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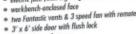












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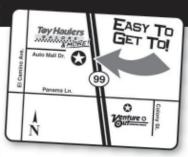
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The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

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, bajas and desert racers.

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

We are very active in the political arena and pay for a lobbyist in Sacramento. 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 responsible vehicular access.

A portion of the budgets for California's national forests and the public lands administered by the BLM is funded by grants from the Green Sticker Program. We work with the land managers to formulate the grants and give our input about the grants to the OHMVR Program which administers them. We also review how effectively our Green Sticker money was used in each program.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on environmental documents on as many issues as possible and maintaining close relationships with personnel in the field as well as the staff.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations ranging from snow-mobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple-use rights from the environmental extremists. We are "dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."

If you would like to join the fight to protect our public lands for multiple-use recreation, fill in the application in this issue and send it in! If you would like more information, contact us at 1-800-42-CORVA!



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# In Overdrive

### Attack on 3 Fronts

#### By Ed Waldheim President

During the past months, there have been so many access issues that are piling up on our sport, that it is not even funny anymore. If folks would spend their time to "get a life" perhaps this world would be a better place to be.

So many issues we fight are created by others who just want OHVs banned outright and waste so much time trying to accomplish this.

Right now we are working fervently on the continuation of our California OHV Program. Not much is being said because negotiations continue with Sen. Darrell Steinberg on his Bill S742 to continue our state's OHV program, but at what cost? That is the big issue facing us now and it will continue until all negotiations are completed.

There is no doubt that without a program, we will have NO management of off road vehicles. This was something that was predicted back in 1972 when Bob Ham, CORVA founder, and others realized early on the importance of a state run program and created the original California OHV Program.

But over the years, there are those that always thought they knew best and that is why we are where we are today — amateurs trying to manage OHV recreation by the banning of our sport, rather than joining us in accepting our sport and accepting the fact that it is fun and a legal form of recreation.

The key is to "manage" our sport and that means putting Operation and Maintenance funding into our trails

systems. If we did that, there would not be a need for Restoration funding (to restore illegal trails back to their natural state) except for special circumstances.

I will never forget when I took Commissioners, Robert Have and Paul Spitler (former director of the California Wilderness Coalition) on a tour of El Mirage and Johnson, Stoddard Valley. I could not get Spitler out of the Rail; if there was a hill to climb, off he would go. In other words, even Paul Spitler had fun, but will he admit it? Not a chance.

Newspapers & Media - Folks from the opposition keep bombarding the newspapers with anti-OHV articles all in the hope that it will take hold and that it will stick. The

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# Friends of Giant Rock Update on San Bernardino County Ordinance

By Ray Pessa, President Friends of Giant Rock & CORVA member

Friends of Giant Rock (FOGR) have been taking names these last few weeks. The 114 degree "cool" temperature has slowed the clean ups and daytime rides. The focus on the San Bernardino Ordinance 3973 is what's hot. The most recent action was the re-scheduling of the San Bernardino County Supervisors meeting that will address the ordinance. It was changed to August 21, 2007.

The reason given was that Supervisor Mitzelfelt and Code Enforcement Director Randy Rogers would not be present. These are two key players so we'll bite the bullet and send out another 800 or so notices for the meeting change. These

guys change dates like I change gears. Since the meeting will be held before this newsletter goes to print, please go to www.friendsofgiantrock.com for current updates on this subject. We hope to see you at future meetings.

FOGR President Ray Pessa gave a presentation at the July Yucca Valley Rotary Club meeting on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> with a positive response from Rotarians. Vice President Mike Hawkins has been beating the bushes for our cause including an interview with local writer Mark Wheeler. Typically the guy that does the most work gets the dirtiest, this is no exception. Mike is taking flack for, let's say, his unusual presentation skills. Fortunately, this is what has put FOGR on the map. And it's what is giving us all a chance to continue our off

road recreation in San Bernardino with family and friends. Good Job Mike.

Recent discussions between Friends of Giant Rock and CORVA attorney Dave Hubbard (EcoLogic Partners, Inc.) have shown promise for a cooperative and reasonable modification to the ordinance.

