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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.amervoyassoc.org/>

American Motorcycle Association (AMA)

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/>

This Month...

CLUB EVENT (October 19-22)

Laughlin Run to Fun Rally

CLUB EVENT (October 27-29)

Reagan Library/Union Oil Museum



Next Month...

CLUB MEETING (November 25)

Woolgrowers Restaurant, Los Banos
(noon)

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC members & Friends. It has been a while and a lot of miles have rolled along under me since our last communications. I can now say I have been there and done that for sure. We had a very nice 12 day tour of the National Parks and various other places too. There were 7 of us, we were hoping to have at least 10; but as it turned out 7 was just right.

We never had to put anyone out at the restaurants, we always seemed to fit into the booths & tables they had available. That made it easy on us too.

Fred Andrew, Wayne Bright, & myself left Fresno around 9:00am on the 8th. The weather was perfect for riding and we tooted right along. Took 99 up to Merced then 59 over to Snelling. There we picked up J59 and stayed on it to 120, then we picked up hwy 49 all the way to Jackson. There we picked up hwy 88 to Carson City.

Everything went very well until we started to leave Carson City on US50. I have installed a set of pressure monitors on my wheels; they monitor the tire pressure in the front and rear tires. If one of them gets down more than 5 psi from the set pressure it will flash a warning to you and show you how much air you have lost. I noticed it flashing just as we were ready to pull out onto US 50. I had lost a total of 7 lbs, by the time we could pull over and check things out I was down 9 lbs. We were no where close to a bike shop, so we pulled out the ole plug gun and plugged it. (Oh Yes we found a chicken bone had penetrated the tire).

I had just purchased the new compact air compressor from slime for \$34.95 at Cycle Gear. I'm here to tell you the little booger works quite well. We put 35 lbs in it and started looking for a bike shop. We hit 2 of them and neither one had my size tire, so I bought a

bottle of slime and put it in the tire and aired it up to 50 psi and headed for Fallon, NV.

The next morning I got on the phone and no one in Fallon had a tire that would fit. Well it was holding air so we decided to just chance it to Delta, Utah. No luck there either. Then we headed for Moab. We pulled into my favorite place in the whole world; Ely, NV. There's a bike shop there that works on Harleys mostly, but will lower themselves to work on a rice burner from time to time. They had my tire so we had lunch while they replaced the tire. Oh yes this is the second time they have worked on my bike. 1st time my front valve stem went out on me. That one cost me over \$350.00 counting towing & labor. This one cost me \$229.00. But what the heck it's only money and your not allowed to take it with you when you die, so we just give it to bike shops. I had to buy a Dunlop K491, but at least I had a good tire.

It seems like I can never wear an Avon tire out. I have ruined probably 6 or 7 of them, but have never worn one out. We left Ely and went on into Delta. Had a nice peaceful night, got up next morning and went on into Moab, Utah, where we spent 2 days & 3 nights touring to parks in the area.

That's it for this newsletter; I will tell you the rest of the story in November. If you are interested in looking at some of the pictures we took you can go to our web site, <http://www.norcalvoyagers.org> and click on the September event, then just follow the directions.

We will be going down to the Reagan Library next month for an over night in a motel and a return trip up through Buellton to tour the motorcycle museum. Anyone interested in attending this event, should go on the web site and click on October event. There you will find the name of the Motel we will be staying at and the dates. You can either contact me and let me know you are coming or just show up there.

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If you contact me it might be possible we can meet some place and ride down together. Anything that went on at the meeting will be posted in the minutes. That's all folks.

Uncle Ray

RIDE TO BOLIVIA?

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hi Folks. The Nor Cal Voyagers is thinking about setting up a ride down in Bolivia for next summer. We understand they have some real good motorcycle roads down there and some of us would really like to go down there and do a 300 to 500 mile tour on one of their roads. Below is a sample of some of the roads. Anyone interested in going on this trip please let me know ASAP. Cheers.

Uncle Ray

MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2006

The President calls the meeting to order @ 12:30 PM. Members in attendance; George Mack, Darlene Montano, Brian Coldicott, Wayne Bright, Fritz Wells, Don Medina, Trisha Blue, Don Brubaker, Roger Allen, Brice Eichholz, Ray Walls. Guest were Nonie Sharp & James Bostic. Minutes were recorded by Darlene Montano in the absence of our Secretary who refuses to come home from Montana and perform his obligations to the club that does love him.

Introduction of guest; Guest were introduced to all members.

Minutes; there were no minutes from the last meeting.

Treasurers Report; Wayne gave a breakdown of our finances. The club donated \$200.00 dollars to the Heitman fire fund. We now have a balance of \$2,245.86. Ray asked for a motion to accept the report as read. Fritz Wells

made the motion Bryce made the second, all in favor: the motion carried.

Expenses; There were none.

Activities Director Report; Don had nothing new to report but did say that all of those that missed the National Parks tour, really missed a wonderful adventure. Ray added that our next event will be the Regan Library & the Union oil Museum over by Fillmore, Ca. on October 28th, than on the 29th visit to Solvang to the Motorcycle museum (see the 2006 event schedule). Also, our November meeting will be at the Wool Growers in Los Banos (see 2006 event schedule). We also need to work on our Christmas party, there is none scheduled yet. Ray asked how many present wanted to have a Christmas party. There were several hands held up, than he asked of all of you that held up your hands; how many will attend the party. Ray asked if they would rather have it at a restaurant or someone's home. The majority wanted it in a private home, no one volunteered to hold it in their home; but Don Medina suggested we try to have it in the club house where he lives in Half Moon Bay on December the 2nd. Ray suggested that he & Don get together and see what they can work out and get back to him by the next meeting.

