

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

June 2006



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.csonline.net/cybersite/american.htm>

American Motorcycle Association (AMA)

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

This Month...

CLUB EVENT (June 16-18)

Campout at Bootleg Campground (Walker)



Next Month...

CLUB EVENT (July 8-10)

Campout at Fort Ross

CLUB MEETING (July 29)

Location TBD

{See the Newsletter for details}

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC Members & Friends. Here it is June already and I for one cannot tell you where the time has gone so fast. I guess the old saying is true; the older you get the faster time fly's by. Damn I must really be getting old. Speaking of old I will be hitting the big 70 mark on July the 24th. Now you know that I am expecting a very large birthday party, by all of you on 23rd, which also just happens to be the Nor Cal Voyagers Birthday and on a Sunday. Now you can't say you didn't know.

Things have been chugging right along so far this year. Bob Joyner has become a large property owner up in Lolo Montana and has said he will set up a nice camp ground, just for our club members and his younger sister will be running the place when he is gone. Bob Lee has volunteered to take care of the place in the winter time while Bob is sitting in the sun over in Templeton. Also Bill Owens is the proud owner of a pretty (new to him) 1992 Voyager 1200. He and Brew came down to exchange windshields with Bob Joyner. While they were here, the subject of Lee House's bike came up. I took him over to Lees to look at it. I must say it was love at first sight. It had an oil leak so Lee let it go for a considerable discount. I volunteered to repair the leak. Now if any of you come up with an oil leak and it's not the water pump and you can't seem to find where it's leaking from. Pull the cover on your stator and look up under it. Hopefully you will find it there. Poor ole Lee spent about \$600.00 trying to get it fixed. I worked on it for 3 days and still couldn't decide just where it was leaking. I was sure it was either the

pan or the Final gear housing where your drive shaft mounts to your engine. I finally decide to take it to a guy that has worked on Voyagers since they first came on the market. He looked at it and had it fixed in 30 minutes. At a cost of \$105.00 parts & labor. Bill took it home on Sunday 5-21-06 in a blinding rain he said it ran like new. So now it's safe to say we have another happy camper.

We held our May meeting on Saturday the 20th. I won't go into any details on anything that was discussed. It's all in the minutes so you can read it there. While I'm here I would like to remind everyone that we do have a camp out this month over on hwy 395 just north of the Sonora pass. The camp ground is known as the Bootleg camp grounds. It sits at 6,600 ft there are no showers, I think they have pit toilets and it's located in the Walker Valley. If you feel the need for a bath; there's always the Walker River just a few yards away. And the water temp this time of year should be a nice warm 38 to 42 degrees. Now, that will make a man out of you. Our May camp out turned out to be very nice, even though some of us had to leave early. Those that stayed had a grand ole time. Our newest members George & Darlene came in late Friday afternoon for their first camp out with the club. Don said they really had a good time. But I have been wondering about that. They live here in Fresno and about a mile from me. But I haven't heard a word from them good or bad about the camp out. So I'm wondering if they had as much fun as Don said. Only time will tell.

That should just about do it for this month. Everyone have a nice ride if you go and

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ride safe too. See you at the camp out or the next meeting. Cheers.

Uncle Ray

CLUB MEETING

May 20, 2006

Meeting place: California Grill Restaurant
1970 Freedom Blvd.
Freedom, Calif.
95019
831-722-8052

Meeting was called to order by president @1323. Members in attendance were; Ron Burton, Jacque Ellingson, Dennis Ellingson, Don Rochester, Fritz wells. Ray Walls, Wayne Bright, Bill Owens, Don Brubaker, Roger Allen. And our guest, Ron Burton's lovely wife Carol.

Reading of the minutes; Ray read the minutes from the March meeting.

Treasurers Report; Wayne gave us a break down on our finances, and stated that we still have a \$200.00 donation coming out for Mike & Cheer Shoemaker of the LSV Club. There was a discussion about this because this was supposed to have already been taken care of. Ray told everyone that it was mostly his fault and some Wayne's. Ray forgot to send Wayne the address in which to mail it to. Wayne stated that we as of today have a total of \$1583.72 in the bank, with some more due in from the sale of brake lines. Ray asked for a motion to accept the report as read. Don Rochester made the motion, Fritz Wells made a second; Ray asked for a vote in favor of; everyone voted yes. Motion carried & report was accepted.

Presentation of bills; there were none.

Activities director report; Don stated that he was working on the itinerary for our September tour and that there has been another attraction added to it. He also asked that anyone wanting to go on this tour, to submit to him any ideas or suggestions they may have for changes to the tour. He said the Cliff Dwellings in Mesa Verde have been added to the list. Also the latest report on the Grand Canyon Sky walk is that it will be open for public use in August. The fee for walking out on it is \$25.00. Plus there is another fee to get into the park. It is unclear just what that fee is right now. He also cleared up a mistake Ray made about our jumping off point. Ray sent out an E-mail saying we would all meet in Minden Nevada on the 8th. The correct place is Fallon Nevada on the 8th and departs for Baker Nevada on the morning of the 9th. There was further discussion on this subject, but Don said he hoped to have a complete itinerary ready sometime in late June and would send it out to all members. The subject of our next meeting was brought up; Don stated that he hadn't made a decision on where it would be held at; but he would let us all know in plenty of time. The question was asked about going back to the quarterly meetings. Don said he felt it would be better to stick with every other month at least for then rest of this year. And Ray agreed. So we will continue our every other month meetings and continue to move them around.

