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From the President's Desk

Our first event for 2019 has been completed and the second will be done by the time you read this article. I would like to thank everyone who helped MARC and the MS Society with the Tour of LA bicycle ride at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. Ginger, KM6MIG, Mijo, KF6BEB, were at net control. Michael, AF6FB, did an excellent job as our SAG on the course with some assistance from Jim, N6JWL who arrived later in the morning to assist with the SAG duties. Then our five motors rolled many miles following the bicycles. Thanks to John, KC6ZUZ, John, N6JCB, Mark, KE6ZRP, and Jeff, KB6SUP, with Julie, KC6ZDS, riding shotgun in the side car. And, we would not be able to do anything without the support of Alvin, KD6UZM, who brings all the MARC gear, radios, antennas, etc. These people make an event like this a success.

I hope you can join me for the MARC net on Wednesday 10 April at 1930 hrs. I will be on the N6USO repeater, 145.440-PL 136.5. (This repeater is also available on Micro Node 9663.) Our MARC meeting for April will be on Saturday the 13th, at the Marie Callender's restaurant in Anaheim just a few blocks east of the 55 freeway on Katella. At this meeting, we will discuss the Tour de OC (on the 27th of



April), we will also decide whether or not there will be a "special prize" for our anniversary meeting in May.

It is time to help Jeff, KB6SUP, the new newsletter editor. He has volunteered to take over the work of producing this newsletter each month. He needs everyone's help with input. The club officers should endeavor to support Jeff with a short article each month, and coordinators should promote their event with a short article before and then a wrap-up note after the event. Thus members not able to participate because of other commitments or their location will know what we, in MARC, are doing.

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Monthly Net

First Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. All frequencies linked.

145.440 PI 136.5 Sunset Ridge
 449.880 PL146.2 Sunset Ridge
 445.480 PL 131.8 Santa Anita Rdg
 IRLP Node 9663

Monthly Meeting

Second Saturday of the month at 8:00 am

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 307 E. Katella Avenue
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**TOUR DE OC
 SAVE THE DATE! April 27, 2019**

MARC members needed for our ride that is celebrating its 25th year and starts at 7 am at Vanguard University (across from Orange County Fairgrounds). We have a 25 and a Metric Century route. We greatly appreciate your continued support of this important charity that raises money for abused and abandoned foster care kids. We are 100% volunteer driven.

Tour de OC funding gives these children, (many from group homes), the chance to enjoy a weeklong camp, designed especially for them, and membership in our yearlong Mentorship Program. We build hope, positive memories, increased self-esteem and promote positive self-awareness to these foster care kids. Each child receives a duffel bag, a photo album, a bible, water bottle, handmade quilt, music and other items. We give them tools to deal with their everyday challenges. We provide one counselor for every two kids and our life changing camp results in many campers returning to become counselors as they age out of the system.

We continue to be involved when learning that the average age of an abused child is five years old and one of these victims dies every four hours due to that abuse. Some of these kids have had more homes than they have had birthdays, and many have never had a birthday celebration (which we provide at camp). These kids in our foster care system are the true orphans in America. Tour de OC provides a way for these kids to know they are not alone and prevents them from making future mistakes in their lives.

With your support, we promote MARC on our website and t-shirts. You will have great food, and receive t-shirts and goody bags. This year's Ambassador is former California Assemblyman and City Council Member Allan Mansoor.

You provide an optimistic outlook on life to kids that face insurmountable odds on a daily basis. Thank you!

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EVENT CALENDAR

April 10 - 7:30 pm Monthly MARC Net
 April 13 - 8:00 am Monthly MARC Meeting
 April 27 - 6:00 am Tour de OC
 Net Control
 Vanguard University
 May 8 - 7:30 pm Monthly MARC Net
 May 11 - 8:00 am Monthly MARC Meeting

Interested in Joining Us?

If you live in the Southern California area, you are invited to join us at our monthly meeting, usually held on the second Saturday of the month at Marie Callender's, 307 E. Katella Avenue.. Meeting and breakfast begin at 8:00 am.

**Garmin Zumo 396LMT-S
 Navigator Motorcycle GPS**

These are currently on sale on the Garmin and other websites such as Revzilla for \$299 for the 4.3 inch version. The 5 inch version is \$599. The zumo is a perfect fit for the motorcyclist as it has easy, finger-friendly navigation and a bright easy to read screen.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Howdy to all of our members and anyone else who may be reading this! This is a call for renewal of membership as we have not heard from many of you! From April 1st on, the membership dues traditionally have been paid by the number of months left in the calendar year vs an entire year. You are welcome to pay additional full years at a time with no penalty just a grateful thanks from us. If you are unsure of your membership status please contact me at kre8vme@yahoo.com.

