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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, 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. Secondly, 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

OHMVR Commission and Green Sticker Program in Trouble

At the 2-day meeting in Sacramento on December 8 & 9, 2006, we were supposed to have all our OHV Grants for 2006-2007 approved. As many of you know we have a new system in place, the "Competitive Bidding" process. What that means is that all grants are rated by OHMVR Division Staff and given a score. That score should be upheld by the Commission unless there is some strong new information what was not presented before.

Well, guess what, this competitive scoring that was presented to the Commission while I was still an OHMVR Commissioner several years back, was turned down by the current Commission by

a vote – a narrow vote, but it was voted down.

Now the OHMVR Division has picked it up and by putting it into regulation, it is binding the Commission to the "Competitive Process", right? Wrong. This Commission has spent two days at their recent meeting working on only Conservation, Law Enforcement and Restoration matters. They never discussed the only things that make any sense to the recreation public which is Trail Maintenance, and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) — what they call Non-CESA. The Trail Maintenance and O&M issues now will be heard January 25 - 27, 2007 in Sacramento at a separate meeting.

I did not like the "Competitive Bidding" process. I like to make decisions as to where the money should go. But the process is in place. What is happening now is that scores are changed on just about all grants, depending on the feelings of the Commissioners. Now that is wrong. The Commission should only change a score if there is a really blatant problem, i.e. the grant was written so poorly that it requires special attention when it affects "Resource by not having any trail maintenance, or public safety." But that should be in a case by case basis not a matter of fact on all grants. Also, disturbing was that new information was being read into the record from existing grants, not new stuff.

I feel very badly for the Staff of the OHMVR Division having spent so much time on these grants to make sure that they had a good legal system in place, only to see it totally undermined for two days. And to add insult to injury, never in the history of the OHV Program have we not finished Final Grants approval in two days. I know, I have been there.

Something has to be done to get this process under control. We need Trail Maintenance number one. Number two, we need Law Enforcement. The rest should follow behind, not this upside down system where trail maintenance is not even on the radar screen.

When we get only \$3.5 million out of \$18 million dollars in Grants for Trail Maintenance and only \$18 million for all Grants out of a pot of \$60 million dollars that is the Green Sticker Trust Fund, one has to wonder what on earth are we paying our "Green Sticker" for?

The long awaited Gas Tax Study (from gas used during off-road activities) will be out December 20, 2006 and then the work

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Off Roaders Invited to OHV Lobby Day

By Pete Conaty, CLORV Lobbyist

The California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV) is proud to announce that the date for their 13th Annual Lobby Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento is scheduled for March 19th, 2007.

Many off roaders come back each and every year, but this year is especially important. In November, California voters elected a record 12 new State Senators. 11 new Senators moved over from the State Assembly, except for one new Senator. Alex Padilla (D- Los Angeles Area) came from the LA City Council and did not serve in the Assembly. In the Assembly, 36 new legislators were elected out of 80 Assemblymembers, almost a 50 percent turnover.

Of these 36 new Assemblymembers, 3 were formerly in the State Senate, while the remaining 33 are new to the Legislature. Of these 33, very few of them are familiar with California's user-funded, State-managed, off road recreation program.

That is why off roaders come to Sacramento each year. To meet their legislators, especially

the new ones and to educate them about off road recreation in California.

As usual, there will be a full day's program of guest speakers, meetings with legislators and networking with other off roaders. The day will be capped off with the Annual Legislative Reception at the Historic Sutter Club, one block from the State Capitol 5:00-7:00 PM.

This event is sponsored by the California League of Off Road Voters, Inc. (CLORV) which CORVA is a founding member.

Register online at www.clorv.org and continue to check the website for updates or call Pete Conaty (916) 492-0550.

[Attendance during the daytime lobbying activities is the most important. Attendance at the evening reception is not required if it interferes with your airline flights. We suggest each club send one representative for a one-day experience. Fly in the morning and return that evening to save on hotel costs. Children & families are welcomed. Bring photos to show the legislators your family sport. See you there! - Erin Dyer, Editor]

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Of course, we have additional prizes in the Sweepstakes as well. For First Prize, Napier Enterprises has donated an incredible Truck Tent combo for CORVA members. In addition to the Truck Tent, they have also added a mattress, sleeping bags and chairs for a complete camping outfit! Second Prize will be of great interest to those of us who have had our share of "stuck" situations. Mile Marker has donated a winch accessory kit containing a heavy-duty snatch block, shackles, tree-strap and gloves, and Hi-Lift Jack Co. has tossed in one of their great Hi-Lift jacks!

