



March 2019

Public Service on Two Wheels

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

From the President's Desk

It is almost spring, March 2019, and we are going to change our clocks to daylight savings time. The 10 of March to be precise. However I have other things to bring up before we change the clock. There is the MARC net on 6 March at 1930 hrs, on the N6USO repeater, 145.440 – 136.5 (and an IRLP node of 9663). Then there is the MARC meeting on the 9th of the month at Marie Callender's on Katella Ave. in Orange, CA.

At the MARC meeting we will discuss plans and prepare for two events. On Saturday 23 March 2019, we have been asked to do our thing with the MS LA bicycle ride starting and ending at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. And on Sunday 31 March 2019, the ADA has requested our services for the Tour De Cure, San Diego, starting and ending at the Del Mar race track in northern San Diego County. We will have signup sheets for both of these events and hopefully more information on the exact times and gathering places for our MARC

members working these events. Bill, K6WBD, has said that he would do his best to have GPS routes and our MARC route sheets ready for those who need them.

The month of February 2019 has been one of the coldest and wettest months that I can remember here in Southern California. I don't think that I rode my cycle once. That is very unusual for me as I love to ride even if it is only down the street and back. The month is not over yet so I might still manage a short ride before the 28th. We have MARC events in March and April but I don't see any in May. If that remains the case, we might plan a group ride for that time, perhaps even an overnight ride where campers can indulge and those of us who like a cozy motel room can also be accommodated.

Now I would like to thank Jeff, KB6SUP, for volunteering to take over the task of editing the MARC newsletter. Jeff volunteered to help, but he cannot put out a quality

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Monthly Net Frequencies

The monthly net is now on 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

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FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Welcome to Soggy Southern California!

Our February meeting started out with a slosh. Although most of our members were tucked safely inside of Marie Callender's at an early hour, a few of us got there a bit too late. In fact, as soon as Jeff, KB6SUP opened his door, the heavens opened and dropped a deluge on him. By the time he got to the door, he was waterlogged.

If attendance at the last meeting is any indicator, MARC is well on its way to rebounding. We had more than 20 members in attendance, even with the rain. The new Marie Callender's location is proving popular with our members. If you have been holding off on joining us until we could find a new meeting place, wait no more. Good food, good accommodations and, of course, good company are all present and accounted for.

John, N6JCB, gave a brief talk on his experience with the Sena bluetooth headsets and adapters and how he has been integrating them with his mobile radios on the bike. A number of our members are using or considering bluetooth and it appears to be increasingly popular as a replacement for wired headsets.

By the time you read this, the Quartzite Hamfest will have already taken place. Look elsewhere in this issue for a recap from Scott, K6IXQ.



CALENDAR

March 7 - 7:30 pm	Monthly MARC Net
March 9 - 8:00 am	Monthly MARC Meeting
March 23 -	Bike MS: Los Angeles 2019 Net Control at the Rose Bowl
March 31 -	Tour de Cure San Diego 2019 Net Control at the Del Mar Fairgrounds
April 4 - 7:30 pm	Monthly MARC Net
April 13 - 8:00 am	Monthly MARC Meeting
April 27 -	Tour de OC Net Control Vanguard University

LA TOUR de CURE

The LA Tour de Cure is moving forward with tele-conferencing meetings for now. The event date is Oct 6, 2019 at the Santa Fe Dam recreational area (same as last year). Already they are ahead of last year in recruiting teams and donations, so it might be a good year.

I also have booked my flight to participate in the Swiss Love Ride in May 2019. I will be posting to the MARC facebook page from the event, and will try to have my APRS working on my phone. If anyone is interested. I will be bringing back a lot of Swiss chocolate, but will probably eat it before I can share with my friends. Just that kind of guy.

Thanks, Mark, KE6ZRP coordinator

QUARTZFEST 2019



Scott, K6IXQ proudly displays the MARC banner at his booth at Quartzfest

Quartzfest 2019 was a huge success. Over 1100 people attended the 7-day event. I rented an RV and parked next to Steve K6UFX (President) of the WIN-System. I put the MARC banner on one of our Easy-Ups. We served over 65 gallons of free coffee over the week, all provided by the WIN-System. The coffee attracted people at all times, sunrise to way into the night, every day. We brought the side-by-side off-road vehicle. This was a lot of fun, gave a lot of hair-raising off-road rides including Suzzy, Gordo's wife. Only had to stop for one rider to lose their lunch. My job was complete.

On Friday, Gordo came to the MARC tent asking if he could use our Easy-Ups, chairs and tables for people that signed up for testing. Gordo said that his easy-up's had blown away in 30 MPH winds the day before (Probably down around Yuma by then). I said sure not a problem. At the time of testing thirty-eight people showed up for testing. We had an issue of not enough easy-ups, tables, or chairs. We moved the coffee pots and got more tables and chairs. We took up so much space that we had to move some out into the road. We were positioned right next to the registration table...huge exposure for the MARC group. I gave out 25 cards to serious people as I had a limited supply. For Yuma we are planning on a brochure to hand out to those that are interested. Next year it would be a big help if there were people to help man the booth. Four to six people would be a big help.

