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2010 Northern California Jamboree

Once again our Northern California Jamboree was held at Frank Raines OHV Park. We didn't know what to expect for a turnout because the weather forecast predicted lots of rain. The rain did cause some to stay home, but those who came had a wonderful time. People tend to arrive at Frank Raines Park as early as the previous weekend, as they know large crowds gather for this event, but due to a Motorcycle event our participants couldn't come in until Monday, so this also changed many plans for some of our attendees. By Friday evening, however, every campsite was taken and the parking lot was filled.



Friday found the Jamboree Club Crews already setting up and mapping out the events, posting signs to direct people to the times and events. That afternoon, our annual Horseshoe competition was held in honor of Bill Salmon. Though the event was not overwhelmed with participants, it was still exciting. The winners were Shirley Conover and Pam Houser. Friday evening, people set up their camps, enjoyed campfires, talked about the upcoming events, and spoke with old and new friends. At 7pm we had our great Bingo games, thanks to Charlie and his group. What a great way to spend the evening.

Saturday morning, everyone was awake early and was eager to start the games. Registration opened at 9am. There were many different events and we had a great registration team. Our team got 7 CORVA renewals, 4 new regular memberships, 2 lifetime memberships and one free 30 day membership. Without the hard work of all the people that set up and work the events, our Jamboree would not be such a success.

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Stanislaus National Forest Update

The Stanislaus National Forest has been sued by environmental organizations over their Travel Management Plan. CORVA and a number of recreation groups are considering options for participating in the lawsuit. Although we disagree with the decision of the Stanislaus, we feel this lawsuit involves the larger issue of recreational access to public lands.

In spite of closing over 80% of motorized trails, the lawsuit challenges a decision by the Forest Service federal to "expand the motor vehicle system in the Stanislaus National Forest at the expense of irreversible damage to public natural resources and without adequate public disclosure". The Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief from the decision, stating that it "violates federal executive orders and environmental laws and regulations by failing to fully disclose to the public or to minimize environmental damage to the forest, including impacts to wildlife, wildlife habitat, soils, vegetation, watersheds, and other protected areas."



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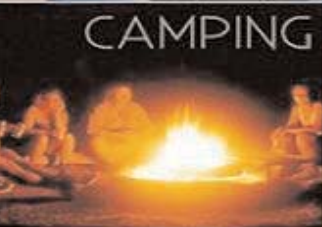
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WHAT IS CORVA?

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

Our Year in Review

What an off-road year it has been! Last January started with the Truckhaven Challenge in Ocotillo Wells, or as we call it - the "CORVA Mud Bogs." Whew, that was a wet one! In March, we held our Family Fun Days that returned to the Hungry Valley SVRA in Gorman. This October, we hosted our Southern Jamboree for the first time in Johnson Valley and I experienced Sledge Hammer Canyon in the Gen-Right Off Road Products Jeep with owner, Tony Pellegrino at the wheel. What an incredible experience! I am not sure I could walk up that mountain much less drive up it. For the Halloween weekend, I attended our Northern Jamboree at Frank Raines Park, located in the Stanislaus National Forest and watched all the hill climbers. Then in November I had my first experience with the big sand dunes in Glamis with our CORVA VP, Jim Colln at the wheel of his turbo-charged Subaru buggy. His expertise and driving skills made it quite a thrill for me. I'm not sure what event I enjoyed more but the rock crawling and the buggy ride are "E-Tickets" in my book.



I am not trying to brag about all I have done this year. I am just emphasizing all the access opportunities we have on our public land in California. It is our responsibility to protect that access and be willing to invest in maintaining the freedom of our access to it. This is the reason CORVA will be joining with the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC), the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC), the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA), the Merced Dirt Riders and the American Motorcyclist Association District 36 as "interveners" in the Stanislaus National Forest lawsuit on trail management. This case will set the precedent for how all forests will be managed in the future and it is important we have a voice in the decision process. Now I am not going to go into length about the legal issues – our CORVA VP of Land Use, Bruce will keep us informed. But I am going to tell you that it is going to require a substantial investment on the part of CORVA and our members.