At our March 2019 meeting we had a total of sixteen members present. Winners of the 50/50 pots were: Scott F. K6IXQ and Bill D. K6WBD. The net draw winner was John E. KC6ZOZ. The Huntington Honda gift card winner was Jim B. KD6REA. Congratulations, all!

Thanks to all who attended this meeting - it's nice to see an increase in participation. If you are out of the area but planning a visit to Southern California for business or pleasure, take a moment to time it when we have one of our monthly meetings [second Saturday of each month except July]. Join us for our meeting! We'd love to see you in person, not just as a name on our roster!

Ginger White
Secretary/Membership

(Pres. Desk - pg. 1)

Are you ready for the next event? I thought I was prepared, signs printed for the motors, GPS routes loaded into the system on my motorcycle (thanks Bill, K6WBD), tank full of gas, MARC vest packed, spare tubes and tire pump ready, check; the longer antenna for the ham loaded, check; first aid kit checked, battery topped off with the battery tender, check; warm clothes, jacket & gloves for the cool ride to Pasadena, check. Now what else? Well, as I backed out of the garage I told Mijo (who was leaving for net control) that I had not checked the tires on the motor. They seemed OK so it was off to the Rose Bowl. I arrived at the Rose Bowl, met Mijo and Ginger in front of the entrance and caravanned to the gate where we would set up net control. All was OK, no Tire Pressure Warning Light (TPMS). Alvin arrived with the net control equipment and we began to set up our base. Soon thereafter, John B. and John E. arrived followed by Mark and Jeff with Julie in the sidecar. Signage was put on our motors and patrol routes were assigned. Those who wanted coffee made their way to the ADA sign-in area for coffee, etc. Mark had brought fresh donuts so it was back to net control with a cup of hot coffee and last minute instructions. Michael had arrived and was ready for his SAG duty. He departed for rest stop #3, on the mountain, to wait for the bicycles or an assignment from net control. I soon thereafter left to follow the bicycles on the 100 mile route. I had not ridden ten miles when the TPMS warning light came on. It seems the lack of forethought finally bit me in the butt. As recommended by Honda, I rode slowly till I found an ARCO station where I topped off the gas tank and asked the attendant to turn on the air compressor. (Remembering that Burt

Brink said that in California they must have an override switch so the air is free. You do not have to pay the fifty cents to turn on the pump.) The air pressure gauge on the pump hose was broken, so I used my best guess to put a bit more air in both tires. All OK and a few miles later the TPMS light went off. From there on the day went well. I had very few problems with the bicyclists on route, my GPS worked as designed, and there were no other problems with the motor. A very good day riding my motor and talking on the ham.

Now to finish preparing for the San Diego Tour de Cure and the Tour de OC.

John F. Reynolds

President MARC

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100,000 BMW PRAYER MILES

The last 6 weeks of winter was the WINTER. Seasoned Greetings from the Tundra of Minnesota. Yes today is March 21 and the unofficial temperature at my home is 53 degrees. at 3 pm Central Daylight time. Officially we haven't hit 50 degrees yet...however Friday the forecast is 50 and Saturday 60 degrees.

From November 1st through the Holidays and January we had some snow but mostly melting snow. There was a forecast saying we were to have a warmer than normal winter... I figured it would be like Iowa or maybe Missouri. We had a few days in January where the cold was in the minus 20 degrees .. real temperatures and the wind chill was dangerously in the -30's.. The house we live in was calling for heat every 20 minutes. NO snow to insulate the house until February.

February 2nd, GroundHog's Day we were over 40 degrees. So instead of taking the motorcycle out of the garage and get my February ride in... we went to the Cycle World Motorcycle show in the Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Drove there in my friend's car. Found a free parking spot but needed to walk a few blocks in the blustery winds with faint sunshine.

After that weekend we got snow. By the time March arrived we had 20 inches on the ground... and March? came in like a Lion... and got another 13 inches of the white stuff... although that snow 3 weeks ago was a dry variety. Easy to shovel. The ice dams on my roof were huge. Foot thick in the valleys. I usually can snow rake off the flakes but not this year.

Finally the Melt started... however we had water flowing into our basement through the window in the basement that is where the coax and open line transmission wire come in. Water poured down the basement wall... however we had installed a water proofing channel when we bought this place way back in 1975. Checked the channel along the wall. Stuck a piece of paper and yep water... however by the sump pump no water... Sinkhole?

March 19 I suited up in my Rider warehouse gear. Went out to get the motorcycle and go for a ride... NOPE...

Water had changed to ice. the sidewalk slabs have tilted to the wall of the garage. Ice had to be removed around the centerstand. Salting the garage floor and sifting the salt grains under the BMW. After supper I hopped on the BMW and rocked it off the center stand. started the machine and gently rolled it out onto the driveway.

