

# NorCal Voyagers 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 5/14

Cruise on Clear Lake Queen

### CLUB MEETING 5/28

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos



## Next Month...

### EVENT 6/10-12

Fresno to Cedar Grove tour.

### CLUB MEETING 6/25

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos

*{See the Web Site for details}*

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## Club Info and Activities

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good morning & a beautiful spring day to you all. As you all know we had our campout over the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> we had a tour of the Corbin motorcycle seat factory, plus our monthly meeting in the lunch room after the tour. I won't go into any details since there have been a couple of write ups on it. And then there are the minutes that were taken by our very own esteemed secretary, Bob Joyner.

I would like to bring up a couple of items from the past. Back in February when we found out the dates on the AVA rally, I sent out e-mails and a notice in the news letter asking for those who thought they may be going to the rally to contact me. I have been contacted by 4 members. I set up an itinerary to and from the rally and sent them out, still no replies. So I will assume there are no more members going or at least want to ride with us.

We were scheduled to meet in Fallon Nevada on the 7-16-05, some of the members that are going have expressed a desire to depart on the 15<sup>th</sup> and arrive on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I have as of today moved our arrival dates up one day, we will now arrive in Durango on the 18<sup>th</sup>, rather than the 19<sup>th</sup>.

For our May event we will take a cruise on the Clear Lake Queen on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our monthly meeting will be on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Woolgrowers in Los Banos, @ 12:00pm. Anyone wishing to order Tee shirts, caps, flags, club logos or polo shirts should call or E-mail me with an order of your desires; I will either bring them to the

meeting for you or mail them out to you. Also if there is any members out there that want to take the cruise and have not replied to Bryce's flyers. You can still get a ticket onboard the boat. If you have any questions, you can call Bryce @ 916-966-0273. It would be nice to see a big turn out on this one.

I picked up the flags last week; I decide since we couldn't even give the other one's away, I would only order 10 of each color. They are 8X10" and have a sleeve sewn into the front of the flag so you can slip it down over the flag pole: it's a nice snug fit & shouldn't slide up or down the pole. I only have 4 blacks & 8 blues left. I bought a little more expensive material this time, so the price has gone up to \$12.00 ea...

In order to place a new order for flags or shirts we need to have an order of at least 12 items. The more we order the cheaper they will be. I will insert an inventory of our clothing items with the hard mail news letter. The rest of you can check the club's web site. Remember now all the tee shirts have been marked down \$5.00. We don't have a very large inventory of the tees, or the polo's either for that matter. But I am reluctant to order a very large supply since not everyone seems to want to purchase a shirt. Those of you that have ordered & received your shirts, please send Duane Bright a check to cover clothing items & shipping charges. The charges were on the boxes.

That about covers everything I can think of at this time. See you all on the cruise.

*Sincerely; Uncle Ray.*

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## APRIL CLUB MEETING

Date: April 26, 2005

Subject: Minutes, April club meeting

The monthly meeting of the Northern California Voyagers was held at the Corbin Motorcycle Seat Factory, Hollister, California.

### Members

Ray Walls, President  
Bob Joyner, Secretary  
Don Brewbaker  
Doris Brewbaker  
Dennis Ellingson  
Brian Coldicott  
Ron Burton  
Monte Faust  
Fritz Wells  
Bob Lee  
Don Rochester  
Wayne Bright

### Attending guest:

Mike Cirner  
J. C. Cirner  
Gary Bright

### Members/guest attending event, but not at the meeting:

Sue Springfield     Mary Jo Brewbaker  
Linda Barber        Maggie Faust  
Fred Andrew         Rex Woodruff  
Dinette Woodruff   Dale Bird  
Pam Bird

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Walls at 1:23 PM.

Since there was not a meeting in March, minutes from the February meeting were read by Secretary Bob Joyner.

Treasures report: The treasury report was read by Wayne Bright who advised the members that the club is solvent and the treasury currently has a balance of

\$1,951.41. Wayne did not advise of any outstanding bills at this time.

Activities Report: The activities report was provided by Don Brewbaker. Don said since Ray forgot to bring the tickets for the 50/50 drawing, he will start doing the 50/50 drawing again at the next meeting. As a safety issue, Don talked about an article written by a MD who is also a motorcycle rider. The article discussed the problems of skin irritation, rash and pain as a result of long hot hours in the saddle.

