

Member Spotlight – Jerome Istin, KG5GIV

Jérôme Istin was born and raised in Clermont-Ferrand and Paris, France and moved to the US in 2002. He spent 9 years in Fort Myers, Florida before moving to Houston in 2011. He has been a US Citizen since 2005. Jérôme is a new MARC member, having just joined in December of 2019.

Over the years Jérôme has ridden several bikes including: BMW R100RT, BMW K100LT, Yamaha Super Ténéré XTZ 750, Yamaha Fazer 1000 (EU version), BMW K1200RS and Yamaha FZ1, Kawasaki Concours. On the last two bikes he installed an Icom IC-2730A. He also uses a portable Baofeng UV-5RM HP during events, when not on the bike. Jérôme has a Technician class license and has been a ham since 2015.



Jérôme supports the Texas MS150 (formally known as BP MS150) as well as any "training" rides related to the MS150 or for which their assistance is required. These include: Pedaling the Prairie, Bulldog Bike Ride, Magnolia Miles, Red, White and Bikes, Fort Bend Education Expedition, Gran Fondo, Tour de Cure (ADA), Route to the River (MS San Antonio, TX), Bike around the Bay (Shell Sponsored, Conservation of the Galveston Area) and Freedom Ride (supporting Veterans). So Jérôme is obviously very active in supporting these various fundraising rides.



Jérôme has ridden from Fort Myers, FL to Houston, TX and back and ridden from Houston, TX to the Tail of the Dragon (NC) and back, both on his FZ1. (Nice rides – and, of course, the Tail should be on everyone's bucket list.)

Jérôme also confesses – like some of us – he is not a "dedicated" HAM Radio Operator for the sake of Ham Radio but uses Ham Radio more as a tool for the events he supports. Nothing wrong with that. It is still using Ham Radio as a useful tool in support of fundraising activities. He is certainly not alone in this category.

So, drop a line on the list and find out what Jérôme is up to – especially if you live in Texas – and see what events you might be able to help Jérôme support.

Got a story of your own to share with the rest of us MARC members? We're looking for folks to share their stories in the Newsletter – drop us a line and we'll work with you to get something going. Write it yourself or we'll write it for you. Just let us know. Send a note to – marcradiohq@gmail.com and we'll go from there.