

Off-Roaders in Action

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DEDICATED TO PROTECTING OUR LANDS **FOR**THE PEOPLE, NOT **FROM** THE PEOPLE.



YOU ARE THE FUTURE OF CORVA!

Ken Clarke, CORVA President

It's been an incredible two years as President of CORVA. In some ways, it feels like I've just started on this adventure, as we quickly move towards our Annual Meeting on April 27th, at the Best Western in California City.

Although my first term as President of CORVA will be ending this spring, I am running again to be CORVA President. The last two years has been an education for me, and I have learned so much about advocating for OHV and OSV recreation and motorized access. The first two years are only the beginning of the adventure, and I feel ready to continue down the trail helping to make CORVA better than ever!

I have felt honored to be part of one of CORVA's greatest successes, the passage of SB249, which created a permanent Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation Division of California Department of Parks and Recreation. On top of that success, we also had board members testifying in front of the California Legislature in Sacramento and a Congressional Subcommittee in Washington DC on the same day.

We are now looking forward to celebrating CORVA's 50th Anniversary. CORVA is looking to the future, and you are in integral part of the future of CORVA.

What do you see in the future for CORVA?
Would you like to help shape the future of CORVA?
Would you like to make a difference and help keep roads and trails open?

You are in luck, because the CORVA Annual meeting is coming up right around the corner. As board members of CORVA, we must now look to train our replacements. It's time for those who have been fighting to keep our public land open to motorized recreation to pass our knowledge to a new generation of activists. At the same time, we need to attract younger members and learn about their wants and needs as we work to keep trails open to for them and their young families.

We welcome our members to come and attend this meeting, and share their concerns and ideas for the future. We hold our elections during the annual meeting, and the following positions open for election:

- President
- Secretary
- VP Land Use and Public Policy
- VP Sales and Marketing

If these positions sound too overwhelming, you could also become a CORVA Ambassador. As an Ambassador you learn about CORVA while you develop relationships with land managers, legislators and other recreation advocates.



As President I have had to break some tough news in the past to our membership when the board came to the conclusion that we had to raise our membership dues. Now I have to tell our members that the Board of Directors has voted to recall Chad Clopton, VP of Administration, for behavior unbecoming a CORVA Vice President. The entire Board of Directors wish Chad the very best in his next life adventure.

During the last year San Diego Adventure Riders, Advanced Engine Management, Keeper Performance Engineered, Off the Grid, PCI Race Radios, Power Cases, Divine Dirt Off Road Co, Divine Dirt Off Road Co, Skat Trak Performance Products, Zero1 and Happy Trails Rentals have all bet on the future of CORVA by signing up as CORVA Business Sponsors. These businesses join a growing group of enlightened Business Sponsors. I cannot express my gratitude to these companies that believe in CORVA. Please be sure to patronize our Business Sponsors.

I want to give my sincere thanks and kudos to the Southern Board of CORVA, who along with lots of volunteers put on another epic Truckhaven Challenge. Many people worked very hard to put on the event. It is our largest fund raiser of the year we at CORVA could not do what we do without all this amazing support.

I would also like to thank those who donated during the Inland Empire Four Wheelers Challenge. We meet the match goal, which will booster our Legal Fund. These funds are going to be needed in the near future. A big thank you to the Inland Empire Four Wheelers Challenge.

I have been honored and humbled to have served as CORVA's President over the last two years. This has been one of the most rewarding adventures of my life. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and I am looking forward to serving all our CORVA members in the future.



STOP DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OHV AND OSV!

Amy Granat, CORVA Managing Director

I have been advocating for CORVA for about 15 years, working to keep OHV/OSV recreation and motorized access for activities like hunting and rockhounding, alive and well on public land.

I had naively thought I had heard all the possible complaints that could be lodged against motorized access during those years. There was a predictable manner in which the complaints were introduced, starting with issues with the vehicle itself, continuing onto problems with internal combustion engines. Then it would progress to quasi-environmental complaints and move forward to climate change. Because we knew what was coming, we appropriately prepared our counter attack.

But the Eldorado National Forest threw a monkey wrench into our predictable scenario. For the first time that I recall, the Eldorado added another component into the so-called list of significant impacts used to criticize motorized vehicle use. In the plan released to manage over-snow recreation in the forest, the Forest Service added the "threat of personal safety" as a significant impact for non-motorized recreation enthusiasts.

These seemingly innocuous words, "threat of personal safety", actually hold a chilling definition. What the Eldorado stated (in writing) is that non-motorized cross-country skiers have a very real reason to fear interaction with motorized enthusiasts because snowmobilers are dangerous and pose a threat to their safety while recreating in the forest. This concept, that motorized recreation enthusiasts are poised to attack others recreating in the forest is preposterous! The

Forest Service equated motorized recreationists to the equivalent to roving street gangs, painting snowmobilers as the bad guys, and cross-country skiers as the innocent victims.

The whole idea of labeling a community in this manner was simply astounding, and when challenged, no one in the forest could say how this idea first occurred to them and made it into the documents. But one thing is clear – we cannot accept this sort of labeling.

