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[Update - the Law to Exclude Youth-Model Motorcycles and ATVs!](#)

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has voted to stay enforcement of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) that currently bans the sale of youth-model motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). The stay, which extends through May 1, 2011, follows a unanimous vote by Acting Chairman Nancy Nord and Commissioner Thomas Moore.

While we applaud the CPSC commissioners' vote to stay enforcement of the law, this does not solve the real issue, which is the law itself. Despite the stay, it is unclear whether state attorneys generals will also decline to enforce the CPSIA. The sale of youth-model motorcycles and ATVs is still technically illegal. Even though a stay means that dealers would not be subject to fines or penalties imposed by the CPSC, state attorneys generals would still be able to prosecute violators if they chose to do so. Youth-model motorcycles and ATVs should be exempt from the law, and Congress needs to act to make that happen.

Motorcyclists and ATV riders need to let Congress know that we are concerned about the law, and that we want youth-model OHVs excluded from the law. We need your help to let our lawmakers know how we feel. Riders should contact their Representatives and ask them to support H.R. 1587, introduced by Rep. Denny Rehberg, to exempt youth-sized motorcycles and ATVs from the CPSIA.

You can find contact information for your elected officials on AmericanMotorcyclist.com, click on "Rights," then "Issues & Legislation," and enter your zip code in the "Find your Officials" box. Additionally, a prewritten e-mail is available for you to send to your Representative immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

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Please write or call your Representative today and ask them to support H.R. 1587 to exclude youth-model motorcycles and ATVs from the CPSIA lead content requirements.

[Rattlesnake Trail , Open For Business](#)

by Jeff Leonard

Why did you do that? This was the question I was asked by someone I met on the trail the day after donating my time with fellow club members and the U.S. Forest Service to open our adopted trail for the season. I was a little taken a back that this person would ask why instead of maybe saying thanks. I know that if you're reading this, you're in touch enough to understand the motivation for adopting a favorite trail. The problem is that there are far too many people out there that think that it's the Forest Service' job to maintain the trail's and we shouldn't have to lift a finger. It's this lack of desire that contributes to the loss of our trails.

My club, the BPMC (Big Pines Motorcycle Club, among other names) decided to adopt a trail in the continued on page 10



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The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trials bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street legal" 4x4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, baja and desert racers.

The main purpose of CORVA is to have fun! We also work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondly, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

We participate in lobbying activities in both Sacramento and Washington DC. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in using our public lands responsibly.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on many environmental documents on issues that affect us.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations such as snowmobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple use rights that we both share. Only together can we fight the extremists. We are,

"Dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

Help us Help You!

On May 30th CORVA held its Annual Meeting and elections in Bakersfield and your support was unanimous for retaining the current CORVA board. On behalf of Katherine Kelsey our State Secretary, Scott O'Connell our VP Sales & Marketing, Bruce Whitcher our VP Land Use and I as your President thank-you all for your vote of confidence. But I must remind you again, we, the executive board cannot do it without your help. And that is now more than ever.

The California budget crisis has already hit us once when \$90 million was "loaned" to the General Fund from our Green Sticker funds. Most of our large State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRA) have remained open but that is only because they still operate at a profit. Soon, with the current budget still millions in debt, the Governor will be looking to take a substantial amount from our OHV Trust Fund. This money has been accumulating for years and is specifically set aside for purchasing new OHV lands and to assist in the maintenance of the current SVRA. The OHV community and specifically, our CORVA members must ask that the funds be used for their intended purposes.

Furthermore, the Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) for our Northern National Forests have been released and we need written comments by YOU to help make the difference in the amount of riding trails that will be designated for OHV use. The CORVA Comments Project has made a huge impact and the momentum needs to keep going to keep access to our Public Lands. (see page 11)

Unfortunately, CORVA and all the pro-OHV organizations are also struggling for a voice in the ongoing discussion about the proposed Feinstein Desert Monument. Can you say WILDERNESS? Between the National Wilderness bill, HR980 and the proposed California Senator Feinstein's Wilderness Bill and the Desert Monument Act, we the OHV community could be locked out of MILLIONS more acres of our public land – areas where we currently have OHV access.

So where does this lead us? Into a world of hurt, unless we can mobilize ourselves, and now! How are we going to do this? Via email! Recently, we achieved one of our goals by securing an e-mail system that we can use to "Summon the Troops". The troops – that's YOU all – are needed now more than ever. CORVA members need information quickly as to the current status of events, upcoming important meetings, and results of legislative and commission actions. Using email, we can keep you up to speed on all that is happening. With short brief emails, we can ask for your help. The OHV user can be a viable voice in furthering the development of our sport and our political system.

