

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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NCVC Newsletter

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Useful Internet Links

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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...

EVENT (June 8-10)

Campout Ellingson's Ranch - Corning



Next Month...

EVENT (July 13-15)

Campout Huntington Lake - Fresno

EVENT (July 28)

Club Meeting - Manteca

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC members & friends. Here we are in the middle of 2007 already. Somebody please tell me where the time has gone so quickly. We had a very nice campout over in Monterey in May at the Veterans Park. This is all I will say about it now because I did a write up on it and see no need to duplicate any of it. Jim I'm sure will have it or at least part of it in this copy of your wonderful news letter.

We held our bimonthly meeting in Manteca on May 26th and had a nice visit with some of you that we haven't had the pleasure of seeing for a couple of months, it was nice seeing you and chatting with you. We made a couple of command decisions at this meeting, which you can read in the minutes.

We have decided to put all of our Tee shirts that are left on sale for \$8.00 each, regardless of size, sleeve length or pockets. We are going to go to a 50/50 blend polo with our club logo only on the front above the pocket and it will be embroidered on. They are going to be a little more expensive then the others, since prices have gone up on everything.

I have made up a new order form which Jim will post on the web site and insert into the news letter for those of you that do not have internet access. The prices and everything will be listed on the order form. NOTE we will not order any shirts for stock anymore. You will have to place your order and pay in advance to get your new shirts.

What shirts we do have left will be in this copy of your news letter. If you want one of them, I can either mail it out to you for \$4.00 or I can bring it to the next meeting or campout, which ever you prefer. But you have to let me know OK.

Our September tour has been scrapped. Don & Trish are going on vacation in Sept but they are going to North or South Carolina, rather then to their property over in Nevada. We wanted to spend a couple of days there with them there in Nevada. Then go on up to Montana to spend some time with Bob & Sandy our old retired couple who deserted us for the hills of Montana. Boy I sure hope OLE Sandy & Bob enjoy shoveling snow. I'm sure they will get their share of it. They live just outside of Lolo Montana. Yes and it gets cold there too.

I think that about covers everything I have for now. We will come up with something for September. If anyone has any ideas for something, let me know ASAP so we can get it scheduled. CHEERS.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

By Trisha Blue, NCVC Secretary

Meeting Minutes - May 26, 2007

The meeting was held at Perko's Restaurant in Manteca. Meeting was called to order by president Ray Walls at 1305.

Members in attendance: Ray Walls (Pres), Brian Coldicott, Teresa Ashworth, Bill Ashworth, John DeMuri, Dennis Wyman, Dennis Ellingson, Wayne Bright (Treas), Fritz Wells, Don Medina (VP) and Trisha Blue (Sec).
Guest: Michele Smith.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Wayne Bright, and seconded by Don Medina.

Treasurers Report: Wayne reports we had a starting balance of \$2752.92. We took in \$40 from 50/50 raffle and 2 cap sales. We have some bills. We sold 2 sets of brake lines.

Old Business: Club shirts were discussed. The best price so far is from the guy who did them

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last time. He recommended 100% nylon for the embroidery to hold its shape. Several members wanted 100% cotton or at least a 50/50 blend. Ray is still working on this. Ray read the list of remaining inventory and sold a few shirts & logo patches.

Activities Director: No director, so no report.

Corning camp out June 8-10, will be hosted by Jackie & Dennis Ellingson.

July camp out is set for July 13-15 at Huntington Lake. We may have to change the date because this conflicts with the AVA rally July 10-12.

Aug 17-18 camp out at Gualala State Park near Fort Ross.

Oct 19-21 camp out & picnic at McConnell State Park.

Dec 8 is our holiday party at the Fresno Moose Lodge. They have great facilities including parking for motor homes & trailers. They have bathrooms but no showers.

Next meeting is July 28 at Perko's in Manteca. We will celebrate the club's 7th birthday (7/23) at this meeting.

New business: The Nevada/Montana trip will have to be postponed to 2008 due to a conflict for Don & Trisha. We will come up with a campout for September, maybe Reno or Carson City.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Don Medina.

Ray asked if there were any more questions or suggestions; there were none. He thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting was adjourned @ 1340.

Submitted by Trisha Blue

VET'S PARK CAMPOUT

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Wayne Bright & I left Fresno at 11:30 am, we were headed for our camp out in Monterey at the Veterans Memorial Park. This park sits on top of a hill on the Southern fringes of Monterey Ca, it's a very beautiful park with an abundance of fresh ocean air and some of the most beautiful ocean views you will ever see.



