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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 (Aug ???)

One Day Ride

EVENT (Aug 23-Sep 6)

NCVC Tour

Next Month...

MEETING (September 27)

Manteca, Perko's Restaurant



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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC Newsletter Editor

Hello NCVC members & Friends. Here I sit wondering if I'm going to be ready to go on the 22nd. You know that date is rapidly approaching. By the time you read this we will probably have about 20 days before we head out on our 15 day tour. I hope everyone is working hard to make sure everything is good to go.

We had a pretty nice camp out over at the Vets park in Monterey over the 18th through the 20th. It was colder than a well diggers butt in the Klondike's, but we really enjoyed each others company. Those in attendance were Dennis & Jacque Ellingson, Fred Andrew, Don Brubaker, Lee House, Marvin & Shirley Deatherage, and me.

Fred went over with me on Wednesday after noon to make sure we had camp sites for the weekend. I wasn't aware of it until I called on Tuesday to see what was going on in the area that weekend. Found out the Motorcycle Grand Prix was being held that same weekend and I was advised to get my butt over there by Wednesday afternoon.

Fred and I pulled into the camp grounds around 2:30pm. It looked like all the good sites were already taken, but as luck would have it I found one right on the end close to the bathroom. I pulled into it and made room for Fred to come in also. But I stopped to close too the picnic table and when I picked my left foot up to put the side stand down, my right foot slid out from under me and up under the table. It happened so fast I couldn't do a thing to prevent the bike from falling. It fell over onto

the bench of the table and broke a big chunk out of my right upper & inner fairings. Thanks to Carl Leo I now have a new one and it's being painted as I write this.

Fred went back to Fresno after we finally settled on a couple of sites. He had a doctor's appointment on Thursday morning that he couldn't miss. Thursday after noon Dennis & Jacque came in just after Don had arrived. We helped them park the motor home after removing his bike from the trailer. We sat around and shot the bull for a while, than decided to cook something to eat. I grilled some steaks I had brought over along with some Fresno State corn on the cob. Good OLE Jacque did the dishes for us in the motor home.

Everyone turned in around 10:00pm except Don, He likes to sit out at all hours and howl at the moon. But this time there was no moon to howl at it was completely over cast and cold. About 1:30 am I was awakened by some animals fighting, it took me a while to figure out just what the heck was going on. They were fighting over a bag of pretzels some women left out on their table. The fight lasted about 10 minutes, but it was broken off at times. After I finally decided to get up and see what the heck was going on; they were up on top of the motor home and really raising hell. Scared the heck out of Jacque. Everyone in the camp grounds was up trying to see what was going on. After going up in the tree just above the motor home they finally decided to break it off and head for the country side.

Friday morning was filled with questions and answers from all the campers. Needless to say that was the big story of

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the weekend. Lee came in about 2:00pm and Fred about an hour later. Marvin & Shirley didn't arrive until Saturday after noon. Weren't there for long but we enjoyed them while they were there. Marvin had some electrical problems as we were getting ready to leave the camp ground Sunday morning. I will leave that story for another time or for someone else to tell; hopefully Marvin. I know he will tell it to you straight and I'm afraid I might deviate from the real truth a little.

We had our July meeting on the 26th in Manteca. Had a wonderful turn out, 22 members showed up, some that had never attended a meeting before. We celebrated the clubs 8th anniversary and the member's birthdays that fell in July. I am still trying to figure out if they all came for the meeting or for the celebration or both. Any way it was really nice to see all of them there and I did get to talk to all of them for just a few minutes before we had our lunch.

Don Medina talked about the rally and Wayne Bright brought the daily schedule from the rally. Those that attended had a wonderful time and the rally for next year will be in Santa Fe New Mexico. I think they said July 8 9 & 10. Anyway there will be more information coming out on it later this year.

