

# 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 (December 8)**

Christmas Party – Moose Lodge (Fresno)



## Next Month...

**MEETING (TBD)**

Perko's Café - Manteca

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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC members & Friends. Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are all about 6 lbs heavier. I do hope that all of you had a nice holiday with your families & friends. And now it's time to start getting ready for the little fat man's visit in December.

We had our by-monthly meeting on the 24TH. We had 12 members in attendance. This was somewhat of a surprise to me; I figured this being the Thanksgiving weekend that Fred and I might just be there all by our selves. Needless to say I was somewhat surprised to see 10 other smiling faces sitting around the table waiting on my arrival. We had a nice short meeting; it took all of 38 minutes to get everything out of the way. I asked for a volunteer to take the activities Directors position. I'm sorry to say not one person raised their hand. It's looking more and more like the old brother hood system is dead.

We opened up the membership renewals at the meeting and had: I think 7 members renew at the meeting. So as of today 11-24-07 you can start mailing in your membership dues to Wayne Bright @ 2149 Gibson Ave, Clovis, CA 93611-0698. Make the check out to the "Nor Cal Voyagers". If you have joined the club since the 1st of October 07, your dues are good until Jan 1 2009. For those with a challenged memory: like mine. Your dues are \$10.00 a year for one person and \$15.00 for two in the same household.

Our Christmas party is coming up on December the 8th at the Fresno Moose

Lodge # 445. You will find a map with directions to the lodge here in this issue of your wonderful club news letter. If for some reason or other you find your self lost and unable to find us, here is my cell phone number 559-824-0428. Just call me and tell me where you are and I will come and get you. We can have the room for the party anytime after 1:00pm, so come on over when ever you get ready. We expect to start serving dinner by 5:30PM. I'm sure most of you are tired of Turkey by now, so we will be serving prime rib & smoked ham, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed green salad/ with the olive garden dressing plus a couple others. If you are good, we will have a dessert served with Fresno State ice cream.

There will be a door prize, and a couple of raffle prizes, so bring lots of money. All the money made from the raffle will go into the club treasury to help pay for our 2008 party. The bar will be open for those of you that wish to partake in the devils broth. The club will supply all your food and soft drinks. You will have to pay for your own hard drinks. We have a token system set up so you can purchase drinks from the bar. Since this is a private club: they can't sell you drinks for cash, but they can exchange them for the tokens.

We will be starting to work on our 2008 itinerary in December, so start thinking of places you would like to go, where you would like to camp, and things you would like to do. I can sit down and make it up myself, but what I decide to do may not sit very well with you. So now is the time to tell us what you want. You have to remember that I am not a mind reader, therefore I have no idea what you like and dislike. So

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open up and give us some help here. We discussed doing the 10 to 15 day tour again this year and we want to do the Northern area. We WILL be going through the Glazier National Park, this much we know already. Anyone wishing to make this trip please let me know. It will be the last week in August and the first week in September; and it will be at most 15 days.

I think this is about all I have to say except to wish everyone that doesn't make the party a very merry Christmas & a most wonderful New Year. May the good lord bless & keep you.  
Uncle Ray.

## NCVC 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 1300.

Members in attendance: Marvin Deatherage, Shirley Deatherage, Brian Coldicott, Roger Allen, Fred Andrew, Bill Ashworth, Teresa Ashworth, Bill Owens, Ray Walls (Pres), Don Brubaker, Don Medina (VP) and Trisha Blue (Sec).  
There were no guests.

We have a new member, Albert Bowers. Fritz Wells met him at a motorcycle shop. Albert is a retired CHP. He couldn't make this meeting. We look forward to meeting Albert and hope that he can make it to the holiday party Dec. 8.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Marvin Deatherage; seconded by Don Brubaker.

Treasurers Report: Read by Ray Walls in Wayne Bright's absence. Our Oct. balance

was \$2897.97. We received \$459.45 and paid out \$863.08. In Nov. we received \$36.80 and paid out \$223.86 leaving a balance of \$2710.91.

Yearly dues are now due: \$10.00 per individual or \$15.00 per couple.

Activities report: In November we only had today's meeting. In Oct we had the McConnell campout. In Dec we have the holiday party Dec 8 at the Moose Lodge in Fresno. You can arrive as early as 1:00 pm. We will sit down to eat at 5:00 or 5:30 pm. Bring a gift to exchange (\$30 max but you can spend less). We will have a door prize, some raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing. For those who stay over, there will be breakfast either at Denny's or at the Moose Lodge. Then we will go on an underground garden tour. Directions and a map will be in the newsletter and on the website. This promises to be a great time – not to be missed!

We need to plan the outings and campouts for 2008. We are open to all suggestions, so think of things that you think the club would enjoy.

Meeting dates for 2008: 1/26, 3/29, 5/31, 7/26, 9/27, 11/29.

