

NorCal Voyagers Newsletter

September 2003

Club News of the Month

The Newsletter

What's **NEW** is news! Yes, a Northern California Voyager Club newsletter is being produced. You like it? You want to keep getting it? You wanna see something special in it? Let the board of directors know your feelings, and we'll put them in this newsletter.

Why a newsletter? Well, there are lots of ways of keeping in contact, many of them have varying levels of success. The web site is a great place to find stuff and changes almost daily. Many of us use e-mail, but don't always have the time to regularly check. How convenient would it be to have a newsletter sent to your e-mail box on a monthly basis so you can keep up with club news? That's the plan, now help us get that plan a bit more focused so the newsletter can be a resource you'll be glad to see monthly.

Jim Tinlin has agreed to take over publishing the club newsletter on a routine basis. Let him know your thoughts (you won't hurt his feelings) by talking to him at one of the few meetings / events that he shows at or by sending e-mail to news@norcalvoyagers.org (there's also a link at the web site to do this as well).

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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.csonline.net/cybersite/american.htm>



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.

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!

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September Meeting – 9/6/03

CLUB MEETING – 09/06/03

The monthly meeting was held in Modesto, and called to order by the President (Ray Walls) at 12:25PM.

Members present were:

- Ray Walls
- Don Brubaker
- Wayne Bright
- Bryce Eichholz
- Bill Owens
- George Rogers
- Bob Webb
- Fritz Wells

Guest introduction was by George Rogers. Guests were Donald Medina from Half Moon Bay Ca. & Max Roelen, from Citrus Heights.

Minutes from previous meeting: they were not available and members were encouraged to check the club website for previous meeting minutes (*Editor: when available, we'll also post the next meeting Agenda as well*).

Financial Report: The treasurer Wayne Bright reports that we are indeed solvent, We have a bank balance of \$912.34. Expenditures and income were noted in the report. All reports will be posted on our web site for the convenience of all members.

Social /Activities Directors Report: Don said he had nothing to report at this time. Our event for September will be the 5day tour of North Western California and South Western Oregon. Those participating in this ride will all meet at the Gold Country Inn, In Weaverville Ca, by 7:00PM on the evening of the 12th.

Old Business: **Grand Tour**, Ray said he had found someone that would make us patches for the tour and he presented two versions of the patch. They were both the same designs, the only difference being one had the V filled in, in red. The cost of the plain patch for a quantity of 15 is \$7.05 each and the other one is \$7.45 each. It was decided we would order the plain patch for \$7.05 each. Now how many do we order, Bryce and Ray wanted to give everyone that participated in the tour a finishers patch. The rest felt it wasn't right for those who didn't finish the tour to receive a patch. A motion was made to not give the patch to those that didn't finish the tour. A vote was taken and by popular demand it was decided to only give the patch to those who took the effort to do the ride. The motion carried.

October event, this is George Rogers's tour. It's set to go on October 4th, and we will all meet at the Vallejo Kawasaki dealer. To save space it was decided that George would send the information to the Web Master and he would put it on the web site for everyone to down load if they desire to do so.

New Business: The new business was dominated by discussion surrounding the replacement for the Triangle Rally in June of 2004. (*Editor: If you are an American Voyager Association member, you'll recall that in this month's AVA newsletter Duane and Charlotte Ash have decided to not go for another year in sponsoring the popular rally*).

Ray has volunteered the Northern California Voyager Club to host a rally, it was finally decided to name it the 'Western Regional Ride In', and scheduled it on June 8/9/10 (Tue/Wed/Thu). This gives those

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attending the weekend before and after to travel.

Ray wants to try to keep it simple, kind of like a big family reunion. It was also decided to open it up to all motorcycle riders.

Ray wants to have three rides on Tuesday & Wednesday:

- Yosemite
- Kings Canyon / Sequoia National Parks
- To the coast, maybe to Monterey to the under sea museum or a short ride down highway 1.

On Thursday morning we will have a 4 or 5 hour poker run in the mountains, and be back in time for the winners to be decided.

That evening, around 6:00PM, we will all have a nice sit down dinner.

The ride in will be held at the Madera County fair grounds. There will be ample camping spaces available for those who want to camp; there are showers available at the campgrounds. We also have the option of a kitchen if we can find enough people to run it for the three days. A motion was made to vote on doing the ride in or not doing it. The vote was that we would do it, so the motion carried to do it.

