

# NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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## NCVC Newsletter

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We're especially interested in doing personal stories about our members. You don't have to go into a lot of detail, but knowing a bit about our members goes a long way towards a more enjoyable friendship. Get those pictures, campfire stories, and humorous biking experiences out and send them off to the editor for the next newsletter!

## Useful Internet Links

Here are some web pages that may be useful to our club members:

Northern California Voyagers Club

<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>

American Voyager Association (AVA)

<http://www.amervoyassoc.org/>

American Motorcycle Association (AMA)

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

## This Month...

**EVENT (April 20-22)**

Campout McConnel State Park/Delhi



## Next Month...

**EVENT (May 18-20)**

Campout Vet's Park/Monterey

**MEETING (May 26)**

Manteca (Perko's Restaurant)

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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC Members & friends. For those of you who missed out March camp out over at the Basalt camp grounds, I'm sorry to say you missed one heck of a camp out. Granted the wind did get up pretty good, but then you can look on the good side of it, too. There were very few mosquitoes or flies out pestering us. Man there was more food floating around on Saturday night then you could shake a stick at. There for a while I thought I was at the Home Town Buffet. This is all I will divulge of our great weekend. Don & Trisha are doing a write up on it, so I don't want to mess it up for them.

We had our by monthly meeting in Manteca on the 31<sup>st</sup>. We had some very interesting discussions on some old business and some on new business. Our camp out for April was scheduled for Lake San Antonio just south of King City a few miles. Bob J & I talked it over and decided that it would be better to have it farther North. So on Saturday the 24th we did some looking around up around Patterson & Newman. We didn't find anything that all of us could get excited about. So we decided to take a look at the Mc Connell State Park up southeast of Delhi. Wayne & I did a drive through on the morning of the 31st on our way up to the meeting. We liked what we saw and made the decision that this is where our April camp out will be.

We chose a nice little group site that will hold up to 25 people and there are plenty of tables to have our picnic on. Some of us will arrive there on Friday evening and set up camp, then on Saturday rather than going for a ride as we usually do we will have a club picnic those attending can bring (POT LUCK) anything they would like to share with others and the club will buy the hamburgers - hot dogs & buns. There are several camp sites for those of you that would like to bring your motor homes or trailers. Sorry there are no hook ups, but there are

showers. \$0.75 will get you 7 minutes of good hot water. The bath rooms are very clean, too. There are two buildings with flush toilets & hot showers, the one we looked at had three toilets & three showers.

The camp ground sits right along side the Merced River where you can fish if you so desire to do so. The camp grounds are 5 miles southeast of the town of Delhi. See the map here in your wonderful news letter. There are Motels in Delhi for those of you who do not camp, but would like to come out on Friday evening and hang out with us campers. You never know we may even offer to feed you.

We also talked about the club shirts. It was decided that we would go with a blue & a black polo shirt with pockets. The big change here is we will no longer have the club logo on the back of the shirt. We will now have the little 3 1/2 inch logo embroidered on the front, just above the pocket. They only be available in 50/50 blend, this material is cooler and wicks away the moisture rapidly. I will have prices at our next meeting and may even send them out via Email. Also, we won't order them until you give me an order form with what you want on it and you must pay in advance for your order. The present order form we have is no longer valid. I will see if I can get Jim or someone with the proper program to make us one up.

Also at the picnic, we will discuss taking a trip in September over into Nevada for a few days & then possibly going on up to see Bob Joyner and his newly retired wife up in Lo Lo Montana. Heck you never know, we might even get Bob to feed us for a couple of days.

I would like at this time to welcome Bill Owens back into the family. I think he missed all the BS we put out at our camp outs. So WELCOME BACK HOME BILL. We are very glad to have you back with us. We missed you too. I think that about covers everything I have for now. Anything I missed will probably be covered in the meeting Minutes. I want to

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encourage all of you campers & none campers alike to do your best to make the April camp out & picnic. I'm sure you won't regret coming. Cheers until we next month.

*Uncle Ray*

## CHARITY POKER RUN

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VOYAGERS CLUB, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FRESNO MOOSE LODGE # 445, IS PUTTING ON A POKER RUN ON JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2007. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS RIDE AFTER EXPENSES WILL GO TO THE MOOSE CHARITIES.

