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Jawbone Station Visitor Center Expands

by David Briery, BLM Central California Office



Prominent supporters of the Jawbone Station
break ground for its expansion

From a small travel trailer dispensing information and first aid in 1982 to today's 1,900-square-foot complex, Jawbone Station Visitor Center has served Eastern Sierra Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts and travelers alike. At the foot of Jawbone Canyon, off California Highway 14, volunteers from the Friends of Jawbone staff the center, disbursing maps, books, and friendly advice to about 6,600 visitors annually. Now just 15 years after completion of the visitor center, demand for its services has outgrown its physical capabilities.

Last week, a groundbreaking ceremony for its expansion marked the beginning of construction of a 2,000-square-foot educational wing that will house additional interpretive displays, along with a multi-purpose room for onsite audio visual programs and presentations. Additionally, a new 6,000-square-foot work-center building will give staff and volunteers a base from which to maintain, manage, and enhance recreational opportunities and resources on public lands. Finally, the completion of a shade ramada will enable the public to rest and enjoy the stunning view of the surrounding desert in comfort.

Planning for the expansion began more than six years ago when BLM Ridgecrest Supervisor of Outdoor Recreation Craig Beck and Friends of Jawbone President Ed Waldheim began applying for grants and lining up other sources of funding. They received assistance from Kern County, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and of course, the BLM. With funding secured, on Sept. 2nd BLM Ridgecrest Field Office and the Friends of Jawbone hosted a groundbreaking ceremony that was attended by the "Who's Who" of Kern County.

Though Beck and Waldheim assuredly deserve most of the kudos for making the project happen, Waldheim, never forgetting a name, individually thanked each person in attendance, no matter how small his or her role. That's often how things get done in the desert – especially with an Ed Waldheim around.

The Epidemic of Extreme Environmentalism

by Amy Granat

Recently, California Representatives Tom McClintock and Kevin McCarthy voiced concerns to the Forest Service about the need for our National Forests to remain open and accessible by all Americans. Both Representatives have written eloquently about the disturbing trend of the Forest Service to penalize those that enjoy motorized recreation access by cutting off access to treasured areas, putting strict limitations on the number of participants in long-running events, and even denying the opportunity for those that like to congregate together to enjoy their sport in a group.

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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. 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,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

Are You Ready?

I love this time of year. It brings the Orange County Sand Sports Super Show, followed by the Off Road Expo in Pomona, and my favorite pastime, camping with my friends and family. As the seasons change, the need for all the annual maintenance to get ready for the new season also arrives. Time to check your batteries, tire-pressure, propane-heaters, and don't forget, the Carbon Monoxide warning sensors. Educate yourself on any new rules that may apply where you ride - in the deserts, mountains, private or public land.

This year several regulations have been implemented outlawing nails in firewood and the burning of pallets. CORVA has preached for years - discouraging the use of pallets for firewood and now the Bureau of Land Management will be enforcing the new regulation. Additionally, you will not be allowed to use ridged stakes to mark off your campsites for safety reasons. Finally, regulations prohibiting public nudity will be enforced in OHV areas as well. The enforcement of these regulations by the BLM is a big step to make regulations uniform on all federal land and is a welcomed change. If you are going to a new area or revisiting your favorite spot for the first time this season, check with the rangers or land managers concerning any possible closed trails and other new regulations in their area.

Recently, all concerned parties met in San Francisco on the WEMO lawsuit and still could not decide on a compromise on closures. It is the same as before – the opposition wants to close all areas and we want no closures at all. So now the presiding judge is allowing us one more chance to propose a compromise prior to a final decision. Once again the attorney for the Department of the Interior has done a great job representing the needs of OHV and others before the judge. We are hopeful that the decisions will be not only fair but also to our advantage. We will keep you posted on the results as soon as they become available.

Very soon there will be big changes coming to the CORVA web-site. But starting now, we have just finished a fantastic new Vote Smart on Outdoor Recreation Voters' Guide that was completed as a joint effort with the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC). You can find your candidates and the survey results at <http://cal4wheel.com/smartOHVoter>. CORVA regularly sends emails concerning meetings, events and elections via email. If we don't have your correct email address, please send it NOW to our VP Admin Jim Colln at: Jim.Colln@corva.org and he will update our database. We need your accurate email to pass on this pertinent information.

