

# 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...

### CAMPOUT – DEATH VALLEY

The NorCal Voyagers have a campout scheduled for January, in the Death Valley. This is a campout that is sponsored by the IBMC (International Brotherhood of Motorcycle Campers).

The campout is scheduled for January 9-10, and you can get some information at the IBMC website at [www.ibmc.org/camps.htm](http://www.ibmc.org/camps.htm) or by clicking on the CALENDAR button on the NorCal Voyagers Web Site.

This month we say "Happy Birthday" to 8 of our members. Take a look at the CALENDAR at our web site to see who is celebrating that wonderful day this month.

## Next Month...

### CLUB MEETING

Next month's meeting will be held at the Café Orleans in Modesto. For directions or information, go to the NorCal Voyagers Web Site and click on the CALENDAR button, then click on the date for the meeting.

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## Club Information/Business

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello NCVV Members. We surly missed all of you at the Christmas party, we were only able to muster up 10 members for this one, But the 10 of us had a great time. I would like to remind all of you that Bob Webb has volunteered to host the Christmas party in 2004; it will be in Vacaville at his home. Uh that is if Shirley doesn't kill him first.

We held a impromptu meeting just before the party and the pig out, We discussed our 2004 schedule, mostly the poker run/camp out in June up in Georgetown, It would be very nice of all of you to start bumming door prizes from your local dealers, June will be here before you know it and we will need lots of prizes. Bob Lee one of our recent members donated a bike cover and a new helmet. I am working on some of the dealers here in Fresno. We can use anything and everything you can bring in.

Speaking of the pig out, Sandy Joiner & Bob Lee did a magnificent job on all the food that was served. We had a great big ole ham, a turkey some string beans and much more, we had so much I can't even remember what all we had. But I do remember it was all excellent food, and the beer wasn't bad either.

Bob & Sandy Joiner and Bob Lee are to be commended for a job so well done; they were the perfect host for a perfect party. The only way it could have been better is if we could have had a little more club participation. It's too bad there are only a few of us with the Christmas spirit. Oh well maybe more members will have the spirit next year.

I want to remind you we have a camp out in January with the IBMC over in Death Valley on the 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, If we have anyone that thinks they might like to make this event

please contact Don Brubaker, it may be possible for you to ride over with him. Since I live so far south of all of you, I will be taking the Southern route (If the Passes are open) through Bakersfield and Mojave.

We still have October & November open, do we have anyone out there that is willing to host either one of these months. I plan on doing another ride up North in 04, I wanted to do it in September before it gets to cold, George Rogers has asked for September, so I will work on him to see if he can do his event early in the month and we can do the ride in the second or third week. I would like to make it a 7 day ride this year and maybe wander on up into Oregon a little farther. Or just go back to where we were last year and just camp out for about 7 days.

Another reminder, we now have a newsletter editor that is doing a great job for us, but in order for him to do a good job he needs some input from some of you. If a few of you can get together for a little ride some place, that would be something nice to submit to the editor, than we could all enjoy it. If you take a vacation and you ride your bike we would love to hear about that too.

We have the 2004 Grand Tour already set up by Bob & Bryce, and have a few already signed up for it. We only had five people to complete the 2003 tour. This would be a good time to do some riding, & picture taking, this would give you something to write about and submit to the editor. Three or four of you could take a weekend and ride out for your pictures; you could have a lot of fun with this if you will just make the move.

Also the dues for 04 are due, please submit them to Wayne Bright 2149 Gibson Ave,

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Clovis, Ca. 93611-0698. They are still \$10.00 for one & \$15.00 for two in the same household. You have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to get them in. Also when you send in your dues, please send in a new application if you have had any changes in your status in the last year. That about covers everything I have. If you can't make the January camp out hopefully we will see you at the meeting on February the 21<sup>st</sup>, same time, same place.