So as we enter this Holiday Season, reflect on how lucky we are to have access to off-road opportunities. We have done much together over the past years to keep access open to all but this legal case will be our greatest

challenge in the future. It will be expensive and time consuming but we all need to be involved in the process. I have asked you before to pass on your ORIA newsletters after you have read them. Now I need you to take them to the campfire, begin educating all your friends and getting more members. Help them understand the issues, what's at stake and let's all get involved. You can even give CORVA memberships as gifts to your wheeling buddies! Belong to a club? Make a club donation for the CORVA Legal Defense. When you renew your membership, add anything you can to help with our Legal Defense fund. Help us help all of OHV users keep our access to California's public land. This is your CORVA - your all-volunteer organization working to keep access for all.

Have a blessed Holiday Season and please be Safe!

P.S. See you all at the CORVA Truckhaven Challenge coming in January 2011!



16th Annual

Truckhaven Challenge



January 22-23 2011



Ocotillo Wells SVRA
Fun for the Whole Family!

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! PAY AT EVENT SITE!

All OHV's Welcome!*

POKER RUN- Saturday, January 22nd

Registration- Each Vehicle \$35

Kids (12 and under) on ATV's/MC- \$15

All Prices include one poker hand and 1 raffle ticket!

Great prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place Poker Hands

Great prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in Games

START TIME 8:00 AM! Start line closes at 11:00 AM.



**SEE MAP TO EVENT
AT www.corva.org**

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES DONATED BY THE OFF ROAD INDUSTRY

**Salton City Volunteer Fire Department Pancake breakfast on Sunday morning.
BRING YOUR DOG AND JOIN THE DOG SHOW ON SATURDAY!**

Course length approx. 20 miles

Alternate "difficult routes" for those willing to "GO FOR IT!"
Checkpoints have "games of skill" for more family fun and prizes! Course closes 4:00 pm

BBQ dinner (see menu) to follow Poker Run

Awards and great raffle prizes donated by off road industry!

Trailmasters Club BBQ Dinner Menu

Hamburger	\$4.00
Hamburger w/side of chili	\$5.00
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Hot Dog w/chili	\$3.00
Bowl of chili	\$2.00

DON'T MISS THE KIDS GAMES ON SUNDAY

Great fun for the whole family.



***REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT!**

4x4's, Baja's & buggies- Metal roof or Roll bar

ATV's/MC's- Helmet, spark arrestor

ATV's must have whips/flags!

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

First Aid Kit, Tow Strap, Spare Tire, Fire Extinguisher

Registration desk will open early Friday afternoon (January 21st) at the event

Camping for the event is located in an easily accessible dirt area adjacent to a large dry wash. Plenty of room for motorhomes and trailers. This is dry desert camping, so no hook-ups. We will however, have portable toilets brought in for those "tenting it".



All proceeds from this event to go to CORVA's Land Use Fund!
Need more info?

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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

Election News – What Does This Mean For OHV?

CORVA members went to the polls equipped with a new CORVA Voter's Guide, so we're confident that everyone had the information needed to make a difference at the polls. The outcome of the election, although not a surprise, was something of a disappointment in California where Democrats held on to key positions in Congress and elected Jerry Brown as Governor. Yet the voters were conservative on the ballot initiatives, defeating the funding from vehicle registration for State Parks and retaining control of finances for local government.

The big news is the Republican sweep of the House of Representatives. Republicans enjoyed a net gain of 61 seats in the House of Representatives (and the number could go higher as other races are decided), meaning that Nancy Pelosi will no longer be Speaker when the House convenes in January, 2011. She has, however, made a strong bid to become minority leader so she's not gone yet. In Senate races, Republicans had a net gain of at least 6 seats but fell short of the number needed to take control.

This election was a clear referendum on the policies of the Obama Administration and the Democratic Congress. In a majority of the races, it appeared the voters were saying that they wanted change from the results of the 2008 elections. Of course, the question remains whether the Republicans, now victorious, will be able to advance their political agenda to the satisfaction of the electorate. And, no one knows how well the Tea Party winners will mesh with the Congressional Republican leadership. But it is very clear that voters are unhappy with the current direction of Congress and the administration, most likely due to poor performance of the economy.

