

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...

EVENT (July 8-10)

AVA Rally

EVENT (July 18-20)

VETS Park Monterey Campout

MEETING (July 26)

Manteca, Perko's Restaurant

Next Month...

EVENT (Aug 8-10)

Huntington Lake Campout

EVENT (Aug 23-Sep 6)

NCVC Tour



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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC Members & Friends. I'm hoping that you are wondering where the first half of this year has gone just as I am. I was looking back over the past few years, Thought about some of our best camp out's, and all of our tours. Thought which ones I would like to do over again. I decided that time is already against me, so I will be satisfied with what I have already done, and look forward to some I would still like to do.



You know we started this club on July 23rd of 2000. Do you realize we will be 8 years old this month? And as much as I hate to admit it I will be 72 on the 24th. We have 7 members that have birthdays in July. I think this is cause for celebration. So at our July meeting I will bring a cake commemorating all of our birthdays. I would like to do this for everyone in the club, but it's too expensive. You know some of you expect a nice big gift for a birthday present. So therefore all you're going to get is a card. But if someone wants to sponsor all the birth days in between meetings, I suppose we could do that and celebrate at the next meeting. But someone else will have to set it up: I'm getting tired.

I sent Jim some up dates for our web site and asked him to up date everything that he could.

We have had a small price increase in our shirts. Plus I received an E-mail from a guy up in Sacramento that wants to do some shirts for us and says it's a new process and he is sure we will like it. I sent him our logo and he has made one shirt for us and is shipping it down to me, should have it by the 1st. I also invited him to come to our next meeting on the 26th and show us just what all he has to offer along with prices. So we shall see.

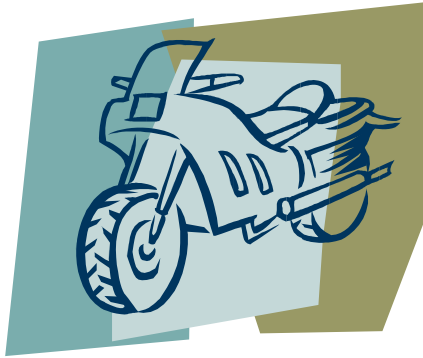
We are getting very close to our departure date on our 08 tour, I do hope that everyone that plans to go have made their reservations and are getting their bikes in shape to make the trip. You must remember we are going to be traveling a lot of miles every day except for about three days. So it is imperative they your ride is in top shape. Also if you do not have towing coverage on your bike through your insurance company, I would like to suggest you contact MTS and purchase their towing policy. And don't just buy the cheaper policy; get the top of the line. You will find it's cheaper in the long run if you have a break down and have to be towed. If you need the information for them you can contact me or look in the Voyagers Voice.

The price increase for the brake lines will be in effect starting July 1. They are going to send me the information as soon as they receive it themselves. I'm starting to draw blanks now, so I guess it's time to shut it own. But I want to remind you that I do have a CB radio for the Voyager 1200 if anyone is interested in one. If so contact me and we will talk about it.

Cheers; Uncle Ray

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CAMPOUT

By Dennis & Jacque Ellingson, Members

Well, the weather wasn't too warm but the cotton pickin' wind just wouldn't give up. It was like camping between Benicia and interstate 80 near the Navy bone yard. Riding to the Festival from the campground my butt was puckered all the way, Jacque's, well, you have to ask her.

Jacque and I arrived at the campsite a little after noon on Friday. We set up the chairs and table and waited for other campers to arrive and help me unload my bike. Bill Owens came in about 3-3:30 and set up his camp and then helped me unload. After that we sat around and did nothing to speak of, except get some very much needed relaxation time.

Our supper that night consisted of sloppy joes that Jacque had brought from home. We had enough for a lot of campers so leftovers were in order for Saturday. No one else showed up Friday, but we still had a good time.

Saturday, after coffee, we saddled up and rode into Isleton (damn wind) to attend the festival. We arrived around 9:00am but the festival didn't start until 10:00am. At the edge of town a biker group was charging 5.00 to park and watch the bikes, we decided to go a little farther into town and parked for nothing, and walked a lot shorter

distance. Being there early, we didn't have to compete with large crowds, so that part was nice.

We investigated all the booths and then decided it was time to taste the "Crawdads" as after all, that was why we were there. Of course, this year things were different and the eating booths were at the very edge of town past the residential area. We walked to the festival site the way we had been instructed to, but came in the back way and came in the vendor's gate. We each saved \$5.00 that we didn't plan on, so lunch was a little more reasonable. Jacque and I had a "large" serving of crawdads and Bill got some type of gumbo. I tell you folks, they were large crawdads, but they looked and tasted like they were doused in franks hot sauce. They were okay, but Jacque and I agreed that we wouldn't go again. Glad we went, but once is enough.

After we had lunch, we went back to the campsite (damn wind) to rest and relax. Much later in the day, Mary Jo and Sue showed up to spend the night. After setting up the tent and then tying it to Sue's cars wheels, it finally seemed secure enough so it wouldn't blow away.

That evening we once again enjoyed the sloppy joes (I like 'em). After eating, we sat around talking and having a good time. I still have some of that Black Velvet left for the next camp out. It will be there until it's gone.

Sunday we arose, again to the wind but still not too hot. After having coffee and good conversation we broke camp to come home. Even though the participation was light, those of us that attended had (I think) a good time.

