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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

I hope that all who read this newsletter had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Mijo and I had a very good Christmas with family and friends and enjoyed a pleasant, quiet New Year with each other at home.

It’s the time of year that is reveled in by those who love football and hated by those who rue the day that the first touchdown was ever scored. I don’t know which of these you fall into but I hope that you enjoy the days between now and super bowl Sunday.

The December rains of southern California only dampened our spirits a bit. We did receive over 22 inches of rain (unofficial by my rain gauge) here in Rialto. With all the damage from flooding in the nearby communities, we dodged the bullet. More rain has been forecast for the next few days; I hope not too much. I am an Emergency Communicator for the Rialto Fire Department and our club was put into action by the City when the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated due to the threat of flooding. We, the emergency communications team, worked from noon till six PM manning radios in the command post and on various fire engines and EMT trucks, providing communications when the emergency services radios were needed for official/disaster use. At six, we were sent home and placed on a 24 hour telephone standby. Thankfully we were not needed and were allowed to stand down. All went well and it would seem that our practice and training sessions were time well spent. I personally rode in an EMT unit and was on stand-by for

two hours at the local fuel farm a gasoline leak in one of the tanks and the resulting fume cloud had to be monitored. Chief Bekker also provided our group with a Fire Dept. pickup with instructions to patrol the areas of the city subject to the greatest flooding hazard as well as the flood control basins and to areas to report any unusual conditions back to the EOC via our amateur radio link.

The Tour de Palm Springs is a go! I hope you can plan on helping with this event on Saturday, 12 February 2011. Many of us who are working the tour will be going to Palm Springs on Friday afternoon so we will be there bright and early on Saturday morning to set up net control and prepare for a day of chasing bicycles. If you are going to ride out there on Friday, I would encourage you to make motel reservations early as the rooms in the area seem to fill rapidly as the date of the ride approaches. As this event is on the second Saturday of the month, it means that we will have to adjust our meeting for February. Watch for the new date! Harold, KI6TYH, and I will have more information for all at the January MARC meeting so please plan on being there.

Have you been listening to the MARC net on Wednesday? There has been a change made to our “It pays to listen.” Starting with the November 2010 nets, we are going to give a free breakfast to the lucky individual who listens for two weeks and answers when his/her call is drawn from our number can. If your number is pulled and you answer, you MUST attend the next MARC meeting to receive your Home Town Buffet gift certificate for a free breakfast. Good

luck! If I am not busy stuffing food in my face, I will be available for Echo-Link and Skype calls at 7 PM and starting the net at the usual 7:30 right after Jeopardy.

Silent Key: It is with great sorrow that I acknowledge the passing of a good friend and MARC member. On Christmas Day, we lost our friend Gayle, KF6JJT. May her memory rest fondly in our hearts forever.

John F. Reynolds
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Events for 2011 so far::

February	12th	Tour de Palm Springs
April	16/17	Baker to Vegas
April	23rd	Tour de OC (Abused Kids Ride)
May	1st	Ship to Shore Tour
May	7th	20th San Diego Tour de Cure
June	5th	Bad Ride
Oct	15/16	MS 150, So. CA

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

DEC	29th	FOR JANUARY 2011
JAN	26th	FOR FEBRUARY
MAR	2nd	FOR MARCH
MAR	30th	FOR APRIL
MAY	4th	FOR MAY
JUNE	1st	FOR JUNE/JULY
AUG	3rd	FOR AUGUST
AUG	30th	FOR SEPTEMBER
SEPT	28th	FOR OCTOBER
NOV	2nd	FOR NOVEMBER
NOV	30th	FOR DECEMBER

**Tour de Palm Springs
February 12, 2011**

MARC's third year of participating in the Tour de Palm Springs (TdPS) is quickly approaching. John Reynolds W5JFR and I are meeting on January 4 with the TdPS organizer's to get more information, actually, to get our first pieces of information, about the ride. I'll have more meaningful information by the time of the MARC breakfast on January 8.

