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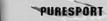












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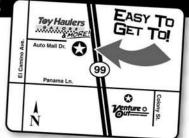
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The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trials bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street-legal" 4X4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, bajas and desert racers.

The main purpose of CORVA is to 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 are very active in the political arena and pay for a lobbyist in Sacramento. 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 responsible vehicular access.

A portion of the budgets for California's national forests and the public lands administered by the BLM is funded by grants from the Green Sticker Program. We work with the land managers to formulate the grants and give our input about the grants to the OHMVR Program which administers them. We also review how effectively our Green Sticker money was used in each program.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on environmental documents on as many issues as possible and maintaining close relationships with personnel in the field as well as the staff.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations ranging from snow-mobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple-use rights from the environmental extremists. We are "dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."

If you would like to join the fight to protect our public lands for multiple-use recreation, fill in the application in this issue and send it in! If you would like more information, contact us at 1-800-42-CORVA!



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#### By Ed Waldheim President

# After all these years of working land use issues and serving as President of CORVA, I have never seen such blatant disrespect for the public as California Fish and Game demonstrated in July 2006 in the California City area.

Let me just explain why: California City for whatever reason, decided they needed to have more jobs in town so they worked very hard to get the Hyundai Test Track facility built there. Hyundai had to acquire over 3300 acres of land for preservation purposes in order to build their 4400 acre test track site.

But now enters the Biological Opinion. The Biological Opinion was issued by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to the Hyundai Test Track. Then, it was followed by the lawsuit from The Center for Bio-Diversity. California City entered the lawsuit as Intervenor. To settle the suit, the city deannexed over 30 acres of Camp C and

## In Overdrive

# California Fish and Game are Fencing Us Out

## OHV Users — Rise up, Unite, and Take Responsibility for Our Sport!

surrounding areas next to the Rand Mountains BLM OHV riding areas in Kern County. For this exchange, they annexed land south of the city to Hwy 58. Now Hyundai was ready for their test track.

When Hyundai started purchasing land in California City for the most part it was undeveloped land, but they also bought land that had roads and tract maps on it. This land has been put under the management of California Fish and Game, and following the Biological Opinion by USFWS, they for whatever reason felt they need to fence everything in.

When I contacted Steve Juarez from Fresno Fish and Game about the new fencing, he said they want to keep people and sheep out of "their land".

What strikes me as strange is that BLM manages more Tortoise Habitat than any other agency. They have designated routes in Tortoise Habitat with no fences. But now

is USFWS making new fencing rules or is California Fish and Game for whatever reason pushing fences.

CORVA members, Wayne and Ann Nossala who first broke this story and are working on it non-stop, are trying to figure out who is making these fencing decisions.

Our Lobbyist, Pete Conaty, is helping us also by working with Senator Roy Ashburn and Assemblyman Bill Maze. However, as of this writing, fences are still in danger of going up over roads and trails. I have seen metal posts driven into the middle of a road....with no warning or sign to let oncoming traffic know of the danger ahead.

We are also working with the City of California City. They are supporting us, because these roads are used by the emergency services in this rural town and blockage of the roads is a major safety

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## Don't Fence Me Out

By: Ann Nosala

One way to grab Ed Waldheim's attention is to fence off an area less then one mile from his house. Fencing off roads and trails he uses daily, including the last mile of his daily eight-mile "marathon workout" ride, a trail that is spaced with three-foot whoops. Also being fenced off is a road—well not actually a road, let's say it's comparable to a two-lane highway in width and is straight as an arrow.

When Hyundai Motors built a 4,526-acre test track in California City, they had to purchase more than three thousand acres to set aside for preservation, both in

California City and Cantil. That wasn't enough for the Center of Biological Diversity. It sued California City. The city settled the lawsuit by turning over an additional 31.6 acres. Guess what? Part of Camp "C" – the OHV camping and riding area — was the victim. That's a favorite area for beginners and youngsters because it is relatively flat terrain. We are now waiting to see if and when this too will be enclosed.

