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The Enchanted Voyagers is a chartered club of the American Voyager Association. The club started as a group of Kawasaki Voyager enthusiasts, but welcomes all makes and models of bikes. Dues are $10 per year for a family and are due in January. Any applications received on or after October 1st will include the following year. Our web at http://enchantedvoyagersmc.com/index.html has an application and one is also included with this newsletter.

From the President

Seems like I just wrote an article for the newsletter a few weeks ago, but it has been 2 months now. As a matter of fact, I am a little late this month. Lots going on.

I made it up to Santa Fe a couple weekends ago to scout the proposed rides for the AVA rally. It was a good weekend. I stayed at the Cottonwood campground where several of us will be for the rally. I have pictures of it and a little write-up on the Enchanted Voyagers web page under the 'AVA Rally' heading. I also have maps of the rides there. Talking about that, I have a couple volunteers for leading the rides, so thank you for those who will be helping. It should be a good time there. If anyone else is interested in helping lead rides, please contact me. For one day or multiple days.

While on the subject of rides, our Enchanted Tour will be coming up soon also. We will be riding out of Las Vegas again as like 2 years ago. I will have more info under a separate heading later in the newsletter.

I had not talked about a quarterly lunch gathering as we only had a couple people at the past couple, so I thought there was no interest in this, but if anyone is interested, again let me know and we can get that going again.

Since this will be the last newsletter before the AVA Rally I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Santa Fe.

Rodney R. Westphal
President, Enchanted Voyagers

Hank's Ramblings

In the Shop Again…

Hi, Everybody,

I'm hoping that if this idea meets with El Presidente's (aka_Rocket Rod) approval, that it will become a normal thing in our Club Newsletter. I'm kinda trying to help Rod out and make our newsletter a little more interesting for the membership. We'll see how this pans out!

It's Sunday afternoon at about 5:00. I had something I wanted to do after Church today. I had purchased an official 'HippieStiffener' casesaver reinforcing bar from Alan Boethel (Alias 'Old Hippie') at a rally recently. I like it. It's a clean and simple design. He told me that it was made of Stainless steel which gave me an idea. When you get an Official HippieStiffener from the factory, it comes with a gloss black finish. Nice, however, I wanted to add a bit more 'flash' to Ol'Faithful (my '03 Voyager),

So I took the part, took the black finish off with a wire wheel, and hand sanded it with 400 grit, then 600 grit sandpaper (I didn't go lengthwise, I used the sandpaper like you'd use a polishing cloth on your shoe-put the sandpaper around the bar and held it with my hands on both ends while running the sandpaper over the bar like you would a polishing cloth. It seemed to work really well.) After a couple of once-overs with Mother's metal polish, the finish looked like chrome. All of this took a little over an hour. Since tomorrow is Memorial Day, I have a 'wrench day' planned for Ol'Faithful, I have

some new plastic I want to install, and I'm going to install new case savers with the 'HippieStiffener'. She should come out looking a lot better, and with the addition of a new front tire, she'll be ready for the National Rally!

Ride Safe & Sane;
Hank & Ol'Faithful
'03VXII-Last of the Breed

Enchanted Tour

This will be coming up soon, so be sure to mark your calendar for September 10 – 13. We will be riding out of Las Vegas again as a couple years ago. I haven't decided on the routes yet, but it will be much like last time, but of course I will try to find something different. I have contacted the KOA campground to set things up for that weekend. They have a camping area and also KOA Kabins. Remember the Kabins do not have water or bathroom facilities. They have one double bed and a set of twin beds and you also need your own linen (or sleeping bag). They have the bed and mattress. I have the registration form on the web page so you can start by filling that in and getting it in.

The nightly cost of the Kabins is $45.11 which includes tax and for the group camping area it will be $6 per person. The phone number there is (505) 454-0180. If you desire one of the Kabins it is probably good to get your reservation in early. When you make your reservation, mention the Enchanted Voyagers.

I will be working on this more once the AVA rally is done.

AVA Rally

I am looking forward to this rally as we will have some good rides and it is always nice to see some old familiar faces again that we get to see but once a year. The weather should be good that time of year. A possibility of the normal afternoon showers, but nothing that should dampen our spirits. We should have some good riding and beautiful scenery. We have several members who said they will be attending. At least one motel, a couple at a KOA campground and a few at the Cottonwood RV Park. It will be good to see all the Enchanted Voyagers members again also.

Until then, yall have a great time and see ya in just over a month.

Rod