

# 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...

**EVENT: PARTY (6/6)**

Coming Home Party for Uncle Ray (Fresno Moose Lodge)

## Next Month...

**EVENT: RALLY (7/10-13)**

AVA Rally (Santa Fe, NM)

**NCVC MEETING: MANTECA (7/25)**

Perko's Restaurant (1703 E. Yosemite Ave)



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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Don Medina, NCVC President

May was a good month with the Susanville ride and Club meeting with a great after meeting ride. Best news for NorCal Voyagers is that Dale Bird is our Activities Director; Dale was nominated and voted into Office.

June 6th Ray Walls is having a party at the Moose Lodge in Fresno. If you have not RSVP do it, because this is going to be a good time. I'll be riding down with Trisha that morning, if you want to group ride to Fresno let me know we can meet in Manteca, and most anywhere along the way.

The Questionnaire that was sent out via email, this is important that all members fill out and get it back to Dale. Remember this is your club and with this questionnaire YOU get to tell us what you want from the club. Dale has put his home address at the top of the Questionnaire.

AVA Rally tour; if you're going and planning on riding with the club, there is only a short time before Depart Day is here. Have you called and made reservations at the Hotels and Motels, if not do it - rooms will be booked before long.

Dale Bird, Roger Allen and John DeMuri have started working on the C. RAY WALLS CLASSIC FALL TOUR Canyon Lands, dates August 23 to September 07, 2009. The C. Ray Walls Classic Fall Tour is the new name of the NorCal Voyagers fall tour. Ray Walls always liked the having a fall tour, so at the meeting those in attendance decided on the name change to

honor the Founder and Past President of the Club.

Tidbits: Brian Coldicott had the Alternator go out on his Honda Shadow when this happened it also over heated the plastic plug and melted it. John DeMuri has a stock Voyager 12 seat that he will give away. Trisha Blue had a u-joint break and take out the slip-yoke while on the Susanville ride. Don Medina had a water leak at the water manifold in front of the Cylinders, with info from Monte Faust and parts from Carl Leo repairs are complete. Thanks to Wayne Bright on how to get the last air bubble out of my front brakes, they haven't been this good in years. Gary Sevel will be running in the Rock n Roll Marathon in San Diego.

Jim Tinlin has to retire the position as our web site administrator as soon as possible. This is a very serious matter to the club; we need a member to step up and take care of the web site and put the newsletter together. I know that there are a number of members out there with the ability to help the club, now is the time step up.



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## 2009 Events

### JUNE:

June 6: Coming home party for Uncle Ray at the Fresno Moose Lodge.

### JULY:

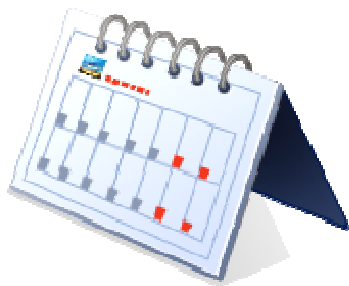
July 10-?: AVA Rally Tour, meet in Barstow

### SUMMER:

Aug 23 to Sep 7: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual C. Ray Walls Classic Fall Tour - Canyon Lands

### DECEMBER:

Date/Loc TBD: Annual Christmas Party



## CLUB MEETING – MAY 23

By Trisha Blue, NCVV Secretary

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

Members in attendance: Don Medina (VP), Trisha Blue, (Treas), Michele Smith, John De Muri, Roger Allen, Jim Kramlich, Dale Bird, Gail Curtis, Tony Curtis, Brian Coldicott, Garry Sevel.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Dale Bird; seconded by Tony Curtis.

Treasurers Report: Read by Don Medina. Our starting balance was \$4,336.07. We

had bills: \$374.80 for campout food, holiday party raffle items, and Oct 2009 "ride in" campsite reservations. There was no income this period. Current balance: \$3961.27. Report approved by Trisha Blue; seconded by John DeMuri.

Activities Report: Led by Don Medina. Dale Bird was nominated for Activity Director by Don Medina; seconded by Roger Allen.