**Harold Hilbert
KI6TYH**

There will again be a sign-up sheet for the Tour de Palm Springs at the January & February meetings-

Bonnie KD6OFQ

CHRISTMAS PRIZE WINNERS:::

\$500 Tires mounted & balanced by Huntington Honda --
#955255 HAROLD KI6TYH
\$25 Gift certificate (December) from Huntington Honda--
#955086 BOB WD6L
\$25 Gift certificate from JBJ -- #954789 BILLY KF6WBV
\$50 Honey Baked Ham gift certificate from Comet--
#955111 CHRIS KB6MYR
Beautiful Hand crocheted Christmas afghan by Mijo--
#955552 RAY KD6FHN
\$100 gift certificate for Irv Seaver BMW donated by John KC6ZOZ-
#955072 BOB WD6L
\$140 Surefire led flash lite donated by Charles KF6TXI--
#955422 BILLY N6EDY
Gift certificate for Crab Cooker donated by Chris KB6MYR--
#955293 KAREN
Gift certificate for the Crab Cooker donated by Chris KB6MYR --
#955425 BILLY N6EDY

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\$500 Cash & THE BIG WINNER WAS # 954994 PAT KI6ETG
\$25 gift certificate for Hometown Buffet--# 954732 MIKE N6QZT
\$75 Battery Tender -- #955439 BILLY N6EDY
\$62.50 Gift certificate for a "MARC" sweater...
954534 ALVIN KD6UZM
\$30 Stainless steel digital scales with back light--
#954835 BILLY KF6WBV
\$40 Cisco wireless valet connection--#954610 RAY KD6FHN
\$30 Bath & Body works gift donated by Ray & Bonnie--
#955465 BILL K6WBD
\$25 Formal tee shirt with MARC logo on back donated by Tom & Sheron -- # 954796 BILLY KF6BV
Hand made place mats donated by Mike N--# 955386 TERI KF6HJT
\$40 Brown Bear donated by Audrey S -- #954541 ALVIN KD6UZM
(who gave it to Teri)
1ST Champagne #955380 TERI KF6HJT
2ND Champagne # 955380 KAREN BEND
3RD Champagne #954922 ANDY W6AJB
4TH Champagne # 954608 RAY KD6FHN
5TH Champagne # 955288 ALVIN KD6UZM(Gave to Teri)

The room was great, the food was delicious & the service was superb... Thank you Dimitri & Company

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

Our goal is to register 2,000 riders & raise \$750,000 to stop diabetes. At present we have 70 teams registered and \$13,500 raised. You could win a pair of airline tickets for Southwest and tour in special training shirts. We are offering a 100 mile route, a metric century, a half century and an 8 mile family ride plus a celebrated 11 mile route with a relaxing harbor cruise to the finish line at the Queen Mary.. **Bonnie KD6OFQ**

**QUICK TIPS: General Guidelines For Riding A
Motorcycle Safely**

Be visible:

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

Dress for safety:

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

Apply effective mental strategies:

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (**SEESM**) to increase time and space safety margins.
- Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.
- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

Know your bike and how to use it:

- Get formal training and take refresher courses.
- Call 800.446.9227 or visit www.msf-usa.org to locate the Motorcycle Safety Foundation hands-on **RiderCourseSM** nearest you.
- Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

Remember: Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed.

www.msf-usa.org

RAY'S RAMBLINS



Wow, days still getting shorter, now at 9 hrs. 56 minutes. Be glad when they start getting longer and warmer. The weather here in Southern CA has been really wet. Our normal rain fall for the whole year is only 15 or 16 inches in a good year, but this year we have already had almost 12 inches, and the rainy season normally gets underway from Jan to April. Lake Mead behind Hoover Dam near Las Vegas was very, very low as was all of the reservoirs through out the state. Earlier this year there was talk about shutting down some of the huge generators at Hoover Dam because the water level was too low to turn the turbines that drive the generators. We need all the rain we can get.

The MARC Christmas Party for 2010 was the best one we ever had. The new to us Citrus Cafe where it was held was so much nicer then where we use to hold the MARC Christmas Parties. The room was larger, the decorations were nice and the waiters were very good and the food was out standing. I never heard one complaint about anything to do with this years Christmas Party. Except maybe that **not** everyone won the \$500 cash prize from MARC, or the set of tires from **Huntington Honda** or the Honey Baked Ham from **Comet** or that beautiful Afghan that **Mijo KF6BEB** made for the Christmas Party drawing. There were plenty of other prizes however and I think just about every family went home with at least one prize. Every one should have gone home happy, the Sparkling Wine was free.

