

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...

MEETING (January 26)

12:00 Noon: Club Meeting (Manteca, Ca)



Next Month...

EVENT (February OPEN)

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC Members & Friends. I am sitting here looking at the tail end of one year on one side and then looking a new one in the eye on the other side. It doesn't seem possible that 2007 has come and gone so quickly. Today is December 29th. By the time you read this it will be January 2008. Damn I feel old.

I guess you could say we had a very pleasurable 2007. We didn't get to do everything we set out to do, but we did most of it, so I guess you can't knock it. Had some nice camp outs, some good meetings, gained a few new members and lost a few old members. Had some nice rides on our camp outs and some darned good food cooked by our very own chef Bob Lee. Mentioning Bob Lee, I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob for all his hard work & dedication, not only to our camp outs, but also for the Christmas party. Bob got out of his sick bed to come to Fresno and cook for us. It's very hard to find anyone that dedicated to any organization. SO BOB I WANT TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. YOU ARE A REAL SWEET HEART.

While we are on the subject of Bob Lee, he is at this very moment at home recovering from surgery. I'm not sure just what kind he had, but I'm pretty sure it was to open up some arteries in his neck area. Bob we wish you a speedy & complete recovery. Bob & Sandy are camped out right now at San Simeon along with Don Brubaker - Mike & JC Cerna. I know Bob wishes he was there with them as I wish I were there, too. But he had the surgery that kept him away. And my back went out on me again Christmas morning and I have been in quite a bit of pain. I have been in bed since Christmas day letting it rest up. It feels much better today but I can only sit for about 20 minutes, then I

have to lay back down. I think if I will continue this procedure it will get better on its own. Only time will tell.

I talked to the members that attended the Christmas party and asked them if they would like to have it at the Fresno Moose Lodge again in December of '08. Everyone I asked was for having here again. I have reserved the room again for December the 6th 2008. Or we can have it on the 13th. I would appreciate some feed back on theses dates. I want to get this locked in ASAP. Also if anyone out there wishes to host the party at their home or at a lodge somewhere, please let me know quickly.

We need to start thinking about places to camp, places to visit and things to do while we are there. I will start planning our fall ride which will be the last week in August and the first week in September. We will (I'm sure visit Yellowstone) and Glacier National Park. Anyone that may have some idea of what else you would like to see, you need to get it into me by January 15th. I would like very much to have our 2008 itinerary set up by the 1st of February if at all possible. We will have a couple of club picnics again this year. If anyone has any ideas of a better place then Mc Connell state park, I would certainly be interested in hearing what you have to say.

Our next meeting will be on January 26th, same place; same time. Don't be ashamed to bring your 4 wheeler if its bad weather or colder then you care to ride in. I have some news for you that isn't earth shattering or anything. But Wayne Bright bought the 2001 Voyager that Bill Burns sent out that was listed on Craig's list. He will have his 1999 up for sale as soon as we get all the new stuff we have installed on it transferred over to the new one. So if you know anyone that may be interested in a nice 99

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Voyager, give them Wayne's E-mail address or phone number. It's in very good shape too.

The club also has a trailer for hauling motorcycles on. I gave it to Dennis to hang onto for us. So if you need to haul your bike someplace, contact Dennis and make arrangements to pick it up. The only stipulation we have on it is; if you break it you fix it or pay to have it fixed. If and when it needs tires the club will buy them. That's it for now. Hope to see a lot of you at the January meeting.

Uncle Ray



2007 CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Webmaster/Editor

The Nor Cal Voyagers had their 7th Christmas party, held at the Fresno Moose Lodge. We had about 33 members present. Our chef, Bob Lee, and a professional chef did a great job of cooking the meal.

The menu consisted of about 18lbs of prime rib, one large 8 lb smoked ham, green beans in a tomato sauce, large baked potatoes, a tossed green salad with 5 different dressings, sour cream with chives & bacon bits, a large bowl of au jus, hot rolls, vegetable tray, a fruit tray and a cheese & cracker tray.

For dessert we had two 12" apple pies, one 12" pumpkin pie, and 1 ½ gallons of ice cream. Needless to say we ate only a little over half of everything we had. The rest we donated to the Lodge for letting us use the facilities for free. Uncle Ray hired a lady to clean up after all of us, so all we had to do was eat, drink, & be merry.

