

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

March 2006



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.csonline.net/cybersite/american.htm>

American Motorcycle Association (AMA)

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

This Month...

EVENT (NONE SCHEDULED)

None Scheduled

CLUB MEETING

Quarterly Meeting (March 25)
Diamond Springs Hotel, Diamond Springs Ca.



Next Month...

EVENT (NONE SCHEDULED)

None Scheduled

CLUB MEETING (NONE SCHEDULED)

{See the Web Site for details}

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello all. For some reason I thought February was in the middle of the winter; you know like down in the 40's & 50's in the day time and in the 30's at night. I must have dreamed that, because it's only been down in the 30's here in Fresno 4 days this winter; that I can remember.

February has come to an end and the March winds are supposed to clear up the air. Hopefully we will have a windless day over the weekend of the 25th. I'm really looking forward to seeing all you guys & gals again. It's been a long time.

Now that the weather is clearing up, it should be a nice weekend for a nice long overnight ride. I have chosen to stay at the National 9 Inn; hope most all of you will be staying there also. It will be nice to sit around and talk about things that come to mind. And OH yes; have a few beers too.

I had a call from a guy up in the Sacramento area a couple weeks ago, I wasn't here to take the call, but my wife said he found one of our old flyers and he wants to join the club. Betty didn't know what to tell him, but he said he would send his dues in anyway. Wayne has been out cruising the south pacific some where, so I don't know if we have received them or not. Hopefully he will.

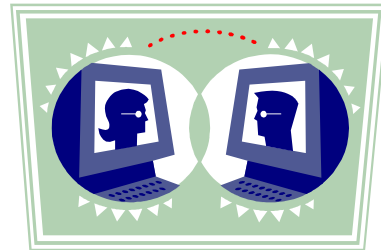
Haven't had any bad news yet this year from any of our members, so I guess they are all doing fine; let's hope so anyway. Good ole Brew has been very busy finding places to go and things to do. He has put out the itinerary for this year, but he has a

few dates to fill in, then we can publish it in its entirety.

Bob Joyner, Bob Lee, Sandy Joyner, Mike & Joyzella Cirner, Brew, Bill Owens (your distinguished Vice President), and Sandy's mom & dad (that's all I can remember being there) had a very nice camp out at San Simeon state park. Fred Andrew, Larry Kirkes & I rode over to meet them just north of King City & rode into Carmel for lunch. Larry had to return to Fresno so Fred & I rode down to San Simeon to meet the rest of the crew. Fred & I left them at about sundown heading back to Fresno; arriving there at 9:30 PM. From what I hear, it was a very nice camp out and we had a very nice 435 mile ride.

That's it for now, see all of you on the 24th or 25th.

Uncle Ray



A NEW FORUM

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Webmaster/Editor

As a result of a recommendation by a club member, I created a NorCal Voyagers member discussion forum. There is a service called "VoyForums" that hosts discussion boards on the internet for free (many of you already use the AVA and 1300 forums right now), so I used it for our forum.

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What is this forum you ask? Well, it's an internet site that allows running discussions on various topics. You are welcome to create your own or reply to an existing one. Right now it is an 'open' forum, which means anyone can enter the conversation/reply/query. What's nice about this forum is that you can visit as often as you like...catch up on the discussion, and add to it as you feel like it.

How do I get to this forum??? Just use this link in your browser and start reading:
<http://www.voy.com/201533/>

The forum will be presented to you with the newest message thread (grouping of discussions) first. Hopefully, when you get there you'll see the topics in 'blue' print, which means you haven't read them yet. Once you read them (I prefer to select a message to read it and then use my "Back" button to return to the forum for the next message) the color of the print turns to 'red' and you now know which one's you've read and which one's you haven't. If your browser doesn't do this, try hitting the 'Refresh' button periodically and it should re-draw the screen with the new colors.

This is a free service and I hope you enjoy it...we already have a bunch of conversations going on and it seems a great way for our membership to "get together" and shoot the breeze on the internet.



