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Special points of interest:

- May Meeting
Date:12 May
- New Net
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- Next ride 3 June

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From the President's Desk

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Hello all. It has been a month since our last chat and a lot has happened. We have completed two events, found a new newsletter editor, a new web page editor/MARC list monitor, and a new secretary/treasurer. With these changes there will be a difference in MARC. Some of them are very visual and some not so. Hopefully this will be for the better of our club.

On the 14th of April 2018 we participated in the Tour de Cure for San Diego. There were four motorcycles with bicycle riders, three individuals at net control and we had three SAGs. The weather for the event was sunny but cold in the morning. It warmed up nicely later in the day. We had a couple of minor incidents but nothing major. On 21 April 2018, we assisted the Tour de OC with their event. That day we had three motors, two SAGs, and two net control operators. Again a beautiful day to ride. Very few accidents/incidents with a well-planned and marked event. Well, there was one corner where several bicyclists turned left onto University, a wrong turn. There

were two left turns onto University, the first was not marked as a turn, and the second, a few miles further down the route, was marked. John, N6JCB, and I both saw several riders making the wrong turn. We pulled to the side of the road, stopped and talked it over ten decided that one of us should try to find the wrong way riders and send them back to the proper route. With a decision made, John continued forward and I made a quick U-turn and proceeded to find the errant riders. A mile or so up the street I found eight or ten riders returning to the proper route, escorted them back, and insured that they indeed were back on track. This was about the worst problem that we had for the rest of the day and the ride. Scott, K6IXQ, had marked the route and assured us that if the Tour used the same streets next year he would put arrows at the problem intersection so riders would see a clue to go straight past the first University and turn at the second University.

MARC was very fortunate that the weather was good and the organizers had done a super job preparing for both of

these events. We were able to do what MARC does in an outstanding fashion both days, even with a skeleton crew. More help is needed from our members at all positions. The event organizers and the participants depend upon us to be there to help when help is needed. With the minimal participation we have had, it is very difficult to do this. Our next event will be Sunday 3 June 2018, the Los Angeles MS ride from the Rose Bowl. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join in on this ride. It starts and ends at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Even if you can only help in the morning or afternoon we need all the help we can get.

Our next MARC meeting will be on the 12 of May 2018. This is our anniversary meeting so we will have a special drawing with our 50-50. We will have some special prizes on the table to celebrate. If you desire to bring something for the drawing please insure that it is something nice that even you would like to win, as you might, and, please, no yard sale specials for this drawing. I will bring my new camera to take pictures, so wear your MARC best. *See page 2*

New Net Frequencies

The monthly net is moving to Burton Brink's (N6USO) repeater. This repeater is linked to two others. Please program your radios and test your programming before the net.

Primary Frequency: 145.440- 136.5 - Sunset Ridge
Alternate Frequency: 449.880- 146.2 - Sunset Ridge
Alternate Frequency: 445.480- 131.8 - Santa Anita Ridge (above Arcadia)

In March a few friends, yes I have a few, and I took a ride to Baghdad, oh, my error, the Bagdad café in Newberry Springs, CA. Check out my article on this ride elsewhere in this newsletter.

The next MARC net will be on Wednesday 9 May 2018 with the meeting on the following Saturday. The net frequency is now 145.440 - 136.5 linked to 445.480 - 131.8 and 449.880 - 146.2. Join me at 1930 Hrs.

MARC has a new web page thanks to Michael, AF6FB, and John N6JCB. It can still be found at MARC-HQ.ORG so check it out and let us know what you think. We can always use new articles and photos of your radio installs and your rides.

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From the Webmaster

by Michael Rickey AF6FB

No major changes to the website this month. There are some new articles to check out, please visit <http://marc-hq.com> to see them.

As you can see, we have a new newsletter format. I hope everyone is enjoying it. I did this first one, Mark Kansler will be editing the newsletter going forward. We are open to suggests, send them to Mark.

For the news letter it would be nice to have articles from the event coordinators and other chapters.

What other forms of communications might you be interested in? Let us know.