Commonly referred to as, "Monkey Butt" the rash and irritation can be lessened by the type of clothes one wears and specific types of powders and/or lotions. For more information go to, [www.docflash.com](http://www.docflash.com).

Dennis Ellingson talked about his event in September and again ask that anyone planning on coming up in a large RV, contact him ahead of time so he can make room for parking.

### Old business

Questions were raised about the new polo shirts. Ray said to contact him and provide sizes and type of shirt requested.

The issue of reflective jackets that had been tabled at the February meeting was discussed. Due to the high price, the jacket issue has been dismissed.

In regards to the flags, Ray said he had contacted the vendor, but apparently there had been a death in the family and the flags were on back order. Ray expects to get them possible by Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## New business

Bob Joyner talked about the previously mandated club CB channel, designated as ch. 12. Bob said apparently it is being used by truck drivers as an alternate channel. This resulted in a large amount of radio traffic, not to mention the profanity used by some truck drivers. Several members in the group also said they have run across the same problem. It was voted unanimously to change the clubs designated channel to that of the AVA's, which is **Ch. 24**. This change is effective immediately and anyone with CB capabilities attending any club event shall monitor/use Ch 24.

The meeting adjourned at 1:49PM

Minutes prepared by Bob Joyner



## CAMPING – BASALT

The April event took place on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Basalt Campground, San Luis Reservoir State Park near Los Banos, California. Anxious to get underway, Ray Walls, Bob Joyner, Don and Doris Brewbaker showed up on the Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> along with Bob Joyner's guest, "JC" and Mike Cirner.

Not remembering who showed up when, I will just say others arrived Friday and Saturday. Ray, Don, Doris and Bob went on a ride Friday afternoon making the loop to Hollister by way of I-5 and Mercy Hot Springs. The weather was cool but beautiful, with plenty of wild flowers. A stop for lunch at Casa De Fruita, on the way back made for a great ride. Of course, Doris and Bob had to hit the candy shop before heading back to camp.

Several meals were provide by Bob Lee, JC, and Mike They included but were not limited to; a choice of chicken or pork Marcella(sp?), sautéed mushrooms, great salads, grilled zucchini, wine, beer, need I say more. This isn't including the pancake breakfast that was served. Saturday night was going to be a spaghetti feed, but thanks to Ray and Don and Doris Brewbaker, the spaghetti was replaced by juicy thick steaks and all the trimmings.

Bob Lee, JC and Mike did most of the cooking, although I think I saw Ray flip a steak or two. KP duty was performed by Don and BJ. Big campfires were on tap each night. Actually, everyone chipped in on the work, to make this one of the best campouts in a long time. The only task not concluded, was a request from Bob Lee to that of Don Brewbaker, as of this writing, Don had not made good on Bob's request. Maybe next time.

Saturday involved a ride to the Corbin Seat Factory in Hollister. A tour of the factory was set up by Fritz Wells. The tour was very interesting, even to a few of the non riders in the group. After the tour, everyone had lunch at the Corbin café and thanks to Fritz; the monthly meeting was also held there. Way to go Fritz! Several items

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were discussed at the meeting and are noted in the April minutes.

Between the campout, tour and meeting, 24 members showed up. Thanks to all for their participation. Refer to the minutes for the name of all participants.

Bob Joyner

## CAMPING – BASALT II

The Basalt camp out was a great success. I'm sure that BJ will list all participants. I am writing this to let you all know that you missed one of the best camp outs that Doris & I have ever attended.

And the food!! We have paid over \$30 a plate at restaurants for food that never came close to what we were served at this camp out. And the entertainment that BJ put on was priceless.....nuff said about that.

Everybody left Sunday but us and we had the campground to ourselves...almost. When I reached down to put more wood in the fire I touched a rattle snake that was under the log.

It's a good thing I carry Nitro with me....damn near needed it.

It was maybe 16" long and was starting its second rattle. It wouldn't go away. It just wanted to stay warm next to the fire pit. We set on the picnic table and it curled up under the grill attach to the pit.

The next morning it was gone but we had a good idea where it was.

It had curled up in the cover for our trailer after the fire pit cooled. Doris got a tent pool and was able to toss it into the trees. She

has been watching too much Jeff Corwin on TV because she wanted to pick it up at one point.

Doris and I would like to thank Bob Joyner and Ray Walls for putting on a wonderful camp out.

