

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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Your Club Newsletter

You have something you want to see in the NorCal Voyagers Newsletter??? Send it along to news@norcalvoyagers.org and we'll get it in the next issue. You can also send articles to any board member in the club and they will get it to the editor.

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 11/12-14

Turlock Reservoir, near Waterford.

CLUB MEETING 11/27

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos (12 noon)



Next Month...

CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/4

Annual party will be held at Bob Webb's home in Vacaville.

January 2005...

DEATH VALLEY CAMPOUT w/IBMC

CLUB MEETING

{See the Web Site for details}

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Club Information/Business

OCT. 30 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by president Ray Walls @ 1:15 pm

Ray Walls
Fritz Wells
Wayne Bright
Brian Coldicott
Robert Lahn
Bill Owens
Dale Bird
Don Brubaker
New Member = Dennis Ellingson

New Guest: Dennis Ellingson; from Corning Ca, who later became a member along with his wife Jacquelyn. Jacquelyn was unable to make the trip this time. They were both made welcome by the members in attendance buying his lunch.

Treasurers Report: Wayne bright gave us the financial report. We now have a balance of \$1,616.87 in our checking account. Wayne stated there is some more money coming in from the Grand Tour fees. Ray stated that he has some bills for postage.

Activities Report: Ray stated that for November we have the Motorcycle show in San Mateo on Nov 5 6 & 7. He said he would be going on the 5th, and recommends that each section of the state get to gather and make the show on which ever day that fits their schedule best. He will leave his cell phone on for anyone else that comes on the 5th. 1-559-681-8715. Also we have a camp out at Turlock Lake over Veterans weekend, the 11th through

the 14th. Weather should really be nice for this one.

Old Business: Ray Walls read the September minutes.

Ray stated that he did make contact with Bob Webb and he has set a date of December 4th for the X – Mas party at his home in Vacaville. There will be a map posted on the web site with directions to his home. Ray wants to remind everyone attending, to bring a gift for either male or female; motorcycle or none motorcycle related with a monetary value of \$20.00 to \$30.00. Pick wisely; you may end up with your own gift.

New Business: Ray stated that we need to purchase some more shirts, since we are out of some of the most popular sizes.

He also wants to start purchasing the new approved polo shirts. He asked for a motion to vote on buying the shirts now even before getting prices on new shirts. Ray said he would shop wisely and get the best for the least cost. Fritz made the motion & Wayne Bright made the second. Ray asked for a show of hands of those in favor of & those apposed. There were none apposed. The motion carried and was approved...

Ray stated that he has some of the clubs clothing items in his car and anyone wanting to purchase anything; See him after the meeting.

Ray also stated he has the clubs meeting dates now and read them to everyone; he said he would post them in the news letter. He also said we have a few more event dates open and we need for more members to step forward and volunteer to host an event in the months we have open.

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We also need someone to host the 2005 Christmas party. If we don't get anyone, then he will set up a date at Pea Soup Andersons and just have it right there. Dale Bird said we would not have it at any restaurant; that he would host it at his home again if necessary. Don agreed to this as long as he has free booze.

Don Brubaker made a motion that we dump the flags we now have and have more made up with the proper colors. Fritz seconded that. Ray asked for a show of hands in favor of & those apposed. There were none apposed. The motion carried & was approved. Ray will start looking for someone who knows how to make flags.

Fritz Wells brought up the subject of our logo. He said that he likes the old logo better than the new one. Ray asked for a show of hands of those that liked the old logo the best and another show of those that like to new one best. The old logo won out 5 to 3.

Ray said he could find someone to make us up a disc for the old logo and we could have the flags made up with the old logo and also the new shirts. Don made a motion that we do that, Fritz seconded it, Ray asked for a show of hands apposed to it, there were none. The motion carried & was approved.

Don made a motion that the club buy any new members attending the meetings; their lunch. Dale Bird seconded it; Ray asked for a show of hands of those apposed, there were none. The motion carried & was approved.

Announcement: Ray stated we will have our next meeting in Los Banos at the Country Waffle Restaurant on the 27th of November. 12:00pm. the restaurant is next

door to the shell station, on your right as you come into town from the west.

Ray reminded everyone of the Veterans weekend camp out and to bring their fishing gear. There were no guest speakers.

Adjournment: Ray asked for a motion to close the meeting. Wayne Bright made the motion, Dale Bird seconded it. Ray closed the meeting at 1:47 pm, on October 30th, 2004.

Minutes recorded/prepared by Ray Walls.



