

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

May 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...

CLUB EVENT (May 12-14)

Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout, San Luis Reservoir / Basalt Campgrounds.

CLUB MEETING (May 20)

Watsonville, Ca.



Next Month...

CLUB EVENT (June 16-18)

Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout, San Luis Reservoir / Basalt Campgrounds.

{See the Newsletter for details}

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC members & friends. Here it is the month of May already and it is beginning to look like we have slipped into a permanent winter weather pattern. Cold & wet, wet & cold I think I have actually seen real sunshine about 4 days this year. But the weather man said today that it would be clearing up in a couple of days, than we can stand by for some real summer like weather. Here in Fresno that means anywhere from 90 deg up to 110 deg. Well let's just hope we have a few days that's in the 70 & 80 deg range.

Other than bad weather, nothing of any importance has been going on, Don & Monty did the April campout all by them selves. The rest of us chickened out due to the rain possibilities for that weekend.

Fred and I did venture out on Saturday and rode over to visit with them. Monty had to go home early, his wife was sick and he didn't want to leave her there by her self. Monty; you're a good man.

Our May campout is still on and still on the same dates, but the meeting has been changed from the 27th back to the 20th. Someone finally realized the 27th was the start of the Memorial Weekend. I knew we didn't want to mess with anyone's holiday time, so we moved it back. All the information you will need on it is in this copy of your news letter. While I'm on this subject, I would like for all of those members that plan on making the May meeting to please contact Fritz Wells. He is setting up the meeting place and they need a head count for menu purposes.

For those of you who are not aware of it yet; Don has purchased a new motorcycle, A 2006 Gold wing. I'm not aware of the color of it but I have heard rumors that he has one of those purple people eaters carried over from the early 50's. I'm sure we will all get to see it at the meeting. I have a feeling he is going to look real weird on the GL after seeing him on the Voyager for so long.

But I'm also pretty sure he will still be the same ole Don he has been for the past 100 years.

Our membership is back up to a big 50 count again, we loose a couple than we gain a couple here and there, so I guess we can say we are holding our own. I know there are a lot more Voyager owners out there and we just need to find them and recruit them. Twist their arms if necessary but don't break it. I found out it's very hard to ride with a broken arm and painful too. I can't think of anything else to ramble on about so I will close this down before I think of something else. Ride safe.

Uncle Ray

NEXT CLUB MEETING

May 20, 2006

Meeting place: California Grill Restaurant
1970 Freedom Blvd.
Freedom, Calif.
95019
831-722-8052

Meeting time: 12:00 NOON

We need a head count for Lunch.
If there is a large turn out like the last meeting, the restaurant owner asked that

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we order from a pre-selected menu (Chicken Plate; Steak; or Pasta). I will find out more about the menu in the next couple of days and post it. The reason for the planned menu is so they will have enough food and to make sure everyone gets their food at the same time.

ALSO, if there is anyone for some reason that just can't eat from the pre-selected menu and wants something else, the owner said it would not be a problem. It's just easier for a large group to order from a fixed menu. I think the food is great. I eat there all the time.

NOTE: After lunch, for those interested, I plan to lead a short ride to a great pie place for a great piece of pie and Ice cream. :O) Also, weather permitting, for those staying over till Sunday, I thought about taking a ride up to Alice's restaurant off of Hwy 1, half way between Santa Cruz and Half Moon Bay. It's a great ride. Great place for lunch. From there, everyone can go their own way home for stay over another night. Hopefully it will be nice weather for a ride.
Fritz Wells

Note: Two motels I like the best and give you both the high end and low end. The Holiday Inn Express is a VERY nice place. If I had the \$\$\$, I would most certainly stay there. The other one that looks to be a good place and a good price is National 9 motel. It's on the corner of Freedom Blvd and Main St. Both places are close to FOOD. Holiday Inn is right next door to two bike Dealers. BMW and YAMAHA :O)

MOTELS

Motel 6 (next to Hwy 1)
126 Silver Leaf Dr
Watsonville, CA
831-728-4144
\$82 single
\$88 double

Comfort Inn (across from restaurant for club meeting)
112 Airport Blvd.
Freedom, CA
\$144 single
\$160 double

Best Value Inn (covered parking)
781 Freedom Blvd.
Watsonville, CA
95076
1 person \$69
2 person \$89
831-724-2181

National 9 (Swimming Pool)
1 Western Dr. (corner of Main St. and Freedom Blvd.)
Watsonville, CA
95076
1 person \$77
2 persons \$88
831-724-1116

