

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/>

Next Month...

GRAND TOUR 2004 -

The NorCal Voyagers Grand Tour 2004 will kick off January 1st. This is a way to enjoy your riding experience by photographing locations you've been to and submitting them on October 31.

The theme of the Grand Tour is to find **Fire Stations** in towns around your home state and take pictures of you and your bike in front of them. The trick is to get pictures of towns that start with the letters:

*NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VOYAGERS
CLUB*

For more details on this fun event, go to the club website and see the official rules and entry forms.

IBMC DEATH VALLEY CAMPOUT -

January 9-10, IBMC is sponsoring a Campout in Death Valley, California. Use the Internet to go to their web site at <http://www.ibmc.org/camps.htm> for more details.

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A Message From the President

HELLO NCVC MEMBERS & FRIENDS.

Well, What can I say, our November event was rained out, so we went for option #2, which was a meeting at the café Orleans In Modesto.

Several topics were discussed, one being the Christmas party to be held at Bob & Sandy Joyner's home in Templeton. A map will be posted on our web site giving you directions to their home. (You can find it by clicking on the 'Calendar' button and then click on the date for the Christmas Party – Ed.)

Bob is working on some entertainment for us, plus we will have the usual gift exchange that we have every Christmas. A reminder, the gift should be for male or female and valued at \$20.00 or less.

We talked about the up coming Western Regional Ride In to be held in June of next year. It was decided that we don't have enough participation from our club members or enough cash in our treasury to support an event like this, nor do we have enough time for planning. It was decided by a unanimous vote to hold off on this project until 2005. This will give us time to gain more members and raise some much needed cash. This matter will be brought back to the table sometime in 2004 for farther discussion. So as of now there will not be a WRR in 2004.

Our next schedule meeting will be at the café Orleans in February 2004, I will reserve a date and post it on the web site and the newsletter.

This about covers everything that I need to talk about right now, The minutes of this meeting are here in the news letter and on the web for your viewing pleasure.

Hope to see a lot of you at the Christmas party on December the 6th. Drive & ride carefully over the holidays we don't want to

lose any of you. Those that won't be coming to the Christmas party I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a most wonderful new year.

Love to U all

Uncle Ray – President NorCal Voyagers



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have a Christmas party scheduled for December 6th at Bob and Sandy Joyner's house. To get more info about the part, go to the club web site, and click on the "Calendar" button, then scroll down to December. There are a couple of maps there and directions to Bob and Sandy's house.

For those of you that intend on coming, please bring the usual gift for no more than \$20.00 that can be either male or female friendly. Please have it wrapped. Also you should let Bob know you are coming, just send him an E-mail and let him know, this way he can save it to incoming mail and have a record of who's coming.



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NorCal Voyagers Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Northern California Voyagers was held at the Café Orleans in Modesto, California. President Ray Walls called the meeting to order at 12:40pm. The following members were present:

Ray Walls, President
Don Brubaker, Vice-President/Activities Director
Bob Joyner, Secretary
Bob Webb
Bob Lee
Wayne Bright, Treasurer
Bryce Eichholz
George Rogers
Susanne Rogers
Bill Owens
Fred Andrew

Old Business

Treasures report: Wayne Bright advised all members that the treasury currently has a balance of \$976.34. No outstanding bills on record.

Activities Report: Don Brubaker reminded everyone about the up-coming ride to Death Valley with the IBMC. The date is in January and will be posted on the web site shortly.

2003 Christmas Party

This years Christmas Party will be held on December 6th, 2003, at Bob Joyner's house in Templeton, California. The time will be 5pm. Anyone planning to attend should contact Bob Joyner for directions to his residence.

2004 Events

Bob Webb and Bryce Eichholz said they would set up another "Grand Tour" for 2004.

The event schedule for 2004 was also discussed. All months except September through November have been tentatively scheduled and a calendar will be posted on the web site shortly.

New business

Elections of new board members for 2004 were held. The following posts were filled:

President: Ray Walls
Vice President: Bob Webb
Treasurer: Wayne Bright
Secretary: Bob Joyner
Activities Director: open

The most significant discussion of the meeting was over the proposed sponsoring of the Western Regional Ride-in. President Walls said the club would have to commit club funds by Monday (11-17-03), to secure the event venue. This would drain the treasury of the entire funds.