Ray will do most of the legwork since he lives in the area. Ray requested the members present to come up with an advertisement flyer for the Ride In.

Ray also had a brochure from the Golden State Riders Club out of Fresno. He wants someone to make one for the Northern California Voyagers Club and provided the information he wants on the brochure and gave them leeway to make some changes. Bob & Bryce took on the job.

New Bylaws: There was a motion made to change the club bylaws. The change will be to allow any member who has a position on the board to maintain that position until he or she gets voted out or until they decide

they no longer want to serve in that position.

The motion was seconded by Don Brubaker, vote was taken and the motion carried. It was also decided to put this motion on the web site with a voting booth to allow the whole membership to vote.

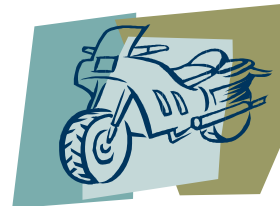
Web Master: He wants to restore the Newsletter and put it on the web site so everyone can download it. He will be doing the newsletter from now on (with my blessings). To be able to make a go of this he will need input from all members, MONTHLY. If you take a ride somewhere and you see something you think is worth writing about or someone else might be interested in, then send it in and you can send photographs too. If you send in photographs please put the information with it so people will know what it is, where it is and how to get there.

There being no more business to discuss, President Ray Walls adjourned the meeting @ 2:17 PM.

Next Club Meeting: Sometime during the monthly ride, scheduled for October 4th.

Want to bring something up at a club meeting, well the easiest way is to be there. If you can't make it, send your desires to any of the board members in advance of the meeting so they can understand your needs.

It's YOUR club, we need YOUR participation to make it what YOU want.



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Member News and Calendar

Member Profile

Jim Tinlin and his wife are Northern California Voyager Club members #20 and #21.

Jim has actually been a club member since the first year the club started, hearing about it's formation on the American Voyager Association web page.

Since he lives on the Central Coast (in a small town called Arroyo Grande), he wasn't able to make a number of events and meetings. Finally, he (and his wife) made a ride to San Simeon to join the rest of those attending that event in March of 2003.

Jim rides a 2000 Kawasaki Voyager, his 2nd Voyager. He purchased a 1990 Voyager from his Brother In-Law about 5 years ago and fell in love with the bike. After a couple of years he decided to treat himself to a new one and in December of 2000 purchased his present bike.

Jim also rides a 1988 Honda Shadow, a classic cruiser. He bought this bike new and couldn't part with it.

Jim is what you might call a 'computer nerd'. He's been involved in computers since high school and used to own a local ISP (Internet Service Provider) in his town. Now he just plays with them for fun and maintains web sites (the NorCal Voyagers, for one) as a hobby.

Jim has been married to his wife Mary for over 30 years and they usually ride together. The longest ride so far was to Laughlin, but there's probably a few long ones in his future.

Jim and Mary have 2 boys, 26 and 24 years of age. Although Jim was born in Oakland and lived most of his 'growing up' life in the

Bay Area, he now calls the Central Coast of California his home.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 4 – Day Ride (S.F. Bay Area)

The October Ride will be on the 4th, at 7:00am. We will meet at the Vallejo Kawasaki Dealer and will be served coffee and doughnuts. The address is 33 Tennessee Street, Vallejo. If you want to camp, check out the Tower Park Marina on Hiway 12 just West of Lodi. It's about 1 hour ride to Vallejo.

Each bike will receive a Two Dollar Bridge Ticket. We will leave Vallejo at 8:30am, riding to San Francisco for a tour, then over the Golden Gate Bridge To Marin County for some sightseeing.

We will then travel up the Pacific Coast HWY to Stinson Beach where we will have lunch. After lunch we will then ride up the coast to Marconi, taking the back roads over to Petaluma and on to Vallejo.

This Ride should take about 4.5 hours. If you are planning to go on the ride, please go to the voting booth on the web page (www.norcalvoyagers.org and click on the "What's New!" button or "Calendar" and find the event) and submit your vote.

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President's Corner

Hello NCVC members & friends. Just a few words of wisdom today from the old guy at the end of the table.