Ray proposed a trip to Glacier National Park the last week of Aug and the 1st week of Sept. It will be about 15 days, total. Several members are interested. Stay tuned!

We need an activities director. This is very easy, only takes an hour or 2 per month and Ray promises to help. We also need a Sergeant at Arms.

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Don Medina and Trisha Blue got a small group together for breakfast and the motorcycle show on Sat, Nov 17. Joel and Susan Coletti, Don Brubaker and his guest, Heather, attended. We had a tasty breakfast at the Happy Cooker in Half Moon Bay and then rode over to the show. The show was great with everything from electric scooter test rides in the parking lot, demo rides, all of the new motorcycles, lots of vendors with deals, and more motorcycles in the parking lot than ever.

Old Business: None

Ray brought several more beautiful crocheted afghans for sale made by his late mother-in-law.

Meeting was adjourned @ 1338.

## NCVC CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

The Moose has some children's activities on the morning of the 8th; therefore we won't be able to take charge of the dining area until around noon. I know after a dozen kids get through in there it will be a big mess and we will have to clean it up, it won't take but about 30 minutes, the room isn't that big. But it's big enough to have our party in. Any of you that wish to come early may feel free to do so.

If you are coming in your motor home or travel trailer, there is ample parking on the North West parking area of the lot.

We hope to start serving the food around 5:30pm. The bar will be open for anyone that wants to have a drink. Since this is a private club, you won't be able to just walk up to the bar and order a drink. So what we will do is sell you some drink chips, then

you can trade them in for whatever you wish to drink.

I was doing some shopping around for gifts to purchase for the party: when I discovered that prices have gone way up and the value of the dollar has gone way down. We have always had a limit on the top price of gifts of \$20.00. This year I feel we should raise that to \$30.00. This however does not mean you have to spend \$30.00 on a gift. It can be anywhere from \$1.00 up to \$30.00. You can use your own discretion on how much you want to spend. The gift doesn't have to be motorcycle related. The way I always pick them: is I buy something I would also like to have, but too cheap to buy it for myself. And just remember what ever you bring to the party, you may also take it back home if things work out that way. Here's how it's going to work:

- Each person coming to the party brings gift and put it under the tree.
- All of your names will be placed in a container of some kind and they will be drawn out one name at a time.
- You pick the gift that looks the most inviting to you and open it up right then and show everyone what you got.
- The next name drawn can either pick out another gift or take yours away from you.
- If this happens then you can pick another gift and go through the same procedure again.
- This will be repeated until all the gifts are gone.
- When your name is drawn you can take any gift away from anyone that has already drawn one. But any one gift can only be taken away from someone 3 times. Whoever gets it the 3rd time gets to keep it.

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I have ordered a nice karaoke machine that plays cassettes and CD's. It has an 80 watt out put so it should have some good sounds. I also have some good old country songs by good singers. I have some rock n roll, not many but a few. I have quite a lot of the elevator music as the younger generation likes to call it. After the dinner, gift exchange, and possibly a little game or two by one or two of our most vibrant members, I will then put on some good music and we can dance the night away.

We can stay as long as we wish, I have the keys to the building. I think we may sell some door prize tickets, I have some junk I want to get rid of, so this is the best way I have found to do it. Brother Wayne Bright will be selling the 50/50 tickets and the raffle tickets, too.

Right now we have 28 people signed up for the party. I would sure like to hear from some ladies and a few men from the Sacramento area, that I haven't heard from yet. We can't have a party without them: you know. I have also invited a couple of our X members, but so far I haven't heard a thing from them. I guess we're too rowdy for them.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY DETAILS

By Jim Tinlin, NCVV Newsletter Editor

I wanted to boil all the info down in basic detail, so here it is:

**When:** Saturday, December 8, 2007

**Start:** Arrive @ 1:00PM, Eats at 5:30PM

**Where:** Fresno Moose Lodge

**Address:** 5025 East Dakota Avenue

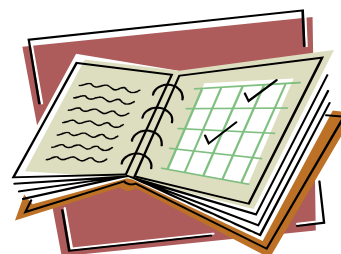
**Find It:** Use Google or Yahoo maps to find a route to the above address. I put a map in the newsletter right after the calendar so it would be big enough to be useful ☺



## NCVC 2007 EVENTS

### 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.



## NCVC 2008 MEETINGS

**JANUARY 26**

**MARCH 29**

**MAY 31**

**JULY 26**

**SEPTEMBER 27**

**NOVEMBER 29**

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.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 NCVC Christmas Party - Fresno
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
30 New Year's Eve	31					

