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OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION

The Freedom to be OHV

By Amy Granat, CORVA Managing Director

Freedom: Riding through the desert, the wind making designs in the sand like waves in the ocean.

Freedom: Stopping for a moment after driving the trails to see the sunset blending with the colors of the Slate Range in Panamint Valley.

Freedom: After a long day out on the trails, sitting with friends and family around a campfire.

Freedom: The ability to go wherever you want, whenever you want.

Freedom to travel. It does not take much to realize that in politics, life for OHV enthusiasts has become inherently unfair, and our freedom to travel wherever, whenever and however we choose is an important activity that must be protected. The last election taught us some valuable lessons for the future of this pursuit, lessons we would be well advised to take to heart as we walk through the halls of the Capital, and pursue relationships with local politicians.

Off-road enthusiasts are a varied bunch of individualists who have one critical thing in common; the need to travel off the paved road. Our mandate to protect that pursuit brings us together as a community, but we threaten our cohesiveness every time we let the little differences beyond that tear us apart. As motorized recreation enthusiasts, embracing those who enjoy different forms of off-road recreation is just the beginning; whether 4X4, UTV, ATV, Buggy or Sand Rail, we are targeted together, therefore we have to stand together. It makes little sense to divide ourselves into smaller and smaller groups, when as a result, our political influence becomes smaller and smaller as well. In times past, we embraced a "single sport" mentality or a single political party, expecting this to save our freedom to travel, but it hasn't worked. Politically, we have worn blinders while the world outside has grown more varied, embracing the melting pot philosophy that has made America the greatest country.

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CORVA Northern Jamboree

By Diana Mead, Assistant Northern Director: Grants

We enjoyed the perfect Northern California fall weather the weekend of the Northern Jamboree, with sunny warm days for our daytime events and cooler nights that encouraged dancing and cozying up to the campfire.

Like last year, participation was down although the campground was full beyond hook up capacity. We did receive a few more registrations this year than last, but a couple of our own who registered were unable to run due to mechanical issues.

Escarabajo has much to be proud of, as 19 of the 39 registrants were club affiliated. The Wiggle Worm was once again a very popular event and Rally Master Rued's new hillclimb event drew multiple repeat challengers. The adult costume contest was again fun and our new addition of the pet costume contest had three entries. We also sponsored a 50/50 raffle resulting in \$240 to CORVA.



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All OHV's Welcome!*

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES DONATED BY THE OFF ROAD INDUSTRY

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SEE MAP TO EVENT: corva.org

WARNING

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SUGGESTED ITEMS:
First Aid Kit, Tow Strap,
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OHV

Pre-Registration
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BBQ dinner to follow Poker Run

Trailmasters Club BBQ Dinner Menu	
Hamburger	\$4.00
Hamburger w/side of chili	\$5.00
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Registration desk will open at 2:00pm Friday afternoon (January 11th) 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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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

Another Year In the Books

As in any election cycle, your personal choices may have not been picked but regardless you must go ahead and begin your plan for the future. Although the current administration may not have been my favorite choice, there are two things that are certain. First of all, I know with whom I will be dealing and am aware of their policies for the next four years. This will help me chart a course and set my strategy concerning off-road issues. Best of all, I will not be receiving those election phone calls around dinner time and all the junk mail that fills my recycling bins for another couple years. (It amazes me how much paper politicians waste trying to convince me to support them.) So now the real work begins.

There are many new seats and redistricted areas that now need an introduction for us as responsible off-roaders. We now must make appointments to meet these new representatives in their home offices and educate the elected officials on the concerns in our riding areas and the broader OHV issues around the State. We must ask them if they are aware of the issues of the military land grab in Johnson Valley or closures due to bad science by the Bureau of Land Management at the Clear Creek Recreation Area. Let them know how active you and your club are in the maintenance of a recreation area or trails in your area. Enlighten them as to how much off-road opportunity we have lost in the last 40 years. Make sure they understand off-roading is a family activity which allows you and your family to enjoy the great outdoors. Many times they may have never been off-roading and you will be their first impression. It is also important to make sure promises that were made during the election are kept. Remind them who helped put them in office and that as constituents, we expect their promises to be kept.