The party officially started at 3:00pm and we called it quits a little after 10:00. We had a 50/50 drawing, the winner taking in \$75.00. Then we had a drawing for a door prize that Uncle Ray donated, a new leather jacket.

We sold raffle tickets and spent over an hour drawing them and getting rid of all the prizes. After that, we had our usual gift exchange where we draw names and the person picks out any prize they want, then the next name drawn can take away the first person's gift if they so desire. This goes on until all the gifts are gone.

There were many people there taking pictures so I was able to make a couple of slide shows for viewing on our web page. Just go to our web site at www.norcalvoyager.org and click on the "EVENTS" button to the left of the HOME page. There will be a list of events for 2007, just select the one for the Christmas Party.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

By Clarence Greer, Christmas Party Attendee

The following message was sent to Ray Walls, and is shared here for the club:

I want to thank you for inviting Joanne and myself to the Christmas Party. It was a fantastic part and we really enjoyed it. I would like to have you put mention of this letter in the next newsletter and thank the members and tell them all what a great group they were. I'd appreciate it.

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC members. Since we do not have an activities director this year, I decided to sit down and make up our itinerary. Now before any of you get too excited over this. This is just a suggestion at this point and everything is fluid. So if you have something you would like to inject into this schedule, write it down on paper and bring it with you to our January 26th meeting and we will all sit down and discuss its possibilities. I have changed the date of our X-mas party to the 13th. This is to give us a little more time to prepare for it. The 6th was too short of time between camp outs, meetings & the party.



So as I said if you have something you want to do, bring it to the meeting on the 26th. And if you can't make the meeting then e-mail it to me and I will send it out to the board members for approval.

JANUARY:

CLUB MEETING ON 26th

FEBRUARY:

NOTHING SCHEDULED

MARCH:

BASALT SP. CAMP OUT 21-22-23

APRIL:

MC CONNELL SP. CAMP OUT & CLUB PICNIC 11-12-13, PICNIC ON THE 12th

MAY:

BRANNON ISLAND SP. CAMP OUT 16-17-18
CLUB MEETING 31st

JUNE:

SAN SIEMON SP. CAMP OUT 20-21-22

JULY:

LIME KILN SP. CAMP OUT ON 18-19-20

AVA RALLY 8-9-10

CLUB MEETING 26

AUGUST:

VETS PARK, MONTEREY CAMP OUT 8-9-10

AUG/SEPT:

14 DAY TOUR OF NW AREA OF AMERICA,
DEPART ON 8-23-08 RETURN ON 9-6-08

SEPT:

GEORGE HATFIELD SP. CAMP OUT 19-20-21
CLUB MEETING ON 27th

OCT:

MC CONNELL SP. CAMP OUT & PICNIC 16-17-18, PICNIC ON 17th

NOV:

BASALT SP. CAMP OUT 7-8-9.

MEETING ON 29th, ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

DEC:

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY @ FRESNO
MOOSE LODGE ON THE 13th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26 Meeting at Perko's Manteca
27	28	29	30	31		

2007 Club Events Calendar

JAN 26 – Meeting: Manteca	FEB – VACANT	MAR 29 – Meeting: Manteca
APR – VACANT	MAY 31 – Meeting: Manteca	JUN – VACANT
JUL 26 – Meeting: Manteca	AUG – VACANT	SEP 27 – Meeting: Manteca
OCT – VACANT	NOV 29 – Meeting: Manteca	DEC – Christmas Party: TBD

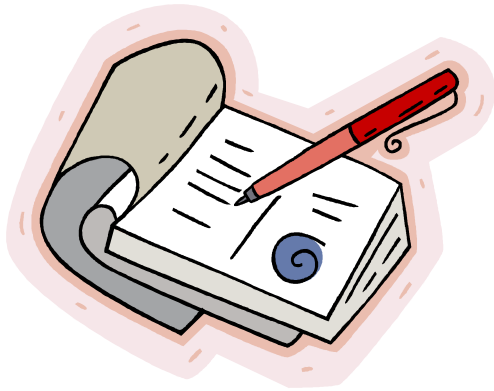
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And finally...

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 _____
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:
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