But we need your current email address in order to make this system work. The CORVA Board is committed to handling this responsibly. We will not sell or give out your personal information to anyone or any other organization. Not only is it against the current Federal Privacy regulations, its unethical. We will not send Spam, useless advertising or even any of those bad jokes you get all week long. We will only email information on critical land use issues. Remember that those who oppose OHV use are already using email and online newsletters to mobilize. Now we need to rally, and together we will make a difference. I'm counting on your help. Look for emails coming soon from: Alert@corva.org



Hope to see you on the trail,

"CORVA NEEDS YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS NOW" CAMPAIGN

Yes, Jim, I want to be kept up to date on critical land issues and help out.
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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

- **The Endangered Species Act (ESA)**

The ESA has long been problematic for recreation on public lands as well as natural resource protection. Many of you have followed the Secretary of the Interior's response to the challenge by the Bush administration of the ESA. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar recently announced that the Obama administration will reverse an Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulation that allowed federal agencies to go ahead with actions that may impact endangered species without consulting with experts, essentially circumventing the role of conservation scientists in such decisions.

"By rolling back this eleventh-hour regulation, we are ensuring that threatened and endangered species continue to receive the full protection of the law" said Salazar.

The change to the ESA was made last December by the Bush administration and drew heavy criticism from environmental and conservation groups. At the time, during heavy campaigning, Obama stated that he opposed the last minute rule changes with a spokesman stating: "As president, Senator Obama will fight to maintain the strong protections of the Endangered Species Act and undo this proposal from President Bush."

If anyone is unaware of the power of the ESA, we recently received a 60 day Letter of Intent from our good friends the Center for Biological Diversity, to sue under the ESA for "take" of the snowy plover on the Oceano Dunes. Then we have a huge conflict in California, with farmers in the San Joaquin Valley being deprived of their water allotments because of the ESA. Senator Feinstein has weighed in on the issue of the water shortage in the Central Valley, drafting a letter to the State Department of Water Resources to request a balance between "refuge" and water needs.

- **Major Wilderness Bill Introduced**

Please let your Member of Congress know that you oppose H.R. 980, the "Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act." H.R. 980, that would designate 23 million acres of land in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming, as Wilderness. This means each of these 23 million acres would be made permanently off-limits to motorized and mechanized recreation, including off-highway motorcycles, ATVs, 4x4s, snowmobiles and mountain bikes.

Identical legislation was introduced last session. Now, the House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands has scheduled another hearing on the reintroduced legislation on May 5th. Make it clear that Wilderness bills like H.R. 980 that designate mammoth tracts of land as wilderness without regard for current recreational opportunities and without input from the local and recreational communities are unacceptable to recreationists.

Talking Points

- Only 2 of the 71 cosponsors on the legislation come from a state that would be impacted.
- Much of the land that would be designated as wilderness does not meet the criteria in the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- This legislation has no regard for local processes and decisions on how the land is appropriately managed.

- **OHV Grants Program**

Grant awards were announced June 2, 2009. The results are posted on the Division web site. All agencies who applied for Ground Operations were funded. All applicants for Restoration were funded, with \$1M left over. Applications for law enforcements grants exceeded the available \$5M as predicted.

Several of our non-profits received substantial awards for Ground Operations, which includes trail maintenance.

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| Friends of Jawbone | - \$296,000 |
| CTUC | - \$156,000 |
| Rubicon Trail Foundation | - \$ 78,233 |

The future of all State funded programs depended heavily on the budget. With the special election failure of the ballot initiatives, the State is now in the midst of a funding crisis and the State OHV program is in jeopardy. At this point there has been no decision as to what will or will not be funded. Stay tuned for developments.

Forest Service Route Designation

The CORVA Comments Project Team is hard at work on the many Travel Management draft EIS's being published by the Forest Service. This important project will determine where you can ride on California's National Forest for future generations.



The CORVA comments team submitted over 50 comment letters on the Stanislaus DEIS. Stanislaus is the site of many OHV opportunities and events including the Little Polecat Enduro sponsored by the Merced Dirt Riders. The requests for an extension filed by CORVA members helped get us more time to research the document which is over 500 pages!

Region 5 has just released an unprecedented number of draft EIS's simultaneously. Draft EIS's for the Klamath, Six Rivers, Shasta Trinity, and Lassen National Forests have been released with the legal minimum 45 day comment period. Forest Service Chief Abigail Kimbell has instructed all Forests to complete Travel Management by the end of 2009. This has placed enormous pressure on user groups submitting comments on these huge documents. If you are familiar with routes in these areas please contact me at: Bruce.Whitcher@corva.org

Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) Management Plan DEIS due for release

**Preliminary alternatives are available for review for the ISDRA RAMP – EIS.
Please take a look at these and take the time to comment.**



The ISDRA is presently managed under the 1987 ISDRA RAMP. Information and decisions from the existing RAMP will be reviewed and incorporated in this plan to the extent possible. Management will continue under the 1987 RAMP until the current planning effort results in an approved Record of Decision (ROD). Although BLM welcomes input at any time during the planning process, the next official public comment period will be open upon publication of the ISDRA Draft RAMP and Draft EIS, which is anticipated to be released to the public in spring 2009. The draft document will contain a range of management alternatives for ISDRA public lands administered by the El Centro Field Office, including a "No Action" alternative and a "Preferred" alternative. A Notice of Availability (NOA) will be published in the Federal Register followed by a 90-day public comment period. The document will also be available on-line at the El Centro Field Office website:

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html>

Public meetings will be held during the 90-day comment period which will be announced through local news media at least 15 days prior to the event. At the conclusion of the Draft RAMP and Draft EIS public comment period, the BLM will respond to comments and prepare a Proposed RAMP and Final EIS, which is anticipated to be released in January 2010. The availability of the Proposed RAMP and Final EIS will be announced in the Federal Register followed by a 30- day protest period. At the conclusion of the protest period, the BLM will resolve valid protests and prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) which is anticipated to be released in spring 2010. A NOA for the ROD will be announced in the Federal Register .

