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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Welcome to April. I hope the rains of the winter and spring are over. It would turn out that my talk about wet riding and pot holes last month was quite prophetic. Michael, N6QZT, and I had been to Burbank and Glendale for a Patriot Guard mission and on the way home we decided to drop by Mark's KE6ZRP, body shop in LA for a quick visit. We had stopped at the Glendale "Mc Ds" for a potty break (the same one that we used as a gathering point for the Love Ride) and, upon exiting the parking lot, a four-wheeler pulled in front of Michael causing him to brake quickly while turning down the driveway. He went down with a clunk. I was a bit in front and had used a different driveway, so I was already going up the freeway on ramp and missed the excitement. With luck, another motorcyclist (also a Patriot Guard rider) who was in the parking area helped Michael get his 1500 back on two wheels and in a few minutes, with a sore knee and an injured pride, he was able to catch up with me on the 2 freeway. When we arrived at Mark's shop, the meeting was not to be. Mark was out on the tow truck to retrieve a vehicle in need of some body work. Now this is where my saga begins. Michael and I left Mark's shop and pointed both cycles toward home. As we entered the 60 freeway east, the on-ramp was a down grade with an overhead crossing (quite wide) at the bottom. My photo-gray glasses took an instant to lighten. That was enough. Just as I could see clearly in the dimness of the underpass I noticed that there was a "BIG" pot hole directly in front of me. Well, it was too late to dodge. To do so would have been a sure go down. I only had a second to tap the brakes to slow a bit then release them and hold on to ride it out. With a bang it was over and the offending pot hole was behind. Michael had seen my panic maneuver and went around the pot hole. My 1800 was still running ok and seemed to ride ok. Then the shower of oil began. A fine spray was everywhere. The motor was still running ok and the oil pressure was fine. I called Michael on the radio and told him that I was ok but I had an oil leak from somewhere. I had an idea that either one or both front fork

seals had been damaged. Sure enough, upon closer inspection, the left front shock was spewing its life blood. I have since had both fork seals replaced and also changed the front brake pads. Hopefully, with no new mishaps, the yellow machine will be ready for summer riding.

Speaking of summer riding, Bonnie, KD6OFQ, will have three, yes three, sign up sheets at the April meeting. On Sunday 1 May 2011, we have the Ship to Shore tour in Long Beach. On the following Saturday, 7 May 2011, we have the 20th San Diego Tour de Cure and on 5 June 2011, we have the Bad Ride, all to benefit the American Diabetes Assn. These are our three big rides for the spring/summer. We need all the assistance that we can get for these events. Please "MARC" your calendar for these dates and volunteer to help keep the participants safe. We need motorcycle mobiles, net control operators, and drivers for SAG (Support and gear) vehicles. If you have a friend that is a ham and can offer his or her help for a day, talk to them and see if they can assist by providing SAG support. This requires a car with a bicycle rack, a van, or a pickup that can provide emergency transportation for an injured/fatigued rider and his/her bicycle. We will receive our pre-ride briefing for the Ship to Shore and the San Diego Tour de Cure at the April meeting. May will be our MARC anniversary meeting and then the June meeting will be a week early, on 4 June 2011, so we can be briefed on the Bad Ride, get our assignments and motorcycle signage for the Bad Ride from Billy, N6EDY, and Charles, KF6TXI.

At the April MARC meeting, John, KC6ZOZ, will be selling raffle tickets for our May anniversary meeting. I have heard that we will have another grand prize of \$500 as a "MARC Birthday" gift for one of our lucky MARC members. I am sure that, as usual, we will have many other great birthday gifts as consolation prizes for our MARC people. Make plans to attend the May MARC meeting and join in the festivities. Bring a few extra \$\$\$ and better your chances to win the big prize.