Dale Bird – New Activity Director

Dale designed a questionnaire to get more input in order to plan rides that members like and to increase participation. Please fill one out and return it to Dale.

Don brought a map of the route for the AVA rally tour with stops and motels. There was discussion. More information will follow later in the newsletter and it will be put on the NVCA website.

The Canyonlands tour is being planned by Roger Allen, Dale Bird & John DeMuri. The dates will be Aug 23-Sept 7 (Labor Day weekend).

June 6 is Ray Walls coming home party at the Fresno Moose Lodge. We hope to have a good turnout so Ray will know how much he means to all of us.

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Oct 2-4 NVCA will host a "ride in" in Half Moon Bay. We have 3 campsites reserved and there are motels nearby. Don is planning interesting rides and potluck dinners. More later in the newsletter.

The after-meeting ride will be to Placerville to have an early dinner at the Cozmic Café. We will actually have dinner in a mine shaft.

Non-club interesting events: June 12 the Triumph dealer in Sacramento will have the new Thunderbird twin cylinder on display. June 20 in Capitola there is a classic vintage motorcycle show and auction.

Old Business: Don is ordering hats with our logo (\$8.00). If you want one, let Don know right away.

New Business: Don is ordering AVA nametags and asked if any members wanted to order one. The cost is \$6.50 plus postage.

Meeting was adjourned at 1402.

## ROAD TO SANTA FE

By Don Medina, NCVC President

The trip will start at the Barstow Days Inn (1590 Coolwater Lane, Barstow). We depart heading East on I-40, there are no real good places to stop for breakfast about an hour into the ride, and you'll have to eat before we start today. We will be stopping for our breaks about every 60 to 70 miles; these will be 10 to 15 minute stops.

Needles CA 146 miles  
Kingman AZ 59 miles

We will stop for lunch in Kingman and stop to visit the Route 66 Museum, 120 W Andy Devine Ave. #2. Price is \$4.00 Adults, \$3.00 Seniors, and then East on Route 66.

Seligman AZ 91 miles Ice Cream stop  
Ash Fork AZ 25 miles  
South on Hwy 89 to Prescott  
Prescott AZ 52 miles  
Total Miles 371

Best Value Inn 1105 E Sheldon St Phone 928 776 1282

Prescott: We depart heading north on Hwy 89 right turn onto Hwy 89A north to Cottonwood AZ 44 miles this is a breakfast stop

Sedona AZ 25 miles short break  
Flagstaff AZ 20 miles gas stop  
East on I-40

Meteor Crater National Landmark 1 hour to 1.5 hour tour stop, price Adults \$15.00, Seniors (60) \$14.00, Juniors (6-17) \$8.00

Winslow AZ 57 miles  
Holbrook AZ 32 miles  
South on US 180 18 miles

Petrified Forest National Park 27 miles, one stop at visitors' center - total time in park 2hrs

I-40 east  
Gallup NM 66 miles  
Total Miles 289

El Rancho Motel & Hotel 1000 E Hwy 66, Phone 505-863-9311

Gallup: We depart heading East on I-40  
Grants NM 61 miles this is a breakfast stop  
Albuquerque NM 89 miles  
North on I-25  
Santa Fe NM 56 miles  
Total Miles 196

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We will have a riders meeting at 7:45 am and side stands up at 8:00 am. Please have your motorcycle or car fueled and ready to go. I will be pulling a trailer so my speed will be 65 mph. If you wish to break away and do your own thing that's ok, this is where we will be.

