

# NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

July 2005



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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...

**EVENT 7/19-21**

AVA Rally in Durango, Colorado

**CLUB MEETING 7/30**

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos



## Next Month...

**EVENT 8/12-14**

Campout – Washburn Campgrounds, San Simeon

**CLUB MEETING 8/27**

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos

*{See the Web Site for details}*

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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NCVC members. It's been a whole month since I wrote my last message; for some reason it seems like only last week. Here it is July already and it's hard for me to remember anything we have done this year as a club.

February was blank, March was a camp out at Basalt, but it was rained out, so we rescheduled it for April and combined it and the tour of the Corbin seat factory that Fritz hosted. Everything, I might add, turned out very nicely. Than in May we had the Clear Lake cruise, hosted by Bryce Eichholz, it was well attended by club members & friends of members. It was on this cruise that we found out that Doris Brubaker had been killed. This took the wind out of our sails and turned the cruise into a very sad event.

Don & Doris Brubaker were founding members of the club and at least one of them made it to almost every event we have ever had. Doris was one sweet lady; in fact she was our camp queen, she loved to camp out and ride on the back of that motorcycle. This she enjoyed almost as much as she did her grand child. Don & Doris rode many a mile on those old ZN1300's.

Doris had just retired from the county and was really just getting into what it felt like to be retired. She was doing quite well at adapting to it; I might add. We are going to miss her smiling face at the meetings and around the camp fires. She was one lovely lady and we all loved her.

June we went to Cedar Grove, which is all the way to the eastern end of the King's Canyon National Park. The end of the road, if you go any farther than Cedar Grove, you

will have to walk. We had a very nice ride; it wasn't very well attended but those of us that went enjoyed it very much. You will see a write up on the ride farther on in this news letter. Also there are photos on our web site. If you don't know how to open them up; contact either me or Jim Tinlin; our esteemed web master.

This Month we are going to the AVA Rally in Durango Colorado. Bob Jones tells us that they have more registrations this year than ever before for any rally any where. I really think this will be a good one. It's somewhat disheartening to know that out of 54 members, we only have 6 members going. I know a lot of you have to work and some of you still have children at home, so things like this will cramp your activities; this I understand.

Also on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month we will have our meeting in Los Banos at the Wool Growers. In August we have a camp out at San Simeon State Park; I have two camp sites reserved and can accommodate 8 people to the site. That's 16 members' folks, and remembers; it's nice and cool up on top of that hill over looking the blue Pacific Ocean. Come on out and let's fill up those spaces.

That about covers everything I can think of right now. I will see those of you going to the rally at the rally, for the rest of you I hope to see a lot of you at the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

In the mean time have fun and ride a lot, it's very enjoyable & relaxing. Cheers.

*Sincerely; Uncle Ray.*

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## RIDE TO CEDAR GROVE

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>. It was about 6:55 AM when I rode into the parking lot of Denny's; here in Fresno. Fred, Lee & Jim were there having their morning coffee. We were to meet up with Bob Joyner and his younger sister & brother in-law at Klingan's Junction for an old fashion breakfast.

We left Denny's at 7:15 went out hwy 180 to Klingan's Junction; there we waited for Bob, J C & Mike. It seems as though they got lost coming in from Templeton. It really didn't matter; we weren't on any time schedule. We had a very nice breakfast and after breakfast we went across the road and topped off our fuel tanks, since there is no longer any gas inside the park you need to make sure you have plenty of fuel.

We arrived at the gate at about 10:45, those that didn't have an old fart's card had to pay their \$20.00 entrance fee. From there we went over to the ranger station and looked around for a while, than we headed for the back country. As you go down the mountain into the Cedar Grove valley you will see some of the most spectacular rock formations you will ever see. Most folks think that Half Dome and the Yosemite Valley are the most beautiful, and I guess they are right, but Kings Canyon has the most grandeurs rock formations, in my humble opinion.

