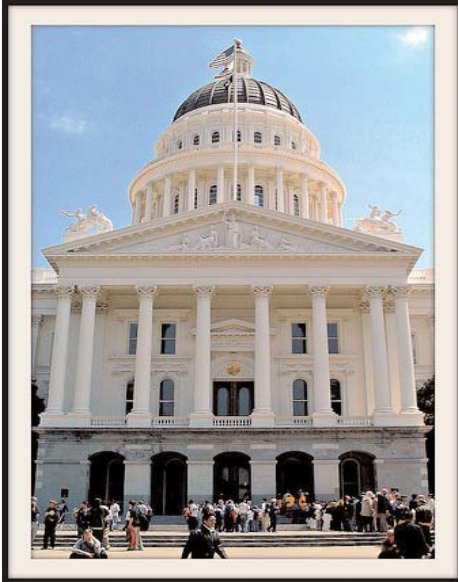


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So Did You Call, Email or Fax?

Then maybe you did all three. We sent out a mass email last month to all members regarding another run on the OHV Trust Fund, this time they aimed at the Grants Program that funds OHV recreation on federal lands. We all know that 80% of OHV recreation in California occurs on federal lands, most of it paid for with California OHV funds.

We are happy to report that the calls, emails and faxes WORKED! Our members took a few moments to let Governor Schwarzenegger and others know about our objections to this proposed raid on OUR OHV funds. We had such a great response from our membership that the governor's email address was either overloaded or they shut it down!

As you know, this monthly newsletter helps to inform you, but in today's fast paced world we also need other means. Email is one such way to quickly contact you regarding issues that can't wait for print. So please keep your email address up to date, send an email to: Membership@corva.org and we will take care of the rest.

My Three Types Of Comments

by Amy Granat

For the past couple of years, you've undoubtedly read requests from many different organizations and groups asking you to write "comments" about an important land use issue.

What many OHV enthusiasts do not yet realize is that everyone who enters a forest/desert/OHV area will be affected by Route Designation or the Desert and Wilderness plans. You will no longer be able to drive more than one vehicle length to a campsite in a forest, and even 2 wheel drive vehicles will be considered off-roaders if they leave a paved road. This will greatly affect hunters, fishermen, campers, and many others who are currently unaware of this process. Become an ambassador among your family and acquaintances, and share this information with them as well.

Since writing comments is one critical way to get your voices heard by the Agencies. We have to let the Agency officials know how we use our trails, and the only way to do this is by submitting comments. We have been told: **"This is not an election, but we can not afford to lose the vote"**. The amount of letters count - both quantity and quality matter.

So what are "comments" and how do you write them? I've tried to answer some of those questions below.

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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.

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. Secondarily, 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

President's Idea – Are you listening?

Sometimes, I say to myself, “If they just would listen to me!” For example, the current budget problems we are experiencing with our California State Parks. There is a proposal to take an additional \$50 million from our OHV Trust Fund to help fund the non-OHV State Parks. That is money that has been diligently set aside specifically for the maintenance of OHV areas, like the State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRA) and perhaps to purchase new areas for OHV use. This self-funded program has been a cooperative accomplishment because of the coordination of OHV groups, Green Sticker funds (OHV users pay into this) and the State Parks OHV Division. As a group we have carefully managed our funds, are within our budgets and have been able to preserve this surplus for future endeavors. I like to think of it as “team work at its best.”

Now, who do you think wants to take away our surplus? The Sierra Club. They have accused us of not following the regulations on collection of funds and then not spending them properly. However, we are the ones with the surplus, so I feel their attack is more of a compliment.