Besides the pending elections, it's time to focus on my favorite – camping! I hope you all plan to attend our Southern Jamboree on October 16th-17th at the Johnson Valley OHV area. Chairman Clayton Miller and his team have worked with the Barstow BLM office during the permit process to prepare a truly great event. Located at the Means Dry Lake, near the Hammers (rock crawling area), there will be two and four-wheel opportunities. The kid-friendly Poker Run route is courtesy of Darren Kelsey and his team. It will be a great opportunity to see Johnson Valley and have fun too. The Saturday night dinner cooked by our CORVA Chef Tom Edwards will sell out fast, followed by a great awards ceremony with raffle prizes. This event will help CORVA continue to fight for OHV access, so please come support us and bring the family and friends!

Another fun event is the Point Mugu 4 x 4 Club "Return to Fright Night" jeep event on October 23rd – 24th in the Hungry Valley SVRA. This is also a family event with lots of fun and challenges. Check the newsletter for sign-up information and the CORVA web-site for more great events.

Finally, for our northern members, don't miss the Annual Northern Jamboree held at Frank Raines OHV Park in Patterson October 29th - 31st. There will be OHV events, all family friendly throughout this very unique park including an unusual Friday Night Bingo game and a Saturday afternoon Kids Costume Party. On Saturday evening there is a dinner and the most spectacular and creative adult costume party ever! Plan on a weekend event so you can attend the Sunday morning Northern Board meeting.

I hope to see you at one of these events. Now is the season to enjoy our OHV fun. All these events help CORVA and provide a safe family friendly venue. There is no excuse to stay home and sit on the couch. This is why we all work so hard. Let's get ready for some good times. Come out and play!





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EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

As the summer winds down and cooler weather prevails we all look forward to the riding season. We are also approaching a number of key deadlines for planning projects and court decisions that will determine the future of public lands. Forest Service Travel Management has now completed the final phase of NEPA with Records of Decision published for most areas. But Motor Vehicle Use Maps, legal documents that say where we can and cannot ride, have been slow in coming. "Use Maps" tell us which routes are legal, and publication of these maps is also the final step in implementation of Travel Management. Once these maps have been published, the Forest Service action is "ripe", meaning ready for lawsuits filed by any parties that object and have standing to sue.

Travel Management lawsuits are more or less expected. Precedent-setting lawsuits have been filed against the El Dorado and Stanislaus National Forests, by environmental groups that contend that the massive trail closures caused by Travel Management simply aren't enough. Others are sure to follow. Combine this with BLM lawsuits such as the WEMO case and you have a classic example of "land management from the bench". We say land management should be done by land managers, not the courts. Sadly, this rarely seems to be the end result.

On a brighter note, many of you have begun to receive information from our new partner the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA). I find that I have a lot in common with these folks and their material, which although not OHV focused, is certainly pro-access and of high quality. This is the first of the new and much bigger alliances we need to forge in order to be effective. Recreation groups such as hunters, fisherman, horsemen, rock hounds, hounds men, and hikers are beginning to understand that their access to public lands will be affected by coming change. It is no longer about dirt bikes, quads and 4X4's. This will affect everyone who visits America's public lands.

The Obama Administration's Great Outdoors Initiative

As many of you have heard, President Obama convened the White House Conference on the Great Outdoors on April 16th as a means to start a national dialogue about conservation issues. In addition to the initial conference led by the President, the Administration has hosted a number of "listening sessions" in locations throughout the country. The Administration stated that "The America's Great Outdoors Initiative aims to reinvigorate the national conversation about the outdoors, and leverage the support of the Federal Government to help these community-driven efforts succeed."

Two of those "listening sessions" were recently held in Davis and Southern California. CORVA representatives attended and participated in these sessions, and it seems that the audience did most of the listening and the officials did most of the talking. This is disappointing given that the Great Outdoors Initiative has been billed as an outreach by an administration seeking public input and advocating transparency in government. It is indicative of why there is so much dissatisfaction with the current administration. They seem to be unwilling to "walk the walk" and prefer to mouth campaign style platitudes and fail to address the tough issues with workable solutions.

A disturbing development is that the Great Outdoors Initiative blog seems to have been hijacked and the site's ballot boxes stuffed with anti-access votes that have skewed the results. Please visit the web site, cast your vote, and fight back! <http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf> Don't wait, the final report is due on November 15.