What have you been up to the past month or two? In last month's newsletter we had three very good articles from our members. Joseph, W6UPB, had a very good article about his trip to Palm Springs. Then he chronicled his Sunday ride back to Orange County with Chris, KB6MYR, and Kevin, KI6SUJ. They treated Joseph and the "UPB" (under powered bike) to a fantastic ride through the mountains, no freeways, just a lot of twisties and fun with friends. Rich, KG6NPA, our bicycle mobile on most events, posted a good article outlining the Tour de Palm Springs from a participant's viewpoint as he rode the tour with his cycling team from work. And Tim, AB0TS, brought us up to date on the happenings in the great white north, also known as Minnesota. Articles like these are what keep this newsletter interesting and a good read. Don't worry about your "good English" or grammar. If I did, I would never have anything in print here or anywhere else. Bonnie or Mijo can take a look at your article, if you wish, and attempt to tidy it up, then post it to our newsletter for you. We all enjoy reading about what is happening in your part of this, our small MARC world.

At the April MARC meeting I will be collecting "goodies" to send to Willie Douglas and his fellow soldiers in theater. Bill has been in contact with Willie and said that they would like to have snacks etc. that they can put in a pocket or pack and carry with them on patrol. Mijo and I have purchased a box of granola bars and some beef jerky in small packages to include. Snacks such as nuts in small packages, corn nuts, snack bars, energy bars, cookies and crackers in smaller packages would be quite appropriate. I would avoid chocolates and things that would melt in a pocket or back pack in the sun. Thank you for giving.

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Why did the kid start a gardening service?
He wanted to rake in some cash.....

**SHIP TO SHORE TOUR DE CURE
MAY 1, 2011**

**Queen Mary Event Park
1126 Queens Hiway
Long Beach, CA 90802
Park is at Pier J -Queens Way & So Harbor Scenic DR**

**At this point in time we now have 1500 riders, raised \$205,000 +
yes I am leaving the bib number info in**

Now here is how the bibs are going to work this year. Mark & I
decided on the color yellow with black numbers;

8 MILE RIDERS: All bib numbers will begin with the number "1,"
so the first 8-mile rider will have the number 1001, followed by 1002
and so on.

11 MILE RIDERS: All bib numbers will begin with the number "2,"
so the first 11-mile rider will have the number 2001, followed by
2002 and so on.

30 MILE RIDERS: All bib numbers will begin with the number "3,"
so the first 30-mile rider will have the number 3001, followed by
3002 and so on.

60 MILE RIDERS: All bib numbers will begin with the number "4,"
so the first 60-mile rider will have the number 4001, followed by
4002 and so on.

100 MILE RIDERS: All bib numbers will begin with the number
"5," so the first 100-mile rider will have the number 5001, followed
by 5002 and so on.

We will be attending the meeting on April 5th- looking for where Net
control will be, also info on sag vehicles....

So after that meeting hopefully we will be prepared for the MARC
meeting on the 9th.

**Bonnie KD6OFQ (:))ss
Mark KE6ZRP--Coordinator
John Beckwith N6JCB-- Assistant coordinator**

Events for 2011 so far::

April	16/17	Baker to Vegas
April	16/17	BP MS 150, TX
April	23rd	Tour de OC(Cancelled)
May	1st	Ship to Shore Tour
May	7th	20th San Diego Tour de Cure
June	5th	Bad Ride
Oct	22nd/23rd	MS 150, So. CA

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

MAR	30th	FOR APRIL
MAY	4th	FOR MAY
MAY	25th	FOR JUNE/JULY
AUG	3rd	FOR AUGUST
AUG	30th	FOR SEPTEMBER
SEPT	28th	FOR OCTOBER
NOV	2nd	FOR NOVEMBER
NOV	30th	FOR DECEMBER

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the
other 364 days of the year."