There should be plenty of information in this newsletter about our upcoming 2011 Charity events, but I will mention just one. That is the Saturday Feb 12th Tour de Palm Springs. Our coordinators for that event had not heard a word from the organizers until just before Christmas so we didn't know if we were going to volunteer for it or not. Now it is on for sure and the MARC Tour de Palm Springs coordinators are scheduled to have a meeting on Jan 4th, I believe it is. To make sure we (Bonnie & I) have rooms for the Friday night before the event we made reservations at the Quality Inn, 1269 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA., 92264, (760-323-2775). If by chance our MARC volunteers do get some free rooms for this event, it will give us time to cancel any rooms we reserve before hand. The reason we picked this motel is because it has a restaurant right next door and we don't have to ride again once we park the motorcycles. Remember too, that this event had about 7,000 bicycle riders last year and they come from all over North America to get away from those cold and snowy states so the motels fill up fast. So many people fly in from all over just for this event.

Because of the Tour de Palm Springs being held on the second Saturday of Feb., the Feb MARC meeting has been moved to the first Saturday of Feb., Saturday Feb. 5th. PLEASE MARC YOUR CALENDARS.

Don't forget MARC dues are due for 2011 as of January 1st each year. In March we remove the names from our rosters for all of our past MARC members who have not renewed their membership. If you think you have paid your dues in advance for several years, look at your Dec or Jan MARC newsletter labels and/or email Bonnie <bonidavis@earthlink.net>, or call (949-551-1036) and she can look it up for you.

Also for those living in Southern CA, dues are due for the ALERT/BARN Repeater systems. Please help us support the

ALERT/BARN Repeater System as we couldn't do a good job on our charity events without their support. God Bless those ALERT/BARN owners and what they do for us and these charities we volunteer for.

Those two adventurous motorcycle riders that are attempting to ride from Prudhoe Bay Alaska on the Arctic Circle to the Southern most tip of South America are now home for the holidays and will resume there ride on Jan 12th as of their last report. Our MARC member Dean KD6HEL father became very ill and both riders came home because of that emergency. Their motorcycles are parked at a hotel in Central America, safely we hope. They can be tracked again when they get back to Honduras or Nicaragua at "<http://www.allstarmccircus.com/?p=765>". We pray that Dean's father will be OK and Dean and Lisa can return to their adventure without any further delays.

Have done nothing about fixing that screen on the 4 year old Dell laptop. Still using it on the docking station as my PC with the NEC monitor. Got to get busy on that before to long so it will be ready to go for our many motorcycle trips over Memorial Day (The SCMA Blazing Saddles) and the rest of the summer tour and then the SCMA 3 Flags Classic over Labor Day every year. Lots of charity events and other rides planned for 2011. At 78 years young and still going strong, I hope to have a few more riding years left.

Please continue to support those MARC Newsletter advertisers and those that donate so many wonderful prizes for our MARC Christmas party and our MARC Anniversary Party each May. I just can not believe how lucky we are to have those companies, MARC members and others who support our charity event efforts and our MARC parties with all of those great door prizes and gifts.

Everyone is invited to meet at Huntington Honda on the non MARC meeting Saturdays. Lately we have been having some really big turnouts for their fix of free coffee and donuts. Hey, we do have fun and it is all free, except of course if you choose to join us at Woody's Diner for brunch and that is not free, but the food is good and the fun is even better. Besides, they have some real pretty girls who wait on us.

OK, where are all of those MARC members who have Skype on their computers? Let's see, I have talked to Doug KB6RRX who now lives in GA., Bill KA6HMS, Mike KE6KWQ, John KC6ZOZ, John W5JFR and others too. For the most part you can catch me here on this computer in the mornings and after 5pm Pacific time you can catch me on the NetBook next to my recliner. And remember too, that we monitor Skype and Echolink both on Wednesday Nights for the MARC net. Echolink node it #7470 and my Skype address is (ray.daviskd6fhn) or you can just type in my email address (raykd6fhn@earthlink.net) and it will get you through. Try it, it;s fun to talk face to face with our members. Maybe we should put out a Skype roster too or add that line to our MARC applications.