Anyway, here is a creative way for us to help out our fellow State Parks (non-OHV types) in exchange for the money they want to “borrow”. Since OHV leadership wants to use our trust funds for land acquisitions, let's use the money to “transfer” Anza Borrego State Park and Red Rock Canyon into the management of the OHV Division of State Parks. Both these parks have beautiful trails and wonderful recreation areas for “street legal” vehicles – like Jeeps and Dual Sport motorcycles. While CORVA is all about OHV, many of our members and members of other OHV groups cross over into that street-dual-purpose type user. If our wonderful State Parks OHV Division put their talents to operating these two parks, which are located near other OHV parks, we could relieve some of the budget crisis, plus obtain OHV friendly management for these areas. With Anza Borrego located next to Ocotillo Wells SVRA, administrative costs could be shared. Who better to run these areas than the OHV Division of State Parks? They have proven over the years their ability to properly manage OHV areas, provide multiple opportunities, solve problems, fund multiple types of recreation, devise working plans to maintain enforcement procedures, and enhance education, maintenance and restoration through our OHV Grants system (SB742). Along with the current OHV community of volunteers, the OHV Division is the most qualified for the job and deserves the opportunity to use these funds for the betterment of OHV in these parks while helping keep them open to all California residents.

I find it interesting that while the OHV community suffers attacks from other non-OHV organizations, who interestingly have their own hands full with internal discord, we off-road users keep working steadily, patiently and honorably to do what is right and fair for all users.

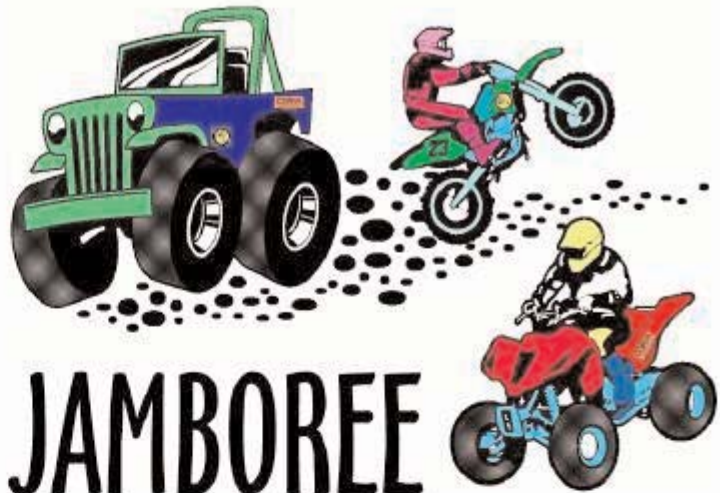
For example, in Northern California, the National Forests Travel Management plans have been released and our Comments Project team is preparing written comments to make sure the OHV rights are preserved. At Oceano Dunes (Pismo Beach) SVRA there will be a meeting on August 17th to propose some new safety rules at their park. While there is no final answer yet with the Marines wanting to remove most of Johnson Valley from OHV use, CORVA will keep you informed as soon as anything is released. OHV representatives are fully involved working to keep our voice heard. Finally, CORVA volunteers assisted at the Annual CAL-PALs Beach Play Day on July 22nd, to help disadvantaged inner-city youths.

You can understand why our newsletter is named “Off Roaders in Action” – we really are!

Now if I could just get the Sierra Club to listen to me...

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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

- **Budget Deadlock Remains Unresolved**

The budget crisis is gripping Sacramento and a deal is nowhere in sight. Nothing is sacred, as every possible funding cut has been considered and many important state programs have been eliminated. The OHV Trust Fund was forced to loan the general fund \$90M. The Budget Committees and the Governor are eyeing the OHV Trust Fund, but so far despite lots of rumors no proposal to take the Fund actually exists.

Motor vehicle fuel tax from off-road use makes up 85% of the revenue that funds OHV recreation in California. Other sources such as Green Sticker fees and SVRA entrance fees make up the rest. Expenditures from the OHV Trust Fund must be to enhance OHV recreation, but OHV funds also finance environmental protection programs and even return \$8M annually to State Parks for "administration".

Fortunately motor vehicle fuel tax funds have significant protection under the Constitution. A recent court decision affirmed that funds from the Highway User's (Fuel) Tax Account cannot be diverted to other purposes. This decision establishes an important legal precedent that helps protect the OHV Fuel Tax Account. But the situation is fluid and until a budget is passed we can anticipate periodic runs on the OHV Trust Fund as the State, desperate to make up a massive shortfall, looks everywhere for funding.