*Uncle Ray – President NorCal Voyagers*



## DECEMBER CLUB MEETING

December 6, 2003

A short impromptu meeting was held at the club's annual Christmas party at Bob Joyner's house. Ten members and guests attended the party. Wayne Bright and his wife had to cancel due to coming down with the flu. Jim Tinlin was in Switzerland on business; at least that's what he told Mary! Just kidding Jim. The following members composed the meeting:

Ray Walls, President  
Don Brubaker, Vice-President and Activities Director  
Doris Brubaker  
Mary Brubaker  
Sandy Joyner  
Bob Joyner, Secretary  
Bob Lee  
Mary Tinlin

The topic of discussion was fund raising and the poker run tentatively scheduled for June 2004. Bob Lee provided some financial and logistic suggestions on how to provide a nice BBQ meal and make some money for the club's treasury. Bob is speaking from experience, as he has a BBQ catering service in the Visalia area.

Bob Joyner showed two items that were donated by Bob Lee and could be used to raise more money for the club. One was an Arai full-faced helmet. The second item is a full dress motorcycle cover. The members present agreed the items could be used to generate funds at the poker run in June.

Bob Joyner said he is looking at April 2, 3, and 4th for the camp out at Santa Margarita Lake. If anyone is aware that these dates may conflict with any other scheduled events, Nor-Cal club or otherwise, please contact Bob ASAP. Don Brubaker reminded everyone about the ride to Death Valley with the IBMC. The dates are, January 9th, 10th and 11th.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the party. A Gourmet meal was prepared by Sandy Joyner and Bob Lee. Entertainment and prizes were provided by Bob Lee. As always, more participation at club events is encouraged.

Ray Walls, President

Minutes prepared by Bob Joyner, Secretary



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## GRAND TOUR 2004 -

The NorCal Voyagers Grand Tour 2004 will kick off January 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a way to enjoy your riding experience by photographing locations you've been to and submitting them on October 31.

The theme of the Grand Tour is to find **Fire Stations** in towns around your home state and take pictures of you and your bike in front of them. The trick is to get pictures of towns that start with the letters:

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VOYAGERS CLUB

For more details on this fun event, go to the club website and see the official rules and entry forms.

## VOICE OF THE VP – BOB WEBB

Welcome to A New Year and a new group of Board members. Hello fellow Nor Cal Voyagers Club members.

As the newest Vice President of **OUR** club, I decided to do something new this year. I am starting a tradition of **“MOST VALUABLE MEMBER”**. This WON'T be a “most popular person award,” he or she will have to earn this award. How you ask? Simple. Be a paid member and get involved in **your** club. Points will be awarded as follows:

**Board Member = 20 points**

**Putting on a Monthly Event = 10 points**

(If two people share the responsibility, they share the points with 10 points each. For example, the Grand Tour is **20 points**, shared by Bob and Bryce with **10 points** each).

Attending a monthly meeting or event = **1 point**

Riding their motorcycle to the same event = **1 point**

Completing the Grand Tour = **30 points**  
(This helps support the club by bringing in MONEY to the treasury and getting people out on their bikes).

Do you have any suggestions to earn points? Let me know and I will consider them. E-mail me at [bobwebb2000@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobwebb2000@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 707-448-2363.

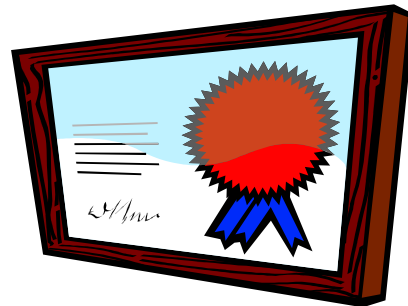
Points awarded so far:

**Board Members:** Ray Walls, Bob Webb, Wayne Bright, Bob Joyner (earned **20 points** each).

**EVENT:** Bob Webb and Bryce Eichholz for the Grand Tour (earned **10 points** each).

If you **volunteer** for the open board positions of Tour Director and/or Tail Gunner, you could earn **20 points**.