All CORVA members will receive 2 books of tickets in the mail. If you need more, please contact CORVA VP Sales & Marketing Terry Work at (800) 42-CORVA x513 or by email: terry@corva.org. The drawing for the lucky winner will be held at the Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa on September 14-16, 2007.

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Lynn Daucher's Bid for the 34th Senate District

By Jim Arbogast
Southern Regional Director

The incredible bid by a feisty Lynn Daucher and a determined Republican Party of California, who targeted the 34th Senate District of Orange County, unfortunately came up short as Lynn conceded nearly two weeks after the November 7th General Election, in what was truly a nail biter and the only targeted race in the States Senate.

The last eight years the 34th SD had safely been in the hands of Democrat Joe Dunn who was termed out of the Senate this November, just as Lynn was termed out of the Assembly and the 72nd Assembly District she served with distinction.

Lynn has been supportive of Off Road issues and concerns during her 6 years in the Assembly and therefore she was endorsed by the California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV). CLORV is a non-partisan legislative lobbying firm that

represents 10 OHV groups such as CORVA of which all receive the CLORV Bi-Partisan OHV Voter Guide prior to the General Election.

Unlike CLORV, all OHV organizations such as CORVA and all the various OHV clubs can not endorse candidates. But as individuals, that's another matter.

In a 5-week period prior to the election, I made arrangements to meet with 9 various OHV clubs and organizations in Orange County to give an informative presentation and pitch for Lynn Daucher. Most of these presentations I made with Rodney Stanhope, a very politically astute and active off-roader from Sacramento who became a part time roommate during this time. Also present at several of our presentations was Jeff Corless a Deputy Coalitions Director of the Orange County Republican's Party Victory '06.

Bryan Lanza who Chaired the Lynn Daucher campaign informed us that this was

going to be a close race and that a huge effort to register as many Republicans as possible was still on going. Prior to the General Election, there were approximately 109,000 registered Republicans and 111,000 registered Democrats in the 34th Senate District and an undetermined number of Independents and others. Therefore, there were at least 220,000 registered voters capable of voting.

Lanza's team's huge effort did get the word out to the 109,000 registered Republicans to get out and vote. This included a massive phone banking effort and a comprehensive bombardment of campaign flyers. Furthermore, Lynn personally walked and knocked on literally thousands of doors at homes in the 34th Senate District comprised of 377 precincts.

Lanza asked the OHV community to show up with a 100 precinct walkers to help Get Out The Vote (GOTV) for Lynn. This propelled Rodney, Jeff and I to attend and make the presentations that we did.

I was further asked by the Daucher Campaign if they could use my house in Anaheim as its third site along with their Campaign Headquarters in Westminster and the Crown Plaza Hotel in Garden Grove for the campaigns final push during the last four days of the General Election.

Fortunately for me and the campaign, I had the full support and backing from my wife Donna. As witnessed by Senator Dick Ackerman on Saturday afternoon November 4th and Senator Roy Ashburn the following evening November 5th, an incredible effort was made from this campaign host site. Both Senator Ackerman and Senator Ashburn came to support Lynn in her campaign. Approximately 200 precincts were walked from the Anaheim location which involved a couple of hundred people — mostly young folks and off-roaders.

Saturday's OHV precinct walkers were Jeffery & Paul Davis of the "Sons of Thunder 4x4", Mike Boyd of "Los Pretots Desert Club" & Steve Jarvis of "Los Adventureros Off Roaders", Vinnie & Kathy Barbarino of "CORVA", Larry Engwall of the "Desert Vipers MC" and Ed Waldheim & Wayne Nosala of "CORVA".

Sunday's OHV walkers included Raymond & Judy Davis of the "Trailmasters 4x4", Ed Waldheim walking 2 precincts by himself, Dick Moon of the "Jeeping Jeepers 4x4" helping with set-up, Bob Sackett of

Groups File Suit to Preserve Future Access to Surprise Canyon Road

By Bryan Lollich, Vice President
Friends of Panamint Valley

Washington, DC – Last fall, groups representing private property owners, as well as other members of the public, filed suit against the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service (NPS) for illegally denying access on Surprise Canyon Road, a public road.