In the House of Representatives there will thankfully be new leadership of the House Natural Resources Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. It is likely that these new leaders will be more sympathetic to concerns about keeping access to public lands open for recreation. Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA) will serve as Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, and Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) will serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, and of the House Committee on Natural Resources.

It is unclear at this stage what House Republican will become chair of the relative House Appropriations subcommittee. We will be watching closely for this key appointment.

OHV Commission Report

The State Budget, signed by the governor, provides funding for the 2010-2011 Grants Program in the amount of \$26 million with an additional 1.1 million for restoration. Amounts allocated include \$13 Million (50%) for Operations and Maintenance, \$6.5 M (25%) plus the additional \$1.1 M for Restoration, 5.2 M (20%) for Law enforcement, and \$1.3 M (5%) for Education and Safety.

The Grants cycle will begin with opening of the application process January 10, 2011. Grants Workshops will be held in Sacramento on January 10th and 11th and in Ontario on January 12th and 13th, 2011.

Preliminary applications will be due on March 7, 2011 and final applications on May 2, 2011.

Senate Bill 855 – Resources Trailer Bill

This bill authorized the Department of Parks to enter into any transaction for acquisition of the land known as the "Freeman Property" (Truckhaven). The bill requires the department, among other things, to annex specified portions of the Freeman Property to the Ana-Borrego Desert State Park and the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area.

What this means is that about half the Truckhaven land will go to the State Park and the other half will become part of the Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Let's hope this will finally allow public use of this area.

CORVA Representatives Attend Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Meetings

Many of you have heard about the intense competition between various interests to reserve parts of

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the California desert for renewable energy development and protection of endangered species. Some of these areas are "limited use" BLM lands that have long been open for public access via motorized routes of travel. CORVA has been involved in discussion related to the future use of California's desert public lands and has spoken out to help keep our areas open.

In 2008 Governor Schwarzenegger signed an order that sets California's goal of 33 percent of electricity coming from renewable resources by 2020 and improves processes for licensing renewable projects. In addition, the Governor ordered the development of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) for the Mojave and Colorado deserts that would, when complete, provide binding, long-term endangered species permit assurances and facilitate renewable energy project review and approval processes. As you might imagine this will have a big effect on our traditional use of the desert.

A Stakeholder Committee has been established to inform the state and federal agencies on the development of the DRECP and to provide a forum for public participation and input. The stakeholders represent the interests of the counties in the desert region, renewable energy developers, environmental organizations, electric utilities, and Native Americans, and recreation interests including CORVA and the Off Road Business Association. We thank DRECP Director Harlow for recognizing in the importance of the desert to the motorized community and for giving us a seat on the Stakeholder committee.

Clear Creek Management Area

A Final Environmental Impact Statement will be issued early in 2011. This will be followed by a 30 day protest period. Once all the public protests (received by the BLM Washington DC Office) are resolved, then BLM will approve the Record of Decision for the CCMA Resource Management Plan.

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

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.

Travel Management Update

1. Sequoia National Forest: The Piute area planning process is conducting a series of stakeholder meetings in Kernville. Multiple stakeholder groups are participating. We expect the announcement of a proposed action soon. So far all the participants have expressed overwhelming support for keeping trails in the area open.

2. Plumas National Forest: The Plumas Co. Board of Supervisors approved the County Ordinance which will allow green sticker vehicles on unpaved county roads. This allows improved opportunity for loop rides. Thank you to the Board for their support, and to the Public Works Dept guys who worked on this. The Record of Decision for the Plumas Travel Management Plan has been released. There will be public meetings starting next week. Sierra Access Coalition is continuing to work for its members, so please read the information on the SAC website at www.sierraaccess.com to see what's happening. There is a short summary of the USFS decision on the website at http://sierraaccess.com/files/Decision_Summary_for_website3.htm Send us your opinions and we will carry them on to the USFS. The deadline is Dec. 10, so please send your ideas and opinions to us as soon as possible at sierraaccess@digitalpath.net.