Santa was good to me this year. I bought a new riding jacket while the Motorcycle Show was at the Long Beach Arena. A week before that I bought a new Aria helmet from Huntington Honda and had Mark, the shop foreman, put the new J&M headsets in for me. Haven't tried either of them out yet, but I am sure they will work out just fine. That old, in fact very old, faded and dirty RoadGear jacket that everyone told me to get rid of for many years, can now be retired. My number one requirement for a new jacket was that it have a

completely waterproof outer shell like the old RoadGear jacket. For about 2 years I had been looking for a waist length jacket that had the completely waterproof outer shell and had lots of reflective material on it. This new jacket fills all of the requirements that I was looking for. On the jacket it says it is made by BMC (British Motorcycle Company) and the liner has a Made In China label on it. It is mostly silver & red with some black on it. In fact it has a lot of reflective material on the outer shell, which I also liked. Hope I live long enough to wear this one out too.

Last but not least, our New Years resolutions, Well all of this eggnog, fruit cake, turkey, dressing, green bean casseroles, mixed nuts, Tom & Jerry's & etc (you know the out come) have put a few pound back on over the holidays. But, I did take care of myself all year and don't have but a couple of pounds to take off starting again after the first of the year. No more dieting for 6 months to take off 30 Lbs. Stay on the diet all the time. In the mean time I am going to keep on eating the traditional things that we have always had around at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and diet later. I still have 4 days to spurge.

God Bless all of our MARC family, our own personal family members and friends, have a safe and happy 2011.

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

A Love Ride update:

After last year's cancellation of the Love Ride, we were told that it would be at least a couple of years before the event would return. Understandably, the owner of Glendale Harley, Oliver was tired, and with the looming prospects of losing money on the event, we figured that 2 years was probably the minimum. Well, it turned out that there was a lot of pressure put on the Love Ride Organization to host an event this year, and Nov 7 was the date. It was called Love Ride 26 Retro, and was a throw back to the very early days of the event. Not a lot of organization, simple stage and parking areas, and a return to the Calimigos Ranch in the Santa Monica mountains above Malibu. The plan was to pre-sell tickets before the event, and for riders to stop by Glendale and pickup the ticket passes and ride directly to the Ranch. Celebrities were present, Jay Leno et al, Lorenzo Lamas, and Willy Davidson, but there was no stage, no concert, and no fences. John, W5JFR, Bill, K6WBD, and Mark, KE6ZRP were asked by the Love Ride committee to help escort the celebrities leaving Glendale on their way to the Ranch. John could not attend, but Bill and I did as asked, and found that we just followed the group. Not much more than that. No real work involved. Easy gig as they say. For this, we got a 50% discount on the event. Half price for the same meal as everyone else, same music, and same nice Ranch. We hope that we will be asked to do it again next year.

Since then, I have received a couple of e-mails from the committee and from the person in charge of this past event. I am sure that changes will be made for next year's event. Some of the ideas that they had worked, the early registration, and the destination. The Ranch is similar to Oak Park for the Bad Ride in size, without the

lake, but a few more buildings and more of a wooded feel to it. What they had problems with was that most of the people did not take their tickets and head straight to the Ranch, they hung around Glendale, thinking it was going to be like in the past. Quite quickly, the surrounding streets got filled up and overflowing. San Fernando Rd was not shut down, so it was only the side streets that they used. I sort of feel that they may return to San Fernando Rd next year because of the number of bikes. And there is a big push by the City of Glendale to have the bikes run up Brand Blvd. It seems they like to hear the roar of bikes, and to attract people to the center of Glendale. (Well, some bikes roar).

I would also like to let everyone know that they limited participation to less than 2000 riders this year. That figure will probably go up next year some, but this practice makes sense, much like the MS does with their event. They raised \$ 250.000 this year on a simple ride. Not bad. They paid some outstanding old bills for the canceled ride, and they gave a good amount of money to the charity "Autism Speaks" If you follow the history of the Love Ride, it has mostly been a fund raising event for local charities that benefit children. That seems to be the goal of the Love Ride, and it looks like it will continue next year as well. I hope so.

73, zippy, KE6ZRP
Mark Kanzler
Ham on a Hog
KE6ZRP
Echolink node KE6ZRP-L
1200 Sportster

(This was supposed to go in last months newsletter but the editor misplaced it on her computer-my apologies to Mark)

You know red wine is healthy-- but so is white!!!
It keeps the skin supple-- It's good for your heart--It wards off ulcers!!

Who knew that if you drop a raisin into a glass of fresh champagne, it will continuously rise and sink, as if it's bouncing!!