- Mark Twain

**Tour de Cure San Diego – 20th Anniversary
Saturday, May 7, 2011
MiraCosta College, Cardiff Campus
3333 Manchester Ave
Cardiff, CA 92007**

At this point they have 931 riders, raised \$219,000

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 6 PM ADA Office
5060 Shoreham Place, Ste. 100
San Diego, CA 92122

BIKERS AGAINST DIABETES - 2011 BAD RIDE

When is a BAD Ride ... Really GOOD ? When the BAD ride
stands for "Bikers against Diabetes" - And is sponsored by the
American Diabetes Association. It's coming the **First Sunday
of June - the 5th.** (Note that this is a one time deviation from
the normal 2nd Sunday)

We will have the sign up sheet for the BAD ride at the
April and May meetings. In the event that you are planning on
"working" the ride **AND you KNOW THAT YOU WILL
NOT** be at either the April or the May meeting -

Please drop Bonnie an email ASAP so we can get an
indication of how much support we will have for this
operation. We will need the following information: Name, call
sign, phone number, e-mail address, whether you receive e-
mail on the MARC List, passenger info.

FOR CYCLE RIDERS -- do you have VHF, UHF, APRS,
and do you have CB capability? We always need all the
motorcycles we can get. We will also need 5 to 6 hand held
operators, and operators for the Net Control. Additionally we
will also need operators who will monitor the ride from their
home QTH's to act as relays, or to call 911 ... in the event any
of the Start Point Riders have an emergency while en route.

Please let me know if you know any CB'rs that you
recommend as "Trail Sweeps" in the event that we do not have
enough "MARCies" to do the job. . We will have a MARC
Breakfast meeting the day before the actual Ride -- to finalize
instructions and hand out equipment. It appears that we will
have about 18 to 20 Start Sites this year. This will really "tax"
our capability -- So we will need all the motorcycle support
that we can "conjure up".

This will be the 11th year that MARC has supported the
BAD Ride. And the 7th year to support it with our APRS
Route System. This ride "tests our abilities and stretches our
capabilities" more than any of our other endeavors because
our members are working such a diverse number of
assignments ... which are spread out over a goodly portion of
Southern California. Each year the ride has been a huge
success, and getting more popular every year.. MARC can
claim a good share of the credit for this successful operation
because of the services we provide.

So save that 1st Sunday in June for a .. "Fun Day" ..
supporting the ADA.

**Billy N6EDY billyn6edy@aol.com
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BAD Ride Coordinators.**

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

**DRAW FOR 3/2 on 3/9 #5 Kyle AF6YK winner pd
DRAW FOR 3/9 on 3/16 was KI6WOD drawn for at the
meeting- this started the new way for the Net Drawings...**

**EB: Sheron KC6ZSH, Tom N2QGT, Mijo KF6BEB, Charles
KF6TXI, Mike N6QZT,**

**Echolink: Mark KE6ZRP(CA), K9ZKS Norm (IL)Mike
N7WNO(CA)Andy W6AJB, Mike N6QZT, Harold KI6TYH
SKYPE: Karen KI6SOT**

**Remember we will be drawing at the meeting for the net draws
and will be winning \$8 for a free breakfast at the Hometown
Buffet...**

50/50:

**St Patrick using his Irish ways gave some lucky bucks of \$45
each to John W5JFR, Clint NT6R, Karen KI6SOT**

**\$25 gift certificate donated by Huntington Honda won by
donated by COMET won by KC6ZSH Sheron
HM-05, SO-239 to BNC donated by Comet won by Harold
KI6TYH**

Donations by MARC:

**\$20 Gift card or Home Depot won by Mike N6QZT
\$20 gift card for Subway won by Scott KI6WOD
Activa High speed USB 2. cable won by Sheron KC6ZSH
Miniature Bs card filing cabinet won by Joseph W6UPB
Tilt-display calculator & mouse pad won by Mark KE6ZRP
Multipurpose paper won by Alvin KD6UZM
Gas Dusters won by John W5JFR
Belkin USB hub won by De Witt KM6UK
Deluxe eye kit won by John KC6ZOZ
Two placemats, dishtowel set won by Teri KF6HJT**