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OPERATION SUPER CANYON SWEEP 2009 - A SUCCESS!

By Jim Colln

On Saturday, June 13th my wife Connie and I attended the annual cleanup of the San Gabriel Canyon. This area includes the OHV area know to most as "Azusa Canyon". This event presented by the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) was first class and well organized. Mr. Barry Wetherby and company did an outstanding job, the only thing missing was YOU.

The weather was good for a cleanup, overcast and cool, we even had a little light rain. Somehow I was chosen to lead a team of 7 in "Area 5", about a 1.5 mile long stretch on the East Fork road, maybe it was my orange CORVA shirt. Many people come to help with this annual cleanup, the list of sponsors is huge! We were taken by bus from the OHV area where the event took place to our drop off point. Each team traveled from point A to B along the road picking up trash and leaving the full bags along the road to be picked up later. It started off good, just a little trash here and there, the normal stuff you see all the time. Then we came to a spot where people must not care about their use of the Angeles National Forest, and forget it is their own public land they ruin. We spent about an hour at this location alone filling many large bags with you name it...



On our way down the road here comes Paul Kober and Ed Waldheim the President of CTUC, pulling up in the truck loaded with bags of trash. Shown in the photo taken by Ed are; Paul Kober, Robert Fambry, myself, Connie Colln, Nathan & Greg Jensen, Wayne & Becky Simonds and loads of trash. Paul and Ed loaded up the truck to the top 2 more times! The area was clean once again.

We were served good food at the end, had a chance at some great raffle prizes and headed home feeling good about the days work.

The OHV area there is small but the closest to the LA area for a day trip or a test run. Our daughters earned their ASI Safety Certificate there too. So I hope you can make the event next year, we plan to attend again.

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There is secured parking in the lot behind the Motel. **TOW UNITS, TRAILERS and SUPPORT VEHICLES MUST PARK IN THE BACK LOT NO EXCEPTIONS. RALLY VEHICLES WILL BE THE ONLY VEHICLE PERMITTED IN THE MOTEL PARKING LOT FOR THE NIGHT.**

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Saturday: August 15th, Vehicle check-in at the Motel parking lot at 5:00am to 6:00am.

7:00 a.m. **MANDATORY** Drivers Meeting in the parking lot behind the Motel

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EDUCATIONAL NEWS

BY DAN EGER

ADOPT - A - TRAIL

Have you ever considered adopting a trail in your local or frequently used area? What does it mean to adopt a trail? You get to build a relationship with the agency that is in charge of that particular trail. Thru that relationship you get to show them what it is that users like you want and expect from that area. They gain a better understanding of what is needed. You gain a better understanding of what they need. Then the fun starts. Work projects get formed and you can help get the trail in to the shape it needs to be in for all to enjoy. The Ranger (or whoever it is overseeing that trail) get to report the interest and work being done in the area which looks good for everyone and makes budgeting easier for next year. The work is usually very easy, clearing the trail of minor tree falls, basic cleanup, small re-routing, packing in "work crews" to do the heavier work. In the end you have the satisfaction of knowing that thru your direct labors you have helped shape that trail in to something we can all be proud of.

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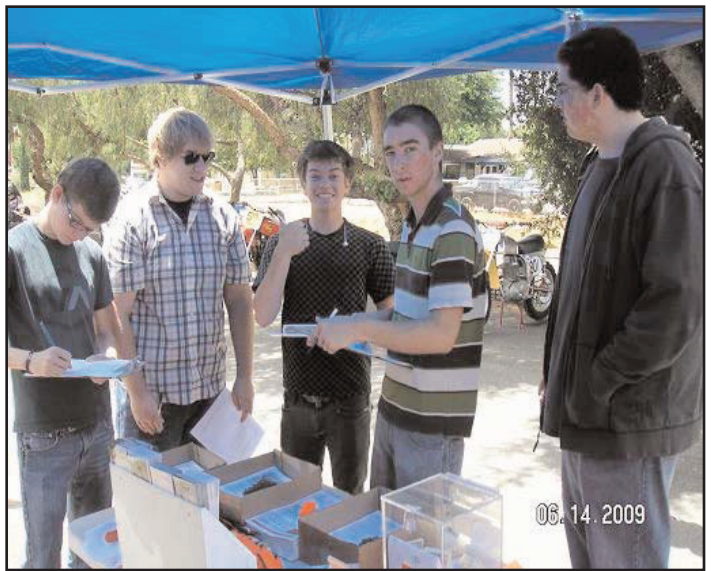
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Thanks High Octane Powersports of Thousand Oaks

A big thanks to the Olmons of High Octane PowerSports who invited CORVA to set up a booth at their 7th Annual Bike Show. They offer a wide range of street and off-road riding products. Riders showed their custom bikes as well as restored vintage bikes. They had great food, a live band and The Octopus - 95.5 FM radio was broadcasting live giving plugs to CORVA!

