

NorCal Voyagers 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/>

This Month...

EVENT 8/12-14

EVENT 9/23 – 9/25

Campout – Ellingson Ranch

CLUB MEETING 9/17

Monthly Meeting in Los Banos



Next Month...

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{See the Web Site for details}

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NCVC members. It seems as though the high gas prices have a lot of us sticking a little closer to home these days. We held our August meeting on the 27th and had a total membership count of (3), I don't know what happened, it could have been the heat or it could have been the high gas prices; than of course there's the chance that some of you forgot all about it, regardless of what happened it happened and it's over with.

I sometimes have the feeling that we have such low turn outs is because we have so far to ride and so little to talk about when we get there. We are a small club as you all know and since we only have one event a month, we just don't have enough going on to give us any more than about 15 minutes of meeting time. But we do have some nice lunches and BS sessions; before & after each meeting.

Since we are having a problem getting members to the meetings, I have decided it's time for some changes in the way we operate. I want to suggest that we start having our meetings once a quarter, I think the last Saturday of March, June, Sept & December, and this will give us only one month of hot weather to contend with. (June) and this one can always be scheduled in the first or second week of June. It's usually still fairly nice weather the first two weeks. I would suggest an exception to the rule if the last Saturday is over a holiday. We can sit down in January and check out the calendar and make up our meeting schedule for the year.

I have asked Jim Tinlin to set up our voting booth again; I think it would be nice for us to vote on this. Just go to the web site and click on the voting booth and just check yes or no, for those of you that do not have internet access, you can either call me or drop me a letter or get a friend that does have access to the internet and ask them to go to our web site so you can vote. In the past there have been very few members use the voting booth. But it's there for you to voice your opinion. I know it's nothing like voting for your favorite politician, but at least we will have some idea of how you feel about something.

From the WebMaster: I put the voting booth up on the web site, access it by going to www.norcalvoyagers.org and then click on the 'VOTE' button on the left hand side.

Right now the voting is protected by a password. When you go to the voting booth you'll be asked for a "User Name", type in the word member and for "Password", type in the word 2005ncvc. Please only vote once.

Also if any of you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the club; please feel free to submit them to me or any board member. And speaking of board members, we only have 3 months left before we start nominating and begging members to accept a position on the board. As I have said before; none of the positions will take more than an hour & a half of your time each month. Hell you can give up one of your after noon naps and take care of any club business you may have for the month. I know it's asking a lot for you to give up a nap.

We are going to be making up an event schedule for 2006; this will probably take place in January; since we never have any

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events going on at that time. I am asking for at least 10 members to volunteer to host an event next year, just pick the month you want; you can set up about anything you would like to do and those that are interested in it will come, those that aren't will stay away as usual. I can sit down and make up an event schedule for the whole year in about an hour, but that doesn't mean that you will be interested in participating in it. So here's your chance to do something you want to do. I know that some of you have things or places you have always wanted to do or go to. Now here's your chance to do it and have company come along with you. The voting booth will be open; starting on the 5th of September, now use it.

That about does it for this month, hope to see a lot of you at the camp out in Corning over the 23rd through 26th. Also please call Dennis Ellingson or E-mail him and let him know you are coming. Ride safe & stay cool.

Cheers; Uncle Ray.



AUGUST CAMPOUT

Thursday, August 12th I left Fresno at around 9:00am and headed for Kettleman City, I-5 & hwy 41, I was to meet Bob Joyner & Don Brubaker there and ride over to San Simeon together.

When I arrived I found Don waiting for me; Bob had called earlier as said he had a flat tire and would be there if he could get the tire repaired in time. Since he wasn't there I figured he couldn't make it, I ask Don and he said Bob had called and told him he couldn't make it in time, but he would meet us on the road somewhere.

We left Kettleman City heading West on hwy 41, we both had our CB's on so we could talk to each other, and also to listen for Bob. We picked him up about 8 miles west of I-5, he was setting on the side of the road waiting for us, he had picked up our conversation on the radio and Don told him to park on the road side and we would pick him up as we came by. He fell in right behind us, after a while Don told him to come to the front since he is familiar with the area. We arrived in Paso Robles and decided to top off since gas is very expensive over on the coast.

Next we headed south on 101 and picked up hwy 46 west bound, the temperature was starting to warm up rapidly, but when we went over the last set of hills before the coast, I think the temp dropped by about 20deg, and of course it was overcast, but it sure did feel good after coming through the heat for about two hours.

