

# 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!

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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...

NCVC MEETING: MANTECA (01-30)

## Next Month...

EVENT:



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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Don Medina, NCVC President

Hi all NorCal Voyager members. This newsletter is going to be for both December and January. We have had a wonderful year, and a sad year. For me as the president of the club it was a very stressful year. I made it through, and this coming year we will have more rides and time together as a club.

I read on the AVA website about how Kawasaki as a company doesn't support Voyager riders. As a NorCal Voyager, AVA and ROK member, I see a lot of support from Kawasaki. But I also see Voyager riders not supporting there dealers. We all want the best price but sometimes it is better to pay just a bit more and go to the dealer. Why: because as long as you have a dealer you have a place to get your Voyager or any motorcycle worked on, shop for helmets, gloves, oils and all your accessories. I say this because this year for the Christmas party I stopped by my dealer, Mission Motorcycles in Daly City, and asked if they had any great deals on accessories for the NorCal Christmas party. Wendy, the owner, took me over to the parts counter and asked Ben the parts person the same question. Soon I had a bag full of hats, t-shirts and hot weather wraps. I then called my State Farm agent, Pirie Jensen. Pirie said yes, stop by the office because she had some accident kits and some gym bags with water bottles. Both Wendy and Pirie are the type of business people you want to deal with. So if you aren't happy where you're doing your motorcycle business, try Mission Motorcycles in Daly City 415-922-1234 or State Farm agent Pirie Jensen in San Jose (she can work with you over the phone: 408-985-2755).

January 30, 2010, is the first club meeting. The time is 10:30 am with the after meeting ride to the Modesto Kawasaki Dealership. This year as a club we will be stopping at many Kawasaki Dealerships in the state.

It is that time of year when your club membership is due: \$10.00 solo and \$15.00 per couple.



Pirie giving gifts to Trisha for the NCVC Christmas Party



Wendy Epstein Annis, owner of Mission Motorcycles, gave multiple gifts for the NCVC Christmas Party

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## NCVC DECEMBER MEETING

By Trisha Blue, NCVC Secretary

Fri 12/11/09 8pm we had a club meeting at the Piccadilly Inn in Fresno. 15 members attended. Ernie Coughlin presented a Certificate of Commendation to Marvin Deatherage for bravery and capturing an insurgent who infiltrated the NorCal Voyagers Perimeter.

Roger Allen designed and presented a plaque to NCVC founder Ray Walls for outstanding leadership, service, commitment, excellent cross-country tours, local rides and campouts.

We welcomed new members Jeff and Diane Komoto. The 2010 Ray Walls Fall Classic will include the Regional Rally in Redmond OR Aug 23 - 26. Some tour options were discussed.

Don Medina proposed that the club provide motorcycle support at the Wildflower Triathlon April 30 - May 2. They will provide camping for us and will pay the club \$600.00. They have requested 12 motorcycles. 8 riders in attendance signed up as interested. If you would like to participate, advise Don.

The next after-meeting ride will be to the dealer who sold Ernie Coughlin his 1700 Voyager.

Ray has ordered caps and stick pins that will be available soon. We held officer elections: Tony Curtis elected Vice President and Marvin Deatherage Sergeant-at-Arms. Other officers were re-elected, Don Medina President, Wayne Bright Treasurer, Trisha Blue Secretary, and Dale Birds Activates Director.



Roger Allen giving Ray Walls his hard earned plaque



Marvin Deatherage with his Certificate of Commendation presented by Ernie Coughlin



Ernie Coughlin reading, left to right Diane Komoto, Ray Walls, Betty Walls, Wayne Bright & Shirley Deatherage

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Don Medina & Marvin Deatherage listen as Ernie reads the Certificate of Commendation. Left to right, Bill Burns, Fritz Wells, Shirley Allen & Roger Allen.

## NVCV WEBSITE

Ron Akins has cleaned up all the Spam on the Discussion Forum: Have a look and chat with club members.

## 2010 Events

### January

- 30 Club Meeting Perko's Manteca 10:30 am  
After meeting ride to the Modesto  
Kawasaki dealership

### February

No activities

### March

- 20-21 Morro Bay Ride, overnight Fri  
Hollister, Sat Morro Bay
- 27 Club meeting Perko's in Manteca  
10:30 am

### April

- 10-11 Basalt campout with a late afternoon  
picnic, Ernie will lead ride
- 17 Daffodil ride, meet in Modesto,  
this is a one day ride
- 30 NorCal Voyager ride support for the  
Wildflower Triathlon

### May

- 01-02 Wildflower, this is a campout
- 15-16 Sierra to the Sea, meet in Colfax on  
Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>
- 22 Club meeting Perko's in Manteca  
10:30 am

### June

- 05-06 Susanville ride, meet Friday 04 in  
Corning CA
- 26-27 Monterrey Campout

### July

- 03 – 23 Don & Trisha leave for AVA Rally
- 12 – 15 AVA Rally, Holiday Valley,  
New York
- 31 Club meeting Perko's in Manteca  
10:30 am, after-meeting ride to  
Black Mtn. Mine. NorCal Voyager  
Club birthday