WEMO Lawsuit – Hearing held, judge ponders decision

The WEMO Plaintiffs, Alliance for Responsible Recreation, The Wilderness Society, California Wilderness Coalition, Friends of Juniper Flats, Western San Bernardino Landowners Association, California Native Plant Society, Community ORV Watch, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, and Desert Survivors filed a motion for "partial vacatur of the Record of Decision and for interim injunctive relief." The hearing on this motion was set for June 18, 2010; however this was postponed until September 3, but at the hearing the judge did not hear oral argument or render a decision. I guess we have to stay tuned?

The court held that the BLM's extensive environmental review failed to consider an adequate range of alternatives and was insufficient in its consideration of impacts to soil, cultural resources, certain plant and riparian resources, sensitive animal species, and air quality. This ruling means that the BLM must reconsider environmental impacts of OHVs on public lands in the Western Mojave region. The extent of the additional planning that will be required will be issued as a remedy. Negotiations regarding the lawsuit have been attended by CORVA representatives.

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Lawsuit over Southern California National Forest Plans Nears Resolution

Some of you may recall that a lawsuit was filed against the Southern California National Forest Plans (Los Padres, Los Angeles, and Cleveland) last year by the Center for Biological Diversity. The State of California also joined the lawsuit over Roadless issues. The lawsuit basically alleges various violations of the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Fisheries Act, and the Clinton Roadless Rule. The plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment and remedies are now being prepared. The issues are primarily that the Forest Plans did not specify enough areas as Recommended Wilderness. The Forest Service will now have to publish a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) with alternatives that will revisit the areas that are designated “back county” that allowed motorized use. Although this should not affect existing designated trails, this could preclude potential new areas from being considered for motorized use.

The Forests will be posting updates once the plan for the SEIS is developed. CORVA and other groups will be prepared to comment on the SEIS.

Forest Service Planning Regulations on the Fast Track for Completion by Year End

The U.S. Forest Service is continuing 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). CORVA representatives have participated in sessions held in California and have actively promoted recreation as an important consideration.

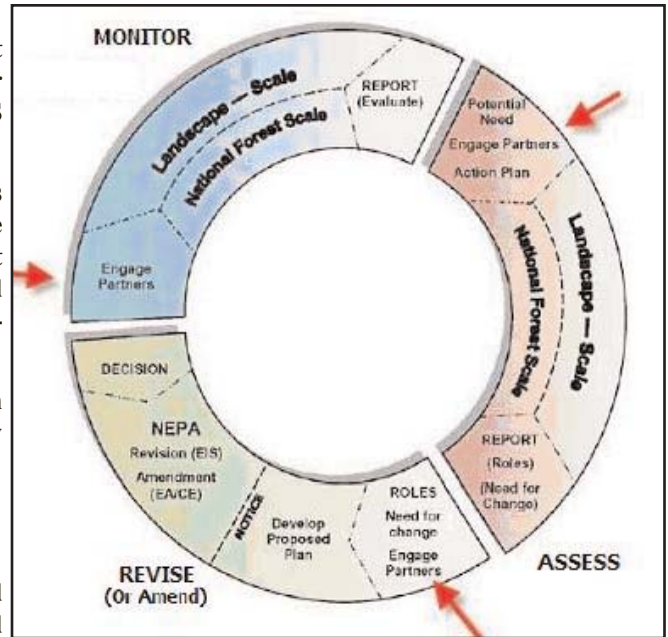
The USFS has released a proposed action that includes "Principles" that will be used to formulate the new regulations. The agency is asking for comments on these principles, and is asking the public to identify important issues and alternatives. Conservation and restoration will receive new emphasis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

Check the planning rule website for details. It is: <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, so we need to pay close attention!

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.

We were told they heard us loud and clear at the Roundtables that recreation and public access need to be a priority in the National Forest Rule, yet neither are mentioned in this draft framework. The only possible connection would be the social and economic data they mention once, but that is weak. We have submitted comments that include the following points.

1. Eliminate inadequately defined terms such as terms such as “stressors”, “environmentally sustainable” and “fiscally sustainable” from the new Rule.
2. Forest management works best when done at the local Forest level. When this approach is used, regional and national goals are also met.
3. If recreation is encouraged, the public will stay connected with the outdoors and continue to care about our forests and the environment.
4. If renewable resource harvesting is encouraged in our National Forest, we will avoid displacing timber harvesting to other more environmentally sensitive areas of the world.
5. Forest management that reduces the fuel load is a proven approach in reducing destructive and costly wildfires.
6. Recreation and renewable resource harvesting support local economies, provide jobs, and pay taxes.
7. The creation of the New Rule should be simple, easily understandable, and allow local forests flexibility to respond more quickly to the need for ground level projects.
8. A cumbersome or complex rule will likely harm cultural and natural resources by discouraging needed management.
9. The Forest Service needs to make the Planning Regulations (36 C.F.R. 219) consistent and compliant with the law (16 USC Secs. 1600-1614).