**WHERE:** FRESNO MOOSE LODGE - 5025 E. DAKOTA AVE, FRESNO, CA.

**COST:** \$15.00 PER PERSON.

**SIGN IN:** FROM 8:00 AM TO 10:00AM.

**WHAT YOU GET:** WHEN THE RIDE IS OVER WE WILL HAVE A NICE JUICY, TENDER TRI TIP DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS.

**AWARDS:** THERE WILL BE A HIGH & LOW POKER HAND, A 50/50 RAFFLE AND DRAWINGS FOR DOOR PRIZES.

**SPECIALS:** AFTER DINNER THERE WILL BE A HOME MADE CAKE & PIE AUCTION. ALL MADE BY THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE. THEN THERE WILL BE ABOUT A 10 MINUTE PRESENTATION BY THE MOOSE LODGE, EXPLAINING ALL ABOUT THEIR CHARITIES.

**ENTRY FEES:** SEND YOUR ENTRY FEE TO THE MOOSE LODGE. 5025 E. DAKOTA AVE, FRESNO, CA 93722. YOU WILL BE SENT A RECEIPT. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO FRESNO MOOSE LODGE #445. DEAD LINE FOR MAIL INS; **MAY 25.** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL RAY WALLS AT 559-227-3045 OR 559-824-0428.



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## MARCH MEETING MINUTES

By Trisha Blue, NCVC Secretary

The meeting was held at Perko's Restaurant in Manteca.

Meeting was called to order by president Ray Walls at 1255.

Members in attendance: Wayne Bright, Jackie Ellingson, Dennis Ellingson, J.W. Kramlich, John DeMuri, Roger Allen, Bill Owens, Teresa Ashworth, Bill Ashworth, Bill Burns, Ray Walls (PRES), Don Medina (VP) and Trisha Blue (Sec). Guest: Betty Burns. New member: Bill Owens rejoined the club – welcome back Bill! Minutes from last meeting were read by Ray Walls. Approved by Bill Owens, and seconded by Dennis Ellingson.



**Treasurers Report:** Wayne reports we had a starting balance of \$2865.13. We received dues, 50/50 raffle proceeds and a check for break lines. Our new balance is \$3017.88. Bills due: \$30 for AVA membership and some break line bills.

**Activities Director:** Fritz Wells resigned as activities director so we need someone for this position. It's not that hard and we all help.

**Old Business:** Club shirts were discussed. We decided to go with all blue polo shirts with the small logo on the front & no logo on the

back. Ray will get a quote for embroidered and printed logos.

**New Business:** The April campout is coming up April 20-21-22. We decided that Lake San Antonio is too far for the northern California members. The new location for the campout will be McConnell State Park. It is 5 miles SE of Delphi on the Merced River (south of Turlock about 4 miles). It is a beautiful setting with lots of trees and a nice group site with 3 or 4 picnic tables together and a BBQ pit. There is a nice grassy area for tents and campers can park over night on the hill above. We hope to be able to roll the tent trailers onto the grass tent site. Bring your fishing poles for catfish, black bass, groupie, blue gill and maybe trout.



Go to the city of Delhi and get off onto Shank's Road. Go east for 0.3 mi, turn right onto Vincent Road for 0.3 mi. Turn left onto El Capitan for 3.4 miles, turn right onto Pepper Road for 0.9 miles. Turn left onto 2nd Ave for 0.5 mi. then turn right onto McConnell rd for 1.0 miles, this will take you into the park. We can't park our trailers on the grass, if it has tags on it then it has to stay on the asphalt.

**New event:** Saturday, April 21, at the April campout we will have a club picnic so our non-campers (club members, spouses, & friends) can join in on the fun. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. Jackie Ellingson will bring condiments. Bring a side dish & drinks and join us for a terrific time. The true benefit of club membership is getting to know everyone. So please come on out and have a good time (guaranteed!)

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**Another new event:** June 2 NorCal Voyagers & the Fresno Moose Lodge will host a poker run. Details will be provided separately by Ray Walls. It sounds like great fun for a good cause (Moose Lodge charities).

July campout on July 13-14-15 at Huntington Lake (elevation 7000 feet). We may need to change the location to a lower elevation. We also may need to change the date due to conflict with AVA rally.

