From the President’s Desk

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Our summer break for MARC is over. Please join Mijo and I for breakfast at Mimi’s Café, 1240 Euclid Ave. Anaheim, CA. This is on the east side of the street just south of the 91 freeway. Be careful, it is very easy to miss. Eight AM, for our August breakfast and meeting.

The MARC net will be on Wednesday 7 August at 1930 hrs. We are now using the N6USO repeater, 145.440 – 136.5. This is your chance to win $5’s, worth of 50-50 tickets.

I recently sent two e-mails requesting that MARC members reply with a yes that they can receive this newsletter by e-mail (electronically) or if they must have a hard copy sent by snail mail. I am still waiting for 35 members to reply. If you have not answered the e-mail please do so by sending your answer with a call sign to johnw5jfr@roadrunner.com. If you did answer the e-mail, there is no need to respond to this request again. After the August MARC meeting, I will be sending post cards to those who have not answered to again ask e-mail or snail mail and also to verify the e-mail address on file.

Now for a reminder. October 13th will be our meeting day, with the ADA bicycle event at the Santa Fe dam recreation area on Saturday October 14th. And the MS150 on 20 and 21 October. In addition to these two events and our meeting, Amber Walters of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has requested that we, MARC, escort their ride again this year. The ride is on Saturday 6 October, a 25 mile and a 66.1 mile route starting and ending at the Lincoln Beer company brewery in Burbank. This will be a topic of discussion at the August meeting. With the topic being bicycle rides, the past 21 days have been the annual bicycle event for Mijo and I. We have been watching the Tour de France. As I write this article there are still two days to go before the group arrives in Paris. We were fortunate to be able to observe part of the race in person a few years ago when the Tour passed near Mijo’s childhood home and we were there on summer vacation.

Is your motorcycle and ham gear ready for our fall events? I try to keep mine ready at all times. The last time I had my Goldwing in the shop for service (six months ago), they did a load test on the battery and told me that it showed weak. I did not have them change it then and it still starts the motor on the first try so it is apparently still good. However, I am keeping in mind that I might soon need to purchase a new one. The tires are still good for a few more miles. Perhaps a Christmas present will be in order. (hint!) I also need to check the PL connectors on my antenna connections. They tend to vibrate loose and I lose signal.

In closing, it is with a heavy heart that I post that MARC has a silent key. Early in July, while on a river cruise in Russia, Calvin (Butch) Macy passed. The family said that it was a “medical emergency”. I will miss Butch KD6VBO, a longtime member of MARC.

John F. Reynolds
President MARC

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)
The 2018 Multiple Sclerosis rides, from Joh Edwards, KC6ZOZ

The Bay to Bay Tour MS ride is scheduled for October 20th and 21st. The MS150 bike committee is now meeting every month. There is subcommittees for route planning, gift in kind, lunch and rest stops, SAG support and so on. This event takes planning almost all year long. Please plan to sign and come out to us and those with Multiple Sclerosis.

We will be signing MARC members to work this event at our next meeting on August 11th. Please plan to join use at Mimi’s in Anaheim and plan to sign up for the MS event.

From the Webmaster

Happy August everyone! The website has seen only minor changes in the last couple of months. Not sure if that’s good or bad. Our website includes a blog, a blog is nothing more that a journal of stories or articles. Anyone in the club can create an article, it can be a one time thing, or a monthly post. You can also include photos and images.

If you’d like to do a post, please let me know. I’ll get you started.

In a separate topic, we are transitioning our mail list to Groups.io. This is a proven platform for managing mail lists and offers more features than our current system. And, yes, you can do things like insert photos (yeah!). But, it can do much more. We’ll start with the basics and add more features as needed. Please visit https://marc-hq.org/club/listserver/ to learn more.

Upcoming Rides

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

Anniversary Meeting winners and pictures

Go to www.marc-hq.org to see the winners of the Anniversary meeting.

Calendar:
Aug. 11, 2018 MARC Breakfast Meeting
NEW LOCATION:
1240 Euclid St.
Anaheim, Ca.
Just south of the 91 Fwy on the east side of the street.
Breakfast at 8:00 am, meeting at 9:00 am
In May of this year I started to see markings on the pavement... Oil leak... I had replaced the dino oil with Mobil 1 15W50... Some of the web sites had said that using synthetic in any BMW motorcycle older than 2004 is a NO NO... I dropped the oil out of the K1200RS and installed Castrol 20W50. Then about a week later decided to add Lucas stop leak Oil additive. The Leak slowed...

I had read about guys riding their BMWs and doing the major repair at the end of the riding season. I do ride every day to work and when it was raining, NO leaks, interesting.

June I headed for the first Rally of the season. The Minnesota Chapter of BMW rents out the private campground and Money Creek. Duane who rides Kawasaki Concours has the GPS... and yet who is leading the pack? Me! We had hoped that another motor head named David would come... however he was having problems of his own on his Concours.