Special thanks to Chris Horgan of the Stewards of the Sequoia for information included in this section.

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Forests throughout California have traditionally welcomed events held by various recreational groups, but lately they are trying to extract exorbitant amounts of money from these groups by a means called "cost recovery", demanding enough money that it could be called a form of extortion.

As we rightly criticize this growing trend of discrimination against motorized outdoor recreation by the Forest Service, we have to look beyond the immediate, beyond those that are enacting these new rules to the forces behind them. While it is certain that some of the pressure is coming from Washington DC and those in charge, much of this is also the byproduct of the frequent lawsuits filed by anti-access groups against the Forest Service, which forces the Forest Service to act in this draconian manner.

*“Psychological warfare
is a very
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aspect of environmental
campaigning”*

In an effort with an end-goal to completely remove all forms of motorized recreation from our National Lands, (except, of course, the dirt roads that lead to non-motorized trailheads) anti-access groups such as Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, The Wilderness Society, the Center for Biological Diversity and other smaller, regionally-based groups, are dropping into Forest Service offices unannounced throughout the state to check permit applications that are being filed by motorized recreation groups and challenging the granting of those permits. Through the not-so-subtle threat of yet another lawsuit, these organizations are forcing the Forest Service to prepare cumbersome, expensive and unnecessarily complicated NEPA documents for recreation based events. The Forest Service is being coerced into extracting more and more money from small groups and organizations to pay for extensive environmental documents to protect themselves in the event of a lawsuit.

There are many anti-access groups who do little or no work on the ground, and exist merely to sue Federal and State agencies. The worst part about this is that they are paid for these efforts by the American Taxpayer. When these groups file a lawsuit, they also file to recoup all the costs, including attorney costs, from the defending agency. And the vast majority of the time they receive these costs which constitutes their entire livelihood.

Through the Equal Access to Justice Act anti-access groups are reaping millions of dollars a year from the American Taxpayer, and they have no incentive to stop. Read the following excerpt from an interview given to High Country News, in 2009: Kieran Suckling, Director of the Center for Biological Diversity was asked about the role lawsuits play in his overall strategy. His response is chilling; “...we use lawsuits to help shift the balance of power...the power shifts to our hands. The Forest Service needs our agreement to get back to work, and we are in the position of being able to powerfully negotiate the terms.... When we stop the same timber sale three or four times running, the timber planners want to tear their hair out. They feel like their careers are being mocked and destroyed -- and they are. So they become much more willing to play by our rules and at least get something done. Psychological warfare is a very under-appreciated aspect of environmental campaigning.”

All those that enjoy access to our National Forests are being manipulated in the manner described above, as are the Federal and State Agencies forced to defend their on-the-ground decisions. The financial implications on surrounding communities is unimportant in this scheme, as is the legitimate access of thousands of Americans to their public lands.

By recognizing this problem and the forces behind it, we can then take steps to strategize and conceive our own plans to defend our right to access our public lands. Remember the 3 P's – Participation, Political action, and Positive PR, but this time include your friends and family, your neighbors and acquaintances in this battle. Those of us who are Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts number in the millions in California, yet our political muscle has not been flexed with any enthusiasm. This is truly a fight for our very existence, our enjoyment and our livelihoods, in some cases. We need to recognize that working together with all other groups that enjoy the forests is key to turning the tide against this Epidemic of Extreme Environmentalism.

Access Representative McClintock's statement at:

<http://www.laketahoenews.net/2010/08/mcclintock-rips-apart-u-s-forest-service-practices/>

Access Representative McCarthy's statement at :

<http://www.stewardsofthesequoia.org/PDF/TimeForAJobCreatingAgendaIsNowOp-Ed.pdf>

Crisis Management 101

by Wayne Nosala-Asst. Director: Legislation

By now everyone has heard of the horrible accident at the Rockpile in Johnson Valley on Saturday, August 14th. Within minutes of the accident, today's technology brought the news directly to my phone, via text message. Most people knew where they were and exactly what they were doing when they heard news of the World Trade Center disaster and similar incidents. In the desert racing community, I'm sure when meeting a friend, someone will ask, "Where you when you heard about the California 200 accident?" This kind of thing shakes us to the core. Personally, I tried to follow the media and internet reports until well after midnight. Soon after, I just went to bed with almost a sinking, hopeless feeling wishing I was there, and could have done something to help.

