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OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION

Protecting Our OHV Trust Fund

By Amy Granat

The State of California has begun “taking” OHV Trust Fund money you have paid through green sticker purchases, offroad fuel taxes and user fees from State OHV Parks, meaning they will not be returning it. Last year they took \$10 million and we believe that they will continue to “take,” not borrow, as long as they can get away with it.

We consider this taking to be illegal, and after a legal review, the law firm of Baker Manock & Jensen, specializing in California Constitutional Law has agreed that this is an investigation worth pursuing. To this end we have formed the Off Highway Vehicle Defense Council (OHVDC), working with N2Dirt, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, made up of people representing diverse groups of OHV users throughout California. Baker Manock & Jensen have been retained to immediately commence a thorough investigation to determine whether, in its opinion, this taking is illegal and what remedies are available to us. This investigation may result in a suit against the State of California.

The initial effort will cost a maximum of \$15,000 of which five thousand dollars has already been paid as a retainer. Every dollar has been donated by our peers, clubs, and state organizations. Because we have not yet fully funded this project, we urgently need your tax deductible donations.

The very existence of the State Parks OHV division and all California’s SVRAs are at stake as well as critical funding for Sheriff’s Departments, National Forests, BLM lands and City/County Recreation departments throughout California. Please become part of this historic fight and contribute as much as you can.

Make your contribution payable to: “N2DIRT”
Attn: “OHVDC Fund”
4346 E. Los Angeles Ave
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Include “OHVDC Fund” in the check memo field, and include an email address for you or your organization to receive project status updates. Thanks

2012 4 Wheel Parts Car Crush

By Wayne Ford, CORVA Clubs

Compton CA, March 10, 2012 – It is rare for members of Desmadre, Solano’s, or The FEW to veer far from the mud of Azusa Canyon, but on this occasion an exception was made. The club crews started rolling off their full size rigs around 8am, laying patches with the pumpkins. All this was done in an effort to have a chance to run down four junked cars in the 4Wheel Parts parking lot.

4 Wheel Parts sponsored free hot dogs and drinks, The FEW sponsored free popcorn and CORVA provided ballons and goodie bags for the kids. Bob Batsch, of 4 Wheel Parts, and I commenced with the raffle, giving away a prize every half hour. By the end of the day we gave away several prizes including a set of lights, a car carrier, spot lights, tow straps, etc, all donated by 4 Wheel Parts, Compton.

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3131 Gloria Terrace
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Registration # _____
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Qty. Shirts _____

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WHAT IS CORVA?

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,

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

On February 23, 2012, Amy Granat and I had the pleasure of meeting with James Kenna, the new California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, at his Sacramento office, to discuss the concerns of all off roaders and public land users. We discussed the 29 Palms Marine Base expansion into Johnson Valley and what the loss will mean to the thousands who use the area. While mitigation for the recreational area lost may be a possibility in the future, there is no plan for this currently. We also discussed the California State budget shortage and reduced and/or eliminated funding of OHV grants. We encouraged his support for the re-appointment of Daphne Greene to the position of Deputy Director of the California State Parks OHV Division. We presented over 1800 petitions for the opening of the Clear Creek recreation area and discussed the losses to the local economy. In addition, we questioned the wisdom of the previous land managers to demolish the existing camping improvements that were paid by our Green Sticker funds before the case was final.

Director Kenna was very receptive to all of our requests and promised he would look into all of our issues. Although we have no response yet from him, Director Kenna has assured us that the off-road recreation is important to the BLM management and he will investigate our concerns. As we left his office, Director Kenna expressed his safety concerns for off-road users and wanted us all to keep safety as a top priority. Over the President's Day weekend there were three fatalities on BLM land so it is understandable that he has asked off-road users for caution and care.