3. Tahoe National Forest Issues Motorized Travel Management Final EIS and Decision Nevada City — Forest Supervisor Tom Quinn announced his decision on October 5. This decision recognizes the extensive network of roads and motorized trails that currently exist on the Tahoe National Forest (TNF). Unfortunately as with nearly all Travel Management decision this will reduce the amount of motorized opportunities. The existing National Forest Transportation System of roads and motorized trails in the TNF is approximately 2400 miles and includes one open motorcycle area, Prosser Pits north of Truckee. This new decision will add to the existing motorized system for public use: 13.1 miles of roads (346 segments), 48.9 miles of motorized trails (107 segments), and 11.4 miles of closed roads will be open for motorized use (13 segments). "Over the course of this project, we have received substantial input from the public. Despite differences of opinion, these comments revealed a strong connection with public lands on the TNF and the importance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation. I greatly appreciate the time that the public has spent working with us, sharing their views and ideas and reviewing the documents. I hope that we will continue to have a good partnership as we move toward implementation of the decision and in future projects," stated Quinn.

Forest Service Planning Regulations on the Fast Track for Completion by Year's 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.

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, so we need to pay close attention. Using input they will finalize the proposed rule and draft environmental impact statement 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. We believe that any such rule must not impose new burdensome regulations that could ultimately reduce recreational opportunities on these lands.
2. Not only does recreation generate important revenue for the USFS, but many rural and outlying communities depend on revenue generated from tourists visiting our forests.
3. The Draft Recreation Approach (DRA) posted online includes terms we think are vague and ambiguous which could lead to reduced recreational opportunities on USFS lands. Because stakeholders may be unable to agree on definitions, this could hamper forest supervisors' ability to develop land management plans that include robust access and recreation provisions.
4. Terms, such as "ecosystem services" and "stressors," throughout the other concept drafts are also not adequately defined, which could overwhelm local land managers with the need to do exhaustive research making the already lengthy and complicated planning process more complex and time consuming—and this impacts not just recreation proposals.

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." The final report is due November 15. It remains to be seen what place recreation will be given.

Watershed Issues

The State Water Resources Control Board issues a Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirement that basically allows the Forest Service to operate within the State water resource requirements by utilizing the USFS Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The State Water Resources Control board recently began holding a series of meetings to revise the Best Management Practices (BMP's) to be used for controlling nonpoint source pollution originating on National Forest System lands in California. The BMP's will now include requirements for management of OHV trails. This has been seen by some as an opportunity to impose strict monitoring requirements on the Forest Service for operation of OHV trail systems. We're watching these meetings closely for developments and will provide comments as necessary.

Army Corps of Engineers and EPA Wetlands Bill (HR 5088 and S 787) 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 supersede 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.

Bill status – still in committee. The Bill's Author, Rep. Oberstar (D-MN) lost the election. Just how this will affect this bill remains to be seen.

Educational News

VP-Education, Ed Waldheim

When Everyone Went to School

When everyone went to school, we were taught how to read, write, do math and a lot more. The reading part and comprehension of what you read has really become a problem in our off road community lately.

I hope you are questioning what on earth does the off road community have to do with education. Every single day that I work at the Jawbone riding area, I am absolutely astounded at how many folks who come to enjoy the incredible trails and riding opportunities we have...but there are indications that they do not know how to read, (much less comprehend what is written on the signs).

For 15 years, as president of CORVA, I have probably covered the subject of staying on "Designated trails". You see I had to write an article each month for 15 years (I hope that some of you remember what I said. Maybe I should just recycle old articles and put them within these pages).



What I need every single person to do is look in the mirror and ask oneself, "Do I know how to read and comprehend what it is I read on road signs? Do I know what they mean?" Then go and ask your friends to do the same.

Now why would I ask such a "dumb" thing? Well, I hate to say it, but it seems that there are so many people who do not read or seemingly comprehend what is posted. Unfortunately they certainly do not follow the instructions in the areas that we are allowed to ride.