Old Business; Don Medina made a report on what he found out about the motorcycle safety & CPR course offered by Dr Wong in Redwood City, coming up on Nov 18th. Plus there were other items discussed that Dr Wong sponsors. It was decided to put this information on our web site and in a page of this news letter.

Fritz Wells reported that he had approached several company's that do silk screening, the price depends on the type of material we want and if we want silk screening or embroidery on the logo. And how many shirts we want. It was discussed for several minutes and was finally decided to table it until next year to see how many active members we have renew their membership.

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Ray asked everyone in the room to start thinking about accepting a position on the board next year. He said that he will shut down the club if he can't get a full board of officers and stated that he will not try to run it by himself anymore. Think about it and give him some answers in November.

New Business; Ray asked the members to think about a new tour for 2007, and suggested it could be held the last two weeks in August to allow some working members a chance to participate. Fritz wells suggested we do a ride into New Mexico and visit the Carlsbad Cavern's and he mentioned several other places we could visit. Everyone seemed to think that it would be a good road trip and it was acceptable with them. No one else offered anything, so Ray asked Fritz if he would work something up on this. Fritz agreed to do it. There was no more new business.

Discussion; Ray asked Brian Coldicott to give us an up date on his physical condition and how he is coming along after his accident. Brian stated he is doing very good, has no brain damage, his ankle is almost well and he feels good. He did say the bike didn't fair quite as well, the insurance company totaled the bike when the cost got to \$5,500.00 for repairs. He did say they made him a pretty nice settlement, although he still lost money on the deal. Don't we always.

Ray closed the meeting at 2:04pm.

MOTORCYCLE COURSES

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

The now famous Dr Wong in Redwood City has a class open on November 18th.

He teaches motorcycle safety, a riding clinic, first aid, bike maintenance, and CPR (plus several other motorcycle related courses).

If you attend the course on First Aid & CPR, you will receive a certificate good for 2 years.

The class goes from 0900 to 1500. And the cost is \$35.00.

Don Medina checked into this and we can sign up for the Nov 18 course by calling 650-365-7775.

The address is 1391 Woodside Road, suite 200. The size of the class is limited and is well worth the cost. All of his other classes are free.

To see what all he offers go to his web site @ <http://www.docwong.com>.

Don has offered to do a BBQ in his back yard if we can get enough people signed up for it to be worth his trouble, or we can have lunch somewhere close by before heading for home.

Let me or Don know if you sign up. Don's E-mail address is bluemedina@sbcglobal.net. Or call him @ 650-560-0190.

Uncle Ray

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WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

From Jim Tinlin, NCVV Webmaster

Each month I like to introduce different sites of interest on the World Wide Web. This month I am going to use our NCVV web site to navigate to another site of interest.

To get to the NCVV web site, click on the following underlined text (or just type it in the address line of your web browser and hit ENTER):

<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>

Once at the NCVV 'home' page, click on the button to the left titled "Web Links". This will take you to a menu that has the links broken down into a number of different categories. Select the "Riding Schools/Tours/Other" link and you'll be presented with a number of interesting web sites. Just click on the image (or underlined text) and you'll navigate to that web site.

In this menu there is another new link available, the "Voyage Vietnam" site. This site specializes in tours of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia by motorcycle.

ValueTeck

Doc Bailey's Leather Care Products

I received an email from a web site that focuses on products for leather care. I received a number of samples of Doc Bailey's Leather Black and can say it's some real good stuff.

Don Hey, owner, let me know that the product actually cleans, protects, and waterproofs in one step. He is a dealer based in the US (Alden, NY) and has a very interesting web site.

I will bring extra samples and business cards to the next event (trip to Reagan Library/Union Oil Museum) if anyone is interested.

You can access the web site from our links page or by using the following link:

<http://www.ValueTeck.com/>

VINTAGE BIKE SHOW

Roseville, Ca. – Oct. 14

Saddle up riders! It's time for the Third Annual Vintage and Antique Bike Show presented by A&S BMW Motorcycles.

On Saturday October 14th ride over to check out the sights or bring your clean 1980 or earlier year motorcycle ANY MAKE or MODEL to A&S BMW Motorcycles in Roseville, CA 95661.

No pre-registration is required to show your bike.

We start at 9am with Free Food, Music and Door Prizes through the day.

For information call 800.689.9893 or visit ascycles.com.

SWAP MEET

Vallejo, Ca. – Oct. 15

Topping Events presents the Nor-Cal Cycle Swap Meet on Sunday October 15, 2006 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, CA. Motorcycles & Bicycles – buy / sell / trade – new / used / vintage – parts / bikes / accessories – American / European / Japanese – street / dirt / race.

CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE AND TURN THOSE PARTS INTO CASH!!!

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2006 Club Events Calendar

JAN – VACANT	FEB – San Simeon Campout (2/10-13)	MAR – Meeting / Diamond Springs, Ca. (3/25)
APR – San Lorenzo County Campground in King City (4/7-9)	MAY – Doris Brubaker Memorial Campout at San Luis Reservoir / Basalt (5/12-14) Meeting / Watsonville, Ca. (5/20)	JUN – Campout Bootleg / Walker, Calif. (6/16-18)
JUL – Campout Ft. Ross (7/7-9) Meeting / Manteca, Ca. (7/29)	AUG – Campout Georgetown, Ca. (8/11-13) AVA Rally at St. Ignace, Mi. (8/15-17)	SEP – Club Tour to Grand Canyon (9/9-17) Meeting / Manteca, Ca. (9/30)
OCT – Laughlin Run to Fun (10/19-22) Reagan Library (10/27-29)	NOV – Meeting / (TBD)	DEC – Christmas Party (TBD)

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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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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:
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