**A big Thank You for those members donating to the cause:
Clint NT6R & Stephanie Dague, Peter Fleming,, Sheron Guthrie
KC6ZSH, Billy Hall N6EDY & Ray & Bonnie Davis**

**Gray ticket distributor-- John W5JFR
Gray ticket winner - Scott KI6WOD
How many tickets drawn - 1**

**Ticket drawer- Stephanie Dague
Ticket dissectors- Mijo, Alvin**

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NEW MEMBERS:

Please welcome:

**3/22- Mike Stajura KJ6NIW of Los Angeles, CA
By John N6JCB**

MEETING:

We had a very nice young lady Stephanie Dague, Clint's

**daughter and the quietest, cute little baby boy Davin, Teri &
John's grandson. The youngest MARC member(:))ss
Being Billy N6EDY's 85th birthday he gave away \$100 in
\$20 increments- he had Stephanie, Adam, Grace, Heidi,
Dillon draw a gray ticket and the winners were Karen
KI6SOT, Butch KD6VBO, Mijo KF6BEB, Bill KA6HMS &
Teri KF6HJT Thank you Thank You Billy
Yes we had a nice cake for him as a surprise...**

NEWSLETTER:

**Thank you to all for your articles for the April newsletter.
Watch out for the April Fool jokes..Very much appreciated..**

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

These members need our love and prayers...

**David KF6TPH still has a swelled left hand with pain but does
have therapy for it.**

**George WM6L had some major surgery not sure if he is home yet
or not..**

**Kevin KI6SUJ, De Witt KM6UK, Bob K6UK all serious back
problems**

**Also prayers for Kevin KI6SUJ's sister in Japan & all others
Some may know that my sister is teaching in a privately funded
school in Japan. Mostly orphans and outcast children. We knew she
was near the area of the earthquake, but did not realize how close.
We found out that a 30 foot high wave went inland about 30 miles
in the area of were my sister works. She is 40 miles inland, and has
a small hill range that they drive over to get to the ocean. It is this
hill that saved them from destruction. We have only had 2 emails
from her now, but we know she is alive and surviving on very little.**

**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.
Also for all the people who are out of work, homeless due
circumstances beyond their control...**

**WILLY DOUGLAS KF6QPD is on his third tour of Iraq-
he is Bill K6WBD's son...Don't forget to bring some snacks
of sorts so they can send them over to them...**

Special 2011 prayers for our troops.

**We honor our Military for putting their lives in danger
so we may live. Their families need our support and love
as well. They need our support in anyway we can help..
Keep up the spirit... Love & Gratitude to all
GOD BLESS AMERICA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
IN GOD WE TRUST**

April is National Poetry Month

**April is National care Month- check yuur windshield
wipers, very important to clean using terry cloth or
micro fiber towels with a good quality window cleaner
& rinse. Should be replaced every 6-12 months**

**MARC Anniversary donations will start with \$500 in
cash and take it from there.**

RAY'S RAMBLINS



I am frustrated with these computers. I wish I had never bought one to start with. I have been dealing with this laptop and just when I think it is going to be alright, the email program goes nuts and scrambles all the mail boxes and the size of all the windows I open, so that every window has to be resized to fit the screen.

While I am complaining I also wish that I had never helped start MARC. After I retired in April of 1991, I can remember when I use to be able to just go riding any time I wanted and never had to deal with a computer and never had all of those emails to answer about ham radio installations and all of the other electronic gear we do installs for now. I haven't even had time to finish putting away and working on some of the gear we took down to the Tour de Palm Springs charity event last month.

