

# 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...

**RIDE:** Susanville ride **cancelled**

**RIDE:** High Sierra VROK Rally, Lake Topaz, NV (6/18-20)

**CAMPOUT:** Veterans Memorial Park in Monterey (6/25-27)

## Next Month...

**NCVC MEETING:** MANTECA (7/31)

**NCVC 10th anniversary!** After meeting ride to Black Diamond Mine in Antioch

**RIDE:** AVA International Rally Holiday Valley, Epcotville, NY (712-15)



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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Don Medina, NCVV President

June and the warm summer sea breeze is coming on shore, the birds are chirping outside the bedroom window. Now the riding season will be in full swing. We have three members on a cross country trip as I write this: Diane Komoto, Gary Komoto and Fred Andrew.

Most NorCal Voyagers renewed their memberships. If you haven't renewed, get that money to Wayne Bright. This month was another good month for new members, we got four: Kirk & Holli Ehnisz and Hank & Gert Thompson. All are from the Sacramento area. Kirk and Holli ride a 1998 1200 Voyager and Hank and Gert ride a 2009 blue 1700 Voyager. All were in attendance at the last meeting, so let's give them a big welcome.

Dale Bird has had to resign his position with NorCal Voyagers. Dale will be living and working in the LA area for the next year. He hopes to be riding with the SoCal Voyagers. Yea, that's member Tom Chitwood's SoCal Voyagers Club that Dale will be riding with. Since we have Tom, Dale, Monte Faust and NorCal Voyagers former web guy Jim Tinlin down south, we should plan a joint club event down south in Oct or early Nov of 2010.

At the last meeting Sergeant At Arms Marvin Deatherage brought a few of the 1200 Voyager parts that Ray Walls had given him. We held a raffle with all proceeds going to the Club. Marvin will be bringing more parts to raffle at our future club meetings. Marvin told me that he is doing this so that we can get these parts moving through the club and that club members know that there are used parts here in Northern

California. Marvin will be doing this at meetings for the rest of the year.

June 5, 2010, the Susanville Ride has been canceled, lots of snow in the high country and no ride leader.

HSVROC Rally June 17 – 20, 2010, location Lake Topaz, NV. This is a free rally. If you have a "See the USA with the AVA" Passport you can earn 3 points. This will be the first one I attend. I look forward to meeting a bunch of new people. Trisha and I are riding up on the evening of June 18. We are taking CA 88 then CA 89, if your interested call or email.

June 25 – 27, 2010, we have a campout in Monterey at Veterans Memorial Park. I was asked if we meet somewhere and ride in together as a club. We haven't planned this because we all live in different parts of the great state of California. I will meet and ride in with anyone coming from the north, again just call or email.

The Ray Walls Classic & the Western Regional Rally will be combined this year. Here is a sample of the route. Start in Jackson, CA leaving on Saturday, W on 88 to 89 N past Lake Tahoe, Mount Lassen, stopping in Redding. Sunday we are heading on to Lava National Park, with Klamath Falls our stop on Sunday, trying to stay in the high country to stay cool. On the way home we will travel the coast Hwy 1 and Hwy 101. The days will be short so we can have many rest and vista stops with plenty of photo opportunities. This just one route idea, so send me your ideas. I would like to go slow and smell the flowers. This will be a two-lane roads tour. We will plan both motel and camping options for the overnight stops.

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## NCVC May Meeting

By Trisha Blue, NCVC Secretary

The meeting was held at Perko's in Manteca. Meeting was called to order by President Don Medina at 1138.

Members in attendance: Wayne Bright, Don Medina, Trisha Blue, John De Muri, Michele Smith, Tony Curtis, Hank & Gert Thompson, Holli & Kirk Ehnisz & Marvin Deatherage

A big welcome to new members Hank & Gert Thompson and Holli & Kirk Ehnisz.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Marvin Deatherage; seconded by Wayne Bright.

Treasurers Report: Read by Wayne Bright. Starting balance: \$4733.72. We took in \$40.00 for membership dues and \$339.60 for brake lines. Current balance: \$5113.32. Report approved by Marvin Deatherage; seconded by Kirk Ehnisz.

Activities report led Don Medina. Dale Bird has been transferred to LA for 1 year. He will stay a member, but will be active with the SoCal Voyagers Club. We had to cancel the Susanville ride due to weather.

The High Sierra VROK Rally is coming up June 17-20 at Lake Topaz Resort. This is a free rally; you just pay for your motel. The Ray Walls Classic this year will only be 1 week stopping at the Western Regional Rally Aug 24-26.

We are co-hosting the Western Regional Rally. We provide paper plates and plastic ware, we need 1 person to help with registration for 3 days and 1 person to judge and help organize the Show 'n' Shine. Registration is \$40 and you will need to pre-register.

The Sierra-to-the-Sea ride had 9 bikes and we had a great time. The Wildflower Triathlon motorcycle support had 4 bikes and was terrific.