It was an absolutely beautiful day after our long bout with June gloom. There was a good turnout for this event with a good amount of interest in saving our public lands. Scott O'Connell, Walt Balinski, Eric Bernocco, Scott Fitzpatrick and Owen Thomas manned the booth for the day. We made the crowd aware of CORVA's work at Red Rock Canyon, Johnson Valley and explained the CORVA's "Comments Project" and we were able to get over 80 comment forms submitted for Red Rock area from the attendees. Thanks again to the Olmons of High Octane PowerSports we really appreciate your support!

Check them out at: www.hightanepowersports.com



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Cont' Rattlesnake Trail , Open For Business

Sequoia National Forest. We chose the Rattlesnake trail after learning that it was in potential danger of closing due to being in a proposed Wilderness Area. So far this hasn't happened, but it continues to be my hope that staying involved with the trail will help to keep it open. There are a few more trails in this area and several in the Piutes area that are of the same status. These are high quality single track trails that are becoming an endangered species. If you are in a club that enjoys these type of trails, please contact me and I'll help you adopt one of them.



On Saturday May 30th, myself, Bob Reed and Dan Mest joined Bob Frenes, Derek and Troy from the Forest Service to maintain trails. Both Dan and Bob tackled Sherman Pass and Cannell Meadow trails and the rest of us got to work on our Rattlesnake Trail. We were treated to a cloud cover that made the work far more comfortable than the blazing heat that is often the reality. We cut 110 downed trees off the trails! It was hard work but quite rewarding as well. Derek and Troy were adamant that we keep accurate track of all the trees we cut. They said that Bob Frenes would pad his tree numbers to make us look like slackers, but he graciously admitted to only removing 47 trees, not bad for two people, thanks Bob!

Jeff Leonard, BPMC President
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What is the CORVA Comments Project, and why is it important?

by Amy Granat

The interests of the CORVA Comments Project are twofold - the first is educating the off-road public about the process the Forest Service and BLM are using to close our roads and trails. This process is called NEPA, or National Environmental Protection Act, which is both complicated in it's methods, and simple in it's intent. The NEPA process is a set of federal regulations that were enacted by Congress to guide Federal Agencies in making land use decisions. These regulations consist of a series of laws that guarantee that the public has a say in a proposed land use decision through the use of comment letters. The CORVA Comments Project has held 3 workshops in California teaching dedicated off-road enthusiasts how to use NEPA to their advantage, and comment effectively on these proposed land use plans.

The second part of the CORVA Comments Project is to write the most professional comments we can to submit for each Forest Service and BLM land use proposal in California. To help with this, we employ a NEPA consultant who is also an avid off-roader, and ex-Forest Service and BLM employee to find the "process errors" and "hooks" in the document, and pen the initial comments. She knows these land use plans from the inside out, since she has written a few herself. She came highly recommended to CORVA, and has worked with many off-road groups, including COHVCO, NOHVCC and BRC. Members of the Comments Project then work together with local enthusiasts to target specific issues and trails proposed for closure in their areas, and further refine the comments utilizing the prodigious editing skill of Kyra, one of CORVA's Northern California board members. Our hope is that the Federal Agencies will start understanding that off-roaders are not pushovers, and the Federal Agencies might start giving off-roaders, and motorized recreation, some respect. It also gives CORVA and our partners listed on the submitted comments legal standing in case of future legal action, which is a topic for another article!

The CORVA Comments Project has raised funds and submitted comments for the following National Forests: Tahoe, Plumas, Inyo, Sequoia, Stanislaus and we are currently working on the Sierra, all paid for by donations from local clubs, groups, and individuals. Every club/organization/individual who donates substantial funds to help fund the project is added to the list of signers when the Comments Project submits the comments. So everyone who has worked hard to support the project gets credit, and retains legal standing. We generally like to have at least 10 signers on the comments, which proves to the Federal Agencies that we are serious about these comments, and that we represent a coalition of off-road groups.

