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Message from the Editor

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Need Your Help

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Hi all,
 Welcome to the December issue of the NorCal Voyagers Club Newsletter. I am happy to help centrally locate information for our group by maintaining the newsletter and website, but I need your help to do so. Please help by contributing interesting things you may come across about Voyagers and any other motorcycle related references you find. I am not known for reading a lot of trade rags so those of you that are avid readers are welcome to send in copies of interesting articles that I can publish in this newsletter. Please be sure to include any disclaimers that are necessary for republication of the article (magazine name, date etc.) If you can provide it to me in a text format of any kind I should be able to manage it. If you have pictures you want me to include please feel free to mail those to me and I can scan and return the pictures to you.

StuBow

Message from the President

Uncle Ray

Hello Friends and NCVC/ AVA members. I have been mulling over what to say for this month and I can't think of too much that hasn't already been covered. I suppose I could remind you that you need to cast a vote in the ballot for the board members who have volunteered to serve you this coming year. I know it seems foolish to vote for someone when they have no competition, but in order for us to legally represent you as board members we have to be voted in by a majority of the members. If you remember when we started this chapter I told all members & prospective members that the board were just in an acting status until we could hold and election. Well here is your election so now we need for you to vote, hanging chads and dimples pregnant or otherwise will not count.

Now I would like to remind you of the AVA rally in Red River New Mexico July 24 - 25 & 26, I am planing to go and am going unless I turn my toes up before than, The So Cal Voyager Club is going to ride along with us and we are working on a chapter up in Washington State to see if we can meet up with them somewhere in Utah, If you have any idea you might be going I would strongly suggest you make some reservations ASAP, And if something comes up you can't make it you can always cancel the reservation, I have planed out a route going to the north where it will be a lot cooler than down through the south, It's a little farther but a lot cooler, If any of you want to ride along with me I would love to have you, Or if you would rather ride your own ride that's fine too, But we would like to meet up with you before we go into Red River, We would like to pull into town all in one bunch and try to make an impression on the AVA group. We have plenty of time for planing but please make your reservations early.

I would like to take a few seconds here to say thanks to all the members who have volunteered to serve on the board. It is hard anymore to find someone who will volunteer their time to any organization, Therefore I feel extremely lucky to have such a capable and energetic group of people to serve on the board of this chapter. I would also appreciate it if you the members would let them know they are appreciated by you. And while we are on the subject I would like to thank Stuart Bowen and his lovely wife Mary-Anne for volunteering to set us up a web site and also to produce the newsletter for us. Please send some information for him to publish from time to time. We will have a very nice newsletter if we can keep him busy and the way to do that is to feed him information. (The guy loves it). A little thank you once in a while would probably make him feel good too.

That's about it for now, Hope every one has a wonderful holiday season and I just know the little fat guy is going to bring you what you've been wanting for a long time.

(Uncle) Ray Walls
 president NCVC
 (acting)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EASYRIDERS BIKE SHOW TOUR

PLACE: SACRAMENTO

TIME: JANUARY 13, 2001

CONTACT: 800-962-9857

Wall to wall custom bike show, live music, motorcycle accessories, calendar girl contest, door prizes, tattoo artists, Easyriders fashion show. Located at Sacramento Convention Center.

HOLLISTER INDEPENDENCE RALLY

PLACE: HOLLISTER

TIME: JULY 06, 2001

CONTACT: 831-634-0777

The West Coast's largest Motorcycle Rally filled with vendors, bike shows, entertainment, and thousands of bikes!

