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## ***Your Chance To Provide Positive Comments About Motorized Recreation***

By Americans for Responsible Recreation Access

Earlier this year President Obama held a conference on America's Great Outdoors and established the America's Great Outdoors Initiative to be led by the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chair of the Council of Environmental Quality. The initiative is tasked with reconnecting Americans, especially children, to the outdoors and they have asked for public input and ideas.

It is vitally important that the Administration hear from you about how you recreate on and enjoy public lands. We can be sure that they are hearing from those who would support limiting or ending access for motorized recreation, but we have an opportunity to tell our side of the story as well. So visit <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors>, sign-up, and weigh in.

Now is the time to make it clear that OHV recreation is a family-oriented activity that allows for families to spend quality time outdoors. Too often OHV recreation is defined by the renegade few who behave irresponsibly. Please take this opportunity to make it clear that millions of Americans responsibly enjoy motorized recreation on public lands.

### **Talking Points:**

- \* OHV use is a legitimate, sustainable use of appropriate public lands, particularly on National Forests and Bureau of Land Management Units.
- \* Motorized recreation is a healthy family activity and provides a great opportunity for families to "get away from it all," and to experience the great outdoors.
- \* OHVers, like other recreationists, seek opportunities to not only enjoy the riding experience, but also opportunities to learn more about cultural and historical context, take in scenic views, observe wildlife, camp, hunt, fish and participate in many other activities.
- \* The overwhelming majority of OHVers are conservationists, who seek to preserve the same outdoor experiences they enjoy for children and grandchildren.
- \* OHVers are volunteers. OHV clubs and organizations groom and maintain trails, trailheads and other facilities as well as adopt trails and provide the tools and experience needed for constructing and maintaining all sorts of recreational trails; not just OHV opportunities.
- \* ATV and off-highway motorcycle riding encourage and promote physical fitness.
- \* OHVs provide the opportunity for Americans of all ages and physical capabilities to enjoy the outdoors.

So please take a few minutes to visit <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors> and have your voice heard.

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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. Secondly, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.*

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

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

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Jim Woods**

### *Good Manners & Good Memories*

On Memorial Day weekend I had the pleasure of visiting the small town of Randsburg located just outside of the town of Mojave near California City. Admittedly, this is one of our family favorite trips when we go camping off-road. The small mining town is ancient - barely standing in places. There is nothing like having a fresh homemade ice cream milkshake or malt, or a hand scooped ice cream cone at the 100 year old General Store on a hot day. Across the street at the White House Saloon kids, dads and moms order up hamburgers and munch down on roasted peanuts in the shell and sip on real sasparrillas until their order is ready. For adults only, "The Joint" down the street offers the hard stuff and a wide variety of cold beers - all served by the 90+ year old owner or her son or grandson. You can hear a dozen stories at these places. For those who don't know Randsburg, the city has welcomed off-roaders for many years. It has been no easy task to keep us there. Sometime we're our own worst enemies.

Just ask the Friends of Jawbone. They have placed signs along well-marked routes leading from the desert areas into town. They even purchased land and made a parking lot in the heart of the Randsburg business district, next to the White House Saloon - just so we could have a safe place to park.

I know Memorial Day is a big weekend for most OHV areas and we were ready to be patient about following other groups of riders into town. This is especially important as we entered the city - the signs are everywhere asking us to respect the city and stay off the highway if your vehicle wasn't street legal and to follow the marked trail into town. As I was thinking to myself "how much clearer could this be," two quads and a dirt bike went up the highway quite briskly and the motorcycle rider was doing a wheelie. I have a hard time understanding these people. They don't understand what a privilege it is to have a town like this welcome us and allow us the chance to ride into their town - every day - not just on this special weekend. It really feels like the old West days, and I've always been thrilled to share this experience with my children. This small group was jeopardizing everything for us all.

Of course I could not let this go without having a talk with these young people and trying to educate them on proper trail manners. They, like many folks new to the OHV community, don't understand the importance of "Good Manners" in the desert and they assume they will always have access to these rural areas. They don't know about the previous closures and costly lawsuits that constantly plague us. Some OHV users, and it really is only a few, see the desert as a big open play ground with no rules. These few don't understand how lucky we are to have places to go that accepts the OHV community with open arms. It is the responsibility of us "Old Ones" to gently and firmly educate them about the history of the area and the rules. We must respect the areas we visit, everywhere. Fortunately their group left the town much quieter and more respectful than they entered. I can only hope around their camp that night they thought about that stern old gray hair guy and realized it is all of us that need to work together to keep our riding areas open.

