

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 (7/31)

NCVC 10th anniversary! After meeting ride to Black Diamond Mine in Antioch

RIDE: AVA International Rally Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, NY (7/12-15)

Next Month...

RIDE: Ray Walls Fall Classic Northwestern Tour (8/21-29)

RIDE: Western Regional Rally, Redmond, OR (8/24-26)



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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Don Medina, NCVV President

July is here and for those who are going to the AVA Rally it's about time to leave. For Trisha and I, this means getting both the trike and Voyager plus the trailer ready for a cross-country trip.

July is also the birthday month for NorCal Voyagers Club; we will be 10 years old this July. We normally have a bit of a celebration during the July meeting. This year we will change it up a bit by having the celebration during our September Club meeting.

The after-meeting ride in July will be to the Black Diamond Mine. We have to be there by 1:00 pm, it will take us an hour and a half to ride there. This is the cost; parking is \$5.00 per vehicle (motorcycle or car) and \$3.00 per person. The tour of the mine will take us 1,000 ft down into the mine. There is a quarter mile hike from the parking lot to the mine. The air temperature outside the mine will be in the 90s and inside the mine 56 degrees. So bring hiking shoes and lots of water. This is a regional park; there will be picnic tables but no water fountains. We have to make reservations and pre pay the \$3.00 per person, so RSVP to Vice President Tony Curtis. NOTE if you tell Tony that you are attending and then change your mind, you will still have to pay the \$3.00.

Kirk Ehnisz asked about getting NorCal Voyagers Club decals. The price for 10 is \$27.50 or \$2.75 each. Would you like a decal? We will talk about them at the next meeting.

The September NorCal Voyagers Club meeting will be in Fresno. This is going to be a campout, arrive on Friday and the meeting will

be held at the campground on Saturday morning, with a short ride for ice cream. The picnic will start at 3:00 pm give or take. We will celebrate the Club's birthday, details will be forthcoming.

John DeMuri has a new-to-him motorcycle, so the next time we see John and Michele they will be riding something new.

Hank and Gert Thompson weren't able to make the campout because they had a break in at their house. They are alright but all of their extra keys to all things were taken.

I spoke to Ray Walls on Monday, June 28, 2010. Ray said that he's feeling good; they drained one liter of fluid from one of his lungs. Ray can now take a deep breath. As for his heart, he goes in for his procedure to get his heart in rhythm July 19th.



Marvin, Gail & Tony hanging the NCVV banner

Monterey Campout

By Don Medina

As I'm sitting here with the sunshine coming down on the street, I'm remembering last Friday when I left to meet Trisha for the Monterey campout. It was heavy fog with a little mist.

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But today we have nothing but blue sky and plenty of sunshine. This is really good for the couple that stayed another night there in Monterey; this was their 44th wedding anniversary weekend.

I had to take a quick run to Denver during the week before the campout and I got home at 4 am on Friday. I was able to do the drive nonstop, a distance of 1280 miles. So for a few hours I was able to sleep in my bed. I remember Trisha leaving for work, then back to sleep. Packing for the campout was a breeze; I had the trailer packed before I left for Denver. Being in the car for a long time I was able to think of what I wanted to take with me. At 3:30 pm I left to meet Trisha, I had loaded the new camp kitchen that Trisha and I just bought. I could feel the added weight on the trailer.

I meet Trisha on the freeway and we head to Monterey. It's warm and getting hot. We stop in Morgan Hill at our favorite coffee shop. It's hot so I open all the vents on my jacket since Trisha already has hers opened. A few miles south of Gilroy that gentle sea breeze picks up and the temperature begins to drop. The closer we get to Monterey, the stronger the breeze and the colder it gets. Ron Aikins told of a different way to get to Veterans Memorial Park. Trisha and I try it and find that it is much faster.



Shirley, Marvin, Don, Tony & Gail bundled up at the campsite

We get to the campground and find Marvin & Shirley and Tony & Gayle finishing getting settled in. We all stand around for awhile just kicking tires. Trisha and I set up the trailer and then we all talk about the new camp kitchen as I set it next to my hero, Marvin's camp kitchen. By now Gayle has a campfire going, but hunger has set in and we all get to cooking. Trisha is on our new camp kitchen, Tony and Gayle on their grill, and Marvin and Shirley on their camp kitchen. Hot dogs and chili for all, with a Hostess table cloth on the picnic table we all sit together and enjoy dinner.



Don slaves over the new camp kitchen

After all the after-dinner chores are completed, we settle into our chairs around the campfire eating peanuts. As the mist begins to fall the fog sets in and we hear the sound of Taps in the distance. All is good with the world and the Club.

Saturday dawns with fog but no mist. Marvin and Shirley have the coffee on and you can tell this is going to be a good day. We get breakfast going: bacon, eggs and potatoes some OJ. The plan for the day is just relax and do whatever.

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Can't you just smell that bacon!

We all decide to ride down to Cannery Row and do some sightseeing. This is June and there are tourists everywhere. Finding parking took awhile. We find a coffee shop overlooking the Monterey Bay and we take pictures and just play the part of a tourist.



Tony, Gail & Marvin - too many choices!