Stop stressing!!
Stress stimulates hormones that help raise blood sugar, and it also inhibits insulin secretion, says researchers.

The great news:
Reducing stress--say, by meditating, practicing yoga or watching funny flicks--can lower blood sugar for 33% of people with Type 2 diabetes..

STAY HEALTHY EVERY DAY!!!!!!

A study found keeping your hands away from your face cuts your risk of catching a cold or the flu in half by preventing germs from entering your nose, eyes and mouth!

Three ways you can stay positive!!

1. **Think happy thoughts:** Remind yourself of all the good things life has to offer by sticking a note on your mirror that says B+(be positive) .
2. **Get moving:** Light exercise, like walking at least 3 times a week for 30 minutes a day, will keep you looking great & feeling wonderful.
3. **Laugh it up:** when we laugh together with friends and family, our bodies release feel good endorphins, boosting our mood & making us feel as if anything is possible.

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

DRAW FOR 12/1 ON 12/8 #9 Chuck KG6NJP winner
DRAW FOR 12/8 ON 12/15 # 3 Ray KD6FHN winner
DRAW FOR 12/15 ON 12/22 # 9 Scott K6IXQ winner
EB: K6TXI Charles, N6QZT Mike, KD6FHN Ray, K2QGT Tom,
KC6ZSH Sheron, Chris AF6ZC,
Echolink: Mark KE6ZRP(CA), Rick N4VQT (NC), Paul K5PNT
(TX), Mike N7WNO, (CA) K9ZKS Norm (IL) Andy W6AJB
(CA)Mike N6QZT (CA)
Remember instead of \$10 of 50/50 tickets you will be winning a
free breakfast at the Hometown Buffet...

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NEW MEMBERS:

No new members

MEETING:

2010 Christmas party a success..

NEWSLETTER:

Thank you to all for your articles for the January newsletter.
Very much appreciated..

SUNSHINE CORNER:::

As you know Gayle Hebb KF6JJT of Arizona is a silent
key on December 25th- a very sweet lady
David Naron KF6TPH went home on the 23rd of
December.. Has in home nursing- spoke with Mike and the
nurse was there as we spoke.. He is getting along pretty
good, left hand is narly and causing him trouble... otherwise
coming alone fine...

Check DE WITT KM6UK's eyes out they sparkle....
Now Kile AF6YK is going in for knee replacement on January 6th
I believe..

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...

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

COORDINATING AN EVENT:::

If you are a coordinator for an event your responsibilities
are::

Attend meetings for the event(doesn't have to be every one
of them) just to keep in touch as to what is going on and any
changes to routes etc..

Write an article for the newsletter before, during and after
the wrap-up meeting with the statistics, such as total riders,
amount raised, any changes to be made for the next year to
improve any problem areas.. You do not have to have an
article the months the event is at rest waiting for next year.

Bonnie KD6OFQ

National Transportation Safety Board Calls for
Nationwide Helmet Laws

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that the
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is
calling on all States that do not have a mandatory
helmet law to adopt one. The NTSB has a "top ten
most wanted" list that has never before addressed
motorcycle helmet law, but does now. They are
asking for every State to enact mandatory helmet
law for every rider and passenger on every
motorcycle.

This is a disturbing, but not surprising,
recommendation by the NTSB. They had a forum in
2007 where they brought in some motorcycle safety
professionals and asked them a few questions, they
then relied on their motorcycle crash investigations,
a whopping six in total crash investigations to issue
some safety recommendations. This pales in
comparison to the over 150,000 airline incident
investigations, over 90,000 other surface
transportation investigations, which does more than
qualify them to issue such recommendations. But
investigating just six motorcycle accidents and now
they are the experts?

What's also surprising is the fact that motorcycle
deaths declined last year. For the first time in 11
years motorcycle fatalities went down, and not just
a few percentage points. Motorcycle fatalities were
down 16 percent last year. And it is not because
people were riding less, vehicle miles traveled for
motorcycles was down just a half a percent over the
previous year, according to the US DOT.

The NTSB has no regulatory ability and no law
making ability, just the power to issue
recommendations to the States, industry and the
Federal government. We at the MRF are troubled by
the NTSB issuing recommendations about anything
motorcycle, with such a lack of expertise in the arena
of motorcycling and a seemingly nonchalant attitude
towards the motorcyclists of this country.

