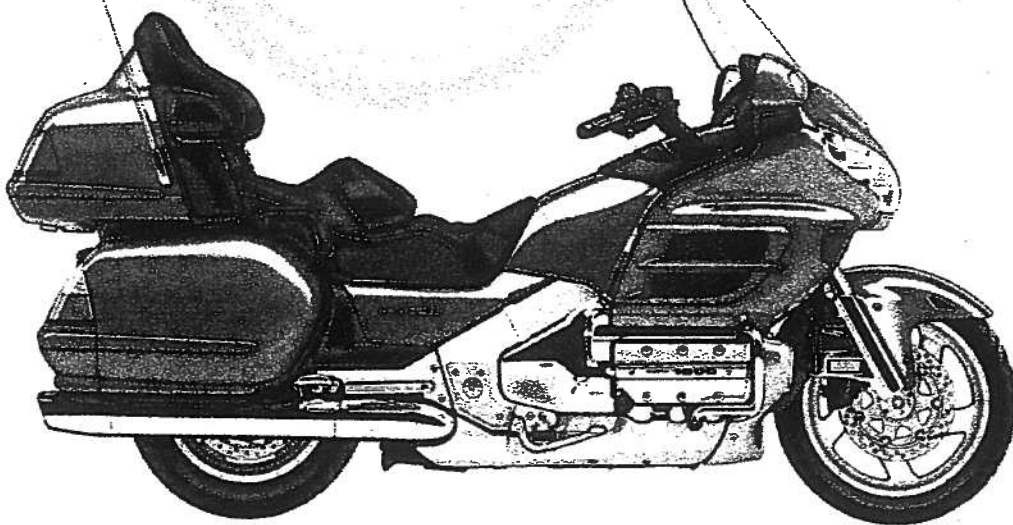
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