Scott Farthing K6IXQ
Vise President
WIN-System

President's Desk (from page 1)

newsletter without the help of our members. It is imperative that ride coordinators send a pre-ride article and a short after-ride article to Jeff. I would also ask that our board members send an occasional article to Jeff for the letter. We cannot ask Tim, AB0TS, to be our only contributor. I shall ask Jeff if he has the capability of including photographs or drawings in his production. Articles from any or all of our members will be greatly appreciated and welcome. If an abundance of articles are received he might hold some for the next month. This would be at the editor's discretion, so don't be upset if you submit an article and don't see it the next month.

Again, everyone's help is needed (motorcycle mobile, net control or support and gear) for one or both of the March events. If you cannot make the meeting on the 9th of March and will be able to ride with us on the 23 rd or the 31st, please contact the ride coordinator or me by e-mail and we will forward all necessary information to you as soon as it is available.

John F. Reynolds

President MARC

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NEWSLETTER GETS A MAKEOVER



Greetings from the Heart of Orange County! For those of you who may not know me, I am Jeff, KB6SUP. I have volunteered to edit the newsletter for our wonderful club. I am a longtime member of MARC having joined 14 years ago when we still met at the Lakeview Cafe in Anaheim. Like many of you, I ride a Goldwing (I'm on my third) and I just recently added a sidecar for my wife Julie, KB6SUP.

Over the next few months, you will see, what I hope are, some exciting changes to the newsletter format. Although I haven't set a solid schedule, I expect the newsletter to be regularly published in the first part of each month. There will be 11 issues each year as I will be taking each December off. And, although I travel a lot (now that I am retired) I am a master at writing on the road so that should not be a problem.

A great newsletter does not begin with the editor, however. It begins with the members. Membership input is important especially since I took this job with the caveat that others had to make major contributions. This includes the President, John W5JFR, who provided his monthly tome, as well as the other officers and ride coordinators who are expected to keep us all up to date on upcoming events. Events are what our club is all about. We provide a vital service to other charitable organizations. In order for each of us to coordinate our busy lives with these events, we need information. So, here, gentlepersons, is your ultimatum: Send timely updates of your upcoming events so we can all do our jobs.

We have an active **Classified Ads** section at the back of the newsletter. If you have something for sale, rent, trade or to give away, please send the information to me at ocpd44@gmail.com. Although amateur and motorcycle gear take precedence based on space available, you are welcome to advertise pretty much anything.

Likewise, we have a **Sponsor** section for those businesses who directly support **MARC** with either goods, services, discounts or ad payments. If you have a business and would like to advertise to a growing membership, contact me at the above email.

Amateur Radio and Motorcycling articles are always welcome. If you pen an article please send it to me in either Word, RTF or Adobe format. Photos are always welcome as long as they identify the location and any persons depicted. Photos may be sent in any standard format. Please do not send photos in Adobe as they do not extract well. JPEG, GIF, TIFF are all acceptable.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve the membership. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them along. I am always looking for new ideas. In the meantime, enjoy your newsletter.

Jeff KB6SUP

We're on the web
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THE THIRD WHEEL

If you live in the local Southern California area then you have probably met me and know that I am rather slightly off center. I first joined MARC when I was a spry 50 years old. My chosen profession and the ensuing years have taken their toll on my body. My hands no longer work as they once did and, since I retired at the ripe old age of 62, I have found myself -on more than one occasion, faltering at stoplights as I attempt to balance a 930 pound motorcycle laden with two slightly overweight adults.

Julie, my wife of 26 years, has been a trooper for the past 12 or so years. From the day she started riding with me, she was hooked. Unfortunately, her various disabilities have taken their toll on her as well and it was becoming more difficult to climb aboard.

Although most people in my predicament have sought solace and relief in triking their bikes, I have never been able to picture myself on one. So, the only viable alternative in my mind was to add a sidecar.

2017 was a year of travel for Julie and me. We started off by sending the bike to Chicago and we followed in first class accommodations on the Southwest Chief. The train ride itself was an adventure but our trip back down the Mother Road with 80 some odd intrepid souls was the icing on the cake - or so I thought.

A few months later, Julie and I were off again to the 2017 Wing Ding in Billings, Montana. We spent two weeks driving mostly the byways of Utah, Idaho and Montana. The highlight of that trip, of course, was coming out of Yellowstone National Park on the Bear Tooth Pass. If you have never been on the Pass, it is one of those "must ride" roads you read about. We were fortunate to miss the snow that closed the summit the previous week. And, this was in August!

Julie and I had been talking about how, in a few years, we would probably put a sidecar on the bike. Returning from this trip, which gave us every type of weather, including snow, you could imagine, the few years from now became this year.

So, I made the call to Hannigan Motorsports in Murray, Kentucky. We discussed our wants and needs and they sent me a quote which I gladly accepted. The build would take six weeks and, as the closest Hannigan dealer was located in Arizona, I decided to make a trip to the factory instead.

But, you know me.....

I couldn't just drive there. I had to make an event out of it. So, I planned a Saddlesore 1000 on the way. Hey, I wanted to get something out of this.

Stay tuned for next month and the saga of the Ironbutt.

Stay Safe,

Jeff KB6SUP



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