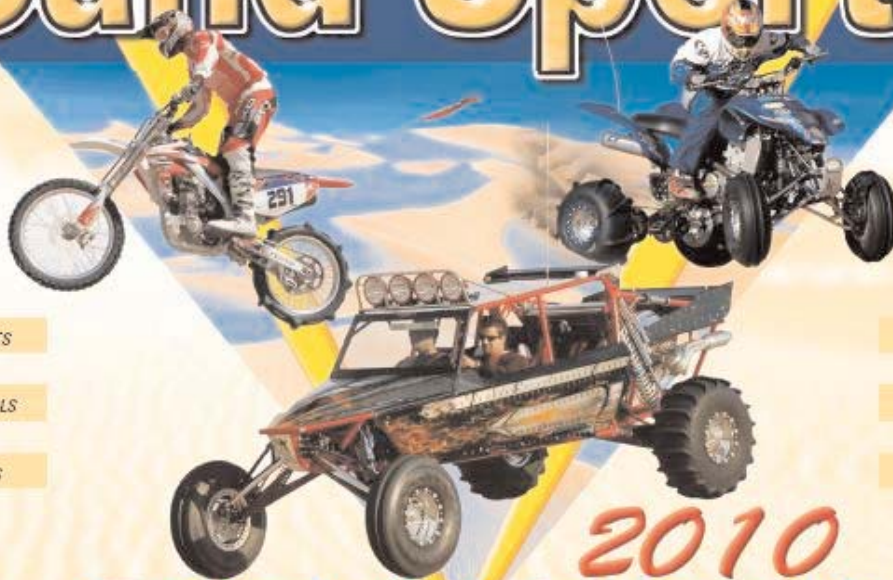
At our annual meeting in May at the CSUB campus in Bakersfield we elected a new Treasurer to replace Roberta Woods. I would like to thank her for her four years of service to CORVA. She has helped CORVA obtain a solid financial condition by implementing strict budgeting and fiscal responsibility. Now, she is assisting our new Treasurer, Chris Kolbensschlag who has already taken over all responsibilities. We also formally elected our hard-working CORVA Booth representative, Steve Hewitt as our VP of Sales and Marketing. Ed Waldheim was elected to return to the CORVA board, and will serve as VP of Education. Kim Carpenter, from District 37 Competition and Rescue 3 will assist him. Education is an important to the future of OHV and CORVA. I am looking forward to working with them all. Even if you are not serving on the Board of Directors, there are plenty of other opportunities to volunteer to help CORVA.

Making a change for this year, our Southern Jamboree will be held the weekend of October 15-17th in Johnson Valley at the Mean Dry Lake (next to the Hammers). The event will feature some of the same fun games as in the past, but also a Poker Run Tour of Johnson Valley. As you know Johnson Valley is likely going to become part of 29-Palms Marine Training base in the future. This huge area will be lost to OHV use, so this will be a great time to come and see the area before we lose it forever. Clayton Miller is Chairman this year and needs YOUR club and YOUR FAMILY to volunteer to help. Many jobs are simple and only take a few hours. You will have fun and help CORVA plus get a chance to see Johnson Valley. So please e-mail Clayton soon so he can include you in the planning meetings. (clayton.miller@corva.org) Come out and get involved.

Hope you all have a great summer and hope to see you on the Trail.



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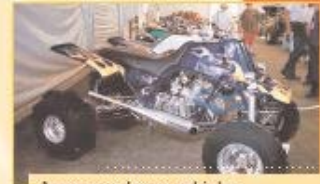
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# CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

## OHV Grants Winners Announced

In 2010, \$27.1 million was available for distribution among four funding categories:

Education and Safety:	\$ 1,300,000
Law Enforcement:	\$ 5,200,000
Operations & Maintenance:	\$ 13,000,000
Restoration:	\$ 7,800,000

The final application scores with intent to award are now posted on the OHV grants website. Public land management agencies received the majority of available OHV grant funding. Almost every National Forest and most BLM Field Offices received an award very close to their request. Available restoration funds exceeded requests leaving balance in the account. In addition there were a number of very worthy projects submitted by non-profits. There is an emerging trend for volunteers to perform trail maintenance and other critical tasks that land managers are unable to perform. Grant funding is essential to all agencies, your trails depend on it!

### A Few Highlights Worth Mentioning:

Friends of Jawbone received significant awards in all categories.

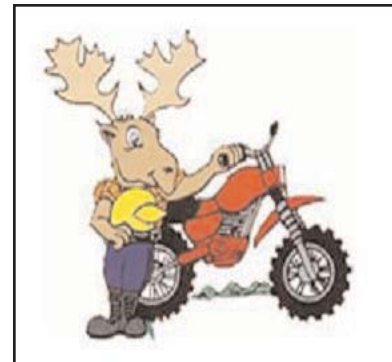
Ground operations:	\$ 381,000
Restoration:	\$ 1,035,000
Safety/Education:	\$ 200,000

CTUC – Friends of the Sierra National Forest

Ground operations:	\$ 35,000
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Rubicon Trail Foundation

Ground Operations:	\$ 15,000
Safety/Education:	\$ 50,000



The Friends of Jawbone Safety and Education Grant will fund highly innovative development of GPS technology to provide route data to users via the internet. This will allow transmission of route data from the land manager to the user without maps which are less accurate and quickly become outdated. I have no doubt we'll be seeing more of this kind of technology applied to help riders stay on the trail.