Hyundai turned over the land to the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in a swap in 2005 to get its test track

property. Feeling that this land would be better suited to extend the Desert Tortoise Natural Area, DFG had the area surveyed for fencing. This fence is funded by Hyundai.

Local residents on July 21, 2006, toured the new DFG property. Among them was the local fence contractor who was to install the fence. After much discussion, the fence contractor said he would start on other areas of the project and not place poles across any roads.

Then he did just the opposite. When we revisited the area we were greeted by a

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## Election News

# CLORV PAC Endorses Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Victory 2006 Ticket of Candidates

By Jay Dobler, CLORV PAC President

SACRAMENTO, CA - The California League of Off-Road Voters (CLORV) Political Action Committee is pleased to announce our endorsement of Arnold Schwarzenegger for Governor of California. Additionally, we also endorse the entire Victory 2006 ticket of candidates. Victory 2006 is the grassroots organization of the California Republican Party. The Victory 2006 ticket of candidates includes Tom McClintock for Lt. Governor, Bruce McPherson for Secretary of State, Chuck Poochigian for Attorney General, Steve Poizner for Insurance Commissioner, and Tony Strickland for State Controller.

CLORV is working closely with Rodney Stanhope, Chairman of Volunteers, for the newly formed Sportsmen, Outdoorsmen, and Off-Roader Coalition. This very active division of the Victory 2006 team is

dedicated to electing Republican candidates that believe in the rights of outdoorsmen, sportsmen, and off-roaders alike.

CLORV works with state and local politicians to educate them about the off-road sport, and the fact that it is primarily a family activity, as well as its significant economic impact. It is estimated that over 3.5 million Californians participate in recreational activities. It is also estimated that the off-road recreation industry generates **9 Billion** dollars in economic impact on the California economy and creates over 50,000 direct-employment jobs.

CLORV reaches out to educate off-road voters about which candidates support their form of recreation. In an effort to stem the tide of land closures and reductions in outdoor recreation opportunities, we hope to increase support for the Off-Highway

Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program that is run by the California Department of State Parks.

CLORV intends to help off-road voters understand the importance and power of their vote. For more information go to www.clorv.org

[The OHMVR Commission appoints its members. Members of the California Legislature and the Governor are responsible for the appointments. That is why it is critical for off-roaders to get involved with the political process and vote in OHV friendly politicians to office. You can help by getting your friends to register to vote at www.clorv.org and then check the CLORV website for a Voter Guide to take with you to the polls. – Erin Dyer, Editor]

# California League of Off-Road Voters Gear Up for 2006 Election

By Robert Reed, CLORV Inc. President

SACRAMENTO, CA –The California League of Off-Road Voters (CLORV) is a 501(C) 4 organization formed to educate the off-road voting public about state and local issues that effect their sport. When CLORV was originally formed it was composed of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), the San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC), the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA), the American Motorcyclist Association—District 37 and the Friends of Oceano Dunes (FoOD).

With the recent additions of the American Motorcyclist Association National (AMA), the American Motorcyclist Association - District 36, the California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WD), The California Nevada Snowmobile Association (CNSA) and the American Sand Association (ASA), off-

roaders from all over the state now have a united voice with which they can speak to politicians about their specific issues.

One of the primary reasons CLORV exists is to put out our "Off-Road Voter Guide." Before every election CLORV sends out questionnaires to candidates to find out where they stand on OHV issues. After evaluating the questionnaires the CLORV Board of Directors chooses which candidates to endorse.

One of the goals of this newly expanded CLORV organization is to have more of a presence at off-road events. At these events CLORV would like to educate off-road voters about candidates that support our chosen form of family recreation. CLORV also invites local legislators to these events in an effort to educate them about the family aspect of our sport and its economic impact on California.