I would like to thank CORVA, especially Ed Waldheim and Jim Arbogast for their support of our "Friends" group. It is very clear that their agendas are plum full. CORVA Field Fep. Mark Howlett and Pessa attended the recent ASA open board meeting in San Diego. Daphne Greene, OHMVR Deputy Director, expressed interest in the FOGR RIDE (Responsible Intensive Driver Education) proposal to County Supervisors.

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# **CORVA**

## **Sweepstakes 2007**

Enter for your chance to win!
Only \$3 per ticket



# Win a Brand New 2007 Yamaha YFZ450 ATV

Hold on to your handlebars! Thanks to Yamaha Motor Corp., USA, CORVA will be giving away a red hot brand new YFZ450 as Grand Prize for our 2007 Sweepstakes! For a mere \$3 per ticket (or \$25 for a book of 10), you will have the opportunity to win one of the lightest and most powerful ATV's ever made!

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The ultra-compact, lightweight, hightensile steel frame with fully adjustable suspension means that the YFZ450 is also the best handling race-bred ATV ever produced!

Speaking of suspension, the independent aluminum upper A-arm front suspension features fully adjustable competition-spec Kayaba piggyback shocks with 9.1 inches of travel and separate adjusters for preload, rebound and compression damping. The new rear suspension is YZ linkage-type, controlled by a fully adjustable Showa shock with 10.6 inches of travel and separate adjusters for preload, rebound and compression damping.

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Of course, we have additional prizes in the Sweepstakes as well. For First Prize, Napier Enterprises has donated an incredible Truck Tent combo for CORVA members. In addition to the Truck Tent, they have also added a mattress, sleeping bags and chairs for a complete camping outfit! Second Prize will be of great interest to those of us who have had our share of "stuck" situations. Mile Marker has donated a winch accessory kit containing a heavyduty snatch block, shackles, tree-strap and gloves, and Hi-Lift Jack Co. has tossed in one of their great Hi-Lift jacks!

All CORVA members will receive 2 books of tickets in the mail. If you need more, please contact CORVA VP Sales & Marketing Terry Work at (800) 42-CORVA x513 or by email: terry@corva.org. The drawing for the lucky winner will be held at the Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa on September 14-16, 2007.

Remember, all proceeds from this Sweepstakes will go to CORVA's Land Use Fund, so do your part and sell tickets to all your friends, too!

#### CORVA 2007 SWEEPSTAKES

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So what are you waiting for? Send those tickets in NOW!

Donation \$3 per ticket or \$25 per book of ten. Donations are not tax deductible. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing to be held at the Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa, CA on Sept.14-16, 2007. Winner responsible for all applicable tax & registration fees, and will need to take delivery within 30 days of winning.

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# Club Opportunity

## **CORVA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

By Roberta Woods, CORVA Treasurer

The following are the most popular questions and answers about the program.

#### 1. Why has CORVA decided to Sponsor clubs?

The sponsorship program is seen as beneficial to our clubs and CORVA. It is a win-win situation. So, basically all the events we discuss below contain the same criteria - socializing, eating, and using our off road equipment. The new sponsorship program will allow for the clubs to continue to do the same as they have done - only now - clubs will benefit from this by having insurance coverage of their "CORVA Sponsored Events" plus all will be paid CORVA members of "XYZ" club and CORVA gets good exposure.

#### 2. So is CORVA now selling insurance to their clubs?

No, <u>CORVA CANNOT SELL</u>
<u>INSURANCE!</u> Only licensed agents can sell insurance programs in the state of California. We are offering a "Sponsorship" to our clubs and one benefit is general liability event coverage for their off road event.

#### 3. Does our club have to be 100% CORVA?

Yes, our sponsorship program can only benefit those clubs where all members are paid CORVA members. You can still be a CORVA club under the rules of our bylaws ( ARTICLE XIX ) and not participate as "Sponsored".

#### 4. What does our club receive for being a Sponsored club?

Your club will receive free advertisements in our "Off-Roaders In Action" monthly newsletter, on our website, and emails will be sent directly to our members announcing your event. You will also receive general liability event coverage for your event (non-competitive) at an introductory low rate of only \$495.00 (good until May 2008). Additional insured certificates are available for only \$150.00 each.

#### 5. What if our club goes to a CORVA event like Truckhaven?

Truckhaven is a recognized annual CORVA BOD event. All current paid members are welcome to attend all CORVA events. The event already qualifies as part of our insurance certificate we hold for our membership. Other events that are covered include our Jamborees, Convention, and Fun Days.



