

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...

CLUB MEETING 2/26

Los Banos (12 noon)



Next Month...

CAMPOUT 3/18-20

Basalt Campgrounds at San Luis Reservoir

CLUB MEETING 3/26

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos

{See the Web Site for details}

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Club Information/Business

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NCVV Members. We held our first meeting of 2005 today in Los Banos at the Woolgrowers Restaurant. I think it's safe to say everyone got filled up. I didn't hear any complaints about the taste of the food. But there were a couple of voices raised about the quantity.

We had a good but some what noisy meeting. They had a large crowd today; they said it was because of duck season being open. We discussed several items that I had written down as need to do things. First we discussed the matter of the clubs Xmas parties. It was decided the club should & will from now on reimburse any member who host a Christmas party at their home. They will supply food & beverages, but no beer or hard liquor. If you want beer or hard liquor you can bring your own. This new procedure will be retroactive back to Bob & Shirley Webb.

We discussed the matter of our old club tee shirts, since we are changing over to the polo shirt & a tank top will also be available on special order only. We decided to sell the tee shirts & old caps at our cost. If you are interested and I hope you are you can look the clothing items up on our web site. What ever the price is, you can deduct \$5.00 from that price. All other items will remain the same price.

The prices for the new polo shirts are listed on line along with the tee shirts. We want to place an order for some of the polo shirts, tank tops & new caps; you have until March 1to get your order in to me. The order will be place with the vendor by March 3rd. We

hope to have the new club flags available by than too. When you place your order be sure to specify what you want, like S/S 100% Cotton, S/S 50/50 blend, L/S cotton or 50/50 blend. N/P means no pockets, W/P means with pockets. Be sure you check the prices for what ever you want. The cotton is more expensive than the 50/50 blend; the pockets are an extra \$2.00 per shirt. All this information is on our web site.

For those members with no access to the internet I will mail all this information out to you. I want to keep reminding you that your dues are due by the end of February. Most of you have already paid, but you know there are always the procrastinators who wait until the last minute; therefore we must keep reminding them.

I also told those members in attendance at the meeting we need to start looking for someone to run for president next year. We will also need a new treasurer unless Wayne agrees to serve again. Come July I will have served 5 years as president. I think it's time I moved on to something else. I will probably run for a different office, but not for president. So I would like for all members to give some serious thought to taking on some responsibility and help us keep our club running like we should. I have said before, it only takes about an hour a month to perform any job we have on the board. I know the pay is lousy but the dividends are wonderful. It gives you a great feeling to know you are helping make someone happy.

Sincerely; Uncle Ray.

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JANUARY CLUB MEETING

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
Fritz Wells
Don Roghester
Brian Coldicott
Jim Kramlich
Roger Allen
Dale Bird
Bob Larkin
Fred Andrew
Bryce Eichholz

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Walls at 1:00 PM.

Since there was no meeting in December, the minutes of the November meeting were read by Secretary Bob Joyner.

Treasures report: The treasury report was read by Ray Walls who advised the members that the club treasury currently has a balance of \$1,666.17. Ray did not advise of any outstanding bills at this time.

Activities Report: Bob Joyner reminded everyone of the up coming campout at San Luis reservoir on March 18th, 19th and 20th.

Old business – None



New business

Brian Coldicott asked Ray if any plans had been made for the ride to Durango in July. Ray said he is working on plans to have everyone meet at a central location, probably in Fallon Nev.

Ray had the following list of suggestions he wanted to present to the membership:

From now on, budget permitting, the club pick up at least 50% of the cost of a Christmas party when it is held at a members house. Both Dale and Bob, who had held Christmas parties at their houses, said the expense was not that great. It was their suggestion that the club pick up 100% of the cost, excluding alcoholic drinks. It would amount to maybe, \$200.00. A vote was taken and the motion was carried by all members present.

Ray said the club merchandise, T-shirts, caps and pins that is in stock is not selling well. He would like to see the prices for all items to be sold at cost so as to get rid of old inventory. The motion to do so was carried by all members present.