Finally, be sure to take some time this holiday season and go enjoy off-roading with your family and friends. Use this as a reward for a job well done. There have been some setbacks in motorized access in 2012 but many battles have been won and there is light at the end of the tunnel on other very important issues. Please accept our thanks to you, our members who have supported CORVA with your hard earned dollars. We will continue to focus on keeping OHV access throughout California.

From all of us at CORVA, we wish you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.



Jawbone Station OHV Safety Fair

By Wayne Ford, CORVA Clubs

Safety awareness is one of the cornerstones of the CORVA foundation. Jawbone Station holds its safety fair every October in cooperation with the BLM. This year, the event was held October 27th and it was well attended by all of the various agencies in the area. The BLM came out with their fire engine, and the Ridgecrest Police, Kern County Sheriff and many others attended.

The Jawbone Station crew, led by Ed Waldheim, cooked and served a great lunch. There was a costume contest for all ages, with prizes given to all. All of the agencies in attendance had a booth set up, and provided some great safety information to the public. Smokey the Bear made an appearance and took pictures with nearly everyone in attendance, including the turtle on display.

The weather was perfect, with sunshine and no wind! It was a successful day, and CORVA would like to thank Eduardo Duque from the BLM for planning this event and inviting us to participate.

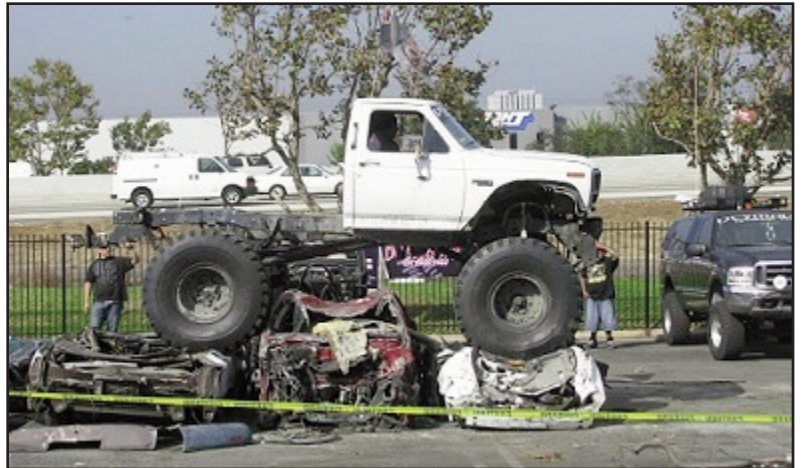


4Wheel Parts - Monster Sales Event and Car Crush

By: Wayne Ford, Southern California Clubs

There is no better smell than hot dogs cooking and burnt rubber in the morning! If you have never had the pleasure, it is a treat. The occasion was the annual 4Wheel Parts Monster Sales event and car crush, on October 13th. This is a companywide event, with VIP customers receiving a chance to win a trip to Hawaii.

4Wheel parts provided food, drinks and raffle prizes! Raffle guru Bob Batsch held the raffle schedule and we gave away gear and prizes periodically. The final prize, a Smittybuilt winch went to The Few's Karl Knoll. The car crush had a good turnout, and was a great time for all who attended. Make sure to attend next year.



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Northern Jamboree



This year's Jamboree lived up to its reputation of inclusiveness, with every club allowing all classes in its events. Although each club handed out individual awards to winners in each class, CORVA also awarded a Jamboree 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners, by adding up finish position points for each event into grand totals. This equalizer, provided two quads (D Class) as 2nd and 3rd place winners, and a kids entry, Dominic Tsukerman, as the 1st place winner.