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#### 6. How about our annual event where we invite others?

If your club qualifies as a CORVA Sponsored Club (by making all of its members CORVA members) your event could have outside participants – i.e., non-CORVA members. BUT all the members of your club, and even those who help with the event, need to be members of your club – and /or a paid CORVA member.

"Hey, Joe, I sure like your XYZ Club, can I help at this years event with you?"

"Yes, you can Bill, let me sign you up as a CORVA member and we will have you helping with our event in no time!"

( Please remember, NO COMPETITION events are covered - No RACING! )

#### 7. Example #1.

The Outlaw Jeep Club sponsors a large off road expo in Northern California.

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## Calling All Clubs

Have You Heard About Our New

# **CORVA Sponsorship Program**

#### **Sponsorship Program Highlights:**

CORVA will sponsor your club event or outing. You will receive free advertisements in our *Off Roaders in Action* (ORIA) monthly newsletter, on our website and emails direct to our members. Included is the General Liability coverage for your events (non-competitive). The introductory rate of \$495.00 (good until May 2008) includes one additional insured certificate. Additional insured certificates are only \$150.00 each (per event).

Your club qualifies for this program if your club is 100% CORVA. To learn more about our new program, please see our website. Or contact Amy Granat, our Club Sponsorship Program Director at: 800-42CORVA, ext. 503 or amy@corva.org. or

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# Oceano Dunes

# Friends of Oceano Dunes Update

By: Karen Suty, Friends of Oceano Dunes

#### The lease runs out in June 2008!

Over the last 25 years State Parks has been leasing a large amount of the land the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area (ODSVRA) sits on from San Luis Obispo County (from around pole 3 to pole 6).

The lease is up in June of 2008. State Parks has offered to purchase the property but the anti-access crowd is fighting the sale and/or lease. They want to close the area-THEY WANT TO CLOSE THE PARK!!!!

Currently San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors is negotiating with State Parks whether or not to sell, lease or close a HUGE portion of the ODSVRA – called the La Grande tract (see map below). The ODSVRA consists of about 1,500 acres of riding area. The La Grande tract consists of 584 acres and sits in the middle of the park.

# 1982: reduced access from 16,000 acres to 1,500 acres Oceano Dunes La Grande Tract Pre - 1982 Post - 1982

#### **FoOD files Lawsuit**

Often we can't tell you what Friends of Oceano Dunes (FoOD) is working on behind the scenes. It may seem like nothing is going on, but we're involved in many activities which do not always get the publics eye (we do this on purpose). Recently, one of those activities became public.



FoOD has filed a lawsuit against the San Luis County Board of Supervisors. We are suing in regards to a ruling by the planning commission, upheld by the board of supervisors, which declared that the sale of the La Grande tract is not in conformity with the General Plan.

According to the decision, the planning commission believes that General Plan for the county shows that the La Grande Tract was meant to be an off-limits buffer zone, not a riding or camping area. Therefore, according the planning commission that acreage should be fenced off and not sold to State Parks.

There are many facets to our arguments, which we will not make public until the case goes to court; however, one argument is very clear: if the County wanted the land to be a buffer (no OHV), why did they enter into a formal Memo of Understanding with State Parks to use this area for OHV use?

We believe that state law trumps the county General Plan when the two conflict, which is what happened when the planning commission put a halt to the county's plans to sell 584 acres of the ODSVRA to state parks.

In the case of the ODSVRA, when the Legislature approved an act in the early 1970s that formalized vehicle recreation areas it put the ODSVRA under state management. So, state law pre-empts a local governments' General Plans. The sale should go through!



# Get Involved

## National Forest Route Designation Plan: Be Aware of What is Happening in Your Forest

By Bruce Whitcher, CORVA Field Rep.

You may have heard that all the National Forests are in the process of implementing the "Route Designation Plan". This was mandated by Washington in response to the Chief Forester's identification of OHV use as one of the "four key threats" to National Forests. Our mission is to make sure this "plan" is applied in a fair and equitable way.

Most forests have a system of designated trails, but also many "user created" trails that date from the time forests allowed cross country travel by OHV's. Yes, this was completely legal at one time, but of course that is no longer the case. As a result the forests in Region

5 were given OHV grant money to conduct an inventory of all OHV trails in National forests.