Roxy Trost the Barstow Field Office Manager has received a promotion to manage the Arizona Colorado River District. Roxy has been a longtime friend to OHV and public access in the Barstow Desert District Office. She was instrumental for making changes that have affected recreation including the Special Recreation Permit Process; cost recovery; upgrades to El Mirage Dry Lake and the Barstow area; and helping us work through the Johnson Valley withdrawal. We all wish Roxy the best in her new assignment and look forward to working with her replacement. Roxy, you will be missed!

In the March issue, you read about the Off Highway Vehicle Defense Council (OHVDC – a project of N2Dirt). The council has been formed to look into the viability of a law suit against the State of California for the taking of our Green Sticker and OHV Trust Fund money. As you have read on the front of this issue we need your help. Although enough donations have been received to begin the legal research, more donations are necessary to complete the project. We will publish the results as they develop.

And don't forget about meetings that you can attend, below are just a few of those upcoming.

Thanks for your support and ride safely.



The BLM's California Desert Advisory Council (DAC) West Mojave Route Network Project subgroup has set its meetings for the next 3 months

April 10, 2012 at 5 p.m. at El Mirage Visitor Center

May 8, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Jawbone Station

June 5, 2012 at 5 p.m. Ridgecrest, Meeting location TBA

Meetings of Task groups for Barstow and Ridgecrest will be announced soon by the chair. All subgroup meetings are open to the public. Contact Edy Seehafer from Barstow at: eseefaer@blm.gov or Craig Beck from Ridgecrest at: cbeck@blm.gov
http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.html


Your comments on what routes you want to see have to be in by April 15th.

The BLM's Desert Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting. The DAC meets quarterly, for dates check the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html> Contact Steve Razo 951-697-5217 or David Briery 951-697-5220

Next meetings for 2012
April 20-21, Ridgecrest

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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

[Johnson Valley Marine Corps Base Decision Delayed, Due Out April 27](#)

The schedule for preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been extended. The FEIS is studying alternatives for the Marine Corps to acquire sufficient range and airspace to meet training requirements for sustained, combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver Marine Expeditionary Brigade Training. More time is being taken to complete the related studies and documentation on Off Highway Vehicle Recreation, noise, protected species, and other natural resources and to respond to public comments on the Draft EIS than was originally scheduled. Taking this extra time ensures that the Marine Corps can complete a thorough analysis with the best available information of the potential environmental impacts associated with the six alternatives under study. The new schedule shows a Final EIS being made available for public review around April 27, 2012. It also shows the Department of the Navy's Record of Decision (ROD) now being released in July 2012.

[Lawsuit Affects Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino, and Cleveland National Forests](#)

On January 3, 2011 Judge Marilyn H. Patel approved a Settlement Agreement that established the remedy for California Resources Agency, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture, and Center for Biological Diversity, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture, otherwise known as the "Four Forests" lawsuit. This lawsuit alleged various violations by the Forest Service associated with the 2005 Southern California Forest Plans released for the Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino, and Cleveland National Forests.

The settlement requires the National Forests to prepare a Supplemental EIS that will make changes to zoning and recommended wilderness designation on these forests. This is an opportunity for public input. We expect the Supplemental EIS to be announced this month.

[More Wilderness and Off-Roading?](#)

(From the Santa Barbara Independent)

Is the Los Padres National Forest a place for peaceful walks through the silent wilderness or for exciting exploration on the back of dirt bikes?

U.S. Representative Elton Gallegly believes the answer is a little bit of both, and he introduced a bill last week to make permanent that vision for the nearly two-million-acre landscape, which stretches from Los Angeles County up through Big Sur and includes all of Santa Barbara County's backcountry as well as the mountains above the South Coast. Three years in the making, the bill is clearly a legacy-minded endeavor for the outgoing congressman, who's spending his last year in office after nearly a quarter-century of representing Ventura and parts of Santa Barbara County. But by trying to appease the traditionally opposed interests of environmentalists and off-road enthusiasts, his grand plan is already caught in a swarm of debate, and its chances of passing before his term is done in December are uncertain.