There is a closed sign on private property but the rider bypasses it and faces the owner with a shot gun in hand. The rider is asked "Did you not see the sign?" The answer is "Yes". "So why did you not obey it?" The rider answered, "I wanted to see what was back here." This typical scenario shows how little comprehension many off roaders have.

If there is a closed trail marking in the forest, "NO Trespassing, Area Closed," why does the rider just go there anyway and come upon a ranger at the other end of the trail? He is asked "Did you not see the closed trail sign?" The answer again " Yes". "So why did you not obey it?" Answer: "I did not think it applied to motorcycles." He got a ticket.

If there is a peeler post and fence in place to close trails that do not belong to us, what does that mean? It is not open for off road traffic in that area so the rider(s) should stay out. So why do the rider(s) just go around it and destroy new vegetation?

I can go on and on with stories that have come back to me. I have heard things like "I've been riding here for almost 50 years, you are closing everything we have." While that may be true, the closures of many riding areas are caused by the people who do not follow directions or comprehend the information and go exactly where they are told not to go. It's like those riding on a county road when it is prohibited. Perhaps it is not just comprehension, but the reality that it applies to everyone who reads the signs! So what do we do? It really is in your hands.

Unless we start reading and comprehending what we just read and comply with the laws, we will all lose our right to ride in areas that are still open. That is not a promise, it is a fact.

Every agency is doing its best to provide riding areas to you, the public. Remember it is a privilege to ride, not a right. So unless everyone starts reading, comprehending and complying with the law, we will be responsible for closing our own riding areas.

It is not the organizations (The Friends of Jawbone, Friends of El Mirage, California Trail Users Coalition, CORVA, the BLM, etc.), but you the rider who is 100% responsible for the continued use of public lands for your enjoyment. Don't blow it for yourself and all other riders. Stay on designated trails and do not cut or go around closed fences. Keep our lands open for all to enjoy.

Happy Holidays

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Northern Jamboree Report

There were so many events from which to choose. Participation was down, so fewer people came back for more tickets trying to out do the person in the lead. That is normally the best part, as just when you think you have the best time and no one can beat you, someone comes back and beats your time. You can never be sure you are the winner unless you are the last person to run the event.

You didn't even need to play the games to have a great time. You could just go to laugh your heads off watching those determined drivers and passengers try to finish with the best times.

Saturday afternoon we had family and children events during the day. There were Crafts and Games for the kids, but I think the moms had just as much fun. We also had a wonderful Children's Costume Contest where all the parents could watch and enjoy the costumes. The judges had a very hard time but finally chose the winners. We want to thank all the parents, because without their help and support we could not have held this event.

After the driving games, the children went trick-or-treating at the different campsites. The costumes were great and it was a very good environment, as parents could go in groups with their kids and did not need to worry about their safety. This is what Halloween is about and what CORVA is all about. Families having fun together, and enjoying the great outdoors.

At 5:30pm people started pouring in for the wonderful Rigatoni dinner. Thank you Merced Run Abouts an outstanding job on a great meal. We served 111 adult and 12 children's meals. Thank you to the cooks, the servers and the cleanup crew. It was truly wonderful.

The presentations were held after dinner. President Jim Woods welcomed everyone and talked about what CORVA is doing and how we all need to get involved, especially in the Stanislaus National Forest. Diana Mead of the Escarabajo Club also gave a nice presentation honoring the late Bill Salmon. He is truly missed.

There were so many wonderful items in the raffle, thanks to Simi Valley Honda, MotoMart at Carnegie and our sponsoring clubs for raffle prizes. Thank you to all that bought raffle tickets. The "Bill Salmon 50/50" raffle winner was Tim Warbington who won over \$300.00.

Once all the trophies were awarded, and the adult costume contest and raffles were completed, everyone did their own thing. Some stayed and joined in our wonderful "Music by Brandy" and danced. We even learned a few new moves, including some country steps and younger generation dance moves. We had a great time and danced until midnight, while others went back to camp and talked around campfires. All in all, it was a fun, eventful day for everyone.

