

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

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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...

EVENT (September 29)

Club Meeting – Perko's (Manteca, Ca)



Next Month...

EVENT (October 19-21)

Campout – McConnell State Park (New Delhi, Ca)

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Club Info and Activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Walls, NCVC President

Hello NCVC Members & Friends. For some reason I thought I had just sent this report in a day or two ago. But upon further investigation, I found out it was one for August, 27 days ago. My my how time does fly when your having fun.

And: speaking of fun. Those of you who missed our August camp out really missed a good one. Bill Burns took us on one neat ride up through hills I have never seen before. We had lunch at the Buddhist temple of a thousand Buddha's.



Check out the web site, Bill Owens took some real neat photos of the place and some not so bad of our camp site. He also took a few of Bill & Betty's home over looking the beautiful Pacific Ocean. They have a very nice summer home there. When it gets to hot in Novato for Betty, they take off for the coast. They live in the Sea Ranch development just south of Gualala about eight miles. There are two or three places for sale up there, so when I win the big one, I will become their neighbor. Yea I know (THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD). But I can't help myself, I love it up there.

Betty Burns, Bill's wife and the clubs adopted den mother, treated us like royalty, she fixed us a very nice dinner on Thursday evening,

breakfast on Friday morning, and then for the rest of the weekend she tried to feed us every time we opened our mouth. I think she was afraid we would starve out by ourselves. Most of us stayed in the camp site while there. Uh that is when we weren't at Bill & Betty's. But Fritz stayed with Bill & Betty. He used the excuse that he had no camping gear and couldn't sleep on the hard ground. But of course Betty took him in as if he was an orphan all alone in this world. I think she really wanted to adopt him.



We sat around the camp fire in the evening and told some pretty tall stories, had a few cold beers and a few nips of Don & Bill's snake bite medicine. We had a nice turn out.



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Dennis & Jacque were there with their two grand sons. The boys were somewhat bored until another family moved in across the street from us with their two children, then the boredom disappeared, they had a ball the rest of their time there. John De Muir came out for the weekend, Then there was Bill Owens (our club photographer) Don Brubaker, Don Medina, Trish Blue on her new Honda Trike, myself and I guess we could count Fritz he did come to the camp grounds once, and he did make the ride. So I guess we could cut him some slack and count him as a camper.

Don, Bill, Fritz & I decided to stay over for one more day and let the traffic get back home and out of our way. I think school started on Monday the 20th for a lot of the schools around the state, so needless to say all the camp grounds were full. I think our decision to stay one more day was a very sound decision. We all rode back as far as Guerneville together, had a free breakfast at the river café. Their swamp cooler quit on them and there was no one around to repair it, so Don & I volunteered to repair it if it was possible. We climbed up on the roof and found the water had been cut off by someone, but we couldn't get down to where the line went into the building due to blackberry bushes & yellow jackets by the thousands. We filled it up with a water hose and looked around the building for a valve that controlled the water flow to the cooler. We never found the valve, but we did get a free breakfast for all of us out of it.

We all split up after eating breakfast, Don went one way, Bill another and Fritz and I rode together as far as Petaluma and hwy 101. There Fritz continued south through San Francisco and all that god awful traffic. I took US116 east to US37, then picked up hwy 12 back to US99 and on south to Fresno. I think we can log this one in as a very successful camp out. The camp grounds were nice and had tons of shade, the temperature ran around 65 to 75 while we were there. The Gualala River ran right by our camp site, probably about 50 ft from where we camped to the waters

edge. After Sunday morning it was really quite around there, nice and peaceful.

We talked about a camp out in September over at the Basalt camp grounds just West of Los Banos. We have camped there once already this year. I decide to give it a try for the weekend of September 13th through to the 16th, depart on the 16th. This is a conditional camp out, if the temperature is in the low to middle 90's it will be a go. If it's over 95 deg it will be cancelled. No one likes to camp in hot weather like we have here in the valley. For those of you that have never camped there, they have flush toilets, hot showers and lots of wild life, from field mice up to Tulle elk, quail, wild turkey & etc. There is also some good fishing in the lake. Striper bass, black bass, crappie, cat fish & etc.

Our next camp out in October will be back at the Mc Connell state park. Here we will have another club sponsored picnic (pig out). Again for those of you that have never been there, they have flush toilets, hot showers & etc. It also sits right next to the Merced River and is a very beautiful camp Grounds. It's small but very nice. I would like to see all of you none campers show up for this one. There are some nice motels about three miles away in Delhi. And it's a short drive from the Sacramento area. So: plan on coming out and socializing with the campers and other club members. We have members who have never met each other. I think this is a shame too; we should all know each other and ride together from time to time. If you live within 40 miles from another member, call them up and suggest going on a lunch or dinner ride. To coin an old phrase: from Honda. **YOU MEET THE NICESSES PEOPLE ON A VOYAGER.** Try it you will like it.

