

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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NCVC Newsletter

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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...

Nothing Planned

Next Month...

NCVC MEETING: MANTECA (3/27)



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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Don Medina, NCVV President

Welcome to the NorCal Voyagers under new leadership. As of January 30, 2010, I am really the leader of our club. Ray Walls wasn't able to attend the meeting but he sent the BOX with all of the club information. Ray had hinted that something like this was coming, but until it happened I didn't realize how much responsibility I now feel about how the club will be represented. What will make my job easier are the other club officers.

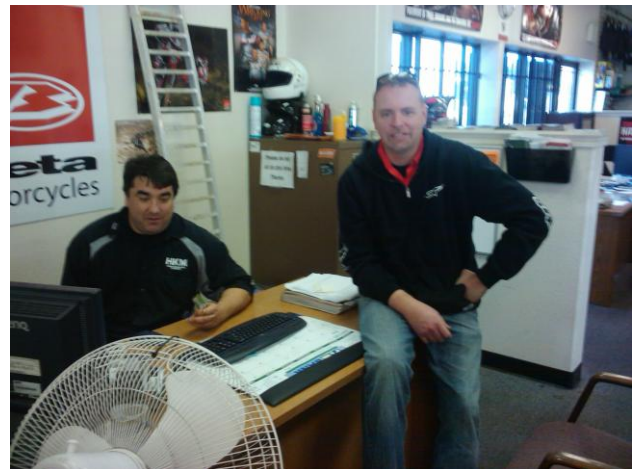
I hope if you have access to the internet that you stop by the NorCal Voyager website. Ron Akins is doing a good job updating it, so take a look. I now understand why Jim Tinlin got overwhelmed with his paying job and then doing the newsletter and website duties. I tell this because the other night Ron Akins sent me an email stating that he had uploaded the Christmas Party pictures onto the NorCal website and it was 12:30 am. The forum has got all of the spam cleaned off; viewer traffic is beginning to pick up. If you do visit the forum don't be afraid to leave a message. I will be using the forum to forward news and updates, which means that I won't be sending you messages via email. Those club members that don't get any web time, let me know so I can give you a phone call.

The meeting was a huge success. New member Jerry Zimmerman attended. We also have two new members that were not able to attend: Rod and Cindy Westphal from New Mexico. Rod is the President of the Enchanted Voyagers. Diane Komoto donated 5 small carryall bags that she made. In our 50/50 raffle, we gave one of the small bags away plus a gym bag and two side

stand pads from Pirie Jensen, my State Farm Agent. The number of people that raised their hand showing that they would attend the Morro Bay ride means that we will be using at least 10 rooms at each motel. Thank You Roger Allen for planning this ride. If you wish to attend make your reservations, the more the merrier.

I have invited Tom Chitwood and the rest of the new LA Chapter to join us in Morro Bay. I think it would be a grand time to have both chapters together. I haven't gotten a reply yet, but I am hoping that the reply will be yes.

In closing I would like to say farewell to Bob and Sandy Joiner who will be not renewing their membership because they are spending most of their time in Montana now.



Sales Manager Mike sitting on desk

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Dale Bird with Marvin, Tony and Trisha on sales floor of HKB of Modesto

NCVC January Meeting

By Trisha Blue, NCVC Secretary

The meeting was held at Perko's Restaurant in Manteca. Meeting was called to order by President Don Medina at 1105.

Members in attendance: Tony Curtis, Marvin Deatherage, Jeff Komoto, Diane Komoto, George & Darlene Mack, Jim Kramlich, Fred Andrew, John De Muri Roger Allen, Jerry Zimmerman, Ron Aikens, Trisha Blue, Don Medina, Wayne Bright and Dale Bird.

A big welcome to new member Jerry Zimmerman.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Diane Komoto; seconded by Darlene Mack.

Treasurers Report: Read by Wayne Bright. Our starting balance was \$4100+. We had bills for hats, pins and new member breakfasts. Current balance approximately \$3300.