Sunday morning, everyone woke up early for the Annual Northern CORVA meeting. We were glad to have President Jim Woods, who informed us where CORVA is headed and how we can all do our part. The rest of the morning, most of the participants started packing up and heading home.

The 2010 Northern Jamboree was a great event, as we made money for CORVA and had a good time doing it. I hope that all of you will think hard about becoming a member of CORVA, if you are not already. Let's try to make the 2011 Jamboree as big as or bigger than this one. We need many individuals to participate in the planning and execution of the Jamboree. The 2011 Jamboree is already being planned, and we need plenty of help. Rather than list a million names of people to thank, I would just like to say "Thank you for all you do to support CORVA, and for all of your help in the 2010 Northern Jamboree."

A Special Thanks to our Event Directors:

Escarabajo Buggy Club

Wiggle Worm
MC/Quad Challenge
Adult Costume Contest
Registration

East Bay Hi Tailers

Pumpkin Carry
Poker Run
Friday Night Bingo

Modesto Ridge Runners

Barrel Loop
Horseshoes
Children Crafts & Games
Children's Costume Contest
Awards Ceremony
Clean Up

Merced Run Abouts

Dinner
Egg Carry
(special thanks for the kids participation certificates)
Teeter-Totter (a new event)



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I also want to thank the Northern CORVA board that was in attendance and so much help and support - Doug Houser, Diana Mead and Debi Campbell.

Game Winners:

Barrel Loop

Class A - Men's
1st Todd Smith
2nd Bob Harris
3rd Rick Mead

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2nd Alyssa Hoglund

Class C
1st Ken Clark
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Class E
1st Logan Mead
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Class E age 10 and under
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Annual Southern Jamboree - A Great Weekend of Fun!

By Clayton Miller, Southern Regional Director

This year CORVA decided to try something new and held the 2010 Southern Jamboree in the Johnson Valley OHV area at Means Dry Lake. What a great choice that was. For many participants, this was their first time to Johnson Valley, while for others it was the first time back in a long while. Recent jamborees have included great host locations in California City and Hungry Valley State Vehicle Recreation area, but the change in venue this year didn't discourage a good turnout and everyone from having a great time! Perfect mid-October weather added to the experience.

The Johnson Valley OHV area is huge, with 188,000 acres of open riding, 4-wheeling and camping. It includes a variety of landscapes and terrain with steep red rocky mountains, sandy washes, dry lake beds, rolling hills and wide-open valleys. There is something for everyone and every skill level. BLM manages Johnson Valley and it is home to many popular races and events held throughout the year.



Kicking off the day's events at 8:00 a.m. were five games CORVA members of all ages enjoy; the wet lap, barrel challenge, can slam, potato stab and telephone book challenge. The games were open for four hours. While the games can become quite competitive, they are mostly another way to have some fun in the desert. The winners of each game and age brackets were awarded trophies and ribbons later that evening.

The poker run began at 10:00 and wound its way around a 20-plus mile loop running west and north of Means Dry Lake. The course covered a variety of terrain with bypasses for the more difficult sections so all vehicle types and experience levels could participate. There were three check points along the route. Check point 2 was covered by Vinnie's Group, check point 3 by the Ventura County 4 Wheel Drive club and Trail Masters at check point 4. Check points 1 and 5 were located at the CORVA main camp area and were also covered by volunteers throughout the day. CORVA thanks all the volunteers at each of the checks. Their help made the poker run possible.



Afternoon activities also included the dog show. Who knew CORVA had so many great looking and talented dogs among its membership? Many breeds and sizes showed off for the crowd and were rewarded with treats and prizes provided by Pu-Products. Katherine Kelsey deserves a big thanks for organizing and conducting the dog show this year.

Following the conclusion of the poker run and dog show, those lucky enough to have decided to purchase a tri-tip dinner were treated to the BBQ magic of Tom Edwards. Tom is no stranger to CORVA events and this time he brought his smoker to slow cook the beef all afternoon. What a great way to top off a busy day in the desert.