We discussed a possible Nevada campout to be hosted by Don Medina & Trisha Blue. We have property (no house) and a resort with campsites, club house with full kitchen & pool table, bathhouse with hot showers and individual cabins with bed, sofa, microwave & mini-fridge. You have to bring your own bedding. The resort sounds fancier than it is. It is simple, but provides everything you need. If we choose dates after school starts and not a holiday, we can get multiple cabins and accommodate everyone for free. It is high desert between Lovelock and Winnemucca. There is a lot to explore in the area.



Montana campout: Bob Joyner offered to let us camp on their land for a ride and campout in Montana. No date has been set, but September was mentioned. It was suggested that we could combine the Nevada and Montana trips camping a few days in Nevada and then continuing on to Montana and staying several days there exploring both areas.

Further discussion was tabled until the April campout. Something to think about!

Ray asked if there were any more questions or suggestions: there were none. He thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting was adjourned @ 1355.

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## SCHEDULE

### 2007 EVENT SCHEDULE

By Ray Walls, NVCV President

#### **APRIL 20, 21, & 22:**

CAMP OUT AT MCCONNELL STATE PARK

#### **MAY 18, 19, & 20:**

CAMP OUT AT VETERANS PARK IN MONTEREY

#### **MAY 26:**

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

#### **JUNE:**

CAMP OUT AT DENNIS & JACQUE ELLINGSON'S RANCH IN CORNING, CA

#### **JULY 13, 14, & 15:**

CAMP OUT AT HUNTINGTON LAKE, IN THE 8000 FT ELEVATION OF THE SIERRAS, BE NICE AND COOL (FRESNO, CA)

#### **JULY 28:**

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

#### **AUGUST 17, 18, & 19:**

CAMP OUT AT THE GUALALA POINT REGIONAL PARK, GUALALA, CA

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

LEFT OPEN FOR A POSSIBLE 10 TO 12 DAY RIDE. IF WE DON'T DO THE RIDE, WE CAN CAMP OUT AT TURLOCK LAKE STATE PARK ON THE 20, 21, & 22

#### **SEPTEMBER 29:**

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

#### **OCTOBER 19, 20, & 21:**

CAMP OUT AT THE MCCONNELL STATE PARK IN DELHI, CA

#### **NOVEMBER:**

LEFT OPEN DUE TO POSSIBLE FOUL WEATHER. MAY COME UP WITH AN OVER NIGHT SOMEWHERE

#### **NOVEMBER 24:**

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

#### **DECEMBER 8:**

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MOOSE LODGE IN FRESNO. THE CLUB WILL BUY THE FOOD & SOFT DRINKS. BEER, WINE & HARD LIQUOR IS AVAILABLE FROM THE BAR. THERE IS ALSO PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PARKING TRAILERS & RV'S OVER NIGHT. SORRY NO HOOK UPS.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY BETTER SUGGESTIONS (CAMP OUTS, OVER NIGHT RIDES, TOURS & ETC.), WE ARE OPEN TO HEARING THEM.

### SAN LUIS RESERVOIR CAMPOUT

By Don & Trisha

March 23-25, 2007

Friday was a wonderful, warm day in San Francisco. I left work mid-afternoon to pick up Trisha in Menlo Park. The trailer was loaded, the motorcycle was empty. When I got to Menlo Park, both Trisha & I were surprised at how warm it had become.



We headed south on 280, traffic got heavier as we got into San Jose. Within an hour, we were in Gilroy heading east on Hwy 152, up and over Pacheco Pass. There was one section where traffic came to a stop. Being Friday and on our way to the first campout of the season, we didn't care much, we were on our Voyager!

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We got to Basalt campground a bit after 6:00 pm and it was a beautiful sight to see four other Voyagers and one Gold Wing waiting at the campground.

We hurried to set up the trailer because Jackie Ellingson was serving up fresh homemade clam chowder. After my 3rd bowl & Trisha's 2nd, we came to the conclusion that it was "damn good chowder!" Over chowder, bench racing was in full swing (everything from motorcycles to living in the country). Deep into our bench racing, Jackie announced there was homemade chocolate cake. All chatter stopped while everyone enjoyed the fabulous cake.

Monte Faust rode up all the way from Ventura, Bob Joyner from Paso Robles, Dennis & Jackie Ellingson from Corning, Wayne Bright & Ray Walls from Merced & we came from Half Moon Bay.



By 9 pm, we were beat from a rough week and headed straight for our trailer. We hadn't camped since last summer, and we were excited to be back in our little home. We had a brand new wool blanket that we got just for the trailer. It was warm, but not quite warm enough to make up for the COLD air mattress beneath us.