CLUB ELECTIONS

Ray wanted to remind everyone that club elections are coming up soon. Please consider a spot on the board, to help keep the club active and support our members needs. It doesn't take a lot of work and there's always someone willing to help out. Also, we need volunteers to sponsor events for next year. Take a look at the calendar, posted on the web site, to see what events are open. You can find the 2005 events calendar by clicking on the "What's New" button at the left of the page:

<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>

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SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY EVENTS – 2005

January: D.Brubaker, Death Valley w/IBMC

February: (open)

March: B.Joyner, Basalt Campgrounds (Santa Nella)

April: F.Wells, Corbin Seat Factory Tour & Lunch (Hollister)

May: B.Eichholz, Tour on Clear Lake Queen Riverboat

June: W.Bright, New Wrinkles Show (Fresno)

July: AVA Ralley (Durango, Colorado)

August: (open)

September: R.Walls (open)

October: (open)

November: (open)

December: Christmas Party



NCVC MONTHLY MEETINGS – 2005

January 29

February 26

March 26

April 30

May 21

June 25

July 23 (Club Birthday)

August 27

September 24

October 29

November 26

December 17

2005 Rally Plans Under Way!

By Gary Schill

Posted 11/1/2004 (AVA Website)

The 2004 Rally was hardly completed and now the Board members are hard at work preparing for the 2005 Rally to be held in the beautiful state of Colorado. The Rally will be held in the Durango area (July 19, 20, 21 -*ed.*) and promises to have all the favorite Rally events along with some expanded and additional attractions to go with the area's breath taking scenery. Stay tuned to this page on the AVA website (<http://www.csonline.net/cybersite/2005rally.htm>) for updates concerning the rally and additional web links and information. So start planning for next year's Rally now by checking out some of the websites listed to the left (below here -*ed.*), don't forget to pack your western wear, and get ready for a howling good time.... yeehaw!

<http://www.durango.org/>

<http://www.durango.org/HotelsMotels/index.asp>

<http://www.durango.org/RVCamping/index.asp>

<http://www.durango.org/BBs/index.asp>

<http://www.durangomountainresort.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=mtncam.home>

<http://www.southwestdirectory.com/durango/restaurants.htm>

<http://www.southwestdirectory.com/durango/thingstodo.htm>

<http://www.weather.com/weather/local/USC00114>

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

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A GLOSSARY OF MOTORCYCLE HELMET TERMS AND DEFINITIONS – PUT A LID ON IT

Are you a new motorcycle rider? Are you looking for a helmet? Or perhaps you haven't even bought your motorcycle yet. Then you'll probably need to study this glossary of motorcycle helmet terms and definitions. We've covered motorcycle terms themselves, too, so you'll have a good overall knowledge.

Anti-lock braking system (ABS) - An antilock braking system is designed to stop the wheels from locking when you apply the brake, thus preventing skidding.

Armor - Armor is protective padding you can attach to your clothing, that absorbs energy on impact.

Asphalt sealer - Asphalt sealer is a tar-like substance used by road maintenance crews to fill cracks in the pavement. It can be very slick and should be avoided by motorcycles.

Automatic-on headlamp - An automatic-on headlamp, or a daytime running lamp (DRL), is a motorcycle's headlamp that automatically turns on when the bike is started. It's mandatory on all street bikes in North America because it's proven to be effective in improving visibility of a motorcycle by other vehicles.

Bagger - A bagger is a motorcycle that has saddlebags attached to it.

Balaclava - A balaclava is a hood that covers the whole head and neck, with holes for the eyes, worn under a motorcycle helmet in the winter.

Bungee cord - A bungee cord or bungee net is an accessory used to strap something to a motorcycle. The ends of the cord (or corners of the net) have U-shaped

hooks that you can anchor to various parts of the bike.

Chaps - Chaps are a great clothing accessory designed for protection. They're usually made of leather and are fastened around the waist, with an open back. They snap at the ankles and zip down the legs.

Co-rider - Co-rider is the name given to the passenger on the back of the motorcycle, or in a sidecar. A rider and co-rider can clearly communicate with an intercom system while in the process of riding.

DOT (Department of Transportation) - Each country has its own separate DOT. It's a government agency that regulates all phases of transportation, including all types of vehicles, as well as roads and highways. A DOT rating on a motorcycle helmet indicates that it's passed DOT testing and a DOT sticker can be found inside the helmet.

Dual Liner Ventilation System - A dual liner ventilation system is a feature of a Shoei motorcycle helmet. It consists of vents around the forehead that maximize air-flow. It's claim to fame is the fact that it circulates air throughout the helmet and allows warm air to be exhausted.

Engine Displacement - Engine displacement refers to the volume of a piston as it moves up and down in the cylinder. It's usually referred to in CCs, and identifies the power of the motorcycle, e.g. Honda 900CC.

Fairing - Fairing is an aerodynamic windshield that's attached to the front of a motorcycle to cut down on wind resistance, and to protect the rider.

FMVSS 218 - This stands for the U.S. DOT's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, a requirement for all motorcycle helmets. It outlines the minimum standard requirements for all motorcycle helmets. Manufacturers must submit their helmets for compliance testing.v

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Full face helmet - A full-face helmet has a full face shield that can be raised up. It protects the whole head, giving the best protection possible.

Hack - A hack is another word for a sidecar.

Helmet hair - Helmet hair is the name given to the condition of your hair when you take your helmet off – usually sticking out all over the place. Bandannas or other such scarves can be used to hold your hair down, thus preventing helmet hair.

Hurt Report - The Hurt Report is a study done in the late 1970s of 900 motorcycle crashes. The published report, released in 1981, is known as the “Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures”, and consists of 55 conclusions pertaining to crashes, including the effect of motorcycle riders wearing helmets.