We arrived in Monterey at about 3:30 pm, after fighting head winds of 35 to 40 mph. After turning south onto hwy 1 we had a pretty good side wind with a sometimes good tail wind. When we arrived we found Bill Burns, Richard Mack & Monte Faust (our newest retiree). They were just setting up their camp site when we arrived. We all did our ritualistic greetings of each other, then we walked around trying to decide which site we wanted. We finally decided on the one right next to them, but closer to the bathroom.

Wayne and I pulled our trailers into our spot and set up house keeping in about 10 minutes, with a little assistance from Monte. We had been set up for an hour or more when Don Brubaker pulled in. Don set up on the first site with the other guys. He said my snoring keeps him awake. I will have to beg the difference with him on that. I have never heard me snore, therefore I don't believe I snore; (not much anyway).

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The sun was out when we arrived and it was beautiful, nice and cool around; 74 degrees. About 6:00 pm the fog started rolling in and it went from very nice to very ugly in about 30 minutes. Everyone started asking what we were going to do for dinner. We talked it over and decide to go to Margie's Dinner. I have been camping here for the past 17 years and we always had to have at least one meal at Margie's, the food was always good and most of the time more than you could eat.

We all gathered ourselves up and rode down to Margie's. But we had a very big surprise when we arrived. Margie's had closed down and now Denney's have it.

We went in and took our seats and began to look over the Menu. There were five of us and I don't believe any of us ordered the same thing. This shows how wide our tastes vary. The food was pretty good, the normal Denny's fair. The waitress was relieved by a younger lady who brought out our food. I think I was the only one that got what they had ordered on the first try. She had to make three trips before she had all the meals correct. We found out later that the lady who took our orders to start with was the one who screwed it all up. They had to re-do our checks at least once and some of them twice. I don't think they ever got Brews straightened out. In fact I think they finally wound up just giving him his meal. (I will have to check this out).

We went back to camp and thought we would buy some wood for the fire pit, but the ranger was gone, so Don went down town and bought a case of Presto logs & a small bag of charcoal. I must admit the presto logs worked pretty good, other then smoking like a diesel truck. We sat around the fire until one by one we all decided to call it a night.

Here it is the middle of May and it was so darned cold I was beginning to think we had made a wrong turn somewhere and had wound up in Nome Alaska or near about. I don't know just how cold it got, but it was a wet cold and went right to your bones. I was wondering about that time where Brew hid his Crown Royal, I was ready for a big ole swig about then.

Daylight dawned with the seals barking like crazy, then the crows started cawing and about that time I decided it was time to get up and put on the coffee. I looked around the camp site hoping Brew had left his Crown Royal sitting out. But it was nowhere to be found. He probably had it in bed with him trying to keep it warm.

After about 20 minutes everyone started dragging out into the cold looking for some warm coffee and a fire. Brew started a fire: that helped quite a bit. We sat around the fire until around 9:00 am, then we decided to go pick up some food for dinner and have breakfast while we were out and about. We went to Denney's again. But this time we went to one in Seaside. This one had it all together, good food, good service and a nice smile from one and all.

After purchasing what we thought we needed we went back to camp and found Don & Trisha there getting ready to set up their tent trailer. Wayne was assisting them when we arrived. We all did what we needed to do while waiting for them to get set up. Dennis & Jacque said they were going to try to make it down for this one. By this time it was almost 1:00 pm. I asked Brew to call him to see if they were coming in. The answer was no, they couldn't make it.

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We had reserved a site right next to us for them, Don & Trisha the day before because the camp was filling up fast. As it was we need not have bothered, it emptied out pretty good the next morning. After a while the Ranger came by and relieved us of about \$120.00. I think \$40.00 of that was for 4 bundles of wood. It's expensive to live over on the coast.

Around 2:00 pm John DeMuri arrived and set up camp with the other guys. I started checking around to see if I really smelled that bad or if he just didn't want to be seen camping with ugly guys like me & Wayne.

We all sat around shooting the bull as always happens at camp outs, catching up on what has been happening in each others lives since our last meeting. While we were blowing hot air Jo Ann & Linda came driving up in their van. They were looking for an out of the way camp site. Linda was walking through the camp grounds looking for just the right place, reminded me of an old laying hen looking for her nest. She finally found one and they moved over to it.

About a half hour had gone by when Jo Ann came driving back to where we were. It seems as though Linda's nest wasn't large enough to accommodate the van and they wound up with a fairly large scratch on the van. They finally settled on the one we suggested to start with (Hard headed Women).