The Modesto Ridge Runners delivered a nice meal of Tri Tip, chili and salad. This year's auction was a great success as well, resulting in more proceeds to CORVA than a raffle. A local craftsman donated a recycled wine barrel and a party barrel, and Doug Houser, the CORVA Northern Board Clubs Representative, donated incredible drawings of VW Beetles and Baja Bugs. These items in addition to vendor-donated vehicle parts, helmets, and tequila generated significant proceeds for CORVA.

Sunday morning featured a meeting that was part informational, part complaint session, and part election. Our Northern Director, Amy Granat, caught us up on the issues facing the OHV community and CORVA. She also advised us that she and Debi Campbell (our secretary for over 16 years) had termed out by the recent by law change. Amy asked to move into the Secretary's position and Debi has taken a much deserved semi retirement from the Northern Board. She will continue as MMR CORVA Representative and will consult with us all, providing her necessary knowledge. Ken Clarke has retained his position as Assistant to the Director, Legislation, and I have been accepted as the new Northern Director. The Grants position, which I occupied last year, remains open for now. This position requires significant written communication and some understanding of "legalese". If anyone is interested, please contact me the Board of Directors at: corvabod@corva.org. The negative aspects of the meeting were around the CORVA decision to move the Jamboree to an alternative site in future years., as Frank Raines park does not allow us to grow or to be more inclusive of the other groups making up CORVA in our battle to retain access to the public's land.

In the spirit of consensus, the four clubs that have sponsored the Northern Jamboree for nearly 40 years will continue to host a run at Frank Raines around the Halloween theme. Amy agreed to have CORVA provide the needed certificates, and the clubs will provide everything else.

Representatives of the clubs agreed to wholeheartedly support the alternative event. The venue will be one of our SVRAs in the late spring. We will keep you updated on the schedule for all new CORVA Jamborees as decisions are made. Feel free to offer us your ideas for a theme and events (geocache, training, tug of war, etc.?), and we hope to see you there.

CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

Governor Appoints State Parks Director

SACRAMENTO – Governor Jerry Brown recently announced that Major General Anthony L. Jackson, USMC (Ret.) has been appointed director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

“Major General Jackson brings more than thirty years of problem-solving and management experience to Parks, serving most recently as the Commanding General of Marine bases across the Southwestern U.S. and tens of thousands of troops and civilians,” said Governor Brown. “Under Major General Jackson’s leadership, I am confident that the stewardship of California’s beaches, forests, estuaries, dunes and wetlands is in good hands and that the confidence and trust of Californians in our Parks Department will be restored.”

Major General Jackson, 63, of Fallbrook, recently retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 36 years of service. Prior to his retirement, Jackson served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps, Installations West. In this role, he was responsible for the command and control of Marine Corps installations in the Southwestern U.S., including oversight of administration, fiscal, military, construction and energy programs and the welfare of 13,000 employees and more than 60,000 Marines and sailors.

As Commanding General, Jackson has worked on a wide variety of state and federal legislative issues, including improving energy efficiency and expanding renewable energy. He routinely met with and briefed state and federal legislative leaders and elected officials on issues such as renewable energy generation, fire suppression, state parks and off-highway vehicle use. Jackson also served as Marine Corps representative and the co-chair of the Western Regional Council tasked with coordinating renewable energy development within the Department of Defense and with other stakeholders, including state and local governments. In addition, he has served as a military advisor on national security and renewable energy for the Rockefeller Family Fund and Pew Charitable Trusts.

“Major General Jackson is the right leader for the right time for the Department of Parks and Recreation. He has considerable skills and experience and a dedication to public service,” said California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird. “In addition to his duties as commanding general, he has direct experience protecting cultural resources on sensitive U.S. Government land, directing environmental scientists, and integrating military and civilian personnel.”