Wrapping up the evening was the awards ceremony for the challenge games, the top three poker run hands and the raffle drawing. The prizes for the winning poker hands were a Pittman Outdoors AirBedz truck bed mattress, a Moto Comm motorcycle communication system and a gift certificate to 4Wheel Parts. The grand raffle prize was a set of 4 Pit Bull ATV tires. Wayne Ford emceed the evening events and is a natural with the microphone. Wayne brings his own equipment so everyone can enjoy music throughout the day and the slide show and movies after dark. It is a great set up and he keeps things exciting. Firewood for the evening was provided by Ironwood RV Storage in Cerritos.

The Southern Jamboree would not have been a success without the participation of its members and their friends and guests. Thank you to everyone that supported CORVA this year by attending the jamboree and making it such a fun event. Also all the time and effort of CORVA's volunteers must be recognized. Without their many hours of dedication, the jamboree would never have happened. The Southern Jamboree Planning Committee began regular scheduled conference calls in early June. Among other things, the committee members planned the logistics, contacted various CORVA clubs, helped with promotion, sent letters and sought donors for the many raffle prizes. Two weeks before the jamboree, volunteers headed out to Johnson Valley to figure out the best location on Means Dry Lake to set up registration and camp and determine the course for the poker run. They began setting up for the jamboree Thursday before the event, and they and many others were busy throughout the weekend taking care of every detail necessary for an event like this to run smoothly.

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Finally, CORVA would also like to thank Rescue 3, Inc. for being ready to provide its services if needed, and all the business that donated great prizes and raffle items for the jamboree.

CORVA would like to thank:

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California Leads the Way

by Joe Sand

On November 2, knowing that our state policies were out of control and our state government was dysfunctional, the voters of California boldly stepped forward and voted. Fortunately, by and large, the country “got it”, changing the makeup of the Federal Government so that, maybe, we can resume a more moderate course for the next few years... maybe.

Your job right now is to write your federal representatives and tell them that it is NOT OK for them to rush Wilderness bills through Congress in the short time they have left with a Democratic majority. They WILL try to do this.

So Sue them...



As you have read elsewhere, CORVA has taken the lead to represent us in a very important Federal lawsuit. Talking to customers and friends, there is some confusion as to what this is all about, so here's the “elevator speech” version that might help clarify just how much credit your Association deserves for taking this on.

You remember the whole “Route Designation” fiasco that has messed up our National Forests? A couple of environmental groups that exist to create wilderness and eliminate vehicles and roads from all public land are suing the Stanislaus National Forest claiming that part of the process (called “subpart A”, but that's not important) was done incorrectly so the whole process needs to be scrapped and done over to eliminate most of the roads and trails that are still open.

Some people I've talked to say, “Good for them, scrap it! Things couldn't be any worse than they are now!”

Not so fast. First, the environmental groups are arguing that if Route Designation is done “correctly” (read “their way”) more than half of existing trails would and should be closed! Second, this “do-over” is unlikely to happen anyway. Either the Forest will win and things will continue as-is or, more likely, the Forest will cave-in and agree to a settlement. This, in every possible way would be a disaster!

So, we are filing to join the lawsuit as “intervenors.” What's that? To be intervenors we must show that, 1, our interests will be seriously impacted by any decision that comes from this matter, and, 2, neither party involved in the lawsuit is already fighting for our interests... Can you say “duh?”

This involvement can insure that the court has all the information necessary to make an informed decision. We will be able to testify before the court as the suit proceeds, and should a settlement be negotiated, we are at the table.

Basically, we can't be ignored. For more details about this suit and just why it's so important, check out the reports from your President on page 4. Our Northern Director Amy Granat is coordinating this process. Also remember, legal action costs money, and even though there are a number of organizations joining us in this effort and helping to pay for it, much of the funding will come from CORVA, so consider a donation to the cause, and spread the word: “Join CORVA!”