Some one started hollering about something to eat. I found out quite a while ago that when this

bunch gets hungry they will eat about anything that doesn't get out of the way. I broke out the hot dogs, hamburger patties, and all the fixings. We had a pretty good meal and a quick one too. Brew, Monte & Bill decided they could handle the dishwashing, so I helped Don & Trisha clean up around the table.

After everything was cleaned up, we sat down around the fire and enjoyed watching our money burn into hot coals & ashes. I was setting there listening to everyone talk about the things they have done & the places they have been on a motorcycle. Then I heard a rooster crow; Richard Mack also heard it and jumped up and said he was turning in a little early tonight. It wasn't early for him. He always tries to beat the roosters to bed. But he never beats them up, They are eating lunch by the time he drags out.

But to be honest about Richard, he has a really bad right knee and could hardly walk all the time he was there. So I feel I must give credit where credit is due. If my knee was hurting like his was, I would have probably been at home nursing it back to health. So I think he should be commended for suffering through a whole weekend with it. Richard you are a real trooper.

And as before one by one we all drifted off to bed. Tonight it wasn't nearly as cold as on Thursday. This night I didn't even think about the C R. Slept like a baby all night.

Saturday morning found me laying there at 0430 listening to the seals bark and wondering if I could sneak down there and shoot about half of them. They finally quieted down around 0515. Then at 0545 the crows started their noise. They were loud enough to wake the dead. So needless to say it was coffee making time for me.

By 0700 everyone was up and about, drinking coffee and telling lies around the new camp fire. It was clear when we first got up, but by 0730 the fog had rolled in again and it got down right cold. The wind was blowing like crazy. We held our heads together and decided where we

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wanted to ride to on this ugly day. Poor OLE Don Medina lives in Half Moon Bay which is as cold or colder than Monterey and here he is saying I'm freezing, lets go inland where we can get some sunshine.



Don & Trisha made breakfast for all of us and we all ate very well. After the K P duties were over we all saddled up except for John & Monte, they decided to hang around the camp and watch for burglars, we had been hit the night before and Monte lost his trail mix and some other stuff we had setting around. We found their tracks, but we lost them in the trees. The tracks looked very familiar to me. Just off hand I would say they belonged to a couple of raccoons.

We headed out for Carmel and the famous Carmel Valley road that has claimed the lives of several motorcyclists and an un-know number of automobile drivers. This road is a motorcyclist dream it's not traveled real heavy, but it's still dangerous because of the sand & rocks that fall onto the road. It's 38 miles from Carmel to Greenfield and it takes a good hour to drive it.

We left Carmel and went straight to Greenfield and we took our time, I had a couple of people that had never been on this road before and I knew they wanted a chance to look at the scenery as they rode through, so we rode slow & easy. We arrive in Greenfield a little after 1200, found a small but clean Mexican restaurant. The food was delicious. While we

were there we talked about how we wanted to return.

We had three choices, go back the same route we came, go north on highway 101 to Salinas then cut back west to the camp. Or go south to Hunter Leggett military reservation and go back west on the Nacimiento / Ferguson road then head north to Monterey, a distance of about 90 miles. Only one other person besides myself had ever been down this road. I think it's a kick in the butt to ride it down to the coast. It has a few twisties in it that are so sharp you can almost reach back and wipe your own tail light.



Wayne had given his camera to Trisha and asked her to take pictures along the way. I have yet to see any of them, but he does tell me she took some mighty fine pictures as we went along the way. I'm sure you will see all of them or most of them when Jim sends out the June news letter and post's it on our web site, so keep your eyes peeled for some great pictures.

After reaching highway 1 we headed North into a head wind of about 35 knots. We took our time and looked at the scenery as much as we could. With the wind blowing so hard it was very hard to look and drive too. We finally arrived back to camp somewhere around 7:00 pm, everyone was hungry again. We did stop off in Carmel and buy some more burger & dog buns, this time we even bought some potato chips & pickles.

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We jumped in and had dinner ready in about 20 minutes. This time we used paper & plastic, we had very little to wash. After dinned we all sat around the fire and talked about the ride we had taken and how bad the wind was. Riding in the wind like that isn't very pleasurable, but in a few years we will sit down with our grand children and tell them about how hard the wind was blowing. But of course by then it will have been blowing at least 80 mph. And I'm sure there will be some other excitement added to the story.