Prior to his service as Commanding General, Jackson was assigned as Director of Operations and Logistics, U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany, from 2007 to 2009. He was the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Marine Forces, Central Command from 2005 to 2007 and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, First Marine Expeditionary Force deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II from 2003 to 2005. From 2002 to 2003, Jackson was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, where he was the Division’s Chief of Staff and served concurrently as the Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force-555, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines. Prior to that, he served as the Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division from 2000 to 2002.

From 1998 to 2000, he was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-7, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. In June 1998, he graduated from the United States Army War College. In 1997, Jackson completed an assignment as the Advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps on Equal Opportunity matters and as the Head of the Equal Opportunity Branch at Marine Corps Headquarters.

Jackson also served in leadership roles at: the Marine Security Forces, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA; the Basic School, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA; National Military Command Center, J-3, Joint Staff, Washington, DC; 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, HI; Marine Detachment, USS Long Beach, home ported in San Diego, CA; Recruit Field Training Division at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA; and the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at Camp Pendleton.

He first enlisted in the Marine Corps to attend Officer Candidate School in 1975.



Major General Anthony L. Jackson

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In addition to graduating from the U.S. Army War College and the Armed Forces Staff College, he completed both the Amphibious Warfare School and the Marine Corps Commands and Staff College by correspondence. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree in history from San Jose State University. In 2011, he was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters degree (H.C.) from the Trustees of the California State University and San Jose State University.

His personal decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal with two gold stars for second and third award, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with one gold star, the Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with silver and bronze stars, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon with bronze star and the Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon.

This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$150,112. Jackson is registered decline-to-state.

[SLO Air Board Members to Ask Governor for Help with Dunes](#)

Fed up with what they consider foot-dragging from State Parks over efforts to lessen pollution from the Oceano Dunes, the San Luis Obispo (SLO) County air board on Wednesday agreed to go over the heads of bureaucrats they have been dealing with and instead ask the governor and higher authorities for help. The county air board will let the new State Parks director, retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Anthony Jackson — appointed this week by Gov. Jerry Brown — know about his department's intransigence, the board said, and will also alert Brown's Resources Secretary John Laird. The California State Parks Department has taken a "a scofflaw attitude" toward the county and residents of the Nipomo Mesa who suffer health problems from dunes particulates, said San Luis Obispo Mayor Jan Marx, who also is a member of the Air Pollution Control District board of directors. For more than a year, the county and the state have ostensibly been working together to find a way to reduce levels of particulates that blow off the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area and up to the mesa. But in a strongly worded, detailed, four-page letter last month, APCD director Larry Allen said the state's supposed cooperation is a sham. Supervisor Hill added that the board tries to balance recreation on the dunes, especially off-roading, with the health of its residents. But when it comes to choosing one over the other, he said, "protecting the health of our citizens" is paramount. Lurking behind the discussion of controlling particulates on the dunes is money. The park is a multimillion dollar cash cow for the state, as well as local governments and businesses. Some who oppose particulate studies fear that they might lead to a full or partial closure of off-road activity.

[Local Air Pollution Officials, State Parks Clash Over Rule on Dunes](#)

Acting Director Janelle Beland said the department will continue to work with the air district but reiterated its opposition to the dust rule. "As the department has previously indicated in correspondence, we have serious concerns about the rules, including adequacy of the science used to develop the rules and the serious practical challenges attendant in implementing the rules."

The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District and the California State Parks Department are at an impasse over implementation of a new rule to curb excessive amounts of dust blowing off Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. Larry Allen, county air pollution control officer, sent a strongly worded letter Oct. 23 to the Off-Highway Vehicle Division of State Parks decrying an "utter lack of commitment" on the part of the division to carry out the dust control rule that was adopted by the air board a year ago.