Injection molded helmet - An injection molded helmet has an outer shell that’s made by pumping melted plastic into a mold that’s shaped like the helmet shell. Injection molded helmets are quite lightweight, yet still strong.

Jumper Cables - Jumper cables are necessary if your battery dies. They’re a double cable with claw connectors on either end that attach to the terminals of the batteries, thus “borrowing” power from the connected battery to the dead one.

Lane-splitting - Lane-splitting is practiced by some motorcycles riders. It consists of driving between two lanes of traffic at a greater speed than the other vehicles. Although there are times when this could be dangerous, it’s actually legal in many countries. It’s illegal in most U.S. states, but California allows it if it’s done in a safe manner.

Leathers - Leathers refers to any article of clothing or accessory a motorcyclist wears, including jackets, gloves, chaps or boots.

MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) - The MSF is an organization that sponsors motorcycle training programs.

Overbrake - Overbrake is the process of “slamming on the brake”, which locks the wheel and sends the motorcycle into a skid. If you overbrake the front wheel, your bike may flip – and you with it!

Pillion - A pillion is the back seat on a motorcycle.

PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) - PMS is a condition suffered by male or female when they can’t ride their motorcycle due to bad weather.

Position lamps - Position lamps are extra filaments built into a motorcycle’s front turn signals. They act as daytime running lights.

Road rash - Road rash refers to motorcyclists’ scraped skin, suffered when they’re thrown from their bikes.

RUB (rich urban biker) - Rubies are the newly-emerged sector of over-40 bikers.

Saddlebags - Saddlebags are bags attached to the rear wheel of a motorcycle that hang down on both sides. They can be made of either hard or soft material.

Snell rating - The Snell Memorial Foundation, formed in 1957, is the world’s most popular independent motorcycle helmet testing organization. A Snell rating on a helmet, indicated by a sticker inside the helmet, states that the helmet has passed performance tests.

Tank bag - A tank bag goes over the gas tank. It can be used for storing smaller, flatter items, like maps, etc. It sometimes has a clear top so a map can be viewed by the rider without pulling over.

Tiered licensing - Tiered licensing is an insurance practice that restricts operation of a motorcycle, based on its engine displacement.

Tubeless tire - A tubeless tire is just that – a tire without an inner tube. It’s not recommended for a motorcycle because it tends to deflate rapidly when it’s punctured,

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which would cause sudden loss of control for the rider.

Two-up - Two-up is a term used to describe a rider and a co-rider. A two-up mustn't exceed the recommended maximum weight for the motorcycle.

Wind triangle - A wind triangle is a simple triangular-shaped piece of cloth or leather worn around the neck for protection.

Ok, are you ready? The road is calling you. Get on your bike and ride the day away. But remember what you've learned here. You never know when you'll need that little snippet of information. And also remember the statistics regarding motorcycle crashes and the resulting injuries and deaths. So put a lid on it – and have fun!

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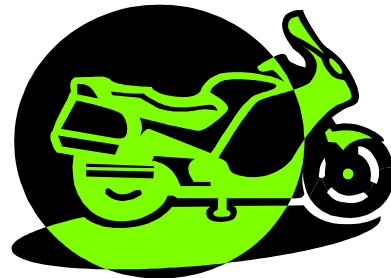


IMPORTANT NOTE / PLEASE READ:

This newsletter will be the last one printed for the 2004 year (the November and December newsletters are combined into this one). This is because of the holiday season.

Please ride safely during this holiday season and think about the other drivers out there, they may not be thinking of you!

The next edition of the newsletter will hit the cyber streets after the first of January, so enjoy the rest of the year and get your articles together and send them in to the editor for sharing with the club!



“One”

The million dollar ride for children. Benefiting the national children's alliance And its fight against child abuse

A challenge, each motorcycle club or organization sponsor one rider.

Escort your rider to a stopover city where will join the ride. Join in the ride activities while in the stopover city.

Our website is www.milliondollarride.org

Host hotels and other information regarding our stopover cities will be on the website soon

We look forward to seeing you on the million dollar ride for children!

July 16-23, 2005

Questions: please contact us at 719/686-7775

Ben and Jamie Caperton
Ride coordinators

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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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

11/12-11/14 [CAMPOUT: Turlock Reservoir](#)

11/27 [MEETING: Los Banos](#)

Birthdays:

11/3 Bruce Lane
11/7 Sandy Joyner
11/9 Herb Alpers
11/16 Fritz Wells
11/18 Grant Taylor
11/19 Leland House
11/22 Janice Davies
11/29 Ann Farina

Anniversaries:

1 11/6 Shirlene & Roger Allen

DECEMBER CALENDAR

12/4 [EVENT: XMAS party-Bob Webb \(Vacaville\)](#)

Birthdays:

12/2 Jim Tinlin
12/4 Shirley Webb
12/9 Don Rochester
12/20 Adrienne McWhorter
12/25 Jim Kramlich

Anniversaries:

12/1 Dannette & Rex Woodruff
12/12 Dorine & Larry Kirkes

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