

# 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 (August 17-19)**

Campout - Gualala Point



## Next Month...

**EVENT (September 29)**

Club Meeting - Manteca

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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC members & Friends. I was going to ask you where this year has gone. Here it is the first of August already. But then I decided you probably didn't know anymore about that then I do. So I will just accept the fact that it's August already and let it be.

We held our bi-monthly meeting last Saturday in Manteca, had a wonderful turn out and celebrated the clubs 7th anniversary. I bought the cake here in Fresno at Costco and delivered it and poor ole wounded Fred Andrew up to the meeting in my van. And while it's on my mind, I want to thank Betty Burns for cutting and passing out the cake for us. It was delicious and we had a lot left over, which we gave to the waitresses for such good service.

We also gained four new members, two from Fresno and two from Modesto. Now if Kawasaki will just bring out a new Voyager, we will be able to grow much faster & larger. All of you own and ride motorcycles and you know other people that ride too, so why don't you start recruiting some more members for us. We don't care what kind of bike they ride. But we do care about how loud the bike is and if they ride and bar hop at the same time, then we aren't interested in them. It would also be a plus if they like to camp and take weekend trips to exotic places like (Bakersfield, Paso Robles, Isleton and such).



I won't dwell on the new members right now. I will be sending out a new membership list probably about Wednesday and I will give you the info then. It would be helpful if you would either call or E-mail them and welcome them into our little family. I guess we made a fairly good impression on them Saturday. They all said they would be back for more, said they felt at home and were comfortable around us. God I'm afraid for them to meet Brubaker. Although they seemed to accept Fritz, so I guess Brubaker won't be much worse.

We got a sample of our new shirt and I modeled it for everyone. I guess it looked pretty good to every one; (the shirt that is) anyway I didn't get any complaints about it. I was supposed to get the prices on them today but got hung up on an electrical job at the Moose Lodge. Tomorrow I will get them and hopefully have them in this issue of your wonderful news letter.

For those of you that are going to our August camp out up in Gualala, I will be arriving there on Thursday the 16th. I have two sites reserved for 3 nights, 4 if anyone wants to stay longer. Betty Burns (Bless her heart) has offered to cook dinner for us on Thursday night, and breakfast of Friday morning. After that we will have to sit down and make some plans. Bill has a couple of nice rides planned out for us, so it should be a very nice weekend. We have room for 16 people so you can invite a friend or two if you wish. PS if your plan on camping with us and weren't at the meeting, please let me know ASAP, Betty needs a head count.

Don & Trish, Wayne & Sandra Bright were the sole supporters of our club at the AVA rally in South Dakota. But we were well recognized because between Don, Trish, Wayne & Sandra they hauled off most of the prizes and a lot of awards. Not bad for only four members. I won't go into it any farther; I think Don or Wayne is going to do a write up on it. Also Trish picked up her trike just two days before they left on the

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trip. I think she said she really loves it. Don & Wayne have a couple hundred pictures for you to look at someday.

Brubaker is still in Germany or Europe anyway. He should be back either this week or next, unless they have him in jail somewhere. I think this about covers everything I had on my mind so I will close off and get this out to Jim for editing. Cheers.

## CLUB MEETING 7/28/07

By Trisha Blue, NCVC Secretary

HAPPY 7th BIRTHDAY NCVC!!!

The meeting was held at Perko's Restaurant in Manteca. Meeting was called to order by president Ray Walls at 1320.

Members in attendance: Don Medina (VP), Marvin & Shirley Deatherage (new members), Brian Coldicott, Bill Burns, Bryce Eichholz, Bill Ashworth, John DeMuri, Regina & Garry Sevel (new members), Fred Andrew, Wayne Bright (Treas), Monte Faust, Bill Owens, Dennis Ellingson, Jacque Ellingson, Fritz Wells, Ray Walls (Pres), and Trisha Blue (Sec).  
Guests: Betty Burns and Maggi Faust.



Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Dennis Ellingson; seconded by Bill Owens.