"The BLM and NPS have tried to assert jurisdiction over Surprise Canyon Road since 2001," says Kris Tholke, an owner of private property near Panamint City. "Surprise Canyon Road is a public road, and has been since its creation in 1874. Therefore, the BLM and NPS have no jurisdiction over this road".

Access to Surprise Canyon Road was restricted in 2001 as a result of a lawsuit brought against the BLM by the Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club and the

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. The resulting settlement agreement required the erecting of a gate across the road to restrict access, although the agreement was supposed to protect private property rights by exempting owners of private property from the closure. To date, however, the BLM and NPS have denied all requests for access to private property via Surprise Canyon Road.

"Surprise Canyon road was created over 130 years ago, and was used consistently to reach private property until it was closed in 2001" says Bryan Lollich, Vice President of Friends of Panamint Valley. "The road is a valid R.S. 2477 right of way and is further protected under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the California Desert Protection Act, and current Department of Interior guidelines."

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In Gratitude

Off-Roaders Show Appreciation to Soens Family

By Roy Denner, President & CEO
Off-Road Business Association

To anyone who has ever been to the Soens' family residence it is perfectly clear that the late Harold Soens dedicated so many hours of his time to off-road issues and off-road events that his personal residence suffered seriously from lack of attention. The roof on his house was patched repeatedly with everything from rolled roofing strips to plastic tarps and bubble gum.

Whenever I asked Harold when he was going to replace his roof he would spill out



his agenda for the next week with the meetings he needed to attend, the effort with the Cal-PAL's program for the at-risk kids, his plans to clean up the SDORC trailer for the next event, his need to attend the OHMVR Stakeholders and/or Commission meetings, his commitments as Chairman of CLORV and President of SDORC, CORVA Board Member and on-and-on-and-on.

No mention was made of the bucket population necessary to collect the rain-water that found its way into his home. He would say that he planned to fix the roof and do other badly needed maintenance on his house as soon as he could get around to it. Unfortunately he was taken from us before he ever got a 'round-tuit.

On the weekend of August 19th and 20th, about 15 or 20 of Harold's fellow off-roaders got a 'round-tuit for Harold's family. Off-roaders showed up at Harold's residence at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning with tool

belts, hammers, nail guns, tape measures, utility knives, chalk lines, and other tools of the roofing trade.

One volunteer even brought a heavy duty lift truck to get materials to and from the roof. A couple of gals who are relatively new with SDORC parked a motorhome in front of Harold's house and set up to feed meals and provide drinks to all of the workers. It was like an old-fashioned barn raising party.

It was a heart-warming experience to realize that the same people that the media paint as destroyers of the earth would respond to a call to help the family of a deceased member of our community. Volunteers came from all over Southern California. Many more contributed funds for this project from all over the country. Harold had a lot of friends!

By about 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening the worker bees had removed the old roofing from the 2,000 square foot main roof and the roofing and rotted plywood from the 30 x 80 foot patio cover. Repairs to the wooden parts of the building under the removed roofing material had been completed – including replacing the boards over the eaves around the entire house. New plywood had been nailed down over the patio roof and black felt paper had been tacked down over the entire main roof. The only break of the day had been a quick lunch of generous ham and cheese sandwiches, potato salad, and green salad (with choice of dressing, of course).

Many dirty old men (and several young ones) were mesmerized by the great spaghetti dinner provided as sunset approached. I truly believe that every person who participated that day

went home feeling that they were part of a very worthwhile project and were proud to be involved! At least 2/3 of the volunteers who participated on Saturday were back to help on Sunday. New off-roaders who were not available on Saturday jumped in with gusto on Sunday.



If we hadn't run short on shingles, the Team Harold volunteers would have completely finished the roofing project by quitting time Sunday evening. A pair of roofing contractors who had volunteered to help with this project were overwhelmed at what we had accomplished in one short weekend. We could not have hired a crew of workers to do the amount of work that the Team Harold volunteers completed.