CORVA lodged a serious complaint with the forest and brought it all the way to regional authorities with the Forest Service. But oddly enough, no one else in the motorized community really picked up on the meaning behind the words. Not until we started to complain did others understand the intention behind the words. However as soon as we started talking, suddenly the light bulb went on and people became indignant, with good reason.

I wonder if the years of hearing complaints against motorized recreation makes us just a little bit numb to the words, and numb to the intent. But we can't let that happen. I've written before how the greater off-road/over-snow community are the most giving and caring community I've every met. They are my friends and my family, as I'm sure they are yours. While CORVA is watching, reading, and listening closely to what federal agencies are saying about motorized enthusiasts; we depend on you to do the same. We need to hear your experiences with agency personnel, and follow up when something just doesn't seem right. We have to object and make sure our community isn't labeled in an arbitrary and erroneous manner.

CORVA INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING!

We are holding our meeting in California City, not far from some fantastic off-road opportunities around the town, and very close to Jawbone Canyon. Come meet with us on Saturday, and head out to have fun on Sunday!

To Call in: (712) 775-8968, Access Code: #104206.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to: Roberta.woods@corva.org

In the meantime, please nominate your favorite clubs and individuals for CORVA awards. We have some awesome people who deserve recognition in our community, and we want to give them the kudos they deserve. Please contact info@corva.org for more information.

ITINERARY FOR CORVA ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: April 27, 2019 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Greetings etc. starting at 8:00 AM in the Conference Room

California City Best Western

10386 California City Blvd California City, CA 93505

Room reservations: (760) 373-1369

Reference CORVA when making reservations.

We suggest you come for two nights - Friday 04/26 and Saturday 04/27/2019. Room includes hot breakfast from 6:00 - 9:00 AM

Rates: \$99.99 Single or \$105.99 Double plus taxes.

Lunch: Gloria's Mexican Restaurant Total \$14.00 (includes tip etc.)

Served in the conference room. We will go to pick up the food prior to lunch.

Each person can choose from one of the following: Taco (Beef or Chicken), Enchilada (Beef, Chicken or Cheese), Chili Relleno or Beef Tamale with Rice, Beans and soup or a small salad (with choice of ranch, bleu cheese, Italian or thousand-island dressing).

Roberta will take orders and your payments at the meeting Water and a selection of sodas will be available also.

If you have diet restrictions, please bring your own beverages.

Dinner: DiMaggio's Old Type Pizzeria - 6:30 PM (In the private room) 8056 California City Blvd (760) 338-3601

Italian food, pizza and salads. Draft and Bottled Beer along with a selection of Wines. We will order off the menu and pay individually.

Please RSVP to Roberta for the dinner asap so we can tell the restaurant staff.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order 9:00 AM
- II. Roll Call & Welcome from President
 - a. Introduction of Board of Directors and Guests
 - b. Review Agenda
- III. Approve minutes from 2018 Annual meeting
- IV. Board Reports/Discussion
 - a. Legislative Issues
 - b. Questions
- V. Annual Awards: Nominations and Discussion:
 - a. Past President's Award
 - b. ABA Edward H Waldheim Political Action Award
 - c. Los Aventureros Conservation Award
 - d. Looney Duners Charity Award
 - e. Northern Club of the Year
 - f. Southern Club of the Year
 - g. Off-Roader of the Year
- VI. CORVA Business Plan Discussion

Lunch

- VII. Annual Elections: Ken Clarke and Amy Granat
 - a. President
 - b. VP Land Use & Public Policy
 - c. VP Sales & Marketing
 - d. Secretary

VIII. Proposed By-Law Changes See next page

Next proposed CORVA scheduled board meeting May 20, 2019 [Meeting changed due to Memorial Day conflict]

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Article VI, Section 3, subsection (A) President:

He/She shall also act as an advisor for the Board of Directors for one (1) year after completion of his/her term of office.

Change the language above to: He/She shall also act as an advisor for the Board of Directors until a new President is elected, resulting in a new Past President.

Article VI, Section 3, subsection (E) Vice President Sales and Marketing

Eliminate this position on the Board of Directors. This position has been vacant for many years, and the responsibilities delegated to social media volunteers. CORVA should also consider hiring a PR firm for greater exposure. Reality of this position is that it has evolved to something very different than was previously intended, and requires specialists in different areas to do the job that the organization needs.

Article XI Section 1 of the CORVA By-Laws

The Supporting Membership shall be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance of all meetings. Notification shall be by publication on the web site and newsletter,

and by email to those Supporting Members who do not receive the newsletter by US Mail. US Mail and email notifications of Regional Meetings need only to be sent to the members of that region.

Since we publish the newsletter quarterly, this is no longer efficient or reflect current circumstances

At the 2016 annual CORVA meeting, changes to the by-laws were voted in to change the timing and voting requirements for by-law amendments. The changes were intended to eliminate the requirement of limiting by-law change votes to the annual meeting.