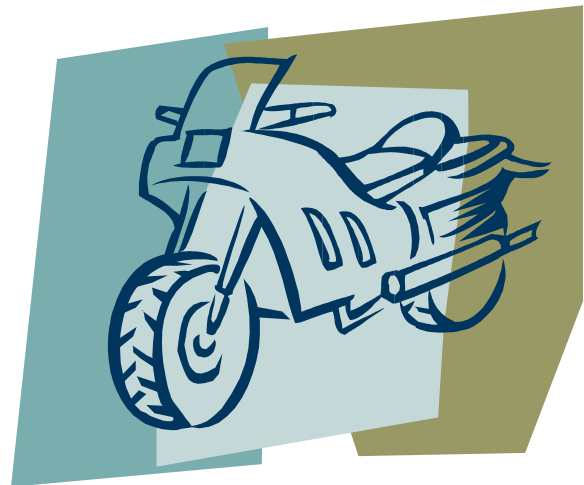
I have sent Jim some photos from our camp out and you will be able to see them on our web site, shortly after the first of August. I also think Wayne sent him some of the rally too. See how lucky you are to have such good friends thinking about your enjoyment.

We will start gathering in Fallon Nevada on the night of the 22nd. We will rise early on the 23rd, have breakfast and hopefully be on our way by 7:00am. Or we might just

wait for breakfast for a couple of hours to allow us to get out of town before the rush hour starts. Everyone that's going on the tour, think about this and decide if you want to eat before we leave or after. Myself I like to eat around 10:00 or 11:00 am, This way I only eat two meals a day and it helps keep the fat down. But for some reason it doesn't seem to be working like it used too. WONDER WHY?

I think I have covered about everything that's happened up to now, so I will shut this off for now and hopefully see a lot of you in Fallon on the 22nd. Ride safely, Ride aware and watch the little old ladies in those Buick's.

Cheers; Uncle Ray



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CLUB MEETING

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 1252.

Members in attendance: Ray Walls, Marvin Deatherage, Wayne Bright (Treas), Don Medina (VP), Trisha Blue (Sec), Jacque Ellingson, Dennis Ellingson, Monte Faust, Fred Andrew, Lee House, Don Brubaker, George Mack, Dale Bird, Pam Bird, Al Thearle, Wendy Thearle, Jim Kramlich, Roger Allen, Bill Owens, Brian Coldicott, Tony Curtis & Gail Curtis.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Dennis Ellingson; seconded by Lee House.

Treasurers Report: Read by Wayne Bright. Our starting balance was \$3,346.83. All bills had been paid. We took in \$90.96 for brake lines leaving a current balance of \$3,437.79. Report approved by Bill Owens; seconded by Don Medina. Another check for \$178.95 will be coming in for brake lines.

Activities Report: led by Ray Walls. The Monterey campout was cold but lots of fun with excellent food. Friday morning they woke up to quite a commotion caused by 2 raccoons fighting on a tree limb over the Ellingson motor home. Marvin had his starter go out and got some help getting it fixed.

The August campout for Huntington Lake has been cancelled. The campground is booked and it is too close to the 15-day trip to plan something else.

The AVA rally in Bowling Green, KY had about 280 attendees. Wayne Bright, Don

Medina and Trisha Blue went and had a fantastic time. Carl Leo gave some good seminars on radio and differential repairs. We hope NCVC will have a good turnout for the 2009 rally June 7-9 in Santa Fe, NM. Don Medina presented Ray Walls with an AVA clock given to all of the chapter presidents. Kawasaki sent a representative and gave out great gifts and raffle items. If you are an AVA member, you get a discount on ROK (Riders of Kawasaki) membership (\$20 instead of \$40).

Old Business: None

New Business: Lee proposed an August day ride since the campout has been cancelled. Don Medina will plan something and send an email.

Today after the meeting Don and Trisha are riding to Angels Camp to a friendly coffee shop that we discovered.

Don Medina is attending part of a rally Aug 15-17 with the New Mexico Enchanted Voyagers. If anyone is interested in joining him, call 415-269-7998.

Meeting was adjourned at 1326.