Two riders south on hwy 52 and then east on I-90... the amber fuel light came on at 173 miles. We stopped at a rest area and stretched our old muscles then I commented to Duane about my fuel... or lack of. "No problem Tim we are 15 minutes from Money Creek..." yah... like it was 20 minutes to hwy 76 and 9 miles south on that to Money Creek. We paid the fee and decided to set up our tents... All the time I have this nagging feeling about my fuel less tank...

Finally we headed south from Money Creek. At the usual speeds toward 70.. and you know! well I went across the bridge into Houston, MN; engine died... and rolled the 3 blocks to the Canoe station on the corner... After filling the tank I walked back to Duane as he was finishing up his fuel... "Ran out of gas, Duane as we rolled across the bridge!" His eyes widened "Really! that was close!" I found out later that the gas tanks holds 5.4... I had filled on 5.3

Fuel light was out and the engine purred. The Leak disappeared for the weekend. We would go down and check for door prizes.. or rather check our stubs ... nope, nothing. Had our fire and talked to fellow riders around our tent.

Saturday we went for a small ride and found breakfast... then Looked around at Lanesboro for gadgets we didn't need. There was a Rhubarb fest going on... another way to remove money from our pocket books. However the prices were rather high for a jam or jelly Rhubarb. We decided to do more riding although the weather wasn't being nice to us. Winds from the south would buffett the motorcycles. I think we did a loop of 100 miles. Duane was leading as we headed back to Money Creek. We were on Minnesota 16. Duane's left arm pointed straight south... I looked and laughed... Skeleton sitting on a lawn chair with a table umbrella over the bones... Outdoor grill beside him/her... Some of the stuff we see around the country!

Saturday evening is the main meal and after the door prizes. We enjoyed the meal as we watched the rains come through. Got to have rain in Minnesota for the Rally! It just wouldn't be without it! The leaders of this BMW chapter thanked us for coming and then said they still have prizes to give away... that we should thank the dealerships or after market companies for the prizes. Anyway rattling off the numbers and then I checked my stub. Raised my hand and went up to get what ever...

Double Ended Duffel Bag... or a big tube with no ends on it... Welded seems and had loops to install straps... Cool! The theory is if the stuff is in the bottom of the bag then just open that end...

"When you wake up Tim then we will pack up!" Duane said. I nodded... however waking up at 3 am. went and took the last shower for this rally. and maybe slept a bit better. Spring time in June the sun is up at 4:30 am. I was dropping the tent... "Tim are you up?" I quietly said "yes" Duane yawned and came out of his tent... grinning. We had the motorcycles loaded by 5 am... I ped of course... rolling along west on I-90 making long shadows from the sun behind us. We stopped in North Rochester at a MeD's and had breakfast... Got home by 8am. and rested some then headed for church... well after the second shower only this one at home...

I continued to ride the Yellow BMW every day. and most days there was that small drip on the white cement. Most of the time I am the only rider. The rear seal costs maybe 75... however 2500 bucks if the dealer did the work to get to the seal... so I watched the oil and waited.

July 12-15 was the dates for the national BMW Members of America Rally. This year the rally was at the Des Moines State Fair grounds. We left on Thursday the 12th and rode the 5 hours down to Des Moines. Feels really weird to ride only 250 miles and not stay over night to get to the National Rally! Duane wanted shade. Temperatures were in the high 90's plus the corn fields were generating high dew points in the 70's. Packed our tents and walked to the conference building where the vendors and Food was. Cool air, almost felt chilled. We had lunch inside the building. All weekend we were checking the white board or the printed numbers.. nope didn't win. Just made more friends from across the nation.

Duane brings his cooking gear... We had spaghetti and hot dogs for Thursday's supper. Piping hot. Good. Then on Friday we headed to HiVee store and got more groceries. summer sausage and cheese chips. Saturday morning Duane asked if I wanted Oat meal. "Sure!... Well he burnt the oatmeal... almost tasted like burnt popcorn... He was apologizing of course.. wanted to give me cheese chips... "I like that taste in my mouth!" I lied... headed to the store to find sandpaper... and that worked to clean out the small stainless steel carинтер. although the next meal he burned again... and me teasing him...

Sunday morning we dropped out wet tents. Rained Saturday last. I left alone for the ride back home. Duane was heading for Colorado... Ride was great... well until I hit fog 2/10ths of a mile thick. Rode in the right lane and watched the cages and trucks passing me at speed. Glasses aren't fun in the fog. Finally pulled the glasses off and stored them in the tank bag... and donned along waiting for the border of Minnesota to appear which it did! I had thought of stopping at the Rest Area just south of the Iowa/Minnesota border... on the way south we had a BMW rider fly by us... I try to stay close to the posted... 70... we watched him go with the LED lights brightly shining... Well we had stopped at the Rest area and sure enough there was his BMW GS... the fellow took off his helmet.. Grey hair... and walked fast over to us... Eyed the Concours and talked of his... talked of his ho... Double Ended Duffel Bag... or a big tube with no ends on it... Welded seems and had loops to install straps... Cool! The theory is if the stuff is in the bottom of the bag then just open that end...

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Arrived home at 10:30 Sunday Morning... too late to make it to church. Crazy Fog.