## Oceano Dunes: San Luis County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Report

The APCD Board met on May 19th to consider action related to the findings of the air quality report accepted at their March 24th meeting. CORVA representatives attended the hearing. The staff report recommended that one of three options be approved by the board, each with pros and cons. State Parks could voluntarily develop a mitigation program, a Memorandum of Agreement between State Parks and the APCD could be executed, or regulations could be imposed. Phil Jenkins of the OHV Division provided testimony to the board, and indicated a willingness to work with the board. The board voted to direct staff to work with State Parks to study possible mitigation methods as the effectiveness of suggested methods such as fencing received little study. The board noted that air quality regulations for particulate pollution had already been agendized and would be forthcoming.

The outcome of developments at the Oceano Dunes will have major repercussions for OHV recreation. Given the fact that the particulate study was accepted by the board, the outcome of this latest hearing was about as good as it could be. State Parks will be involved as an active partner in the effort to develop a solution to the perceived problem of particulates, rather than simply being directed to comply. Hopefully this will provide an opportunity to determine if OHV use on the dunes really is contributing to air pollution, how much they are contributing, and workable solutions to the problem. Although many who spoke at the meeting demanded an immediate moratorium on OHV use on the dunes, this suggestion was never taken seriously by the board and the extremists were disappointed, at least for now.

This is a key area to watch, and we'll keep you posted on developments.

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### [Clear Creek Management Area](#)

The deadline for comments has passed. We are now waiting for the comments to be considered and the Record of Decision to be announced early in 2011.

A copy of the Clear Creek draft EIS/RMP can be downloaded here:

[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear\\_creek\\_management\\_area/CCMA\\_RMP.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear_creek_management_area/CCMA_RMP.html)

CORVA, Blue Ribbon Coalition, AMA District 36, and many other OHV organizations have developed a strategy to address this controversial plan. The future of Clear Creek is seen by all as a precedent-setting national issue that will have repercussions for the future of OHV recreation for years to come.

### [Desert Protection Act S2921: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing](#)

A Committee hearing on the bill was held May 20th, Senator Bingaman presiding. Panel witnesses from OHV recreation included Harry Baker, representing California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs and Dave Hubbard representing Ecologic Partners. An archived webcast of the hearing can be viewed on the Committee website: <http://energy.senate.gov>. Many of the witnesses expressed concerns about the bill's limitations on renewable energy development, impacts to recreation, and impacts to natural resources.

CORVA developed a resolution stating an "oppose" position on the bill following a vote of the membership at the CORVA Annual Meeting on May 15th at CSU Bakersfield.

Important provisions of the bill that affect OHV recreation include:

- Motorized travel on designated routes within the proposed National Monuments would continue.
- Five off highway vehicle "open" areas established under the California Desert Conservation Act (CDCA) are preserved for multiple use recreation for future generations.
- There are no buffers established for any Monuments or wilderness areas.
- Almost all motorized routes have been "cherry-stemmed" into proposed wilderness areas.

We remain concerned about the following provisions of the bill:

- "Climate Change and Wildlife Corridors". We appreciate the need to assess the impacts of climate change and to preserve wildlife corridors, but we feel very strongly that impacts to recreation should be considered as part of individual and cumulative impacts. The corridors were recommended to preserve continuity between the Joshua Tree National Park, the Mojave National Preserve, and the proposed new Mojave Monuments. There was no intent to restrict travel through these areas.
- "Prohibited Uses of Acquired and Donated Land". Although this section describes limitations that would apply to land "donated for conservation purposes" the OHV areas described in the bill contain private in holdings that could be donated at a future date. The bill should include assurances that existing use would be allowed to continue on donated or acquired in holdings in OHV areas.
- Recreation should be specifically mentioned as a public resource value.
- The bill would establish "Habitat Mitigation Zones". We are concerned that "potential mitigation zones" could be established in areas now used for recreational purposes. Recreation interests are not represented on the Mitigation Council. Because mitigation zones would initially be 200,000 acres at a minimum this could potentially have a huge impact to existing recreational uses in some areas. We have requested representation on the Mitigation Council. We were informed that there was no intent to restrict travel on designated routes through these areas or through these areas to adjacent areas.

### [Obama Monument Proclamation](#)

Write Your Representative on the Subcommittee to support House Resolution 1406.

House Resolution 1254 and 1238 were recently introduced by Doc Hastings (R-WA) directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the Secretary's Treasured Landscape Initiative, potential designation of National Monuments, and High Priority Land-Rationalization Efforts. A vote to favorably report that resolution was narrowly defeated in Committee by a vote of 20-22, a much smaller margin than expected. However, there is more to the story.

Prior to the vote Committee Chairman Rahall (D-WV) indicated he would be more likely to support a scaled back version of the measure that focused on requiring DOI to turn over the full document that contained the National Monument recommendations that were leaked to the Natural Resources Committee earlier this year, but not the more than 2,000 pages of background documents. As a result, House Committee on Natural Resources Ranking Member, Doc Hastings (R-WA) and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Ranking Member Rob Bishop (R-UT) introduced a second Resolution of Inquiry (H. Res. 1406) that was drafted in an attempt to garner Rahall's support. A Resolution of Inquiry is a method used by the House to obtain information from an executive branch official.