"After 11 months of conference calls, personal calls, emails and meetings, State Parks staff continue to dispute, defer or simply ignore significant comments by APCD staff and our consultant on needed revisions" to the State Parks draft dust control plan, Allen said in the letter. In an Oct. 15 letter to Allen, State Parks Beland said State Parks employees have told the air district that they hope that the additional monitoring will show that dust control measures are not needed.

"This attitude and approach is unacceptable and appears to be the fundamental cause behind the lack of progress," Allen wrote his subsequent letter. The dust control regulation, called Rule 1001, requires that the state develop a plan to reduce the number of days air quality on the Nipomo Mesa exceeds state standards for particulates, which currently averages 60 days a year. A controversial scientific study concluded that off-highway vehicle riding in the Dunes increases the amount of dust coming from the park. High levels of particulates cause a variety of respiratory problems, and Nipomo Mesa residents have complained of having to stay indoors on high wind days. Techniques available to State Parks to reduce the blowing dust include planting trees and native vegetation and placing hay bales to reduce the speed of the wind blowing across the surface of the dunes.

Educational News

by Ed Waldheim, CORVA VP-Education

The election season has concluded, and I sincerely hope that everyone made the effort to get to know the candidates in order to make responsible decisions on election day. Though your personal choices may not have been elected, it is now your job to meet with the elected officials who will make the actual policy decisions that will affect our OHV access. You may have to go out of your way, but it is possible.

I personally had conversations with two congressional candidates, as well as candidates for City Council, the Water Board, and the School Board. I was unable to meet with the elected Kern County Supervisor (though I did meet with the opposition), but though he is not in my district, I will be setting up a conversation, as he is still very important to off roading, because part of Ridgecrest BLM is in his district. I have worked with all 5 supervisors in Kern County, as I do with 5th District Supervisors in LA County, to let them know the importance of off road access to the community and ensure that protecting it is part of their agenda.

Here is where you can help. Please take time to find out who your elected officials are. Meet them, and make appointments with local staff. Let them know how you feel about access to public land. Also, remind them of the \$17 million that was borrowed from the OHV Trust Fund, and ask what efforts are being made to return it.

Right now we only have \$10 million in grants, for the entire state of California, (last year we had \$21 million, and the year before \$27 million) while we requested \$32 million. We are in trouble if we do not get funding for the BLM, Forest Services, cities, and counties. Our access depends on those grants, as without them, many locations will be forced to close. Tell your elected officials about the importance of these grants to the OHV community, and make sure they will fight for us.

In summary, here is how you can make a difference:

1. Contact your elected officials (City Council, County Supervisors, State Senators and Assemblymen, and Congressmen) by going to the link listed below. You can also Google "elected officials", and input your zip code to see who they are. http://www.bipac.net/page.asp?content=elected_officials&g=NFIB&gclid=CNqZwrLLwrMCFQhyOgodsR4Aog
2. Once you have an appointment, please bring up the issue of OHV Grants (we need \$27 million to continue without more closures). Without management, the results will be very bad.
3. Always follow up in writing or by email with your elected official.
4. Try to go to your elected official's inauguration party and meet with him or her.
5. Do not hesitate to send me an email if you have questions (edwaldheim@aol.com). The key is to get involved.
6. Go to www.jawbone.org, www.ctuc.info, or www.elmirage.org and go to "Calendar". Here you will find all the meetings that we have in Southern California. Come and participate with us in these meetings.
7. Join your local Chamber of Commerce or Economic Development in your community; this is another way for you to get to meet all the elected officials.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Let's look forward to a good 2013!

Workshops Announced for OHV Grants and Cooperative Agreements Programs

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: Thurs, Jan 10 – Fri, Jan 11, 2013

Location:

Lions Gate Hotel (New Location)
3410 Westover Street
North Highlands, CA 95652

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: Mon, Jan 7 – Tues, Jan 8, 2013

Location:

Doubletree Inn
222 North Vineyard Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764-4431
Phone (909) 937-0900

The OHV Grants Cycle

Activity:

Application materials available on the Division Website.
Application workshops may be held for potential Applicants.
Preliminary Application filing

Date:

The second Monday in January
Information posted annually on the Division Website.
The first Monday in March.