The MRF will keep up you updated on this and every
other issue facing the Motorcyclists

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THE BEAUTY OF MOTHER NATURE

Landscapes around Minnesota are white. Added drifts painted across the roofs or fields by the winds are spectacular.

"Are YOU getting cabin fever for your motorcycle, Tim?" a wanna be friend, concerned about my mind asks.. However I am content... so far! No Riding since the 14th of November. The shakes and shivers I tell them is from the Cold...

Dramatic change in the weather. Seems we are getting 2 seasons. Just a Light switch somewhere in the heavens. Last week I headed up the freeway in my cage... old montana van... to see a friend and pick on him for a few hours. On the way back the fuel prices were jumping due to Christmas. 10 cents cheaper in this small town of North Branch. Pulled into a gas station only to see a Kawasaki bike with rider!

I hopped out of the van and listened to the cagers as they talked to this guy..."cold enough for you?" or "How long are you riding that?" or "Where are you going?" I plan to ride it thru January!" came the muffled response. He had a ski mask on and old snow mobile suit. i can't remember if he wore a helmet. The Kawasaki was late 70's vintage. Back of the bike was black and white from the salt/ sand. He had a pack on the seat... He had gone in to pay for fuel and well maybe to warm up. I drove away smiling. Wanted to talk to him but you know, timing...Chemicals or Salt eats machinery... RAT bike! That is what I need!

Every year at this time its web cruising... Either outriggers or side cars get my attention... and usually the shakes and shivers IF they are there is from the place where the computer is.. in the basement. Don't tell anyone, eh?

I have one battery type tender which I switch between the 2 bikes. Cold weather is great for batteries! The sulfation process slows. And its a good time to work on these machines... however most of the time I stand by the kerosene heater... shivering...

Christmas cards have come and the wry question I get is "How do you ride 2 BMW motorcycles at one time?" As if these people who have 2 cars, 1 truck, and RV or boat thinks that more than one bike is Sinful? And I reply with compassionate shakes... asking that insane question... really!

"**Tim** if you lived in _____.... you could be riding every day! Get that alot from the southern climates and relatives who live there.

"Yes I would be riding." I reply... However the other things I am interested in.. Ham radio or shoveling snow or working on the house... never get done.. Karen, the other ham operator does more than her share already! my teeth are chattering...

"**If you** lose your job then you can move south!" sigh.... "Nope...if I move anywhere its North!" "But then you won't be able to ride your bike!"...

Evidence seems to point that I need to find another hobby... another avenue to pursue... and throw off these ideas that i have a passion for motors... maybe then these shakes and shivers would abate?

Our Daughter's boyfriend sidles up to me... watching me and trying to soothe this caged soul. "How do you cope with no riding every day?" His voice seeped compassion... Eyes deep with concern. "Well if I could get the bike to the freeways, they are bone dry!" I chattered...He nods, "Yeah the alley is bad, eh?" I nodded as I stuff my hands deep into the pockets of my jeans.. The room is warm and no computer, nothing to hide these tremors!

"Well the roads are bad too, with the salt sand mix... Greasy. I have ridden on them and the bike's tires feel flat.. or there is no braking... nope have to be content and wait!" The answer was sufficient... He walked back to Kelly's side and I? Found a hallway to release those shakes...

Of course I have MARC and the email to contend with. Alone in the body quakes I wait for just 1 day, 1 hour even to get that bike out.. the medication as all of you know is tremendous! Even at 35 degrees with the sun streaming thru the trees is great! And when I do confide with persons on Face Book.. what do I get? 'Go play checkers with your father-in-law!, or read a book!" Ahh to find a fellow biker who counsels the Caged Soul!

Well before my hands vibrate off the keyboard... Happy New YEAR! I am planning on the anniversary party in MAY! Ooop sorry... I am yelling! Forgive me... eh?

Tim Lindstrom...ab0ts
Columbia Heights, MN
1985 BMW k100rt
1995 BMW k1100rs

post script... December 2010... we have had over 30 inches of snow... a record! The only 2 wheeler I am around now is a troy build snow thrower... one stage that well can't throw the snow over the 7 foot banks! however shivering is not seen from the cagers who drive by...

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Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self-assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle.

**Eric Zorn**

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People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.

