

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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NCVC Newsletter

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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...

EVENT (October 19-21)

Campout – McConnell State Park (New Delhi, Ca)



Next Month...

MEETING (November 24)

Club Meeting – Perko's (Manteca, Ca)

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC Members & Friends. I am writing this on September 16th, I want to make sure I have it into our editor before I leave for Branson. I will be back on the 29th. I have a lot of getting ready to do before we leave.

I just returned from our September camp out, Thursday through Sunday up at McConnell state park just out side of Delhi. We were scheduled to camp over at the Basalt camp grounds. Fred Andrew and I rode over Thursday after noon. We pulled up to the gate: there was no one there which is normal after the Labor Day weekend. I pulled the payment envelope from the little box and headed on down to the camp grounds to pick out the very best spot for us. As we started our turn we saw a sign that said the camp grounds were closed. I called 3 weeks ago to see if we needed reservations for this weekend, the lady told me no, just come on out. We went to the Ranger station to see what was going on. They told us they had torn out the bath rooms and the camp grounds would be closed until spring due to the construction.

I called Don to tell him not to come down here because the camp grounds were closed. I told him I was just going to go back home and that he should do the same. Well to make a short story out of this. He shamed me into meeting him at the McConnell state park. I left for Delhi and Fred headed back home, since he wasn't going to camp anyway. He just came along with me for the ride. I arrived at the McConnell camp grounds a little after

3:00pm as I came in I saw Don driving through the park. I caught up with him and we picked out what we considered ideal spots, setup our camps and laid back with a good cold beer.

After a while I decided to go see what it was going to cost us for camping since we both have the California disabled discount cards. I didn't find out anything about the price for the site. But I did find out that we were in a spot that was reserved for Friday & Saturday nights. We decided to ignore it until Friday morning.

Early Friday morning found us packing up as much as needed to move our trailers to an open spot. There was only one other camper in the park when we arrived. Come morning there were about 5 counting us. All of them left before the ranger came around to collect her fees. (Cheap bums) Don and I got all squared away with her when she came around. Very nice lady too.



Some where around 3:30 Bill Owens came riding in telling us he had also gone to BaSalt. I had asked Don to call him and let him know to come here rather than there. Which Don did, it's just that Bill failed to turn his phone on and check his messages

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before he got there. So he had an extra 59 mile ride as I did.

A littler after dark Marvin Deatherage came riding in on his pretty 1988 Voyager. We assisted him in setting up his tent and getting ready for his R&R weekend. He told us his wife threw him out and told him to go camping. But we all think he begged her to let him go on Friday rather than wait until Saturday morning. But he would never admit to it.

Saturday morning we all got up had our usual 20 cups of coffee plus what Marvin made. We sat around until about 0900 then someone suggested it was about breakfast time. There were no votes necessary for that suggestion. We all saddled up and headed for Turlock and the local I-Hop. We had a nice breakfast rode back to the camp grounds: sat around shooting the bull until we got hungry again, then we broke out the snacks and fed ourselves with junk food, but it was really good.

I forgot to mention that for dinner on Thursday Don and I went shopping for shower shoes and food for dinner. We picked up a loaf of bread, a small mayonnaise and a head of lettuce. I had brought a can of hot & spicy spam we made sandwiches out of. It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. Don seemed to think he could live without it. About 2:30 George (sneaky) Mack and Darlene Montano came in, in their pick up. Everyone gave George a bad time about coming in his PU, but he had just had carpal tunnel surgery a couple of weeks ago and can't ride the bike yet, so we decide to cut him a little slack.

Darlene wanted to play cards with George and she wanted to play rummy: George tell her he knows nothing about playing rummy, so sweet little ole Darlene tells him honey I

will teach you how to play this game. I think she coached him through two games out of a total of 3 games. She went out all three games, but he beat her two out of the three games. This is where the new handle of George (Sneaky) Mack came from.

Everyone sat around the camp fire every night we were there; they sold us some real good oak wood for our camp fire which is a big change from what we usually get. We just sat around drinking soda, beer, chips & etc; and Don passed the snake bite medicine around a few times for those that wanted to partake.