The concept is to develop a manageable OHV trail system including both designated and user created trails and to keep it from expanding by designating a final trail system once and for all. Once this is done operating an OHV off designated trails is subject to a fine of up to \$5000 and/or 6 months in jail!

In order to designate a trail system they developed a multi step plan that involves the NEPA process. NEPA stands for "National Environmental Policy Act of 1970" NEPA is a regulatory process for federal

agency decision making on actions that "significantly affect the human environment".

They have decided to review all trails using criteria for resource damage, rights of way, and conformity to the Forest Plans. Under NEPA the Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that gives all the details of how they arrive at their decision on which trails get to stay open and why.

The Region 5 Forests have now completed an inventory and have evaluated all trails, but because this is a very big undertaking and they have limited

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# Get Involved

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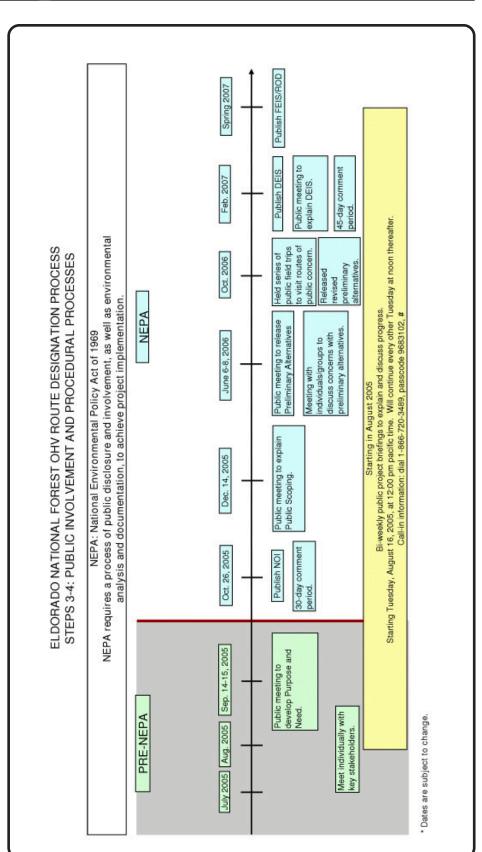
resources in many cases they haven't done a very good job. Their identification of resource damage is often completely subjective, in many cases carried out using less than careful techniques. We understand that damage to the environment by OHV's is a valid concern and that resource damage must be managed, but in the proper fashion using sound science. Under NEPA good science must be used when evaluating OHV trails or it is a violation of the process.

One of the really great things about the NEPA process is that it requires public involvement. When correctly applied this process is open and transparent, but you have to understand the rules to participate. If you look at the attached flow chart you can see the times when public input can be given.

(This chart is from El Dorado NF, the dates are limited to that forest.) If you fail to comment at the proper time or in the proper way you may fail to have your comments accepted and lose the right to appeal the final decision by the agency. So go to the public meetings and be sure to learn the rules so you can be effective.

Most of us use OHV's on National Forest and BLM land. These are the last great trail riding areas. They offer great trail systems on huge tracts of land that can't begin to compare to the SVRA's. So be aware of what is happening in your Forest. The Trail Designation Process is gaining momentum, and we will very likely lose many of our best trails unless we get involved.

# Do Your Part, Get Involved in Land Use



#### A Special Thank You

It recently came to CORVA's attention, that there are CORVA members who are currently deployed serving our country.

"Please renew my membership - it was late because I was overseas proudly serving my wonderful country!" said Lisa Davis, as she sent in her renewal.

CORVA wants to extend a special thank you to all servicemen and women, past and present, who are fighting for our freedoms.

#### My Heart is Heavy

My heart is heavy.
My tears are strong.
My mind is spinning with sadness for those who are gone.

The devastation is widespread. Widows. Orphans. Lost brothers, mothers, fathers,

The Lord now has many more angels in his hands to look over us all.

It is a dark day.

One filled with threat and fear of war.

To speak the Pledge of Allegiance,
brings choked up words that never hurt before.

Now they hurt to speak those precious words. The powerful feelings of loss for our brethren, in military and civilian.

weighs heavy on my heart, while speaking those verses.