We arrived at the camp grounds gate around 1:00PM; they checked my reservations and told us that we had to keep our trailers & bikes both on the pad provided for campers. We set up our camps and relaxed for a while with a cold beer or two. Later in the evening we decide to go have lunch some place close by, there is a place just south of the camp grounds about 3 miles that is very famous for its food. We went in and ordered what

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we thought sounded good, and it turned out to be just that. After dinner we went back to the campgrounds, Bob saw us back and said he had to go home, so we said our good by's and he was off. Don and I sat around drinking beer and solving some of the Worlds minor problems, the major one's would come later.

Friday morning arrived overcast and wet, but when you camp out; you have to learn to make the best of a bad situation, so we just put it aside and made a pot of coffee, or in this case battery acid. Don uses about ½ lb of grounds per pot and this will really wire you up for the rest of the day. Somewhere around noon we had breakfast and did some riding around plus some grocery shopping. Somewhere around noon Fred Andrew came roaring in on his Harley Sportster, Around 4:30 Bill Owens came in and set up his tent with Dons. He said I snore too loud and he needed a much quieter area than what I could provide. Man those guys know how to hurt a man's feelings. Oh well I can handle it; after all I have been to handling school, and also to hacket school too.

After Bill got settled in we all went to town and had dinner at an Italian restaurant. According to the locals they had the best Italian food in town. I'm here to tell you if that was the best in town; than those people are really hurting for Italian food. After dinner we paid another visit to the local grocery store for some much needed ice & other items. Fred didn't bring any camping gear with him, so he headed for home (Fresno) just before dark.

Don & Trish Medina were due to come in around 8:00PM, we were waiting on them but they didn't show. We were just about ready to give up on them when we heard a

motorcycle coming up the road. Thank God it was them. For those of you who are not aware of it, Don & Trish are our newest members; they live in Half Moon Bay and they love to camp. We spent a very nice weekend with them and I think they may have accepted us; anyway we all had a nice time.

On Saturday morning we rose to the same kind of weather, although I don't think it was quite as wet this morning; everyone had breakfast and we drank some of Don's battery acid to get us up and moving about.

Bob came over around 10:00AM and took us on a ride through the surrounding area, we saw several places I had never seen before and I have been through this area for several years. But when you live in the area you have an advantage over the tourist, you know where all the good roads are. Bob left us around 1:00PM, but before he did he invited us over to his home for dinner, hamburgers, hot dogs & cold beer. Now it just don't get much better than that. After dinner we sat around and picked on Bob some and played some darts with him & his brother in-law and also Sandy. I don't think Bob won one game. SORRY BOB!

Sunday Morning arrived cold & damp as usual, although I will admit; the sun did come out a couple of times while we were there. It was out long enough for me to get a sun burn. We had breakfast and this morning I made my own coffee, you can only take so much acid before you innards start coming apart. After breakfast Don & Trish packed up and headed back to Half Moon Bay. And they said they had a wonderful time and could hardly wait for the September camp out. They left the camp grounds around 11:00AM.

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Don, Bill & I sat around most of the day and did nothing since this was one of the days the sun did shine. Don & Bill went to town to do some window shopping. Just before dark we lit off the fire pit, Bob gave us some wood & we bought some from the rangers and some people that were leaving.

Monday morning we awoke to the sound of rain. I went out to see what was happening and it was drizzling off and on, we did our morning routine and started breaking camp. Bill and I decided to go back to Kettleman City, him on I-5 North, and I on 41 N/E, Don decided to take hwy 1 as far north as Watsonville, where he shamed Fritz into buying him dinner. From there he went on over to Morgan Hill where Dale & Pam Bird live. He said he knew Dale had some Crown Royal that was getting quit old and he didn't want it to go bad on Dale. So he and Dale drank all that was still good.

All in all, we had a very nice camp out. We did have some noise problems Friday & Saturday night. We had what looked like 5 or 6 families from South America; I don't remember what country they came from. But I do know they had one hell of a good time until about 2:30 in the morning. Like Don & Trish; I can hardly wait for the September camp out. Hope to see a bunch of you there.

Cheers. Uncle Ray



SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT

Hello NCVC members. Thought I should make contact with you this weekend. As you know the gas prices are still rising, they are \$3.09 a gallon for regular here in Fresno, I'm afraid to even think what they are in the Bay area.

But the reason for this E-mail is the Sept camp out up in Corning at Dennis Ellingson's ranch, Dennis told me today that we only have 4 people that have called him and said they were coming to the camp out. Dennis and his wife are going to put on a big chicken dinner for those of us that are coming. They need to know just how many of you are going to make it, so they will have some idea of how much chicken to buy. Also if there are any of you that don't like chicken, you need to let him know ASAP so he can get something you like.