### August

- 20-31 Ray Walls Fall Classic  
Northwestern Tour
- 24-26 Western Regional Rally,  
Redmond, OR

### September

- 03 End of Ray Walls Fall Classic  
Northwestern Tour
- 25 Club meeting Perko's in Manteca  
10:30 am

### October

- 23-24 Half Moon Bay Ride In (campout)

### November

No activities

### December

- 09 Club Meeting, Fresno 8:00 pm
- 09 Christmas Party, Fresno Moose  
Lodge starting at 1:30 pm

## NorCal December Meeting and Christmas Party

NorCal Voyagers has had a great year in 2009. We had fewer campouts then in years past, but we had more 1-day rides and more after club meeting rides. For 2010 we have 2-day rides,

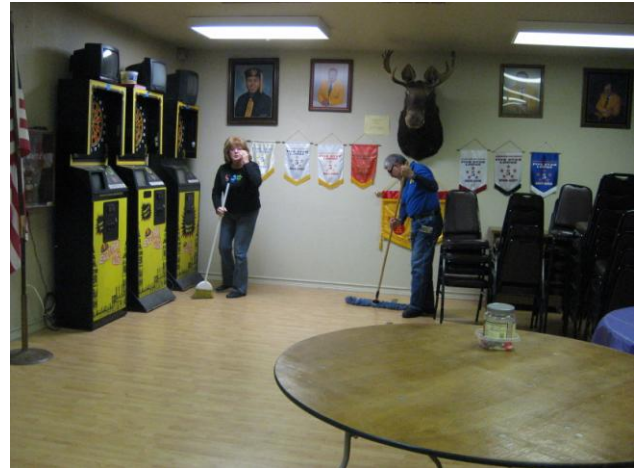
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1-day rides, campouts and the Ray Walls Fall Classic Northwestern Tour. The Ray Walls Fall Classic will include a 3-day stopover at the Northwestern Regional Rally in Redmond, Oregon.

This year I moved our year-end club meeting from the last weekend in November to the Friday before our club Christmas party. I picked the Fresno Piccadilly Inn Airport, which was large enough for us to gather in the lobby for our club meeting. Shortly after calling the meeting to order, I turned the meeting over to Roger Allen who gave a short speech about the NorCal Voyagers founder and original president Ray Walls. After expounding on everything that Ray has done for the club and its members, he presented Ray with a plaque. Not just any plaque, this one has the club logo and a picture of Ray on his motorcycle on his very last Fall Tour. Also new member Ernie Coughlin presented a Certificate of Commendation to member Marvin Deatherage for courage and bravery for catching some thieves at our last campout in Half Moon Bay. We elected two new officers, Vice President Tony Curtis and Sergeant at Arms Marvin Deatherage. The other officers retained their positions: President Don Medina, Secretary Trisha Blue, Treasurer Wayne Bright and Activities Director Dale Bird.

We had our Christmas party at the Fresno Moose Lodge. A large group arrived early to clean up and decorate the room. As the morning progressed, more members showed up to help and we were able to finish in short order. With extra time in hand, we were able to draw up the club's 2010 riding calendar. The party was grand and we had so many gifts that almost everyone got multiple gifts between the raffle and the gift exchange.



Diane Komoto & Don Medina prepare the Christmas party room



Jeff Komoto admires raffle prizes



New members Diane & Jeff Komoto

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Newlyweds Darlene & George Mack



Sunday morning breakfast at Piccadilly Inn



George Mack snatches Frog Toggs from Trisha Blue during gift exchange



Bill Owens & daughter followed by Brian Coldicott  
Preparing for an after meeting ride



Grand prize raffle winners Wayne Bright (Kawasaki knife), Lisa Nichols (1st prize jacket) and Ernie Coughlin (cool vest).



Don Medina & Dale Bird at Mariposa Café on after-meeting ride

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Tony Curtis tries out Ernie Coughlin's new Voyager 1700 as Brian Coldicott and John DeMuri look on.



Ron Aikins, NCVC Webmaster, is ready to mount up after the Half Moon Bay campout.



Gail & Tony Curtis enjoy some shade on a break during the Cosmic Café after-meeting ride.



Tom Chitwood, new president of the LA Voyagers Club on the way to the AVA Rally in Santa Fe.



Monte Faust loads up after the Half Moon Bay campout.



Ice Cream stop in Seligman, AZ, on the way to Santa Fe.

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2010 Club Events Calendar (to be completed next month)

JAN	FEB	MAR
APR	MAY	JUN
JUL	AUG	SEP
OCT	NOV	DEC

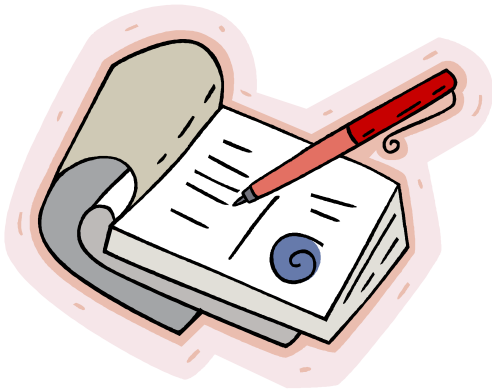
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### And finally...

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](mailto: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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