But, don't fret, I remind myself. These pains are the manifestation of your allegiance to your countrymen.

May we find a new resolve, to understand the duties of our forefathers, to make... a more perfect union.

We are Americans, and we shall come out, with our heads held high, and our freedoms held closely to our hearts.

...More now than ever before.

-Erin Dyer 9/15/01 In honor of those lost on 9/11/01 - Giant Rock - continued from page 4 -

It appears we are all fighting the same battle at different levels of sustained existence. It brings back the words of several philosophers including CLORV President Robert Reed "United We Stand". I would like to leave you with the words of Mike Hawkins, and let's all try to do a better job.

[This San Bernardino County Ordinance restricts OHV riding on private property. CORVA and our partners in EcoLogic Partners, Inc — our legal counsel partnership — have been fighting for continued access for OHVs and fighting for private property owner's rights. Up to date info. can be found on the CORVA website or the FOGR website. — Erin Dyer, Editor]

# THE SAN BERNARDINO OFF-ROAD ORDINANCE: Too Expensive. By Mike Hawkins

Maybe it's just me, but freedom seems hard won. To gain it, and guard it, millions of Americans have given so un-selfishly, their young lives. They do so yet today, and will for as long as their country needs them.

Maybe it's just me, and I'm sure that our more liberal friends will let me know, but it seems there's always some egg head socialist around, wanting me to squander my freedom to fix his problem.

Maybe it's just me, but it seems there's always one greater cause or another that someone thinks can only be realized at the expense of our right to free speech, or our right to assemble, or our right to bear arms, or

Maybe it's just me, but it seems each new problem we face taxes our resolve and we haven't always measured up to be the stewards our forefathers would have wished.

Maybe it's just me, but it seems there's less privacy, more taxation, less representation, more laws, less enforcement, and more public land locked away from the public than ever before. And, we still don't get it.

Maybe it's just me, and I'm sure I'll be hearing from our friends and neighbors, but it does, it seems that requiring a permit, for a family to assemble on their own land is just plain Un-American.

And maybe it's just me, but I'm afraid "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home Again", and has to get his permit, he's going to be disappointed we didn't do a better job figuring this out.



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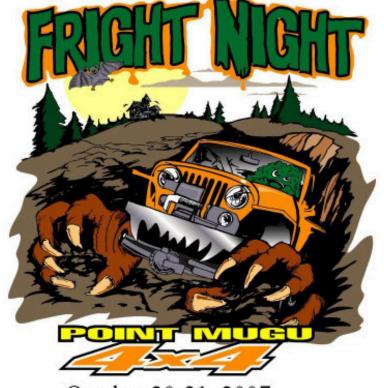
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# Racinf leus CORR and CORVA

By Terry Work, V.P. Sales & Marketing

This year Corva hooked up with Championship Off Road Racing (CORR) Series! Our first event was the opener at the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds. Luckily, we were in a great spot by the main entrance close to our pals from Baker Performance. SDORC (San Diego Off Road Coalition) and San Diego Offroad Magazine.

Saturday was a warm day, with a great turn out (sold out). We met and talked to a lot of you that off road in the Antelope Valley and signed up many new members for CORVA.

On top of this, when we could get away from the booth to watch some of the events, we got to see what this series is all about. We decided from the first race, that Jerry Whelchel of Monster Energy Racing Pro2 is is one heck of a driver and the one to watch. Jerry put on a great show of his skill and showed Robby Gordon how it is done! The Monster Energy drink girls kept us supplied with Monster drinks so we had plenty of getup and go to make it through the day. We also met Tom Morris the Crew Chief with Monster Racing and a CORVA Life Member

Saturday was a great day, sunny, warm, clear and just about perfect. Then there was Sunday! Sunday rolled in cloudy and cold, then the wind came up with gusts up to 40+mph. Our team, of Wes Hoagland, Carol, Kevin Barber and myself, hung in there and did our best for CORVA. We still met with a lot of the spectators, got a chance to talk to the Speed Channel and started to talk to the race teams about CORVA and what we do. All was going well, that is, until the wind kicked into high gear. Count one CORVA easy up gone, (imploded in the wind). Then Baker Performance and San Diego Offroad's easy up decided to take off. So, due to the wind, we all decided to watch the last race of the day between Jerry Whelchel and Robby Gordon. The AV track was very fast and it was a great race. Jerry showed his stuff and came from behind to take it all in the first of this series.

