

# NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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## NCVC Newsletter

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## 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 (December 2)**

NCVC Christmas Party (Half Moon Bay)



## Next Month...

**MEETING (January TBD)**

NCVC Club Meeting (TBD)

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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC members & friends. Well, it looks like we will survive for another year. We filled our board today and the Activities directors (2) of them are starting to look for things to do in 07. So if you have a favorite place to camp or a place you would like to visit, then contact Don Brubaker or Bob Joyner and tell them what you would like to share with the rest of the members and see what months are still open. And we ARE open to more than one event per month if someone will come up with something. It's hard for one or two people to come up with something that other members would like to do. So how about helping them out a little.

By the time you read this, our Christmas Party will have come and gone and those of you that stayed home and watched the football games will never know just how much fun & good food you missed out on. Oh well there's always next year and speaking of next year we need a volunteer to host next years party. PLEASE DON'T EVERYONE JUMP AT ONCE. I will host next years but it will be in the Moose lodge here in Fresno and not at my house; Betty won't let me host one here so it's the Moose Lodge or someone else will have to host it. Give it some serious thought and let the Activities directors know you are willing to sponsor one. To make it easier for you to make up your mind. The club will pick up the tab for all the food & soft drinks. The hard stuff and Beer will be on those that want to drink it.

I want to thank the following members for volunteering to be on the board. I will continue on as President, since no one wants to be it. The VP is Don Medina, Secretary is Trish Blue, Treasurer is Wayne Bright, Activities directors are Don Brubaker & Bob Joyner. The Sergeant at arms is Bob Joyner. Bob and Don decided to share the Activities director position because both of them will be spending a considerable

amount of time out of state next year. When one is away the other one can take over.

I think this about covers everything I have to say for this year. So everyone have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I will see you in January of 2007 at our next meeting; wherever that may be. Cheers.

*Uncle Ray*

### NCVC CLUB MEETING

By Bob Joyner, NCVC Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Northern California Voyagers was held at the Woolgrowers Restaurant in Los Banos, California. The following members were present:

Ray Walls, President  
Bob Joyner, Secretary  
Brian Coldicott  
Don Brewbaker  
Bill Owens  
Trisha Blue  
Wayne Bright  
Don Medina  
Bryce Eichholz

Guest: Jewels Evans (Don Brewbaker)



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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Walls at 1:12 PM.

Minutes from the September meeting were read by Secretary Bob Joyner.

Treasures report: The treasury report was read by Wayne Bright who advised the members that the club treasury currently has a balance of \$2,318.81. Wayne advised the group that there were no outstanding bills.

Activities report: The activities report was provided by Don Brewbaker. Don talked about next years event calendar and asked everyone to start thinking about things to do in 2007. Don said the annual IBMC ride to Death Valley is set for January 11th through the 13th. He said everyone is welcome and that he plans to attend.



Old business: Ray said he is still looking for an Activities Director and a Tail Gunner for next year. Don Brewbaker and Bob Joyner said they would share the duties of the Activities Director. Bob Joyner said he would be the Tail Gunner.

What to do about club clothing was discussed. Since it is not certain how many people will be in the club next year, it was decided to hold off on any new purchases until, at least January.

Don Medina said he has at least 18 people signed up to come the Club Christmas party. He said he has all the food lined up and it should be a fun time for all.

New business: Wayne Bright said he is accepting dues money for next year. Fritz Wells was not at the meeting. However, he was to discuss a possible trip to New Mexico.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42PM



## NATIONAL PARKS TOUR: 3

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Sept 14 continued. We arrived in Cortez Colorado late afternoon, checked into our motel rooms, had dinner and started making preparations for the next day's tour of the Cliff Dwellings in Mesa Verde. Around 6:00 pm Don arrives and tells us he won't be going with us in the morning because he has an appointment to have a new tire mounted on his Gold Wing.

Sept 15. We are all up early looking forward to the day's adventures. We gathered up for breakfast at Denny's while Don went to have his tire replaced. We were all starting to gather ourselves up into one group, when Don rode in with his new rear tire installed. Since Don had the GPS on his bike we let him lead us all the way into Mesa Verde. We stopped at the visitors' center and watched a short movie before going on down into the Canyon, and of

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course there was the proverbial souvenirs to be bought too: you know.



It was a pretty long trip from the gate to the actual canyons. I can't recall the names of any of the sites we saw, but I can tell you we saw a lot of them. We were there most of the day looking around in amazement at how those people lived and built their homes back into the caves, under over hangs and on the side of very high cliffs. Man those people must have really been in good shape in order to move in and out of those areas. And to think they did all of their traveling on foot, no horses or oxen's.

We were on our way out of the park there in the parking lot of the visitors' center, when some guy in a pickup came slowly by us, we couldn't tell what the heck he was going to do, but eventually he stopped right in the middle of the road. Don and I went on around him on his left side and then all of a sudden we hear Fred call out over the CB that Wayne was down.

We turned around and went back to check on his status, to see what had happened. Come to find out Wayne was just starting to pass the guy when he just all of a sudden decides to turn left into a parking spot on the other side of the lot and he decides to do this just as Wayne starts around him. He didn't look in his mirrors to see if anything was coming and pulled out right in front of Wayne and knocked him down. Wayne wasn't hurt except for his feelings and his bike took on a few scratches it didn't have before.

An off duty Ranger came by just as it happened; it was a lady Ranger and a very nice one too I might add. Anyway we spent the next hour and a half waiting for an on duty ranger to arrive while some of the group chased the guy down. He got out of his pickup walked over to Wayne and says hey man I'm sorry about that and him and his wife just walk off as if nothing had happened. Finally the on duty ranger showed up, wrote the guy a ticket for I think it was failure to grant the right of way.