Early Sunday morning, I was awakened by a phone call by a reporter from the New York Times. My first thought was to tell this guy I was not at that event, and maybe he should get some information from someone who was at the accident site when it happened. But when he asked, "Did the spectators construct an obstacle to make the truck crash?" I knew I had to set the record straight. Now that he had my attention, I decided to hit this head on. I spent the next hour or so describing the desert racing culture, and assuring the reporter that this was not like a scene from "Mad Max". I drew from my own experiences following desert racing, as well as numerous weekends for most of my 46 years, spent recreating on public lands with family and friends. That being said, it is tough to sugar coat something like this, and quite frankly, I really did not want to be put in an uncomfortable position, answering these tough questions about why this tragedy occurred. But I also felt compelled to make sure some accurate information was reported in the press.



Soon after, it really sunk in that those of us in the motorized recreation community are in "Crisis management 101". I started to watch news reports and really began to feed on this. It was an ugly feeding frenzy of press. My phone started ringing minutes after the NY times article posted, and did not stop for most of the week.

It's interesting that although I attempted to paint our community in a positive light, and inject some positive PR for our sport, a lot of that was dropped from the news stories. It is unfortunate but true, that if the details are not grizzly, or not shocking enough to be a sensational story, they will not be printed or aired on network news.

The sport of desert racing, mostly buggies, has been a big part of my life. Having attended some of the original Mint 400s and Riverside events, I have had the opportunity to spectate, pit, race, prepare race cars, help people test cars, manufacture parts and more. I have participated and experienced almost every aspect of this sport. This includes winning the class 10 championship for year 2004 in the MORE series.

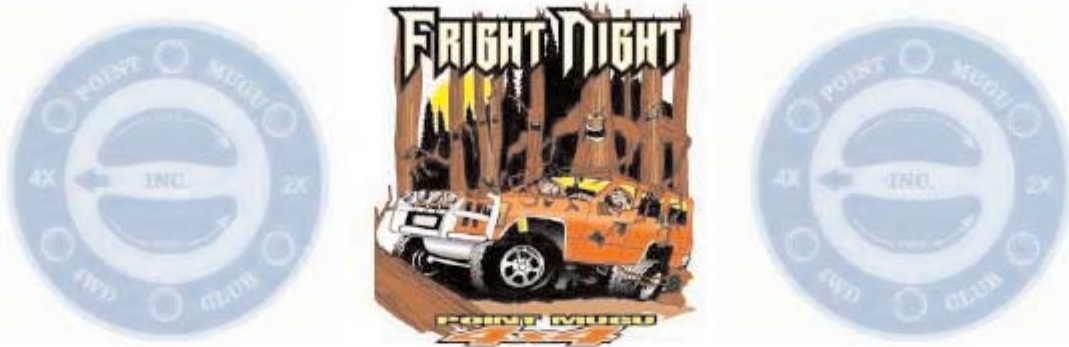
When I was younger, I observed people compete like Ivan Stewart, Rick and Roger Mears, among others who are engrained into our good memories of the sport. We now have second and third generation family racer names, such as the Freemans and McMillins, who still stand the test of time of participation and dedication. Pit clubs such as FAIR, Checkers, and CORE have been around since the dawn of our sport. These racers help each other, put on club family events, put on charity events, and host clean-ups. MORE is doing a powder puff event in October that in the past has raised tens of thousands of dollars for breast cancer. I even met my wife Ann at a desert clean-up in Barstow, California, hosted and attended by many in the desert racing community. As of this date, as reported by Kim Carpenter who is a Fast-Aid.org volunteer, Fast-Aid.org has collected around \$135,000.00 from generous people and business. All this money will go the families of those affected by this accident, and they have already provided funding for four funerals, as well as financial aid for families.