What will the **MOST VALUABLE MEMBER** get, you ask? He or she will get their next years' **dues paid** by the club or ME. One way or the other they won't have to pay dues for the following years' membership. They will also get a Beautiful Framed Certificate for all their effort, designed and printed by me and presented at the Christmas Party at my home in December 2004.



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## Member Input and Info

RAY WALLS

I sent out an E-mail this morning about the new CB and intercom unit that J&M just came out with, which runs right at \$750.00. Bob Jones sent me an E-mail back and tells me that Air Rider has one for the Voyager that will hook into your onboard system for \$600.00. and they sell the left and right brackets and antennas, plus much more, they have one coming out soon for the new GL1800. check out their web site @ <http://www.airrider.com> on the Internet.

BOB JOYNER

*(At 11:15:56am on 12/22/03, there was a 6.5 magnitude earthquake just north of San Simeon. There are a couple of us that live in this area and below is an e-mail I received from Bob Joyner, we thought it would be interesting for the membership to get a feeling of how bad it got – Ed).*

Well how did you do in the earthquake? We were in LA at the time and believe it or not, at 11:15 A.M., we were the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana, experiencing the "earthquake simulator". Naturally, we had no idea the real thing was happening at home! When we got home, I hit the automatic garage door opener and it went up about a foot and stopped. Unfortunately, it was just enough for me to see that my motorcycle was laying on it's right side. I thought I was going to be sick. I found out that the garage door had been shaken out of the tracks so it would not open any farther.

Just about everything in the garage was on the floor. I don't know how I was able to do it, but I got the motorcycle back on its wheels (the adrenalin must have really been flowing!). It had been on its center stand. I

think had it been on the side stand, it may not have gone over because it went to the right. I could see the CB antenna was bent down to the trunk. Since the bike fell into my workbench, the antenna and bracket kept it from hitting the fairing and all that plastic. I haven't ridden it yet, but the best I can tell it came out of the quake pretty good, with no broken bodywork.

The rest of the house sustained a lot of stress cracks to the plaster and my front plate glass window cracked in four places. My fireplace moved away from the brickwork about a half an inch. The house must have really rocked and rolled because one of the towel bars in the bathroom popped the wall anchors out of the wall. Anyway, it sustained mostly cosmetic damage and I think my motorcycle is going to be fine. Don't ya just love all the aftershocks!

*(We had a number of broken items in our home as well, not anything we can't replace...but it sure was a harrowing experience – Ed).*



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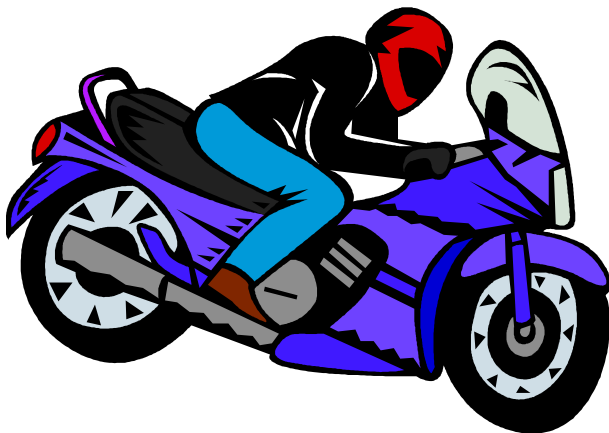
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## The Last Page

### And finally...

What did you get for Christmas that is associated with motorcycles? Well, I can tell you that the editor of this humble newsletter didn't get a darned thing, but his wife got a motorcycle charm for her Italian Charm bracelet! What's up with that???

Well, luckily it was my birthday earlier in the month and I was able to score some real nice street-riding boots at "New Enough Motorcycle Leathers" web page. Take a look at [www.newenough.com](http://www.newenough.com) and see what I mean. I was able to get a nice pair of Teknic Highway Riding Boots for \$49.00!!! Now that's a bargain, the best price I could find on the Internet for this model was around \$130... They may still have some left, browse around and treat yourself ☺



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