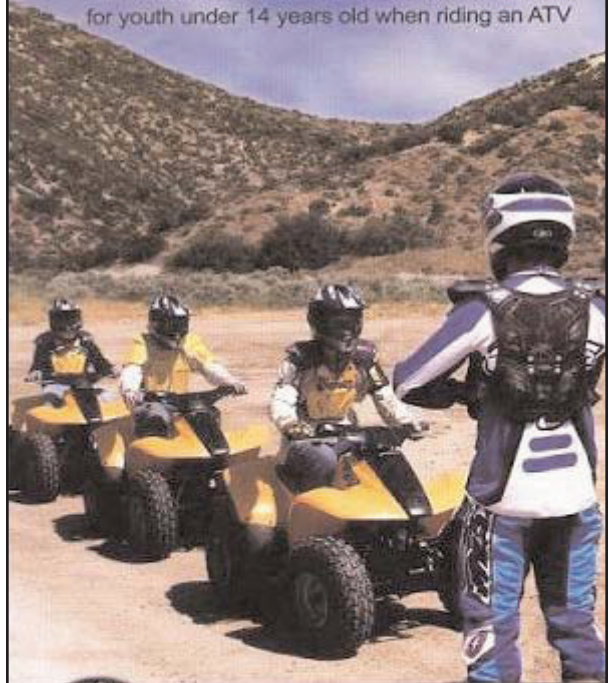
The CORVA Comments Project exists to help off-roaders write comments, and submit the most effective letters possible to the Federal Agencies. Since we are still in the thick of the process, it will be some time before we can list all our successes, but we are proud of our initial success in the Eldorado National Forest. One of the participants in our very first workshop wrote a comment that directly contributed to the Eldorado National Forest designating an additional 300+ miles of off-road routes!

We're proud of the work the Comments Project has done to date, but our work has just started. We need the help and support of all the off-road enthusiasts to stem the tide of proposed closures. Just contact us at: commentsproject@corva.org as we can help you and you help us!

Thanks, Amy, Kyra and Bruce

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- ◇ *ATV Safety Training is FREE* when you buy a new ATV from most major manufacturers
- ◇ *ATV Safety Training is FREE* for California youth under 18 years old through funding from the OHV Trust Fund
- ◇ *You can sign up for ATV Safety Training* at <http://www.atvsafety.org> or call 1-800-887-2887
- ◇ *An ATV Safety Certificate is required* for youth under 18 years old to ride an ATV unless supervised by someone with an ATV Safety Certificate
- ◇ *Supervision by parent or guardian is required* for youth under 14 years old when riding an ATV



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30 Down & Dirty

by Diana Mead, Escarabajo Buggy Club, CORVA Northern

Escarabajo selected, "30 Down & Dirty", as the name and the theme of our annual fund raising rally May 2009. "Thirty", because we've been hosting a rally for thirty years, (actually 31, but we lost count for a year, when we lost our Virginia City venue a few years back), and "Dirty", for the wonderful dirt running we have at Frank Raines Regional OHV, in Patterson, California.



"Dirty" took on another definition when we were blessed with rain, enough to give the participants perfect "mud" to enhance the experience. Now, we dirt enthusiasts don't let a little foul weather daunt our spirits, but it was clear that nasty weather predictions kept many away. That's a shame as a good time was had and a few dollars were raised. In the words of our Rally Master, Roy Haley, "The event was a success, and we broke even."

Like last year, speed was not the criteria for winning. Points are accrued throughout the park by participating in the various check point events (bean bag toss, paint ball, basket ball challenge, etc. all of which are performed while in or on the vehicle!), playing poker (cards drawn at each event), locating numbered cones throughout the park, etc. There are ways to lose points too.

Missing a cone, for instance, costs the number of points labeled on that cone. He or she with the most points wins. Trophies were awarded to first, second and third place finishers in four classes.

Once again we offered a terrific dinner of tri-tip, potato salad (trademark homemade), garlic bread and salad.

We made a few changes this year to accommodate what we learned last year. The date was earlier in the month, to stay clear of the fire season, but not so early that we'd conflict with the East Bay Hi-Tailers dinner dance in mid April. The route was customized to allow easier travelling for the 4X4 vehicles that had a hard time in 2008. We offered the very popular "dash plaques" as mementos for participants. We awarded passenger trophies to point accruing rails, glass bodies and 4x4's.

We learned more lessons about how to make this event more successful. More advance notice, more advertising, more marketing. And maybe more effort to cajole other groups in the area to attend.

This is a fun day for all who came and for all of us who worked to host. Bill Salmon sold two more CORVA memberships so we had a small success for CORVA too!

We will continue to host this rally and hope that more of our Northern California friends will support our efforts when we try again May, 2010.

Note: Escarabajo Buggy Club is bay area based. Chartered in 1968, our members are a multi generation group of off road families. The original by laws required ownership (or under construction) of a VW based buggy. Over the years we have updated our by laws and changed our requirements to invite "active" members who enjoy off roading. The focus has shifted from a single type of vehicle, to the people/families who enjoy the sport. We are diverse in our economic status and our political outlook as well as our toys. We are learning, born of necessity, to focus on what we have in common and not worry so much about where we differ.

SOUTHERN JAMBOREE COMMITTEE FORMING NOW

So you're looking for something to do. Something that could help your favorite sport / hobby, then look no further. It takes people and planning to hold a successful event. You don't even need to attend the event to help make it a success! Just a little of you time can make it all come together and in the process you get to work with some great volunteers that share your passion. The date is set for September 26th and 27th but all the planning efforts start now. There are trophies to figure out, how many games will we have, what equipment do we need to bring and of course what food to eat for Saturday night. Don't forget about raffle prizes,, those are always the crowd favorite as we sit around the big campfire ring. So can you help? Can you take on a task and join a monthly conference call. We also send information out by emails to get the job done.