Pomona Fairgrounds' Event 2 – the Second of the CORR series was at the Pomona Fairgrounds. This track was different from the AV event, with shorter straights and tighter turns. The crowd was great, and we were again setup with Baker Performance and San Diego Offroad Magazine along with All Pro Offroad (Toyota Products check them out). Once again Wes, Carol, Kevin

and I (and Oakley, Pt. Mugu's mascot) had a great weekend, talking off-roading, signing up new members to help us keep our lands open and again hanging with Monster Energy Racing. This is a great team that, thanks to Tom Morris (Corva Life Member) and his crew (that also belong to CORVA), we were able to get CORVA stickers on Jerry Whelchel's race truck! (CORR webpage www.corracing.com). By the end of the weekend, CORVA could be seen on several race trucks.

We have found out that racers do understand that without organizations like CORVA, there would be no desert and without the desert there would be no racing, or off-roading. So like Tom Morris said, "Join CORVA today or you will lose it tomorrow!"

CORR Chula Vista series 3 – just when we thought it could not get any better, the planners made the third track bigger and better! This time with some side hill turns and great jumps! All seats are great seats for the CORR series! Beside a great view, NBC was filming and had setup a giant screen for viewing the course and the flying camera is cool to watch!

This time we were lucky enough to setup by Monster Energy racing and the live band that has been at all the events. Tom, Jerry and the guys are great and took care of the CORVA team for the weekend, along with the Hostess with the Mostess, Quintessa Cuthese, who made sure we had drinks and food in the summer heat (really a great lady). These guys and gals are a great team and really know their stuff!

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For CORVA, this was the best weekend so far in the series, for getting new associate members, members and a few life members! CORVA really got the word out, and, speaking of getting the word out, Wes and I were interviewed Saturday and Sunday by Dave Stall of KUCO 1000 AM www.you-auto-know.com. Dave is a real gear head and is up on his current events and what is affecting us off roaders! And it was people like Paul Carey of the Off Road Group, Mike Overcast of the Cabo Safari Ranch, and Art Euginio of Track Side photography who took some shots for us. All of these people are representative of the Off Road industry who are working to help us keep our lands open.

Another really great thing being promoted by the San Diego Police Department is the Off Road program that is taking kids out for a ride in the desert in a race buggy. This is a great program that is just starting off but, with the help of all of us and the Offroad racers and industry, will be a plus for the sport and for helping children. For more info, contact Officer Tom Loftin of the San Diego Police Department – Off Road Team Coordinator at Code4racing .com.

Well, in a nut shell, this is a brief run down of the first 3 CORR racing series events. This is really something to see! As of this writing, there are 4 more events so if you want to have a great weekend full of race trucks (that you can touch), racing, food, and of course CORVA! Go to www.corr.com for info or check our www.corva,org for info. Come out and say Hi to Wes, Carol, Kevin and myself. (You can even have your picture taken with Oakley).



# Don't Miss the fun at these Events

Visit the CORVA website at www.corva.org for more information on these events!

- September 28-30, 2007 CORVA Southern Jamboree California City, CA <u>NOTE! Date & Location Change!</u> Off-Road games, trophies & prizes. All OHVs and all ages welcome. (See flyer in this newsletter.)
- October 26-28, 2007 CORVA Northern Jamboree Frank Raines Park, Patterson, CA. Halloween Party, Costume Contest, Dinner & Dance, Trophies, etc. (See flyer in this newsletter.)
- November 3, 2007 7th Annual Glamis Poker Run hosted by Orange County ATV Association (OCATV)
- January 2008 Truckhaven Challenge Poker Run
- February 2008 Desert Vipers Grand Prix in Adelanto
- April 7, 2008 14th Annual Off Road Lobby Day Sacramento
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- May 2008- 9th Annual El Mirage Days Clean up & BBQ in El Mirage Dry Lake. www.elmirage.org for more information



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All their members are paid CORVA members. They work the booths, safety and skills exercises, entrance gates, security, etc. They have over 100 volunteers working the two-day event. Over 1500 participants from outside the Outlaw Jeep Club attend the event.