CLUB MEETINGS

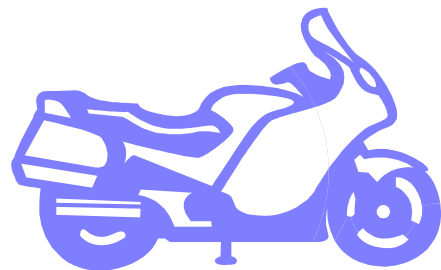
By Don Brubaker, NCVC Activities Director

We are now having quarterly meetings instead of a monthly meeting. The meeting places will alternate between the northern Sacramento area down to the Fresno area. If ya got a place in one of these areas that you would like to have one of our meetings in, give me a hoot. Otherwise you're gonna eat what I like to eat.

Our next meeting (Saturday March 25) will be held at the Diamond Springs Hotel / Restaurant. Diamond Springs is between the town of El Dorado and Placerville on Hwy 49. (Main St. and Hwy 49 are one and the same).

- Take Hwy 50 to Missouri Flat Road.
- Turn Right (south) onto MSF till it dead ends at Hwy 49.
- Turn Left onto Hwy 49. (east)
- The Diamond Springs Hotel will be a white building on your right side. (about a 1/2 mile down from turn)
- Parking is just pass the hotel on the east side.

Diamond Springs Hotel
545 Main Street
(916) 296-9109
Diamond Springs, Ca.
Ph.# (530) 621-1730



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2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

By Don Brewbaker, NCVS S.A.D.



Feb. 10th - 13th

Campout by Sandy & Bob Joyner at San Simeon State Park

March 25th

Meeting at Diamond Springs Hotel in Diamond Springs

April 7 - 9th

Campout by Sandy & Bob Joyner at Vets Park in Monterey

May 12 - 14

Doris Brubaker memorial campout at San Louis Reservoir / Basalt campground

June date TBD

Campout at Bootleg Campground (Hwy. 395) on the Walker River by Bob Lee & BJ at Walker Lake

June 24th

Meeting location TBD

July 8 - 10

Campout by Ray at Fort Ross

August 11 - 13

Campout by Ray at Grover Hot Springs

Sept. 9 - 17

Club ride (Hotels) to the Grand Canyon, Moab and the 4 corners

Oct. date TBD

Campout at Death Valley

Oct. 19 - 22

Laughlin Run to Fun rally in Laughlin, Nevada

Nov. * OPEN *

Dec. Date TBD

Xmas Party

FEBRUARY RIDE/CAMPOUT

By Bob Joyner, NCVS Secretary

The Club event was located at the San Simeon Campground on Highway 1, which is located just south of the town of San Simeon and Hearst Castle. For a quickly put together impromptu Club event, the turn out was quite good. The campout consisted of six members and two guests. On Saturday, Don Brewbaker, Bill Owens and Bob Joyner rode over to Highway 101, then on up to Greenfield where they met up with President, Ray Walls, Fred Andrew and Larry Kirkes, bringing the total event attendance to 11.



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Bob led the way over Carmel Valley Road to a great restaurant located in Carmel Village for lunch. For those of you that have not been on Carmel Valley Road, it is a beautiful two lane, sometimes one lane road that winds its way over the mountains to the Monterey coast line. It is perfect for the motorcyclist who likes the "twisties".

After lunch, Larry had to make his way back home, but Ray and Fred decided to take full advantage of the beautiful weather and ride down the coast line back to San Simeon with Don, Bill and Bob. Traffic was light for a Saturday and Highway 1 from Monterey to San Simeon can be one of the most beautiful rides in California. Scenery includes Carmel, Big Sur, Pacific Valley, the Piedras Blanca's point light house and Hearst Castle.

Ray and Fred stopped by the camp site for a cup of coffee and sat around the camp fire until almost dark. I don't think they wanted to leave! Anyway, it was a fantastic day of riding, sight seeing and overall camaraderie.