This brings me to a major point I could not seem to get across in the press following the accident (that they just would not print) There is a culture of people like myself who enjoy the freedom of recreating on public lands. Whether it's an all-out race team or just a weekend getting out of the big city to ride with family and friends, it's a form of freedom we just cannot replicate living in the metropolitan areas outside the boundaries of our own front doors. We have a measly few hundred thousand acres left of traversable "Open" lands left for recreation and enjoyment in California, compared to more than 14 million acres of protected public lands we can't access by motorized vehicles. The big question on everyone's mind is; where do we draw the line on the last few hundred thousand acres were we have regarding our freedoms? Can you name any other state, any other country, where we can enjoy the freedoms we have in our open areas? As we continue to endure aftershocks from this tragic event in our history, I have been fending calls from family and friends that are in the business of providing components and services for all types of OHVs asking me what's next? If desert racing is over-managed or stopped altogether, how will we exist?

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Point Mugu Four Wheel Drive Club Presents:

Return to Fright Night 14



Join us as Point Mugu 4x4 returns once again to where it all began Lockwood Valley and the Miller Jeep Trail! For Fright Night 14! Poker Run, Ghouls and Goblins, and a Great Night Run.

WHEN: October 23-24, 2010 WHERE: Hungry Valley SVRA - AlikAlik Camp area (By 4x4 Training)

SUV/Family Run/Twilight Run Leaves approx. 1 hour before dusk - Late Show leaves at Sundown - Saturday

Name: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Number in group _____ Type of Vehicle _____ Run Preference _____

Vehicle Pre-registration (including 2 breakfasts on Sunday) Qty ___ X \$25. = _____ (does not include Hungry Valley SVRA camping fees) \$30 at the event.

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Additional Poker Hands Qty ___ X \$5. = _____ Total _____

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http://www.cal4wheel.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=82&Itemid=329

Sunday Morning Raffle following breakfast. For more information contact Terry at tpwork@yahoo.com

Mail Entry to: Point Mugu Four Wheel Drive Club P.O. Box 5974 Oxnard, Ca 93031

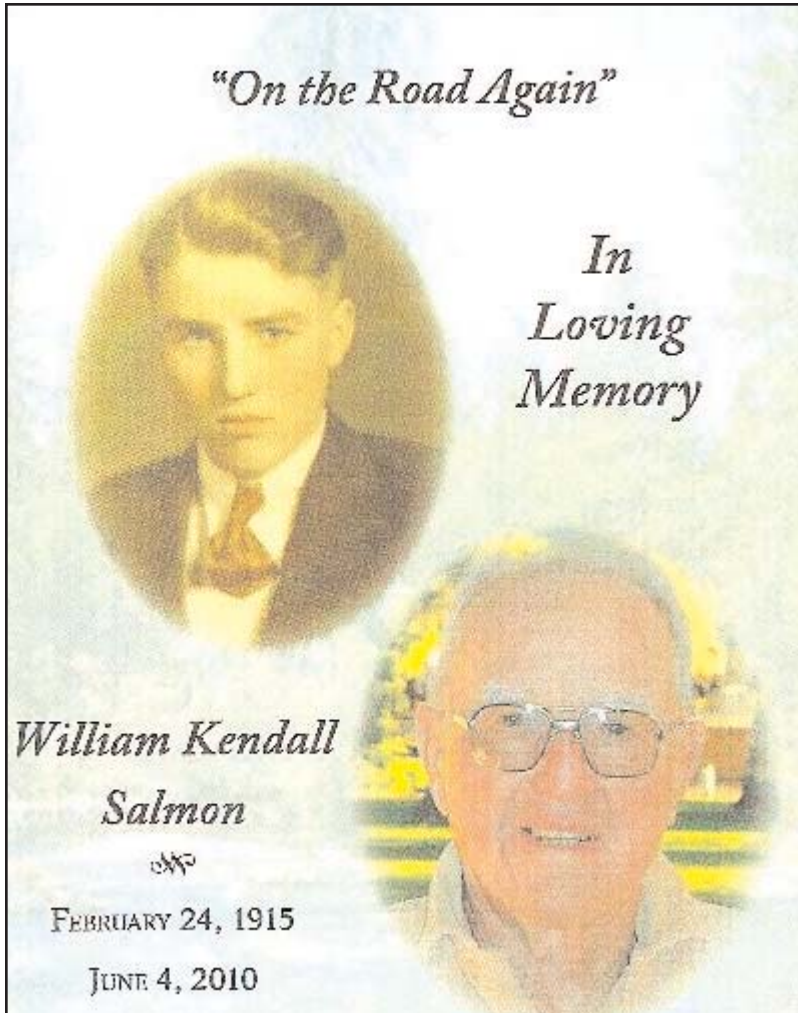


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In Memory of Bill Salmon

by Diana Mead-Assistant Northern Director: Clubs

I became part of the Escarabajo club family when I married a long-standing member in 1992. Bill Salmon was “old” then. In fact he was the oldest active member of our club at 77. For several years after our son was born in 1994, he and Bill were always announced as the clubs eldest and youngest members, 80 years apart.



