

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 (June 13-15)

Campout: Brannan SRA (attend Crawdad Festival)

Next Month...

EVENT (July 8-10)

AVA Rally

EVENT (July 18-20)

VETS Park Monterey Campout

MEETING (July 26)

Manteca, Perko's Restaurant



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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC Newsletter Editor

Hello NCVC Members & Friends.

As I sit here contemplating on what I should write about this month I am trying to figure out if it's really spring time or if it's still winter. On our May camp out the temperature was running right at 101 deg at the camp grounds up in the Sacramento Delta area. Today it's running right at 57 deg here in Fresno and has been raining for the past 4 days. So at this point in time all I can say is (SO MUCH FOR AL GORES GLOBAL WARMING PREDICTIONS).

Anyway we did have a fairly good camp out. It was to hot to do much, so we just sat around the camp site and shot the bull for a couple of days. The turn out was somewhat on the lean side, we only had 6 members turn out for this one. I guess the heat kept most of them at home. But those of us that did make it enjoyed our time together. Dennis & Jacque came down from Corning. Don & Trisha came in from Half Moon Bay. Bill Owens rode all the way from Sacramento, and I came up from Fresno.

Now we are going to do it again in June. We will have the same camp site as before, site # 6 in the group sites. I learned one thing on the last camp out. You don't reserve a group site any more. I thought we would have a large turn out so I reserved the group sites for two months. (Never again) I thought the sites cost me \$ 35.00 a day. I went back into my statements and found that they actually cost me \$68.50 a day. I would say that was some pretty expensive camping. I could have reserved

4 camp sites for less then that and would have had water too.

Oh well I guess you live and learn as you grow. As I said we didn't even have water at our site. They only have one maintenance man working there and he or the rangers have no idea where to turn the water on at. I tried to get our site changed over to one that has water, but all of them were booked up, so we will just have to stay in site # 6 again. Hopefully they will have the water restored by then.

We will be having our next bi-monthly meeting before you read this, so whatever we talk about at the meeting will be in the minutes of the meeting, I hope to have this to Jim before the meeting.

I finally got around to tearing my bike down to replace all the rubber hoses and seals. My bike is 16 years old and has never been torn down for anything like this. I found the metal parts to be in worse shape then the rubber. The metal piping had lots of rust on them where the water hoses were connected to them. I had to replace the two that come up from the heads; one of them had a small hole in it. The rest of them cleaned up pretty good, but did have some pretty bad pitting in them.

So for you guys with older bikes: you might want to take it down for an inspection. And if you are getting an oil spray along the left side and down by the water pump, it's a good bet your oil seal on your water pump is leaking through. Mine was.

It looks like the price of gasoline is going to keep climbing; the average price for a gallon here in Fresno is \$4.09 a gallon.

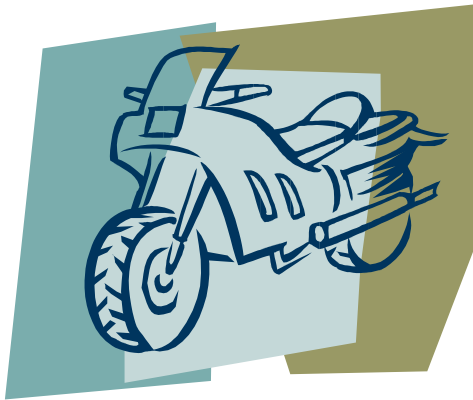
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There are a couple of ARCO stations that are down to \$4.03 and Chevron & Shell are up to \$4.26 per gal for regular unleaded. It isn't looking good for this country right now.

I think this is about enough for this month. OH yes one more thing, for those of you that camp out, don't worry about the cost of the group sites. I made the mistake and I will pay for it. We will still go on the \$35.00 a day fee I gave you before. I feel this is only fair to you. And I do hope to see more of you at the next one. Remember we are going over to Isleton for the crawdad festival. This should be a little better camping than the May one was.

Cheers; Uncle Ray



CLUB MEETING

By Don Medina, NCVC Vice-President

The meeting was held at Perko's Restaurant in Manteca. Meeting was called to order by President Ray Walls at 1310.

Members in attendance: Don Medina (VP), Jacque Ellingson, Dennis Ellingson, Bill Owens, John De Muri, Brian Coldicott, Don Brubaker, Tony Curtis, Pam & Dale Bird, Fred Andrew, Bill Ashworth, Ray Walls
Guest: Heather Bingham

A big welcome to reinstated member Tony Curtis.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Don Medina. Approved by Don Brubaker; seconded by Bill Ashworth.

Treasurers Report: Read by Ray Walls. Our starting balance was \$3,502.76. We had bills for April picnic \$122.00 and brake lines, washers, brake line postage and misc. \$1,395.52. We took in \$25.00 for membership dues \$1,724.65 for 10 sets of brake/clutch lines. Current balance: \$3,734.89.

Activities Report: led by Ray Walls. For the Brannan Island Crawdad Festival we have group site #6. The state is working on the water lines. Lime Kiln campground for the July campout is due to be closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill Owens proposed that the club pay campground fees for Friday & Saturday nights on future campouts. After discussion, Don Medina made a motion that the club pays campground fees for up to 2 campsites at future campouts. Don Brubaker seconded.

Don Medina made a motion that on future campouts we hold a 50/50 raffle on Saturdays. Fred Andrews seconded.

Dennis Ellingson made a motion that the club reimburses Ray Walls for the additional costs of the Brannan Island campout. Don Brubaker seconded.

Bob Joiner says hello and the fishing is lousy.

Meeting was adjourned @ 1350.