We arrive back at the motel about dusk, had dinner and started making preparations for the next day's ride to the South rim of the Grand Canyon.

Sept 16th. Everyone was packed up and ready to travel early this morning. We are on our way to the South rim and expect to arrive there a around 2:00 pm. There was very little traffic on the highways this morning and we had clear

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sailing all the way to the Canyon. Traffic started to pick up more and more as we got closer to our destination. We stopped at the Indian trading post a little ways out from the Canyon, had lunch and some of us bought our souvenirs that we just couldn't live without.



We left there and did about a two hour tour of the park, from there we went into town and saw a movie about the park (wanted to make sure we didn't miss anything). This all took about 1.5 hours then we headed for Williams Arizona. Arrived there a little after dark found our motel after about 20 minutes of running up and down Main Street. Come to find out they had changed the name of the Motel.

We checked in and headed for town for some food & fluids. This took about 2 hours; the place was packed to the rim. Returned to the motel and started making preparations for our next day of adventures.

To be continued in January 2007.

## THE KOW

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC Members. Jim thought I should put in a few words of wisdom and give you some back ground information on the Kitchen On Wheels AKA The KOW. When I was in the Golden State Riders Club, back in 1992; we did a lot of camping on our bikes. It seemed to me and a few others that it would make sense to

have a trailer we could haul behind our bikes and cook off of too.



Several of us got together and decided we would just have one built. We located a guy here in Fresno that made such a trailer; but the one he made was to be pulled behind a vehicle a large one. He said he would make us one if we would make up the plans on it.



That was all we needed, so we decided to design one. No one wanted to do the leg work so I designed it myself and we had it built. I built the trailer it's self and he made up the cabinet for us. By the time we had it ready for the road we had \$3,700.00 invested in it.

We pulled it behind our bikes for a couple of years before we decided it was too heavy to be pulling with a bike. So some of us would pull it

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with our cars & trucks, I even bought a trike to pull it with. We have had many a good meal off that ole KOW and have really enjoyed it. But just like everything else; it finally got to where no one wanted to pull it, because they wanted to ride their bikes and pull their cargo or tent trailers.



So the Golden State Rider Club has bitten the dust and here it sits in my back yard. The club gave it to me since I was the one that took care of it for the 10 years that we used it.

The NCVC could and would use it if we had someone to pull it. But we have been unable to find anyone that is willing to do that. So again here it is sitting in my back yard unused and in good shape for something that's 14 years old. Maybe some weekend we can have a picnic somewhere and I will bring it with my truck. Uncle Ray

BY THE WAY IT IS FOR SALE \$1,500.00.

## NCVC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Half Moon Bay, Ca. – Dec. 2

Hi Folks. I have had a couple of members tell me that they haven't received any information on the Christmas party for this year.

The party will be held in the club house where Don & Trish live there in Half Moon Bay. It will be held on December the 2nd and you can start

arriving around 2:00pm, we have the club house until 11:00pm.

There is no alcohol allowed in the club house. (Sorry But it's their rules) and we have to live by them if we want to use their facilities.

Also don't forget to bring a gift with a value no greater than \$20.00. UH, that is unless you just want to donate something extra to the lucky person who picks it.

If you have any questions, please call me or E-mail me. My phone # 559-227-3045, Cell 559-824-0428 (or e-mail [cwalls64@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwalls64@sbcglobal.net)).

As of right now we have 16 people that have called Don to say they are coming. Don's number is 650-560-0190 Don has assured me that this will be one hell of a party, even though it will be a sober one. Cheers.

## MESSAGE FROM DON:

It's Nor Cal Christmas Party time. Just two more weeks. Party time is 2:00 P.M. To 11:00 P.M. We'll have game & Hors d'oeuvres, plenty of soft drinks, full dinner (turkey, ham, veggies, pumpkin pie, black cherry jello fluff, and Ray Walls world renowned marinated cherries).

Come early you'll be in Half Moon Bay, take a stroll along the ocean or stop by Downtown Main Street & do some window shopping.

Traffic in Dec. is heavy on hiway 92 from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Due to Christmas tree farms and day tourist. If you are coming in at this time allow 40 min. From the I280 & 92 interchange to Half Moon Bay. This is only an 8 mile trip.

I want to thank Betty Burns for all her help, Ray walls for all his help.

So if your wondering should or shouldn't I go now's the time to say yes or no call or email

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						

### 2006 Club Events Calendar

<b>JAN</b> – VACANT	<b>FEB</b> – San Simeon Campout (2/10-13)	<b>MAR</b> – Meeting / Diamond Springs, Ca. (3/25)
<b>APR</b> – San Lorenzo County Campground in King City (4/7-9)	<b>MAY</b> – Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout at San Luis Reservoir / Basalt (5/12-14) Meeting / Watsonville, Ca. (5/20)	<b>JUN</b> – Campout Bootleg / Walker, Calif. (6/16-18)
<b>JUL</b> – Campout Ft. Ross (7/7-9) Meeting / Manteca, Ca. (7/29)	<b>AUG</b> – Campout Georgetown, Ca. (8/11-13) AVA Rally at St. Ignace, Mi. (8/15-17)	<b>SEP</b> – Club Tour to Grand Canyon (9/9-17) Meeting / Manteca, Ca. (9/30)
<b>OCT</b> – Laughlin Run to Fun (10/19-22) Reagan Library (10/27-29)	<b>NOV</b> – Meeting / Los Banos (11/25)	<b>DEC</b> – Christmas Party (12/2) / Half Moon Bay

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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
Activities Director	Don Brubaker and Bob Joyner
Tail gunner	Bob Joyner

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