

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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Your Club 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...

CAMPOUT 3/18-20

Basalt Campgrounds at San Luis Reservoir

CLUB MEETING 3/26

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos



Next Month...

EVENT 4/16

Corbin Seat Factory Tour

CLUB MEETING 4/30

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos

{See the Web Site for details}

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Club Information/Business

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NCVV members; the monthly meeting was held on Saturday, Feb 26th. There were several items discussed, which you will read about in the minutes of this news letter. Some of the things that were covered will be duplicated here; so please bear with me on this one.

We first discussed the progress on ordering our new shirts. At this time we have them ordered and should have had them on the 25th, I called to see if I could pick them up and was told they were unable to get them out due to an equipment failure, which he promised me would be repaired on the 28th; so we should have them by the time you read this. I have also ordered new club flags; this bunch will be black with the club logo and will have a 1/4" sleeve in the back to allow you to slip the flag onto the flag pole, this should eliminate the problem of the flag sliding down the pole and bunching up. Also the AVA now has the flag poles for sale, which are normally around \$40.00; they have them for \$29.00 and are good fold down poles. I have two of them on my bike and just love them.

We also discussed a problem with our March meeting & camp out. Our camp out was set up for the 18th thru the 20th; than six days later we had our monthly meeting set up, which is Easter weekend. Since it is a long way for most everyone to ride for the meeting & the camp out both with in seven days of each other, it was decided to just hold the meeting at our camp out on the 19th. This will be at the Basalt State park/Camp grounds which is about 2 miles West of I-5 on hwy. 152. Take the basalt

turn off and go south for about 2.5 miles. There are two sections of the camp grounds. More than likely we will be in the first one you come to. We won't be hard to find. The meeting will be at 12:00pm + or - 15 to 20 minutes.

I also have an Itinerary set up for going to Durango in July and coming back home. Anyone who wants to go with me should start making reservations now. There are motel names, addresses & phone numbers listed. I don't want anyone to feel they are obligated to go with me. You are grown ups and know what you want to do. But the invitation is out there if you want to accept it. They will be here in the news letter for you viewing.

Also if you have any questions about any of our 2005 events we have scheduled, please contact Don Brubaker; he is your Activity's director and takes care of all of the events. Also if you have something you would like to share with the club and are willing to host it contact Don and he will see if we can get it on the schedule. I, am so used to doing everything myself, I am having trouble letting go of the reins. But we have other officers that are very capable of doing their jobs and I just have to train myself to turn loose and let them do it.

I would also like to remind you we have an over night event here in Fresno set up for June. We will be taking a ride up through Kings Canyon National Park, all the way back to Cedar Grove; which is the far Eastern edge of the Park. If you have never been there, you will find this a very good experience indeed. I personally feel that it's more awesome than Yosemite. The ride will

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be on a Saturday morning. That evening we will ride back to Fresno and have a nice dinner someplace where the food is good and the prices are reasonable. On Sunday morning we will have breakfast; and for those who are interested can tour the underground gardens. I will pick up a brochure and try to have it in the April news letter. For those that have never done this tour; you will be amazed what extremes some people will go to.

I have one more item to talk about; our membership. We finished up the year with 74 paid up members. We now have 52 paid up members. That means we lost 22 members this year. This also tells me we are doing something wrong. Or else we have a lot of procrastinators out there. It pains me to see this many members drop out at one time. I would very much appreciate if those of you who have dropped out would drop me a line and let me know why you dropped out. We will work diligently to rectify this situation. And if you ever wish to rejoin we would dearly love to have you back. I am very sorry to loose wonderful people like you.

Sincerely; Uncle Ray.

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Northern California Voyagers was held at the Woolgrowers Restaurant in Los Banos, California. The following members were present:

Ray Walls, President
Bob Joyner, Secretary
Fritz Wells
Dale Bird
Brian Coldicott
Don Brewbaker

Fred Andrew
Lee House
Bill Owens
Dennis Ellingson
Kevin Gilpatrick
Bill Burns
Richard Mack

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Walls at 12:46 PM.

Minutes from the January meeting were read by Secretary Bob Joyner.

Treasures report: The treasury report was read by Ray Walls who advised the members that the club treasury currently has a balance of \$1,832.17. Ray did not advise of any outstanding bills at this time.

Activities Report: The activities report was provided by Don Brewbaker. Don said he will start doing the 50/50 drawing again at the meetings. Don also said the Bylaws require a Safety Officer so he will be appointing one each month. The appointed person must come up with a safety item/theme and present it to the members. Fritz Wells was appointed for February; however, due to time constraints he was not able to present his items. Therefore, his safety items will be presented at the March meeting.