Low Range

As the Summer season comes to an end some of us will be getting ready for Winter wheeling, and many of us will be putting it away for the season. Either way, this is a good time to give it a good going-over to find the inevitable damage and wear from a Summer of having way too much fun! It can't be overstated how important it is to stay on top of things that could cause a trail breakdown, especially any problem that could cause fluids to leak onto the trail either directly or as a result of being dragged off the trail with a tow strap.

This is one part of responsible off-roading that isn't negotiable and isn't going away. The era of carrying a ton of spare parts and simply waiting for something to break has passed... public image is too important in a time when photos of trail damage and spills turn up at public meeting before “Boards” that have the power to shut us down with the stroke of a pen. Taking responsibility for your own vehicle is a simple thing you can, and must do to help keep our public land open to us. Frankly, if you can't manage this part of the solution then you are part of the problem.

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If you work on your own rig, it's time to get out the creeper and get intimate with the dirty side (formerly known as the "greasy side") and look for anything that's damaged, broken, bent, cracked, worn out, etc. Make sure fuel and brake lines haven't shifted out of place, as well as wiring harnesses which don't like hot exhaust pipes. If you have leaks, consider what could be done to fix them. Are the radiator and heater hoses in good shape? Transmission cooler lines are notorious for leaking all over the place, as can be power steering hoses. Jack the wheels off the ground and rotate them by hand. Roughness can mean bad wheel bearings. Grab the front tire and push at the top while pulling at the bottom. Any movement can mean a number of things that could be giving out. With the wheels on the ground, have someone move the steering wheel back and forth while you look at all the steering and suspension linkages for movement that shouldn't be there. Check/replace all fluids. Low lubrication or water in a gearbox is a failure waiting to happen, and an expensive one.

This is mainly common sense stuff, but what takes a little more willpower is to actually replace/fix a failing part once you find it! If your water pump is weepy or making a noise, or the alternator is whining, the answer is to replace it now, not to buy a "spare" so you can fix it on the trail!

If you find a problem and aren't inclined or able to fix it yourself, for gods sake don't take it to a "car" repair shop or a discount place that only does one thing. Go to a shop that specializes in four wheel drive vehicles that are actually used off road! Our vehicles are, in a word, specialized, and your average mechanic with no experience modifying, fixing, and driving them doesn't always understand them well enough to make the right decisions for you. At my shop, a week seldom passes without redoing/undoing a repair or modification done by someone who either didn't know how to do it right or didn't care.



At the risk of sounding self serving, there are hundreds of full service shops in California that exist to make sure your rig doesn't let you down on the trail, and who support our sport every way they can, most of which will give you a full inspection for free! Specialty shops across the board have been hit hard by the recession so ask around for a good shop and consider keeping your money "in the family."

The author owns Specialized 4Wheel Drive Inc. in Sacramento, and is a Trustee and Vice President of the Cal4 Conservation and Education Foundation. Info at www.specialized4wd.com and www.jeepwhisperer.com. Email: joe@jeepwhisperer.com Also on Facebook.

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- Work projects begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp.
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- Safety Poker Run starts at 1:00 p.m. (see details below)
- Raffle drawings and 50/50 drawing at 3:00 p.m.

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- Full breakfast (\$3.00 donation)
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- Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. sharp at the Visitor Center located on Mt. View Road.
- Only \$5.00 per Poker hand—starts at 1:00 p.m.
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 More info here: <http://www.uniteddesertgateway.org>

1/22-23 16th Annual TRUCKHAVEN CHALLENGE -- See page 5 for details.

March:

3/19 Annual CORVA Family Fun Run --- Hungry Valley State OHV Park --- Save the date!!!

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WWW.CORVA.ORG

 The advertisement for ATV Safety Training features a photograph of a young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a black and white riding jacket and a purple helmet, sitting on a yellow ATV in a desert landscape. To the right of the photo, the text reads:

ATV Safety Training!
 Offering convenient monthly classes in Glamis,
 Gordon's Well and Superstition Mountain
 Please visit our website for dates and times
www.americandesertfoundation.com

 At the bottom right, there is a logo for the American Desert Foundation, which includes a stylized sun, a saguaro cactus, and the text "AMERICAN DESERT FOUNDATION".