

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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Your Club Newsletter

You have something you want to see in the NorCal Voyagers Newsletter??? Well, 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/>

Next Month...

Taking a look at next month's calendar, we have a Christmas party scheduled for December 6th at Bob and Sandy Joyner's house. We'll update you with more information in next month's newsletter, but you can get some preliminary info on the web site, just click on the "Calendar" button and scroll down to December.

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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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.
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.

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Official Rules (continued)

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.



2004 AVA Rally Dates and Location Announced

The 15th Annual AVA International Rally will take place on July 20, 21, & 22 (2004) in the Great Smokey Mountains in the area of Asheville, North Carolina. Further details will be published soon concerning the headquarter hotel, campgrounds, and other information.

2004 Kawasaki Vulcan 2000 Unveiled

The all-new Kawasaki Vulcan is about to hit the streets. It's a v-twin that weighs in at 2053cc! That's one huge engine, which is both air and liquid cooled. Here's a photo from their web site (do you think this could be the power plant for the next Voyager?)



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A Message From The President

Hello NCVC Members. October wasn't a very active month for us, but I have plenty of news to tell you. First we had George Rogers ride through the city by the bay, it was attended by 5 members and one guest, since I didn't make the event so I only have his first name which is Phil, I don't know where he came from, but I do want to thank him for coming along and to extend an invitation to all of our events.

Speaking of events we finally have our November event set up properly. It's been a long time coming, but we did it. We will be camped out at the Veterans Memorial Park in Monterey from November 8 through 11. Since it's wintertime it should really be nice over there during our stay. You need to remember that this park is on a first come first served basis, so if you plan on attending this event you need to let me know ASAP so I will know how many sites we will need. With the access cards we have in the club it shouldn't cost more than \$6.00 or \$7.00 per day to camp, this includes the \$5.00 per day per vehicle, per site.

We also have our Christmas party back on schedule too, It's going to be at Bob & Sandy Joyner's home in Templeton, which is just south of Paso Robles about 8 miles or so. Go to our web site and you will find the suggested motels for the area, make your reservations for the night of December the 6th, That's the night of the party, which is on a Saturday. Don't worry you can sleep in until around 12:00 PM on Sunday, just in case you have a headache the following morning.

I have procured us a 10,000 SF building at the Madera County Fair Grounds, plus we

now have the campsites too. The normal cost of this building is \$650.00 a day, but after crying and sniveling for thirty minutes, he decided to let us have it for \$450.00 per day. The campsites are cheap enough we will be able to make a couple of bucks from them.

They also have a kitchen we can have for \$100.00 per day, but we need to get someone to volunteer to run it. We will need to cook breakfast and some lunches for at least two days and maybe three. They gave us a covered patio area of about 4500SF for \$250.00 per day if we decide we will need it.

I want to hash this over at our November event/meeting. For those of you that don't want to camp, there are motels close by, and if you just want to attend the meeting, it will be held on Sunday and I think I set the time at around 1:00PM, here again you may need to check the web site. But we need to have everyone attend the meeting that can possibly make it. Also if it should happen to rain we will have a regular meeting on the 15th in Modesto at 12:00PM. OK we have a start on the 2004 WRR1, now all we need to do is put someone in charge of certain projects to see that everything runs smoothly. This will be discussed at the next event. This is why it's so important for everyone to attend this meeting on the 9th.

Uncle Ray – President NorCal Voyagers



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Member News and Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 9: Happy Birthday Herb Alpers

Nov 8–11: Monterey Campout

We will be camping out at the Veterans Memorial park in Monterey over the Veterans Day holiday, From Nov 7th through the 10th, depart on the 11th, that's Veterans Day, the real holiday. Knowing we have several members that do have to work for a living, I figured they could come down at least for possibly Friday night, Saturday & Sunday, then those of us that are retired can hang on for one more day. Since it's going to be November, it should be very nice weather there on the coast. UH, That is unless it's raining. If it's raining that weekend we will just cancel it and just have a meeting in Modesto on the 15th.



Nov 22: Happy Birthday Janice Davies

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB PAGE?

There is a new feature on the club's web site called "What's NEW!" There is a button conveniently located at the top of the list (in the left-hand column) to allow you to see what has recently changed or been added to the web site.

Check this button regularly in order to see what's new, get updates on club events, and the all-important news from your club members.

There is also a 'Classifieds' section on the web page. This can be used to post items for sale, trade, etc. This is open to all members and is already getting some good use!



Finally, last month the most recent feature added is a 'Chat Board' (or Bulletin Board). This feature allows people to read messages from others and post their reply. If there is an upcoming club event or someone has some experience to share, this would be a good place to put it.

As always, if you see anything strange with the web site or something doesn't work right, be sure to drop the webmaster an e-mail at webmaster@norcalvoyagers.org and he'll get right on it!

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October Bay Area Ride



On October 4, 2003, Powersports of Vallejo was the starting point for the Nor-Cal Voyagers October ride. George Rogers hosted the ride. The riders included, Bob Webb, Jim Tinlin, Don Brubaker and Phil, a guest whose last name was not obtained. Bob Joyner joined the group just south of Stinson Beach.

The riders left Vallejo around eight and drove to San Francisco. Their first stop was to look at a Corvette show that was being staged on the lawn of the Ferry building near the wharf. The group made their way down the Embarcadero to famous Lombard Street for another photo op. George led the group over the Golden Gate and into the vista point for a quick break and a few more photos. Unfortunately, the Bay Area fog had been hanging in most of the morning. Phil then led the group to Fort Cronkhite, which is located on the coastline just northwest of the Golden Gate. The fort has a lot of history behind it and the scenery was magnificent. The riders highly recommend visiting Fort Cronkhite for anyone that is in the area.

The ride continued on up Highway 1 to Stinson Beach and lunch at the Sand Dollar Restaurant. After lunch, the riders continued up scenic Highway 1, eventually turning inland towards Novato and on to

Vallejo and the starting point. It was a wonderful day and a great ride. It would have been nice to have more riders in attendance, but a good time was had by all.



Article provided by Don Brubaker and Bob Joyner

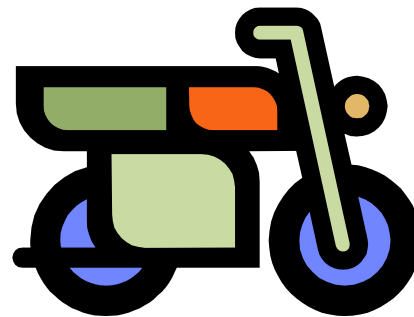
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