Treasurers Report: Wayne reports that we received a letter from the IRS. We will have to file an electronic form to maintain our tax-exempt status. He will take care of this. We had a starting balance of \$2875.51. We took in \$30.50 from 50/50 raffle. We have bills of \$100 and income of about \$100. Report approved by Bill Owens; seconded by Bryce Eichholz.

Old Business: Ray is taking orders for 50/50 polo shirts with an embroidered club logo patch on the front. Ray sold some old shirts & logo patches.

Corning camp out was June 8-10 hosted by Jackie & Dennis Ellingson. It was a small group and they had a great time.

New Business: Gualala campout is August 16-19. Ray is going Thurs, 8/16. We have 2 sites that can accommodate 8 people per site. This is a beautiful setting and promises to be an excellent campout.

Ray can't make the September Las Vegas/Grand Canyon trip so it is cancelled unless someone else wants to plan it.

Don Medina invited club members to join him Sept 7-12 on a trip to Salt Lake City for vintage motorcycle races. Races are Saturday and on the reutrn he will spend a day in Denver. He usually does 400-700 miles per day, cruises at 65-70 mph & will stay in motels. Anyone interested email him at [bluemedina@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bluemedina@sbcglobal.net).



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Ray brought several beautiful crocheted afghans made by his late mother-in-law. They were offered to club members at \$10.00 each. All were purchased. Thanks to Betty's family for parting with them and our sympathies go out to you.



Don Medina reported on the July AVA Rally in Rapid City, SD, attended by Don, Trisha Blue, Wayne and Sandra Bright.



There were about 200+ Voyagers & other motorcycles. We had excellent weather, fun outings including the Fort Hayes dinner theater, Mount Rushmore lighting ceremony, Tour of Ellsworth Air Force Base, bike skill games, opening and closing dinner ceremonies & more.

Don's bike won 1<sup>st</sup> place for Custom Touring Class and my trike won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Trike &

Sidecar Class. We can't wait for July 2008 in Bowling Green, KY.



Don Medina proposed that we consider sponsoring a 2-day regional rally October 2008. We would need help from a lot of members. ROK (Riders of Kawasaki) would support us with some nice prizes. The AVA would pay insurance (\$200). He suggested that we hold it at a casino like Chukchansi in Fresno because they have the facilities and we may get more spouses to attend. We would also get good exposure for the club. We could have a poker run, bike show and dinner. He thinks we could do a good job and have a lot of fun.

## Upcoming activities:

Oct 19-21 camp out & picnic at McConnell State Park.

Dec 8 is our holiday party at the Fresno Moose Lodge. They have great facilities including parking for motor homes & trailers. They have bathrooms but no showers.

Next meeting is September 29 at Perko's in Manteca.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Ray Walls. He treated the new members to breakfast.

Ray made a toast to the club members on our 7<sup>th</sup> birthday and said may we ride for many years. We enjoyed a delicious cake. Ray asked if there were any more questions or suggestions; there were none. He thanked

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everyone for coming. Shirley Deatherage thanked us all for our hospitality and for lunch.

Meeting was adjourned @ 1352.



## NCVC 2007 EVENTS

### **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.

## BAD PLANNING

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Webmaster

Maybe is was bad planning, maybe it is a sign of 'older age', but my scheduled trip to the club's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch / club meeting didn't work quite the way I planned it. I took the time to look at a couple of maps a few days before the meeting. No problem, I'm a California native and know my way around the state.

The plan was to leave home at 0730, since the web site I used to 'map' the trip said it would take 4 hours...and I knew I could "shave" at least ½ hour off that time. So I head out of town (just south of Pismo Beach) at exactly 0730. Pleased with my apparent pre-planning prowess and prompt performance, I leisurely rode north on Hiway 101 slowly climbing out of the fog on the central coast. Heading across the valley to I-5 is something I can do in my sleep (maybe I did).

So while heading north on I-5 I made some mental calculations and realized I was right on time...then fate struck a terrible blow. Yep, I really didn't know which exit to take to go east from I-5 to Hwy-99 in order to make it to Manteca. No problem, it has to be somewhere around the I-580 turnoff. By the time I got to the I-580 turnoff I started mumbling something to myself about why I didn't load up my GPS and map software so I wouldn't have to "think" about where I was going. Minutes turned to more minutes and by 1130 I realized that the turnoff I took to go to Hwy-99 was the wrong one. No problem, all I have to do is go east until I hit Hwy-99 and then follow the signs to Manteca!