Another primary function of CLORV is "OHV Lobby Day." Each year off-roaders travel to Sacramento together and visit

#### Register to Vote through the California League of Off-Road Voters

Deadline is October 23 –

By Justin Smith, CLORV Webmaster

The CLORV website now has a link for politically active off roaders to register to vote through the California Secretary of State's website. This link is featured on the home page and campaign links page. The deadline for registration for the November General election is October 23.

Please get your friends to register to vote! Visit www.clorv.org.

legislators. The attendees educate legislators about who we are and what we do, and most importantly to let them know that WE VOTE! It is important that our legislators know we are going to hold them accountable for how they vote. Anyone who is an off-roader can attend Lobby Day. Check our Web site www.clorv.org for information on the 2007 OHV Lobby Day.

# Wilderness

# CORVA Takes Action on Wilderness Bills

By Ed Waldheim, CORVA President

You have all read, I hope, on the CORVA web site about the passage of the Thompson Wilderness Bill (HR 233/ S128) in Northern California. It will protect about 275,000 acres in Northern California and provide 79,000 acres as Recreation Management Area in Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Napa Counties. Blue Ribbon Coalition, California Association of 4WD Clubs and AMA have been working on this bill.

We also have another bill being worked on by Congressman Buck McKeon, HR5149/ S2567. This bill is being introduced by this Southern California Congressman whose district goes all the way from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to the California Desert and into parts of L.A... This bill will add 39,680 acres to the Hoover Wilderness and set aside 11,000 acres for snowmobile recreation. The only problem is that the bill itself does not say a single word about setting aside the 11,000 acres for this type of recreation.

Randy Banis, a member of CORVA and Friends of Jawbone, and creator of DeathValley.com website, and I met with Congressman McKeon's District Manager Scott Wilk in Santa Clarita and we were joined on a conference call by Ron Schiller our friend in the High Desert Multiple Use Coalition, Dick Noles a CORVA Field Rep. from Bishop, David Hubbard, EcoBalance Legal representative, Gerry Hillier from Quad States Coalition (and former Desert District BLM Manager) and Congressman Buck McKeon's staff in Washington DC. We discussed the issue at length and expressed our dismay that a bill would have "wilderness" designations, but no language for protection of recreation.



CORVA member Randy Banis (left), Scott Wilk, District Manager for Congressman Buck McKeon (center) and CORVA President Ed Waldheim recently met to discuss wilderness legislation.

This bill also covers the Armagosa River that goes into Dumont Dunes OHV areas. Our main concern is that if this river is designated as "Wild and Scenic" that we do not lose our rights to recreate in the area from Highway 127 to the confluence of Sperry Wash when we leave the river heading east.

As of this writing, our Lobbyist in Washington DC, Paul A. Kavinoky, and Fred Wiley from ORBA, recently testified on our behalf in Washington DC on this bill, and are working the details to make sure that both of our recreational interests are protected.

It has become very evident that we need to have a designation for recreation in this bill. As Dick Noles states, it should be designated as "Semi Primitive Road and Roadless Back Country Recreation". Though this designation is being used by agencies, some feel Congress has not actually used these words, so it is time we start pushing this terminology in future bills that address our natural resources..

Again, I cannot over emphasize the need for each and every one of you reading this "Off-Roaders In Action" newsletter to contact your local elected official and get to know them. You have a voice, and just as this issue has to be handled... there are hundreds of other issues dealing with our recreation that needs attention. Remember, you are volunteer staff, no one gets paid here, so everyone has to consider themselves staff and act accordingly. We could not be where we are today if we didn't have dedicated volunteers who care about public access to our lands

# Overly Restrictive OHV Ordinance Voted Down in Amador County

Couty Supervisors Protect Rights of Property Owners

**FOLSOM, CA** — On August 1, the Amador County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously AGAINST the adoption of an off-highway vehicle (OHV) ordinance that would have curtailed recreational OHV use on private property. The ordinance as written was poorly drafted and discriminatory against people that choose to recreate on OHV's.

