

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

June 2004



Your Club Newsletter

You have something you want to see in the NorCal Voyagers Newsletter??? Well, send it along to news@norcalvoyagers.org and we'll get it in the next issue. You can also send articles to any board member in the club and they will get it to the editor.

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...

DALE AND PAM'S WEDDING – JUNE 5

Come celebrate the wedding of our club members. Check the web page for details (got to www.norcalvoyagers.com and click on the 'Calendar' button on the left...then click on the June event), but be sure you let them know you're coming. The wedding will be at Dale and Pam's home in Morgan Hill, reception at the Holiday Inn. Hope to see you all there!



Next Month...

PORTOLA TRAIN MUSEUM – JULY 16/17

Want to be the engineer of your own train? Then come stay with us at the Lariat Lodge in Quincy, California and we'll ride the rails the following day in Portola. Come on up and enjoy the weekend with the club!

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Club Information/Business

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello NCVV members.

For those of you that missed the Clear Lake Queen ride. You just don't know what you missed. The weather was made to order. A perfect day for riding motorcycles. Bryce Eichholz did a write up on the event, so I won't dwell on it any farther.

We have our June event coming up on the fifth, Dale & Pam's wedding. Just think of it, we get to go see the OLE boy bite the dust. And not only that, but we get to eat his food and drink his booze. Now it doesn't get any better than that. I have no idea how many club members signed up for this event. But I hope it was a lot. This could become a very fun event. Those that have not signed up yet, may as well forget it. The invitations went on around the 5th of May.

We have our July event coming up on the weekend of the 17th & 18th. We will be doing an over night in Quincy Ca. on Saturday, the 17th. Then on Sunday the 18th we ride down to Portola and run the train. Roger has it reserved just for the Nor Cal Voyagers from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Each person will get to run the train for at least 10 to 15 minutes. When you are through, you will get a certificate from the Feather River Railroad Society, stating that you are a certified train engineer, and they put down which model train you are certified on.

The cost of this event is Depending on how many people we get to make this trip. The more we have the cheaper it will be for all. Roger has it set up for 20 people. It comes out to about \$20.00 each if we have the full amount. If we don't, than you can expect to pay more. So I think it would be advisable for all concerned to start twisting arms and

help us get at least 20 people. They don't have to be club members.

On Saturday night we will be staying at the Lariat Lodge in Quincy. The phone number is <530-283-1000>. Try to call for your reservations after 3:00pm. And be sure to ask for Bill. If for some reason Bill isn't there, you can still make your reservation. Either way you must tell Bill or whoever you talk to that you are with the Nor Cal Voyagers, otherwise they may tell you they have no rooms available. They only have 20 rooms, and I have 18 of those blocked off. You will have until July the 5th to make your reservations. They will remove the block on the 6th, so after that you will be on your own.

We expect to form small groups and ride up to Quincy on Saturday. You need to be there by 6:00pm. I have reservations at Janice's Steak House for 6:30pm. Also it would be appreciated if you would let me know you are coming and how many will be in your party. I will need this for our reservations at the steak house. Plus it will tell me how many more people we will need to rustle up to make our 20m people. You can call me collect if that will help get you to notify me.

The prices for the motel range from \$52.00 up to \$64.00. We expect to get up early Sunday morning and ride down to Portola for breakfast. About 45 minutes ride. There will be a meeting after dinner if time permits.

The next thing is our club logo, the flags & new polo shirts and tank tops for the women. Let Bryce know how many of you are interested in tank tops, and the men's polo shirts. We have one hell of a time with the new logo. There has been a lot of miss communications between myself and the

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company that's going to do them. I think we have it all ironed out now. We should have two new logo's this coming Monday, the 24th.

I will have one flag, one polo shirt & one tank top to show you at the July meeting. This will give you some idea of what you will be getting if you decide to go with the polo & T/T. This about covers everything I have for now. Hope to see a lot of you at the wedding.

Sincerely, Uncle Ray – President NorCal Voyagers



MOTORCYCLE WEB SIGHTS

This month I wanted to write an article about motorcycle information that I have found on the internet.

Many of you have your favorite sites to visit, but I wanted to provide some additional insight to those that are not well traveled on the internet.

If you happen to have a favorite motorcycle web site that you would like to share with the NorCal Voyagers Club, please send me the link and a little information to editor@norcalvoyagers.org and I'll be sure to get it in a future edition of the newsletter. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't remind all the members of our very own web site <http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>, that lists everything from our yearly event calendar to the purchase of club

merchandise. Take a trip to the web site and look around, I think it's got something for everyone.

Now on to this month's web site of interest, www.pashnit.com.



This site has been around for nearly 4 years and specializes in describing the riding experience of California highways.

The site was named by the author, when trying to find an interesting way to describe his 'passionate' connection of highway riding. The above is a personalized plate he has posted on his web site.

Try out the web site, it's got some great reviews of road rides and (my favorite) maps of excellent rides within the state of California. When you get to the main web page, click on the "California Motorcycle Roads" link (just to the right of the picture with the 'twisties' sign). There are maps, directions, and reviews of more California roads than you can shake a stick at. The roads are listed near the bottom of this page, by geographical location.

This site is well worth a visit, even if you aren't thinking about taking a ride. With all the pictures and descriptions, you'll feel as if you were on the ride with the author.

Oh, yeah, the NorCal Voyagers Club is also listed in the "California Motorcycle Clubs" page.

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The Last Page

And finally...

We now have the new Brochures that you can pass out to bike riders you happen to meet up with. Plus you can always leave a few at the Kawasaki dealerships in your area.

Please send e-mail to Ray Walls (CWALLS64@aol.com), telling how many you would like to receive and they will get out to you ASAP. Or he can E-mail the original to you and you can have as many printed up as you want. We are folding them into thirds. The right side folds in right to left. And the left side folds in left to right over the right side. This way when you open it up, the first thing you see is HOW TO CONTACT US.

Now if any of you have any suggestions on how to make these brochures better. Please feel free to contact Ray and give your suggestion. If the board likes it and approves it, then we will implement the upgrade ASAP.

You can also obtain the brochure file from the NorCal Voyagers Web site by using the following link:

www.norcalvoyagers.org/brochure.pdf



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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 []

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