They decide to participate in the CORVA Sponsorship Program for the annual fee and after paying for the additional insured certificate of \$150.00 for the owner of the fairgrounds, the Outlaw Jeep Club was covered by their CORVA Sponsorship policy for this event.

#### 8. Example #2.

The Heavy 4WD Club is sponsoring their annual Scarv Night Event in October. In this example, let's say they have 50 total members (families), with 35 current CORVA members, and 15 non-CORVA members. Heavy 4WD requires insurance for Scary Night, as well as all the other activities, runs, outings, etc. they hold throughout the year, but the cost of a stand alone policy is too high for the club to afford. The CORVA Sponsorship Program would help solve their dilemma.

By including a "CORVA SPONSORED EVENT" on their activities, the CORVA insurance liability policy would extend the coverage to them throughout the year, including Scary Night. They must make CORVA membership mandatory for all their members. Thereby, Heavy 4WD would be able to provide the general liability insurance certificate required for the Scary Night event, plus they would have a general liability insurance policy throughout the vear

If on the other hand, Heavy 4WD decided not to make the CORVA membership mandatory, then the CORVA Sponsorship Program and specifically the general liability insurance policy would not necessarily offer coverage for all their events. If one of the non-CORVA members is found liable for damages or injury, the insurance company could argue for noncoverage of a claim.

#### Other Questions Asked

#### Does this coverage also include board member liability insurance?

NO - it does not. It is intended to be "event general liability insurance" for the CORVA (members) club with Additional Insured Certificates available. The Additional Insured Certificate is usually needed for the landowner or leaseholder of the property where the event is to be held (BLM - Forest Service managed lands).

However, Directors and Officers Liability Policies are available from our insurance agent. Please request the company information from your regional representative so that your club may receive a quote.

#### Does this cover everyone in my family?

YES - ONE CORVA membership still covers all members (family) in the same household. The general liability coverage for the club covers all paid CORVA members, hence the paid CORVA family.

#### Club Requirements

The club would be required to provide the following:

- · A membership list (for verification of current paid CORVA membership)
- · An application sheet that would include officers, contacts and chairpersons for events with their contact information;
- · Lists of events for the policy period, with separate sheets for all "special" events (not including regular membership meetings)
- A check in the amount of \$495.00 designated as their participation fee.

If more than one Additional Insured Certificate is required, the additional amount of \$150.00 along with the information on the event would need to be submitted within 45-60 days of the event.

Our new Club Sponsorship Program Director is Amy Granat.

Please contact: Amy at 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 503 or amy@corva.org if you have any questions, or to order an application.



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only problem is that they are all so far off base and so biased, that it is a joke to see all their claims of what we, as off-roaders, do to the environment. They forget the open space that we are preserving for future generations by maintaining natural areas as OHV riding areas.

We have trails for OHVs, equestrians, hikers, rockhounds, star gazers/hobby astronomers, gold panners, wildflower enthusiasts, fisherman, campers, too. Our open spaces benefit all recreational users and the environment as well. But no, now they have nothing but red roofs and pavement there, because the land has been developed into housing and minimalls or even mega-malls. Talk about a double standard! These folks need to "Get a life!"

#### **Route Inventory and Designation**

I was part of the OHMVR Commission when we decided to initiate the Route Inventory with the USFS. At that time, I felt it was a good idea, and in hind site it was, because now the rest of the United States are coming up with Designated Routes and they do not have an inventory of what is out there. California does have it. What I did not foresee is the over zealous attacks by our adversaries.

Those that do not want to see us have a good trail system are launching an attack against the Forest Service. They send out post cards with misinformation on them in order to drum up their viewpoint when in fact it should be rational science that dictates a good trail system, not emotions.

Here again, they need to "Get a Life!" They have so many acres of non-motorized areas it always makes me wonder, why do they think the "grass is greener" on our side? Maybe it is because we protect it better than they do their precious non-motorized areas.

As I have said over and over again, please get involved with your local legislators, that is key to all of the above issues.

Have fun riding or water skiing. I am doing both this month. See you on the trail!

#### **Elections!**

It's time to start thinking about the next election of CORVA officers. The next election will take place at the CORVA Convention held in the Spring. We have 4 Board meetings per year (conference call participation is available) and do most work via email. Please contact Geoff Teare at geoff@corva.org for more info.



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