Dave Pickett, American Motorcyclist Association District 36 Legal Affairs Officer, suggested to the Supervisors that the county enforce current regulations already on the books instead of punishing law abiding citizens who wish to use their own property in a responsible manner. Amador County Supervisor Candidate Brian Oneto spoke against this ordinance because it restricts private property rights and makes criminals out of law abiding citizens who choose to recreate on their own property.

Similar ordinances have popped up all over the country. Riverside County is in the process of passing the most restrictive OHV and noise ordinances in the state and as a result are facing lawsuits from the OHV community. We are pleased that the Supervisors in Amador County did not overreact and take away the rights families have to recreate together on their own property.

# Join The Full

## Northern Jamboree Will Be "Spooktacular"

#### Don't Miss the Fun -- October 28-29, 2006

By Erin Dyer, State Secretary & Editor

CORVA would like to welcome you to join in on the festivities at the Northern Jamboree on October 28-29, 2006. The event will take place at Frank Raines Park in Patterson, CA.

Friday is arrival Day. It is also the day that The East Bay Hi-Tailers Club hosts a clean-up of the entrance road as their annual park beautification project. Don't miss the Friday daytime horseshoe tournaments. Friday night, the clubs host a Bingo Night. Friday is also set-up day for the Barrel Race and Poker Run.

Saturday at 9 a.m. registration begins for our off-road games. Our CORVA Northern Director Lois Silvernail told me that this year the quads will have their own categories in the events, since we have seen an increased attendance by quad riders in the past years. Past events have included Egg Carry, Barrel Race, Treasure Hunt and more. She expects the clubs to host a nice variety of events again this year.

Saturday, the Northern clubs also prepare a list of Kids Games and activities: Past years they have hosted face painting, pumpkin decorating contests, craft decorations for the kids' costumes and eating contests. This is a family event, and the CORVA clubs make sure everyone has a great time!

Saturday afternoon, we will host a Costume Contest for the Kids and Trick-or-Treating from camp to camp. The adults enjoy seeing the kids in their crazy costumes as much as the kids enjoy the fun.

Saturday evening will be a fun Dinner Dance in the park's Meeting Hall. A DJ and dancing will take place. The food is always spectacular! Awards from the events and an Adult Costume Contest will round out the festivities. And, don't forget the great raffle prizes!

Sunday, there will be a Continental Breakfast. Following, will be a special CORVA Informational Meeting. This is where you get a chance to meet the CORVA Board Members and ask questions. Last year, 5 CORVA Board Members traveled 6 hours from Southern California, leaving at 3:30 am, to meet the Northern CORVA members. It was interesting to talk one on one and answer

questions. This is a great time to get connected to CORVA.

Lois reminds you to come early on Thursday or Friday morning to get a designated camping site in the park. But, don't worry — late comers will have overflow sites available to them in the park as well.

Don't miss the fun. See you there!

Thanks to the East Bay Hi-Tailers & the Escarabajo Buggy Club for submitting these great photos & those used on the front cover!!!!







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# Roadless Rule

# Recreational Groups Appear at Roadless Rule Hearing

By Paul Turcke, Esq. Blue Ribbon Coalition

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Recreational interests were among those represented in the packed courtroom before U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Laporte participating in the latest legal maneuvers over U.S. Forest Service management of "roadless areas." The three-hour hearing was held on August 1, 2006, in two consolidated cases challenging the 2005 Roadless Rule.

Paul Turcke of Boise, Idaho appeared at the hearing on behalf of "recreational group" defendant intervenors the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs ("CA4WDC"), United Four Wheel Drive Associations, the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, and the BlueRibbon Coalition. Assisting Mr. Turcke as local counsel was Dennis Porter of CA4WDC.