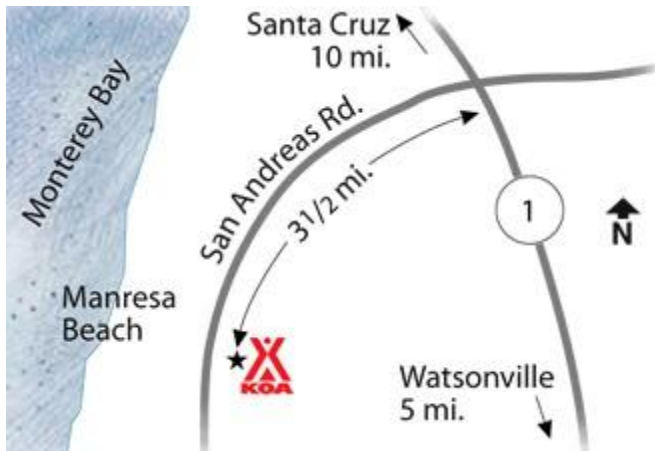
Holiday Inn Express (next to BMW :O)
1855 Main St.
Watsonville, CA
95076
1 person \$102
2 persons \$112
831-728-3600

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This is a good camp ground, just about 5 miles from Watsonville. It's a real nice place. One should call for info about motorcycle campers. Some places don't like 'em but I do believe this place does.

Santa Cruz / Monterey Bay KOA
1186 San Andreas Road
La Selva Beach, CA 95076
Information: (831) 722-0551
Fax: (831) 722-0989
Email: santacruz@koa.net
Reserve Online Now!
Or By Phone: (800) 562-7701



THIS MONTH'S EVENT

May 12-14, 2006

This month we will have our club campout at the Basalt Campgrounds (San Luis Reservoir, just west of Lost Banos).

This campout is the NorCal Voyagers Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout.

San Luis Reservoir is located on Highway 152, just off Interstate 5. Then go west to the Basalt Campgrounds.

Hope to see all members there!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Campout - Basalt	13 Campout - Basalt
14 Campout - Basalt	15	16	17	18	19	20 Club Meeting - Watsonville
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2006 Club Events Calendar

JAN – VACANT	FEB – San Simeon Campout (2/10-2/13)	MAR – VACANT
APR – San Lorenzo County Campground in King City (4/7-4/9)	MAY – Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout at San Luis Reservoir / Basalt (5/12-5/14)	JUN – 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 – 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.

AUTO CLUTCH?

From Ray Walls, NCVC President

Ray had an interesting e-mail conversation with someone that is designing automatic clutches for motorcycles, and I thought I'd add it to the newsletter in case any of the members are interested:

From Ray:

Hello Garry. I am interested in your auto clutch. I have a Kawasaki Voyager 1200, and I'm hitting the big 70 this year and I have noticed here in the past couple of years that my response time & coordination is getting out of whack. I thought something like this might somewhat help. I also pull a pop up camp trailer that weighs in around 400lbs when loaded. Now do you make one of these clutches that will work on my Voyager?

Thanks for any assistance you can give me.

From Gary:

Give me a couple days to research your bike. Also, I might need the year also. I need to look at the fish on how the clutch is in your bike.

From Ray:

The Voyagers were all the same from 1986 through 2003 when they quit making them. I think the only change they made on them

was the color & in 1994 they changed the front forks a little.

From Garry:

It looks like a normal clutch, it looks like there are some well they call it sound arrester. I will need the complete clutch assembly, send me the side cover also with those insulator plates in there. Give me a couple weeks to do it,

Thanks for the interest.

Price is 695.00.

The reason I ask for the cover, is incase I need to get a spacer made for it, but it looks like with those extra insulator plates they have in there I can do it without it.

Garry

EFM INC.

330 947 1700 EST

From Ray:

Thanks for the information. Although I would love to have one, I'm afraid the price is a little out of my range. Living on a fixed income kind of puts a damper on my toy buying. But I will hang onto this information and if I can ever come up with that kind of money I will certainly purchase one. Since we have a web site and if you would like to advertise on it, we can place you there as a link and it's free.

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.

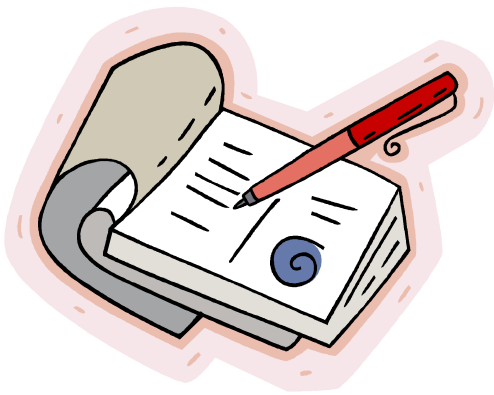
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The Last Page

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



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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