One of the volunteers described the effort as "a labor of love". Our camp cooks had to plead with the volunteers to stop long enough to partake in the delicious food that they had prepared. After a great dinner of Carne Asada and Pollo Asada cooked on

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Northern Jamboree

A Success Story

By Debi Campbell
Northern CORVA Secretary

A Great Success – Our Northern California Jamboree came through with flying colors. The park was beyond full, weather was wonderful and the support we received from all the clubs made this the most successful Jamboree ever.

We had people arriving at Frank Raines Park as early as Monday, as they know what large crowds gather for this event. By early Friday, every campsite was taken and by Friday evening the parking lot was full. Thank goodness for the large overflow camping area.

Friday morning found the Jamboree crew already setting up for the registration (getting all the forms in order), mapping out the events, putting up signs to direct people to the times and events, and decorating the hall for the Halloween dinner and trophy presentations.

Friday evening found people setting up camp, enjoying campfires, talking about the upcoming events, wishing well to old friends as well as meeting new friends. At 7:00 p.m. we had our great Bingo games, thanks to Charlie and his group. What a great way to spend the evening.

Saturday morning had everyone up early and eager to start his or her games. Registration opened at 9:00 a.m. We had many different events and a great registration team (Lois, Shirley, Debi, Pam, Jody) and, even though we were new to the process, it went pretty well. Without the hard work of all the people that setup the events and worked (some of them all day), our Jamboree would not have been such a success.

Our Event Directors were:

Wiggle Worm – Escarabajo Buggy Club
Barrel Loop – Modesto Ridge Runners
(Roy Hogleund)
Egg Carry – Merced Run Abouts
Pumpkin Carry – Corky and Suzy
Poker Run – Charlie
Word Search – Tim & Dawn
Quad Event – Bill

Dan Allison, N2 Dirt's Program Director, was at registration, handing out information and talking to as many as he could about the great work they are doing.

Safety checks were done for the buggies and quads and everything seemed in order to have a safe run. Thank you to Casey, Tim, Doug and a couple of other guys that helped with these checks.

Everyone had a chance to play as much as they wanted and could choose from the Pumpkin Carry, Barrel Loop, Egg Carry, Wiggle Worm, Poker Run and Find the Word Search. We had people coming back for more tickets to out do the person in the lead. This is where the fun begins, as just when you thought you had the best time and no one could beat you, someone would come back and take the time away from you. You could never be sure you were the winner unless you ended up being 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 watch and laugh your head off watching those determined drivers, and passengers try to pull the best times.

We had family and children events during the day. There was a Scavenger Hunt (put on by the Escarabajo Buggy Club) and Arts and Crafts for the kids, but I think the moms had just as much fun. Thank you Pam and Debi for the great craft ideas. After the driving games, the children then all came for Trick-or-Treating at the different campsites.

The costumes were great and what a place for them to be, no worry for the parents about the children getting hurt and many of them went in groups without their parents. Where else do you feel that safe for your children? Also, no worry that all the goodies had to be checked, we knew we had a safe environment. This is what Halloween is about and what CORVA is all about. Having fun, having families together, and enjoying our great outdoors.

Went want to thank Pam, Debi, Shirley and Tim for all their efforts on doing a fabulous job of decorating the hall. At 5:30 p.m. people started pouring in for the Potato Bar Dinner and all the fixings. Thank you

Kevin Stach (camp chef), Debi and Pam for our great meal. We were beginning to wonder if the line was ever going to stop, and of course, they had to buy some of those raffle tickets.

We had so many wonderful items to raffle and we want to thank the businesses, individuals, clubs, and the CORVA Southern Region for donating prizes. Thank you to all that bought tickets for the raffle.

Once all the trophies were awarded, adult costume contest and raffles completed, everyone did their own thing. Some stayed and danced, others went back to camp and had campfires and tall stories. It was a long, fun day and everyone had a story or two to tell.

Sunday morning found everyone up early for the Northern CORVA meeting and continental breakfast. Our speakers were N2Dirt, California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV), the Sheriff's Dept., and Lois Silvernail our CORVA Northern Director. There were a lot of safety issues discussed and we all thanked the Sheriff's Department for there presence there at the Jamboree; it created a safer environment.

CLORV discussed the OHV Voter Guides and OHV Lobby Day in Sacramento in March 2007 – all members are invited to attend the OHV Lobby Day. Then most of our Jamboree participants started packing up early, cleaning camp and heading home.