I'm sure by now you have read the minutes from the September meeting and am wondering what's going on around here. Well, to start with, Jim Tinlin our new web master and now also our new newsletter editor; Starting with this months issue will be doing the newsletter. Hey maybe now you will get something spelled properly for a change. Anyway for this newsletter to be successful it's going to take the participation of all members. In order for him to put out a newsletter, he has to have input; Just like your local newspaper, they put out a news paper everyday. But they also have reporters out shaking the bushes day and night sending in information to editor. So now let's say you the members are our reporters, You must send information in to the editor for him to have anything to print; now if he has nothing to print, you will have nothing to read. A simple solution. When you go on a ride take a few notes about what you observed and what you did that you feel is interesting. It may not be all that interesting to you, but to me it may just make my day. You may go someplace I have never been but always wanted to go; so if you make up a good report on your trip, it may entice me to make the move I've been putting off for a long time. So lets all help him become a top-notch editor. Also take some pictures when you go and e-mail them to him with the information on what it is, where it is, and how to get there from here.

Now for the next item. I have volunteered our club to host a ride in, next June the 8th through the 10th. Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday. I will do most of the legwork

since I live close by. It's going to be held in Madera at the county fair grounds, which are right in town; they have some nice camping areas for tents, trailers, motor homes & travel trailers. There are full hook ups for those that want them, there are his & hers hot showers & toilets in the campgrounds. There are two new motel / hotels within ½ mile of the fair grounds. Restaurants right across the street. Plus there is a kitchen we can rent and do the cooking our selves and sell the food to the participants of the ride in. I will keep you informed of our progress as we go along. BUT in the meantime I would love for you to give some real serious thought to volunteering your services to the club. I can only do so much and we are going to need people to help out at the sign in tables, pass out the ride in packets we will be handing out to every participant. We will need some for traffic control, selling raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets, some to man the poker run tables and to man the check points along the poker run route. Some to pick out the winners of the awards to be given out. I figure we will need at least 20 to 25 people to make this a success. I have had offers of help from people here in Fresno and I have accepted most of them. But I would appreciate as much as I can get from the club members. We can make this a fun event with enough people to share in the work and spread it around some.

Next, We have had a problem getting anyone to volunteer to take a position on the board or even to vote for those that do take the positions. I have been president since 23July 2000, In our by laws it says that I or any member of the board can only hold that position for three years. It's time for me to go. Now comes the problem. We don't have anyone willing to take my place. Or the place of any other board member for that matter. So what has been proposed is

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a change in our by laws. The change is to allow any member of the board to retain his or her position on the board as long as they desire to remain there or until ousted in an election. To make it short (NO TERM LIMITS). I would like for everyone of you to pull out your copy of the club by laws and read them, give some thought to what you are about to be voting on; There will be a voting box set up on our web site for you to cast your vote. If you approve of this change than check yes. If you disapprove of the change, check no. This will remain on the web site until November the 1St. So you will have plenty of time to think about it. And while you are thinking about that; you can also think about running for a position on the board. I encourage all the women in the club to run for a position on the board also. Being a board member only takes up about one hour of your time every month, unless you want to count the riding time to a meeting. And if for some reason you can't make a meeting send me a e-mail or who ever the next president will be, give him or her any information you have to be distributed and they will take care of it for you. Now it doesn't get any easier than that.

We have got to have a board of directors for this club to survive. I will stay on as president if the bylaws are changed to allow this to happen. I would really prefer to step down and let someone else take charge. Maybe they can do a better job than I have. But we will never know until it happens.

Next, we have a brochure I want to have made up. I have an introduction to the club that I made up and Wayne Bright's wife improved on it greatly. I want to send it out to everyone, look it over and if you see where you can improve on it please feel free to do so and than send it back to me. We the board will pick through them and

decide which one is the best suited for our club, and that's the one that will be our brochure. Who ever sends in the winning suggestion will win a new club ball cap, their choice of color.

I think this about covers everything I wanted to cover this month. Ride safe.

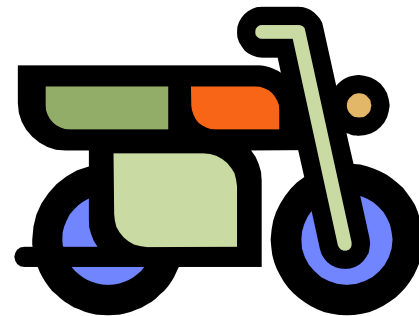
Uncle Ray



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HELP US HIT THE MARK

Is this content what you're looking for? Let us know by sending e-mail to any of the club board members (you can get their addresses off the web site). We appreciate the comments and want to make this newsletter useful to all our members.