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2008 Events

AUGUST:

POSSIBLE ONE DAY RIDE, TBD

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 27th

OCT:

MC CONNELL SP. CAMP OUT & PICNIC 16-
17-18, PICNIC ON 17th
ONE DAY RIDE OCT25, STARTING IN
CASTROVILLE

NOV:

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

DEC:

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY @ FRESNO
MOOSE LODGE ON THE 13th



Angels Camp Ride

By Don Medina, NCVC Vice-President

After the Club meeting in Manteca, 5 people went on a ride to Angels Camp. Tony and Gail Curtis, Lee House, Trisha Blue and me, Don Medina. The temp was mid ninety's when we left Perko's. Heading east, we stopped for gas in Oakdale at a Shell station. After gassing, we continued on 120 to Jamestown. As we gained altitude you could see and taste the smoke in the air. Traffic was light so we were able to run a constant speed. When we got to Jamestown we turned off of 120 onto J5 which allowed us to bypass Sonora. When we got to Angles Camp we found a small coffee shop.

Tony and Gail treated us for drinks with their 50/50 winnings. We shot the breeze about how wonderful motorcycling really is and heard a little about Tony and Gail's upcoming trip to Vancouver BC. Lee talked about his solo trips to the Sierras. After a bit Tony and Gail headed north; Trisha, Lee, and I headed back the way we had come. Looking into my mirrors I could see that Lee likes the Harley as he was bending his bike into the turns with ease. Since it was late afternoon, we were riding into the sun making a hot day feel even hotter. It was almost 6pm when the three of us got back to Manteca where we split off from Lee. Lee headed to Fresno; Trisha and I to Half Moon Bay. Trisha and I stopped in Tracy for gas and dinner at Wendy's. We got home at 8:40 pm. It was getting dark when we drove over 92 into Half Moon Bay and Trisha still had her dark shield on. She is getting much more comfortable riding.

After the next meeting we will ride to Delhi. Lee says that their A & W has the coldest Root Beer in the valley.

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LENS CLEANER

By Bill Overton

Pink Don't Belong on No Voyager!

First off, I know this tip had been addressed some years back, but too many new Voyager owners may not have seen the wisdom of us older more experience Voyager tinker'ers.

For those of us who have/had the inkling to dress up our Voyagers with Markland do-dad's (while they were still available, or scarfed up from eBay), this one issue seems to raise itself up for others to notice..... "Pink don't belong on a Voyager"!



Many of us have opted to add the upper and lower chrome rails around the trunk and saddlebags and, of course, then added the additional running and/or brake light. Really looked good until they ended up fading to PINK! That just ain't cool!

Search as we all did, none of us could find replacements lenses to correct this unsightly malady. I, for one, resorted, to replacing the white bulbs in the lights unit to red tinted bulbs. At least they looked normal at night! But after awhile, that was no longer enough. The lenses kept fading and fading until they were almost white! I figured it was time to take drastic measures. Where to turn to!!!!!! eBay, of course!



After doing a simple search for "Lens Tint", up popped The Lens Painter. It is available in Red, Amber, and Smoke. I won't list the pricing or source (the label is in Japanese), but, I will state that I am in no way affiliated with this product. (To those of us with Pink Lenses, the price is really not an issue.)

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Anyhow, I always say, "the proof is in the pudding", so here are some before and after pics.....



After a simple cleaning of the insides of the lenses, only one coat of paint/tint was applied (2 to 4 passes) you can see the results. As good as new.

Will these fade? Only time will tell. But for now, I no longer need to be embarrassed about Pink on my bike.....



EDITOR'S CORNER

By Jim Tinlin, NCVV Newsletter Editor

Here's another month of summer and the weather is being nice and 'tame' in our neck of the woods. After enjoying a warm ride from the coast to Visalia (to see the new grandson) I reaffirmed my love for riding on the open road. It's amazing how a 2 hour ride can clear out the pipes. Just puttin' along, enjoying the day, and killing a couple of hours wasn't a bad way to spend a morning.