Today it is nearly 80 degrees and here I am stuck doing a MARC newsletter article when I would rather be out riding Casper. Casper and I do plan on doing some riding real soon. I plan on heading to Houston TX on or about April 11th or 12th to help with the BP-MS-150 2 day Houston to Austin charity event. That event is Sat. & Sun. April 16th & 17th. Before, I had always left on a Thursday and pulled into Houston about noon Friday. But this year I am leaving a couple of days early so I don't have to do 1000 miles days. Before I would leave Irvine at 4 or 4:30am on a Thursday morning and get into Fort Stockton (1089 miles) by about 5pm. Now I am thinking about 600 miles a day (that would be one load of gas, 18.8 gals) and that would get me to Lordsburg NM. I could start at day light in Irvine and be in Lordsburg 8 hours later and have time to get a good dinner and a good nights sleep. Get up in the morning and do it all over again. I am getting the idea that I might be getting older (will be 79 next month) and need to slow down a little. :-) Then make it to San Antonio the second day and have a short 200 mile ride into Katy TX (Houston) the 3rd day. Makes sense, but I will have to see if Casper will allow it to happen. I have told Jerry K5JEI (the jet jockey & the BP-MS-150 coordinator) that if it looks like rain/hail or high winds I won't be coming. That happened to me several years ago on the way to Houston to work the same event and in Kent TX the big trucks were stopped right in the lanes on I-10 when they couldn't see past the end of the hood on their trucks because of the hail/rain & wind. It ain't going to happen again.

I also plan on doing the Southern CA M/c Assoc. Blazing Saddles Ride over Memorial Day weekend. Have reservations at the Days Inn North in Knoxville TN for Wing Ding July 5th thru the 9th too. Then of course I will be doing the SCMA 3 Flags Classic Mexico to Penticton BC Canada over Labor Day weekend. May even do the SCMA USA 4 Corners Ride for the 14th time. That is San Ysidro CA to Blaine WA, to Madawaska ME and finish in Key West FL. and home. The USA 4 Corners Ride is 10,500 miles home to home anyway you ride it For the summer riding I will probably put a run flat car tire on the rear of Casper again. That way I don't have to stop all summer to have a new rear motorcycle tire installed. Hope to see some of our MARC, WOTI, GWRRA & SCMA friends on some of these rides this summer.

Anyway when you read this we will be having 12 hr. 30 minutes of day light and that is a good thing.

On Thursday March 17th Bonnie and I took the Red Cross First Aid/CPR 8 hour class at the Red Cross in Santa Ana. That was a darn

good refresher course as we had not taken one in many years. It was very interesting how the CPR teachings have evolved over the years.

And after all of the accidents we came across on the Tour de Palm Springs charity event in Feb, we really did need the tune up on First Aid and CPR. Other MARC members who are volunteering for charity events should probably think about taking a First Aid/CPR refresher course too.

Last weekend (Thurs. thru Sunday March 24-25-26-27) 3 couples, Bonnie and I, John KC6ZOX & his wife Teri KF6HJT, Charles KF6TXI & his friend Melanie went to the Rally In The Valley in Laughlin NV. to help support out local Chapter "R" of the GWRRA fund raiser. We all had a great time and a lot of fun. Getting in to our rooms was a problem several times, but getting to the right floor where our room actually were, fixed that. Now that is a long story and if I told you what happened here it would take up the whole newsletter, seriously. On Friday we went out to Oatman AZ that was once a stage coach stop and saw the famous donkeys and the old, old stores. Then Saturday we took the trip up to Hoover Dam to see the new truck bypass bridge, but there was not much to see from the road way. The concrete walls along the sides of the bridge are so high that you can not see over them while driving and there is no stopping on the bridge or roadway on either end of the bridge. So three of us took the \$59- 5 minute helicopter ride and took a lot of pictures of Hoover Dam and the new bridge. Now that was very special. Yes we did a lot of gambling and Saturday night we went to the Rally In The Valley Banquet and enjoyed the entertainment and a very good meal. It was a fun weekend and it was very good to just get away for a few days. I did take my NetBook, but never turned it on the whole weekend.