CORVA receives early notification of all developments related to the OHV Trust Fund through our Sacramento connections. Timely notices will be posted on the CORVA Website. Thanks to all of you who wrote letters of opposition to the unfair diversion of OHV Funds to other purposes. We owe tremendous thanks to those who set up the OHV Trust Fund and endowed it with significant protection under the law.

- **California Motorcycle Smog Test Proposal Pulled**

Thanks to the efforts of thousands of AMA members and other concerned motorcyclists, the sponsor of a proposed California law to require motorcycles to undergo periodic exhaust emissions testing has pulled the bill and it is no longer expected to be heard during the 2009 legislative session. The measure, Senate Bill 435, which was introduced this year by state Sen. Fran Pavley (D-Santa Monica), would have required all model year 2000-and-newer on-road motorcycles with engine displacements of more than 280cc to be tested every two years. Riders also expressed their concern that the bill could require motorcyclists to always have a stock exhaust system, whereas automobile owners are allowed to install aftermarket systems, which can be less costly.

- **New Safety Regulations Proposed At Oceano Dunes**

The California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division is proposing revisions to the safety regulations for Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area. The current regulations require a whip and flag for non-street legal vehicles. The new proposal would require a whip and flag for every vehicle in the dunes. This requirement would be consistent with the regulations for Dumont Dunes and Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Areas, which are popular areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Source: http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25980

- **OHV grants program**

With the state issuing IOU's the future of OHV grant funding remains uncertain.

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.

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

- **Johnson Valley**

Discussions regarding this critical area for OHV recreation continue. Although the military has indicated some willingness to accommodate existing uses of the area, it seems likely that much of Johnson Valley will ultimately be included in the base expansion. At this point we are awaiting the release of the draft EIS that will reveal the alternatives under consideration.

CORVA submitted comments on the notice of intent to prepare a draft EIS prepared by the Marines. The deadline for comments was January 30, 2009, however it is frequently the case that comments continue to be accepted after the deadline. If you sent comments, thanks!!

See the link to the Partnership for Johnson Valley website: <http://www.pfjv.org/com.pdf>

- **[BLM Solar Energy Programmatic EIS and how it might affect OHV recreation](#)**

We received the following information. Only four solar areas were named in California.

- Imperial East -- 12,830 acres between I-8 and the Mexico border, about 5-10 miles west of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (aka Glamis)
- Iron Mountain -- 109,642 acres just north of Hwy 62 adjacent to Rice, 5-10 miles northeast of Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP)
- Pisgah -- 26,282 acres to the north and south of I-40 in the Troy Lake area between Newberry Springs and Ludlow.
- Riverside East -- a 202,295 acre swarth along the north of I-10, with a large cluster at Desert Center, immediately adjacent to JTNP, and another large cluster northeast of Blyth.

The Pisgah study area overlaps some of what was part of the proposed Cady's wilderness, as does the Solar One project.

Further, on July 7 we received the following clarifications from the California Desert District Office:

“The segregation of Solar Energy Study Areas does not affect motorized access via designated open routes of travel during its two-year period. These study areas are the only study areas that will be analyzed in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. As for numbers of applications inside and outside the study areas, it's easiest for us to count the number inside, which we believe to be 26.”

- **[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. Copies of the ISDRA Draft RAMP and Draft EIS will be distributed to elected officials, regulatory agencies, and interested members of the public.

The document will also be available online 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

- **[Clear Creek Management Area Update](#)**

YouTube recently posted a video covering Clear Creek. BLM representatives indicated that the preferred alternative would be a “compromise” and that access to the area would be limited. Check out the video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSDEBMX1sd0>

The Blue Ribbon Coalition recently sent out a press release citing data taken from a recent Freedom of Information Act request filed in May 2009. The letter specifically points to the fact that the agency summarily dismissing important information or questions submitted by BLM staff or by BRC consultants during the public scoping period which followed the functional closure of the entire 75,000 acre Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) on May 1, 2008, to all public uses.

The letter, signed by Paul Turcke, an attorney for the BlueRibbon Coalition, highlights a number of the documents obtained, such as a memo authored by BLM experts seeking underlying data and questioning methodology relied upon by the EPA in its May, 2008 report that forms the basis for BLM's closure of the CCMA.