So about 20 minutes later I get to Hwy-99 and realize that no signs were giving me a hint on whether I should go north or south. So I figured that since I was behind on time I must have gone too far north and headed south on Hwy-99. As luck would have it (and you've probably guessed it by now), that was the wrong direction. About 20 miles later I realized it as well and consulted a map (duh!) and found out I was about 45 minutes from Manteca...oh,

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yeah, it was already after 1200. So I came to the conclusion that I would show up just in time to see the table cleared by the waitress...sigh.

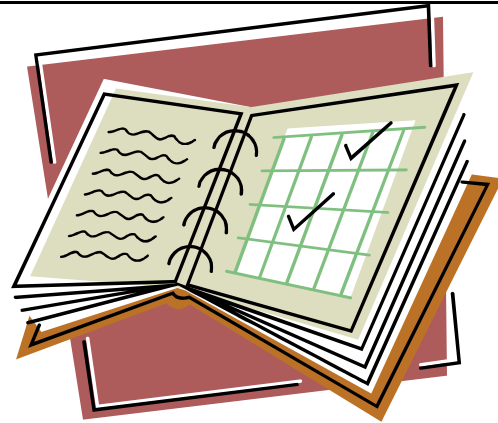
Well, not all was lost...my dad lives just south of Oakland so I headed over to the Bay Area and had a nice visit before heading back home again. After almost 500 miles I realized that seeing the homestead was never so welcome.

Moral of the story:

- Plan Ahead
- Get a Map and Use It
- Check Your Progress Periodically



When traveling, don't put all your eggs in one basket (or motorcycle)...



The calendar of events can be reviewed on the NCVV Web Site. Go to the following web site:

<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>

Once at this web site, click on the 'Calendar' button (left side of the page). The events calendar has a list of all the scheduled events and additional detail, as available. For events where pictures or a write up was provided, the link will open to a page with this information.

## NEW POLO SHIRT PRICES

By Ray Walls, NCVV President

NEW POLO SHIRT PRICES, EMBROIDERED LOGO ON FRONT ONLY; MATERIAL IS A 50/50, BLUE OR BLACK:

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| WITH POCKETS     |         |
| MED TO XL;       | \$24.00 |
| 2X               | \$25.00 |
| 3X               | \$27.00 |
| WITH OUT POCKETS |         |
| MED TO XL        | \$22.00 |
| 2X               | \$23.00 |
| 3X               | \$25.00 |

Anyone wishing to place an order; down load an order form from our web site fill it out and send me a check made out to Nor Cal Voyagers and add \$5.00 for shipping. If you are ordering two different size shirts just drop down to the bottom of the order form and put down the other sizes and quantity. You will have to add a couple more dollars for shipping for the extra shirts.

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| Sun                              | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri                              | Sat                              |
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| 12                               | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17<br>CAMPOUT –<br>Gualala Point | 18<br>CAMPOUT –<br>Gualala Point |
| 19<br>CAMPOUT –<br>Gualala Point | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24                               | 25                               |
| 26                               | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31                               |                                  |

### 2007 Club Events Calendar

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>JAN 27</b> – Meeting: Manteca                 | <b>FEB</b> – VACANT  | <b>MAR 23-25</b> – Campout: Basalt<br><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<br><b>MAY 26</b> – Club Meeting: Manteca | <b>JUN 9-10</b> – Campout: Corning  |
| <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)



### NORCAL VOYAGERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| President           | Ray Walls        |
| Vice-President      | Don Medina       |
| Secretary           | Trish Blue       |
| Treasurer           | Wayne Bright     |
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| Tail gunner         | Dennis Ellingson |

If you have any questions about the club or would like to send some comments to the Board of Directors, please use the following e-mail addresses:

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Please use this Application Form to join the club

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

Mail Application and Payment (\$10 for 1 member / \$15 for 2 members) to:  
Wayne Bright / 2149 Gibson Avenue (Louis, Ca. / 93611-0698