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### [More on Watershed Issues](#)

The Corp and EPA Wetlands Land Grab Bill (HR 5088 and S787) is a huge threat to private property owners and Federal land users. Using the term “clean water,” the Corp and EPA Wetlands Land Grab would give the Corps of Engineers, EPA and the Federal Government massive additional regulatory powers that supercede local and state government. That means the end of local control.

Both bills take the word “Navigable” out of the Clean Water Act. You must insist that the Corps and EPA water jurisdiction only apply to “navigable waters.” Oberstar wants to make the Corps and EPA jurisdiction apply to “all waters of the United States and all activities affecting those waters.” That means all lands, all watersheds, everything. All your land.

Chairman Oberstar has changed the name of his House version of the Clean Water Restoration Act to “America’s Commitment to Clean Water Act.”

The new number in the House is HR 5088. To see the new bill, go to:

<http://transportation.house.gov/Media/file/water/ACCWA/HR%205088%20ACCW%20Act.pdf>

In the Senate the bill is S787. It is still called the Clean Water Restoration Act.

### [Forest Service Planning Regulations on the Fast Track for Completion by Year End](#)

The U.S. Forest Service is beginning the process of revising their regulations that govern how the agency prepares Forest Plans. Known as the "Planning Rule," these regulations will be the driving force behind how the agency prepares Land Use Plans and will guide land managers in developing, amending, and revising land management plans for the 155 national forests and 20 grasslands in the National Forest System (NFS).

The USFS has released a proposed action that includes "Principles" that will be used to formulate the new regulations. The agency is asking for comments on these principles, and is asking the public to identify important issues and alternatives. Conservation and restoration will receive new emphasis according to the proposal.

Check the planning rule website for details, <http://fs.usda.gov/planningrule> Use the blog to send your comments in favor of recreation!

Latest developments: The planning rule is on a “fast track” for such a comprehensive planning effort, we need to pay close attention!

From mid-June through July the Forest Service will post draft concepts for proposed rule content on its website and blog, along with explanations of why they are proposing each particular concept and how it incorporates the latest science and public input. They will be looking for reactions to each concept, and will use that feedback to design a focused discussion in late July. There will be a 4th national roundtable in late July. It will include an online discussion concurrent with an in-person meeting in Washington, DC. The purpose of the roundtable is to share the rationale for why they are proposing various rule concepts and to see if there are any major gaps in their approach. Also they say they want to hear if any of the concepts are unclear. More details on the roundtable will be posted on the planning rule website and blog.

Using input they will finalize the proposed rule and draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) in August and September of 2010, with the intent of publishing the proposed rule and DEIS in December 2010. The proposed rule and DEIS will be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other cooperating federal agencies before publication. There will be formal comment on the proposed rule and DEIS and more public meetings and collaboration once the proposed rule and DEIS are published this coming December.

### [Travel Management Update](#)

1. Stanislaus National Forest has completed their Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision (FEIS/ROD). Appeals were filed by CORVA and a number of other organizations. The Regional Forester recently sent out letters upholding the decision. The appellants are now considering their next move.
2. Sequoia National Forest: the Piute area planning process will begin soon. This will involve a collaborative approach. This is one to watch.
3. Sierra National Forest Record of Decision was signed March 1st and will be released later due to the retirement of Supervisor Cole and the appointment of a new Forest supervisor. CORVA will review the Decision and consider an appeal depending on the outcome.
4. Lassen National Forest has issued their ROD on February 10th. Several OHV organizations have appealed the decision.
5. Tahoe National Forest recently held meetings to discuss the supplemental EIS released in Late February. Check the TNF website for details.



## Educational News

### VP-Education, Ed Waldheim

#### The Cut Fence

by Diana Mead, CORVA Northern California Assistant Director for clubs

**Snap shot: Frank Raines Park, Stanislaus County, Patterson, California.** Four rails, two people in each, wind their way up the far end of the park along the fence line. The day is perfect: sunny; neither hot, nor cold. The trails are dust-free and damp, but not muddy. The first rail crests a small rise and the driver suddenly pulls over. Each rail follows in turn and settles onto the side of the trail. “What’s up?” asks the last driver in the group as he pulls off his gloves.

“Check out the fence,” says the first who is already out of his buggy.

The fence is crudely cut and there are tracks from several bikes in the raw soil. One more time an off road enthusiast could not be content to stay in the park’s maintained 860 acres. Is the grass or dirt better on the other side of the fence?

What normally would happen in the case of a cut fence? Park personnel check the fence lines regularly on their park patrol or users report problems, so a damaged fence will be repaired but not on the spot. It will take a couple of shifts with thinly assigned personnel and this job will go into the queue ahead of trail and campground maintenance. So a fence will be repaired rather than a rutted trail getting refined water bars, or the park electrical getting an upgrade.

Why does the fence need to be repaired promptly? The longer the fence remains open, the more users that will cross into the fresh territory.

Some of the adjacent land owners are not off road enthusiasts. They don’t enjoy, want, or tolerate intrusion onto their property. They put pressure on the park to stop the illegal activity or close the park. Yes, they are that dramatic! Or maybe it is simply that they are sick and tired of putting up with an activity not of their choosing on their property.