- **[CORVA Comments Project](#)**

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

The CORVA Comments Project team recently submitted over 50 comment letters on the Sierra National Forest DEIS in conjunction with the Stewards of the Sierra. Sierra NF is the site of many OHV opportunities and events including the Bass Lake Dual Sport, the Dusy-Ersham and Spanish Lakes 4x4 trails as well as other important routes. The requests for an extension filed by CORVA members helped get us more time to research the document, which is over 500 pages. The Comments team is now hard at work on the Sierra National Forest Travel Management DEIS comment period closed on June 30.

Region 5 has 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. This has placed enormous pressure on user groups submitting comments on these huge documents.

[So What Is Happening In The Sierra National Forest?](#)

Last month the public comment period closed for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Motorized Travel Management and we wanted to update you on what the Sierra National Forest is working on.

We received nearly 5,000 comments from the public, elected officials and other state and federal agencies on the DEIS. Most of the comments received were form letters. Using a process call Content Analysis, the Forest Service documents, analyzes, and summarizes the comments and input. This process makes no attempt to treat comments as votes. In no way does Content Analysis attempt to sway decision makers toward the will of any majority. Content Analysis ensures that every comment is considered at some point in the decision process and is intended to facilitate decision-making by helping the planning team clarify, adjust, or incorporate information into the final decision.

All responses (i.e., letters, emails, faxes) are included in this analysis. In the content analysis process, each response is given a unique identifying number, which allows project personnel to link specific comments to original responses. Respondents' names and addresses are then entered into a database, enabling creation of a complete mailing list of all respondents. The database also tracks pertinent demographic information such as responses from special interest groups or Federal, state, tribal, county, and local governments.

All input is considered and reviewed. Comments are then categorized, grouped and coded with other similar comments. These comments are entered into a database and a summary analysis report is generated. The summary report tracks all coded input and allows project personnel to identify a wide range of public concerns and analyze the relationships between them in a narrative summary. Since the database arranges public comments by category and links them to the original response, project personnel have an excellent tool which aides them in writing responses to those comments.

It is estimated that the task of compiling the public comments will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Project personnel will then begin preparing responses to the public comments. Project personnel will also be working on completing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The Sierra National Forest's goal is to release the FEIS and the Forest Supervisor's Record of Decision in late September.

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BY ERIC PEARSON (from Tread Lightly!)

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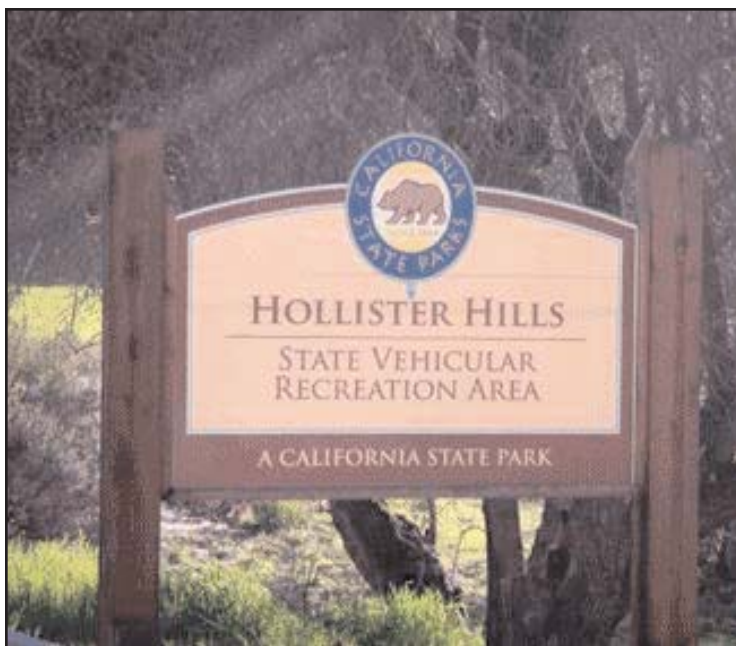
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Cont' My Three Types of Comments

- Detail how a trail will be missed, how long you have been using it, how you use it and with whom.
- Detail your activities on the trail, be it camping, fishing, hunting, of the forest/desert/area in question, and any special seasonal uses, i.e. viewing the fall colors, the spring bloom, snow shoeing.
- Emphasize special seasonal activities, especially over-the-snow activities.
- Clearly connect your use of the forest/desert/area in question, to your vehicle. (Stay away from detailing any usage that is not environmentally sustainable.)