Applications due no later than 5:00 pm local time.

Managing Director's Report

by Amy Granat

Keeping Off-Road on Trail

This past October featured both the Northern and Southern Jamborees, which brought a lot of fun and good food for everyone who attended. At each Jamboree we also featured a Land Use report to update our members about all the actions CORVA is taking to protect off-road access into the future, so our members will both appreciate and understand just how hard we are working to keep motorized recreation in the forefront with federal and state agencies. Thanks to everyone who came out to an event, and to all the board members and volunteers who make these events run seamlessly. Without these special people, CORVA could not do all the things it does - give yourselves a big pat on the back!

The following is a sample of how CORVA is fighting to protect off road access:

CORVA: KEEPING OFF-ROAD ON TRAIL!

What do these words mean? It means CORVA is dedicated to keeping off-road issues relevant in the political arena, it means keeping off-road access open for our members, and it means keeping off-roaders on trails that are open for travel while pushing federal and state agencies to open more areas to off-road travel.

Education and empowerment are keywords in the effort to do all the above while partnering with enforcement agencies. We want everyone to see the best of off-road recreation, and all the good volunteer work that enthusiasts dedicate to environmental issues. Sometimes the one transgressor among us may get more attention by the media for flaunting the rules while all the good we do is overshadowed. It is up to all of us to make sure that the attention is drawn to the good works off off-road groups, clubs and individuals while downplaying the obvious bias in the media. We know how much good we do, now we have to let everyone else know!

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CORVA COMMENTS PROJECT: KEEPING OFF-ROAD ON TRAIL!

This past month the Comments Project was pleased to sponsor a free webinar on effective comment writing to all those working on writing comments for the Oregon Dune Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Through the Comments Project, CORVA has now educated over 300 individuals on the ins and outs of writing effective comments, and all this education and information is available to any group that want to know more about the National Environmental Policy Act process used by federal agencies in land use planning. All we ask is your membership in CORVA, and we will bring the education to you, either online or in person. Please contact me at amy.granat@corva.org for more information. As it is always said, knowledge is power, and those working against us have a lot of knowledge about how to work the system to their advantage, so it is time to even the playing field by understanding how to work the process to the advantage of off-road access.

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Our members are involved in local projects that benefit their communities around the state. From 'Toys for Tots' runs to food drives to benefit local assistance programs, our members are always ready to give when needed. Please don't forget CORVA in your giving - without your donations and memberships we cannot continue working as hard as we do to benefit off-road recreation. Every member counts, and every membership counts. Please give generously to keeping motorized recreation access alive in California!

2012 Southern Jamboree - A Great Weekend in the Desert

By Clayton Miller, Southern Regional Director

What better way to kick off the ‘Desert Season’ than some great off-roading with family and friends while supporting CORVA at the same time? That opportunity came the weekend of October 20th with the 2012 Southern Jamboree. Returning to the Johnson Valley OHV Area at Means Dry Lake was a clear choice for this year’s location. It is a great place enjoyed by tens of thousands of off-roaders and recreationists each year. However there is a serious threat of losing this magnificent area, and CORVA wanted to show its continued support for keeping the land open to the public. One clear way to do that is using the area as it is intended, helping the local economy and having fun at the same time.



The turnout for the Jamboree was great. Many people said that they really liked the 20-mile poker run course that wound west and north of Means Dry Lake. The course covered a variety of terrain and was very scenic. Bypasses for the more difficult sections of the route allowed all vehicle types and riders and drivers of varying experience levels to participate.



For those who were unable to attend the Jamboree or are unfamiliar with the area, Johnson Valley OHV area is huge, with 188,000 acres of open riding, 4-wheeling and camping. It includes an array of landscapes and terrain with sandy washes, dry lake beds, steep rocky mountains, 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 (for the latest updates on the status of the proposed Marine Corps base expansion plans for Johnson Valley, follow the CORVA Land Use reports each month in the ORIA).

