

NorCal Voyagers 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.csonline.net/cybersite/american.htm>

American Motorcycle Association (AMA)

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

This Month...

EVENT 8/12-14

Campout – Washburn Campgrounds, San Simeon

CLUB MEETING 8/27

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos



Next Month...

EVENT 9/23 – 9/25

Campout – Ellingson Ranch

CLUB MEETING 9/17

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos

{See the Web Site for details}

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NCVV members & friends.

Well here we are at the end of July already; it is hard to believe we are over half way through the year already.

The AVA has had its annual rally in Durango Colorado, we were represented by 6 members from the club, and we missed those of you who didn't make it.

But in my humble opinion (and it's just mine alone) you didn't miss anything. I have been to 3 rally's put on by the AVA and they have all been good ones except for this one. In my opinion it was the most poorly organized rally I have ever been to.

I do not believe anyone from the AVA ever went to Durango to check out the facilities they were reserving. Now I may be wrong in my belief, I have been known to do this from time to time.

They did have some nice rides, the country was beautiful and the rides were good. They had the check in at a new Kawasaki dealer there in Durango; or should I say 6 miles east of Durango. There were only 3 vendors plus the dealer, everything was done out in the sun in 100+ deg weather.

I suppose if I had of participated in all the events I might have a better outlook of the event it's self. I think I have said enough about this for now. The next rally will be held in August of next year in the upper peninsula of the state of Michigan.

Kawasaki bought all of the AVA board members and all the chapter presidents &

one board member breakfast on Thursday morning. We were all in hopes of hearing something about the new Voyager; but those hopes were soon dampened. They told us they didn't know anything about a new Voyager, and if they did, they couldn't tell us anything. Everything has to be kept top secret until it actually comes out on the market. This is to keep their competitors from trying to jump ahead of them.

I want to remind all members that we still have a few ball caps & tee shirts left, the sizes are limited, so you need to contact me if you want one. Remember they are \$5.00 off of the regular price. We also have a few polo shirts in stock plus we have a few flags left to. Check out the web site for prices and contact me for availability.

That about covers everything I have to say for this month. But I do want to remind you of our August camp out in San Simeon state park.

Sincerely; Uncle Ray.

JULY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by president Ray Walls @ 12:57 pm. Members present, Bill Owens, Wayne Bright, Brian Coldicott, Leland House, & Ray Walls. We had two guests, Don Medina & Trisha Blue; from the Half Moon bay area.

Introduction of guest & new members; Don & Trisha were introduced to all the members present. They later joined the club. They are now fully paid up members.

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Reading of minutes of previous meeting; President Ray read the minutes of the June meeting.

Treasurers report; Wayne Bright gave us the total in the club's treasury; we now have a total of \$1,641.13 in the bank.

Presentation of bills; there were none.

Social & activities directors report; he was absent so there was no report.

Old business; there was none to discuss.

New business; there was none to discuss.

Announcements or guest speakers; no guest speakers; the only announcement was, ray wanted to remind everyone of the august camp out 8-11 thru 14. He has two camp sites reserved; we can have up to 8 people on each site...

Ray asked if anyone had anything to say or any questions. There were none.

President walls adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

POSSIBLE CHANGE TO MONTHLY MEETINGS

Hello NCVV members. I have been thinking of ways to get more participation at our meetings and events.

It seems as though we really never have anything of much importance to talk about at our monthly meetings; and it is a very long ride for most of you to make just for a 15 to 30 minute meeting each month.

Here is what I have come up with, and I want to make a decision on this at the September meeting. Which by the way has been moved up to the 17th; since we will be camped out up in Corning over the weekend of the 25th. Now on to the rest of the story, I would like to have one meeting every quarter and we can arrange them to

where we don't have to ride down in the 100deg + heat in July & August. I would like for all members to give some serious thought to this and than come down for the meeting on Sept 17th and discuss this in more detail and than vote on it.

I have the power to make this change by myself. But I have found that what makes me happy doesn't necessarily make the membership happy and with an unhappy membership we don't have a club. But than again if you the members don't get involved with the club decisions & activities; than we the board members are just pissing into the wind. We work hard and donate our time to this club trying to make you (the members) happy.

I do however want to continue our monthly events and we can throw in a lunch or two from time to time; this will keep us from becoming complete strangers during the months we don't have a meeting.

I also want to impress upon you that we need members to take on an event from time to time. There are twelve months in every year and we need an event for at least 10 of those months. It doesn't take much to sponsor an event, just a little energy on your part. We the board members can always find something for us to do each month; but this doesn't always make everyone happy with what & where we are doing it. I don't expect to make everyone happy all the time. But if you get involved; than at least you are doing something you planned your self and than you are a happy camper.

Please give this some serious thought; than let's talk about it in September and make our decision than. Cheers.

Uncle Ray

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AVA RALLY – MY TRAVEL

Since there aren't many NorCal Voyager members in the 'lower half' of the state, I ended up riding to the AVA Rally in Durango all by myself. Not complaining, mind you, but it was certainly something different than I have ever done before.

Although I've ridden motorcycles most my life, I have never gone on a ride more than about 500 miles in one direction...and certainly not by myself. This was quite an adventure for me.

Luckily, my wife (who couldn't ride the bike because of a recent surgery) decided she would 'follow' me to Laughlin and spend the weekend with me there...just to make sure I made it ok. I think she had other motives.