This was one of the biggest events we have had; we made money for CORVA and had a good time doing it. We hope that everyone will think hard about becoming a member of CORVA, if they are not already. Let's try to make the 2007 Jamboree as big or bigger. We need lots of individuals to participate in the planning and execution of the Jamboree. Anyone in the North that has an idea or wants to help next year, just call Lois Silvernail or Debi Campbell and we will get you involved.

There are so many people to thank and I am sure that if we tried to mention them all, I would forget someone. So rather than do that we would just like to THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU GIVE TO CORVA – AND THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JAMBOREE.

Here's looking to another great Jamboree in 2007.

NOTE: The winner of our events will be posted in another article.

Land Access

Your Public Land, is it?

By Jim Pilon, Tour 'N Trails promoter and CORVA member

Since the Buffalo roamed and the Indians fought the settlers, there has been fighting over land and its use, who "owns" it and what it can be used for. Enter the "We are here to help you" government.

As time evolved the lands that were "open range" were disbursed into acquisitions from the government. Mexico "lost" its lands to the USA in the early "wars" over who owned the land and governed it. The Southwest went into a transformation over years of fighting and land barons trying to keep "their lands" from either government. Today we have "borders" between countries that serve as a geographical or imaginary line "drawn in the sand".

From the early settler's days, the government in all its wisdom chose to set aside lands for public use. National Parks and other local, state and Federal governments chose areas that they deemed "appropriate" for conservation to the end of time. During these times of sorting out whose lands were owned by whom, and who would manage the "public lands" up pops legislation creating yet another bureaucratic entity(s) to tell us what is for our own good. Public input was sometimes requested, sometimes it was totally ignored.

Is public land public? No and yes. "We the people" own this land and pay the government to manage it for our best interest. But wait, there is more! "Conservation" groups put in their 2 cents worth (more like billions of dollars to influence legislation and laws) to "manage" PUBLIC land. Hmmm. Something is wrong here.

All of a sudden the land that was used by settlers for farming, grazing and other private use is now being deemed "inappropriate" for that use by some group opposed to whatever the use the land is currently being used for. They petition the government and get a bunch of signatures to reconcile the land and its borders into

what "they" think it should be. Where does the "public interest" come into this? Roads that have historically been open for travel all of a sudden "disappear" under a court order. Now mind you, these roads have been there for generations and have been traveled on by countless numbers of persons from wagon trains to today's vehicles.

Oh, let us not forget the "Endangered Species Act" that closed off more public lands to the public's use over all these years. Imagine a beetle. Simple little bug with probably over 1000 variations in its genealogy. Yet, one of these thousands of different beetles is "endangered" or "threatened" to a point of closing public land for public use, even to the point of closing private land to private use — all in the name of reviving the little critter! I suppose that the "Bark Beetle" that has killed so many trees in our forests is in some way trying to be preserved to keep its legacy alive. Never mind the fact that our forests are now "endangered" and prime for fire because of the dead trees.

Lands that were used in the past under the guise of "conservation for the public interest" are now so tied up in the legal throws of government, we may never see them used for what they were originally used for, recreation.

In the earlier days of Dual Sport, the Mojave Desert was crossed with roads "open to the public" on an individual use basis. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed these open routes. District 37 AMA Dual Sport had used numerous routes to get from Barstow to Las Vegas utilizing these routes under a special use permit with NO SIGNIFICANT damage done to any of the established and sometimes mechanically graded routes for the once a year self-guided trail ride. Legislation turned over most of that land to the National Park Service under the "East Mojave National Preserve Act". Even though previous self-guided (advertised as the LA-B to V) tours had an impeccable record, the use of the

lands were shut down to organized use going through the East Mojave. Now mind you, you can go on this land by yourself with NO PERMIT NEEDED. Add a friend, ok, still no problem. Tell anybody you are going out to ride and all of a sudden it is considered an "advertised event" and all bets are off.

Over the years the BLM and "Concerned citizens groups" have monitored this tour. Findings? You guessed it, NOTHING! Other Dual Sport tours have utilized the California desert and the BLM has found that we needed to be "monitored" even with an impeccable use record for over 22 years. Oh, did I mention that this "monitoring" has cost the club or promoter a "Cost recovery fee" to tell us we are doing ok using existing routes of travel, some even BLM designated routes? Let's not forget our friend the Desert Tortoise either!

