

# 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 11-12-13)**

Campout: McConnell (East of Delhi, Hwy 99), Picnic on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Next Month...

**MEETING (May 31)**

Manteca, Perko's Restaurant



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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Newsletter Editor

Hello Everyone, Ray is out of the country this month...no, he's not "on the lam", rather he is enjoying some of that good ole retirement time off on a cruise with his lovely wife.

I thought I'd drop everyone a note to get them in the mood for the spring. The snow is starting to thaw in the hills, the early morning fog is starting to appear on the coast, and it's time to get the riding gear out for those spring rides.

Remember, if your bike has been cooped up all winter it's going to be a little stiff. Check the fluids, brakes, etc. and make sure the ride is in good condition before hitting the road. You know how you feel after a good, long sleep...you don't want to move very quickly.

We have a one day ride scheduled for this weekend, starting in Modesto and then a camp out at the McConnell State Park next weekend (11, 12,13) with a club picnic on Saturday. Even if you can't camp out, please come by for the picnic. If you are going to attend either event, contact Ray and Don so they can make plans. In Ray's last email, he indicated that he and Fred will be reserving spaces 5 & 6 (handicapped spaces), which are across the street from the rest rooms at the north end of the park. Ray says he will probably be there on the 10<sup>th</sup>, to rest up from his vacation cruise.

Also, please be careful out there...after putting a few miles under myself over the last couple of weeks I know those people

on the road with you aren't necessarily looking out for YOU!

Take it easy and ride safe.

*Jim Tinlin*



### 2008 Events

#### **APRIL:**

ONE DAY RIDE APRIL 5, STARTING IN MODESTO.

MC CONNELL SP. CAMP OUT & CLUB PICNIC 11-12-13, PICNIC ON THE 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **MAY:**

BRANNON ISLAND SP. CAMP OUT 16-17-18  
CLUB MEETING 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **JUNE:**

BRANNON ISLAND SP. CAMPOUT AND CRAWDAD FESTIVAL 13-14-15

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## **JULY:**

AVA RALLY 8-9-10

VETS PARK MONTEREY CAMP OUT ON 18-19-20

CLUB MEETING 26

## **AUGUST:**

HUNTINGTON LAKE CAMP OUT 8-9-10

## **AUG/SEPT:**

TOUR OF NW AREA OF AMERICA, DEPART ON 8-23-08 RETURN ON 9-6-08

## **SEPT:**

TURLOCK LAKE SP. CAMP OUT 19-20-21  
CLUB MEETING ON 27<sup>th</sup>

## **OCT:**

MC CONNELL SP. CAMP OUT & PICNIC 16-17-18, PICNIC ON 17<sup>th</sup>

ONE DAY RIDE OCT25, STARTING IN CASTROVILLE

## **NOV:**

BASALT SP. CAMP OUT 7-8-9.  
MEETING ON 29<sup>th</sup>, ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

## **DEC:**

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY @ FRESNO  
MOOSE LODGE ON THE 13<sup>th</sup>



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

By Jim Tinlin, NCVV Newsletter Editor

I updated the 'Web Links' page of our web site to include a new location "CalRiders". It is an interesting site that is just starting up and provides Northern California motorcycle riders a central location to list and review events that are scheduled.

To get to our web site, just type the following in the address line of your favorite web browser (then hit ENTER):

<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>

To the left of our 'home' page, you'll see a column of "buttons". Click on the button labeled "Web Links" and you'll be taken to another page that lists a number of sub-pages that contain content specific web links.

The web link I referred to above can be found in the "Voyager Info/Clubs" list, just click on the listing on the page and you'll go to the list.

Any suggestions and/or additions/deletions are always welcome. Please drop me an email at [webmaster@norcalvoyagers.org](mailto:webmaster@norcalvoyagers.org) and I'll get the changes made as soon as possible.

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## MEETING MINUTES

By Trisha Blue, NCVV Secretary

March 29, 2008

The meeting was held at Perko's Restaurant in Manteca. Meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Medina at 1235.