Along the same lines, Ray wanted to place a small order for the new Polo shirts and caps. The members present voted in favor of the idea but felt there should be a deadline for ordering. March 1, 2005, was given as the ordering deadline. Please advise Ray whether you want 50/50 blend or 100% cotton.

Ray advised that he would like everyone to think about someone taking over as the club president for next year. Ray said he feels being president for five years is enough. Unfortunately, Ray said if no one steps forward, he will be forced to disband

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the club. (At that point, needless to say, you could hear a pin drop) There was no further discussion.

The following miscellaneous items were also discussed:

Bryce handed out flyers on the Clear Lake Queen which is scheduled as the May event. Information is also posted on the web site.

Ray talked about Motorcycle Touring Service (MTS). Ray along with several others thought it was worth the investment. Anyone wishing more information about towing and road service can call, 1-800-999-7064

Ray went over the event calendar for the rest of the year. It was decided there will not be an event in February because of the late date and unpredictable weather during this time of year.

June was still open for an event. Bob Joyner suggested a ride to Cedar Grove in Kings Canyon National Park, which is located east of Fresno. Bob will look into the details and get back to Ray.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm

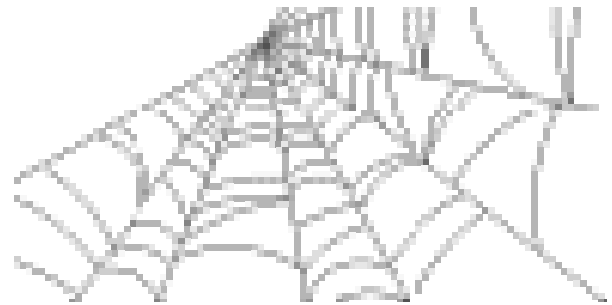
Minutes prepared by Bob Joyner.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

The NorCal Voyagers Web Page is constantly being updated. This month:

- Voting Booth – you can now vote on a variety of issues and subjects
- Web Links – there are more than most people will use, special thanks to Fritz Wells for his substantial input
- New shirts are in for 2005, pictures and order forms available
- Join in on our Web Bulletin Board, click the NCVV Logo on the home page to enter (it's secret)



Did you know that you can get information about other club members, as well as a flyer to print out and give to other interested individuals? That and lots more can be found at the NorCal Voyagers Web site.

Take a stroll through the navigation buttons on the left side of the home page: <http://www.norcalvoyager.org> and be sure to check out the "What's New" page for recent changes.

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CAMPING – BASALT

Next month, our club event will be camping at Basalt Campgrounds March 18-20.

The campgrounds are located at the San Luis Reservoir, just west of Los Banos.

Bob Joyner is hosting the event and says he is planning a day ride for Saturday and a free spaghetti dinner, compliments of himself and Bob Lee. If you've ever gone camping with Bob and Bob, you'll know Bob Lee cooks up a real good dinner. It's not to be missed, and what tastes better than FREE?

Rain will cancel; let Bob know how many are attending.



TRIANGLE RALLEY

Please see attached Registration Form (*available on the web site at the 'Calendar' button, editor*) for the 2005 Triangle Gathering on June 10, 11, and 12, 2005. This is a non-sanctioned event with everyone responsible for their own safety and conduct. The Gem State Voyagers are arranging meals, a hosted scenic ride, and Saturday night big meal and entertainment, and since we reserved the site for the weekend (with a pre-paid deposit), we will be collecting the money for camping.

We have a lodge with fully equipped kitchen, gathering room with fireplace, restrooms, showers; lodge sleeping accommodations for 15; six cabins that sleep 10 each; and a campfire circle for activities (we might even be able to have Saturday night entertainment out there!). We have even arranged for Saturday night entertainment - The Danny O' Show - that we know you guys will love!

We hope all of you can make it. Please have your people register as early as possible to make this event a success!