Last year's LA-B to V encountered a "cost recovery" of nearly \$9,000.00 for a weekend's use passing through "Public Lands" on existing and open routes of travel. This was amortized over 300 entrants. The Barstow to Laughlin Tour was using similar open routes and had a "Cost Recovery" of almost \$10,000.00 amortized over 125 riders by the use of approximately 150 miles of open to the public routes of travel. Mind you, all under permit. Let's do some math. 125 riders @ \$10K comes out to approximately \$800.00 per rider as a "permit monitoring and use fee" for an organized and responsible use of public lands.

Public lands for public use? I think not!

[Dual Sport rides are a self-guided scenic tour through backcountry roads using a rollchart. The rollchart has mileage and arrows and street names to guide you through the course and is mounted in a box on the handlebars. This is not a race. It is a self-paced event allowing street-legal dirt bike riders to ride at their own speed, take in the scenery and take photos along the way. Visit www.district37ama.org/dualsport/ for more info. -Erin Dyer, Editor]

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Family Fun Days

Making a Brighter Future at the CORVA Family Fun Days & Convention

By Roberta Woods, CORVA Treasurer
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The CORVA Family Fun Days and Annual Convention is just around the corner. The convention committee is busy working on a variety of events for your enjoyment. We know various participating clubs planning activities for kids and adults with four-wheel and two-wheel vehicles, plus much more. You'll find the convention location near the Cal City MX Park.

Track owner John Elmes wanted to be very involved with our arrangements and is donating a portion of the track entry to CORVA. Hopefully he will be able to create a super mud-pit nearby to play in. The locally owned Pizza Factory will cater the Saturday night BBQ get together. We are going to have a great time. That's exactly what we want - Fun!

Ever since the November 2006 elections, articles have appeared predicting doom and gloom for the off-roader. While that may be a possibility, I prefer to consider other possibilities we may have in our future. Just after the elections, CORVA membership began to increase. While some joined during our Truckhaven event that was held January 21st more members are coming in from recommendations from our current members. I am encouraged because that is exactly what I have been asking you to do!

One recent renewal came in from **Steve Rouchleau** (member# 2512) who asked, "How many members does CORVA

currently have?" Well, Steve, not enough. Our paid membership fluctuates around 4,000. I say "paid" because we know we have a wide support from off-roaders that just don't think it's important to actually "join" CORVA. They visit our web-site, download the "Off-Roaders In Action" newsletter, participate in events and even promote CORVA. All the while knowing they aren't really "paid" CORVA members. Some past members just forget to renew their membership.

You might remember my article pleading for donations and membership. This was a serious request and we still need more. Our President Ed Waldheim encounters public and government officials almost daily. Our membership is like a tool for him to use – the more members for CORVA - the more clout his requests carry. We know that over a million Californians consider themselves "off-roaders", so why only 4,000 paid members?

Well, Steve, apathy, disinterest and even the most common excuse I have heard – "None of those stupid laws apply to me; they'll never catch me, so why should I join an activist group like CORVA?" No wonder CORVA struggles to get members.

But that is where you, Steve, and all the other loyal CORVA members can help. When you are out enjoying your particular type of off-roading, please, promote CORVA. Try to explain that even though we off-roaders can go it alone – some even breaking the law – doesn't mean it's the best choice for us all. If we don't band together

the doom and gloom could be our only possibility. Increasing our CORVA membership can have a direct affect on off-road areas and maintenance. Your enthusiasm for CORVA will bring in more members. Attending the CORVA Fun Days convention should help too.

We want you to come and enjoy CORVA. That's it – just enjoy the beautiful desert, some good company and good food. Life is good with CORVA! When you come, bring your non-CORVA friends. For the current rate of \$30.00 per year they will join to participate in the events, which helps us; they will save money over the next proposed rate of \$40.00 a year; and they will have a great time with family and friends.

Ultimately, our diverse CORVA membership will need each other's support so we can continue to defend our right to use existing off-road areas in California. Hopefully, with our strengthened voice of, say 20,000 paid members, we can make real progress at re-visiting the areas that have been closed. You, paid member or not, are the key. You have a choice. Join us, have fun with us, promote us and strengthen us. I will keep you notified of our progress, Steve.