The lawsuits were brought by the states of California, Oregon and New

Mexico and numerous environmental organizations led by the Wilderness Society. The cases seek to have the 2005 Bush Administration Roadless Rule declared invalid and to reinstate the 2001 Clinton Administration Roadless Rule. The States of Washington, Montana and Maine have sided with the plaintiffs, while the State of Wyoming and Silver Creek Timber Company have joined the Recreational Groups in siding with the Federal Defendants.

"The Court conducted a thorough and probing analysis of the issues, and all involved anticipate the decision on this highly-visible issue," Turcke observed.

"The Plaintiffs have indicated they will accept nothing short of reinstatement of the 2001 Rule, and our clients can live with virtually any result other than reinstatement. So it would appear that the controversy and litigation over "roadless" issues will not soon subside," Turcke predicted.

The 2001 Roadless Rule was challenged in at least ten lawsuits

throughout the country, and was enjoined twice, temporarily by the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho, and then permanently by the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming. While the Wyoming decision was under appeal, the Forest Service promulgated the 2005 Roadless Rule, prompting the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals to declare as moot the challenges to the 2001 Rule and to vacate the earlier decision of the Wyoming court. These actions, coupled with a handful of projects moving forward which the Plaintiffs contend would have been blocked by the 2001 Rule, set the stage for the current litigation.

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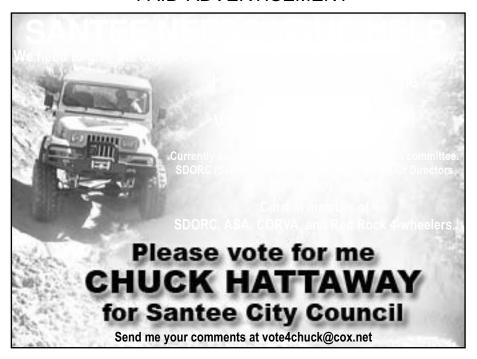
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# Get Out and Vote

# Hold Elected Officials Accountable by Voting

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

Yes, it's true, California has another election upcoming this fall. Since the reelection of Governor Gray Davis in 2002, California has had a statewide election every year since, beginning with the recall in 2003 of the former Governor. So Californians are likely a little election-weary. Elections involve campaigns that feature negative ads and mud slinging that can be painful to watch. There is no question that elections can bring out the worst in politics and quite possibly the worst of humanity from time to time.

Unfortunately, election fatigue can also bring apathy. Far too frequently, I hear people say that "my vote doesn't count," or "I'm not going to make a difference," when talking about politics. Nothing could be

further from the truth. In some races, both local and statewide, elections can be decided by as few as one vote per precinct, or less.

Apathy will only get you what you don't want. It is important to remember that these elected officials are the ones that are creating federal, state, and local government laws and policies that we all have to live under. So, do yourself a favor. Don't watch the TV ads, and don't listen to the radio ads. Do your own research and hold your elected officials accountable by going to the polls in November.

And along the lines of holding elected officials accountable, I was pleased to be able to author legislation this year that addressed the California State Auditor's

report on the condition of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program. As the report highlighted,

the Department of Parks and Recreation used money from the Off-Highway Trust fund for the support of state parks that do not have OHV recreation.

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Assemblyman Roger Niello

have clarified the law with regard to where money from the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust could and could not be spent by the Department. Unfortunately, as part of a three-bill package of legislation to address concerns that arose from the State Auditor's report, these bills were all killed in the legislature and the auditor's criticisms of the Department go unresolved.

As a long-time supporter of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle community, I urge you to become involved and let your local and state elected officials know where you stand on the issues that are important to you, such as this one. Off-Highway Motor Vehicles and the internal combustion engine continue to come under attack from all angles. Now more than ever, it is crucial that you let your voice be heard.

## Treasurer Wants it Done Now!

By Roberta Woods, CORVA Treasurer

Here it is really quick – read this and help us at CORVA help you.