Parts of the park are not yet open to OHV activity. Ongoing studies, whether necessary or not, require that the property remain closed, or jeopardize the future for OHV in this new area.

“Protect the land for the people, not from the people”. It is a strong mission statement with strong intent. At the same time, the off road community does not owe allegiance to those who will not follow the basic rules and principles of land stewardship.

Oh, did I mention that the fence repair was done by the rail drivers and passengers on that wonderful sunny day? The spot where it was cut was hidden and blocked in hopes the trespassers would be stuck on the wrong side of the fence. A terrible thing to do to a fellow off roader? Maybe, but it gets hard to follow behind these yahoos run after run, knowing that they seem to care only about their own immediate needs.

In parenting classes or child development 101, we are instructed to offer immediate reward to reinforce the most appropriate behaviors and to punish inappropriate or dangerous behaviors promptly. Following this train of thought, the OHV community must self-police and exert peer pressure for the benefit and preservation of our community. We cannot afford to wait for authorities to discipline those who threaten our sport. The cost is too high.

We encourage you to talk to your fellow OHV enthusiasts. Build your relationships. Join effective and fun organizations that others want to be a part of. Model best practices of off road use. Enjoy and share. EDUCATE.



### Bill Salmon

Bill Salmon, a former president of CORVA passed away on June 4, 2010 at Sand Mountain, Nevada, doing what he loved to do: off roading. Bill's car had apparently been running poorly, and after a little wrenching he took it for a quick test drive. He rolled the rail, injuring himself very severely and later passed away in the helicopter. In the words of one of our other members, "he died with his boots on."

At 95, Bill still drove his motorhome, although it was a bit frightening to follow behind him. He loaded his own trailer with quad or rail, participated in outings, advocated for CORVA, and was always looking forward to the next trip.

Bill truly believed in CORVA's motto of "keeping our lands open for all", and if the color orange reminds you of anything, it's Bill. You rarely saw him without his orange CORVA hat, and when it was cold he would don his faded orange jacket, wear his constant smile and tell you of the places he had visited and who he had signed up for CORVA. Bill always had membership forms with him and on that rare occasion he didn't, he would give his trademark speech, and sign you up on his own.

Even in his nineties, Bill would attend as many club outings and events as possible, sometimes making the drive from Northern California throughout the state to be with the club members (and of course to visit his "spa"), towing his Ranger with his ATV in the truck bed.

"I have known Bill for at least 20 years," said CORVA member Terry Work, "and I consider myself lucky to have been his friend. From the first time that I met him at a CORVA convention I knew he was quite a guy, and would always talk about what we need to do with the lands, and of course about CORVA."



Bill playing the Push-Rod Drop game.



Bill Salmon at Jawbone Canyon for Moose Anderson Days.

"Bill Salmon loved his family," said Diana Mead, a fellow Escarabajo Buggy Club member. "I never had the chance to meet his beloved Annie in person," she said, "but he described her so well that I sometimes believed I knew her. I heard wonderful stories about him growing up on the farm, and learned that Bill's Midwestern family values framed his life. He didn't need to tell us about his grandchildren as we had plenty of chances to meet and appreciate Kelly and Paul and see how much Bill enjoyed sharing off road adventures with them. Bill had more years as a retiree than he did as a working man, and he took advantage of every second of his retired life."

Although Bill enjoyed the Escarabajo Buggy Club, he was passionate about CORVA. He would insist on having a 50/50 raffle to benefit CORVA at each of the club sponsored rallies. He delivered a lengthy CORVA report at every meeting until a few years back when he insisted that somebody else had to step up to serve as a replacement if something were to happen to him. Tim Warbington volunteered and did an amazing job serving as Bill's sidekick, substitute, and full-fledged advocate.

Two years ago, Bill and Tim were unable to attend the CORVA annual elections in Bakersfield, and the club needed a representative. Diana and her husband were free that weekend, and Bill told her, "The most important thing is that we have a representative, and I will be fine with whatever you decide to do with my vote." He just cared about CORVA, and would do whatever it takes to help its cause.

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Ed Waldheim got to know Bill at one of the many tours he did as Commissioner for the OHV program. "He sold me his orange Baja Bug with a Pinto engine in the back," said Ed. "That was a fun machine. He would say, 'go have fun Ed, you will love it!' Actually, I think I got stuck more times with that bug than anything I ever owned. When I told Bill, he would just laugh."

"I first met Bill on a trip to Sand Mountain around 2003," said CORVA Vice President Jim Colln, "and at the time he was sporting a tricked out Banshee quad. Bill was then a young 88 years old too! He also had a 215 aluminum 1964 V8 in his rail, a nice setup. Once camping next to Bill in California City while attending a CORVA Southern Jamboree, Bill had towed out behind his motor home his 4X4 Ranger truck and had his 4X4 quad in the back. He drove both vehicles very well. I watched him (and offered to help) break the lug nuts from the front rim on the truck! I found that Bill was also good with a story and quick to take a seat as well. I came back from our motorhome and found Bill sitting next to my wife Connie in our "love seat" folding chair, but I can't blame him for that one..."