Therefore, I am submitting a proposal to the by-laws to remove "represented at that Annual Meeting " from Section D of XVII.

Additional proposed change to section D, of XVII, BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS, which reads:

"D. Those by-laws changes require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting Supporting Members represented at that Annual Meeting to go into effect."



Modesto Ridge Runners HIGH DESERT RALLY



Hawthorne, NV

Run through the desert 100 miles (+/-)

Family Fun!



WHO:

YOU and your friends

WHAT:

High Desert Rally

WHEN:

August 9 & 10, 2019

WHERE:

Hawthorne, Nevada

WHY:

Because it is a BLAST!

Registration includes: Lodging, Dinner

and T-Shirts

Vehicle Inspection: Friday, August 9
Event Starts: Saturday, August 10



Call or email for Registration Form:

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50/50 Drawing

Raffle Prizes

We are limited to the number of participants

CORVA LAND USE REPORT

January-March 2019

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

On Friday, February 15, President Trump signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, effectively removing the possibility of a second government shutdown.

The partial federal government shutdown lasted 35 days, the longest ever in history. More than 800,000 federal workers did not receive paychecks. Many were furloughed and others were told that they needed to report to work without pay. Federal workers returned to their offices facing a huge work backlog covering all types of government services. This includes processing permits for specific OHV recreational activities as well as preparing grant applications for State OHV grants.

Fortunately, a three-week reprieve was agreed to that allowed the federal government to remain fully operational through February 15th.

The political damage from the first shutdown was too severe for Congress to allow a second shutdown, and alternative funding for the border wall now seems to be the most likely approach by the administration.

The 35-day shutdown took its toll on some of our federal lands given that normal use continued in many recreation areas. At some point, certain federal facilities were closed to visitors because litter wasn't being picked up, bathrooms cleaned or trails maintained. And, unfortunately, some visitors were either careless or destructive during their time visiting these special places. Thankfully, many OHV clubs throughout the country quickly stepped up to the fill the void left by those federal employees who were told to remain at home. OHV enthusiasts picked up litter, cleaned bathrooms, maintain OHV trails and groomed snowmobile trails all because it was the right thing to do. They didn't have to be asked. They saw what was needed to be done and they did it.

OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION

On Jan 8, 2019, Senator Murkowski introduced S 47, the Natural Resource Management Act, that includes over 100 public lands components. Murkowski is chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The legislation includes permanent reauthorization of the Lands and Waters Conservation Fund and Senator Feinstein's Desert Protection and Recreation Act, with the House version of the desert bill sponsored by Representative Cook. The Senate voted to pass the omnibus bill and it has gone to the House of Representatives. It is unclear what amendments might be made there at this time. If changes are made, then a Senate/House conference will be required to work out the differences.

CALIFORNIA DESERT PROTECTION AND RECREATION ACT INCLUDED IN OMNIBUS LANDS BILL

WASHINGTON — The United States Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly passed S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act, introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska).

The National Resources Management Act was a package of bipartisan public lands-related bills that passed the House or Senate in the previous Congress. It included three pieces of critical legislation that had been introduced by Senator Feinstein and Rep. Paul Cook, R-Apple Valley. Specifically, the bill includes the Santa Ana Wash Land Exchange Act, the Helium Extraction Act, and the California Desert Protection and Recreation Act (previously known as the California Off-road Recreation and Conservation Act).

Most significantly, the National Resources
Management Act includes the California Desert
Protection and Recreation Act. Its inclusion is the
culmination of over five years of work on the issue by
Sen. Feinstein and Rep. Cook as well as over a decade
of work by activists on the ground. This bill has widespread support from local governments, recreational
groups, and conservation groups, as well as significant
bipartisan support.

This landmark legislation would designate or expand six Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Areas in the California desert. These are Johnson Valley, Spangler Hills, El Mirage, Rasor, Dumont Dunes, and Stoddard Valley. This bill creates additional protections for OHV users and ensures that these areas cannot be closed administratively. Creating the nation's first system of Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation areas also will ensure that OHV activity is conducted in appropriate locations, protecting other parts of the desert. The established or expanded OHV areas would total approximately 200,580 acres. Combined with the nearly 100,000 acres that make up the existing Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area, this bill will ensure that over 300,000 acres are permanently open for OHV use in the California Desert.

This legislation would also designate approximately 18,000 acres of existing federal land as the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area. This would restrict large-scale projects such as renewable energy generation, while preserving all existing recreational and commercial uses of the Alabama Hills. Activities such as filming, hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, hunting, fishing, and authorized motorized vehicle use would be unaffected.

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Photo by American Adventurist photographer Richard Soohoo











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It would also designate approximately 375,500 acres of wilderness in the California Desert, while releasing approximately 124,000 acres of existing wilderness study areas in the Cady Mountains and Soda Mountains. Additionally, it adds approximately 39,000 acres of land to the National Park System, including significant acreage at both Joshua Tree National Park and Death Valley National Park. For Joshua Tree, it would add approximately 4,500 acres of land on the northern border. Death Valley National Park would be expanded by about 35,000 acres.