For more information or to join the committee please contact us at; sjamboree@corva.org or phone 800-42-CORVA ext 502

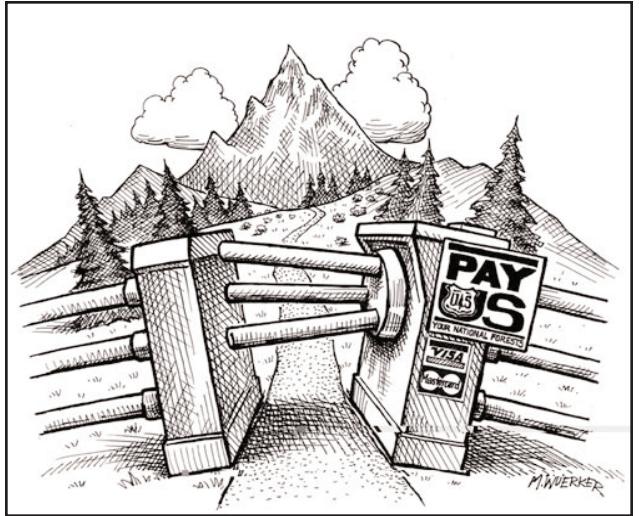
[The Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act of 2009](#)

The California Off-Road Vehicle Association supports passage of The Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act, sponsored by Senator Max Baucus. Under the Fee Repeal Act, policies that worked well for over thirty years under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 will be reinstated, and the decade-long failed experiment with recreation user fees will end.

The Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act will restore language that worked well for over 30 years. It will preserve the ability of the public lands agencies to charge reasonable fees for specialized facilities and for National Park entrance. It will restore free use of basic facilities such as picnic tables and toilets and free general access to scenic trails, roads, and overlooks. It will restore Congressional oversight of the expenditure of fee revenues.

EFFECTS OF - The Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act of 2009

The Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act (US Senate Bill S.868) will repeal most provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) and restore the language of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 regarding recreation fees. For all agencies, fees will still be allowed at campgrounds, swimming sites and boat launches that have a defined minimum level of development, and for rental of cabins and lookouts. Entrance Fees will be allowed for National Parks Service (NPS) units and the NPS will retain fee revenue within the agency with 80% to be spent at the site where collected. The NPS will no longer charge additional fees for backcountry access or interpretive programs when an entrance fee has been paid. Increases to NPS Entrance Fees will be required to be submitted to Congress 60 days before taking effect. The \$80 America the Beautiful Pass will be eliminated, and the \$50 National Parks Pass and Golden Eagle Pass will be reinstated. Forest Service and



Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be prohibited, as they were under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, from charging fees, either singly or in any combination, for drinking water, wayside exhibits, roads, overlook sites, visitor centers, scenic drives, toilet facilities, or solely for the use of picnic tables. Forest Service and BLM fee revenue will be paid, less 15% for administrative costs, to the Treasury for appropriation by Congress. This will eliminate the current system where those agencies keep all the money they can raise, which has resulted in fees being charged for parking, scenic overlooks, picnic tables, driving scenic roads, toilets, and many other basic services that should be supported with existing appropriated budgets.

BILL STATUS -

The Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act of 2009 was introduced in the 111th Congress by Senator Max Baucus, Senator Mike Crapo, and Senator Jon Tester as bill number S.868. It has been assigned to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The more co-sponsors it garners, the better the chance of passage. Please contact YOUR Senators through their web forms at www.Senate.gov and ask them to join Senator Baucus in supporting S.868 to repeal the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and restore public access to public lands.

SUMMARY -

The Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act will restore language that worked well for over 30 years. It will preserve the ability of the public lands agencies to charge reasonable fees for specialized facilities and for National Park entrance. It will restore free use of basic facilities such as picnic tables and toilets and free general access to scenic trails, roads, and overlooks. It will restore Congressional oversight of the expenditure of fee revenues.

We support the **Western Slope No-Fee Coalition** (www.westernslopenofee.org) leading this effort.

[COMING NEXT MONTH](#)

The CORVA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2009 where you can help us serve you better. Knowing where your interests are helps us, knowing where you recreate gives us “experts”. Comments on Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management plans are very important to keeping areas open for future use. So look for the survey in the newsletter and watch for an email with a link to the online version.

CORVA ANNUAL MEETING

On May 30th 2009, CORVA held the Annual Meeting and elections in Bakersfield, CA. Registration started at 9:30am and went smoothly in comparison to last year. Wayne Berg our Membership Chairman did his usual fantastic job and all ballots for the election were handled by 11:00am. The meeting started at 11:11am and adjourned at 2:05 pm and had 13 of the board present.

Our meeting started with a President's report from Jim Woods who highlighted this past year and gave out thank you's. From the efforts of Jim Colln who took over the job of this monthly newsletter to that of Scott O'Connell getting new associates and advertising. To Amy Kyra and Bruce for their dedicated work with the Comments Project, On the management end, we have set up SOP's with full transparency as well as procedures for raffle items, CORVA property and proper accounting for all events. He then thanked our new show coordinator Steve Hewitt who has done an excellent job and wife Roberta who has always had an open book policy of the organization. On membership we have increased our Life memberships but our biggest issue is still retention of members in general. Jim finished by thanking the entire board for their hard work and dedication. He stated; "CORVA could never be where we are with out all of you".