Don't forget to join us on Saturday mornings at Huntington Honda for the usual free coffee and other goodies. We meet there on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Saturdays of every month, because the official MARC meetings at the Hometown Buffet are on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We have been having some very big turn outs at Huntington Honda on Saturday morning the past month too. The Saturday March 12th official MARC meeting had an unusually large turn out to help MARC board member Billy N6EDY celebrate his 85th birthday.

Congratulations to Billy. Billy also add some extra drawing for \$20 bills.

Don't forget that some of us are going to be doing the Southern CA M/c Assoc. (SCMA) Blazing Saddles Ride over Memorial Day weekend. It looks like it is going to start South Orange County and go up through Julian, 29 Palms and end the first night (Sat) in Pahump NV. Then the 2nd night (Sunday) it will end in San Juan Bautista, (So. of San Jose near Hollister) and we come home on Monday. The SCMA always puts on a heck of a ride and it is fun doing it with MARC members we love.

Please remember to support our MARC newsletter advertisers and those that support us with the great prizes they provide for our MARC Christmas party and the MARC May Anniversary Party.

Also please support the ALERT/BARN ham repeater system with your yearly dues. Normally we have about 20 or 22 members supporting ALERT/BARN, but this year we have had only 14 MARC members give their support to them.

A little MARC history, 10 years ago Drew VE6HGW upgraded our MARC URL to <marc-hq.org>. 2001 was the 4th year for MARC doing the BAD Ride. In April of 2001 the BA-MARC chapter had 12 MARC members. Huntington Honda was running a special on oil changes and ARAI helmets. Dollie KD6ERC was doing quarterly email check ins to help us keep our MARC email rosters up to date. Tim KB0RTZ (now AB0TS) was chasing tornados in MN. after taking the Skywarn class.

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 187K**

DIGGING OUT OF SNOW????

Sunshine is spilling thru the sheers on the windows. Muffled sounds of a jet as I formulate the words on this screen. Brightness from the stubborn snow and no leaves on those trees makes it look like this news should be for February instead of April? I had planned to ride south. Should have been basking in the green in Greenville, SC. However the storm track headed south last week! Amazing to see snow in St. Louis, MO for the end of March! Long winter IF no thaw in January.

BMW magazine came today. Placed 4Th in the state again! 20,111 miles. 26 weeks. Goals and what we do with our allotted time is the key. Today I rode the RS to a BP station. Pump I chose had 2 inches of ice with tire tracks thru it. ok.... Kept the beemer on its side stand and added 3.8 gallons... Then I hopped on it. Gave it throttle and spun the rear tire... hmmm... Backed the bike up with the engine off. Moving the heavy machine until finally I found wet cement. Then got off of it and pushed it back more. Noticed some lady with her poodle in the comfort of her car...staring at the site...

Headed north on 35w to 694. west to Monticello and Moon Motors. Time to change the oil. Figured its worth the expense to use a bmw oil filter with mobil 1. 15W50 on sale at Walmart. Should be ready to roll in a week.. well if the weather warms.

"Open house this weekend?" I asked the counter person "Oh Yeah!" He replied "Spring fever... should be lots of people out, eh?" "Long time a coming." He nodded. "Did you ride?" Kind of a dumb question.. I had the areostich suit on and my err hair was matted. "Yes!" I laughed, "Wasn't bad, I mean I didn't have the heated vest plugged in." Looked at the machines and then looked out at the K bike, the only K bike err only motorcycle outside. Noted the cost of the new stuff. Used Bikes sure shined. Finally took the stuff out and put out the gloves this time. Mitts went into the saddle bag. Plugged in the vest this time as the winds came out of the south. 30 minutes it the garage and finally parked the bike in its garage space.

**73 Tim Lindstrom, ab0ts
1995 BMW k1100rs...91,500 miles...**

Who knew Children grow faster in the spring than any other season of the year...

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Testifies Before Congress

The US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a historic two-day hearing March 29 and 30, 2011. The focus of the hearing was to gain valuable insight as the Committee drafts the next surface transportation reauthorization. The current legislation expired September 30, 2009 but has been on life support via a series of extensions that currently expire September 30, 2011.