### 2007 Club Events Calendar

<b>JAN 27</b> – Meeting: Manteca	<b>FEB</b> – VACANT	<b>MAR 23-25</b> – Campout: Basalt <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 <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 14-16</b> – Campout: Basalt <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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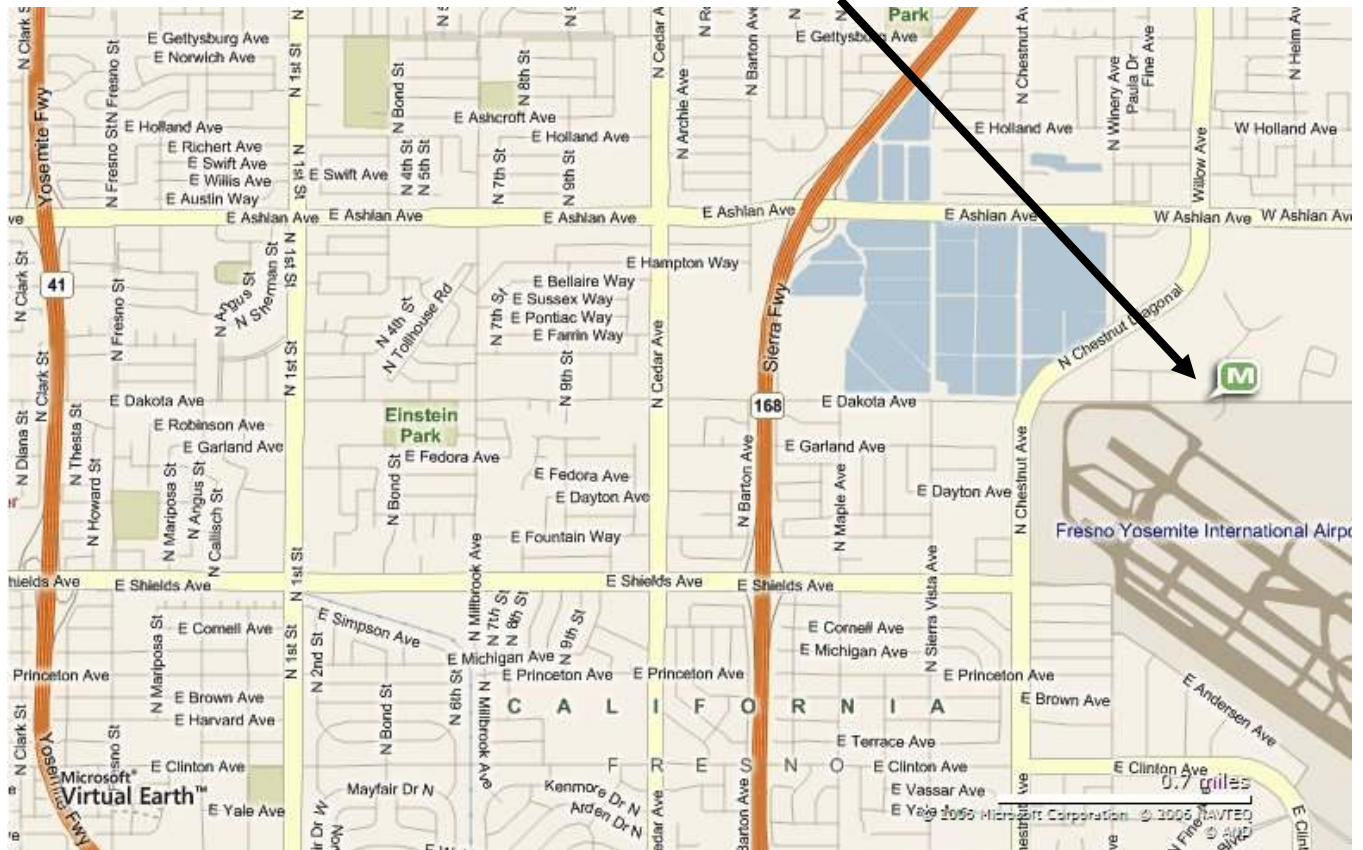
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## NCVC Christmas Party

Map to the Moose Lodge of Fresno

5025 East Dakota Avenue

(look for the 'M' on the map)



*See you there!!!*

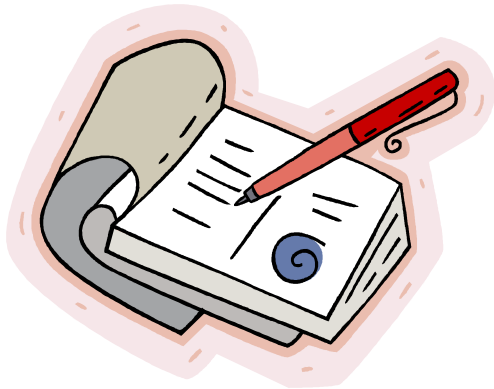
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## The Last Page

### 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	- VACANT -
Tail gunner	Dennis Ellingson

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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