We lost Bill on June 4, 2010 after an accident at Sand Mountain. In the words of one of our other members, “he died with his boots on.” At age 95, Bill still drove his motorhome, although it was a bit frightening to follow behind him. He loaded his own trailer with a quad or rail, participated in our outings, advocated for CORVA, and was always looking forward to the next trip.

Although Bill enjoyed our club, he was passionate about CORVA. He would insist on having a 50/50 raffle to benefit CORVA at each of our 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 as a replacement in case something happened to him. And, it was extremely dangerous to suggest that Bill should reconsider flying the CORVA banner at the Walnut Festival parade. Those of you who know our clubs history participating in this parade might understand why, but Bill sure didn’t.

I was not the one to “step up” when Bill first asked, but Tim Warbington did. He did an amazing job, serving as Bill’s sidekick, fill in, designee and full fledged advocate. What Bill didn’t share with Tim, and what Tim had to learn on his own, is that advocating for our trails isn’t easy. While Jawbone, Sand Mountain, Dumont, California City, Stonyford are all great places at which to recreate, ensuring that our children and their children will be able to go to these places generally isn’t. This advocating takes energy, patience, and commitment, Bill’s specialties.

If we need evidence that Bill’s passion was well placed, Pismo Beach and Kettleman City ceased to exist as club destinations, and regular outings to Gerle Creek and Virginia City faded away, all during Bill’s years as a CORVA member and officer. He knew he had to do something.

Two years ago, Bill and Tim were unable to attend the CORVA annual elections in Bakersfield. Our club needed a representative. My husband and I were free that weekend but Bill and I didn’t always see eye to eye. Bill asked me to go and even offered to buy my fuel (gas was pretty steep that year). I honestly said, “Bill, the only way I could attend and be a representative, would be to vote according to my conscience, which I doubt is the way you would vote” Bill looked me in the eye and said, “The most important thing is to have a representative and I will be fine with whatever you decide to do with my vote.”

You see, off roading is what we have in common. It is our family, our community and it is our job to take care of it. Thank you Bill, for your instruction, and I thank you for encouraging me to go my own way.

Funny how that road runs parallel to part of Bill’s.



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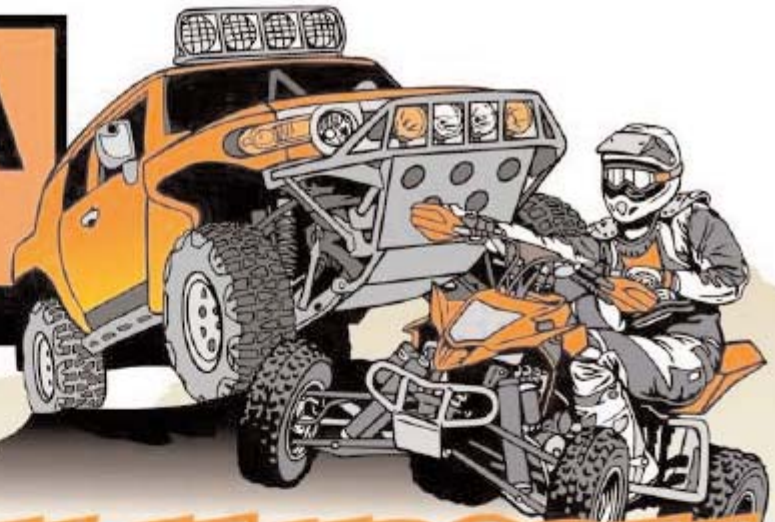
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Vote Smart on Off Road Recreation Project

What do the candidates who are working hard and spending so much money to get your vote think about off-road access and recreation? We asked them!

Together CORVA and the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc. (CA4WDC) have given the 2010 Off-Road Voters Guide a new look. Our volunteers have tackled the job and created a very informative method for you to find out exactly how your candidates weigh in on OHV Access. This election cycle we are not going to make voting recommendations for you but instead provide you with pertinent information directly from the candidates about their position concerning OHV access.

Additionally, it is our goal to educate those who now, or in the future, will hold elected office. The threat to off-highway access is very real and we need their support and cooperation to work together to prevent more closures. Each of the candidates running for state and federal offices in California was sent a survey with three questions.