Sunday morning arrived and we had our usual 20 plus cups. Then George & Darlene started packing up as did Marvin. I had gotten everything packed in my trailer that I could at the time. Then someone suggested we go to breakfast, again there were no votes necessary. Don suggested I-Hop again, but George told him he didn't like the I-Hop food, so we decide on Denney's, plus it was about 3 miles closer. We had a nice leisurely breakfast then rode back to camp. George & Darlene finished packing and loading, as did Marvin. Marvin told us good by about 11:00 am.

I put my tenting down and closed up my trailer. Opened up the lid and finished packing everything I had left out before.

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George & Darlene decided to stay and follow me home. Don & Bill decided to stay over until tomorrow morning to allow all the traffic to subside.

I left about 1:15 and arrived home at 2:45. Then tonight I check to make sure when my Monday morning doctors appointment is: then I find it's not until 0800 on Tuesday morning. I could still be there enjoying the camp fire with some mighty fine company. I knew I should have called home and had Betty check for me. Oh well I have lots to do so I can camp longer the next time.

While I'm here I want to remind everyone that our club picnic is going to be there at the McConnell state park on October the 20th. It will be at the group site B. where we had it last March. We will be camped out there from the 18th through the 21st. Those of you that plan on camping out with us please let me know by October 10th. And those that just plan on coming down for the picnic, I will need a head count from you. We need to know at least a ball park figure of what and how much to buy.

Now remember this is on the club; but all of you can bring at least one item to add to the menu; just as we did in March. That one turned out very good and no one went home hungry or unhappy. UH that is that I'm aware of.

Everyone ride as much as you can, but please ride safe and I do hope to see a lot of you there. You know we have four new members and possibly six if everything works out ok. You need to come out and meet them. They are just as you are: very nice people and just dieing to meet you. Cheers.

NCVC Meeting Minutes

By Trisha Blue, NCVC Treasure

The meeting was held at Perko's Restaurant in Manteca. Meeting was called to order by vice president Don Medina at 1257.

Members in attendance: John DeMuri, Bryce Eichholz, Bill Ashworth, Teresa Ashworth, Bill Owens, Don Brubaker, Wayne Bright (Treas), Don Medina (VP) and Trisha Blue (Sec).

Guests: Michele Smith and Joel Colletti. Joel paid his dues at the end of the meeting, so is now a new member. He rides a very well-kept 1994 Voyager. Welcome Joel!

Minutes from last meeting were read by Trisha Blue. Approved by Bill Owens and seconded by Bill Ashworth.

Treasurers Report: Wayne reports we had a starting balance of \$3,301.60. We have a bill of \$393.04 for the club shirts which will leave us \$2908.56. Ray had ordered some 3" patches, but rejected them because the border stitching was yellow and looked terrible. They are being re-done, so we will receive that bill later. Treasure's report approved by Bill Ashworth and seconded by Bryce Eichholz.

Old Business: Club shirts are ready, but we couldn't get them in time for the meeting. We will have them for the next meeting.

Don Medina spoke on the possibility of us hosting a regional rally in the fall of 2008. Ray spoke to Chuckchansi Casino. They are doing construction, so we would not be able to camp there. We want to get a central location to draw riders from LA & southern California. Wayne suggested Table Mountain Casino near Fresno. It is

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smaller than Chuckchansi, but might work. Don will check out Table Mountain and may visit Chuckchansi to see if there is any camping nearby.

Activities Report: The Sept campout that was supposed to be at Basalt ended up at McConnell State Park. Ray found out at the last minute that Basalt was closed, so called everyone. New member Marvin Deatherage arrived after dark and had LOTS of advice about how to set up. They had a great time.

Don Medina reported on his trip to see Vintage motorcycle races at Miller Motor Sports in Salt Lake City. There were lots of motorcycles from the 1950s, 1960s & 1970s. At the same location, they had a rally for motorcycle police officers from 7 states. They had over 100 motorcycle officers riding their tough skills course – it was quite amazing!

Upcoming activities:

Oct 19-21 next campout & picnic at McConnell State Park. We encourage non-camping members & spouses to join us. There are good motels close by. It is a lot of fun!