I won't be at the September meeting. I will be in Branson Missouri fulfilling a promise to my wife I made about 4 years ago. Dandy Don Medina your esteemed Vice President will be presiding over the meeting. This will be his first time chairing a meeting, so please don't give him a hard time, well not much anyway. Hope to see some of you at Basalt. - Cheers

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AVA RALLY – Part 1

By Don Medina, NCVC Vice-President

Getting ready for the AVA rally was becoming complex. Would we have Trisha's new Goldwing trike, or would we be traveling two-up on the Voyager pulling the trailer? The Voyager is more than capable. Last year we did the Michigan rally two-up pulling a trailer and received the two-up long distance award.

You know good things take awhile. Trisha had ordered her trike the 3rd week of January. Both of us delivered her Goldwing to Mike's Trikes in Modesto, CA in April. Now it's July 5, 2007, and no trike. We leave for South Dakota tomorrow at noon. After work Trisha tells me that Mike will deliver the trike by 6:00 pm. By 8:00 pm, still no trike. I call Mike and he's still in Modesto 2 hrs. away having problems bleeding the front brakes. It doesn't look good. Finally, at 11:00 pm the phone rings and it's Mike! He's here on Main Street. When he pulls up, what a sight the Goldwing is! It's a bing cherry color and the trike conversion is a perfect match. By 11:30 the trike is off-loaded and Trisha gets a few pointers. At midnight we're both off on a shake-down ride down Hwy 1. The fog has rolled in, but who cares. A motorcycle and trike are rolling down Hwy 1. People from all over the world come to ride this road, and we're using it for a shake-down ride. Is that cool or what? After 20 miles or so, we're back at home.



Trisha: you couldn't cut the grin off her face.

Fri: Vacation starts 12:00 pm. Trisha meets me in San Francisco. I have the Voyager and trailer loaded and ready. In Sacramento the temp. is 111 and HOT. The Voyager's ok. Trisha and trike, grin still there. We pull into the Humboldt River Ranch at 9:00 pm. 335 miles from S.F. and we're both tired. We have a cabin with no bedding; it's bring your own. But, the price is right - free.



Sat: We're up a 6:00 am for a shower and breakfast in the community kitchen. When we stop in Winnemucca, NV for fuel, we hear that I 80 is closed east of Battle Mtn. due to a big wildfire. We've only been on the road for 50 miles today and now

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have our first problem. Detour is 200 miles either north or south. We ride to Battle Mtn. and stop to fuel and eat a snack. We hear that I 80 is open again. We pull into Salt Lake City at 6:00 pm. The temp is 100. We had planned on staying at a KOA, but quickly changed plans and head for Park City in the mountains where the temp is 80 and falling. We stay in Heber City, Utah. The motel has a great steak house next door. What a way to end the day.

Trisha: still has that grin...



Sun: At 8:00 am we're on the road again. Today we are meeting up with my son, Dominic, and grandson, Dillon, in Rawlins Wyo. between noon and 1:00 pm. As the miles roll under our wheels, I look in my mirror. I see Trisha on her trike. Is this fun! When we stop for fuel, I ask here how's it going. She answers with that big grin "OK." At our next stop in Green River, I have a voice mail from Dominic that they are running an hour late. Good, so are we. Dominic and Dillon are traveling from Denver, Colorado to ride with us for a day. We meet in Rawlins at 3:00 pm, and take a few minutes for hugs and small talk. Dillon is now 5'4" tall, 12 yrs. old and his voice is changing. I feel older in that 15min chat. We head north for Casper. Dominic is riding a Triumph Rocket Three, 2300cc of

torque with bags and windscreen. Twenty miles out of Casper, Wyo. we get just enough rain to get the bikes dirty. No camping tonight, another motel with another great steakhouse near by.

Trisha: Yep, that grin is still there

Mon: Today we get to Rapid City so are up early. Dominic and Dillon sleep in for a bit. We all have breakfast together and then Trisha and I are off. We go south on I 25. Lusk, Wyo. is our mid-day destination. We ride by small towns. The smallest has tavern and a population of 1. At Lusk we find a real service station. No mini food mart; just gas and oil. I get directions to the city park because it's lunch time. When we travel we try to find small town city parks because they are usually well cared-for and have large shade trees. After lunch we head north to South Dakota. We are now only 180 miles from Rapid City with an ETA of 3:00 pm. We're on 2-lane country roads with fellow travelers going 65 mph. As we enter South Dakota, there's a large forest fire on our right. The road goes around the mountain and all we see is smoke. The temp. is holding at 100. We get to where Hwy 76 intersects and we turn north on 76 to Rapid City. This is a 4-lane road, so I creep the speed up to 70 mph. I look in the mirror and Trisha is still with me and the grin; still there. When we get to Rapid City, I stop and call the campground for directions. We get there at 3:00 pm without getting lost and check in. We set up camp. I look around and see Voyagers from all over the U.S. We hurry because the pre-rally dinner buses leave at 4:45 pm from the rally hotel parking lot. We're not sure how far away that is.