Members in attendance: Joel Colletti, Bill Owens, Wayne Bright (Treas), Eric Houser, Bill Ashworth, Teresa Ashworthy, John De Muri, Al Bowers, Shirly Deatherage, Marvin Deatherage, Don Medina (VP) and Trisha Blue (Sec).

Guests: Vern Deatherage (Marvin's brother), a big welcome to new members Al Bowers and Eric Houser.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Bill Owens; seconded by Joel Colletti.

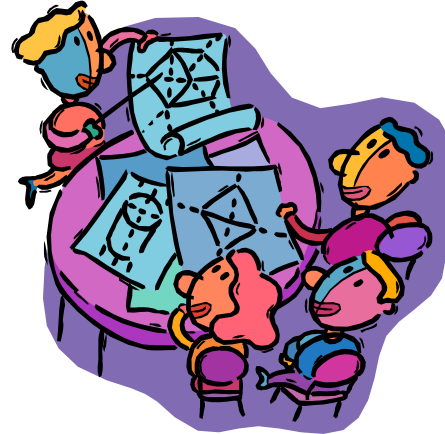
Treasurers Report: Read by Wayne Bright. Our starting balance was a little over \$3,500.00. We had one bill for \$6 for a brake compression washer. We took in \$25 from the 50/50 raffle and \$10 for membership dues. Report approved by Trisha Blue; seconded by Bill Ashworth.

Activities Report: led by Don Medina. The 15-day Aug/Sept tour of the North West itinerary is set. Give Ray a call if you are interested. This is going to be an incredibly good time. Wayne is looking for a roommate for motels to help keep the costs down.

After the meeting today, Vern & Marvin proposed a short ride to Modesto for a bike blessing by C.R.O.S.S motorcycle ministries. We are going to start having a ride after the club meetings for anyone

interested. If you have a ride idea, let Ray or Don know.

Sat, April 5 Don will lead a ride starting in Modesto at 9:30 am. Don will send an email with details. You can call him at 415-269-7998.



Our next campout is April 11-12-13 at McConnell Park. We will have a picnic Saturday to include friends and non-camping club members. The club supplies meat and drinks. Bring a potluck side dish or desert to share. This is always a lot of fun.

The May campout will be May 5/16-17-18 at Brannon Island Park in the Delta. This is the same location as the Isleton Crawdad Festival Father's Day weekend.

Don Medina and Trisha Blue will be riding to the AVA rally in Bowling Green, KY. Wayne Bright may also attend. We would welcome anyone else. The pre-rally dinner will be at the Corvette factory. It is amazing to see hundreds of Voyagers in one place. Not to mention the strong rumor that the new Voyager will be unveiled there.

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Old Business: The March campout at McConnell Park was fun but cold and windy. Bob Joyner set up his 10-ft canopy with 3 sides and his industrial-sized radiant heater, so they were pretty toasty. We had our first campout mishap when Jacqui Ellingson cut her leg on a bolt and had to get 17 stitches. Jacqui, we hope that you are mending well and we are all sorry that this happened.

New Business: Wayne mentioned a charity ride to benefit runaway kids. The ride will go from Sacramento to LA, probably in July. We don't have all of the details, but can get them if you are interested.

Don Medina is going to the World Superbike races in Salt Lake City at Miller Motorsports May 31 & June 1. He will leave on Thursday, ride hard and arrive in Salt Lake Friday evening. He will leave to come home Sunday afternoon after the races. Others are welcome to join. Don is also riding to see vintage motorcycle races Sept 8-9 at Miller.

Sunday, May 4 at the Half Moon Bay Ritz-Carlton will be the Legends of the Motorcycle. This is a world-class event. Tickets are \$50 advance; \$60 at the door. Don, Trisha & Bill will be attending. Join us! Ph: 415-269-7998

Sunday, 4/27 Dream Machines will be at the Half Moon Bay airport. They have every type of machine imaginable from airplanes, cars, tractors, antique steam engines, etc. If you plan on going, motorcycles are the only way to beat the traffic.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Trisha Blue. Meeting was adjourned @ 1310.