As proposed, the Los Padres Conservation and Recreation Act of 2012 would expand the protected wilderness areas by 63,500 acres, add 89 miles of "wild and scenic" waterways, and create the nearly 19,000-acre Condor Ridge area along West Camino Cielo as a specially listed "scenic area" while simultaneously designating 65,000 acres as special off-road vehicle zones in the Ballinger Canyon and Mt. Pinos areas and opening 69 miles of currently closed roads — many of which are just over the mountains from Santa Barbara — to motorized access. On top of that, Gallegly's bill would swap 440 acres of forest-owned land around Lake Piru to the regional water district in exchange for 340 acres of reportedly less pristine land, a deal that has been debated and shot down for years.

"[The bill] will preserve all forest activities and no one will lose access to the forest," explained an email from Gallegly's office last Wednesday, just hours after he introduced the legislation. While he didn't respond to this newspaper's requests for an interview, Gallegly did admit to the Ventura County Star, "To ensure everyone's interests were protected, compromises had to be made."

Those compromises are particularly irking the environmental community, including longtime Los Padres hiker Alan Coles, who said, "I've never seen a wilderness bill with so much anti-wilderness language before." Though he's a ranking member of the Sierra Club, Coles was speaking for himself, as the organization — like many other conservation-minded groups — is caught in a crossroads by Gallegly's proposal.

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In a particularly tight spot is Los Padres ForestWatch, which initially proposed 200,000 acres of new wilderness along with a coalition of three other groups. “It’s a mixed bag,” said Jeff Kuyper, executive director of the conservation group, who thought the 63,000 acres of wilderness are a “step in the right direction,” but that the off-road provisions — especially the opening of old roads that would bring the rumble of engines closer to the existing wilderness areas — “would degrade the forest and detract from the outdoor recreational experience.” He explained, “That’s what we have to figure out, and that’s what the public needs to determine: What’s an appropriate trade-off for more wilderness areas? Is it opening some areas to motorized use? And how much is too much?”



ForestWatch has drawn some criticism in recent years for spearheading this push, in part because other recreational users say that trails will disappear with more protected wilderness, as the designation blocks the use of mechanized equipment, including chainsaws and other maintenance tools, unless a special permit is not required. (Those worried about wildfire prevention had their concerns alleviated by Gallegly’s proposal, which would allow all forms of firefighting to easily persist.) Others said that ForestWatch was making a deal with the devil, as Gallegly has never been too friendly to conservation interests, and they’ve said that this bill confirms those nightmares.

Finally faced with this bill, Kuyper responded, “Certainly, there are provisions in the bill we find objectionable that we didn’t anticipate were going to be in the wilderness legislation.” But he isn’t prepared to say his efforts have been worthless. “It’s hard at this point to say whether we would do it again,” he explained. “The process hasn’t played itself through yet. This is just the first step. ... If it starts moving forward, we’re going to be there every step of the way to improve the bill as best we can and get these damaging provisions removed.”

The off-roading community, meanwhile, was quite pleased, as well. “We’re hopeful that it will pass,” said Bruce Boring of Tri-County Dual Sport, who has been riding dirt bikes through the Los Padres for 30 or so years and worked with Gallegly on the bill. “We feel we’ve reached a pretty good balance between adding more wilderness and preserving areas we like to access now.”

Echoing concerns raised by many others from multiple user groups, Boring said that wilderness designations can be limiting for the elderly, disabled, or simply those who aren’t able to walk many miles into the forest. “I’d say that a large percentage of the population is not physically capable of hiking miles into the backcountry,” said Boring. “You can’t suck everything that’s not developed and turn it into wilderness. It’s not fair to the rest.”