Your S.A.D,  
Brew

*To see these write-ups and pictures supplied by the kind folks that attended the campout, please take a look at our web page at [www.norcalvoyagers.org](http://www.norcalvoyagers.org) and click on the "Calendar" button to the left of the screen. When you get to the calendar, click on the date of the Campout (April) and it'll take you to the event page. Special thanks to Brew and Bob for sending in the write-ups and taking pictures...ed.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 EVENT: Cruise Clear Lake Queen
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 MEETING: Los Banos 12:00
29	30	31				

### 2005 Events Calendar

JAN – Death Valley Campout	FEB – <b>VACANT</b>	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 – <b>VACANT</b>	DEC – Christmas Party

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## OTHER EVENTS

If you are planning on riding to the AVA Rally in Durango this year, we have mapped a travel plans in case you wanted to ride with a group.

Contact **Ray Walls** if you are interested in joining the group for the trip from Northern California and **Jim Tinlin** from Southern California.

### Itinerary for AVA Rally from Northern California to Colorado:

NOTE: The Motel rooms in Fallon, Nevada & Delta, Utah were reserved through cheaptickets.com. The motel room in Montrose, Colorado 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 7-15-05. We will be staying at the ECONO Lodge @ 70E. Williams Ave. Fallon, Nevada. Phone= 1-800-553-2666.

7-16-05 0700, Depart Fallon for Delta, Utah, a distance of 411.68 miles. Arrive in Delta around 5:00PM + or - one hour, barring no trouble on the road. Phone = 1-435-864-3882. Address 527 Topaz blvd. This is the only motel in Delta.

7-17-05 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 Best 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.

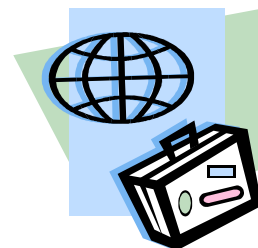
7-19-05 0700, Depart Montrose, CO on Hwy. 550 for Durango, a distance of 107 miles. Arrive around 0930.

### Itinerary for AVA Rally Back to Northern California from Colorado:

Day 1, Depart Durango @ 0700 west bound on Hwy. 160 to Hwy. 666. Travel NW on Hwy. 666 to Hwy. 191. Take 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 Econolodge as before.

Day 3, Depart Fallon @ 0700, take 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.



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## Itinerary for AVA Rally from Southern California to Colorado:

Drive from your home and Meet in (or points in between) Laughlin, NV.

Day 1 (Sunday - 17 July) 0800, depart Laughlin, NV for Flagstaff, AZ for Gas/Lunch, a distance of 183 miles (about 3.5 hours).

Depart from Flagstaff, AZ after lunch and travel to Gallup, NM for our daily stop, a distance of 188 miles (about 3 hours). Total drive (from Laughlin) will be 371 miles.

Day 2 (Monday 18 July) 0800, depart Gallup, NM for Durango, CO for a distance of 169 miles (about 3 hours).

## Itinerary for AVA Rally Back to Southern California from Colorado:

Day 1 (Friday 22 July) 0800, leave Durango, CO and arrive in Gallup, NM for a distance of 169 miles (about 3 hours) for Gas/Lunch.

Leave Gallup, NM for Flagstaff, AZ for our daily stop, a distance of 188 miles (about 3.5 hours). Total distance for the day will be about 357 miles.

Day 2 (Saturday 23 July) 0800, depart Flagstaff, AZ for Laughlin, NV or Needles, CA for Gas/Lunch, a distance of 183 miles (about 3.5 hours). Depart Laughlin/Needles for our own homes.

Jim Tinlin

## NORCAL VOYAGERS FLAGS

Hi guys.

Here's a picture of our new flags. They are made of a light weight material and sewn inside out to keep them from unraveling. We have a sleeve sewn in the end to allow for mounting on the flag poles. They are 8"x10" up to the sleeve, or 8"x11" counting the sleeve.

I don't have a price on them just yet. But I'm sure they will run around \$15.00 + or - a dollar or two. Right now I have 6 black & 9 blue. I only ordered 10 of each; since the other ones didn't sell well.

Cheers. **Uncle RAY**



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## NON CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

Greetings, We would like to invite you to be a part of our upcoming show fathers day weekend June 18/19/2005 in the San Francisco north bay area, we have a great show planned, and would like your club to join us.