I usually do a right turns loop. 5 miles later I was back and parked the BMW then cleaned up the parking spot ... still more ice to be removed.

Today , March 21 the text came in that Dave with his Concours was coming over. I suited up again and walked outside but had the car key! Karen was smiling when i came back in... and had to explain the key factor. I had the machine out and was giving it the annual cleaning. Waited and did some spot cleaning... Dave rolled in took his helmet off. He was planning on buying a Yamaha crotch rocket and was selling his 98 Concours. He told me though that someone flagged the sale on Craigslist. I nodded.

Last year he had problems with the carburetors... well he and Duane who also has a Concours thought it was carbs. fuel leaking out... O rings for the fuel lines was the problem. Dave would ask me about carburetors..."Your asking the wrong friend!" I laughed. "I have Fool injection (fuel) and don't have that kind of problems!"

Anyway David was saying now that the old Kawasaki is running fine, now he debating on keeping it. I stuck my earplugs in, absent minding nodding my head as I prepared to pull the helmet on. "Can we go back to Duane's?" David asks. I shrugged my shoulders. David had gone there before coming to my garage. "Sure!" Off down the non ice but plenty of melting snow water we idled. David honked his horn at the 4 way stop sign... "I need to go home first." David says... "OH, hwy 65?" I asked. "No take University." I led until he passed me. Rode to his driveway... and parked behind his Kawasaki. The snow banks glistening in the high sunshine of March. David walked back to me.. "I had forgotten to stick the license tab on!" He had the sticker for 20 in his car.. wiped the lower right corner of his license and stuck the blue background with the 20 ... looks up and smiled.. "Now we can go!"

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Tour de Cure San Diego Brings in the Riders

Another successful tour for the American Diabetes Association has concluded. On Saturday, March 30th, MARC set up shop just outside the main grandstand of the Del Mar Racetrack and Fairgrounds to assist several hundred riders in making their pledge goals for the ADA. MARC was welcomed into San Diego County with the beautiful weather that Southern California is so well known for.

The views were great for nearly the entire ride. Riders were also greeted with relatively light



traffic, considering the beautiful weather and even temps. Many bicyclists who were not on the ride shared a great day with us but made it difficult, at times, to discern ADA riders from the crowd. Perhaps a little more encouragement from the ride organizers to encourage participants to wear the identifying regalia would help next year.

If there was one word to describe the event it would have to be....uneventful. That's a good thing for MARC and the ADA. The MARC mission is to insure participating

bicyclists can run the course safely, with a minimum of trouble. They know they can count on MARC's ham equipped motors to assist them with on-the-road repairs, extra water and calls for emergency service should the need arise. We look forward to next year's successful ride.



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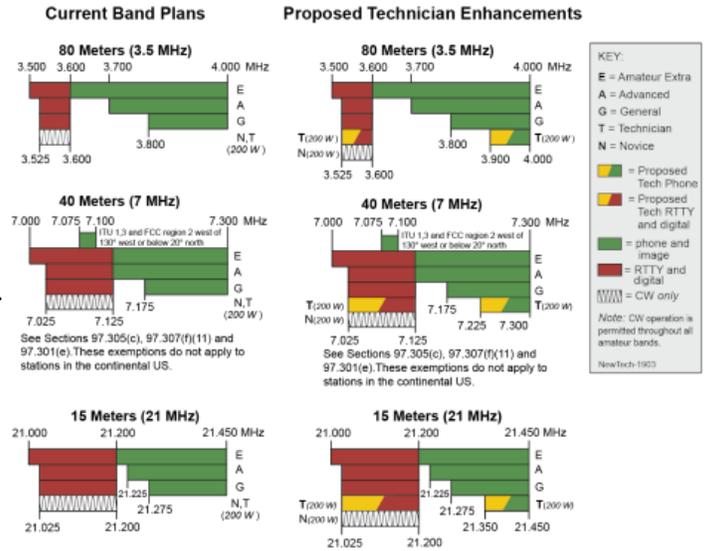
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The Two "Entry-Level" Petitions Now Accepting Comments are Very Different

The FCC recently invited public comment on ARRL's 2018 Technician Enhancement Petition for Rule Making (RM-11828). It asks the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. It does not seek to create a new Amateur Radio license class.

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide present and future Technicians with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, and with RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters.

The FCC has also invited public comment on an entirely unrelated Petition for Rule Making (RM-11829), filed in 2017 by ARRL member Gary A. Hampton, AD0WU, of Longmont, Colorado. Hampton has asked the FCC to create a new "Tyro" entry-level license class, which would require a minimal online examination as well as mentoring by an Amateur Radio licensee of Technician class or higher. Tyro licensees would have to be at least 11 years old and would earn operating privileges on 99 channels in a 70-centimeter segment that Hampton calls a "TyroSubBand." It would offer no HF privileges.



