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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

Good day all. Looks like the majority of the riding for the year has passed. It has been a good year I would say. Lots has happened, the AVA rally here in New Mexico, the Enchanted Tour in Las Vegas and a couple lunch rides.

The Enchanted Tour went well with good weather, people and roads. We had 8 people at the gathering from 3 states. As a matter of fact, New Mexico members were outnumbered by Texas members. Hank and I from New Mexico and Dave, Rick and Bob from Texas. And talking about Bob, he joined while at the gathering. Welcome Bob Bass. I look forward to seeing you at other gatherings. Bob also brings a new brand (for us) to the club. Bob rides a 2009 Yamaha Venture which he just purchased a few months ago. He really likes the bike.

While we are on the subject of membership, it is that time of year again. Get your membership renewals in. We officially have two renewals and one new member for 2010. We would like to have everyone renew and even get some new members. Since our Enchanted Tour for 2010 is in the west side of the state, we could hopefully entice some Arizona people to join up. I would like to see some events in the north side or even in Colorado so we can possibly get some Colorado members. We don't have a lot of members, but those we do have are great people and I enjoy the times when we get together. Hopefully we will have events in 2010 that more of our members will be able to attend.

Talking about 2010, I started thinking about the Enchanted Tour in Silver City and set things up on the web page for the gathering. I have an agenda with rides and lodging plans. I haven't contacted the hotel and campground as it is probably a little early for that. I will talk to them the first part of next year so I can get the pricing. We will also have the Grand Canyon Run again next year, this time in the first part of May. Hopefully then the weather will be good and it will be before school is out so it shouldn't be too crowded. Rick Londagin talked about having a gathering at Caprock or Palo Duro also in May, possibly Memorial Weekend. That is not a done deal, but hopefully will work out. We will have more on that as time gets closer.

I guess this is enough rambling for this time. As I said it has been a pleasure seeing ya this year and I hope to see ya sometime the rest of this year or next year.

Yall have a great day and month.

Rodney R. Westphal
President.

Enchanted Tour

I left for the Enchanted Tour Wednesday after work so I would have Thursday to ride on of the scheduled rides to check out what I would have for the exact route for Saturday's ride. The weather was good when I left home, but just after I crossed I40 it started to rain and I rode thru rain for about 1 hour. It quit about 20 miles before I got to I25. I had 3 options for the ride and as it ended up, I opted for the longer ride rather than a couple options of abbreviated rides.

Rick and Bob were there already, so we all went on the ride. The scenery and roads were good. We got to Las Vegas mid afternoon and went to WalMart to get some things. I bought peanuts and pretzels for snacking at the campground. While riding thru town we saw Dave who was heading back to the campground. When we got back there, we sat around waiting for the rest to show up. Bud and his brother Steve got there a little after mid afternoon and a little later Hank showed up. We were waiting for Jim Judge, so I called Sandra and found out he stayed home because of the weather forecast. That settled, we set out for supper in Ribera. Mistake number one. We got there and found out it was closed. Saw a sign on the door they would be closed for that day only. We headed back to the campground and had supper there.

Friday we had breakfast at the campground and headed out for our ride. The weather was brisk and clear, perfect for a ride. The mountains were green and the scenery was perfect for the ride. We stopped several times along the way to enjoy the countryside and take a break as we weren't in any rush. We modified the scheduled ride and went to the Rio Grande Gorge as Rick had not seen it yet. Then we went thru Taos and towards Sipapu. We went to a little café in Penasco for lunch. A nice restaurant. After that we continued on towards Sipapu and my mistake number 2. I missed one turn just out of Penasco and had to make a U-turn. We made it to Sipapu where the annual BMW rally was being held. We looked around for a while and Bob bought a mesh jacket. Then, it was clouding up and just started to sprinkle as we left. We rode out of the rain in a couple miles and by the time we got out of the mountains it was beginning to clear. We made it back to camp and relaxed for the evening around a campfire built by Bob. We decided to have our annual meeting that night and then sat around until well after dark before turning in for the night.

Saturday again dawned brisk and clear except for a few clouds at the horizon. After breakfast at the campground we headed out for the days ride. The roads weren't near as twisty, but the scenery was still beautiful. Rolling hills with lots of green. We had lunch at Annette's Café in Roy. A very nice little café where the people were friendly. We continued on and back to the campground. About 10 miles out we stopped to put on our rain gear as we could tell it was raining in Las Vegas. A little bit later it started to rain and did so the rest of the way to camp.

Since it looked like it would rain the rest of the evening, I decided to break camp and head home. I left camp about 3:30 and got out of the rain in about 10 miles and had good weather the rest of the way home except for one stretch of about 5 miles with light rain.

We have pictures of the gathering on our web page for all to view.
Rod Westphal

Annual Meeting results

Our annual meeting at the campout went quick and easy. I was re-elected President, Hank was elected Vice-President and newsletter editor and Brenda was re-elected treasurer. We talked about rides for next year and decided to head back to Las Vegas for the Enchanted Tour again. That will be in August. We decided to ask Bob and Dorothy if they would set up another Grand Canyon Run for next year and decided on the weekend of May 6-9 (Bob has agreed to this). Rick Londagin talked about setting up a ride at Caprock Canyon or Palo Duro Canyon possibly over Memorial weekend. We will have more on these as the time gets closer.

Treasurers report

According to Brenda as of September 26th, we have $173 in our treasury.