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2008 Events

JUNE:

BRANNON ISLAND SRA CAMPOUT AND
CRAWDAD FESTIVAL 13-14-15

JULY:

AVA RALLY 8-9-10
VETS PARK MONTEREY CAMP OUT ON 18-
19-20
CLUB MEETING 26

AUGUST:

HUNTINGTON LAKE CAMP OUT 8-9-10

AUG/SEPT:

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

SEPT:

TURLOCK LAKE SP. CAMP OUT 19-20-21
CLUB MEETING ON 27th

OCT:

MC CONNELL SP. CAMP OUT & PICNIC 16-
17-18, PICNIC ON 17th
ONE DAY RIDE OCT25, STARTING IN
CASTROVILLE

NOV:

BASALT SP. CAMP OUT 7-8-9.
MEETING ON 29th, ELECTIONS OF
OFFICERS

DEC:

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY @ FRESNO
MOOSE LODGE ON THE 13th



LEGEND OF THE MOTORCYCLE

By Don Medina, NCVV Vice-President



Bill Burns, Brew, Fritz, Trisha, and me; Don Medina. We all met at the Happy Cooker on highway 92 in Half Moon Bay. The food was ok and service poor. But who cares when we were going to see the best of the best in motorcycles.



We got to the Ritz or close, when we were told to park along the street that leads to the Ritz. There were motorcycles everywhere. We parked our bikes and then did the "what do I wear? Is it going to be hot or cold?" This always takes 15 min. We then began our hike to the main gate;

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that seemed to take a long while. Not because of distance, but the number of unique motorcycles that had been ridden to the event. We're not even inside the Ritz ground and there was a lot of motorcycle eye candy. When we did get to the entry line Brew headed off to get a ticket; what luck someone sold Brew a ticket for \$40.00.



After waiting in line awhile we made it in and people were everywhere. First there was the Long Way Down photo Exhibit, then the long line for free samples of Ardbeg scotch and Cohiba cigars. Then out onto the grounds to see all of the motorcycles. Norton and MV Agusta were the featured marquees. For me it's the Japanese motorcycles. All and all it was a day well spent and worth the money.



FOR SALE

By Eric Houser, NCVC Newsletter Member

2001 Honda Ace Shadow Deluxe for sale. New tires, low mileage, color is blue or a purple with silver in lay.

Have a pair of leather saddle bags, windshield, shotgun pipes new (never installed) asking \$4,100.00 obo or trade for a nice family boat.

Pictures available: upon request. Call NCVC member Eric Houser @ 1-559-803-5638, or e-mail him @ kimaesh@comcast.net.



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EDITOR'S CORNER

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Newsletter Editor

I sat down to write this column the morning of June 1. Where has the year gone? It seems like time just flies when you're not watching the clock. Just the other day I was enjoying the snowy Christmas in Illinois with my wife's family and now the year is half through...

I can tell we're getting closer to the warm summer weather; the cats are sleeping all day instead of just most of the day.

Although the majority of the country has a 'riding season' for motorcycles, I generally ride mine year long since I use my Voyager as my commute vehicle (and the weather here on the coast is pretty nice). As it turns out, the 42 mpg that I get seems to be saving me a lot more money these days...how does that work?

Unfortunately, for me, I live on the Pacific Coast and the chrome on my Voyager is taking a massive hit from the salt air. I can't keep chrome parts on my bike for more than a couple of years before they need to be replaced. Sure, I could clean it every day I ride (which is pretty much every day), as well as on the weekend, but then I wouldn't have time to do other stuff (like write this newsletter).

What's a guy supposed to do, open his own chrome dipping shop to keep up with the corrosion? Now that would be a neat job and certainly one that would fit into the niche that I live in. Anyone out there want to buy some heated acid, nickel, and chromium vats to help a buddy out?

Speaking of which, we have a great group of people as members of the NorCal Voyagers club. I'd like to see this newsletter contain little stories, comments, suggestions, or even recipes from our members. You have something you wouldn't mind sharing with the club??? Well, send it on to me or Ray and I'll put it in the next newsletter. We all gain when we share our thoughts/experiences/knowledge, so help out the club by sending a little or a lot to: editor@norcalvoyagers.org and I'll see that it gets in here.

So, to start this off, here's a favorite of mine that'll go over well at a summer picnic (assuming you have power to your blender):

Jim's Strawberry Daiquiri

8 fresh strawberries, halved
3 handfuls of ice
4 shots of your best white rum
2 tablespoons of sugar (or Splenda)
2-3 squirts of lemon juice

Blend at high speed until the mixture is nice and frosty.
For 'sweetier' strawberries, add about ¼ cup of strawberry puree mix (bartenders know about this stuff) or change from lemon to lime juice.

ENJOY!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 CAMPOUT: Brannan Island SRA	14 Flag Day CAMPOUT: Brannan Island SRA
15 Father's Day CAMPOUT: Brannan Island SRA	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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 – NCVS Christmas Party: Fresno Moose Lodge

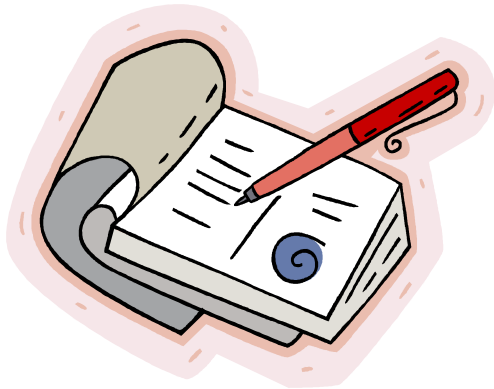
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The Last Page

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 _____
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Number Joining the Club (check one): 1 2

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