Next on our agenda was Roberta Woods our wonderful Treasurer who gave all a lesson in basic "Accounting 101." She passed out our year end statement for 2008 and everyone reviewed the books on how the organization did last year. Even with the bad economy we still had an increase in our net income, that due mainly to all keeping the expenses down.

Then Northern Assistant Director Diana Mead gave us a report. The Northern Jamboree date has been set for October 24th & 25th at Frank Raines Off Highway Vehicle Park near Patterson. You don't want to miss this event so mark your calendars now.

And Southern Director Jim Arbogast then gave his report on the latest regarding issues like; Johnson Valley and the Military base expansion plans, the comments for the Red Rock State Park plan and that we have had about 9000 comments on this area to date. How working at the Desert Vipers Adelanto Grand Prix in February gained new members and that the Extreme Motorsports Expo in May was quite slow for such a big show.

Our Annual Awards were next. Each year we honor those working on our behalf with an award. Nominations are presented to the board and voting takes place. The awards are as followed: The George Thomas Memorial Trophy For Off Roader of the Year, the Looney Duners Trophy to Charity, the Los Aventureros State Conservation Award, the American Buggy Association, Edward H. Waldheim Political Activism Award and the Past President's Award. Each of these 5 awards are perpetual awards, either a trophy or a plaque. We also award a CORVA Club of the North and South.

The recipients for year 2008 are:

**The George Thomas Memorial Trophy For Off Roader of the Year
Jim Colln**

**The Looney Duners Trophy to Charity Award
Dad's Ride**

**The Los Aventureros State Conservation Award
Point Mugu 4X4 Club**

**The American Buggy Association,
Edward H. Waldheim Political Activism Award
Helen & Harry Baker**

**The Past President's Award
Terry Work**

**Northern Club of the Year
Modesto Ridge Runners**

**Southern Club of the Year
Orange County ATV Association**



After the awards it was time to hold elections. We were voting on four offices on the Association Board. Those offices were; President, Vice President - Land Resources & Public Policy, Vice President - Sales & Marketing and Secretary. After calling for nominees for each office, we had the four incumbents nominated and no others. With more votes than cast last year the four incumbents were each elected to a new two year term. All board positions are for a two year period, next year we have the remaining 3 offices up for election.

We would like you to know who currently represents the organization and a little information on our vast representation and some of those other organizations that we support or belong. (#)

President - Jim Woods (Simi Valley)

Past President AMA Dist. 37 Dual Sport & N2Dirt, PBTF, # CAL4, BRC, COHVCO

Vice President - Administration - Jim Colln (Bellflower)

Past board member ASA, VP - R&R Duners Club, ASA Newsletter Editor, # BRC, SDORC

Vice President - Land Resources & Public Policy - Bruce Whitcher (San Luis Obispo)

Board member Central Coast MC, # BRC, LAO AMA District 37, Stewards of the Sequoia, (SOS)

Vice President - Education - Dan Eger (Chatsworth)

Treasurer - VC Axle Snappers, Safety Chairman - Point Mugu 4WDC, # BRC, U4WDC, FOTR

Vice President - Sales & Marketing - Scott O'Connell (Oak Park)

BRC, CAL4, ASA, PLP, N2Dirt, Stewards of the Sequoia, (SOS)

Treasurer - Roberta Woods (Simi Valley)

Treasurer - N2Dirt, Ventura County MC, # AMA District 37, CAL4, ASA, BRC

Secretary - Katherine Kelsey (Moorpark)

Treasurer - R&R Duners Club, VP Media - N2Dirt, # ASA, SDORC, BRC, Friends of El Mirage

As you can see, together we represent all forms of Off Highway Vehicle Recreation and their rights to ride throughout the state. Add to that our Northern and Southern boards and you have complete coverage of the state.

Northern Board

Regional Director - Amy Granat (Clarksburg)

Asst. Director - Doug Houser (Ceres)

Asst. Director - Kyra (Cedar Ridge)

Asst. Director - Diana Mead (Concord)

Secretary - Debra Campbell (Modesto)

CAL4 Natural Resource Consultant North, Director CTUC

Modesto Ridge Runners, # FOOD, SCTA,

AMA Dist. 36 Congresswoman, NOHVCC - NoCal Partner # BRC

Escarabajo Buggy Club

Modesto Ridge Runners, # SCTA

Southern Board

Regional Director - Jim Arbogast (Anaheim)

Asst. Director - Ed Stovin (San Diego)

Asst. Director - George Paniagua (Ridgecrest)

Asst. Director - Jeff Leonard (San Clemente)

Secretary - Scott O'Connell (Oak Park)

Jeeping Jeeps JC, # BRC, U4WDC, ASA, SDORC, PLP

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President BPMC, OC Dualies, # AMA District 37, ASA

BRC, CAL4, ASA, N2Dirt, Stewards of the Sequoia, (SOS)

EXTREME MOTORSPORTS EXPO

By Steve Hewitt

CORVA again had another successful show at the Extreme Motorsports Expo held at the Orange County Fairgrounds May 15th - 17th 2009. We were able to hand out educational information to the public in attendance and sign up 16 new paid memberships, 1 new life membership, and a new Associate Member. Thank you.