1) Have patience. At a recent Board of Directors meeting we decided we had to reduce our expenses. Some of our legal obligations have grown more than our donations have covered. We looked to other areas to cut costs. Meanwhile, the post-office changed some of their procedures in the mailing of our newsletter. Hundreds of "Off-Roaders In Action" newsletters were not delivered and instead were forwarded back to me, your treasurer. This increased not only our monthly costs, but our frustration level as well. While we think we have now corrected this, you may experience some delays receiving your newsletters, membership cards and renewal notices. How can you help? Have patience. I personally open all the mail that comes either to the Sacramento location or to my office in Simi Valley. I see

the address mistakes and let our database manager know just as soon as possible. Corrections are easy for him to do, but because of lead times it may take a few months for you to see the corrections on your labels and such. Also, I read all your notes, so if you want to volunteer, let me know. I will forward your information to either Lynn Stokes (Northern) or George Paniagua (Southern) to contact you. If you wrote notes before I was elected in March 2006 and no one contacted you, try again. Any level of participation is welcome. So, have patience.

2) Donate. The \$30.00 membership will increase next year – it has to as our costs are going up. But we will not forfeit our legal battles and obligations – they are too important to you, and that is what CORVA is all about. Recently, our President Ed Waldheim wrote a personal letter to our Life Members requesting assistance with our financial obligations. Life Members have traditionally expressed their desire to be kept abreast of exactly what CORVA

needs. They rallied around and sent in thousands of dollars. But, the regular members can help too. Any donation amount sent will be allocated to the legal defense of your choice or towards our general counsel Ecologic Partners. If you want to keep using your off road areas, you MUST send in your donations. Your membership covers the costs of the newsletter and your membership information. Your donations keep us fighting the fight. Remember – donation, donation, donation!

- 3) Recruit new members. Next time you visit with your friends, talk around the campfire, or discuss politics with your buddies, ask them to become a member of CORVA. They should be! Their
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## Preaching to the Choir

By Jim Woods, N2Dirt President

What we do as parents and adults will affect the way our kids, the kids of our camping buddies and the others around us will treat the desert or our other favorite riding place. When was the last time you took all the kids in camp, gave them all plastic bags and went on a trash treasure hunt? Usually the only reward they want is a soda and a big thank you, and they always find some good yard art as well.

Another fun thing to do is ribbon removal - see who can find the most and the biggest variety of colors. If you are in the California City area, there is a lot to be found and it can hurt the Desert Tortoise if they eat it - not to mention it looks ugly when it is left hanging everywhere after an event.

Speaking of the desert tortoise, have you been to the Tortoise Preserve in California City? It is a fun ride and a great tool to educate everyone about the life these magnificent animals experience. The more we know about them, the less damage we will do to their home - we CAN share the desert in harmony and still eniov ourselves.

You may all ready know all this, I don't mean to preach to the choir, but you can help spread the word to the camp next to you and invite them to go on rides, like to the Tortoise Preserve, with you. Many times the riders are new to off-roading and have no idea of the resources of the area. Don't forget to bring your CORVA "Off-Roaders In Action" newsletter to give them. For all you know we may end up with a new member and a new responsible offroader! Setting this example for our children and other adults is the best tool we have to spread the word about N2Dirt.

Our new web site - www.N2Dirt.org - is now up and running. If you haven't gone lately, do so - it is fantastic. Dan Allison and his daughter developed a beautiful new layout that is very interactive and colorful. Like CORVA, let's not keep this the best secret in the desert! Go see for yourself and then tell everyone you know to go online and check it out.

So, if you see some guy picking up trash in the desert with a bunch of kids please come over and say "Hi". But beware, I always have a spare trash bag and an CORVA newsletter in my back pocket.