Dennis and Jacque Ellingson

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2008 Events

JULY:

AVA RALLY 8-10
VETS PARK MONTEREY CAMP OUT 18-20
CLUB MEETING 26

AUGUST:

HUNTINGTON LAKE CAMP OUT 8-10

AUG/SEPT:

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

SEPT:

TURLOCK LAKE SP. CAMP OUT 19-21
CLUB MEETING ON 27

OCT:

MC CONNELL SP. CAMP OUT & PICNIC 16-
18, PICNIC ON 17th
ONE DAY RIDE OCT25, CASTROVILLE TO
HALF MOON BAY FOR LUNCH THEN BACK
TO SANTA CRUZ

NOV:

BASALT SP. CAMP OUT 7-9.
MEETING ON 29th, ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DEC:

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY @ FRESNO
MOOSE LODGE ON THE 13th START
ARRIVING AROUND 1PM

National Ride to Work Day

By Jim Tinlin, NCVV Newsletter Editor

The following article appeared in the June 2008 RoadRUNNER Newsletter; I thought it was an interesting point to share with other NCVV members:

Just a reminder: the 17th Annual Ride to Work Day is scheduled for July 16, 2008, less than a month away. The meteoric rise in gasoline prices has convinced many commuters of the economic wisdom of riding their motorcycles and scooters to work. Plus, riding is a lot more fun than sitting in a "cage" stuck in traffic.

Studies have shown that commuting motorcyclists reach their destinations in less time than those using automobiles, that motorcycle and scooters consume less resources per mile than cars and that they take up less space on the roads and in parking lots. Consequently, this year's Ride to Work Day is likely to have the largest number of participants ever.

Be sure to show your support for the positive benefits of motorcycle and scooter commuting by riding your two-wheeled mount to work on July 16th!



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EDITOR'S CORNER

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Newsletter Editor

Here it is, June 20th...the first day of summer. This season sure entered with a **BANG!** Yesterday we had a high temperature of 102 and today the temperature is supposed to get higher. Some of you in the valley say, big deal...we get that kind of weather all summer long. Well, keep in mind I live right on the coast, within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean. It *ain't supposed to be hot here*; I think our natural air conditioner may need a tune up.



I wanted to get my column out early this month because I'm heading down to San Diego for a business trip. I wish I was riding the Voyager down there, but the wife just had surgery and isn't up for it. So I'll have to "cage it" with the rest of the cell phone talking, latte drinking, text messaging, beard shaving, makeup applying-while driving Southern Californians.

Do I sound bitter? Probably...have you ever been 'side swiped' by someone that isn't paying attention because they are on a cell phone or picking up a dropped snicker's bar while driving their car? I have, and I think it's an infringement of my right to drive a motorcycle on public roads. I'd like to be able to enjoy the ride without having to impact the car or truck of an ignorant driver.

This is a lead in to a thought I had (which is very rare these days); keep an eye out for the 'other guy' because that person is probably not returning the favor. On July 1st, a new California law will be in place that makes it a violation to drive with cell phone in hand. One that I applaud, and hope will improve "our" chances on the roadway.

I will do my part to turn in those people that feel it's an infringement of their right to drive while oblivious of the conditions around them, as they are gabbing away on a cell phone while driving. I have a feeling that most people that violate the trust and consideration of others on the road will probably just ignore the law, as I really haven't seen a reduction in the use of cell phones with one hand while attempting to operate a motor vehicle with the other.

Be safe out there, it's your responsibility to make it back home with you life intact!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 AVA Rally	9 AVA Rally	10 AVA Rally	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 NVCV Campout: Vets Park - Monterey	19 NVCV Campout: Vets Park - Monterey
20 NVCV Campout: Vets Park - Monterey	21	22	23	24	25	26 AVA Club Meeting – Manteca Perko's
27	28	29	30	31		

2008 Club Events Calendar

JAN 26 – Meeting: Manteca	FEB – VACANT	MAR 13/15/16 – Campout: McConnell MAR 29 – Meeting: Manteca
APR 5 – One Day Ride: Modesto APR 11/12/13 – Campout: McConnell	MAY 16/17/18 – Campout: Brannan Island MAY 31 – Meeting: Manteca	JUN 13/14/15 – Campout: Brannan Island
JUL 8/9/10 – AVA Rally JUL 18/19/20 – Campout: Vets Pk Monterey JUL 26 – Meeting: Manteca	AUG 8/9/10 – Campout: Huntington Lake AUG 23 to SEP 6 – 2008 Tour	AUG 23 to SEP 6 – 2008 Tour SEP 19/20/21 – Campout: Turlock Lake SEP 27 – Meeting: Manteca
OCT 16/17/18 – Campout: McConnell OCT 25 – One Day Ride: Castroville	NOV 7/8/9 – Campout: Basalt State Park NOV 29 – Meeting: Manteca	DEC 13 – NVCV Christmas Party: Fresno Moose Lodge

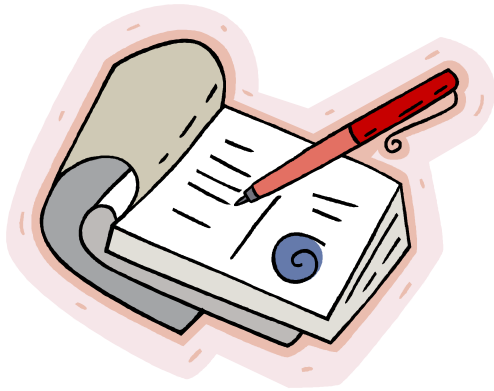
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And finally...

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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