The Agency needs to receive as many of these as possible, and the letters need to show varied and mass usage of the area in question. If you are commenting on a particular trail, a separate letter must be written to have the best effect, no matter if the trail in question is on the preferred alternative or not. This can be time consuming, but I believe this is the way to have the most impact.

And for those who ask about mass letters: Letter generators come under the category of "Everyman Letters", and there are various letter generators on the web that serve an important use for those that won't write a comment in any other manner. However, a personal touch is always the best.

2) Critical comments:

This is a "substantive" comment, one that the Forest Service or BLM will be obligated to consider seriously. It is also a comment that will stand up during the appeal process, and will also be applicable for a possible legal appeal.

The process for these comments is simple - the goal is to get the forest to change the document, and to tilt the outcome in favor of OHV recreational access.

For this type of comment you actually have to read the document. Pick a chapter or two regarding an area that holds a personal interest. Whether it's wildlife biology, economic impacts or any of the other issues the agency tries to use to prove that a route is environmentally unsustainable, check to see if the facts they state are true. Check the studies they cite, or the numbers they are quoting. Many times the studies they are using are misquoted, or the conclusion tilted against OHV recreation, when there was nothing of the sort in the original document. You have to play detective and do a fair bit of research, but it is worth it in the end.

When a statement is made in the document, one must actually demand the misstatement be corrected or removed from the document. It is not enough to point out the error, you must "tell" the issuing Agency to do something. That "something" must also be an action they legally can take. For example; correcting the misstatement, removing a chapter, or changing a mistaken hypothesis.

3) Professionally-written comments:

These are comments submitted to an Agency that a professional is engaged to write. The professionals should be experts in the NEPA* process, and use their first-hand knowledge and experience to draw out the problems within the documents. There will be a lot of technical, but not necessarily correct statements in the documents, statements the Agencies make that need to be deleted from the document or corrected to favor OHV recreational access. This requires a higher level of knowledge of scientific studies, court cases, Agency rules and regulations than the general public can possess, and when we are able to do so, this is an investment in the future of off-road access to our public lands.

*National Environmental Policy Act, download "A Citizen's Guide to NEPA"
<http://www.nepa.gov/nepa/nepanet.htm>

This was adapted from the original written by Rick Krause

Southern Jamboree Coming To Cal City

September 25-27, 2009. Mark this date on your calendar and prepare to bring your family and friends out to Cal City for a weekend of fun.

I know there might be a few of you asking why we don't have it back at Hungry Valley SVRA like we used to have. Well we looked into this for you and were informed by a gracious HVSVRA, (who would like to accommodate us) that there will be more than likely a Forest Wide Fire Order, severely restricting fires, even the use of charcoal for your BBQ's. In other words, only the use of propane will be allowed.



Knowing full well that most of our members enjoy an open fire when they camp with their family and many enjoy our group bonfire that we've had at the last few events at Cal City, it was determined by your committee that Cal City, who has been very accommodating to CORVA, would be the best place to host our Jamboree.

Having said that, I would like to get some feedback from you regarding our events which include challenges such as the Can Slam, Phone Book Challenge, Potato Stab, Barrel Race & Wet Lap. If you would like to see another event, please speak up and describe it to us. Creativity is good and we're always looking for fresh ideas and feedback.

Besides the challenges and awards, which will be given to the top three finalists in each bracket after the Saturday BBQ, we will hold a raffle giveaway and a Sunday morning Poker Run.

We are encouraging volunteerism on all levels. If you do regular business at any OHV related businesses, please ask them to donate some product to our raffle. Also, if you, your friends, family and/or club would like to help work or host an event, please contact us. If none of these ideas punches your ticket, just ask...