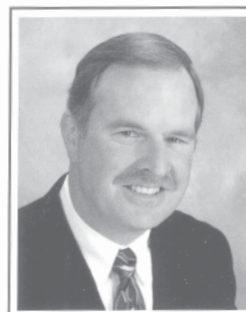
Let's see if we can challenge everyone to bring in more new members. My husband Jim and I will see you around the campfire in California City March 30th & 31st.

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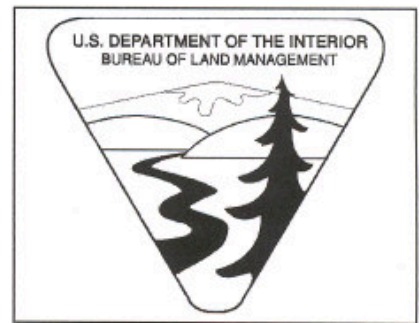
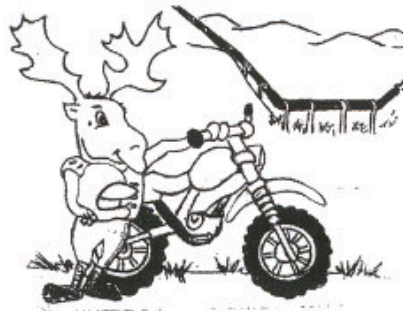
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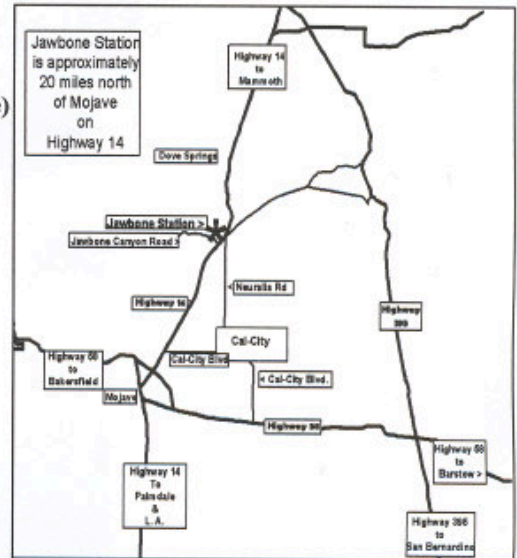
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- Soens - cont'd. from page 9 -

the barbecue by Harold's granddaughter, a tired, dirty, but proud group of off-road volunteers headed home Sunday evening for a well-deserved night's sleep (expecting many aches and pains in the morning).

More good news! We had enough money left over to hire a worker to scrape, repair, prime, and paint the woodwork trim on the house. By the time that is finished the Soens residence will have undergone an "extreme makeover" for its exterior – thanks to a bunch of hard-working warm-hearted off-roader volunteers!

[Due to the heavy content of our reports, to encourage our members to get involved in the elections these past few months, I was unable to fit this article in sooner. Harold would be pleased that we were all so busy on the off-roading aspects in the elections that the timeliness of this article could wait. I was taken by surprise by Harold's frank emotion at the last CORVA Convention (two weeks before his passing), when he so plainly said to me, "I love you, you know." He was saying goodbye and I knew something was different that day for Harold. I heard from others that he did this to many of his friends. Harold was a big part of CORVA and is greatly missed. God bless Jean, his loving, supportive wife. – Erin Dyer, Editor]

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Trail Stewards

We Made a Mark in the Sierra National Forest

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The CCQR (Central California Quad Riders), a new group of mainly retirees, have made a mark in the Sierra National Forest this year. In October of 2005, six friends who enjoy riding quads began having fun riding in the snow in the Bass Lake Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest. Going and having fun in the snow, getting wet, then



coming home to a warm shower and a soft bed seemed to be the best of both worlds.

Two to three trips a month became a pattern and it was just enough to keep everyone out of trouble. A quick call to set a date got three or four to go on the next trip. Loading the quads on a trailer became routine and a forty-five minute trip with breakfast in Oakhurst put everything in order. With snow conditions just right, twenty to thirty miles was a good trip and enough exercise to give one a good night's sleep.

When riding in the snow, getting stuck is always a possibility but you always plan for one quad rider to do the honors of pulling everyone else out. Occasionally we have found others in stranded vehicles and have been able to get them moving again, saving them from spending a cold night in a car or truck.