Our next campout is in Monterey June 25-27 at Veterans Memorial Park.

The after-meeting ride July 31 will be to the Black Diamond Mine in Antioch where they get sand for Bell jars.

Old Business: Don is ordering more club nametags for \$7 each. We discussed logo t-shirts and polo shirts. We are reinstating the \$1 fine for not wearing something with a club logo at club events.

Sergeant-at-Arms Marvin brought in some used Voyager parts from Ray Walls that we raffled off.

Meeting was adjourned at 1250.

Submitted by Trisha Blue

## Sierra-to-the-Sea Ride

By Don Medina

Have you ever had an idea in your head that just keeps rolling around, you forget about it but it keeps coming back? Tony Curtis must have had one of those ideas about the Sierra to the Sea Ride. Tony talked to me about this very ride about a year ago and we tabled the idea until 2010. Tony and Gayle were our ride hosts for the weekend; they planned the ride, found the motels and restaurants, plus the wonderful rest stops.



Ride hosts Gail & Tony Curtis

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For all of you that don't live in the Bay Area you have no idea how hard it is to have to work on a Friday and then meet a group. Trisha got off work at 4pm and we took the back way to Livermore over the Dumbarton Bridge and through Niles Canyon into Livermore. What a short cut that turned out to be, one and a half hours to go 45 miles. In Livermore we stopped and got dinner; hoping to let traffic thin out. After eating and our double espressos, we got on 580 to Tracy in no time and then on I 5 north. As we passed Stockton the sun got into the twilight part of the day. There is nothing like being on the road on my motorcycle as the day ends. I give Trisha thumbs up and she answers with a flashing of her Trike's headlights telling me she's good. Soon there is just the thump, thump of the expansion joints of the Interstate and the tunnel of the headlight as we ride. The darker into the night we ride, the closer we get to the group waiting in Auburn. We finally arrive and there are motorcycles everywhere. We have prime parking in front of the office and under cover. Tony, Marvin Deatherage, Lee House, and Gayle with her granddaughter are all out kicking tires.



Roger, Bill, Marvin, Gail and Jim kicking tires in the garage

The motel that Tony and Gayle chose had a full breakfast where we are able to eat. Even Trisha with her gluten intolerance is able to eat a lot of what is available on the counter. We all gather down at the motorcycles. While we have a

riders meeting, Marvin is performing a safety inspection of all the motorcycles. Then we head out and go east on I 80 looking for the CA 20 & I 80 junction. We form a long line of motorcycles; Tony & Gayle, Rick, Trisha, me, Bill Burns, Jim Kramlich, Roger Allen, Marvin & Shirley and Lee House. We gain altitude until we are at 5,000 feet. I marvel at the fact that we've all come from sea level and now at 5,000 feet we have no drivability problems (Tony and Gayle live at altitude). We exit onto hwy 20 with some apprehension about sand on the road way, since it had snowed earlier in the week. With no one on the road Tony and Gayle lead us to the first rest stop, where we take a break kicking some tires.



Lee, Tony, Bill, Gail, Rich, Marvin, Shirley, Don, Jim & Roger

The road was clean of sand and the pace was perfect with all the turns and dropping in altitude, I had to use very little brake. Just easing off of the throttle in 4<sup>th</sup> gear was all that was needed. Tony leads us to a gas station since some need gas. After fueling we decide to break up into two groups. When we came into Grass Valley, there was a lot of traffic and a large group was hard to keep together. I lead the second group and as we dropped into the valley the road straightened and the temperature was getting hot. We arrive in Marysville and there was heavy traffic. With the smaller group, it was much easier to stay together. It was like this until after Yuba City. Once clear we just

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cruised along the valley, freshly plowed farm fields on either side of the road. There was a large mount or mountain to our right, which made me think of Wyoming.

We stopped in Williams for lunch at the world famous Granzella's. Trisha and I went looking for a taqueria, while the rest of the group settled in at Granzella's. After lunch we sit at a picnic table, enjoying the sunshine, warmth and club friendship. Someone pulls out a map, and we all cluster around the table and look at the rest of the route.



Bill Burns, Lee House, Trisha Blue, Tony Curtis and Jim Kramlich outside of Granzella's after lunch (Rich and Marvin Deatherage in background)

Jim Kramlich tells us that he has had enough riding for the day and he's heading home, Roger Allen tells Jim that he will ride home with him.

We head west on CA 20 to Clear Lake. After a few miles on the west end of the valley we began to gain altitude as we enter the eastern foothills of the coastal mountains. Before long we see the beginnings of Clear Lake on the left. CA 20 runs along the north shore of Clear Lake meaning that the pace is slow as we travel through small Clear Lake communities. We arrive in Nice and I see Tony turn into a Foster Freeze. After taking an ice cream break, we stand around Lee's shining HD and ask Lee about all the chrome.