It would establish the Vinagre Wash Special Management Area to protect 81,000 acres of public land in Imperial County, while preserving motorized recreation along designated routes. This bill would designate or expand approximately 77 miles of wild, scenic, and recreational rivers in the San Bernardino Mountains and near Death Valley. It prohibits the development of renewable energy generation facilities on approximately 28,000 acres of BLM land near Juniper Flats and conveys 934 acres of BLM land to the State of California to be included in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. It also directs the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate with the California State Lands Commission on land swaps involving state school lands within the California Desert Conservation Area and establishes a Desert Tortoise Conservation Center along the California-Nevada border.

S. 47 PERMANENTLY AUTHORIZES AND FUNDS THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Originally passed in 1965, LWCF devotes a portion of revenues from offshore oil and gas extraction leases to fund a massive variety of public access to public lands programs nationwide. By permanently reauthorizing LWCF, and funding around half its \$900 million annual budget, S 47 removes political uncertainty from this funding source and allows organizations that rely on its money to plan and execute long-term programs.

CONGRESSMAN JIMMY PANETTA (CA-20) RE INTRODUCES THE CLEAR CREEK NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND CONSERVATION ACT, H.R. 403

Congressman Panetta January 10, 2019
Congressman Jimmy Panetta (CA-20) introduced the Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act, H.R. 403. The legislation directs the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to protect 21,000 acres of BLM land adjacent to Clear Creek by designating the area the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness. It would

also reopen the 63,000-acre Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno counties for public outdoor recreation, including off-road vehicles and hiking.

"By introducing this bill, I am proud to continue the legacy of our local leaders, including former Congressman Sam Farr, to protect and preserve California's public lands for future generations," said Congressman Panetta. "Preserving the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness will bolster our conservation efforts and reaffirm our commitment to protecting our pristine environment on the Central Coast. At the same time, reopening the Clear Creek National Recreation Area will promote recreation and tourism in our district."

Once considered a premier off-road vehicle recreation site, Clear Creek was temporarily closed in 2008 to the public after an Environmental Protection Agency analysis about potential risk created by naturally occurring asbestos. Congressman Panetta's bill instructs the BLM to develop a rigorous plan to minimize the risk from asbestos exposure and educate visitors about the naturally occurring asbestos. The BLM would also be required to find ways to reduce the impact of off-road vehicles to protect the area's habitat.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA OHV DIVISION UPDATE

Public Meeting Update — PWP Draft Project Concepts Public Meeting

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) held two public meetings in February to discuss the Public Works Plan (PWP) for Pismo State Beach (SB) and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). The meetings were held in Pismo Beach and Tulare – details are listed below.

At these open house-style meetings, the planning team presented draft concepts for the PWP. Attendees had the opportunity to visit topic stations and view materials that described the draft concepts, speak with the planning team, and provide input. The meetings were be identical in content and format, and materials from the meetings are available via the project website at oceanodunespwp.com.

The planning process for the PWP will:

- Document existing conditions
- Consider improvement projects and management programs to improve access for motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities
- Integrate other planning efforts and ensure consistency with the General Development Plan
- Develop policies, goals and guidelines

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Concurrently with the PWP, State Parks will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the PWP and implementation of the proposed park improvement projects. The EIR will consider the environmental effects of the proposed PWP and proposed improvement projects and, if necessary, include mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts.

2018-19 OHV GRANTS WORKSHOPS

The 2018-19 Grants Workshops were held in Pomona and Redding this year and featured discussion of changes to the grant regulations. Changes were significant for non-profit applicants in the area of costs that are eligible for grant funding. There are changes to how expenses such as fuel, vehicle maintenance, and transportation to and from a work site are reimbursed. All workshop presentations are available on the OHV Grants website.

Very few federal agencies attended the workshops due to the government shutdown, which raised concerns about whether or not they would be able to apply for grant funding for 2019-2020. Fortunately the government was soon reopened and most agencies appear to be preparing grant applications. This is critical because federal lands are where 80% of OHV recreation occurs.

ANOTHER EFFORT TO STOP CARNEGIE SVRA EXPANSION CONTINUES

SB 767, first hearing April 9, 2019, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Legislation: Following the failure of SB 1316 last year Senator Glazer is reported to be working on plans for another bill in 2019, as well as building support for it with the new Administration and with AD16 rep, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

Litigation: Briefs have been filed for an *Ultra Vires* claim challenging the authority of the OHMVR Commission to certify EIRs and approve General Plans. The hearing is set for March 15, 2019 in Sacramento Superior Court, after which the Court will rule.

FOREST PLAN REVISION UPDATE

Inyo National Forest released their draft Record of Decision of the Forest Plan Revision in August 2018 CORVA filed an appeal of this decision.

Sierra and Sequoia Forest Plan Revision Final Documents (EIS and draft Record of Decision) expected by February- March 2019

Due to public comment and changed vegetation conditions on the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests,

these forests released a separate revised draft EIS in 2018.