After careful consideration and discussion, it was determined by the majority of the members, that the club was not adequately prepared at this time. Therefore, the event was cancelled. However, everyone was in favor of the proposal and suggested we undertake the event in 2005. It was felt this would give the club time to do more research and establish a committee to coordinate all the details along with the pro's and con's associated with putting on an event of this magnitude.

The next scheduled meeting will be held in February.

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Member Input and Jokes

BOB WEBB

George Rogers has a NEW Stock CB installed on his Voyager. Bob Webb and George installed in October. George wasn't happy with the external one he had on his bike and just happened to get lucky and find a NEW, used very little, one for \$600.00. Yes, there are STILL some CB's out there. It is working excellent.

For those of you that made the 3 Bridges tour (*October 4 – Bay Area Ride editor*), I want to say that I'm sorry for not being able to hear you with my CB. Yep, I could talk BUT I couldn't receive. WELL, I now have a NEW headset and I can transmit and RECEIVE!!!! We checked it when we got George's CB working and it worked just fine. So now I can HEAR you on my CB when you are talking. This does have one disadvantage though, now I have to listen to all the truckers that hop onto channel 12 and blast us out.

BILL OWENS

I made a trip to Texas last month. I wrote a story about the trip to send to my kids and some co-workers. If you think the membership would be interested, please use the story on our web site as you see fit. (I put Bill's entire story, including wonderful pictures, on our web site. Click on the 'Events' button and look for "Bill Owens Ride" for all the details - editor).

INTERNET JOKE OF THE MONTH

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a motorcycle, when he spotted a world-famous heart surgeon in his shop. The heart surgeon was waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. My job is a lot like yours, I can open it up, take valves out, fix 'em, put in new parts and when I finish, this will work just like a new one. So how come I get a pittance and you get the really big money, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it while it's running!"

JIM TINLIN

This issue is a combination of November and December issues of the NorCal Voyagers Newsletter. The holidays kinda make the last 2 months of the year run together, so I decided to take the newsletter the same way.

I expect to put out the next issue in January, look for it then!

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God Bless America Tour 2004

From the Arkansas Regional Voyager Club

All American Voyager Association Chapters, GTOC Chapters, and other interested riders are invited to participate in a national fun run to raise money for charity. Grand tours are the perfect organized event for groups or independent-minded motorcyclists. They encourage you to ride to selected sites, on your own schedule, when you want, where you want, and with whom you want. Earn credit for each site you visit and verify your ride by taking a photo at the site. The photo must contain a portion of your cycle and an object that identifies this as a 2004 tour. The object will be included in your rules packet.

The "God Bless America" tour begins January 1 and ends September 1. The entry/donation fee is \$10 per participant. Send your check payable to Dennis Beattie 126 Rose St. Hot Springs, AR 71901 and you will receive the Official Rules Packet. Note on your check your AVA or GTOC chapter, or if you represent another motorcycle club, or are riding on your own. All money collected, less 5 awards, will be donated to pediatric cancer research.

The sites for 2004 are county names that start with each letter in GOD BLESS AMERICA. Take 15 photos of 15 county names. Use a Rand McNally 2004 road atlas to determine the population of each county. The 4 participants who have the lowest population total will be presented an award at the Arkansas Regional Voyagers Homecoming Rally. Winners need not be

present. Pick one of your 15 photos (any size county) as the "most unusual". It will be put on display at the ARV rally registration booth where attendees will vote for the best one. The people's choice of the most unusual county photo will receive an award. Look for updates, status reports, and articles in each issue of the AVA Newsletter, the ARV Newsletter and on the Arkansas Regional Voyagers web site:

www.ArkansasRegionalVoyagers.org

It will be published in the next issue of Kawasaki's GTOC Roads magazine.

Official Rules God Bless America (GBA) Grand Tour 2004

1. Starts January 1. Ends September 1. Photos must be received by September 6 and will be returned if you provide a SASE.
2. Entry fee is \$10 per cycle. Make your check payable to Dennis Beattie 126 Rose St. Hot Springs, AR 71901. Note for GBA and your AVA Chapter, GTOC Chapter, other cycle club, or independent rider.
3. Take a picture of your motorcycle or any portion of it at any location that also includes a county name in the photo. The name must be readable. Anything else in the photo is optional.