It's nice to take these "little" rides everyone once in a while; otherwise you can forget how peaceful and calming a ride can be. I ride my Voyager to work every morning of almost every week, and it can get a bit old after a while...but a 2 hour ride turns that all around and makes it all worth while.

I can't say how much I appreciate the reliability of my Voyager; it gets abused by a daily commute (while sitting in the salt air all day) but still puts up with the miles on the road with no complaints at all. I just keep replacing tires, brakes, and filling it with oil and gas. What a deal! Ride Safe!!

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B.A.D. RIDE IV

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Newsletter Editor

We received the following via email; some club members may be interested in the ride. I will post the flyer on the club's web page, go there to take a look at it.

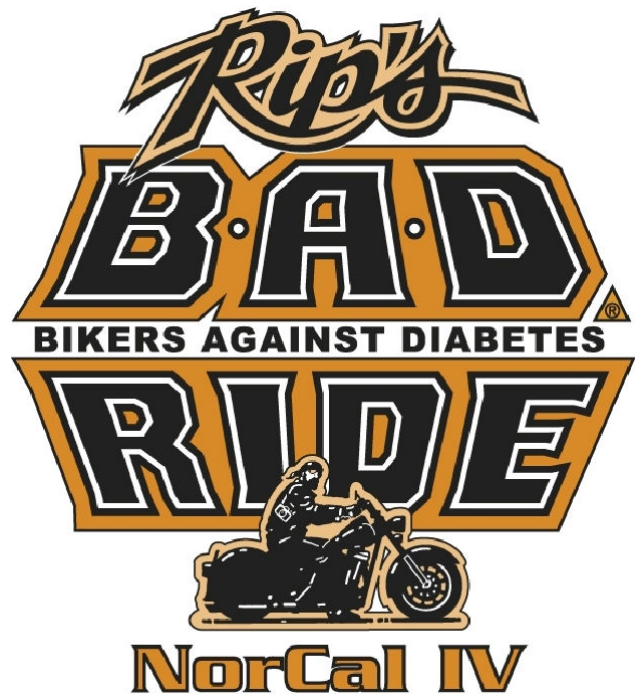
My name is Camme Benzler and I've been working with the American Diabetes Association Rips B.A.D. (Bikers Against Diabetes) Ride Committee. I was hoping to be able to schedule time for a visit to one of your meetings to talk a bit out this event. If this will be possible, would you please forward meeting information to me.

I am attaching a flyer for the B.A.D. Ride which contains registration information, etc., with the hope your club will post on your ride calendar, web site, and newsletter. This event is held at the Napa Valley Expo on September 14, 2008. There are vendors, stunt show, live concert, raffle, etc. You will see on the flyer that there are several start sites throughout Northern California that have escorted rides to the festival site. Also feel free to contact us about joining up with us at Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Suisun City, or your group may decide to plan your own ride and going directly to the festival site. Either way, we hope you'll be able to join us.

Hope to see you there on September 14th in support of the American Diabetes Association.

Thank you,

Camme Benzler
Mt. Diablo Hog
BAD Ride East Bay Subcommittee
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17	18	19	20	21	22 2008 TOUR	23 2008 TOUR
24 2008 TOUR	25 2008 TOUR	26 2008 TOUR	27 2008 TOUR	28 2008 TOUR	29 2008 TOUR	30 2008 TOUR
31 2008 TOUR						

2008 Club Events Calendar

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

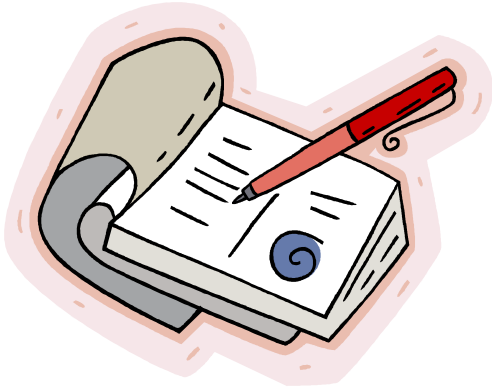
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And finally...

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



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

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

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