MEMORIAL DAY MOTORCYCLE RALLY

PLACE: RED RIVER, NM

TIME: July 24 - 26, 2001

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN MERCED

Report by CG Greer

Greetings everyone from Fresno. We had a great party at John and Dottie's house in Merced but it would have been better if we had more people there. We got two new members who joined. Fritz Well and Timothy Waters who battled the elements to get to the party. 12 people showed up and the food Dottie served was outstanding. Nominations were held and as follows. President Uncle Ray Walls V. P. Clarence Greer, Treasurer Lee House, Tour Director John Adkins, and Secretary our own little Doris Brubaker, Tailgunner Referee none other than Don Brubaker. These are people who volunteered some with a little arm-twisting including yours truly. They are nominations only and must be elected. If there are anyone out there interested in being on the ballet please let me know. I would welcome another candidate for VP and I guarantee we will count the ballots only once and not challenge the count as in Florida.

See Ya. Merry and Happy New Year

Ronald McDonald Toy Run

Report by Robert Webb

Hello Voyager Riders.

Just a short story on OUR December 9th Ronald McDonald TOY RUN.

It started on a cold, gray, gloomy Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. My wife Shirley and myself were loading our bike with toys and getting our daughter Lori ready on her Harley. We were joined by our son, Tom and our granddaughter, Ashley on his Suzuki 650. We left for the Harley dealer in Fairfield to join the rest of our group. When we arrived, Jim and Dennis were there waiting for us on their Voyagers. We arrived just in time to get in line to leave. We left the lot at 11:00 AM and rode to Dixon for breakfast/lunch. After getting our tummy's full, we went to the next starting point and got in line just in time to leave again. (It seems like we were always there just in time). We left for Sacramento with our two motorcycle escorts, who were there on their own time. I only saw the two of them but you would have thought there were at least 6 the way they controlled traffic for us. We arrived in Sacramento at around 1:30 at the Ronald McDonald house. We were greeted by Ronald himself on a gas driven scooter waving a flag, and a whole parking lot full of children. What a beautiful site. We dropped off the presents after getting a parking place. After that, we mulled around taking pictures. I got Ronald to get on my Voyager with my granddaughter Ashley for a couple of pictures. THEN THE FUN BEGAN. Ronald asked ME to lead the parade of bikers who wanted to give the kids rides. I was more than willing to do just that. I got to be the first in line, followed by Voyager two, Jim, and Voyager three, Dennis. We gave rides for about an hour or more then we had to leave. My son said he stayed and helped with putting helmets on the kids until they ALL had a turn. It was a fun day for all of us that went and we all agreed to do it again next year. I hope everyone else in our club can join us next year.



Safety Tip

Excessive tire wear, and/or cupping, is a problem that most motorcyclists experience over time. Too often this is simply the result of failing to maintain proper tire pressure. However, this is far from a complete answer. Cupping is a phenomenon that is absolutely normal! Excessive cupping or excessive wear on one side of the tire as compared to the other is not. There are at least seven causes of cupping and/or uneven wear in the front tire other than tire air pressure.

1. Most roads are banked away from the center. Thus, if you ride vertical, the side of your tire closest to the center of the road wears more.
2. Your tires 'scuff' when you force a speed change with them. The rear tire scuffs when you accelerate and when you brake (and every time you ride in a direction other than straight ahead.) Thus, it tends to have even 'cupping' as compared to the front tire (which scuffs when you brake but not when you accelerate.)
3. While alignment is not usually a problem with motorcycles - it can be.
4. Carrying an unevenly divided load (all your tools, jumper cable, etc.) in one saddlebag can result in your riding the bike other than vertical most of the time.
5. Setting your TRAC (anti-dive) unequally can easily cause uneven tire wear.
6. If one of your front shocks is defective you will experience uneven tire wear.
7. Excessive use of the front brake will result in excessive cupping.

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Other Important News

Membership dues for 2001 are due in January. If you are an existing member please submit your dues to Lee House via Snail mail at

P.O. Box 12703, Fresno, California, 93778-2703

Be sure to include something defining who you are. Dues are \$10.00/single and \$15.00/couple.

Absentee Ballot Cast your vote before 1/15/01

We will be holding an absentee ballot on the web at members.tripod.com/ncvoyagers . Currently there are no contenders so vote for the following or send a vote for Other. If you do not have access to the web please send a handwritten ballot to Stuart Bowen at:

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