Saturday morning we slept in and missed the first pot of Ray's terrific coffee. I got in on the 2nd pot while Don cooked a hearty breakfast of farm-fresh eggs, fried potatoes, bacon &

sausage for anyone who wanted. We only had a few takers on breakfast, but Jackie, Dennis, Don & I had a feast!



After cleaning up the dishes, it was time for a ride. We headed to Santa Nella to refuel, then we went north on I 5 to Patterson & east on J17 for 16 curvy miles to scout a future campsite. Bob was leading the ride at a perfect pace. Frank Raines County Park - the campground had very primitive conditions (no running water) and lots of ATVs & dirt bikes.



The 2nd site that we checked out, George J. Hatfield Park had great facilities, nice shade trees along the river, and a nice group site. The only major drawback was the caution sign about West Nile Virus. With that we left and focused on lunch. The fun part was the ride looking for new camp sites, not necessarily finding them. The search goes on...

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We stopped at Newman and had a wonderful Mexican lunch. After lunch we rode Hwy 33 south back to our campground. When we got there, there were 2 more campers & one day guest: Theresa and Bill Ashworth and Fritz Wells. Dennis decided to buy my Clearview windscreen. With Fritz's tools and help, they were able to remove Dennis windscreen by the time that we arrived. When the switch was completed, Jackie shouted that it was dinner time & we were having a potluck.

We fired up two stoves and one grill. Ray manned the grill cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. Bill made terrific sausages and heated up Theresa's beans. Jackie provided homemade shrimp and dill pickle dips (delicious!), and homemade potato salad (also delicious). Don made sautéed onions, Polish sausage and steamed vegetables. Everyone ate until they were round. It was cool with a breeze, so after dinner we sat between two trailers and re-hashed the days ride and life in general. Again, by 9 pm the wind and cool temperature forced everyone to turn in for the night.



Sunday morning was bright & cool with a light wind. The early risers were treated to an elk sighting. The elk were transplanted to the park 5 year ago. After more of Ray's great coffee, we all packed up and headed to the Wool Growers in Los Banos for lunch. Sandra Bright joined us there. We had more food than we should have been able to eat, but boy was it good!



The ride home was wonderful with surprisingly light traffic. We hope to see you on the next ride.

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2007 Club Events Calendar

<b>JAN 27</b> – Meeting: Manteca	<b>FEB</b> – VACANT	<b>MAR 23-25</b> – Campout: Basalt <b>MAR 31</b> – Club Meeting: Manteca
<b>APR 20-22</b> – Campout: McConnell State Park	<b>MAY 18-20</b> – Campout: Monterey Vet's Park <b>MAY 26</b> – Club Meeting: Manteca	<b>JUN 9-10</b> – Campout: Corning
<b>JUL 13-15</b> – Campout: Huntington Lake <b>JUL 28</b> – Club Meeting: Manteca	<b>AUG 17-19</b> – Campout: Gualala Point Park	<b>SEP 29</b> – Club Meeting: Manteca
<b>OCT 19-21</b> – Campout: McConnell Park	<b>NOV 24</b> – Club Meeting: Manteca	<b>DEC 8</b> – Christmas Party: Fresno

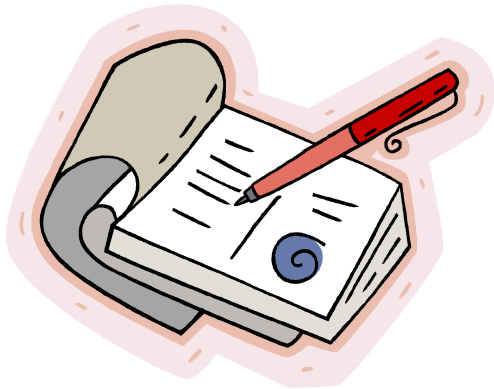
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## The Last Page

### And finally...

Thanks for reading the NorCal Voyagers Newsletter. We appreciate the input from the club membership and hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you have any comments, additions, corrections, articles, submissions, please send them along to: [editor@norcalvoyagers.org](mailto:editor@norcalvoyagers.org)



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Tail gunner	Dennis Ellingson

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number Joining the Club (check one): 1  2

Mail Application and Payment (\$10 for 1 member / \$15 for 2 members) to:  
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