Respectfully,

Jim Arbogast – Southern Regional Director

Help Wanted: CORVA Treasurer

In May 2010, I will be stepping down as your CORVA Treasurer. As this position is not easily filled and requires some specific skills, I am beginning my search for a replacement now.

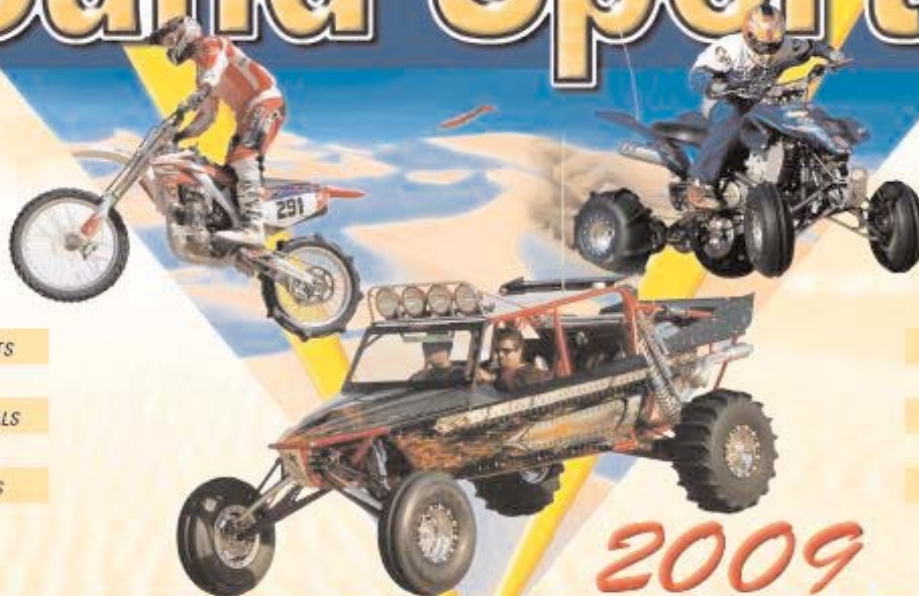
Requirements:

- Knowledge of Excel
- Knowledge of Quicken (or other computerized accounting software)
- Knowledge of Word (or other processing software)
- Experience in preparation of Financial Statements and Balance Sheets
- Experience in creation of Budgets
- Experience in preparation of tax returns (or familiar with corporate requirements)

As Treasurer, you will work directly and frequently with the Membership Chairperson, President and Vice President of Administration to reconcile all donations, membership and membership dues. You will be responsible for paying the association bills while keeping within the approved budgets. You will provide updates monthly and reconcile all accounting for monthly financial statements to be presented to the Board of Directors. You will sit on all special event committees and assist the coordination of incoming funds and the payment of all expenses. You will procure the associations insurance policies, assist with the filing of annual forms and provide the general ledger and financial statements to the association's CPA at year-end. You will keep detailed and organized records for review by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer is voted in for a two-year term. Sorry, but there is no compensation for this position. For more information, you may email me directly at: roberta.woods@corva.org Thanks, Roberta

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Membership Survey 2009

Dear members, it is that time again to hear from you. We would like to help serve you better and we ask that you take a quick survey. The survey can be completed on the following two pages and mailed in or if preferred taken online at:

www.corva.org/survey2009/

Please mail the completed survey to:

CORVA Survey
4346 East Los Angeles Ave.
Simi Valley, CA 93063-1945

We hope this survey will help us better know our members and where they like to recreate. With this survey information we plan to better inform you on issues that affect you the most. Look for the survey results in a future newsletter and see how your participation affected the results of the survey. So make your voice count and please take the survey!

Comments on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or United States Forest Service (USFS) plans are very important and best if coming from those that use these lands. We encourage all our members to stay informed of planning efforts at their favorite recreation / riding areas. If there is currently a "Friends of" group that oversees an area that you use, we ask that you please consider joining that organization. We have the "Friends groups" listed on our web site with contact information.