Saturday we had lots of help in the CORVA booth as Dick Moon, Bud Schick, Jim Colln, Vinnie Barbarino, Jim Arbogast, Ed Stovin, and Michelle Kupelian helped out. Helping out on Sunday was, Dick Moon, Bud Schick, Jim Arbogast, Michele Hewitt and Katie Hewitt.

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to volunteer and make these shows a success for CORVA. I would also like to thank Totally Off Road Radio, Slime and Kal-Gard for their generous donations for the membership enticements. Look for us at the upcoming Sand Sports Super Show September 18th - 20th 2009. I am always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to volunteer for a few hours or more at the next show, shoot me an e-mail at: steve.hewitt@corva.org

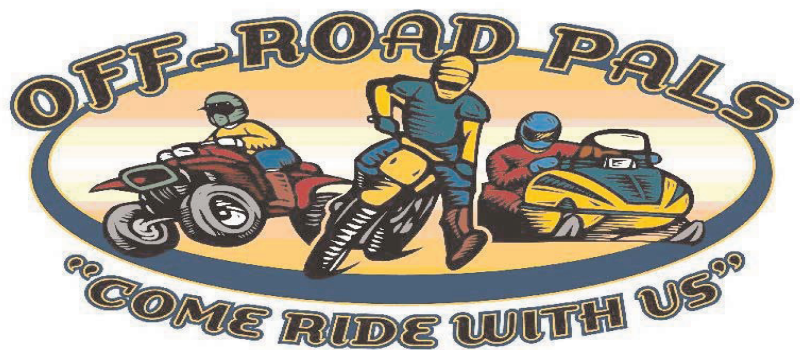


VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

THE 12TH ANNUAL HUNTINGTON BEACH PLAY DAYS ARE COMING UP. THIS EVENT HELD WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR OVER 700 INNER-CITY YOUTH FROM THOUGHOUT CALIFORNIA TO EXPERIENCE VARIOUS TYPES OF OUTDOOR RECREATION INCLUDING RIDING ATV'S ON A SANDY BEACH COURSE SET UP BY VOLUNTEERS AND STATE PARKS OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION.

JULY 22ND- **WE NEED YOUR HELP ASSISTING WITH OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES.** VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE ASSISTING YOUTH WITH PROPER SAFETY ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT, MAINTAINING OFF ROAD COURSES AND INTERACTION WITH HUNDREDS OF YOUTH. THE BEACH PLAY DAY PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO DEVELOP LIFELONG INTEREST IN OUTDOOR RECREATION, BUILD SELF ESTEEM, TRY NEW ACTIVITIES AND MAKE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES. DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THIS GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE A KIDS LIFE.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL GILLOTT (760) 767-5393 OR
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Off-Road PALS Program

In cooperation with California State Parks, the Off Road PALS program is conducted at the 7 SVRA sites throughout the state where youth ages 12-17 are taught how to ride ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) then allowed to ride on off-road trails. There is also an instructor's course for PAL directors/volunteers who wish to teach kids how to ride ATVs. California State Parks maintains motorcycles and ATV's at each SVRA site. There is no cost to the PALS/SALS to use the vehicles and equipment.

WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Have you ever wanted to use your creative skills? Are you good at puzzles? Want to better your writing skills and your spelling? Boy do I have a position for YOU. Our newsletter relays "who we are, what we do and our voice to both members and the public at large. I've had the pleasure to produce the newsletter since last July and I've tried to provide a timely publication with both current and important articles that affect our OHV recreation. This position is very important to our organization along with our web site. So if you're even a little bit curious about this position, please contact me for all the details. Thanks, Jim Colln VP Administration jim.colln@corva.org or 1-800-42CORVA ext 509

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July:

- 7/4 OCEANO DUNES POKER RUN Hosted by the Friends of Oceano Dunes (see page 5 for the details)
www.oceanodunes.org Contact Gene Schroeder at 559-294-7922
- 7/21-23 CALPAL BEACH PLAY DAYS (California Police Activities League) Huntington Beach Volunteers needed to set up and help kids with riding quads. Please contact: Cheryl Gillott (760) 767-5393 or email: cgillott@parks.ca.gov for information. (see page 16 for more details)

August:

- 8/14-16 HIGH DESERT RALLY Modesto Ridge Runners hosts the annual event in Hawthorne, Nevada. (see page 8 for more details)
Contact Mike Bradley at (209) 526-0181 or by email to: bradley_mike53@yahoo.com

September:

- 9/18-20 SAND SPORTS SUPER SHOW Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA. www.sandsportssupershow.com
- 9/26-27 SOUTHERN JAMBOREE Annual Fun Weekend! Location TBD... (Hungry Valley SVRA or California City)

October:

- 10/24-25 NORTHERN JAMBOREE FRANK RAINES OHV PARK

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