Over Snow Travel Management Plan Update

OHV advocacy groups have been extremely busy dealing with Forest Service Travel Management Subpart C that requires designation of routes and areas where over snow travel will be allowed. Originally the Forest Service was not going to take action on this rule; however a court decision following a lawsuit by Snowlands and other environmental groups has forced the Forest Service to develop new regulations for over snow travel.

PLUMAS NF SNOWMOBILE DRAFT PLAN COMMENT PERIOD ENDED MARCH 1ST

The public comment period ended March 1st regarding the U.S. Forest Service over-snow vehicle plans (motorized vehicles like snowmobiles and UTVs) for the Plumas National Forest.

The U.S. Forest Service was seeking comments on the Plumas National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which discloses the comparative analysis of options being considered in designating snow areas and trails and snow trails where grooming would occur for public OSV use in Plumas National Forest.

LASSEN NF SNOWMOBILE DECISION RELEASED

The Lassen NF released their Record of Decision (ROD) for Over-Snow Vehicles on 3/29/18. SAC, as well as CORVA and several other groups, filed an objection to the decision.

The decision creates restrictions for OSV including the following:

12" minimum snow depth for cross country riding 6" minimum snow depth for riding on roads

Designates 5 open areas for cross country OSV riding in the Ashpan, Bogard, Fredonyer, Jonesville, and Morgan Summit area

Designates 17 crossings of the Pacific Crest Trail We are presently analyzing the objection response sent to us by the Forest Service.

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Now Accepting Nominations For the CORVA Awards

The following awards will be presented at this year's CORVA Annual Meeting. Email info@corva.org for more information.

B. Rehabilitation

- Reforestation (fire or flood)
- 2. Rebuilding (bridge, building, etc.)
- 3. Removal (rocks, trees, etc. from roads and trails)

George Thomas Memorial Trophy For "Off Roader Of The Year"

This trophy was sponsored by Cranley's Desert Cats and is presented to the one individual whose contributions to the betterment of off-roading during the preceding year are worthy of this very special recognition. The recipient may be any individual who has provided special help to off roading. The person does not have to be a member of CORVA or any affiliated organization. The nomination should be submitted to the above address with an explanation of the individual's accomplishments.

Looney Duners Trophy to Charity

To be eligible for this award, the club must belong to CORVA. The award goes to the club that donates the most time and effort to charity. Money is not a factor.

Northern & Southern Club Award

This award is given annually to one club in each region, Northern and Southern. Each club shall submit what it deems to be its outstanding project for the year. These projects will be considered by the Board of Directors, which shall award the trophy to that project it deems best bolsters the image of off roading. If your club has done a project to promote off roading, please send your letter today.

Los Aventureros State Conservation Award

This award is presented to the individual club, which during the year, has contributed the most towards conservation.

- I. Land Conservation
 - A. Acquisition
 - Land grants or open new areas to ORV use.
 - 2. Opening closed areas to ORV use.

II. Clean up

- A. Public Lands
 - 1. Trash pick up to enhance ORV opportunity
- B. Camp Areas
 - Clean up camp areas (not your campsite)

III. Public Service

- A. Civic Obligation
- B. Promotion of CORVA
- C. Clean Up Private Lands or Leased Lands
- D. Recycling Aluminum Cans (Proceeds donated to CORVA)

American Buggy Association Political Activism Award

To have one's name added to this plaque requires exceptional activity in dealing with elected officials and civil servants. This means personal contact as well as effective letter writing. While significant success is not always possible, it is important that some progress toward a goal was achieved. In addition, this person's efforts should always increase the perception of CORVA as a political powerhouse.

Past Presidents' Trophy

This trophy is sponsored by the Past Presidents of CORVA. Unlike the aforementioned trophies which are voted upon by the CORVA Board of Directors after hearing nominations, this trophy is at the sole discretion of the Past Presidents. The recipient is an individual who has shown great merit and achieved honorable accomplishments on behalf of the off-road community.

Let Us Hear From You!

What has your club done this year for Off-Roading? Your club may be eligible for any one of the awards listed above. Send us your list of club accomplishments for the last calendar year including participation in clean-up events, charity events or trail maintenance projects, help at CORVA events, attendance at OHV meetings, letter writing, trail patrols, adopt-a-trail, list of donations to CORVA or other OHV groups, and number of new CORVA members you brought in. Here's your chance to be recognized. Every club should make a list and send it in today?

CORVA MERCHANDISE

CORVA accepts donations for all merchandise listed below. Although your donation is not tax deductible, it is one way CORVA raises funds to continue to fight for off-road recreation access. When you promote CORVA by wearing a shirt or hat, displaying stickers, etc. you are helping spread the word to your fellow off-roaders. Show them you support CORVA – Order Today!!

We make the process easy, too. Order online at the CORVA Store or just fill in the items you want, mail the form with your check and we will get your order processed quickly. Once we have received your order, we will send you a confirming email so you will know when your items have shipped.

All orders are shipped via USPS. You can expect to receive your order quickly, usually no more than a week.