Age was just not a big issue for Bill. "He was well into his 90's and still out there as often as possible enjoying life and our beloved off roading areas," said Geoff Teare, former vice president. "Add to this his dedication to keeping our public lands open to OHV use, and he was a role model for us all. The Truckhaven Challenge just won't be the same without him. Godspeed Bill."

"What comes to mind when I remember Bill?" said Lois Silvernail. "I started many years ago with CORVA as a member of East Bay High Tailers. At Jamboree Bill was a big presence. He wanted to know that we were members of CORVA. I got the full story on why it was so important to belong. Next thing you know, he hit me with an explanation of why I needed to buy 50 -50 tickets. He was always such a champion of CORVA. That weekend, he and my husband David discussed their toys... Bill was a presence at all CORVA functions and a champion of the cause. He worked tirelessly for the good of CORVA from the Lobby Day to the Jamboree, and all the CORVA runs and shows. After my husband died I became a member of his widows' club. He would make sure we had a couch to sleep on so we could continue to go to CORVA events. Bill, I, for one, will miss your pitch for our cause."

Bill attended every motion made for CORVA for the "Past President's Award", and in 2010, when Kim Carpenter was elected and nominated for the award, he was there and in 100% agreement to the vote.

Bill celebrated his 95th Birthday on February 24th of this year. He sold one of his last memberships for CORVA on April 25, 2010 to the owner of the General Store in Randsburg. Yes, Bill, to this day, and probably from heaven you will influence members to continue to sell CORVA memberships as you did for 40 years. Bill Salmon, Mr. CORVA, will be missed and remembered for a very, very long time.

Bill will be honored on Saturday, July 10th, 2010 at 10:00am Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel  
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### *Wet Weather Closures at National Forests*

by Bruce Whitcher

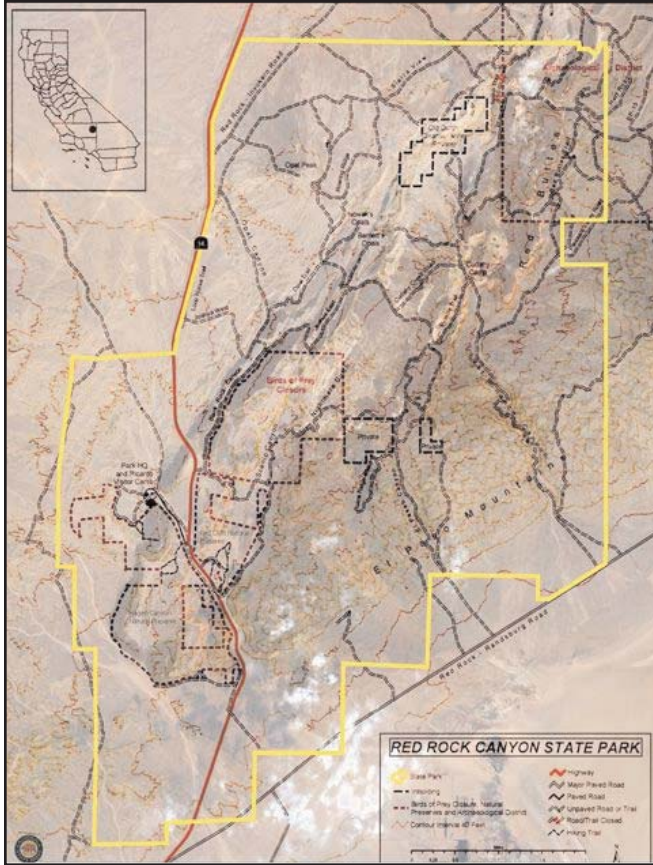


Wet weather closures have been a major issue on National Forests. There has been considerable frustration in the rider community due to closures based on accumulated rainfall measurements that frequently do not represent conditions on the ground. Forest Service staff have been frustrated by having to frequently open and close gates in response to changing conditions and have resorted to fixed closure dates that severely restrict use.

I recently became aware of Dr. Poff's work with soil moisture measurement. We invited Dr. Poff visit our district to conduct two days of training in soil moisture measurements. He gave us a mini course in his soil moisture measurement technique and also covered a comprehensive approach to wet weather management of trail systems.

We're hoping that if we collect good quality data that this will make a convincing case for a science-based wet weather management.

## **Protect Red Rock Canyon State Park Recreation!**



The Red Rock Canyon State Park (RRCSP) will be releasing a General Plan Revision proposing dramatic limits to recreational opportunities and trail closures.

CORVA Comments Project needs your financial support ASAP from Clubs and Organizations and Off Road Enthusiasts- we need your donation and help to raise \$15,000.00 for the costs of a Comments Project Class and legal battle to protect our recreational use of RRCSP. This is a way you can supplement enthusiasts efforts by contributing and supporting those who do volunteer, since not everyone can commit the time and energy to write lengthy comments.

Successful prevention of the proposed trail closures is through "substantive" comments submitted on behalf of OHV recreation. A professional environmental consultant will teach effective techniques for writing comments that provide additional tangible opportunities for appeal and litigation 'hooks.'