Thanks,

Duane and Charlotte Ash
Gem State Voyagers

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Happy Anniversary: The Gilpatricks	3	4 Happy Birthday George Donnelly	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Happy Birthday Tom Anderson	23	24	25 Happy Anniversary: The Taylors	26 Meeting Los Banos
27	28 Happy Birthday Dorine Kirks					

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 – Ranch Campout
OCT – TBD	NOV – VACANT	DEC – Christmas Party

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SOLDIER DOWN BENEFIT



Saturday, March 5th, a benefit motorcycle run will be held in Marysville, Ca. The poker run is to benefit wounded American Armed Forces personnel.

Sign-in is 9AM-11AM at SuzyQ's (500 J Street, Marysville), rain or shine. The run ends at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Marysville. There will be live music, raffles, and food available. There will be HI/LOW trophies presented. Everyone is welcome, prizes awarded at 2PM.

Price is \$10.00 per rider or \$5.00 **plus** an item in the list below.

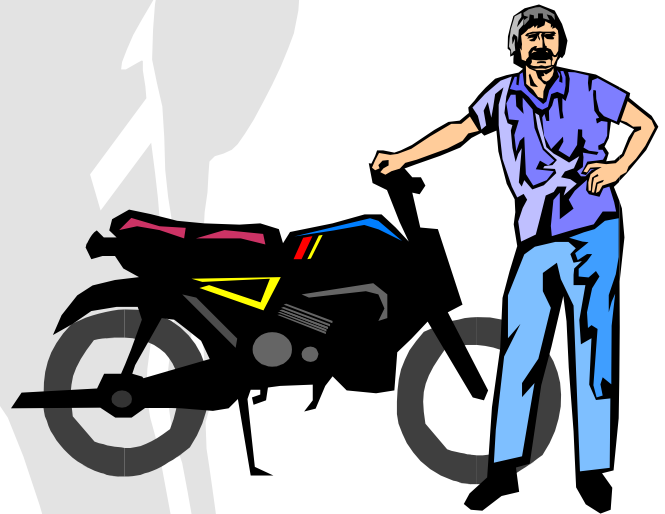
The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) in Germany recently received more than 500 wounded troops from Iraq and more continue to arrive each day. These men and women arrive straight from the battlefield, with only the torn, dirty, bloody clothes on their back. They have no clothes, underwear or personal items. To use their military vouchers, they must get to the BX on Ramstein Air Base, 7 miles away. The BX runs out of things, and it often takes weeks for ordered items to arrive. The Ramstein Cadet Squadron has asked UBNC to help with toiletries and new clothing for the soldiers. Here is a list of what that they have asked for:

For men and women: (All sizes, but mostly med. and Lg.)

- Underwear (Briefs and Boxers, women's briefs) Knit caps, Bras for women

- Shirts (Undershirts, T-Shirts, turtleneck, and Flannel) knit gloves white Crew socks
- Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (crew or zip) **(It is cold in Germany and warm items are needed.)**
- Disposable razors, toothbrushes and paste, shaving cream, deodorant, nail clippers, hair brushes, combs
- Used video tapes and DVD's of movies for the patients to watch.

For more info call Chaplin Nick @ (530)749-9477 or Mojo at (530)673-5595



TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Don't forget to get the word out about our club, go to the following web link and print out the club brochure. Leave it at your favorite bike hangout or motorcycle shop:
www.norcalvoyagers.org/brochure.pdf

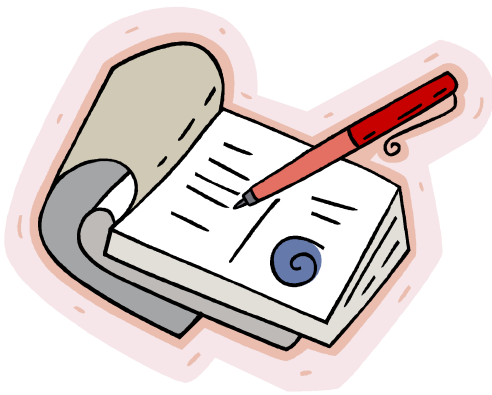
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The Last Page

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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President	Ray Walls
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Referee	VACANT

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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