Upcoming Rides

Bike MS: Los Angeles..... June 3, 2018

Ride Coordinators
• John Edwards KC6ZOZ

Tour de Cure: Los Angeles . October 14, 2018

Ride Coordinators
• Mark Kanzler KE6ZRP
• John Beckwith N6JCB

Bike MS: Bay-to-Bay October 20-21, 2018

Ride Coordinator
• John Edwards KC6ZOZ

Calendar

May

9 MARC Net 1930
12 MARC Breakfast Meeting—26th Anniversary

June

3 MS LA Tour Rose Bowl Pasadena
6 MARC Net 1930
9 MARC Breakfast Meeting, Home Town Buffet

50/50 and Door Prizes

FROM YOUR '50/50' LADY

MIJO REYNOLDS KF6BEB

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NET DRAWING WINNERS:

NETS ON 446.900 PL 110.9

Check in on the net on the Wednesday night before the meeting: #5 Mijo KF6BEB

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50/50 WINNERS:

Alvin KD6UZM won both pots of \$30 each

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HUNTINGTON HONDA gift certificates winners

January Billy N6EDY

February Scott K6IXQ

March Alvin KD6UZM

April ????

DOOR PRIZES DONATED BY MARC:+

Flashlite/lantern won by John KC65ZOZ

2.Black Flex Tape won by Alvin KD6UZM

The 2018 Multiple Sclerosis rides

The first ride for the MS is the Los Angeles ride on June 3rd. The routes are much of the same as last year. The ride will be starting from and finishing at the Rose Bowl. The MS is again hoping for our help with this ride. I will keep you informed as I get more news.

The next ride will be the Bay to Bay Tour MS ride it is scheduled for October 20th and 21st. The MS150 bike committee will get going shortly. This event takes planning almost all year long.

The 35TH annual MS150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour is over. The final funds raising is in, I'm still waiting for the final count. I will let you know next month. Next year's 36TH annual MS150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour, we hope you will be available. They are again planning for over 2,400 riders and will again need over 1200 volunteers to pull off this event. Check out their web site: www.msapacific.org they may have the latest updates. I think that this ride only gets better and better each year.

John Edwards
KC6ZOZ

Install: Antennas on Honda VTX 1800

MARC Newsletter Article
Antennas on the Honda VTX 1800 – The Saga Continues

Last month I wrote about setting up my Yaesu FTM-350 on my VTX 1800. At that time I referred to my foibles with my antennas and SWR meters. A little more on that experience.

I had decided to check all my antennas to see how they were performing. Obviously, bigger is better, but I decided to put an SWR meter on several and see what I get.

I've got a couple of "standard" antennas - in the 30-35" range) an SBB14 (dual band) and an SB224 (tri-band with 220). I also have the

FHN that Comet built for Ray Davis – big hurky thing. And two longer antennas – 50-60" – SBB7 and SB15. My problem? Inconsistent readings.

I have three meters I've collected over the years. I started with my MFJ-259. With that you connect the antenna directly to the meter and get a reading. I also have an MFJ-862 and a Diamond SX-1000 – both of which allow you to connect a radio to one side and the antenna to the other. They then give you readings when you key the mic. Both of them have the advantage over the 259 of being able to read 440 as well. The 259 is really meant more for the HF bands, with the 2m band being the highest.



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Business Tagline or Motto

Classified Listings

Gordon West training tapes. These are all cassettes - and are "out of date" with the current exams - but the material probably hasn't changed much.

- Novice Element 2 (2 copies - don't know what happened to Element 1!) - 2 tapes (x2 = 4)
- Technician Class - Element 3A - 2 tapes
- General Class - Element 3B - 2 Tapes.
- Extra Class Morse Code - 12-24 wpm - 2 tapes.
- 2002-2006 Extra Class - Element 4 - Audio Theory (unopened) - 6 tapes

More tapes:

- Code - 10-13wpm.
- Code - 5-10 wpm - 2 tapes (copied from....)

CD's

- Code - 5-10 wpm - 2 CD's (probably same as above.)

Ram Mount for laptop (etc) holder (not sure of model)

<https://www.rammount.com/part/RAM-234-3> -or- <https://www.rammount.com/part/RAM-234-3FL>

All items listed by John Beckwith, N6JCB

Classified listings will run for one month. You must submit an updated listing for each issue.

Sponsors

Please support our sponsors with your business. When you visit their stores be sure to mention you are a MARC member.

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