...to be continued

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NCVC 2007 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14, 15, & 16:

CAMP OUT AT THE SAN LUIS BAY RESERVOIR 'BASALT' CAMPGROUNDS.

SEPTEMBER 29:

CLUB MEETING, MANTECA

OCTOBER 19, 20, & 21:

CAMP OUT AT THE McCONNELL STATE PARK IN DELHI, CA

NOVEMBER:

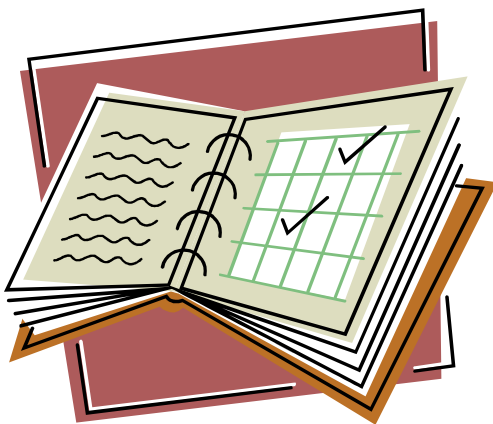
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NOVEMBER 24:

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.



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.

Topping Events presents the Nor-Cal Hot Rod & Cycle Swap Meet on Sunday September 16, 2007 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, CA.

Cars & Motorcycles - buy/sell/trade - new/used/vintage - dirt/race/street - Hi Performance/Hot Rod/Antique - cars/bikes/parts/accessories.

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AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

By Jim Tinlin, NCVC Newsletter Editor

I received the following article in an email newsletter that I receive monthly from ValueTeck Enterprises L.L.C. (www.valueteck.com). I have no connection to the company but thought the information was interesting and worth sharing:

Tokyo Motor Show - Honda Concept Bike

The Honda DN-01 pictured is one of the most interesting. Perhaps another hybridization of motorcycles and scooters, the DN-01 is very special.

The scooter aspects include the ergonomics (the low seating position), the use of floorboards, and the automatic transmission.

Infinitely Variable HFT Transmission Delivers a Revolutionary Riding Feel.

This new-generation infinitely variable transmission delivers superb throttle response and stepless shifting, with no mid-corner shifting shocks. Riders can select from three shifting modes: Drive Mode, Sports Mode and 6-Speed Manual Mode. Moreover, the HFT offers the world's first* lock-up mechanism in an infinitely variable, hydraulic mechanical transmission. Powered by a 680cc V-twin engine, this machine realizes novel levels of comfort and sportiness.

For those of you who have not ridden a large displacement scooter, the lower center of gravity created by placing the rider lower in the frame offers some significant handling benefits -- potentially, even for a sports bike. Note that the ground clearance on the DN-01 concept appears quite generous. This could be a canyon carver, as much as a cruiser.



Like it or not, automatic transmissions for motorcycles are making inroads, and we can only expect them to become more and more popular. Of course the "traditionalists" (like me) think that "automatic motorcycles" are an aberration of reality.... but lets face it, it will propagate and will bring more people to the sport.

Maybe will bring so many more people to the sport that will make motorcycles a viable transportation vehicle, and with that, will make the general public more aware of "motorcycles" on the road, and that we need!

Emilio Bole

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16 Campout – Basalt / San Luis Reservoir	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Club Meeting – Perko's Manteca
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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

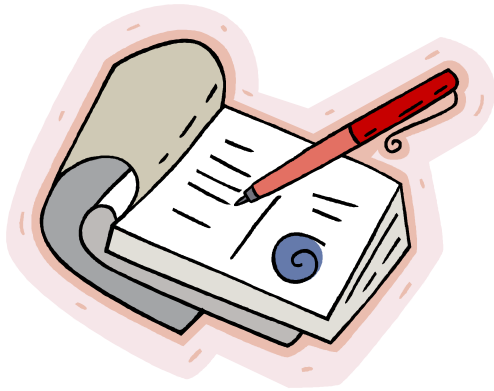
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And finally...

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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Number Joining the Club (check one): 1 2

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