Activities report led by Don Medina. Roger Allen discussed the Moro Bay ride March 19-21. There is a detailed agenda on our website. This is shaping up to be one of our best rides so don't miss it! The daffodil ride April 17 will depend on whether or not the daffodils are in bloom because it is on a working ranch only open when the flowers are in bloom. This is supposed to be a spectacular ride.

April 10-11 we have a campout at Bassalt Campground at the San Louis Reservoir. Ernie will

lead the Saturday ride through Hollister with a lunch stop at a cool place. Later Saturday afternoon there will be a potluck picnic. Breakfast Sunday will also be a potluck.

We are getting a group to provide motorcycle support for the Wildflower Triathlon April 30 - May 2. The campground will be provided. Contact Don Medina for more information.

It is time to renew club membership, so if you have not yet paid your dues, see Wayne Bright.

The Half Moon Bay campout is Oct 23-24. Reservations must be paid 6 months in advance. Alternate campgrounds were discussed.

At the March meeting, Dale Bird will bring a MSF safety video about group riding & hand signals.

Due to light turnouts at camping trips, Don Medina made a motion that the club discontinue paying campsite fees for the first 2 nights. Wayne Bright approved and Fred Andrew seconded.

We are reinstating an old club rule to wear something with a club logo to all club activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 1223.

Submitted by Trisha Blue

HKB of Modesto Ride

By Don Medina

Two weeks, it's been raining for two weeks. It hasn't been cold, but it has been raining for two weeks. And today they are forecasting that there is a chance of rain. Trisha and I don't care, we are both ready to ride to the club meeting today. It is 90 miles to Manteca from Half Moon Bay. We are up early loading both motorcycles and the last thing I do is check the air pressure. On the Voyager I have 28 psi in front and 32 psi in rear. The trike isn't much different with 30 psi in front, left rear 24 psi, and right rear is 26 psi. I get all the tires up to the side wall max and we're off. Our first stop is La De Da Coffee Shop for a double espresso for each of us. Then up over the mountain, the road is damp from the rain last night and I take it easy. In my mirrors I

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see Trisha right on my tail so she is telling me to pick it up. It's cool so I turn on the electric gloves and liner and my heated grips, this is nice. Down into the bay and up and over the San Mateo Bridge. The sky has a few clouds but mostly it is clear and cool. From the top of the Bridge I can see that the East Bay has fog about 200 ft deep. As we get to the East Bay, the fog is not nearly as heavy as it looked from the bridge. We arrive in Manteca and the temperature isn't too cold and the sky is blue.

We have a good meeting with 15 members present and 6 that rode. Four of these are on 1200 Voyagers, with new member Jerry Zimmerman on his 1200. Dale on his 1200LS BMW; Trisha on her 1800 Goldwing trike; me, Ron Akins and John DuMuri, we're the other 1200 Voyagers.

There are seven of us going to HKB of Modesto. We head for Oakdale taking the long way there. On the road at last and I have that wonderful feeling of warm fresh air rushing by. As we are riding east toward Oakdale I can see the Sierras way off in the distance, some of the peaks are snow covered. But down here in the valley it's blue skies and warm temps. We enter Oakdale and head south through town and get caught up in traffic waiting at a railroad crossing. This lasts just a few minutes and we're off again. Looking in my mirrors I see everyone following and I can tell who is who by the headlight. Trisha's Goldwing has two low beam lights, Dale's BMW has a peculiar shape and yellow tint, Ron has his headlight and road lights, and Jerry's is the regular rectangular headlight. Bringing up the rear are two round head lights that belong to Marvin Deatherage driving his car. Everything is green and even the cows in the pasture are happy. It's the first ride of the year and I love the free feeling and sounds of the motorcycle. We make another turn and head into Modesto, and with Marvin's help we find the dealership.