After heading out on the road from our home in Arroyo Grande, I realized I had made a serious mistake. I left way too late in the afternoon. Although it was only a 6 ½ hour ride to Laughlin, the sun was at mid-sky and starting to warm things up. I wasn't 10 miles from the coast before the temperature was in the 100's. But I forged ahead, knowing I didn't want to lose a day of travel. When I arrived in Laughlin at 8:30 PM, it was 122 degrees!

We said our goodbyes 2 days later and I headed east towards Kingman. I left Laughlin at 10:00AM and the temperature was 119 degrees. When I arrived in Kingman about 40 minutes later, the temperature dropped about 15 degrees. I was in search of scenery, so I got off the interstate and drove Route-66 through town. A real nice break from the previous scenery.

I then headed towards Williams and then on to Flagstaff. The ride through Arizona was comfortable, scenic, and easy. The interstate was 75 mph, so I made good time. Again, I decided to stop off in

Flagstaff and travel Route-66 through town and have lunch.

After leaving Flagstaff, I decided to stop in Winslow. There is a well-known line from an Eagles song "standing on a corner in Winslow Arizona" that I wanted to explore. On Route 66 in Winslow, there is a corner that has a tribute to this song. I stopped to take a picture; unfortunately the entire area was under construction so the statue was behind a chain link fence. But now I can say I've been there!

From there it was on to Gallup, New Mexico, my overnight stop. I pulled off onto Route 66 and into a motel I had reserved for the evening. It was an old, crusty, but clean Days Inn. The rate was only \$40 a night and it was worth every penny. It was quiet and I slept like an old hound dog.

I got up Monday morning to get a little breakfast and head towards Durango. The air was cool and I was itching to go. Once packed up, I grabbed some breakfast and headed up the freeway towards Durango. The ride was very scenic and trouble free.

I arrived in Durango around 1:00PM and checked into a very comfortable room at the Siesta Inn (north of town). The price was right (\$58 a night plus tax) and the room was very comfortable. This would be my 'home base' for the week in Durango.

My escapades at the AVA rally can be viewed on the internet at our web page for the event. Just go to the NorCal Voyagers home page at www.norcalvoyagers.org and click on the Calendar button on the left of the page. Once there, click on the dates in the calendar (July) and you'll get the event page, on that page there is an additional link to my 'Web Log' for the week. I won't bore you with the details here, but it was an interesting week for my first AVA rally.

Jim Tinlin

(Look for photos on our web site by clicking on "Calendar" or "Events" and look for the event date – Ed.)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12 CAMPING – San Simeon (Washburn)	13 CAMPING – San Simeon (Washburn)
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2005 Events Calendar

JAN – Death Valley Campout	FEB – VACANT	MAR – Basalt Campgrounds
APR – Corbin Seat Factory Tour	MAY – Cruise Clear Lake Queen	JUN – Cedar Grove/Fresno
JUL – AVA Rally Durango, CO	AUG – Washburn Campgrounds	SEP – Corning Ranch Campout
OCT – Death Valley Campout	NOV – VACANT	DEC – Christmas Party

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OTHER MOTORCYCLE STUFF

As the web site janitor and newsletter editor, I sometimes get 'interesting' solicitations from other motorcycle related individuals. Here's one regarding an internet based company that has offered our club a discount if I put their link on our web site (which I did, see details at the end of this info).

MOTORCYCLE MAYHEM EVENT – AUG 27-28

Here is a little info...

This will be the biggest Sport, Performance, Custom, and Off-Road Motorcycle event ever to hit the Central Valley! Don't be left out in the cold at all the Harley events, join us for the event that is all yours!

Location; Fresno Fairgrounds

Dozens of Vendor Booths
Motorcycle/ATV Stunt shows;
Street Freestyle (w/Darius Khashabi)
Freestyle MX
Globe Show
Huge Indoor Motorcycle Show
Burnout Contest
Bikini Contest
Dealer Demo Rides

Motorcycle Rodeo
MSF Training
Free Live Music all day
Dyno Drags
BMX Show/Competition
50cc Dirt Races
Pocketbike Races
Quad Races
Games/Contests
Motorsport video games
Lots of Food and Drink!

Concerts both Sat and Sun Nights (Bands T.B.A.) Look for exciting developments here soon!

Open to all sportbikes, import and domestic, as well as performance cruisers and customs, quads, 50's and pocketbikes. Family events are planned, so bring out the kids to this exciting event

We maintain a bunch of motorcycle related web links on our web site. Just go to:

www.norcalvoyagers.org

and click on the 'Web Links' button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a menu that lists a number of general groupings for web links. The one above is listed in the 'Clothing' section.

Feel free to pass along links that you feel would be helpful to other club members.

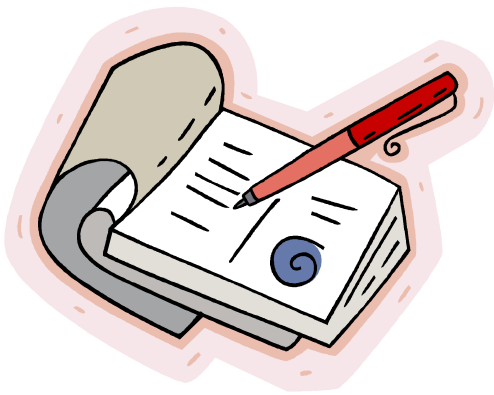
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The Last Page

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



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Name 1 _____ E-Mail Address _____ Birthday _____
Name 2 _____ E-Mail Address _____ Birthday _____
Address _____ Phone Number _____ Anniversary _____
State _____ Zip Code _____

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

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