Thanks, CORVA Board of Directors

CORVA CLUB OF THE SOUTH

by Jim Colln

On Tuesday, July 14th the annual Club of the South Award was presented to the Orange County ATV Association at their monthly meeting. I was able to attend the meeting and presented the plaque to president Lloyd Misner. The OCATV club has donated to CORVA in the past 5 years with proceeds from the Annual Glamis Poker Run. To date the amount from the annual event totals more than \$10,000 to just CORVA and with equal amounts to the ASA and SDORC organizations. We want to thank them for the Annual Glamis Poker Run who's education, trash pickup and fundraising helps our sport.



Looking to join a club? The Orange County ATV Association is a family-oriented social club/group of Off Road enthusiasts who get together throughout the year. The group was started in Southern California in 1982 and has been going strong ever since. While most of the members are from Orange County, the club welcomes everyone and has members from all over Southern California and Arizona.

The group meets the second Tuesday of every month at Fuddruckers in Buena Park, CA. From the 91 Fwy, take Beach Blvd north to Orangethorpe. Meetings start at 7:30pm



A small membership fee provides benefits such as a monthly newsletter and a member web site.

If you would like more information about the Orange County ATV Association please visit their website: www.ocatvassociation.org

CORVA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SURVEY TO HELP US BETTER SERVE OUR MEMBERS

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone Number - Area Code: _____ **Number:** _____

Second Telephone Number - Area Code: _____ **Number:** _____

Number of Family Members: _____

Current Email Address: _____

Approximate Number of Outings Each Year: _____

In OHV Recreation Since Year: _____

**MAIL COMPLETED
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(Please Circle Your Answers Below)

How did you first learn about CORVA?

- a. From a Dealer / OHV Business
- b. At a CORVA sponsored event
- c. Trade Show
- d. Friends or family
- e. CORVA website
- f. Magazine/Print Advertisement
- g. Other

Do you feel CORVA does a good job?

- a. Yes, Very Satisfied
- b. Yes, Satisfied
- c. OK
- d. Not Satisfied
- e. Very Disappointed

Explain:

How long have you been a member?

- a. One year or less
- b. One year to three
- c. Three years to five
- d. Five years to ten
- e. More than 10 years

What do you think CORVA does best?

- a. Fun Events
- b. Representation
- c. Education
- d. Keeps me informed
- e. Provide affordable Club Event Insurance

Your main reason for joining CORVA was:

- a. Keeping me informed as to what is happening to my public lands
- b. Represents OHV Community in Legal Matters
- c. N2Dirt OHV Education programs
- d. CORVA OHV events to attend like Truckhaven or Jamborees
- e. Represents OHV in Lobbying efforts
- f. To be a part of an OHV organization
- g. Club Insurance

What can CORVA do better to serve your needs?

- a. Sponsor more family events
- b. Better communications (newsletter, emails, website)
- c. Improved communications with government officials
- d. Discounts for OHV related items

Are you a member of an OHV club or organization other than CORVA?

- a. Yes
- b. No

e. Other: _____

If Yes, name(s): _____

What type(s) of Off Highway Vehicles do you have?

- a. 4X4 – Street registered
- b. 4X4 – Green Stickered
- c. 2X4 – Buggy or Sandrail
- d. Quad or 3 Wheeler
- e. Motorcycle
- f. UTV
- g. Other
- h. None at this time

What OHV area(s) below do you recreate at?
(Circle all that apply)

- Alamo Mountain / Ballinger Canyon
- Angeles Forest Areas
- Antelope Lake / Lights Creek
- Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- Arroyo Salado
- Barrett Lake
- Big Bear Lake Area
- Big Creek / Four Trees / French Creek
- Black Butte Lake
- Black Mountain (Pozo LaPanza)
- Bradshaw Trail
- California City
- Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Chappie-Shasta OHV Area
- China Wall
- Clay Pit
- Clear Creek Management Area
- Cleghorn Bar / Poker Flat
- Cleveland Forest Areas
- Corral Canyon / Bear Valley
- Corral Hollow / Spicer
- Crandall Peak / Deer Creek Area
- Cuddeback Lake Basin
- Date Flat / Moore Creek Area
- Davis Flat
- Deadman Springs / Snake Lake
- Dixie Mountain
- Dove Springs OHV Recreation Area
- Downieville Area
- Drinkwater Flats
- Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Area
- East Sierras
- Eastern Mojave Desert Areas
- El Dorado Forest Area
- El Mirage OHV Recreation Area
- El Paso Mountains
- Elk Mountain Area
- Eugene Chappie OHV Park