The hearings called in a record 40 witnesses over the two days. The lengthy list included union representatives, mass transit, taxi drivers, truck drivers, financing experts and, of course, a motorcycle safety specialist.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) was contacted by committee staff to bring an expert motorcycle safety witness. To accommodate the request, the MRF contacted long-time MRF supporter Senator Bob Letourneau. Letourneau is a 15-year veteran of the New Hampshire legislature, who along the way chaired the New Hampshire House Transportation committee, as well as the New Hampshire Senate Transportation committee. He now serves at the New Hampshire Department of Safety as the resident Motorcycle Safety Specialist. He is also a recipient of the MRF's highest honor, the John "Farmer" Eggers award.

Senator Letourneau was the only motorcycle safety expert on the witness list. His unique qualifications made him the perfect advocate for the expansion of the 2010 motorcycle safety grants. His testimony focused on the grant program, stressed its importance to the states, and urged the committee to keep the funds as they are now and not dilute the program to be used for frivolous purposes such as promotion of personal protective equipment, which was recently suggested by David Strickland, Administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Subcommittee Chair John Duncan (R-TN) was especially impressed with Senator Letourneau's testimony and personal observations concerning the validity of the New Hampshire rider education program. Letourneau cited a valuable and impressive and remarkable statistic, "Over ten years the New Hampshire rider education program has trained 23,000 students and out of the 23,000 students only 1 has been involved in a fatal crash, and we suspect that was most likely due to a medical event." Chairman Duncan was visibly in awe of the statistic.

As always, the MRF will keep you up to date on this important issue.

Contact: Jeff Hennie "<mailto:jeff@mrf.org>", Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

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**How does your blood pressure measure up???**

**Normal = Less than 120/80**

**Prehypertension = 120/80 to 139/89**

**Hypertension = 140/90 or greater...**

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When to see a spine specialist regarding an aching back:

The pain is shooting down your leg

You notice numbness or weakness when you walk

The problem began after a recent fall

Your pain has dragged on more than 3 weeks

The ache is worse when you are resting...

MY DEATH VALLEY RIDE

The weekend of 3/26, I took a ride out to Death Valley to just ride around for three days. This Death Valley ride was a solo ride and was an easy 3 day out and about kind of ride. I was expecting to ride around 700 miles, but ended up riding 960 miles on the nose. Adding a few extra miles to what I had planned is usual for me. I started out of the house around 11:00 AM on Saturday, not certain until Saturday morning that I was even going to go. Still recovering from the aftermath of a minor hospital procedure on my back, but woke up Saturday feeling good enough, so I made quick reservations in Lone Pine. It was a late start, but I knew I would have enough daylight to ride out to Baker, then headed North to Shoshone then to Badwater, getting to Badwater before dark. From there, gassed up in Furnace Creek (station was closed for the evening, but the pumps took credit card) and rode on out to get a late dinner in Lone Pine and to the Dow Villa hotel just before 10:00 PM. In the morning, day 2, I rode up to Scotty's Castle and Ubehebe Crater then back to Lone Pine. Day 3, I rode up the Whitney Portal road as far as the snow would let me, then headed back down through the Alabama Hills, where many old westerns and other movies were filmed. After that, I made my way to 395 for a easy ride home. It got windy, but not too bad.

All pictures have been posted. I took quite a few, but if you want to browse through any of them, they can be found here. Just click on the picture set on the right. They are sorted by day.

["http://www.flickr.com/photos/95wingrider/"](http://www.flickr.com/photos/95wingrider/)

The funnest or funniest part of the ride:

When a tour bus stopped to see the Sand Dunes in Death Valley with people from Germany and Bulgaria. I also just stopped for a few quick pictures but was surprised that all the people flocked over to see me and my bike. They spent all their time at the stop taking pictures of my bike, me on the bike, them on or in front of the bike. They were amazed at the size of the Goldwing and all the gadgets I had on it. Some asking about the antennas. I could see them wanting to get their picture on the bike, but they kept wanting to take pictures of me setting on the bike too! It was kind of wild. I ended up taking pictures of them, taking pictures of me.