Don talked about the ride to the AVA annual event in Durango Colorado. Several questions were raised about the BBQ and train ride that is available in Durango. Don said anyone interested in going to the BBQ should make reservations, but be sure to reference to the AVA.

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Don reminded the people who are from the Sacramento area that there is a ride to Marysville in March.

Concern was raised about having the March event/campout in Los Banos on the 19th and returning on the 26th for the Club Meeting. Because the 26th is on Easter weekend, it was decided by all that, **the meeting will be held on the 19th at the Basalt Campground, in conjunction with the campout. The meeting will start at noon. If the weather is bad and the campout/event has to be cancelled, the meeting will still be held on the 19th but at the Woolgrowers Restaurant in Los Banos.**

Old business

Ray talked about the new clothing for the club. Brewbaker modeled one of the new tank tops (was that a sight to see!). Ray said they have been ordered and should be delivered the first part of March.

Dennis Ellingson ask about prices but Ray did not have the price list with him and will provide that information at a later date.

Ray ask if anyone would be interested in buying a reflective, light weight jacket. The idea got a cool reception from the members present because of the approximate \$60.00 price tag. The idea will be tabled until the next meeting.

Ray said the new club flags will be available soon. They will be black with stitching provided so they can be slipped over an antenna or flag pole. Don Brewbaker said the AVA web site has flag poles available for a reasonable price.

New business

Dennis Ellingson talked about the event he is sponsoring in September. He said as the event gets closer he needs to know how many are coming and if anyone is planning on bringing a RV so he can make room for them.

Brian Coldicott talked about brush/wind guards that protect your hands. He said he likes them and that they can be obtained from J.C. Whitney.

Bob Joyner gave away a new clear visor for a HJC HJ-07 helmet, Don Brewbaker took the prize.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30PM

Minutes prepared by Bob Joyner



WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

Did you know that you can get a flyer to print out and give to other interested individuals? That and lots more can be found at the NorCal Voyagers Web site. Take a stroll through the navigation buttons on the left side of the home page: <http://www.norcalvoyager.org> and be sure to check out the "What's New" page for recent changes.

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CAMPING – BASALT

This month, our club event will be camping at Basalt Campgrounds March 18-20, with a club meeting taking place on the 19th around 12 noon.

The campgrounds are located at the San Luis Reservoir, just west of Los Banos.

Bob Joyner is hosting the event and says he is planning a day ride for Saturday and a free spaghetti dinner, compliments of himself and Bob Lee. If you've ever gone camping with Bob and Bob, you'll know Bob Lee cooks up a real good dinner. It's not to be missed, and what tastes better than FREE?

Rain will cancel; let Bob know how many are attending.



TRIANGLE RALLEY

Please see attached Registration Form (*available on the web site at the 'Calendar' button, editor*) for the 2005 Triangle Gathering on June 10, 11, and 12, 2005. This is a non-sanctioned event with everyone responsible for their own safety and conduct. The Gem State Voyagers are arranging meals, a hosted scenic ride, and Saturday night big meal and entertainment, and since we reserved the site for the weekend (with a pre-paid deposit), we will be collecting the money for camping.

We have a lodge with fully equipped kitchen, gathering room with fireplace, restrooms, showers; lodge sleeping accommodations for 15; six cabins that sleep 10 each; and a campfire circle for activities (we might even be able to have Saturday night entertainment out there!). We have even arranged for Saturday night entertainment - The Danny O' Show - that we know you guys will love!

We hope all of you can make it. Please have your people register as early as possible to make this event a success!

Thanks,

Duane and Charlotte Ash
Gem State Voyagers

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 CAMPOUT: Basalt	19 CAMPOUT: Basalt / Mtg
20 CAMPOUT: Basalt	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

2005 Events Calendar

JAN – Death Valley Campout	FEB – VACANT	MAR – Basalt Campgrounds
APR – Corbin Seat Factory Tour	MAY – Cruise Clear Lake Queen	JUN – Cedar Grove/Fresno
JUL – AVA Rally Durango, CO	AUG – Washburn Campgrounds	SEP – Corning Ranch Campout
OCT – Death Valley Campout	NOV – VACANT	DEC – Christmas Party

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IS IT TIME TO CONSIDER THREE WHEEL COMFORT AND SAFETY?