- Fordyce Jeep Trail
- Foresthill OHV Area
- Fort Sage
- Frank Raines OHV Park
- Frog Meadow Area
- Glen Helen OHV Park
- Gold Lake
- Hanford Cycle Park
- Hayfork Area
- Heber Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Hites Cove
- Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Hull / Trout Creek
- Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Hunter Creek
- Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area
- Inyo Forest Areas
- Jawbone Canyon OHV Recreation Area
- Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area
- Kennedy Meadows
- Kings Beach
- Kings River - Pineridge
- Knoxville
- La Grange OHV Park
- Laguna Seca Recreation Area
- Lake Arrowhead Area
- Lake Pillsbury
- Lark Canyon
- Littlerock
- Los Padres Forest Areas
- Lytle Creek Area
- Mace Mill - Rock Creek
- Mammoth Bar
- McCloud Area
- Mendocino Forest Areas
- Metcalf Motorcycle Park
- Nevada City District Areas
- Niagara Ridge / Herring Creek Area

- Oceano Dunes State OHV Area
- Ocotillo Wells State OHV Area
- Olancha OHV Area
- Panamint Valley
- Park Moabi
- Parker Strip
- Plaster City
- Plumas Forest Areas
- Poleta
- Porterville OHV Park
- Prairie City State OHV Area
- Prosser Hills Area
- Quail Flat
- Rand Mountains
- Randsburg / Red Mountain
- Razor OHV Recreation Area
- Rowher Flat OHV Area
- Samoa Dunes
- San Bernardino Forest Areas
- San Gabriel Forests Areas
- San Jacinto Area
- Sand Mountain NV
- Santa Barbara Forests
- Sequoia Forest Areas
- Shasta-Trinity Forest Areas
- Shaver Lake Area
- Sierra Forest Areas
- Sierraville Area
- South Cow Mountain OHV Area
- Spangler Hills OHV Recreation Area
- Stanislaus Forest Areas
- Stoddard Valley OHV Recreation Area
- Superstition Mountain
- Tahoe Forest Areas
- Truckhaven Area
- Tulare Cycle Park
- Tule River Area
- Others: _____

While on your off-roading trip do you participate in any of the following:

- a. Rockhounding
- b. Model Rockets
- c. Wind Sailing / Land Yachts
- d. Photography
- e. Timing Events / SCTA
- f. RC Planes / Cars
- g. Fishing / Hunting
- h. Bicycling / Mountain Bikes
- i. Hiking
- j. Other: _____

Volunteer areas you would like to help with:

- | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Land Use Committee | Legislative Committee | Events Committees |
| Membership Committee | Trade Show Committee | Marketing Committee |
| Grants Committee | Clubs Committee | Other Areas |
| | | None at this time |

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September:

9/18-20 **SAND SPORTS SUPER SHOW** Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA. www.sandsportssupershow.com
To help in the CORVA booth Contact: Steve Hewitt steve.hewitt@corva.org

9/26-27 **SOUTHERN JAMBOREE** Annual Fun Weekend! California City (see flyer on page 5)

October:

10/9-11 **OFF-ROAD EXPO** at Pomona Fairplex, Website: www.offroadexpo.com
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10/24-25 **NORTHERN JAMBOREE - FRANK RAINES OHV PARK** CORVA Board of Directors Meeting on Sunday morning.

10/25 **5TH ANNUAL EL MIRAGE MID-YEAR CLEANUP.** A one day clean-up at the El Mirage OHV area.
Website: www.elmirage.org Contact: Ed Waldheim at: edwaldheim@aol.com

November:

11/7 **9TH ANNUAL GLAMIS POKER RUN** presented by the Orange County ATV Association. Come enjoy a ride in the dunes where the proceeds benefit OHV organizations. Contact Jim Arbogast to offer checkpoint help. jim.arbogast@corva.org

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