When I called the dealership last week, the owner Barb said come on down. She wouldn't be there but the Sales Manager Mike would. Upon our arrival, we were greeted with a warm welcome by the checkout clerk. She directed us to the Sales Manager Mike who made us feel welcome. We arrived at the dealership mid-afternoon when it was quiet and Rick had time to tell us about the dealership. They had plenty of motorcycles both street and off-road bikes. They only had one touring bike on hand and it was not a Kawasaki. Rick told us that the new 2010 models had not arrived but they were going to be getting 2010 Voyager 1700s. The Accessory Department was well stocked with jackets, stands, aftermarket parts and all of the oils and chemicals any motorcycle rider would need. Ernie has been telling us about how the service department has been able to get his Voyager 1700 in and out in just a few hours and they did a really good job. If you are ever in the Modesto area remember that we have a very NorCal Voyagers Club friendly dealership, HKB of Modesto. Thank you, Mike, for welcoming the NorCal Voyagers to the dealership.

After arriving at HKB of Modesto, I saw that Tony Curtis was there. Even though he hadn't ridden his Voyager, he still went on the after-meeting ride in his car. Back out in the parking lot we did a bit of tire kicking. Then everyone began to go their different way. Trisha, Dale Bird and I headed home via the back way to Livermore on Corral Canyon Rd. This is a must for us as another after meeting ride. Livermore has a great coffee shop, Panama Red. From I 505 heading west this is a well-paved road with nice flowing turns which suits touring bikes. After eight miles we came upon the Carnegie off-road area. We rode by slow so I could watch all the dirt bikes climbing the mountains and the young ones riding on the flats. Soon after we get to the base of the canyon and up we go. The road gets tight and a bit rough. Once up and over the top, we drop into the valley behind

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Livermore and there are vineyards on both sides of the road. We ride through Livermore on to hwy 84 at the junction with I 680 where Dale leaves Trisha and me. We ride through Niles Canyon with very little traffic. Riding over the Dumbarton Bridge looking in my mirror seeing Trisha, I realize that I just love being part of the NorCal Voyagers Club. This is January and I just had a whole day of riding my Voyager with my best mate and a group of club members.

Morro Bay Ride - Lodging

Hollister Inn
Phone 831 637 1641
152 San Felipe Rd \$59 / \$69

Morro Shores Inn & Suites
Phone 805 772 0222
290 Atascadero Rd \$59 / \$69



The dream rides after a good washing



Trisha after weather man said no rain

Club Gear for sale



Hats with Logo in Black & Blue in stock
\$15.00

Hat Pins on the left
\$ 6.00

Patches on the right
\$ 6.00

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2010 Club Events Calendar

JAN 30 – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)	FEB – VACANT	MAR 20 - 21 - Morro Bay ride Meet in Hollister on Friday MAR 27 - Meeting: Manteca (11AM)
APR 09 - 11 – Camping: Basalt APR 17 - Daffodil ride meet in Manteca at Perko's April 30 - Wildflower Tri	MAY 01 - 02 – Wildflower Tri May 14 - 16 Sierra-to-the-Sea Meet In Colfax, Ca on Friday MAY 22 – Meeting: Manteca (11 AM)	JUN 04 -06 – Susanville ride meet Friday in Corning, Ca Jun 25 - 27 Monterey Campout
JUL 14-16 – AVA Rally (Rally Tour departs July 10) JUL 25 – Meeting: Manteca (11AM) 9 th Year	AUG 23 to Sep 1 – 1 st Annual Ray Walls Classic Fall Tour – Canyon Lands	SEP 11-13 – Humboldt River Ranch Rendezvous SEP 26 – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)
OCT 2-4 – NorCal Half Moon Bay Ride-In	NOV 28 – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)	DEC 12 – NCVC Christmas Party Fresno Moose Lodge

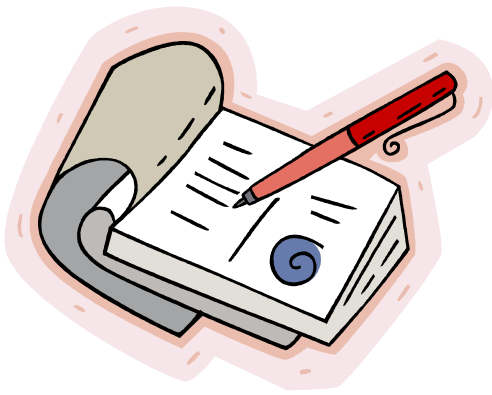
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And finally...

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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