CORVA is laying the necessary ground work for future litigation, should the funding become available. Until then, CORVA and an army of OHV activists are challenging the land management agencies in a way that they haven't seen before. The CORVA Comments Project has shown quick tangible effectiveness outside of court, while building the case for litigation at the same time.

The Tehachapi District will release the RRCSP Draft Environmental document late this summer with comment period immediately following.

### **CORVA Comments Project Successes:**

- 800+ miles added back to the El Dorado NF Travel Management Plan thru grassroots efforts.
- Trained over 100 grassroots OHV activists how to write substantive comments.
- Increased local enthusiast participation in effective activism over 500%.
- Partnered with Trails-In-Trouble to provide simple letter generator mechanism for internet submitted comments aka 'everyman' comments. These are leveraged with local legislators and volunteer groups. Provides vote based value, social community value, and activism entry point for enthusiasts.

### **About California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) Comments Project:**

- For over 35 years CORVA has taken a proactive lead on educating enthusiasts to be effective activists, through NEPA and Substantive Comment training. Trainings are targeted to OHV enthusiast comment writers and activists to make them more effective by teaching volunteers the 'rules' of NEPA and how to effectively change the course of the Environmental Impact documents.
- Brought together over 50 California grassroots organizations, regardless of recreation type, to focus, communicate and unify on common goals of more trails in a way that has never been seen before in California.
- CORVA, an all volunteer organization, works with the local OHV enthusiasts facilitating contracts and support.
- 100% funded through local donations, individuals, groups and other organizations.

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### *High Desert Rally 2009 Recap*

I would like to thank all of the participants in the 2009 High Desert Rally in Hawthorne, Nevada. Participants stated the run was challenging, fun and most importantly, no one was injured with the exception of a few sand rails which needed a little repair after the run was finished. We are looking forward to each of you returning this year August 20-22, 2010, when we plan to have another exciting run. We would like to take this time to thank Mike Bradley, long-time Co-Chairman of this event, for his dedication over the last several years in making this run a success. Mike has resigned and long-time members Gordon Stewart, Jimmy McGinthy and Ron Collins will co-chair the Rally, continuing to make this run the success it has always been.

### *Extreme Motorsports Expo*

By: Steve Hewitt

CORVA again had another successful show at the Extreme Motorsports Expo held at the Orange County Fairgrounds May 21st -23rd. We were able to sign up a few new members and educated a lot of the attendees on the California Desert Protection Act of 2010 (\$2921).

I want to thank Jim Arbogast, Jim Colln, Bud Schick, and Jim Woods for volunteering their time. Look for us at the upcoming Sand Sports Super Show September 17th – 19th 2010. I am always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to volunteer for a few hours or more at the next show, shoot me an e-mail at [steve.hewitt@corva.org](mailto:steve.hewitt@corva.org)



## **CORVA Annual Awards**

*by Jim Colln*

Our Annual Awards were presented at the Annual Meeting in Bakersfield on May 15th. Here are those that we honored and a little about them and the award.

This year's Off Roader of the Year award went to well deserved Daphne Greene. Daphne works tirelessly to promote OHV use as the Deputy Director of State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. She also works with all stakeholders on an even level helping to keep OHV opportunities open to all. Daphne has been instrumental in defending our rights along with keeping state OHV parks (SVRA's) open.



Kim Carpenter accepting award presented by Terry Work

**Past President's Award - Kim Carpenter.** Kim is one of the main volunteers with Dist. 37 races and Rescue 3 EMT assistance. She has been involved in off-roading for as long as she can remember. As a child she spent several weekends a month riding motorcycles and dune buggies with her family. Kim has been organizing fundraisers for many worthy causes and helps work on land issues.

**Trophy to Charity - Orange County ATV Association.** This club has sponsored the Glamis Poker Run for the past 5 years. They have donated to CORVA as well as to the American Sand Association (ASA) and the San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC). To date the amount from the annual event totals more than \$10,000 just to CORVA.

**State Conservation Award - Nevada County Woods Riders.** The Nevada County Woods Riders (NCWR) received the conservation award for their work maintaining and conserving national forest lands in Northern California. This award goes to an off-road club which contributed toward conservation in land acquisition, rehabilitation, cleanup of public lands or in public service in the State of California. Members and volunteers put in bridges, remove down timber, trim brush, out-slope and shelf side-hills, while observing trail management best practices, re-route, and maintain both historic hiking and multi-use trails. "Trail volunteerism makes you a more responsible rider. If you consider yourself a dirt biker and you love to go riding and you love the trail, then it should be automatic to give back. If everyone gave a few days at their primary destinations all the maintenance issues would go away," says Dave Woods, a hardcore volunteer and vocal trail advocate. "Once a guy has gone out and used a McCloud, gotten blisters on his hand, and done a few days of hard work-- that guy will have a different attitude and appreciation for what it takes to maintain the trails and put peer pressure on riding buddies to not spin the tires and blow out corners."