Marvin & Shriley and Lee at Foster's Freeze

Onward we ride, we arrive in Willits we stop for fuel. I see everyone opening saddle bags and getting out cool weather gear. CA 20 takes us to the coast where we get to the Sea. Again we break up into two groups with Rich, Bill, Trisha and me in one group. The other group was Tony & Gayle, Marvin & Shirley and Lee House. Wow this is a winding road. We get to Ft Bragg and the motel, no problems with our group. The other group met up with a logging trucker that was in a big hurry. We had great stories to talk about while standing around the motel.

Marvin had his alternator go south. A heavy mist was coming down. Right across the parking lot was a Perko's, so some of us gathered for breakfast or coffee before we headed out in different directions to get home.



Tony, Lee, Gail, Marvin & Don after a satisfying breakfast

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Lee House has a lot of chrome to keep shiny!



New members Kirk & Holli Ehnisz ride a 1200 Voyager

## 2010 NCVV New Members



Don Medina, Trisha Blue, Enchanted Voyagers President and NCVV new member **Rod Westphal** (1700 Voyager), and Donald Medina Jr.



New members Gert & Hank Thompson ride a 1700 Voyager



John DeMuri, Don Medina and SoCal Voyagers President & NCVV new member **Tom Chitwood** who rides a 1200 Voyager



Wayne Bright, new member **Jerry Zimmerman** (rides a 1200 Voyager), and new members Kirk & Holli Ehnisz

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## Universal Motorcycle Riding Hand Signals



**Start your engines**



**Stop**



**Go ahead and pass me**



**Bikers ready**



**Hazards on the road**



**Don't pass me**



**Stop your engines**



**Turn off your turn signals**



**Single riding**



**Left turn**



**Slow down**



**Staggered riding**



**Right turn**



**Speed up**



**Time for a pit stop**

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## 2010 Club Events Calendar

<p><b>JAN 30</b> – Meeting: Manteca (11AM)</p>	<p><b>FEB</b> - VACANT</p>	<p><b>MAR 20-21</b> - <b>Morro Bay ride</b>, meet in Hollister on Friday</p> <p><b>MAR 27</b> - Meeting: Manteca (11AM)</p>
<p><b>APR 9-11</b> - <b>Campout: Basalt</b></p> <p><b>APR 17</b> - <b>Daffodil ride</b>, meet at Manteca Perko's</p> <p><b>APR 30</b> - <b>Wildflower Tri</b></p>	<p><b>MAY 01-02</b> - <b>Wildflower Tri</b></p> <p><b>MAY 14-16</b> <b>Sierra-to-the-Sea</b>, meet in Colfax, CA on Friday</p> <p><b>MAY 22</b> - Meeting: Manteca (11 AM)</p>	<p><b>JUN 4-6</b> - <b>Susanville ride</b>, meet Friday In Corning, CA</p> <p><b>JUN 25-27</b> - <b>Monterey Campout</b></p>
<p><b>JUL 3-23</b> - Don &amp; Trisha traveling for AVA Rally</p> <p><b>JUL 12-15</b> - <b>AVA Rally</b>, Holliday Valley, NY</p> <p><b>JUL 31</b> - Meeting: Manteca (11 AM) NCVC 10th birthday</p>	<p><b>AUG 20-31</b> - <b>Ray Walls Fall Classic Northwestern Tour</b></p> <p><b>AUG 24-26</b> - <b>Western Regional Rally</b>, Redmond OR</p>	<p><b>SEP 3</b> - <b>End of Ray Walls Fall Classic Northwestern Tour</b></p> <p><b>SEP 25</b> - Meeting: Manteca (11 AM) After-meeting ride to Fresno for Club picnic</p>
<p><b>OCT 23-24</b> - <b>Half Moon Bay Ride-In</b> (Campout)</p>	<p><b>NOV</b> - VACANT</p>	<p><b>DEC 10</b> - Meeting: Fresno (8 PM)</p> <p><b>DEC 11</b> - <b>Christmas Party Moose Lodge</b> Fresno (Start 1:30 PM)</p>



Bill Burns headin' home after a great weekend ride



Brian Coldicott at the 2009 photo shoot

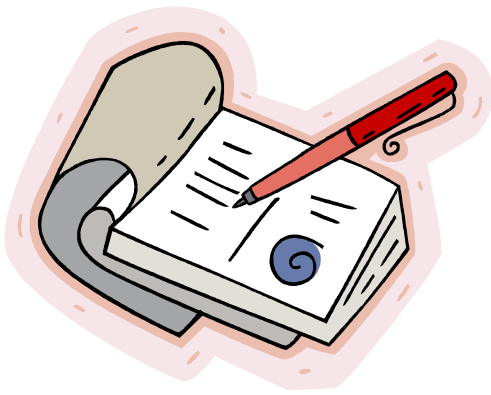
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### And finally...

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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