In describing the proposed roads and off-road areas, he explained that the Ballinger Canyon and Mt. Pinos zones are already almost entirely open to off-roading and that Gallegly’s bill would just make that permanent. He also dismissed the complaint that loud engines zooming nearby would ruin the wilderness, explaining, “Whatever happens outside the wilderness happens outside the wilderness.” As for the opening of roads, Boring was audibly excited by the possibilities that Gallegly’s bill offers, as it connects plenty of existing routes and includes a few new trails to explore. He asked, “Why should a 65-year-old grandmother and her grandkids who want to go on a Sunday ride on ATCs be blocked from going down that road to see the wilderness from the outside?”

Politics, of course, will play the real role in whether the Los Padres Conservation and Recreation Act of 2012 will ever see the light of day. Similar proposals by Republicans in recent years have gone nowhere, but Gallegly could call in a seniority favor after so many years in office to start moving it along. The next possible step would be a hearing before the House of Representative’s Natural Resources Committee, followed by a vote in the House, and then review by the Democrat-controlled Senate, which has been hostile to any Republican bills recently.

If nothing happens by the end of the year, the bill will be dead. Due to redistricting, the bulk of the Los Padres National Forest will fall under the new 23rd Congressional district, which Rep. Lois Capps has served for years and is running for reelection this November to continue doing so. As it stands, Capps is playing safe with this issue, explaining that she appreciates Gallegly’s efforts while being sure not to anger either constituency.

If the bill does die, all sides plan to start lobbying Capps or her successor immediately for a new bill. Said Kuyper, “Whoever our congressional representative is next year, we’re certainly going to continue this discussion with them.” As to whether a Democrat like Capps would support the off-roading elements as much as Gallegly has, Boring explained, “We hope so. We’re sure going to make the argument if she doesn’t.”

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The 4 Wheel Parts store in Compton is actually its corporate headquarters, serving 55 stores nationwide, out of a 240,000 square foot warehouse. In the front of the building is a retail store serving customers in the area, and offered some great deals on gear on this day.

The car crush was a huge success, as there were many entries from Desmadre and the Solano's clubs, both out of Azusa Canyon. Most waited for the car's to flatten out, and then the mayhem began. The most entertaining wheeler of the day, was a Chevy suburban on forty's, with a chopped top, entered by the Solano's. This guy mowed over the four junk cars in spectacular fashion, getting air, and rarely getting stuck, or towed off the cars!



This event was tremendous fun and we would like to thank all those involved. CORVA would like to thank Raul and Bob from 4Wheel Parts for letting us tear up their parking lot. We would also like to Karl Knoll and the rest of The Few for organizing this event. And finally, we would like to thank the eleven new members who signed up that day for supporting land use: Paul Cecena, Damien Pacheco, Lisa Aquirre, Jose Renteria, Luis Pacheco, Jahaziel Avitia, Carla Avitia, Juan Martinez, David Amezola, Ted Vidal and Alex Renteria.

Keep your eye on the 4 Wheel Parts calendar for two upcoming events: So Cal Offroad Truck Show in May, and the 4Wheel Parts customer appreciation event in June.



CORVA By-Law Changes

From time to time we make updates / additions to our by-laws. The following are proposed changes to amend the by-laws at our annual meeting in May. (changes / additions underlined)

Number 1.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP
Section 1

Membership shall be of ~~three~~ four types as described herein.

Add: D. CORVA Sponsored Club Membership

Any club that has applied and been accepted to participate in the CORVA Sponsorship Program will become a CORVA Sponsored Club on receipt of yearly dues to be determined by the Board of Directors.
A CORVA Sponsored Club shall have 1 vote on behalf of said club.

Number 2.

ARTICLE VII
NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Section 2 Regional Officers

D. Elections of Regional Officers shall be held in even years. Installation of Regional Officers will be at the Annual Regional Meeting.

Managing Director's Report

by Amy Granat

CORVA's Latest Pursuits

CORVA's Job #1: Defending motorized access and OHV recreation. This job has taken on an urgent tone in the last couple of months. From WEMO to the forests in Northern California, we are busy defending the rights of people to travel off-road.