N2Dirt is the educational branch of CORVA. N2Dirt is a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping off-roading alive through

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# Northern CORVA News

## Welcome New Club Rep

By Lynn A Stokes, Northern Regional Director of Clubs

Hello all Northern CORVA members! I am Lynn Stokes your new Assistant Northern Regional Director-Clubs. I would like to take a few moments of your time to give you a bit of my background. I reside in Atascadero on the Central California Coast, 10 miles south of Paso Robles and 16 miles north of San Luis Obispo. I am a former Mac Tools Distributor of 5 plus years then I went Independent last year. I have been 4 wheeling with a '92 Jeep

Comanche since '96 and am completely clueless about dirt bikes! :> So I'll some educating on that point.

I got started in the land use issues during the scoping period of the Sierra Nevada Framework and was very active in that whole process. During that time, for a short period, I was the Central Natural Resource Consultant for Cal 4, and President, Vice President and other positions with the San Luis Obispo 4 Wheel Drive Club. I have been involved with CORVA off and on for a number of years, lately mostly off! A few months ago I decided

to commit myself to furthering our goals as a statewide organization and accepted this position.

My goal and commitment to all of you in the North is to expand the awareness of CORVA to non-members and the general public, have CORVA participate more on Northern issues, fundraising and membership drives through events and other FUN activities.

We all seem to tune out with speakers standing up talking about causes but doing so at an event close to home sinks in better.

What I would like to do is meet or hear from the Northern Clubs and individual members and get your ideas on strengthening the Northern Region's membership and CORVA's role in the North. I am very accessible either through my cell or e-mail at 805-471-0593- cell, stokesla@earthlink.net.

Thanks for your time.



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membership in CORVA brings clout and political clout is what we need.

One of our volunteers recently told us that it was after his favorite riding area was closed he decided to join CORVA and several other associations that fight for offroad use rights. We need everyone to join now, BEFORE, these areas are closed. That is when we have the best opportunity to actually make a difference.

Plus when our lobbyists discuss our requests in Sacramento and Washington, DC our membership brings pressure – voter pressure. Elected and appointed officials understand they must take our membership into consideration.

As we recently reported, almost 3.5 million Californians would classify themselves as "Off-Road Users". We must get them all to join CORVA, and all the other grass root organizations, if we want our rights to be protected and our off-road areas increased and maintained. It makes sense to me -3.5 million or 3000 — what sounds like more voters to you? So, get everyone you know to join CORVA. Do it NOW.

There it is – the quick version of how to keep your treasurer happy. Now go write a check and mail it in. Go on, that means you!

Robert Woods can be reached at Roberta@corva.org.

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hazard to townspeople and safety personnel.

My entire point of this is that CORVA and other organizations can not rest, or take an eye off the ball at any time, because one day we had a trail and next day it was gone. This can happen anywhere within California.

It is imperative that every single one of you let us know what is going on in your riding area. You must contact local officials and tell them of it and let CORVA and other organizations know about it.

It is time for us, as OHV users, to rise up, unite, and take responsibility for our sport! If you don't do this, you will lose the opportunity. Our heroes who brought this issue to the forefront and who are doing the major work are Wayne and Ann Nossala. I thank both of you for your dedication on behalf of all users.

## Reminder

The CLORV Voter Guide will be available soon.

Please visit the website, www.CLORV.org



## Don't Miss the Fun at these Events

Visit the CORVA website at www.corva.org for more information on these events!

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- October 28-29, 2006 -CORVA Northern Jamboree Saturday off-road games, prizes and trophies. Trick or Treating, costume contest, dinner/dance on Saturday night. See the flyer in this newsletter.
- November 4, 2006 6th Annual Glamis Poker Run hosted by Orange County ATV Association (OCATV)
- January 20-21, 2007 Truckhaven Challenge Poker Run near Salton Sea. Saturday Poker Run and games along the way. Off-road Prize Giveaway & BBQ. Experience the dry mud hills near the Salton Sea! For experienced riders/drivers.
- February 24-25, 2007 Adelanto Grand Prix Work the race & raise \$100 per person per day for CORVA. It's a blast, come join us!
- April 28-29, 2007 Moose Anderson Days Clean Up & BBQ At Jawbone Cyn. Sat. Clean Up & BBQ. Sun. Poker Run & Tours.
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# RVA CalendaR