The "costliest" part of the ride I had not planned on:

After having my last trailer hitch carrier break at a weld in Palm Springs, I had a new one built from scratch, solid steel and welded strong. At the last moment, instead of putting on my usual bag on the back of the bike, I bolted on a plastic tool box. It was a bit wide, but was tall enough to hold a gallon gas can. There are only a few gas stations in the park and I have been there at times when they are out of order. The one at Scotty's Castle is now permanently closed. I did not realize how much heat was hitting the toolbox from the exhaust pipes of the bike. It melted a big hole on one side, melting the electric jacket liner inside the box. I did not care about the tool box. It was old and taking up space in the garage, but the jacket is pricey. Now, the jacket is a ball of melted wires (I also posted a picture of it after the meltdown)

The "scariest" part of the ride:

See above. On the other side of the tool box from the jacket, was the gas can (red plastic). For some reason, this side melted, but only had a pin hole in the box before I saw it. I would hate to think what would have happened if the gas can was switched and sitting were the jacket liner was. I ended up moving the gas can into a side saddle, which I hate to do. I had one expand and leak in another bike once. (Also riding in Death Valley, but the temperature was over 120 degrees that trip and the gas can was full, and expanded until it leaked out. It made a real mess.)

Best food in the area:

Whitney Portal Restaurant. It is on 395 at the corner of the turn to go up to the Portal. My favorite is the liver and onion with baked potato and fried corn on the cob. Runner up - really good meatloaf lightly covered with brown gravy, baked potato and fried corn on the cob. For breakfast, I tried the ostrich patty and eggs. The patty was a bit dry and not much flavor for my taste. The next morning I had just biscuits and gravy before heading home. The biscuits are homemade and very fluffy. The white gravy is just right

Best place to sleep: (Almost across the street from

Whitney Portal Restaurant also on 395)
Dow Villa Motel. It has a new section that is similar to a Motel 6 or Travel Lodge, but ask for the historical section. Aside from the ambiance, it is also about \$15 to \$20 cheaper. This was built for the movie stars and crew members during the filming era of the Lone Ranger and lots of old westerns, and other movies too. Nowadays, several commercials are filmed in the area still. The hotel is full of history. Some rooms have their own bathrooms, some you share with whoever is in the joined room (you have to remember to lock and unlock doors when you are in there and when you are through) while some have only a wash room with a toilet. If you want a shower, you use one down the hall. Make sure you ask for what you want. The rooms have radiator heating that only comes on when the temperature drops to chilly. You have no control over it, but the covers are warm and the beds are the best I have slept in. Blast to the past and seems like it is almost a movie prop in itself! Pool is not too cold and the Jacuzzi is just right. There is a Best Western and a few other similar hotels in Lone Pine. Skip them, for this. It is fun to try something different and to see a bit of history.

Well, that's about it. I hope everyone gets in some good riding this year.

Kevin Wilson KI6SUJ

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**April is made of such wonderful things, sunbeams, and tu;ips and butterfly wings..(Author unknown)**  
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**Rain has such fun in April, it patters through the trees,
Talking to all the leaf buds and robins that it sees
It splashes through the puddles and skips along the walks
Goes coasting down the grass blades and dandelion stalks
It dips in all the flowers and when the clouds blow by
It paints with flower colors a rainbow in the sky.
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E.A.S.T.E.R.

E is for Easter, coming soon

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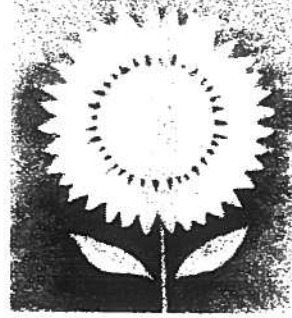
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