CORVA's Job #2: Educating all our members, letting you know what you can do to make a difference.

CORVA's Job #3: Bringing in more new members and associate members so we can continue our very important mission. Numbers are power. In the political world, the more members we have, the more power we have to advocate for off-road access.

CORVA met with the new State Director of the BLM last month to go over the challenges we are facing in Johnson Valley and Clear Creek, and the ongoing issues of WEMO and solar energy installations taking over off-road areas in the California deserts. Our goal is to convey both the myriad of uses, and the thousands of people who use off-road access, and point out the multiple use mandate that Congress has mandated for the BLM.

As the only motorized recreation advocates working with the Forest Service as a member of the steering committee that is working to define forest plan revisions, CORVA has a lot of responsibility to make sure that all motorized recreation access is preserved in the new forest plans for the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

Most importantly, CORVA is working with many other groups around the state to investigate the possibility of filing a lawsuit against the State of California for the takings from the OHV Trust Fund passed in last year's budget. With everything we do, we need your help to continue our mission. Consider everything that CORVA has done to defend OHV and motorized access, and give back to CORVA. Tell your friends and neighbors to join CORVA, sign up your businesses as associate members so we can keep working hard to help save off-road recreational access in California.

New Associate Member: Faultline Powersports

CORVA is proud to welcome new Associate Member "Faultline Powersports" of Hollister as our newest Associate Member. According to John Ortiz, owner of Faultline; "Faultline opened our store in downtown Hollister in November, 2004. We became the concessionaire for Hollister Hills SVRA in April 2006. Both stores are parts, accessories, and service. With our proximity to Hollister Hills, the downtown store is predominantly dirt oriented. However, we do carry items for sport bikes and Harleys too."

It's important to realize that the closure at Clear Creek Management Area is almost 4 years old, and businesses such as John's have taken a heavy hit from that closure. The BLM rarely looks at the economic impacts of its land use decisions, and the closure at Clear Creek is a perfect example of that mistake, hurting businesses throughout the area. Visit with Johnny at Faultline Powersports in Hollister, inside Hollister Hills SVRA and on the web at <http://www.faultlinemc.com/>, and give them your business. CORVA members are proud to support those that support us!



Why Wilderness?

by Amy Granat, CORVA Managing Director

With new Wilderness designations being proposed throughout the western United States, motorized recreation enthusiasts often ask why these proposals are necessary. As almost 110 million acres of official Wilderness exist throughout the country, including close to 15 million acres in California alone, isn't it enough?

When the Wilderness Act passed in 1964, specific characteristics were included to assist federal agencies tasked with choosing new areas for this most restrictive of laws. At that time, about 10 million acres in the entire United States was thought to require such strict protection. After all, Wilderness designations preclude areas where the hand-print of man is visible. According to law, sites considered for Wilderness designation have to be "...untrammeled by man", with "...the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable". Looking at recent proposed designations, it is clear that Congress has gone well-beyond the initial definitions, and Wilderness designations are being applied to areas where man-made infrastructure exists, and various recreation and resource pursuits flourish.

So why do we repeatedly see calls for additional Wilderness designations?

Wilderness is big business. A very wise friend once counseled that the answer to many incomprehensible happenings lies in the flow of money from hand to hand. In this case, numerous organizations thrive on the concept of creating more Wilderness. Should there be a time when we, as a society, claim there is enough Wilderness and decide to cap Wilderness designations to the current acreage these organizations would have no reason to continue their existence, their fight would be over, the donations would stop. All these organizations, most of which have the words 'wild', or 'wilderness' in their titles, thrive with multimillion dollar budgets. Unfortunately, they prey on the concept that by supporting additional Wilderness designations people are helping save these lands from the evils of development. But a great majority of these lands are already contained in National Forests or fall under the Bureau of Land Management where all changes of use must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and numerous other environmental laws.