Nov 16-18 International Motorcycle Show at the San Mateo County Event Center. Anyone interested in attending on Saturday, join us for breakfast in Half Moon Bay and then we will ride over together. We will need a headcount for breakfast reservations, so RSVP to Don & Trisha at bluemedina@sbcglobal.net. The show's website link is:

<http://motorcycleshows.com/motorcycleshows/static/staticHtml.jsp?id=358893>

Dec 8 is our holiday party at the Fresno Moose Lodge. They have great facilities including parking for motor homes &

trailers. They have bathrooms but no showers.

Next meeting is Nov 24 at Perko's in Manteca.

New business: Don has a short cover for a Voyager for sale for \$42.50 (cost). It has never been used, but doesn't fit his oversized windshield. It covers the seat, instruments, windshield & speakers. Trisha has 2 helmets for sale: a Jarro Italian made XS flip helmet and an Arai full face XS for \$50. The Jarro has a nifty sunglass shade that comes up or down with a lever. I hate to give that up, but my new helmet fits my odd-shaped noggin' better.

Meeting was adjourned @ 1328.

AVA RALLY – Part 2

By Don Medina, NCVV Vice-President

After quickly setting up our campsite, we needed to get to the pre-rally dinner at the Ramkota Hotel. Just one problem - where is the Ramkota? By now everyone has gone from the campground. Trisha ran into the office for directions, and off we go. At the office, they are not exactly sure where the Ramkota is, but point us in the general direction. We make it just in time for the 4:45 pm bus departure. It helps that Wayne & Sandra Bright are there with our dinner tickets. WOW - it seems as if everyone attending the rally has arrived early for this "pre-rally" event! It takes three buses to hold us all. All four of the NORCAL members and two guests board the last bus. Our bus isn't shifting right and the driver has to start in second or third gear. We practically crawl, but eventually make it to the Fort Hayes dinner theater.

Fort Hayes has old time shops including a gift shop, blacksmith, souvenir tin plate maker and a knife maker. After touring the

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shops, we found where they had filmed a scene for Dances With Wolves. Then it was time for the dinner & show. It was a good meal with a great musical show. Next we boarded the buses again for Mount Rushmore. They replaced our broken bus, so the trip was ok. Mount Rushmore is so huge that it took my breath away just from the sheer size. As the sun set, a narrated video with music played to complete the nightly lighting ceremony.

Next morning after a good breakfast of fried potatoes, eggs, and bacon, we cleaned the bikes and we're off to rally central. They had more vendors then the two previous years, even a photographer who could take a picture of you and your motorcycle with a backdrop of Mount Rushmore. The photo stage was inside the building so you had to push your bike through two sets of double doors then turn right. This was our third rally and they get better every year. We were too late for the guided tours, so we signed up for the bike show and the tour of Ellsworth Air Force Base. Then we just hung around for bit and chatted with everyone not out on a guided tour. That afternoon, Trisha and I headed for world-famous Sturgis just 30 miles away. There wasn't much to see, mostly T-shirt shops. After a short walk around (yes I got a Sturgis shirt), we headed for Deadwood. The road was nice and twisty, but Deadwood resembled a built-up shopping mall. Next we were off to Lead, a quaint, historic mining town. By now it was getting late, so we head back to Rapid City via back roads. Every time I looked in the mirror, I saw the trike just hugging the road and Trisha with that grin.

After a short break, we headed back to the Ramkota for the opening dinner ceremonies. It started with the Ellsworth color guard presenting the colors. Then all

of the veterans were brought up to the front for recognition.

At our table we had the same eight people both nights: Trisha, Don, Wayne and Sandra Bright, Eva & Wayne Buhl (friends of Wayne and Sandra) and Jim & Sue Conder from Washington state. Trisha has a gluten-intolerance and was treated to an especially good meal including a large fruit bowl that could have been an entrée. After dinner they introduced the head of ROK, Derrick, and he talked about how important the AVA is, how Kawasaki and ROK wish to help the AVA, and last but not least, how maybe there's a new Voyager in the works.

