

## Member Spotlight - Timothy Lindstrom, AB0TS

Tim joined MARC in 1997. He was actually visiting his brother-in-law in Apple Valley, working 2m when he heard about MARC. He heard that Bonnie was looking for articles for the newsletter, and that was right up Tim's alley. Anyone who's been around MARC for any length of time and reads the newsletters, knows Tim likes to write. (Boy does he! :-)



Tim is from Minnesota (the "Tundra" as he likes to say) and got his technician license in March of 1995, but he's been working HF on his motorcycles for some time now. If you read Tim's articles you see he's a year-round rider – even in that frozen northland. He found that 2 meter/440 in the Metropolitan area of Minneapolis, MN wasn't as busy as Southern California. So, he opted for HF on a motorcycle. He has mounted an ICOM 706 MKII on 3 BMW motorcycles. Using a Screwdriver antenna, he has ridden around the nation, talking on 20 meters mostly. Especially when the Ham gurus were rag chewing, he would call out Motorcycle Mobile and..... Dead silence... then incredulous protests that "you need grounding to transmit!"

He has ridden 2 Hondas and 10 BMW motorcycles and finally this past June, passed 500,000 miles - over 40+ years. He has written a book "100,000 BMW Prayer Miles" (Available at [www.smashwords.com](http://www.smashwords.com)) over a 5-year span. Best story in there is after he did the first 100K, he then joined the Iron Butt Association.

His favorite memories come from non-ham people in their cars who would roll down their windows and say, "What is That?" Once, he was splitting lanes in California around San Francisco and idled by a car full of college kids. They hollered - "You talking to NASA?"



In 2002 he came to the 10th Anniversary and people were amazed that someone would ride the 1800 miles to meet them. Of course, Bonnie had a twinkle in her eyes and introduced him to Ray. Apparently, Ray thought that Tim was OLD. Bonnie just grinned...:-). (For those who don't know – Ray was an Iron Butt rider as well – The word is – he put over 200k miles on 3 different Goldwings – and did 4 corners 8 times.)

Tim has had his problems with frequency vibration on 4 cylinder BMW engines. He's had to have that ICOM repaired twice. The last time the technician asked him NOT to install it back on the BMW!

Tim comes down to Southern California for the MARC every 5 years, though he missed the last one in 2017, so his next trip is due in 2022. He did ride 39 hours to Apple Valley Ca and came down for the 25th MARC Anniversary Breakfast. Then, after Mother's Day, turned around and rode home in 36 hours straight.



So, watch for Tim's article's in the newsletters – especially his winter riding exploits (in MINNESOTA!!!) and, plan to be at the 2022 MARC meeting (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) in SoCal to meet Tim and hear some of his stories. In the meantime – contact Tim on the MARC list and introduce yourself. Tim will surely "write" back!

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