Registration for the poker run, challenge games and raffle ticket sales opened early Saturday morning. Following the mandatory drivers/riders meeting, the poker run and games began at 10:00 a.m. People of all ages enjoyed the wet lap, barrel challenge and potato stab games that were open to all comers through the afternoon. At the end of the day, certificates were given for each game for different age brackets and vehicle types.

CORVA would like to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors that made the Jamboree possible, including those that covered the poker run checkpoints along the route. Check point 2 was run by OMC Offroad, check point 3 by the Ventura County 4 Wheel Drive club, and check point 4 by the Bear Valley 4x4 Club. Motocross Giant covered check point 5 and the barrel challenge game. Check point 1 was located at the CORVA main camp area and was covered by volunteers throughout the morning. CORVA thanks all the volunteers at each of the checks. Their help and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated!

The challenge games were also sponsored by CORVA volunteers. A big CORVA ‘thank you!’ goes to Point Mugu 4WD Club for conducting the wet lap, the Off Road Animals for running the potato stab game and Motocross Giant for its great job with the barrel challenge.

The evening activities began with a delicious slow-cooked tri-tip dinner. This was followed by a brief but very informative talk by Harry Baker and Randy Banis on the status of the proposed Twentynine Palms Marine Corps base expansion into Johnson Valley and the future changes to the desert landscape that lie ahead with impending plans for widespread development of renewable energy facilities and projects.



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Wrapping up the evening raffle drawing and the awards ceremony for the challenge games as well as the top three poker run hands. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, there were some great prizes this year, including an ARB Freezer Fridge (thank you Inland Empire Four Wheelers), off road lights donated by Lazer Star, and gift certificates from Mickey Thompson Performance Tires and Wheels and 4Wheel Parts. There were dozens of other great products donated by the companies listed below.

Board member Wayne Ford emceed the Jamboree throughout the day and evening. He is a natural with the microphone and many groups have benefited from his talent at a variety of shows and promotional events over the past couple of years. CORVA is no exception and we are grateful for all his time and help.

The Southern Jamboree was a success because of the participation of its members, their friends and guests. Thank you to everyone who supported CORVA this year by attending the Jamboree. Also, all the time and effort of CORVA's volunteers must be recognized. Their dedication allowed the Jamboree to happen. CORVA would like to welcome the new members who signed up and thank those who renewed their memberships again.

Finally, CORVA would also like to thank Rescue 3, Inc. for providing its services throughout the day (visit their website at: www.rescuethree.com).



A huge thank you goes out to the following people, without whom the event would have been impossible:

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The Freedom To Be OHV

Changing long-held beliefs is not easy, but is necessary to protect motorized access into the future for our children and grandchildren. While we can learn from what we have done and accomplished in the past, we only have to look to the results from the past election to understand this will not work in the future. Our need to race in the wide-open desert, crawl over boulders on a mountain trail, or search for that perfect rock specimen to add to a collection, brings us together as people who value our access to public land, we cannot let the differences in political viewpoints define us as enthusiasts.

As Californians and people who value motorized access to public lands in California, our path ahead is clear. We have to walk the halls of the Capital as off-road advocates, not belonging to or endorsing just one political party. We must stress the family values our sports bring to the public, the enjoyment our children experience in the outdoors, and stress the physicality required as off-roaders. The beauty inherent in a mountain stream or a desert vista is just as important and necessary to those who have no way to reach it other than by means of motorized vehicles. Discrimination against any person or choice is wrong, and discrimination against those who choose motorized recreation is just as reprehensible. These are values that all can understand, no matter what political allegiance, and issues we must bring forward as off-road advocates representing all forms of motorized access, and all those who travel off-road.

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