The next day Trisha and I get to rally headquarters early enough to browse vendors and chat before our 10:30 am departure for the Ellsworth Air Force Base tour. We watch everyone getting deals on parts for their motorcycles. I watch Marv install a lot of his Marvellas parts. I had ordered a Clearview shield which arrived overnight. I got the gray tint 2" wider then stock at \$135.00 – that's a great deal! Trisha and I bought Frog Togs for the rain, another deal. Our favorite discovery was riding sleeves – detached long sleeves with elastic bands at the top to keep them up. You can add them to any short sleeve T-shirt to keep the sun off while riding. Then, when you stop you just peel them off.

Next our group ride to Ellsworth - this was home base to the men and women who took care of the 150 missile silos from the Cold War. We toured an old training silo that we were even able go down into. The silo had an old dummy missile inside. These missiles could be lunched in 6 seconds. All 150 were dismantled after the disarmament treaty between the USA and USSR. This base, like all military bases in the USA, is being downsized. Then we went back to Rapid City to get ready for the

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bike show and face-off. (A face-off is a competition to see which bike has the most chrome accessories, gadgets, lights, and even rhinestones.) After three hours of washing and polishing both the Voyager and Ruby (Trisha's trike) we're ready for the bike show.

Show time: when we got to Rally Central, there were entry motorcycles everywhere. I was told to park with the other stock touring motorcycles and Trisha with the trikes and sidecars. There were 30 to 40 motorcycles competing. My choice for Best of Show bike was Murray Kennedy's 1300 Voyager. After the bike show and face-off was over, they had the light show. We had to have darkness to get the full affect. Wow - what a sight as they all ride around with radios playing and lights blazing, everything from a few well placed lights to over-kill!

Thursday at 7:30 am they had the club chapter presidents breakfast that Wayne and I attended. We shared information between chapters and the AVA. Next Trisha and I had our pictures taken with our motorcycles. With lots of help from all the folks it was easy to get the motorcycles in and out of the building for our picture. This was also the day of the land games. They gave a demo on how we should ride the course. Trisha was asked to be the passenger on the demo Voyager. She was ready for the u-turns figure 8s, but not for the quick side to side movements, which is good because she was the perfect passenger (too speechless to move). I rode in the solo and two-up events and I think I did very well. We had a little time to get back to the campground and just kick back with all of our camping neighbors.

Then it was time for the closing dinner. We had the same group at our table. After dinner they gave out the awards. For the bike show, Trisha got 2nd place in the trike/sidecar category and I got 1st place in

the stock touring category. For the land game awards: 1st place two-up - Don and Trisha and 1st place solo - Don. Yep, Trisha and I took home some awards. We also won some door prizes which we gave back except for the cute Kawasaki bear that Trisha just couldn't resist.

Wayne brought his portable motorcycle trailer in pieces in the back of his van. After dinner he assembled it in the motel parking lot and loaded his Voyager for the return trip since they had to be home by Saturday night. They left as soon as the awards were given out. Trish and I found a Dairy Queen for a large Sunday - very good.

...to be continued



NCVC 2007 EVENTS

OCTOBER 19, 20, & 21:

CAMP OUT AND PICNIC AT THE McCONNELL STATE PARK IN DELHI, CA

NOVEMBER:

LEFT OPEN DUE TO POSSIBLE FOUL WEATHER. MAY COME UP WITH AN OVER NIGHT SOMEWHERE

NOVEMBER 24:

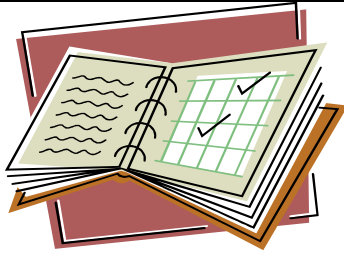
CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

DECEMBER 8:

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MOOSE LODGE IN FRESNO. THE CLUB WILL BUY THE FOOD & SOFT DRINKS. BEER, WINE & HARD LIQUOR IS AVAILABLE FROM THE BAR. THERE IS ALSO PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PARKING TRAILERS & RV'S OVER NIGHT. SORRY NO HOOK UPS.