On Sunday, Don, Bill and Bob went on another ride into Cambria to look at "Nit Wit Ridge". This is a house built entirely of junk. It was built on a hillside by one man

who worked on it for over 51 years. He used everything from beer cans to automobile parts to rocks and abalone shells. He first started building the house in 1928. The house was featured on the TV show California Gold and is well worth a side trip to see. It was designated a California Landmark in the late 1980's. The house is still owned by the family and tours are available.

After leaving Cambria, the trio rode into Morro Bay and out to famous Morro Rock. The ride continued up the coast to Cayucos, then turned inland and went up Old Creek Road, a road which Don and Bill fell in love with. The ride continued through Templeton, lunch in Atascadero, a ride over Highway 41 then back up Highway 1 to the campground.

Sunday night we were joined by two new friends who rode in on BMW's. They were on a roundabout ride to Death Valley. They told us this was a shake down ride for a future trip to Alaska. One fellow was from Seattle, WA. and the other from Hamilton, Montana. They joined us around the camp fire and all enjoyed a relaxing evening. Monday was another beautiful day, but everyone had to pack up and head home.



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19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Club Meeting – Diamond Springs
26	27	28	29	30	31	

2006 Events Calendar

JAN – VACANT	FEB – San Simeon Campout (2/10-2/13)	MAR – Quarterly Club Meeting (3/25) Diamond Springs
APR – Monterey (4/7-4/9)	MAY – Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout San Luis Reservoir/Basalt (5/12-5/14)	JUN – Quarterly Club Meeting (6/24) Loc TBD Campout Bootleg/Walker River (TBD)
JUL – Campout Ft. Ross (7/8-7/10) AVA Rally at St. Ignace, Michigan	AUG – Campout Grover Hot Springs (8/11- 8/13)	SEP – Quarterly Club Meeting (9/223) Loc TBD Club Tour to Grand Canyon (9/9-9/17)
OCT – Campout Death Valley (TBD) Laughlin Run to Fun (10/19-10/22)	NOV – VACANT	DEC – Christmas Party (TBD)

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OTHER MOTORCYCLE STUFF

As the web site janitor and newsletter editor, I sometimes get 'interesting' solicitations from other motorcycle related organizations. The following information is not sponsored by the NorCal Voyagers but is provided for your interest, please check with them for details.



AVA INFO

Charlotte Ash, AVA Board of Directors

Before I get started, I would like to welcome John Maier, the new chapter president of the Minnesota Voyagers. WELCOME, JOHN!!! And Mike McGee, Board Director, who is also the new Sunshine Voyagers' chapter president (Florida). THANK YOU, MIKE, for taking on this added duty.

Dear Chapter Presidents:

Due to major printing scheduling going on for the AVA (new cover, roster, issue), and delays due to major advertisers, the Roster and March/April issues will NOT be printed until Monday. So, this is YOUR last chance to get ANYTHING into the issue (pics, articles, classified, changes in chapter info, chapter events, etc.) or to take advantage of advertising in the Roster (\$10 for a chapter ad).

We are confident you will like the new cover - inside and out - (inside front and back and outside back are sold to major advertisers) - it's more colorful and hopefully more representative of the Voyagers we all ride. The roster will be added to the March/April

issue, so it will be bulkier than usual and probably will NOT be in your mailboxes until the end of the first full week of March at the earliest.

FYI: Any picture or article printed on an AVA chapter website or newsletter is "free" for the taking for the cover, issues, roster, and any other publication for the specific use of the AVA unless it is protected, which would mean I could not copy it anyway (from a webpage). If you do not mean to have pictures or articles used, please do not make them public (e.g., newsletters or webpages).

There is a move on the AVA message board to help John and Cindy Ward. Homer Dawson has been heading up this movement and it is heartily supported by the board. After all, we are family. <sounds like a cool song!> Would all of you presidents like to "ok" a specific article asking for help for the Wards and/or for an AVA Special Fund supported by the chapters to help any AVA member(s) who is injured, disabled, or in need of one-time emergency funds?

Other AVA members have recently been injured in an accident (e.g., Don Borgese), or have had a serious illness sideline them from work and riding. This fund would have to be separate from all other AVA funds and appropriated by vote of the chapter presidents, and it would have to have specific guidelines set by all of you. The AVA Chapters could vote in an overseer to collect the funds and distribute them. It's just an idea, so let me know what you think about it.