Hello friends,

Pardon this intrusion as it concerns a personal issue. Do to a life style change that brings focus to our immediate family, we ask you assistance. We are selling Emily's Voyager XII Motor Trike. Perhaps it's time for you, or someone you know, to consider dependable three wheel comfort and increased safety for a modest price of \$11,500.

As many of you know, we are the original owners, purchasing the new cycle in 1993 and converting it to a trike in 1997. She (the bike) is still in flawless appearance and prime, worry free condition from fender to hitch (pulls a bunkhouse camper with 2 up cross country easily). She has 62,200 pampered miles and is loaded with most every accessory money can buy. It's also well known how we keep it clean and polished always ready for the next bike show! Recent additions are "power steering" by virtue of a modification to the fork that increased the rake by 5 degrees; and expanded passenger room with a 3 inch trunk extension. Extras are new Nolan full face helmets (S& XXL) with Air Rider audio components, service manuals, and various parts & gear. The original motorcycle, trike conversion, and accessory purchase documents as well as all maintenance records since day 1 are available. Those with serious interest in a closer look or wishing to take a test ride! You can contact us via e-mail dennis.beattie@att.net

Thank you for your continuing support and friendship,

Dennis and Emily



TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Don't forget to get the word out about our club, go to the following web link and print out the club brochure. Leave it at your favorite bike hangout or motorcycle shop: www.norcalvoyagers.org/brochure.pdf

ITINERARY FOR AVA RALLY FROM CA TO CO

NOTE THE MOTEL ROOMS IN FALLON NEV & DELTA Utah were reserved through cheaptickets.com. The motel room in Montrose Co was made by phone in person. This was cheaper than what cheap tickets could do for me. It is suggested that you make your reservations ASAP. Remember this is the travel season and all the little darlings are out of school & out on the road. We will be traveling US-50 all the way to Montrose Colorado.

Depart your homes and arrive in Fallon Nevada on the evening of 7-16-05. We will be staying at the ECONO Lodge @ 70E.

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Williams Ave. Fallon Nev. Phone= 1-800-553-2666.

0700, Depart Fallon for Delta Utah, a distance of 411.68 miles. Arrive in Delta around 5:00PM + or – one hour. Baring no trouble on the road. Phone = 1-435-864-3882. Address 527 Topaz blvd. This is the only motel in Delta.

0700, Depart Delta Utah for Montrose Colorado, a distance of 339.04 miles. Arrive in Montrose around 5:00PM providing we have no trouble. We will be staying at the Western Motel in Montrose. 1200 E Main St. Here I had to call the motel to make reservations. Cheap tickets didn't have them listed. Phone # is 1-970-249-3481. She only had 3 rooms left after I made my reservations. It would be advisable to move on this quickly.

7-19-05, 0700, Depart Montrose CO on hwy. 550 for Durango, a distance of 107 miles. Arrive around 0930.

Here is the return trip:

Day 1

Depart Durango at 0700 west bound on Hwy.160 to Hwy. 666 - NW on Hwy. 666 to Hwy 191, Hwy. 191 north to I-70, I-70 west to Salina. Pick up Hwy. 50 west bound to Delta Utah. Spend night in Delta. Distance 396 miles. We will be staying @ the same Best Western as before.

Day 2

Depart Delta @ 0700, take Hwy. 50 west bound to Fallon Nevada. Spend night in Fallon. A distance of 411 miles. We will be staying @ the same Echno Lodge as before

Day 3

Depart Fallon @ 0700 on Hwy. 50 to Carson City. Pick up US 395 in Carson

south to Minden NV. Pick up Hwy.88 west bound in Minden to Stockton CA. Pick up Hwy 99 south bound in Stockton to Fresno. A distance of 302 miles. We will be spending the night @ home.

If anyone can find a better way than either one of mine, please feel free to submit it to me. Also if you would rather go it alone, than feel free to do so.

- Ray Walls



CENTRAL/SOUTHERN CALIF. TO DURANGO

In case you are riding over from Central or Southern California, you may want to consider the following itinerary:

Day 1 (Saturday - 16 July)

Drive from your home and Meet in Laughlin, NV.

Cheap rooms can be had at any Casino.

Day 2 (Sunday 17 July)

Laughlin, NV to Flagstaff, AZ for Gas/Food. Total of 183 miles (about 3 hours).

Flagstaff, AZ to Gallup, NM for Daily Stop.

Total of 188 miles (about 3 hours).

Total drive today will be 371 miles.

Day 3 (Monday 18 July)

Gallup, NM to Durango, CO. Total of 169 miles (about 3 hours)

Jim Tinlin

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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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