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10/6-8 Off Road Expo, at LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona, CA. Call Dick Moon at 562-860-9988 to volunteer at the CORVA booth.	10/21-22 Pt. Mugu 4x4 Club, 12th Annual Fright Night event at Hungry Valley SVRA. See flyer in this newsletter.	NOV Jeeping Jeepers Jeep Club. Imperial Sand Dunes (Thanksgiving) 11-23-06. Call Jim Mills for details @ (714) 531-5082
10/11Friends of El Mirage Meeting at 9 a.m. to 11:30a.m. @ El Mirage Community Center www.elmirage.org. Contact Ed Waldheim at ed@corva.org, 800-42-CORVA ext 215.	10/21-22 Cal Access Expo & Fall Sand Nationals Sand Drags @ the International Agri-Center in Tulare in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley just off Hwy 99. For Info: expo@calaccess.net	11/3/06 OHMVR Commission Meeting, Grants Subcommittee Meeting N. California. Check CORVA website for changes.  11/4/06 6th Annual Glamis Poker Run.
10/13OHMVR Commission Meeting. Grants Subcommittee Meeting S. California. Check CORVA website for changes.	10/21-22 2nd Annual San Luis Motorsports and the CCMA Oceano Dunes Endurance Beach Race. Contact Jon Johnson at: jonhjohnson@yahoo.com	Host Orange County ATV Assoc.  11/8Friends of El Mirage Meeting at 9 a.m. to 11:30a.m. @ El Mirage Community Center www.elmirage.org. Contact Ed
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10/18 Friends of Jawbone Meeting 9:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m. @ Jawbone Canyon Station. www.jawbone.org. Contact Ed Waldheim at ed@corva.org.	10/27-29 East Bay Hi-Tailers Club attends CORVA Northern Jamboree. Contact Charles Seeley at 510- 232-4457.	the Harold Soen's Family at Ocotillo Wells. Sat. sign up 9 am on Main St. Awards 3 pm. \$20 per hand. Sun. Park Clean Up. Call 858-560-6642 or www.sdorc.org.
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line of poles placed 10 feet apart at Conklin Blvd. and the southwest edge of the Desert Tortoise Natural Area (DTNA). A mile north on Conklin Blvd. poles were placed across the road.

Conklin is not a winding, bumpy desert dirt road. It has the width of a two-lane highway and is perfectly straight. This road is used by law enforcement to patrol the area, and local citizens use it to access their property. The road also sees OHV traffic and, while I was out there, I saw a huge flock of sheep moving along it.

Local resident Wayne Nosala joined Ed Waldheim in the effort to keep the roadway open. Wayne called, faxed, e-mailed so many people his head was spinning.

Wayne and Ed called DFG, but no one at the agency returned their phone calls.

That changed only after Wayne contacted Assemblyman Bill Maze (R) of the 34th District and Rex Moen, who represents Senator Roy Ashburn (R). DFG returned phone calls to both of them.

Through this wonderful help from these friends in Sacramento all fencing was stopped by the Department of Fish and Game at this point.

A meeting is scheduled in August to discuss the request: leave fence openings on the more traveled roads. DFG could fence both sides of the road instead of completely cutting off access.

DFG own mission statement declares:

The Mission of the Department of Fish and Game is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.

It seems to me odd that our country will fight a war on foreign soil for freedom when America's own people are losing freedom to use their own soil. Installing fences across roadways the public uses to reach desert areas seems a strange way to ensure that land will be open "for use and enjoyment by the public."

The DTNA proposed areas are not only closed to OHV traffic but closed to all persons on horseback, mountain bike, skateboard, or foot. This means zero access — period. I wonder if DFG will restrict air space, too.

To be continued...



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