## SUSANVILLE TRIP

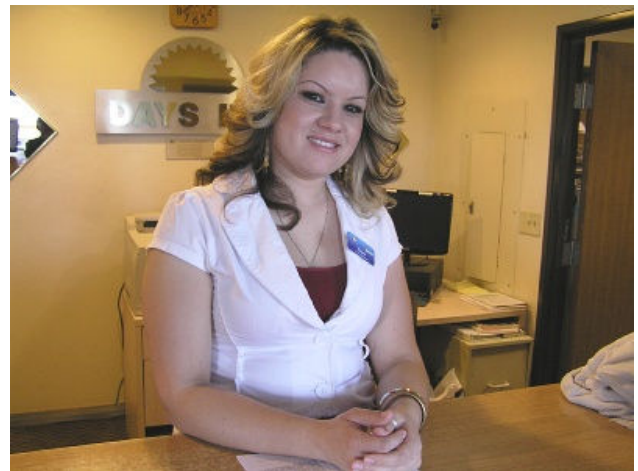
By Don Medina, NCVC President

Departure time and I'm finishing the last of my packing, and the motorcycle is clean. I am now ready to meet Trisha; so I ride to Menlo Park where we meet. Joel Colletti emailed me saying that he might be able to go on the ride. By noon on Friday he was definitely going. Trisha and I meet Joel at 3:00 pm on a Friday, which means traffic. No problem, we just take our time. We stop at the Mariposa Bakery for a double espresso and muffins for the ride. We are riding to Corning to meet the rest of the NorCal Voyagers, which is a nice 220 miles from Half Moon Bay.

We arrive in Corning at 8:00 pm. As we are parking next to the other NorCal motorcycles, here come Dale and Pam Bird, John DeMuri and Michelle, returning from dinner. The three of us check in and then we all me in the lobby and chat into the night.



Departure time is 8:00 am. The Days Inn has a nice continental breakfast with cereal, waffles, coffee and tea. While sitting with my cup of coffee in the dinning area Deanna from the front desk comes over and introduces herself to me and the club members present. She is a very pleasant person. Deanna helped me with setting up all of the arrangements. Yesterday Joel called me to let me know that my reservations were for Saturday. When Joel told Deanna that I needed the room on Friday, Deanna changed my reservations and then called me to let me know every thing was now ok.



After a few minutes discussing our route sheet, we headed north to Redding for our first stop. After just 46 miles it was welcomed. After fueling both our bodies and motorcycles, we're off. Interstate 5 changes with elevation and with more turns as we head north. The temperature is perfect. The more we climb the cooler it is getting. Just north of Lake Shasta we stop at a Mount Shasta vista to take some pictures. We had all agreed that we would keep the pace slow and about every hour we would stop. These stops are short, 10 to 15 minutes. When we stop the air is warm so both Trisha and I stay with our

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warm weather gear, no liner in our mesh jackets. We no sooner get up to speed and I know; I made a mistake.

We keep climbing until we turn off of the Interstate and on to Ca 86 heading south. Elevation 5,000, temperature very cool as we began dropping in elevation it warms up. We stop at another vista and get a view of Mount Shasta from the south east side. We are on a rolling 2 lane road with good asphalt and lined with trees. We get to our turn off and head east on an old county road, A-19 McArthur Rd, where we drop down into a big valley. As we ride along people are working their farms and walking by the road. I wave and they all wave back. We enter the town of McArthur where find Chatty Cathy's, a county restaurant.

After lunch we head north on Ca 299 to Adin. We stop for gas, wow \$2.79 for a gallon. Those that needed gas only bought a gallon. We go south on Ca 139 now and it's an old road with no shoulders. We are only 68 miles from Susanville. Soon we arrive at Eagle Lake and take a rest stop. 20 more miles and we will be at our hotel in Susanville. With only 10 miles to go I start climbing a steep hill. I look back and there is no one behind me. I slow and soon here comes the rest of the group, but no Trisha. I move over to the side of the road, two cars come by then here come the rest of the group with Trisha bringing up the rear. In my mirror I see Trisha pull off to the side of the road and stop. I make two U turns and pull up behind Trisha. I dismount walk up to the group and direct them to a parking area up the road. I walk back to Trisha, she tells me she heard a loud clunk at the base of the hill and lost all power to the drive wheels. I pull off a side cover and see the drive line move up and down, u-joint gone.

Trisha gets on the back of my VOYAGER and the group rides into Susanville. We all check into the Black Diamond Casino, Trisha and I check in first. While everyone else is checking in Trisha and I call the ROK motorcycle tow hot line.