I have been watching Craigslist... and the BMW dealership in Monticello, MN. The prices at the dealership is cheaper than the private sellers!

July 25, 2007., or 11 years ago... I had purchased a BMW K1100RS. 22,600 miles on a 12 year old machine... then the 25th of July in 2012, another Wednesday... the odometer on the K1100RS had 123,456 miles... and at 122,667 I had zeroed the trip odo... so that day 6 years ago had all the numbers in order... to the tenth...

Last week, July 25th 2018 I started purchasing a BMW R1150RT... Dealer price was under 4 grand. Traded in the BMW K1200RS. I had that bike since August of 2017... aiming for 100,000 miles on the odometer... Well it had 82,706 miles on it when I bought it. When rolling it into the dealership the odo read 94,600 miles... almost 13,000 miles... Told them the truth about the machine. Needs a rear seal, probably a clutch. Broken right saddle bag clamp... among other things... Yep. I am back to the boxer BMWs... oil head this time instead of Air head...

Summer is fleeting... Keep yourselves alert!

tim Lindstrom, ab00s
Columbia Heights, MN
04 BMW R1150RT... 49,445 miles and counting

100,000 BMW Prayer Miles by Timothy Lindstrom, www.smashwords.com
Summer Riding Adventures

On August 4th, zippy KE6ZRP and John Beckwith N6JCB met up at the Harley dealer in Marina Del Rey, along with a friend of zippy’s named Alen, and joined up with the HOG chapter from Bartells on a ride up the coast to Solvang for lunch. There were about 15 bikes or so, and they headed up Hwy 1 along the coast to Ventura, where they headed inland to Camarillo and made a gas stop. From there it was up Hwy 101 to Hwy 150 passed lake Cashuma, and then west on Hwy 254 that leads in to Solvang. Along the coast was nice and cool, and as the ride went further inland, things warmed up quite a bit. A good lunch at Succulent Cafe, and getting to know the HOG members was fun. When most of them wanted to take a walk around Solvang, John and zippy decided to go out into the back country around there and do some wine tasting. Alen headed back home, so it was just the 2 of them. Some very nice riding on 2 lane country roads, farms and ranches and vineyards. We stopped at 2 different wineries, sampled locally produced wines and had a great time. Then headed back home just in time to catch weekend traffic most of the way back! About 310 miles. Those are Harley miles, so they count double!
July 6th i rode the BMW ..

the Yellow BMW over to my friend, Ted... He has been helping me with lawyer stuff. Last August my Mom passed on. So we sold the house but had problems with the extra lots that my parents had purchased. Dad's name was on one lot, he passed on in 2006... So Ted the Lawyer which first was a friend told me... "Tim I charge only $250 per hour"

Ted also wanted a motorcycle ride... So on July 6th was the day that we had set up. "I have never been on a motorcycle and I am now 58 years young... " I had brought a scooter helmet. 3/4 size and he put it on... but didn't know about the D rings... so I fastened it on. His wife Kelly had the camera and kept clicking pictures... she delighted that her husband wasn't in control... He hopped on the back of the K1200RS. "Be careful Tim!" Ted pleaded... i rode to the divided highway... and cracked the throttle.. Ted Screamed... Never go the bike over 50 mph.. However Ted was chuckling throughout the 4 mile loop...

Ted had told his daughter, Katy about the motorcycle and she also wanted a ride. and also had never been on a motorcycle... OH Boy!... So the next Monday.. July 9th I was back over... however Katy had texted that her head is bigger than her Dad... Fished through my old helmets and gutted a full face.. Katy is over 6 feet tall.. Her Dad maybe 5 ' 5 "... and NO one wants to ask the woman or girl's weight... Katy stuck that gutted helmet on her head... and hopped on the back of the RS... Same loop... got back to the house.. And Ted is standing there..."You are back already?"

"I didn't scream, Dad." Katy said...

take care

aboTS Tim Lindstrom

June 2018 Door Prize Winners

Collected $120

$60 to club, [2] $30 pots, won by Alvin B [KD6UZM] and Richard L [AF6TM]

  Huntington Honda Gift Certificate – Bill D [K6WBD]
  Twizzlers donated by MARC – Billy H [N6EDY]
  Pretzel Nuggets donated by MARC – John R [W5JFR]
  Outdoor Candle donated by MARC – John R [W5JFR]
  Follow my Dreams Cup donated by MARC – Scott F [K6IXQ]
  Dad Squad Cup donated by MARC– Scott F [K6IXQ]
  Back Scratcher donated by MARC – Bonnie D [KD6OFQ]
  Whistle donated by MARC – Scott F [K6IXQ]
  Beachside Table donated by MARC – Jeff G[KB6SUP]
  Cooler/ Seat donated by MARC – Jim B [KD6REA]
  Freezable lunch box donated by Ray and Bonnie – Billy H [N6EDY]
  Best Dad Ever drink chillers donated by Ray and Bonnie – John B [N6JCB]
  Pub Mix donated by John and Mijo – Alvin B [KD6UZM]
  Nilla Wafers donated by Billy - John R [W5JFR]
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)

All items listed by John Beckwith, N6JCB

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

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