One overnight trip proved to be an experience to remember. We left in the early afternoon and set up camp at the snow line. After building a campfire and preparing dinner with steaks and all the trimmings it was time to relax. Then at one a.m., we started on a twenty-mile loop. With the snow frozen hard, and a bright moon shining down, this proved to be a very beautiful and exciting ride. That sunrise was one of the best I have ever seen.

As winter began to come to a close and the snow started to melt we continued to ride but found the winter storms had caused many trees to fall across the roads and OHV trails. Traveling became a problem, if not impossible in some cases. We waited for the Forest Service to come and clear the roads but with limited budgets we were told it could be a while before the roads and trails would be cleared.

After a few meetings with the Forest Service we found we could be helpful in clearing some of the trails. Some of our group joined the Forest Service as volunteers and have shirts to prove it. Little did we realize our work had only just begun?

After some training by the Forest Service, we were provided gloves, toe ropes, pruning shears, and even chains, oil and gas for the chain saw. We were invited to join the chain saw class with the fire fighters and become certified to operate the chain saws.

Our weekly rides now include packing a chain saw with other equipment and clearing the roads of small trees, rocks and debris. These projects have continued all summer and we have cleared

most of the roads in the Bass Lake Ranger District. If we find a job that is bigger than our ability, we report it to the Road Maintenance Department and they dispatch heavy equipment to do the job.

This year we have cleared the district roads and trails of forty-two obstacles and hazardous conditions. We have expanded our volunteer job to keeping the roadways and campsites clean of all trash and unsightly conditions. We repair or replace signs that have been damaged or destroyed. Papers, cans and bottles along the road and



at campsites are retrieved, bagged and recycled. The count now is eighteen bags of trash that have been processed.

Our goal is to increase our group to fifteen members and expand to other districts within our region. We feel we have left a positive mark in the Sierra National Forest this summer and we feel good about this and have had fun doing it. If you would like to make a mark in your National Forest District, contact your District Ranger or Road Maintenance Supervisor and I am sure they will be grateful for any help you can offer.



- Lynn Daucher - cont'd. from page 8 -

"OC Dualies MC" with phone banking, Paul Welch of "Sons of Thunder 4x4", Vince Bauer of "Trailmasters 4x4", Tom Todd of "CORVA" and finally Jim Arbogast of "CORVA".

Monday's OHV walkers were Dirk McClellan of "OC Dualies MC", Dan Davis of "Trailmasters 4x4", Roy DeSimone pushing the stroller and carrying his incredibly patient and tolerant 2 1/2 year old son Dillon of "Sons of Thunder 4x4" who teamed up with Dennis Towgood of "OC Dualies MC" and Jeff Leonard of "OC Dualies" who walked a precinct at night.

Tuesday's OHV walkers were Bob Perry of "CORVA", Roger Van Metre of "D-37" and Jim Arbogast of "CORVA".

Rodney Stanhope was organizing our folks Saturday and Sunday before he was summoned to fly back up north to help once again with Richard Pombo's 11th Congressional District efforts. Rodney was all over the state helping organize off road efforts to Get Out The Vote.

That's nearly 30 Off-Roaders who volunteered to walk precincts during the final four-day push. They get it and took it to heart to volunteer. You folks are the best.

I'm still amazed when I think of our own Ed Waldheim who drove from Cal City on Thursday November 2nd to attend the D-37 meeting that evening in Brea and then drove straight through to Sacramento to attend an important OHMVR Commission Meeting on Friday.

From there, he drove home to Cal City. The next morning he drove to Anaheim with CORVA Field Rep Wayne Nosala to precinct walk. Ed drove back home to drop off Wayne and then returned Sunday to walk two more precincts by himself.

We almost brought Lynn home, but voter apathy prevailed in the end as only 50% of the Republican base came out to vote. Another factor was a disgruntled Republican turn coat named Otto Bade, who teamed up with friends of eventual winner Lou Correa to enter the race, then used some ugly tactics to steal approximately 1000 crucial votes.

On behalf of the young campaign workers and myself we want to thank Donna Arbogast for organizing the Monday night BBQ that was well received and tasty.

Though we are disappointed with the outcome it was a great experience. It was a pleasure to work with such respectful and intelligent group of young folks and our OHV volunteers. They really give you hope.

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