*Submitted by Trisha Blue*



## VP NOTES

By Don Medina, NCVC Vice-President

Meeting was good as you will read in the minutes. We had two new members attend the meeting. Al Bowers rode his Voyager (2003) from Watsonville. His route was hwy. 129 to 101 north then east on 152 over Pacheco Pass to I-5 then north - a 2 hr. ride. Al is a retired CHP Officer; he plans on riding to the Cal Tex rally in Colorado Springs, Colorado in the middle of June. This rally is for Peace Officers.

Eric Houser rode up from Fresno with Wayne Bright. Eric rides a 2001 Voyager. Eric is married but his wife wasn't able to attend. We look forward to meeting her.



New Members Al Bowers and Eric Houser

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After the meeting Joel, Trisha and I rode into Modesto to attend a C.R.O.S.S. Blessing of the Bikes. Our leaders for this were Marvin and Vern Deatherage. Vern was a guest at the meeting. This was a short ride, but having my bike blessed was a-ok. I have never done anything like this and it was a good feeling.



Later Joel, Trisha and I rode back to Half Moon Bay via the back way via Corral Hollow Road into Livermore, with a stop at the Panama Bay Coffee Shop, for a double espresso. The web site for C.R.O.S.S. is [www.crossmcministries.com](http://www.crossmcministries.com).



April 5 there will be a one-day ride starting in Modesto. Depart time 9:30 A.M. from Denny's, 2052 W. Orangeburg Ave (ph: 209-529-4049). From Hwy 99, exit N. Carpenter Road and go north to W. Orangeburg, make a right turn and go ¼ mile. The route will be east through Waterford to hwy 49, north to fish hatchery at junction of 49 and 120 for a break. Then we'll go north on hwy 49 past Sonora to Jackson, from Jackson to Stockton where we'll end.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 1 Day Ride from Modesto
6	7	8	9	10	11 CAMPOUT: McConnell State Park	12 CAMPOUT: McConnell State Park (PICNIC)
13 CAMPOUT: McConnell State Park	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### 2008 Club Events Calendar

<b>JAN 26</b> – Meeting: Manteca	<b>FEB</b> – VACANT	<b>MAR 13/15/16</b> – Campout: McConnell <b>MAR 29</b> – Meeting: Manteca
<b>APR 5</b> – One Day Ride: Modesto <b>APR 11/12/13</b> – Campout: McConnell	<b>MAY 16/17/18</b> – Campout: Brannon Island <b>MAY 31</b> – Meeting: Manteca	<b>JUN T13/14/15</b> – Campout: Brannon Island
<b>JUL 8/9/10</b> – AVA Rally <b>JUL 18/19/20</b> – Campout: Vets Pk Monterey <b>JUL 26</b> – Meeting: Manteca	<b>AUG 8/9/10</b> – Campout: Huntington Lake <b>AUG 23 to SEP 6</b> – 2008 Tour	<b>AUG 23 to SEP 6</b> – 2008 Tour <b>SEP 19/20/21</b> – Campout: Turlock Lake <b>SEP 27</b> – Meeting: Manteca
<b>OCT 16/17/18</b> – Campout: McConnell <b>OCT 25</b> – One Day Ride: Castroville	<b>NOV 7/8/9</b> – Campout: Basalt State Park <b>NOV 29</b> – Meeting: Manteca	<b>DEC 13</b> – NCVV Christmas Party: Fresno Moose Lodge

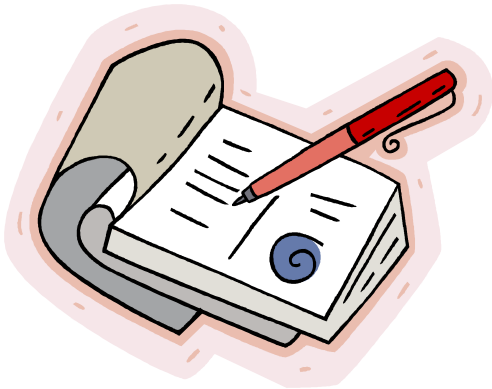
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### And finally...

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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Number Joining the Club (check one): 1 [ ] 2 [ ]

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