As of October 1st, the responses will be available at: <http://cal4wheel.com/smartOHVoter>

The candidates who have not responded by that date will have an entry that will read, "Declined to answer the survey." (They have been informed that this will be published and will appear as their only answer.) We encourage you to contact the candidates and ask them if they have participated in the survey. After all, the only way we can vote intelligently is by understanding the issues and where a candidate stands on the issues. If they want your vote, they must be willing to participate. Because the candidates can update their responses, be sure to review the survey results often before Election Day. We encourage communication with the candidates, so you will find their email and web-addresses at the survey site to enable you to contact them personally.

It's time for us to make OHV Access important to the candidates and eventually, the elected officials. Now we can – join in the experience. Also, send us your feedback so we can make this Voter Guide better in the future and set new standards for OHV Access.

OHV VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONS:

1. Do you view multiple use of public land as compatible with environmental protection?
2. Acknowledging that there exists over 14 million acres designated as Wilderness in California, prohibiting multiple use and limiting access to only the most able-bodied in our society, would you support additional designations of Wilderness, National Monument or Roadless areas?
3. We are facing a critical juncture in regards to land use and off-highway access. At the same time our population is aging and many need motorized transport for access to the back country, and our leaders are recommending that we take our children outdoors to enjoy our public lands, but we are seeing unprecedented limitations being placed on off-highway motorized transportation. Would you support management and common sense environmental protection, or do you believe that closure to off-highway vehicle use is the best option?

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Now we can point fingers at this person or that person, but the formula for fixing the problems can be resolved at all levels. Spectators at these events are a viable and necessary element. Most everyone who currently participates in the sport, started as spectators, including myself. Vendors need these spectators to showcase products and services. Although some have suggested removal of the spectator element, I don't see this as a solution. I recently took a neighbor to a SNORE race near here in Ridgecrest, in the Spangler open area, and we ended up getting recruited to Pit for FAIR. We had a great time pitting and doing radio operations. As any racer you speak with will tell you, this is how the excitement builds and the cycle begins.

My solutions? Continue to support agencies who provide event permits. Give agencies honest factual information when asked for public comment. Honor promoter's and agency rules and just use common sense when attending events where vehicles of any type are competing. A lot of that common sense has already prevailed in a 40+ year old sport that has proven mostly safe for all involved. Helen Baker reports small towns like Lucerne Valley and Johnson Valley are very concerned about loss of business if events are restricted or the Marines take over the area.

We must keep reality in check as we are judged in the press, as our adversaries are getting a free ride from all the negative press and the ongoing investigation by the federal agencies will yield an interesting future. Now more than ever, we need to hold that line of freedom vs. responsibility on our public lands. Sometimes we step over that line and the end result is that public safety is negatively affected, which is followed by management encroachment, more enforcement and less freedom. Sometimes we get static from the recreating public for "over-preaching" safety and responsible use of our public lands, but I will take the criticism for "over-preaching" over a eulogy any day of the week.

In closing, CORVA is hosting a BLM permitted event in Johnson Valley October 15-17th, the Southern Jamboree. As other permit holders have raised concerns, we at CORVA are also working with the BLM to adhere to any effects this accident may or may not have on our event permit. So far the District Offices have been helping permit holders to continue to run their events smoothly (even after the accident). We thank the BLM for working with promoters, clubs and permit holders.

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Please feel free to post a message on our wall with any questions or concerns. Also, if you have any concerns that you need us to know about, this would be the place to post them.

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At the time of this writing, (8-15-2010) the official investigation was ongoing and will determine how to prevent anything like this from happening again.



About FAST-Aid - FAST-Aid has been helping the off road racing community since April 2009 and has been called to assist in many different circumstances. The board consists of nine racers, crew members, community and industry supporters. FAST-Aid a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of supplying financial and emotional assistance to off-roaders injured at racing events.

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- 10/9-10 OFF ROAD EXPO LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona, CA -- See page 15
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- 10/16-17 SOUTHERN JAMBOREE Annual Fun Weekend! Location: Johnson Valley -- See page 12
- 10/23-24 FRIGHT NIGHT 14 Hungry Valley SVRA -- See page 10
- 10/29-31 NORTHERN JAMBOREE Frank Raines OHV Park -- See page 5
- 10/30 JAWBONE CANYON SAFETY AWARENESS -- See page 16

November:

- 11/6 GLAMIS POKER RUN Vendor Flats -- See page 15
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