In some cases extraction of resources helped sustain local communities, but that has now been eliminated by Wilderness designation. We have seen disasters occur in many communities when timber harvesting was cut short by environmental lawsuits. Rural residents and businesses have floundered, with rural schools, the former beneficiaries of timber dollars, suffering from lack of funding.

When the facts are laid out, the motivation becomes clear. There are appropriate areas for additional Wilderness designation, but they must be vetted very carefully, with an analysis of the pros and cons of such a designation, along with compliance to the original parameters contained in the Wilderness Act of 1964. Only then can the appropriate use of the term 'Wilderness' be applied.

A Member Writes

CORVA,

In the last ALAA newsletter I got, I read the article about CORVA taking legal action against the Forest Service in regards to Travel Management.

Travel Management and Wilderness are 100% illegal. They discriminate against the disabled and handicapped, as well as the elderly and very young. I always wondered why some organization or state never challenged Travel Management and Wilderness on the merits of discrimination and am very glad to see that CORVA is doing so.

I am a member of ALAA, BlueRibbon, NRA, and Gold Panners GPAA. I am the treasurer of two Gem and Mineral Societies, or rock clubs for short. In the Sioux Empire Gem and Mineral Society, I take charge of most of our field trips. Between the two rock clubs we have 47 members and they all support your legal action. I am into all types of outdoor recreation – ATVs, Dirt Bikes, Snowmobiles, 4X4, hunting and some fishing. I like to camp out on public land where ever I happen to be. Enclosed is a check for \$30.00 for membership in CORVA.

When I give my Treasurer's report at the rock club meetings I also give a report on various environmental issues such as EPA rules, Travel Management, Wilderness issues, BLM issues US Fish & Wildlife on so on. Your monthly newsletter will be very helpful.

Thank you

Never give up the fight to keep our public lands open.

Vern Timmerman, Salem, South Dakota CORVA member #106143

[Annual CORVA Meeting](#)

It is that time again, our Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 19th in Visalia. We will be holding our meeting from 9am to 3pm at the Lamp Litter Inn located at 3300 West Mineral King, Visalia. Discounted rooms are available by calling 800-662-6692. Mention CORVA when placing your reservations. Registration will begin at 9am and the meeting will start at 11am. Representatives of clubs are encouraged to submit their club rosters before the meeting.

Elections will be held for the following offices; Vice President - Administration, Vice President - Sales and Marketing, and Treasurer. Any Supporting Member of CORVA in good standing may run for any office. All candidates will be nominated from the floor at the beginning of the election process during the Annual Meeting. Potential candidates may submit a short biography to be published in the May newsletter, and/or CORVA web site, space and time permitting. The newsletter the deadline is April 10th. For more info please contact Jim Colln at: 800-42-CORVA ext 509 or send an email to: jim.colln@corva.org.

More details to follow in our May newsletter. One item on the agenda will be our presenting of the annual awards, which are described below. So mark the date, make your plans to attend and get those nominations in.

[Annual CORVA Awards](#)

Now Accepting Nominations for the CORVA Awards. Each year we honor those in our community for their efforts in the advancement of off roading. The following awards will be presented at this year's CORVA Annual Meeting on May 19th. If you know of anyone deserving of one or more of these awards, please send the required information to: CORVA at 1500 W. El Camino, #352, Sacramento, CA 95833-1945 or email to: jim.colln@corva.org. Write one nomination per page or email and include the award name in the subject line. If you need more information please email or call 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 509

George Thomas Memorial Trophy For "Off Roader Of The Year": This trophy is presented to the one individual whose contributions to the betterment of off-roading during the preceding year are worthy of this very special recognition. The recipient may be any individual who has provided special help to off roading. The person does not have to be a member of CORVA or any affiliated organization. The nomination should be submitted with an explanation of the individual's accomplishments.

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

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

Los Aventureros State Conservation Award: This award is presented to the individual club, which during the year, has contributed the most towards conservation. Please contact us for more details.