Also, AVA publications (me!) would like to present a special "Member of the Year" award at the 17th international rally in St.

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Ignace, MI this summer. Would all of you PLEASE send me 'nominations' for this award, along with recommendations, reasons why, etc? Perhaps all of you could set guidelines for this as well.

Thanks, everyone, for all of your hard work on behalf of your chapter and the AVA. We met some bad news head on last fall and in spite of our initial fears, the AVA has remained strong - and has, in fact, grown! It could not happen without YOUR efforts. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Charlotte M. Ash - Editor: AVA Publications /
Voyagers' Voice AVA Board of Directors



NOR-CAL CYCLE SHOW / SWAP MEET

Received By Jim Tinlin, Editor

Topping Events presents the **Nor-Cal Cycle Show & Swap Meet** on Sunday **February 19, 2006** at the **Solano County Fairgrounds** in **Vallejo, CA**.
Motorcycles & Bicycles - buy/sell/trade -
new/used/vintage - parts/bikes/accessories -
American/European/Japanese - street/dirt/race

Please visit our website www.toppingevents.com or call 800 875-0068 for more information.

POKER RUN

Received By Ray Walls, President

United Bikers of Northern California
YUBA-SUTTER CHAPTER

"SOLDIER DOWN '06"

A Poker Run Benefiting
American Armed Forces Personnel

This year all proceeds will go toward providing international phone cards for overseas personnel, through the non-profit organization "Cell Phones for Soldiers".

March 11th, 2006

Sign-ins 10am to 12 noon -- **Eagles Nest Restaurant**
Corner of 9th and B streets in Marysville, California

\$15.00 per person or \$10.00 and an old cell phone with a battery
Rain or Shine -- All motorcycles and vehicles welcome

Run will end at the **Silver Dollar Saloon**
330 1st Street, Marysville, California

COLOR GUARD AND OPENING CEREMONIES AT 1:00PM
Live Music from 1:00 to 5:00pm - Food and drinks available

For more information, or to make a donation, call
Mojo at (530) 673-5595 or Jammin' Jim at (530) 675-1892
or go to: www.UBNCyubasutter.com

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WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO PUT OTHERS "FIRST" ARE REWARDED BY THEIR OWN ACTIONS

We maintain a bunch of motorcycle related web links on our web site. Just go to:

www.norcalvoyagers.org and click on the 'Web Links' button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a menu that lists a number of general groupings for web links. The one above is listed in the 'Clothing' section.

Feel free to pass along links to the webmaster that you feel would be helpful to other club members.

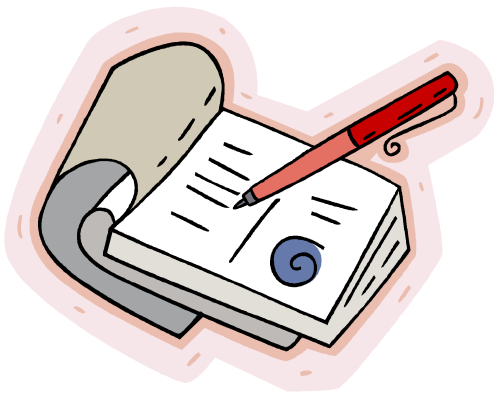
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The Last Page

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



NORCAL VOYAGERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Ray Walls
Vice-President	Bill Owens
Secretary	Bob Joyner
Treasurer	Wayne Bright
Activities Director	Don Brubaker
Referee	VACANT

If you have any questions about the club or would like to send some comments to the Board of Directors, please use the following e-mail addresses:

president@norcalvoyagers.org
vicepresident@norcalvoyagers.org
secretary@norcalvoyagers.org
treasurer@norcalvoyagers.org
tours@norcalvoyagers.org

Please use this Application Form to join the club

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:
Wayne Bright / 2149 Gibson Avenue (Louis, Ca. / 93611-0698