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4. Your photos must include an item that will be mailed to you upon receipt of your entry fee.
5. The county name must start with one of 15 letters in "GOD BLESS AMERICA". The name can only be used once. Collect all 15.
6. Use a Rand McNally 2004 Road Atlas to determine each county population. Use a score sheet for the names, and populations. Add up the 15 populations and mark TOTAL.
7. The 4 participants who have the lowest total population will be declared winners and will receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place CASH awards. They will be announced at the Arkansas Regional Voyagers Homecoming Rally Sept. 24-26. Winners need not be present.
8. Select 1 of your 15 photos as the MOST UNUSUAL. It will be on display at the ARV Rally where attendees will mark a ballot with their choice for a special award.
9. All money, less 20% for the 4 cash awards, will be donated to pediatric cancer. It will be matched 4 times by the University of Oklahoma Medical Sciences Center.
10. Status reports, group and individual participation and anecdotal comments received via postal or e-mail ddbbeat@juno.com may be published on the www.ArkansasRegionalVoyagers.org web site, the Arkansas Regional Voyager monthly Newsletter, the American Voyager Association's international bimonthly magazine, or quarterly in Kawasaki's Roads magazine.
11. The Tour will be posted on www.lets-ride.com where events are listed by location. Look under Arkansas.

Tamale Pie

(From ShadowRiders.org)

6 cups boiling water
2 cups cornmeal
2 tbl cooking fat
1 pound hamburger
1 chopped onion
1 chopped green pepper
2 cups canned tomatoes w/juice
1 can drained corn
1 Tblsp red chili powder, (I use 5 Tblsp or more--hot if you like it).
1/2 tsp oregano
1 can black olives, drained
2 cloves of minced garlic
salt and pepper to taste

Sift cornmeal slowly into rapidly boiling salted water, stirring constantly, for 15 minutes.

Brown hamburger, garlic, onion, and green pepper in hot fat. Add tomatoes, corn, chili powder, salt, pepper, and oregano. Simmer 10 minutes.

Fill well-oiled baking pan with one layer of cornmeal mush, then a layer of meat mixture, and a top layer of cornmeal, and push in olives on top.

Bake in 400-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serve HOT! (With Tecate Lager Beer, Lime and Salt on top).

Recipe from Juanita, posted on www.shadowriders.org and on the Voyager e-mail list from micapeak.com.



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Member Events and Calendar

And finally...

2003 Grand Tour Finishers will be award a special certificate of completion at the Christmas Party with a MOST OUT OF STATE award going to J.Wayne Bright. He had 20 out of State Pictures out of 30 possible.

The other finishers were:

- James Kramlich (excellent pictures)
- Ray Walls (very TINY Pictures) almost didn't meet the rules BUT we felt sorry for Uncle Ray and gave it to him anyway.(One picture was a road sign POINTING to a Town!)
- J.Wayne Bright (another excellent folder)
- Bob Webb (I found places I didn't know existed until I rode in to them with Bryce, who I have to thank VERY MUCH for being the Brains behind our GRAND TOUR and an EXCELLENT GUIDE).

CALENDAR/EVENTS

Dec 2: Happy Birthday Jim Tinlin

Dec 6: NorCal Voyagers Christmas Party

Dec 10: Happy Birthday Bach Fleming

Dec 13: Nevada County Toy Run

Dec 25: Happy Birthday Jim Kramlich and Merry Christmas to ALL!

Dec 27: Happy Birthday Deborah Casner

Thanks to You!

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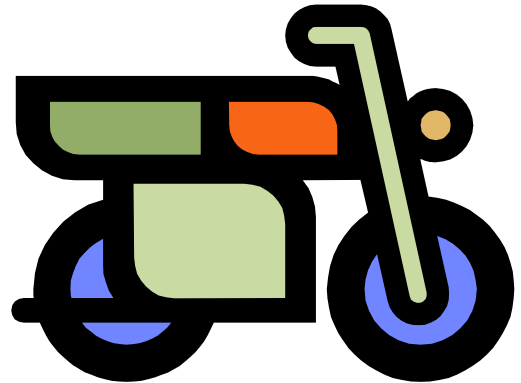
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