Sunday morning found us all getting up early (0630) and waking up to a bright sun shining day. But Mother Nature always like to mess with you just a little more. The wind was blowing pretty hard again. This was get em up and move em out day for everyone but Brew. He liked it so much that he decide to just stay another day all by him little self.



We had decided to stop off in Marin at the VFW hall for a steak & egg breakfast, for \$4.75 with taters, biscuits, coffee & jelly. You can't beat that with a stick.

We all loaded up and started out, everyone made it out without incident, that is all except me. Wayne was parked to the left of me so he pulled out first and went to his right. I was to far over to the right to go the same as he did, so I pulled straight out and turned left as I hit the far side of the road, my trailers left wheel hit the edge of the road where it sat up about 5" above the ground. When it hit it jerked my bike to the

left and since I was also turning to the left it knocked my bike down. I thought I could hold it up, but then I remembered the pain I had just gone through with my back, so I just let it go on down, I was already stopped anyway so it couldn't do too much damage. Brew helped me pick it up and get the trailer up on the road.

We finally left the park sometime around 9:30 am. We rode up to Marin a distance of about 7 or 8 miles, found the VFW hall, had a very nice breakfast and some good conversation while waiting for our food. After breakfast we all went outside and said our good by's until Saturday the 26th, that's our next meeting.

Wayne & I pulled out at 11:30 am and had a nice ride home, arriving there somewhat weary but looking forward to the next one. I know there's a lot more that can be said, but I will leave that up to someone else.

Written & Submitted by Ray Walls.

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SCHEDULE

NCVC 2007 EVENTS

JUNE 8, 9, 10:

CAMP OUT AT DENNIS & JACQUE ELLINGSON'S RANCH IN CORNING, CA

JULY 13, 14, & 15:

CAMP OUT AT HUNTINGTON LAKE, IN THE 8000 FT ELEVATION OF THE SIERRAS, BE NICE AND COOL (FRESNO, CA)

JULY 28:

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

AUGUST 17, 18, & 19:

CAMP OUT AT THE GUALALA POINT REGIONAL PARK, GUALALA, CA

SEPTEMBER:

LEFT OPEN FOR A POSSIBLE 10 TO 12 DAY RIDE. IF WE DON'T DO THE RIDE, WE CAN CAMP OUT AT TURLOCK LAKE STATE PARK ON THE 20, 21, & 22

SEPTEMBER 29:

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

OCTOBER 19, 20, & 21:

CAMP OUT AT THE McCONNELL STATE PARK IN DELHI, CA

NOVEMBER:

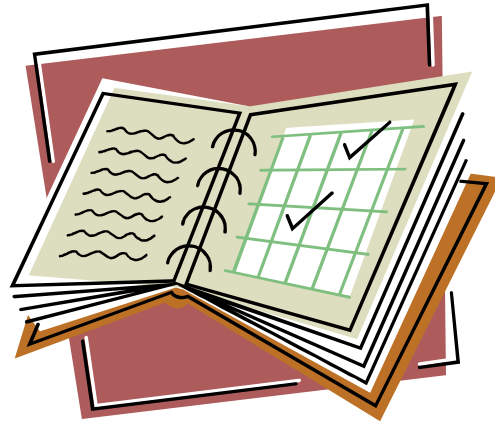
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NOVEMBER 24:

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

DECEMBER 8:

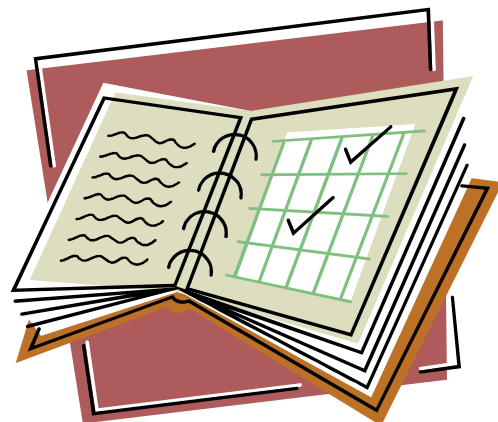
CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MOOSE LODGE IN FRESNO. THE CLUB WILL BUY THE FOOD & SOFT DRINKS. BEER, WINE & HARD LIQUOR IS AVAILABLE FROM THE BAR. THERE IS ALSO PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PARKING TRAILERS & RV'S OVER NIGHT. SORRY NO HOOK UPS.