Tony, Gail, Marvin, Shirley & Trisha enjoy the view

After walking up and down Cannery Row we had back to the campground. Ernie and Paula come rolling in just as we are finishing dinner. Marvin and Shirley had made a large meal so Ernie and Paula are able to eat.



Ernie & Paula roll in

As I finish KP duty, I come back to the campsite to find that Ron and Donna Aikins have arrived. Ron and Donna live nearby so they aren't camping but just stop by to say hi and kick tires.

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Donna & Ron Aikins stop to visit

As night sets in, we all take our seats around the campfire. Ernie had taken up the duty of bringing a bottle of Crown Royal. As the evening progresses, some of the Club members begin to get philosophical. Before long Taps is playing in the distance and I say good night.

Sunday, I get out of the trailer early but there manning the coffee are Marvin and Ernie. Before long everyone is showered and hungry. Shirley and I begin frying the bacon and the potatoes. We get another pot of coffee going. With the smell of the bacon and coffee mixed together, everyone's hunger signal says it is time to eat. We get the eggs on and before long there is watermelon, OJ and bagels. Soon after Ernie and Paula depart, and then Gayle and Tony. It takes Trisha and I awhile to pack. By 12:30 pm we are on our way. Have you figured it out that it is Marvin and Shirley that celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary? When we left, Marvin was lounging in his hammock and Shirley was playing a game of Solitaire under the shade of a tree.



Marvin & Shirley, the anniversary couple

On the way home I get behind a 1940 Chevrolet Woody and follow him into Half Moon Bay. The best part was he was traveling at 50 MPH. What a way to end a relaxing weekend.



Tony & Gail at Cannery Row

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Marvin, Paula (the hat at the back), Ernie, Shirley, Don, Trisha, Gail & Tony proudly displaying the NCVV banner



Ernie & Paula try to keep warm



Trisha & Paula at the campsite



Tony & Gail on their Voyager 1200

The Ray Walls Classic

Saturday, 8/21 Depart Jackson CA from Denny's on the Corner of 49 & 88 at 9:30 am. East on 88 to 89 north, past Lake Tahoe to Quincy CA.

Sunday, 8/22: On to Alturas CA with a side trip to the Lava Beds National Monument.

Monday 8/23: Head north on 395 into Oregon then we take 31 to US 97 to Redmond OR

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8/24-26 at the Western Regional Rally.

Friday 8/27: Head south on US 97 to Crater Lake & around the West shoreline. Continue to Grants Pass OR down US 199 to Cave Junction, with a side trip to Oregon Caves National Mon.

Saturday 8/28: Cave Junction to Crescent City CA on 101 south to Redwoods State Park, Ave of the Giants. End the day at Fort Bragg.

Sunday 8/29: Depart Ft Bragg, go south on 1 to the Russian River then east, and the tour ends.

Trisha will bookend the tour; she still has to work.

Thanks to Kirk Ehnisz for putting together the first half of the tour.

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2010 Club Events Calendar

<p>JAN 30 – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)</p>	<p>FEB - VACANT</p>	<p>MAR 20-21 - Morro Bay ride, meet in Hollister on Friday</p> <p>MAR 27 - Meeting: Manteca (11AM)</p>
<p>APR 9-11 - Campout: Basalt</p> <p>APR 17 - Daffodil ride, meet at Manteca Perko's</p> <p>APR 30 - Wildflower Tri</p>	<p>MAY 01-02 - Wildflower Tri</p> <p>MAY 14-16 Sierra-to-the-Sea, meet in Colfax, CA on Friday</p> <p>MAY 22 - Meeting: Manteca (11 AM)</p>	<p>JUN 4-6 - Susanville ride, meet Friday In Corning, CA</p> <p>JUN 25-27 - Monterey Campout</p>
<p>JUL 3-23 - Don & Trisha traveling for AVA Rally</p> <p>JUL 12-15 - AVA Rally, Holliday Valley, NY</p> <p>JUL 31 - Meeting: Manteca (11 AM) NCVC 10th birthday</p>	<p>AUG 20-31 - Ray Walls Fall Classic Northwestern Tour</p> <p>AUG 24-26 - Western Regional Rally, Redmond OR</p>	<p>SEP 3 - End of Ray Walls Fall Classic Northwestern Tour</p> <p>SEP 25 - Meeting: Manteca (11 AM) After-meeting ride to Fresno for Club picnic</p>
<p>OCT 23-24 - Half Moon Bay Ride-In (Campout)</p>	<p>NOV - VACANT</p>	<p>DEC 10 - Meeting: Fresno (8 PM)</p> <p>DEC 11 - Christmas Party Moose Lodge Fresno (Start 1:30 PM)</p>

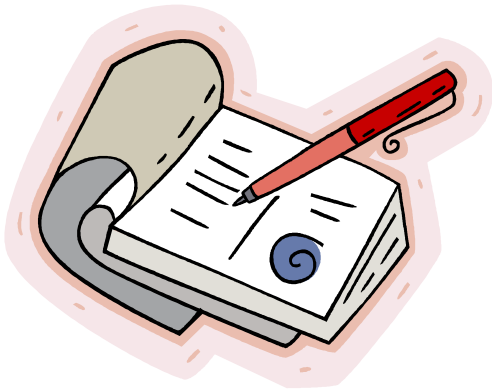
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And finally...

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