Old Business; on old business Ray stated that he had approached Homer Dawson on doing some shirts for us. Homer refused to deal with us. It seems that him and an UN named member of our club had a considerable difference of opinion. Therefore he is now angry with the whole club. Fritz Wells said he would check into having some done in Watsonville. There

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was a long and sometimes out of hand discussion on the type & color of shirts we should have. Everyone was all for the Gildan polo shirts with pockets. But some wanted us to just have black shirts; while some just wanted us to have the blue. Ray stated that we have sold a lot more blue shirts than we have the black. There was more out of hand discussion on the shirts, until Fritz told someone to shut the hell up so he could finish what he was trying to say. It was finally decide that we would stay with the blue & the black polo shirts with pockets. It was also decide that we would forgo the large 10" logo we have on the back and just have a 3.5" on the left breast just above the pocket. The only 10" logo we will now have is the embroidered one we now have on our Vest. And we will go back to the original club logo on all future ball cap purchases. They will also have a 3.5" sewn on embroidered patch, just like the 10". Don stated the Ray was not to be allowed to keep the new disc for our logos since he lost the last two. Ray stated that he had only lost one; the other one was lost by our then web master. He also states he could get another one made up for free by the guy that made up the polo shirts. It was also decided that when we ordered shirts again we would have $\frac{3}{4}$ of them in blue and $\frac{1}{4}$ in black.

New business; Ron Burton discussed a battery monitor he bought and installed on his bike, also Roger Allen discussed the one he has on his bike. (We all looked them over after the meeting). Fritz Wells said he has a pair of 10.5, 4 E, size boots for sale & a very nice xx helmet for sale. Ron Burton also stated that he has a very nice gel seat for sale (sorry I didn't catch the price) Roger Allen talked about Cabella's and some very nice jackets they carry. Ray asked if there were anymore

questions or anything else they wanted to talk about, there were none. Ray thanked everyone for coming and Carol for being our guest. He asked for a motion to adjourn; Don Brubaker made the motion, Bill Owens made the second, Ray asked for a vote on the motion; all present were in favor. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned @1415.

Submitted by Ray Walls; in absence of our distinguished secretary, Bob Joyner.

THIS MONTH'S EVENT

June 16-18, 2006

This month we will have out club campout at the Bootleg Campgrounds near Walker, Ca. These are 'primitive' campgrounds with pit toilets and no showers.

This campground, excellent for overnights or long-term campers, is located on the west side of a valley carved by Walker River. The river is still actively widening the valley causing small landslides on the east wall that can be heard from campground. The sound of Walker River can also be heard from some camp sites.

The campground is comprised of a spur leading to two loops in a stand of Jeffrey pine. Wild rose and Sagebrush make up the under story and widely spaced sites mean excellent privacy. The campground is rocky making pitching a tent challenging, but is compensated at some sites with tent pads. Without a "bad" camp site, this is a pretty campground that awaits discovery. Group tent sites are limited.

Hope to see all members there!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Campout - Bootleg	17 Campout - Bootleg
18 Campout - Bootleg	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2006 Club Events Calendar

JAN – VACANT	FEB – San Simeon Campout (2/10-2/13)	MAR – VACANT
APR – San Lorenzo County Campground in King City (4/7-4/9)	MAY – Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout at San Luis Reservoir / Basalt (5/12-5/14)	JUN – Campout Bootleg/Walker, Calif. (6/16-6/18)
JUL – Campout Ft. Ross (7/8-7/10) & AVA Rally at St. Ignace, Michigan	AUG – Campout Grover Hot Springs (8/11-8/13)	SEP – Club Tour to Grand Canyon (9/9-9/17)
OCT – Campout Death Valley (TBD) Laughlin Run to Fun (10/19-10/22)	NOV – VACANT	DEC – Christmas Party (TBD)

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OTHER MOTORCYCLE STUFF

As the web site janitor and newsletter editor, I sometimes get 'interesting' solicitations from other motorcycle related organizations. The following information is not sponsored by the NorCal Voyagers but is provided for your interest, please check with them for details.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

From Jim Tinlin, NCVC Webmaster

This month I have added a new link to the web page for a site called "Weird Machines". It is an interesting site that has links to all things related to vehicles (motorcycles, cars, rockets, etc).

If you find something that you think should be shared with the club, send the email to me and I'll get it up on the web site!



MAKE-A-WISH RIDE

From Bryce Eichholz, NCVC Member

Subject: Walt Gray Ride - August 2006

I am sending this e-mail to everyone in my address book who has (or will have) a motorcycle and might like to have a great time with other motorcycle riders.

The Walt Gray Make-A-Wish Ride is August 27th.

Go to www.waltgray.com and get all the information on the new, longer route this year.

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We maintain a bunch of motorcycle related web links on our web site. Just go to:

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 to the webmaster that you feel would be helpful to other club members.

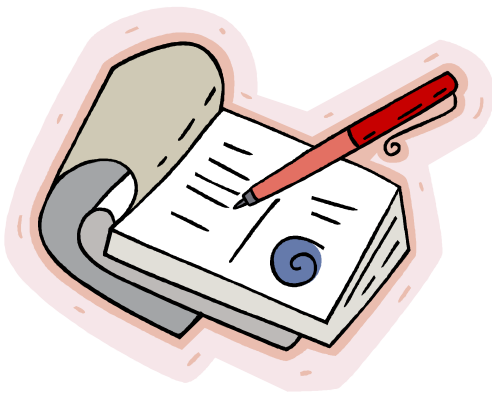
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The Last Page

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



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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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