The show we have in store for you will not only feature custom bikes to tempt and titillate; we are also planning to have a number of factory bikes, ATV's, Drags, Metric Cruisers, American made V-Twins, Sport and Dirt bikes on display as well. There will also be an appearance by B.A.D.D. (Bikers Against Drunk Drivers) who will be bringing with them motorcycles donated by famous celebrities that will be part of a national raffle taking place in March 2006. Everyone in attendance will have a chance to enter to win one of these one-of-a-kind customized celebrity motorcycles. The winning tickets will be drawn at the world famous Rats Hole Custom Bike Show during Bike Week 2006, Daytona Beach, Florida (You don't need to be present to win!).

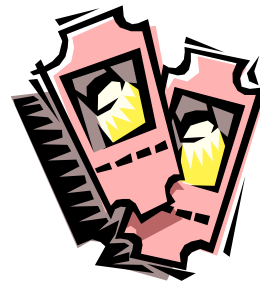
Also making an appearance at the show will be Sean Gibbs, owner of Santa Rosa-based Wild West Choppers. Gibbs, who has appeared on The Discovery Channel's hit show, *Monster Garage*, will be bringing along "Dorothy," a red moto-masterpiece with Mirra Chrome flames that won the Performance Machine Best of Show award at the L.A. Calendar show this past July and is also featured in the April 2005 issue of Easy Riders magazine.

Other special guests who will be appearing at the North Bay Motorcycle Show and Sale

include the "Purrfect Angelz," a show troupe that performs at almost every biker event in the country. The ladies will be strutting their stuff both days. In between sets the Angelz will be selling and signing calendars and Polaroid pictures at their booth.

Two bands will be providing musical entertainment. First up is the "Unauthorized Rolling Stones," who call themselves the "World's Greatest Tribune Band" to the (self-proclaimed) "World's Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band." And with good reason. These Mick, Keith, Ronny, Bill and Charlie impersonators have honed their skills to the point that many who see them for the first time have difficulty telling if they are imposters or the real deal. Well, they are imposters, but their playing and performing is the REAL deal.

Also on the bill will be a Bay Area favorite blues jam band - The Mystery Cats! The Mystery cats is the leading jam blues band in San Francisco dedicated to the music of Jerry Garcia and of other great San Francisco bands including Electric Flag, Santana, Youngbloods, Quicksilver and Mike Bloomfield. They bring an infectious rock-blues sound that drives you to boogie away your day and features veterans of the San Francisco music scene. Please visit our site for more info on exhibitor booth space and registration forms at [www.northbaybikeshow.com](http://www.northbaybikeshow.com).



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*RWC (Rebels With a Cause)*  
**Cinco de Mayo  
Motorcycle FIESTA!**



Starting 5 P.M. May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Eagle's Nest  
Lounge

3681 Elkorn Rd. North Highlands

\$15. Includes all ya can eat Mexican buffet,  
pin and 10 raffle tickets!

Vendors welcome!

Great drink specials and blue ribbons  
available...

916-628-3180 or [prpersonfromhell@juno.com](mailto:prpersonfromhell@juno.com)

[www.rebelswithacause.us](http://www.rebelswithacause.us)



Join Rebels With A Cause (RWC)

## Rebel Ride & Rally 2005

A Day Long Parade Of Patriots  
Including departure of the Capital  
To Capital Ride Across America

At Harley-Davidson Of  
Sacramento

Sunday May 22, 2005

Opening ceremonies start at 9 A.M.

Day long festivities include live music,  
food, vendors, contests and MORE!

Capital To Capital Ride Across America  
departs at 10 A.M.

\$10. Donation includes t-shirt, rally pin  
and 10 raffle tickets while supplies last!

Proceeds benefit Rebels With A Cause  
(RWC)

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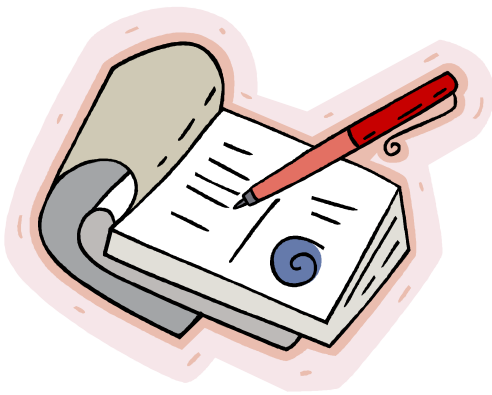
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### And finally...

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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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 [ ]

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