Thank you for helping to support CORVA. Don't forget to order extras to give along with a Gift Membership for all those off-roaders in your family! If you have any suggested items that you might want that are not listed, send us an email. We are always looking to promote CORVA!

(Make checks payable to CORVA)







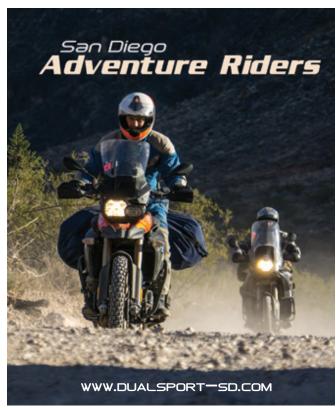




CORVA Merchandise Order: Ordered by: □ CORVA Orange Logo T-Shirt (size: _____) Name \$20.00 Please include \$5.00 shipping \$5.00 Email (for order confirmation) □ CORVA Grey Bear Logo T-Shirt (size: _____) \$20.00 Please include \$5.00 shipping \$5.00 Address □ CORVA Cozzies (set of two) \$10.00 □ CORVA Flex-fit Hat \$20.00 City/State Please include \$5.00 shipping \$5.00 Zip □ CORVA OHV Styles Sticker (appx. 5"x3") \$2.00 ☐ Traditional CORVA Sticker (appx.6.7"x3.5") \$2.00 ☐ This is a gift for: □ CORVA Stickers - Large (appx 12" x 6") \$14.00 Name **NEW! CORVA California Stickers** (appx 6" x 1.5"): \$3.00 □ Orange / Bear Address □ Orange / White \$3.00 City/State □ Black / Bear \$3.00 **NEW!** CORVA California & Bear Graphics Sheet \$25.00 Appx. 11.8" x 11.8" – Heavy Duty Graphic Material created for CORVA by RideAVIK **NEW!** CORVA Pint Glasses (set of 4) \$40.00 Mail payment and order form to: ATTN: CORVA STORE 1500 W. El Camino Ave. #352 Check Enclosed for Sacramento, CA 95833-1945









April 13, 2019 Frank Raines Park

Registration begins at 9:30. First car out at 10. Last vehicle out is at 1. Games end at 2:30. Safety check at start!

Hor'doeurves and Bingo on Friday evening Spaghetti Dinner hosted by East Bay Hi Tailers

40th Annual Rally! "40 Years Making Friends at Frank Raines"



Live Band Raffle Awards Off Road Games

All vehicles welcome rails, 4x4's, side by sides, atv's, motorcycles

Rally Master Don Rued: 707-217-8851



CORVA WELCOMES 'OFF THE GRID', NEW BUSINESS SPONSOR

The Motor-Driven Adventure Brand

We want to introduce you to Off The Grid, and have them explain their business philosophy and dedication to Off-Road Recreation, in their own words:

Q Why do you and your company support off road access?

We feel that everyone should be able to enjoy the wilderness in the mode of transportation of their choosing. When you start to limit off-road vehicle use in the deserts, mountains and forests you are essentially limiting a large portion of the population that would not be able to experience these places without these vehicles. We never want to limit anyone's access to the peak of any mountain or the depth of any forest. We support any organizations that promote responsible off-road activity and always want to promote the "tread lightly" ideology while we enjoy the great outdoors.

Q What is your company's connection to off road recreation?

Josh Patterson started this company in 2012 because he saw there was a gap in the market as many outdoor apparel brands are against motor-driven activities in the wilderness. Josh himself, grew up off-roading in the deserts and mountains of Southern California. With nearly 20 years as a clothing designer, he felt out of place working for some of the big outdoor brands. Many of us like to support companies that support the lifestyle we live and this leaves many off-road enthusiasts with little options when they buy their apparel. Off The Grid exists to support and inspire the motor-driven enthusiast with intentional, quality apparel.



Q What is special about your great products?

Josh was most recently a head clothing designer at a major outdoor brand and left the safety of a corporate job to pursue Off The Grid full time. Josh specifically designs our products with the off-roader in mind, not many apparel brands can claim this. It is our main focus. Take our Trailblazer Pants for example, Josh specifically made those to be the absolute best off-roading pants on the market. He added functional pockets, an awesome stretch, and a very comfortable fit. The market has responded very favorably, with overwhelmingly positive reviews on our site. This year we are focused on bottoms and plan on coming out with 5 new styles, including a new synthetic fabric and a short to supplement the already popular Trailblazer Pants. As we grow, we will offer more and more outdoor apparel items including technical travel shirts, functional jackets, and many others to begin the make-up of a full outdoor line. All our items will be made with the motor-driven adventurist in mind.

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2019 TRUCKHAVEN REPORT

Vinnie Barbarino, Southern Regional Director

It's raining and it's mid-February. We held the Truckhaven Challenge almost a month ago. It was a lot of work but well worth it! As we headed out to Ocotillo Wells from Orange County on Wednesday it was raining as well, in fact, it rained almost the whole way there finally stopping as we got to Indio.