**Political Activism Award - Roberta Woods.** Roberta took on the task of organizing the annual OHV Lobby Day and made it such a success. We believe she will coordinate the event for next year and make it even better.



Roberta Woods, Kyra and Jim Woods

**Northern Club Award - Wandering Wheelers Jeep Club.** The Wandering Wheelers are a relatively new club to CORVA although some members have belonged individually for some time. While becoming a CORVA club is notable, it is this group's support of the off road community that earned them this award. This club has been very active in the fight to reopen Clear Creek. The Wheelers, "drive the talk", doing what needs to be done without fanfare. In December of 2009 a group of seven Wheelers attended the rally to save Carnegie, yet only one had ever been to Carnegie before. This rally was held on a work Monday. The weather was truly unfriendly and Carnegie sure isn't on the way to anything else. The effort made by this club to have a presence at this rally was above, beyond and impressive. This genuine show of support for the off road community is what we'll need to encourage of everyone.

**Southern Club Award - Hemet Jeep Club.** This club is very active and was a very huge help at the annual Truckhaven event.

## **Time Marches On!**

by Bud Schick

After more than forty years, the Los Aventureros off-roader club has come to a halt. We were an extremely strong 100% CORVA club that worked the Jamborees and SCORE Off-Road shows and events, did clean-ups, set up and worked conventions, and attended the lobby day from the very beginning. Digging up and restoring the old plank road along Highway Eight near Buttercup Valley was one of our major projects. If a project needed to be done, we were only a call away.

One of our highlights was in the early 1970's during the gas crunch. On a trip to Glamis, we were honored to have a guest who wrote for the New Yorker magazine, who wrote an excellent article on what we all do and why. The event also included a ride to visit the Jeep'n Jeepers at Mammoth Wash. This visit was arranged by Bob Ham, a founder of CORVA, who was CORVA's lobbyist at the time and a member of the Los Aventureros.



Los Aventureros at Glamis Dunes



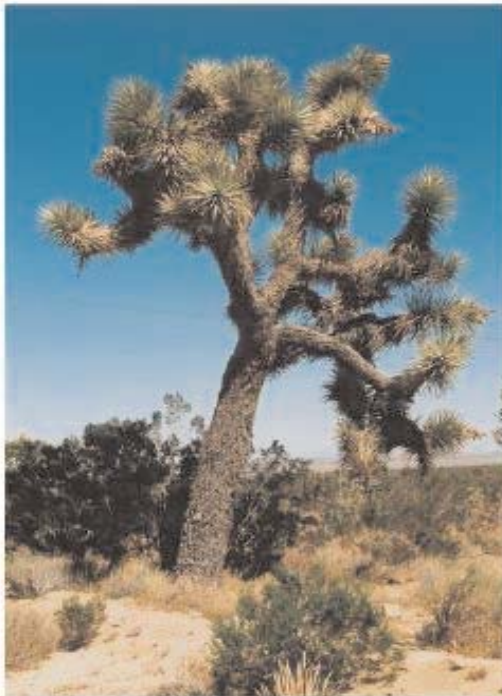
Los Aventureros at Barker Ranch, site of Charles Manson's capture

This, however, is all in the past. Time has taken its toll. Some members have moved out of California, some are RVing our great country, some have become busy with fraternal organizations, some are pavement bikers, and a few have even passed on.

Personally, I often wonder what I would be doing if it were not for the wonderful friends I met through the Los Aventureros and CORVA.

As a group, we visited countless places and saw many historic sites which I otherwise would not have visited. Many thanks to the Los Aventureros and to CORVA friends for all the enjoyment.

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### RESOLUTION

*At the general membership meeting held in Bakersfield, CA on May 15th, 2010 the following resolution was proposed and approved by a vote from the general membership.*

*WHEREAS, California Off Road Vehicle Association has been asked to state a position on S2921 introduced by California Senator, Dianne Feinstein.*

*WHEREAS, CORVA is an Association of off road recreation enthusiasts that is “dedicated to protecting OUR lands for the people, not from the people.”*

*WHEREAS, the ever present and growing threat to our recreation, CORVA will support positions that preserve and protect OHV recreation.*

*WHEREAS, there are notable positives drafted into this bill, there are also many undefined aspects, including:*

- *the management plans for the National Monuments and Recreation Areas*
- *which mitigation lands would be set aside before approval and implementation of future renewable energy projects as required by law.*

*WHEREAS, the added designations of “Wilderness Areas”, further eliminates access to land currently and historically available to the people.*

*WHEREAS, this bill may have a major negative impact on the recreational choices of the public and may limit access to the desert by future generations.*

*RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) to oppose S2921 The California Desert Protection Act of 2010.*



**Jim Woods**  
**President**

### Our Next Issue

As you might have noticed, this is a two month issue. We plan to resume our monthly newsletter in September. We will be working on a new brochure for the upcoming shows and plan to use the time and resources for this needed project.

Please save the dates for the upcoming events, see page 20. We can always use help at our shows and events. We also have committees that could use a few new members, you decide where your interests are and how you can help. Most committees only hold conference calls.

For more information please contact me at: [jim.colln@corva.org](mailto:jim.colln@corva.org)





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