Author Unknown

MOTORCYCLE BRACKETS

The following brackets are the ones we keep here at the house for our MARC members. **These are not sold by MARC..**

PTT Button Bracket

Fits under the left handlebar module and positions the button so it is right where your left thumb is naturally under the left hand grip. Fits 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings and some other Honda models. Has been adapted to some other brands and models. Black anodized or plain aluminum available. Has standard 1/2" hole for PTT button. **Price \$10.00**

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These 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" X .62" (1/16") SS plates are used by most of the MARC Members to keep from cracking the trunk lids. We have seen many cracked and busted trunk lids before we started putting these plates under the rear legs of the trunk racks. We have never seen a cracked lid when using these SS Plates. They fit under both the tubular and flat racks on the 1500 and 1800 Gold Wings.

\$25 a set for polished plates

""PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE SHIPPING & HANDLING""

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

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

Garmin GPS-18PC GPS power cable

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

Price: \$19.00

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

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

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

IBM PC or compatible to Kenwood TH-D7A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Tom W9TMW ,tweltzer@t6wireless.com or 815 335-7300**

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RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve whole months.
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness,
hate, and jealousy.
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.
Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or
thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole
batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.
Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of
patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.
Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness,
generosity, and kindness.
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation,
and one good deed.
Season the whole with a dash of good spirits,
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good
humor.
Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
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~Author Unknown~

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Gain & Wave: 2M 1/2 wave center load 3.3dBi • 70cm 5/8 wave x 2 5.8dBi • Length: 38" • Conn: PL-259 • Max Power: 60W

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Gain & Wave: 146MHz 0dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 2.15dBi 1/2 wave • Length: 12" • Conn: B-10 PL-259, B-10NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 50W

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Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.15dBi 1/4 wave, 446MHz 3.8dBi 5/8 wave center load • VSWR: 1.5:1 or less • Length: 18" • Conn: PL-259, SBB-2NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 60W

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Gain & Wave: 146MHz 2.5dBi 1/2 wave • 446MHz 5.5dBi 5/8 wave x 2 • Length: 38" • Conn: SBB-5 PL-259, SBB-5NMO - NMO style • Max Pwr: 120W

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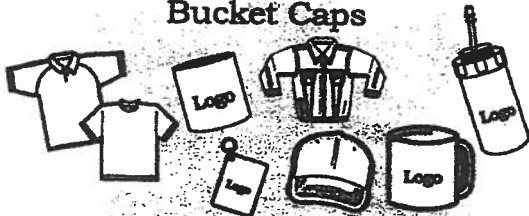
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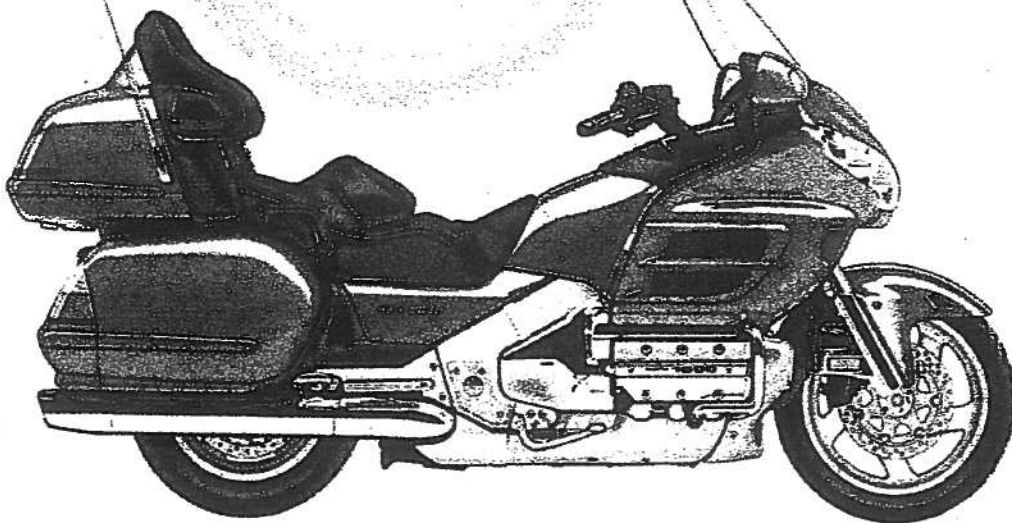
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