Once we got settled into basecamp, we went out to check and see what the course we had planned for the Poker Run looked like, hoping it wasn't too bad, but there was a lot of mud out there from all the rain. We still had a few days till the event so we were hoping it would dry out by Saturday but we were really surprised. By Friday afternoon the course was was looking pretty good. No...itt was looking GREAT. There were only a couple of muddy spots on the course and because of all the rain, there was no dust at all on the trails.

If all the rain at home scared you away, then you missed out on a picture-perfect event day. It was sunny and warm, with no wind and no dust. The traction on my motorcycle was unbelievable. I couldn't bring the 4x4 out to this event because we didn't have enough room in the toy hauler for it to fit. Why, you may ask? Because it was filled to the top with raffle prizes, EZ Up's, banners and course markers as well as a lot of raffle prizes.

The 2019 CORVA Truckhaven Challenge turned out to be another big success. This is the biggest fundraising event that CORVA puts on. We raise much needed funds to fight to keep trails and areas open throughout California. Without the money from this event we would really be at a disadvantage. It takes a ton of work to put on Truckhaven Challenge. We start 6 months ahead of time. There's the permit and course approval that have to be done first although State Parks at Ocotillo Wells really works with us to get it done. They still make us jump through some hoops, but they know that without the money brought in from the event we might not be able to help fight the next lawsuit brought against them. You can quote me when I announce; "There Will Be More Lawsuits"! The radical environmental groups never quit. They play dirty

and are well funded. Remember the big headlines during the government shutdown about off roaders chopping down trees in Joshua Tree that was all over the news? It turned out it was Fake News. They play dirty, but we will take the high road, play fair and beat them with science and dedication.

There are many people and clubs I want to thank for all their help. Without the help from Jim and Roberta Woods, we could not have had the event. Jim and Roberta are both CORVA board members and Jim is a past CORVA President. Putting on events like this are "old hat" the Wood's. They've been organizing events like the LA-B-2-V, Ride for Kids and others for years. I owe a huge thanks to them! I want to thank my wife Kathy for putting up with me and supporting me. Kathy and her sister Janet sold raffle tickets for two days straight and then they helped hand out the prizes during the raffle. Our MC and CORVA board member Wayne Ford always does a fantastic job. Wayne brings all the audio equipment needed and plays music all day, and also does a tremendous job announcing throughout the event AND running the raffle. One other person I want to mention is my friend and right-hand man all weekend long... Steven (Scooter) Howard. Anything that I needed done Scooter was there to help. Half the time I didn't even need to ask. So thanks a bunch Scooter.

The CORVA clubs are also a big help. The Trail Masters always come through and cook a wonderful dinner for everyone. They have been doing it for as long as I can remember. It's such a pleasure having them help in that way. I know that dinner is one thing I don't need to worry about, and then they donate all the money they make back to CORVA. The Axle Benders, Dirt Devils and Jeeps N creeps all ran poker checkpoints on the course as well as donated prizes for the raffle. The B.A.M.F. Side by Side Club also donated prizes. Ed Stovin, CORVA board member and President of San Diego Off Road Coalition (SDORC), also ran a checkpoint. Ed likes motorcycles and he reviews the grant requests each year to make sure the grant money goes where it should.

All in all, it was a really fun event. Like I said it's a lot of work and plans for next year's event will be starting soon. We want to make it even bigger and better and will need more help to get it done, so if you're interested in helping let me know. We especially need more clubs to join in the process. That way it's not just a few people doing most of the work. It's really rewarding and a lot of fun. So, get out of your comfort zone and help CORVA "Protect Public Lands For The People, Not From The People"

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If you are looking for a club to hook up with, the following clubs donated raffle prizes and or financial support for the Truckhaven Challenge. Check them out. They're great people:

Axle Benders, B.A.M.F. side by side, Creeps N Jeeps, Tierra Del Sol 4x4, and Trail Masters.

« Land Use Report, cont.

EL DORADO NF SNOWMOBILE DECISION RELEASED

Objection letters were due by December 15th. CORVA, along with most other interested groups, filed an objection to the Decision which adopted Alternative five.

TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST RELEASES FINAL EIS AND DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION ON OVER SNOW TRAVEL FEBRUARY 5, 2019.

The Forest adopted Alternative 2 that is significantly more restrictive than current management.

STANISLAUS NF SNOWMOBILE FINAL EIS AND DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION DUE IN FEBRUARY 2019.

Stanislaus NF has released their Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Over-Snow Vehicles (OSV).

We are awaiting release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision. An appeal is planned depending on the outcome.









DIRTBIKES AND MINI QUADS ARE THE PERFECT TRAINING GROUND FOR KIDS AND TEACHING SAFETY!

Diana Mead

With our son we started right off with if you want to ride, and he did, safety gear is not optional. "If you forget any of the required gear, you will not be able to ride."

He had his own gear bag at 4 and knew to check it before leaving home for a camping trip. What did he have in that bag?

Helmet Boots Gloves Goggles Knee pads Elbow pads Chest protector

As our son was on the persnickety side, he also counted jersey and pants (had to coordinate even if they were hand me downs).