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

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

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

Education and YOU!

Ed Waldheim, VP Education

On March 14th I had the opportunity to once again attend a Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) meeting in Tehachapi. The headline of the agenda was “Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Illegal OHV Issues Law Enforcement Meeting”. Now, if that does not get your blood pressure up, pay attention to the following who were in attendance, and the number of representatives from each group:

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| PCT Staff: 1 | Sequoia Forest Law Enforcement: 2 |
| Forest Service Vallejo: 2 | Kern County Sheriff: 3 |
| BLM Sacramento: 2 | OHV Division, Sacramento: 2 |
| BLM Ridgecrest Staff: 1 | Property Owners: 6 |
| BLM Law Enforcement: 1 | OHV representatives: 3 |
| BLM Bakersfield: 2 | Kern County Board of Supervisor’s Representative: 1 |

A total of 27 people, at a very high payroll expense and travel, were there to discuss the few riders who just “don’t get it” and ride on the PCT. What really bothers me is that we have been meeting for three years now and today it has gotten better, but the few OHV motorcycle riders still continue to think they are funny, or they just don’t care about disobeying the law. The ramifications of those who just ignore the law, unfortunately, send a ripple effect from the legislators to judges in courtrooms in the case of the West Mojave Law Suit, property owners, and public at large.

It bothers me that we have so many people from the Law Enforcement spending their time and money for a total of 520 registered PCT hikers. These hikers leave Campo, California, and maybe 200 of them make it to Oregon on the trail. At the same time we have millions of off roaders coming to the desert to ride, and we do not have enough law enforcement officers to do the work that is so desperately needed. How has this happened? Well, again the non-motorized community lobbied their congressional representatives and got the Pacific Crest Trail into the law while the majority of our OHV users just went out and played. What must the OHV riders do?

We have to try to save our sport, and this is where the education plays an enormous part. Our riding areas are not only taken from us and turned into more wilderness, but also we face the issue of renewable resources taking former riding areas, restricting us from using what we once had. We are there for the taking because we did not put our trails and our OHV areas into congressional designations. Others are doing this, but not us. This is something for all OHV users to think about!

16th Annual Moose Anderson Day on April 28, 2012

The Friends of Jawbone will hold its annual Moose Anderson Day celebration on Saturday, April 28, at the Jawbone Station Visitor Center. This year's event will feature a ribbon cutting for the new education & interpretive center and the remodeling of the Visitor’s Center, which is located on Highway 14 approximately 20 miles north of the town of Mojave at 28111 Jawbone Canyon Road, Cantil, California. The day's activities start at 10:00 am with a free gift giveaway to attendees. Registered volunteers at Moose Anderson Day will receive a collectible t-shirt when checking in. Throughout the day, there will be special guest speakers, displays, and demonstrations. For more info please see: www.jawbone.org

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by Steve Hewitt

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The other volunteer position is the CORVA Show Coordinator. This only requires that you apply to have a CORVA booth at all the expos, and events that CORVA attends. Also, you will be responsible for setting up the booth and finding volunteers to help man the booth while the show is open. You will work closely with the Marketing Committee to find new shows where CORVA can have a booth.

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April:

- 4/14 Escarabajo and East Bay Hi Tailers annual rally and dinner - Frank Raines Park, Patterson, California (see page 2)
- 4/28 16th Annual Moose Anderson Day on April 28, 2012 www.jawbone.org

May:

- 5/19 Annual Meeting at Lamp Litter Inn in Visalia, California (see page 11)

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE CORVA WEB SITE WWW.CORVA.ORG

 The advertisement for "ATV Safety Training!" features a photograph of two people wearing helmets and riding ATVs in a desert landscape. The text is as follows:

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Logos for "ATV Safety Institute" and "OFF FUNDS AT WORK" are present. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a desert scene with a cactus and the text "AMERICAN DESERT FOUNDATION".