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The calendar of events can be reviewed on the NCVC Web Site. Go to the following web site:

<http://www.norcalvoyagers.org>

Once at this web site, click on the 'Calendar' button (left side of the page). The events calendar has a list of all the scheduled events and additional detail, as available. For events where pictures or a write up was provided, the link will open to a page with this information.

OTHER CALIFORNIA EVENTS

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Newsletter Editor

As the web master for the NorCal Voyagers Club I often get solicitations for events in the area, I like to pass them along in case someone is interested. If any club member receives information about an event that they feel others in the club would be interested in, please don't hesitate to send it to me or one of the board members.

A We would like you to spread the word about a special Poker Run coming up on Saturday October 13th. It will be starting at Rocklin Harley Davidson / Buell meandering through rural areas of Placer County, and finishing at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville. This is not only a great Poker run, but it finishes with a great family event with two bands, Stunt Bikes, many kids events and more for free. Your families and friends can join us at the Fairgrounds! There will also be plenty of vendors and food booths as well.

This special event benefits Sierra Council and the the Star VI Foundations, two special non- profit groups we benefit from by living in Placer County.

Here's a link to some of the fun last year. Come join the fun and help the community!
[http://web.mac.com/applebob/iWeb/Sierra %20Council/Picture%20Gallery.html](http://web.mac.com/applebob/iWeb/Sierra%20Council/Picture%20Gallery.html)

For more info please call the number on the Flyer, or email me. Tickets available at Rocklin and Folsom Harley dealers as well as at Sierra Council.

Bob Bowman- applebob@gmail.com



Safe & Sober Motorcycle Poker Run!
Saturday, October 13, 2007
(All makes and models welcome)

 Tickets \$20 advance ~ \$25 at the event
9:00 am - 10:00 am registration
Purchase advance tickets at Sierra Council, 916-797-8989
or Harley Davidson/Buell of Rocklin and Folsom,
Includes: T-shirt, lunch, poker hand
Ride starts at Harley Davidson/Buell of Rocklin
lunch served at "Freedom for Families Fun Fair", Placer Co. Fairgrounds.

"Freedom for Families Fun Fair"
Placer County Fairgrounds
(Opens 10:00 a.m. to the public)

Food • Raffles • Karaoke • Bounce Houses • Taekwondo Demo • Games
• Mid Cal Stunners Stunt Bikes
• Live music:
Mick Martin & the Blues Rockers
*
Mark & the Sierra All Stars

Proceeds to support: Sierra Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
for development of healthier
families and stronger, safer communities,
and
Deputy Sheriff's Non-Profit Star VI Foundation.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 COLUMBUS DAY	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 CAMPOUT – McConnell Park	20 CAMPOUT – McConnell Park
21 CAMPOUT – McConnell Park	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN			

2007 Club Events Calendar

JAN 27 – Meeting: Manteca	FEB – VACANT	MAR 23-25 – Campout: Basalt MAR 31 – Club Meeting: Manteca
APR 20-22 – Campout: McConnell State Park	MAY 18-20 – Campout: Monterey Vet's Park MAY 26 – Club Meeting: Manteca	JUN 9-10 – Campout: Corning
JUL 28 – Club Meeting: Manteca	AUG 17-19 – Campout: Gualala Point Park	SEP 14-16 – Campout: Basalt SEP 29 – Club Meeting: Manteca
OCT 19-21 – Campout: McConnell Park	NOV 24 – Club Meeting: Manteca	DEC 8 – Christmas Party: Fresno

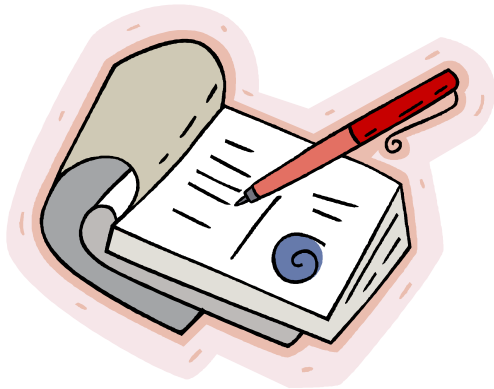
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And finally...

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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