These are not competing petitions. Members of the Amateur Radio community should evaluate both proposals on their own merits and comment if they desire. ARRL has provided a summary of the Technician Enhancement proposals and explained their advantages.

Interested parties have 30 days to comment on both proposals. For information on how to file comments, visit "How to Comment on FCC Proceedings."

(Prayer Miles - pg. 4) We got to Duane's home. No car in driveway. "Now what?" I asked... His turn to shrug the shoulders... "OK let's go!" Rode through the puddles, hoping not to find a huge pothole... we went north on Hanson Blvd to Bunker Boulevard. Headed East. Bright sunshine... due to White snow pack and no leaves on the trees yet. Roads were dry and No sand. We crossed Highway 65 and then took a right on Lexington. Stopped at Main Street... or 242.. David idles beside me... "I better head home." David yells. I nod... "Yeah Riding Season has begun!" Light turned Green and cracked the throttle on the twin. BMW grunted and rolled... David passed me .. me thinks he was going for the non oxygenated gas at Walmart. I headed south on 35 W... at a brisk pace.

I figure 44 miles on this first full day of Spring. The City that I work seasonally for says I get to start on April 9, Tuesday... The email arrived so I replied... telling the person the plans for June... Riding to Lebanon, Tennessee for the BMW National Rally. and be using my 5 days off for that....

Annual MSLA Brings Bicyclist to the Mountain



Last weekend we completed our third MS Los Angeles event. Thanks to all who helped with this event – Net Control – Mijo Reynolds and Ginger White with a huge assist from Alvin Brown – providing all the gear to the site for setup and use. On the Motorcycles – Jeff Gallagher, John Reynolds, Mark Kanzler, John Edwards and John Beckwith. With Michael Rickey and Jim Hammons on the course for SAG support and, again, Alvin Brown at Net Control for additional SAG support.



MS really seems to have their act together on this event. There were no course changes from last year and the course was exceptionally well marked. (I understand they have a “professional” group helping with this aspect. If so, it shows). The three courses basically overlap as they all go outbound and inbound on the same 30 mile course and the 100 milers continue out and back on the 55 mile course – after extending out for the 100 mile route.

Fortunately it was a quiet day for MARC. I’m not aware of any incidents and I only heard about one flat tire. We had one rider who had thought he was done and we called for a SAG. But after a little rest he canceled the SAG finished on his own. In addition to our SAG’s MS had several of their own, as well as a lot of “Ride Marshals” on the course, helping out the riders and ensuring everyone got through the day. Ultimately there were about 300 riders signed up for this event, though initial indications are there were quite a few no-shows, at least in the 100 mile group.



No news on any plans for next year. And, again, thanks to all for all the support for this event.

John Beckwith
MS LA Ride Coordinator

(With a lot of help from John Edwards – coordinator for the this event in previous years.)

Mark Kanzler KE6ZRP *LA Tour de Cure 2019*



Planning is underway for the 2019 American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure ride on Oct 6, 2019. Of major interest is that they will be moving the event from the Santa Fe Dam recreational area to Glendale Community College in Glendale. Rich is working on the routes, and the College has offered them a good deal on the price of the event. As events unfold, I will keep MARC up to date with details of the changes and routes. It promises to be a good event, and may draw in more riders that in the past couple of years. Please keep in mind the date of the event is Oct 6, and MARC will certainly need your help with this new venue. Our experience means so much to these ride organizers.

WEB WORKINGS

Michael Rickey AF6FB

Have you seen the wild flowers this year? Just amazing.

The website and mail list have been running smoothly. I'm always looking for articles to post on the website.

Groups.io has some features we aren't using right now:

Files - I would like to see us upload map and route files to the files section of the site, then send a link. This way updates can be easily found and we don't have multiple versions in every our inboxes.

Wiki - For those that don't know, a wiki is a place for documentation. Pages are easy to edit and link together. I would like to see our ride coordinators create a page here with all information about the ride. I'm thinking location, frequencies, time, contact list, link to files, etc. This way we don't have to look through a bunch of emails to find all of the information about an event. I created a sample based on our last event:
<https://marchq.groups.io/g/main/wiki/2019-Bike-MS%3A-Los-Angeles>

I encourage each of you to log into the mail list @ Groups.io (<https://marchq.groups.io>) and take a look around. I'll produce some tutorials to show people how to better use this great platform.

Classified Listings

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Netgear AC750 WiFi Extender.

Dual band WiFi - Fast Ethernet port connects a wired device like TV, game console or streaming player to your WiFi network - External antennas for better coverage and more speed - Compact AC750 wall-plug WiFi booster is small and discreet giving 750 mbs throughput to your devices. Asking \$20.00 or trade for ?? - Jeff KB6SUP ocpd44@gmail.com

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

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