Now if the price of gasoline has changed your mind about going, you need to let him know now. He has also planned a nice little ride over the other side of Mount Lassen for lunch. He said to tell those of you that are coming he has plenty of eggs in case any of you would like to have eggs for breakfast.

He also has plenty of room for anyone that wants to bring a travel trailer or motor home. That about covers the camp out.

DENNIS ELLINGSON; PHONE 530-824-4063. You can also E-mail him @ alrae@dm-tech.net.

Uncle Ray

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2005 Events Calendar

JAN – Death Valley Campout	FEB – VACANT	MAR – Basalt Campgrounds
APR – Corbin Seat Factory Tour	MAY – Cruise Clear Lake Queen	JUN – Cedar Grove/Fresno
JUL – AVA Rally Durango, CO	AUG – Washburn Campgrounds	SEP – Corning Ranch Campout
OCT – Basalt Campgrounds	NOV – VACANT	DEC – Christmas Party

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OTHER MOTORCYCLE STUFF

As the web site janitor and newsletter editor, I sometimes get 'interesting' solicitations from other motorcycle related organizations. The following information is not sponsored by the NorCal Voyagers but is provided for your interest, please check with them for details.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

3rd Annual West Coast Rally in beautiful Santa Maria, California. Friday through Sunday, September 9-11. Sponsored by the Orcutt American Legion Post 534/District 16.

Four self-guided tours: Wine Country, Coldsprings tavern, Solvang, Morro Bay, come early.

Check in on Friday: All day arrivals check-in at the Radisson Hotel, pick up registration package.

Registration includes: Run T-shirt, 2-breakfasts, Saturday BBQ Dinner & Rally year rocker.

Friday: Afternoon Run to area American Legion Posts.

Social dinner and dance: Friday night at The Elks Lodge. Santa Maria BBQ, Fish, chicken or beef. Cost \$15 per person. Not included in the package. Free shuttle service from Campground & to Host Hotel. Must be registered to attend dinner.

Saturday: Post breakfast, Special POW-MIA bronze plaque dedication. Winery tour poker run, Santa Maria BBQ at Pioneer Park, 50/50 drawing and prizes. Sprint cars running at Speedway Saturday night.

Sunday: Post breakfast, Closing ceremony.

For more information, refer to their website at:
<http://www.calegionpost149.org/riders/Rally05.html>

FIRST ANNUAL HOME RUN RIDE

On September 25th the Oakland A's and SBF Motorcycle Club are teaming up to present the First Annual Home Run Ride. Join the SBFMC on a coordinated ride ending at the McAfee Coliseum were the A's will take on the Texas Rangers at 1:05 PM.

After the pre-game ride come enjoy festivities in the Creekside Lot*** beginning at 10 AM.

Festivities include: music, vendor show, bike display and a silent auction benefiting Strikeouts for Troops™. Also, special guests Arlen Ness and crew will be available to sign autographs.

Tickets are \$25 and include: Field Level seating, a motorcycle parking pass and admission to the pre-game festival...a \$17 Savings!!!

*** The Creekside Lot is located directly to your right after you enter the parking lot on 66th Avenue.

Visit www.sbfreaks.com to find out more about Home Run Ride Meeting points. Please find the attached order form to purchase tickets. Offer not good day of game.

Strikeouts for Troops™ is a national project of Oakland Athletics pitcher Barry Zito for the benefit of our war wounded troops being treated at Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval and other military hospitals. Please visit:

http://www.strikeoutsfortroops.org/about_main.htm for more information.

We hope you come out to enjoy this event. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help spread the word about this great event!

Regards,
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We maintain a bunch of motorcycle related web links on our web site. Just go to:

www.norcalvoyagers.org

and click on the 'Web Links' button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a menu that lists a number of general groupings for web links. The one above is listed in the 'Clothing' section.

Feel free to pass along links that you feel would be helpful to other club members.

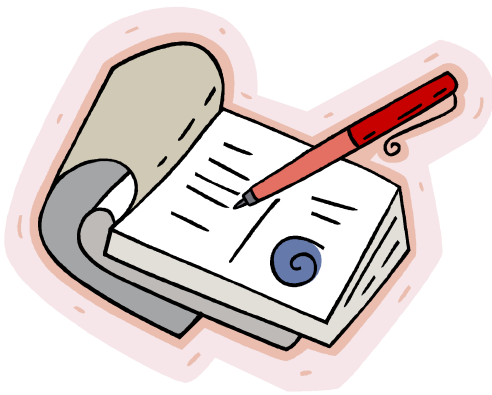
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And finally...

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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