While there are viable substitutes for kids boots, gloves and goggles, items such as the helmet and the chest protector should be quality and should fit the child.

Good quality helmets can be handed down but should only be used when the history of the helmet is known. Like car seats, the integrity of the helmet may be compromised if it was impacted in a crash. Higher quality helmets also tend to be lighter, lessening the weight carried on the childs neck and the weight over the bike. Less expensive/cheaper models tend to be oversized with more padding to allow for a "snug" fit. Yep, it "fits" but is huge and could actually limit peripheral vision.

The chest protector will not "protect" if too small or damaged, and could too easily slip or interfere with the riders limbs if too big.

The 'Leatt" type neck brace is often worn by young and older riders. Again, if this item is termed essential, make sure to acquire a tested brand.

Next in safety, just as soon as your child is on two wheels independently, teach trail etiquette, hand signals, trail positioning.

Back to our son. We practiced the "just in time" and "motivation" philosophies of motorcycle safety. By linking the fun of riding with the necessity of being prepared there was a clear progression of safety to performance/function/play. Although we were very committed to not allow riding if something from the gear bag was forgotten, it never happened. Today this young man is a professional motorcycle hillclimb champion. His most serious injury to his body happened jumping into a pool wearing a swimsuit.



SVRA HIGHLIGHT

Experience riding along the oceans edge or across Death Valley. Play on the same track as professional motocross riders. Take in vistas available to only the able bodied in traditional state parks.

Beginner riders and motocross professionals; UTV's and 4X4's, both participation and spectator choices can be had. California State Vehicle Recreation Areas. nine in total, are the venues that offer enthusiasts these opportunities. Camping, hiking, and ecological interpretation, like a more traditional state park, PLUS

Carnegie SVRA, the closest to the SF Bay Area, is one of those nine. Located in a canyon with a Federal Government experimental facility and numerous ranches for neighbors, Carnegie has been home to motorcycles since the early 19th century. Since becoming part of State Parks in the 1970's, this very special place, has enjoyed all the protections and challenges of a California OHV park. In the late 1990's, State Parks acquired land to expand the park to provide opportunities for more types of OHV. Today the facility is heavily visited by motorcycle and quad riders with a small area for 4X4 obstacle running. There is no opportunity at Carnegie SVRA for the largest growing segment of OHV's, Side x Sides. The expansion area will provide that plus remote camping, beginner riding and the needed space for growing recreation.

Carnegie SVRA is also home to fundraiser rally's, cross country and motocross series and motorcycle hillclimbing. Hill climbing on a motorcycle is documented as the oldest motorcycle competition. What to do with all those motorized bikes after WW1? Run them up a hill! How far can you go? Braaap...next...!

The sport has evolved from informal contests to organized series, local, national and international. From one person at a time, to single elimination drag competitions. From a daily rider to customized climbers with specialized fuel. Carnegie SVRA has been around for much of this evolution. In fact, in the western US, competitive hillclimbers come from three regions, Billings, MT, Northern Washington State and Bay Area, California. This is not to say a true competitor couldn't

spring from LA or Nevada. Only to state the clear fact that the three aforementioned regions have one thing in common, opportunity and hillclimb recognition.

Today, Carnegie SVRA is the home hill of several national champions, current and past; many, many, "up and comers", and is a national venue. Last month's series opener hosted riders from Montana, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Wisconsin and Western Canada, to name a few. They come to race, and they come to visit our beautiful Bay Area. They come to compete and to taste wine. They come to escape winter and to begin the season. They bring their dollars to Carnegie SVRA and the surrounding community.

Motorcyle Hillcimbing is family oriented competition. It is fundamentally a rider against a hill, eliminating the exposure of head to head competition. Virtually the entire "race" can be seen from the bottom of the hill, vesting spectators from start to finish, and riders of all ages and skill levels can participate. Family excitement and inclusion.

One of those champions who call Carnegie SVRA his "home" hill, is Logan Mead. Because Logan was small and talented, Logan's dad, Rick, felt that Logan's risk of serious injury would be unacceptable competing against much older and bigger kids in motocross. A friend, who recognized Logan's passion for motorcycles and racing, suggested hill climbing, and not too many years later, Logan and Team UnLimited Racing are traveling the country. Logan has earned seven national titles and numerous regional awards. Many of them at our local SVRA in front of family and our OHV community!

His lastest achievement is Gold! Sponsored by Harley Davidson, "Snow Hill Climb" is now an X Games event. Logan came home from Aspen last month with the first place win in this new venture for hillclimbing. He brings this recognition to California and to Carnegie SVRA, where it all started.

Come on out to your SVRA and watch Logan and some really amazing hillclimbers to their thing.







A few of the CORVA board members/volunteers at 20019 Truckhaven Challenge









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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, trail bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street legal" 4x4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, baja and desert racers, and snowmobiles.

We work with land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondarily, we educate our member-ship 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 and OSV 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 as well as at the county and local levels. 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.

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