We rode on down into the valley, we passed a small resort along the way that has about 8 or 9 little cabins, a bar and what passes for a grocery store out there. What's really unique about this place though is they also have gas (they are not in the park) but the way you get your gas is really something to see. This will take someone that's around 70 years old to remember these pumps. They have a 5

gallon glass bowl or tank on top of the pump and you have to pump it full with a hand pump that's built into the unit. Than you squeeze the nozzle and it feeds by gravity. No electricity needed. I think the sign said that gas was \$3.49 per gal. Now, how many of you remember these pumps.

From there we went on past Boyden caves, crossed the middle fork of the King's river. Man was it ever flowing, I asked for volunteers to take a raft ride with me and had no takers; man was I glad. We stopped off at Grizzly falls and took a few pictures; the falls was going full blast, looked like a miniature Bridal vale falls.

From there we went on into Cedar Grove village, did some shopping at the gift shop; (had to appease my sweet tooth) Mike & J C came in their pickup since they don't ride motorcycles. They brought along a small BBQ grill and all the fixings for hot dogs. All on good OLE Bob I might add. We were all willing to pitch in at the very least \$0.50 each for what ever we ate. But OLE Bob said he would take care of everything, so we let him. This guy must be loaded, probably retired from the CHP with more money than what he was making working. OLE Bob is a real sweet heart though; you can't help but like the guy.

We had our little BBQ; than headed back out of the canyon, we didn't make any stops on the way out. Bob, J C & Mike left us early after leaving the park, we passed them at a fruit stand just where you turn off to go to Reedley. I almost forgot to tell you that Bob brought his niece with him, I'm sorry but I can't remember her name. But I can remember that she was a very nice & likable lady and loved to ride motorcycles.

*Written & Edited by Ray Walls; For Bob Joyner*

*(Look for photos on our web site by clicking on "Calendar" or "Events" and look for the event date - ed.)*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 AVA Rally – Durango, Co	20 AVA Rally – Durango, Co	21 AVA Rally – Durango, Co	22	23 NCVC 5th Birthday!
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Club Meeting – Los Banos, Ca

### 2005 Events Calendar

JAN – Death Valley Campout	FEB – <b>VACANT</b>	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 – Corning Ranch Campout
OCT – Death Valley Campout	NOV – <b>VACANT</b>	DEC – Christmas Party

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## OTHER MOTORCYCLE STUFF

*As the web site janitor and newsletter editor, I sometimes get 'interesting' solicitations from other motorcycle related individuals. Here's one regarding an internet based company that has offered our club a discount if I put their link on our web site (which I did, see details at the end of this info).*

## AVA RALLY – JULY 19-21

If you are planning on riding to the AVA Rally in Durango this year, we have mapped travel plans, in case you wanted to ride with a group.

Contact **Ray Walls** if you are interested in joining the group for the trip from Northern California and **Jim Tinlin** from Southern California.

## RADIO REPAIR

Here is some information for any one who needs their voyager CB or AM/FM radios repaired:

Clarion Inc.  
661 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.  
Gardena, Ca. 90247  
Attention: Repair dept.  
Phone 1-800-347-8667 or 1-310-217-4236.

You need to send the whole system to them with a brief message explaining what its doing or not doing. They will repair it and send it back to you for \$80.00.

Sierra MC Electronics  
Phone # 1-800-338-6938  
Office hours are Mon thru Fri, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm and Sat 9 to 5.  
Their web address is [www.sierra-mc.com/](http://www.sierra-mc.com/)

Here again they will need the whole unit with a note telling what it's doing or not doing. Their prices are a little higher than Clarion. You will need to call them for mailing instructions.

With either one of these companies, if you have something that's just cosmetic, then all you have to send in is the item you need repaired or replaced

*We maintain a bunch of motorcycle related web links on our web site. Just go to: [www.norcalvoyagers.org](http://www.norcalvoyagers.org) and click on the 'Web Links' button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a menu that lists a number of general groupings for web links. The one above is listed in the 'Clothing' section. Feel free to pass along links that you feel would be helpful to other club members.*

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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](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:  
Wayne Bright / 2149 Gibson Avenue (Louis, Ca. / 93611-0698