The evening goes good for everyone, the rooms, staff everything at the resort was A1. The next morning the group meets for and early for breakfast and then helps Trisha and I load the trike onto the rental truck. We are off by 9:00 am; one group led by Joel followed by John D., Michelle, Dale and Pam Bird, Group 2 is Trisha driving the U-haul with her trike inside and me on the Voyager. Group 1 is taking the scenic route past Lake Almanor, down the Feather River Gorge into Marysville. Group 2 goes south to Reno, then I 80 to Sacramento. This is where, by luck, the two groups meet when the traffic comes to a stop in west Sacramento. The ride ends when Dale and Pam Bird break off in Fairfield.



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## HELP: NEWSLETTER / WEB

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Editor/Web Director

As Don Medina indicated in the "Presidents Letter" this month, we need a replacement for the Newsletter Editor and Web Site Administrator (I hate the term 'Webmaster'). We send out the newsletter once a month to all the members of the NorCal Voyagers club. We also have copies of all the newsletters on the club web site (<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>).

Due to changes in my work environment and family commitments, I have less time on my hands than I used to and I feel uncomfortable with the quality of the product I am providing to the club. I hate to see these services just "phoned in" and would like to see a better job done by someone that has the time and desire.

If you have ideas about how the Newsletter could be spruced up to be more "snazzy" or "catchy", then you're the right person for the job! We need someone that has imagination and the will to provide the effort once a month to help the entire membership out with communicating items club related. Presently I am using "Word" to generate the Newsletter and then providing an additional copy in .PDF format for ease of reading to those that do not have that word processor. So if you can edit a word document, you can create the club newsletter (it's that easy).



Also, do you have some 'web' savvy? Have you been dying to show off your computer skills, or just want to help out? We are also looking for someone to take over the Web Site Administrator duties. Presently I maintain the current club web site (<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>) and update it with events, newsletters, and things of interest to our membership.

Help is needed, please step up and give something back to the club. I've been very lucky to have had the opportunity over the last few years to help in these activities but I have so many other irons in the fire that I can't provide the service that the club needs...so let Don Medina know that you are willing to help and we'll see if we can find an apron that fits 😊

Thanks for the opportunity to let me assist in this capacity over the past few years and I look forward to turning over the keys to anyone that is interested in helping out.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Welcome Home Party for Uncle Ray – Fresno Moose Lodge
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### 2009 Club Events Calendar

<b>JAN 31</b> – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)	<b>FEB</b> – VACANT	<b>MAR 28</b> – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)
<b>APR 17/18/19</b> – Camping: Basalt	<b>MAY 8/9/10</b> – Susanville Ride <b>MAY 23</b> – Meeting: Manteca	<b>JUN 6</b> – Coming Home Party for Uncle Ray
<b>JUL 10-13</b> – AVA Rally <b>JUL 25</b> – Meeting: Manteca (11AM) 9 <sup>th</sup> Year	<b>AUG 23 to Sep 7</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual C. Ray Walls Classic Fall Tour – Canyon Lands	<b>SEP 26</b> – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)
<b>OCT</b> – VACANT	<b>NOV 28</b> – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)	<b>DEC ???</b> – NCVV Christmas Party

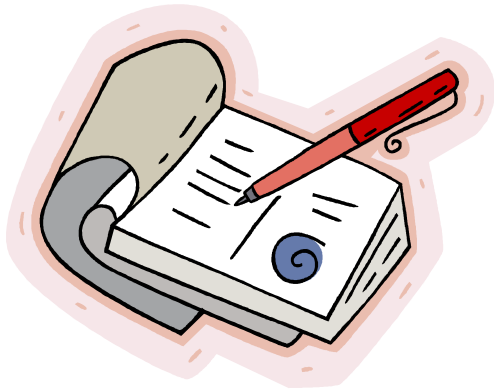
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### And finally...

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](mailto:editor@norcalvoyagers.org)



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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_  
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