The calendar of events can be reviewed on the NCVC Web Site. Go to the following web site:

<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>

Once at this web site, click on the 'Calendar' button (left side of the page). The events calendar has a list of all the scheduled events and additional detail, as available. For events where pictures or a write up was provided, the link will open to a page with this information.



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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2007 Club Events Calendar

JAN 27 – Meeting: Manteca	FEB – VACANT	MAR 23-25 – Campout: Basalt MAR 31 – Club Meeting: Manteca
APR 20-22 – Campout: McConnell State Park	MAY 18-20 – Campout: Monterey Vet's Park MAY 26 – Club Meeting: Manteca	JUN 9-10 – Campout: Corning
JUL 13-15 – Campout: Huntington Lake JUL 28 – Club Meeting: Manteca	AUG 17-19 – Campout: Gualala Point Park	SEP 29 – Club Meeting: Manteca
OCT 19-21 – Campout: McConnell Park	NOV 24 – Club Meeting: Manteca	DEC 8 – Christmas Party: Fresno

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NOR CAL VOYAGERS MERCHANDISE INVENTORY		ON SALE
BLUE T-SHIRT SS WP LARGE	1 EA	\$8.00
BLUE T-SHIRT SS WP X-LARGE	1 EA	\$8.00
BLUE T-SHIRT LS NP 2XL	2 EA	100% COTTON \$8.00
BLUE POLO SHIRT SS NP LARGE	1 EA	\$18.00
BLACK T-SHIRT SS WP MED	1 EA	50/50 100% COTTON \$8.00
BLACK T-SHIRT SS WP LARGE	7 EA	50/50 \$8.00
BLACK T-SHIRT SS WP XL	1 EA	50/50 \$8.00
BLACK T-SHIRT SS NP LARGE	2 EA	100% COTTON \$8.00
BLACK T-SHIRT SS NP 2XL	2 EA	100% COTTON \$8.00
BLACK T-SHIRT LS NP 2XL	1 EA	100% COTTON \$8.00
BALL CAPS BLACK FITS ALL	4 EA	\$10.00
CLUB 10" LOGO PATCH	11 EA	\$15.00
CLUB 3.5" LOGO PATCH	2 EA	\$6.00
CLUB LOGO LAPEL PINS 1/2 X 7/8	5 EA	\$3.00
CLUB FLAGS BLUE ONLY		\$10.00
SS =SHORT SLEEVED LS = LONG SLEEVED WP = WITH POCKET NP = NO POCKET		
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Merchandise Order Form

Name	Address
City, St Zip	Phone
E-Mail	

Description	Size	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Polo Shirt s/s w/p Blue 50/50				\$
Polo Shirt s/s w/p Black 50/50				\$
Polo Shirt s/s n/p Blue 50/50				
Polo Shirt s/s n/p Blue 50/50				
NCVC patch 10", 100% thread coverage				\$
NCVC patch 3.5", 100% thread coverage				\$
Pigment dyed cotton twill high profile cap with 3 1/2" patch Black				\$
Standard Ground Shipping for each item is \$4.00. Any questions contact Ray Walls @ cwalls64@sbcglobal.net or call 559-227-3045			Shipping	\$
When ordering please make check payable to Nor Cal Voyagers. Send form to Ray Walls @ 2019 E Princeton Ave, Fresno, Ca. 93703-1733			Total	\$

Polo shirts small to XL w/o pockets \$25.00

Polo shirts 2XL w/o pockets \$ \$27.00

Polo shirts small to XL, w/p \$27.00

Polo shirts 2XL w/p \$29.00

Polo shirts are a 50/50 blend

Club 10" patch \$15.00

Club 3.5" patch \$ 6.00. Out of stock at this time

Club ball caps old style logo \$ 10.00. We only have black left

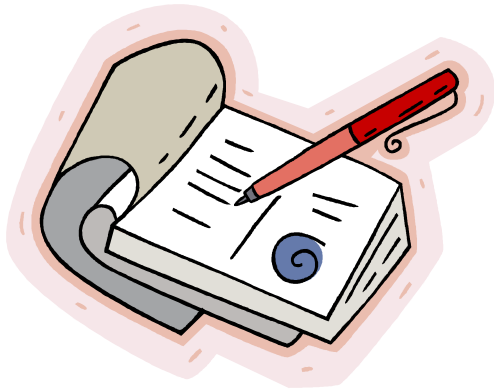
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The Last Page

And finally...

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Name 1 _____ E-Mail Address _____ Birthday _____
Name 2 _____ E-Mail Address _____ Birthday _____
Address _____ Phone Number _____ Anniversary _____
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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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