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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, 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 snowmobiles 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

## Pioneers in OHV Management

It is hard to believe that 2007 has passed. We are looking at so many challenges in front of us for 2008 until you almost feel like time should stand still. Well, as you know...it will not.

This year I was hoping to be able to ride more on my motorcycle, having moved to California City. However, I was able to ride off-road only 25 times and then that only covered 1800 miles. We did do a lot of four-wheel driving while working on signing trails, did some quad runs, and one ride in the rail.

While heading to the many meetings for off-road interests, I did manage to put 52,900 miles on my 14 month old Prius, for which my son, Chris, gave me a license plate frame with the words "Saving Gas for My Motorcycle." When I go to OHV Commission meetings with "4 CORVA" on my license plate, everyone knows it is CORVA that I represent. To everyone's surprise, we do try to help the environment by saving fuel.

So why should I drive so many miles? When you go to the CORVA website and see what our webmaster Wayne Berg posts on our Calendar of Events, you can see why. There are hundreds of meetings that CORVA attends on your behalf. We can't just skip them. Thus, we need to divide and conquer to get it all done ... are there any takers out there? Just let me know if you are interested in representing CORVA in your area, and pick a meeting to attend. Help is certainly needed!

Challenges that await us for 2008 are numerous. For starters we are working like crazy trying to get everyone to help us with identifying the routes in the National Forests. The routes that we GPS must be matched against the trail information that the Forest Service is coming out with. This

is very important. We need to find the fallacies in the USFS maps and attempt to correct them before they become final maps.

CORVA members Bruce Whitcher, Amy Granat, and Kyra have been key in helping CORVA put together a list of those OHVs working on this USFS Route Designation issue across the state. We are talking about people on the ground who know the trails intimately. What will happen during the process it anyone's guess.

One thing is for sure, we have to fight for every trail we have that provides a reasonable access to our public lands. Word is out that many forests are being totally unreasonable and are cutting up to 80% of trails out of the trail system, so we need everyone to engage in this historic effort. Once these trails are gone, they won't be brought back, ever.

USFS Route Designation meeting dates are on the CORVA web page, and updates can be obtained from Bruce Whitcher at [User501968@aol.com](mailto:User501968@aol.com).

**SB742** — our new OHV bill, will bring its own challenges. Yes, we all worked very hard on the negotiations of this bill which will now rewrite the OHV Program. All OHV groups worked collaboratively to get the best program possible. The bill was signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

It now has to be transformed into legal regulations and then approved by the Office of Administrative Law. For many years, no one told us we had to do this last step of the process. Then a couple of years ago, environmental extremists sued the State's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program for running what they called "underground" regulations. So, getting the new OHV bill

approved by the Office of Administrative Law is the first priority that OHMVR Deputy Director Daphne Greene and OHMVR Chief Phil Jenkins will have to tackle.

We are indebted to both Ms. Green and Mr. Jenkins for working tirelessly for our sport. If you only knew the hours they spend in Sacramento trying to get the OHV Program back to sound management, it would blow you away. I know, because I talk to them on a constant basis and know the many hours they commit to their jobs.

One of the benefits of the rewritten OHV program is the changes to the OHMVR Commission. We expect to take back our Commission from the environmental extremists that used to dominate it. One thing we realized is that the composition of the OHMVR Commission has to change so we can get back to managing our OHV sport and not just closing our OHV sport — as has happened in the past 3 years with an environmentally-dominated OHMVR Commission.

What used to be the model OHMVR program in the nation has become a joke on us, because the OHMVR Commission has done everything in their power to limit, reduce, and cut out our OHV recreation. By their actions, this past Commission has the worst environmental record next to none. "No management" is their plan, no "Operations and Maintenance" money was given out last year, (and they call themselves environmentalists). They should be ashamed of themselves, resign, and go do something else that is best suited for their lifestyle. It seems they don't really even want to be at a Commission meeting in the first place.

CORVA has been fighting for the OHV user for more than 37 years. CORVA was a

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# Truckhaven

## Truckhaven Challenge XIII 2008 Update

By Rick Fisher, Truckhaven Committee  
Co-Chair

Truckhaven Challenge XIII is alive and well and taking place at a new location. As you probably know, the 2007 Challenge was canceled to avoid a lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) against the state and CORVA. The state became involved when it purchased about 3200 acres of land in the Truckhaven Hills area where our event has been held for twelve years. When this land was un-posted private property it was perfectly legal to enter and recreate.

However the state is obligated to file a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document before issuing permits for events when environmental damage is possible. Although the Challenge route was approved by state archeologists and biologists, a formal document was not completed and CBD took this opportunity to sue. Rather than risk an injunction or worse, CORVA pulled its permit request. CBD recently settled the suit with terms

very favorable to motorized recreation but a full CEQA document cannot be prepared in time for our event.

Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (OWSVRA) is located south of S22 and contains some of the same geologic features that make the Truckhaven Hills a great motorized recreation area. Geoff Teare and I spent two weekends touring the area with the help of a park ranger and Ed Stovin and decided we could put together a very good course for the 2008 Challenge In Ocotillo Wells.

Although the route has not been finalized and will need to be approved by the park, I can tell you that you will experience deep canyons, narrow twisting passages, rocky sections and fun mud hills as well as sandy washes. This challenge will introduce segments new to you and rarely driven by anybody. As usual I do not recommend this route to larger or

stock vehicles. Please read the article on the flyer elsewhere or on the web at our website [www.corva.org](http://www.corva.org).

The entrance to the camping area is on Holly road off S22 2.5 miles west of route 86. A detailed map will be on the web site. This area has ramadas and a permanent toilet.

We hope to see you there!

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## Ocotillo Wells Geothermal Update

By Ed Stovin  
Southern Regional Director of Grants

For those of you who love Ocotillo Wells, you should know that two separate projects are moving forward in our off-road area.

The first project is with Icelandic America. This company owns seven square miles of mineral rights inside the park. The land is located in the shape of a 7 with three miles west to east just south of S22 and four going south along Poleline Road. They are currently (mid November) drilling a test well right next to Poleline road just north of the county dump. They are about halfway to the estimated depth, 2700 feet now and are drilling a couple hundred feet a day. The results of this well may well determine the direction geothermal will go at Ocotillo Wells.

The second project is with the BLM. The BLM owns 23 square miles of mineral rights on either side of Poleline Road and is moving forward with a plan to allow geothermal development. You might remember last April was the deadline to submit comments for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I just spoke to John Dalton, program manager, and he said the EIS is done and will be released in a few weeks. We are not sure what will happen on the ground regarding geothermal energy development.

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## Secretary Kempthorne Announces New Appointments to BLM Central California Resource Advisory Council

By Bruce Whitcher, CORVA Field Rep.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne recently announced the appointment of two new members to the citizen-based resource advisory council (RAC) for Central California. The RAC advises the Bureau of Land Management on public land issues.

Steve Koretoff of Fresno, was appointed to represent off road recreation interests. Steve is in the agriculture and portable storage business. A lifelong off road enthusiast, Steve has been riding since 1978.

Steve served the last year of a three year term on the advisory council previously held by Ed Tobin of the Salinas Ramblers. He has now been appointed for a full three year term.

Steve sends the following statement for us:

"I am very honored to be able to serve the OHV community in this capacity. I would like to encourage everyone to get involved and show up to public meetings. The government officials need to know that the public wants to recreate responsibly on public lands, and this includes OHV use. I would also encourage everyone to get involved with the Forest Service as well. The current Route Designation Plan can make or break us, we need public comments that support our sport and the trail systems that currently exist."

I think we would all second what he says.

Steve, thanks for what you do for us!!



# 13th Annual Truckhaven Challenge!



January 26-27, 2008  
All OHV's Welcome!\*



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## POKER RUN- Saturday, January 26

CORVA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (1 year- \$30)



Registration- Each Vehicle \$35

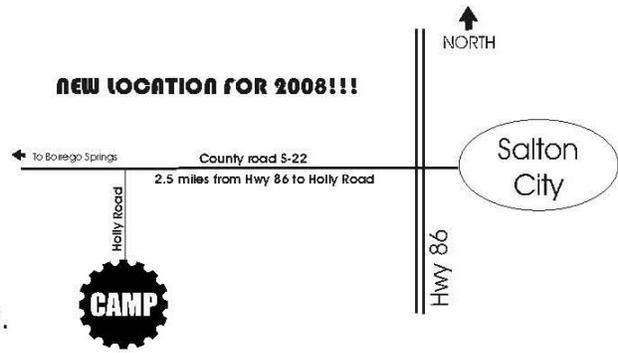
Kids (12 and under) on ATV's/MC- \$15

All Prices include one poker hand and 1 raffle ticket!

PRIZES: Poker Hands 1st- \$250 2nd- \$100 3rd- \$50

Games 1st- \$100 2nd- \$50 3rd- \$25

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



### \*ATTENTION!

The main route is calculated for all OFF ROAD vehicles and experienced riders/drivers. You will encounter steep hills tight canyons, loose sand and rocks. The main route is tested with a high clearance Jeep in two-wheel drive and open differentials. However the route will change with the passage of many vehicles and since we can't factor in the experience level of each rider/driver, it may be a tough, technical trailride for some participants, especially drivers of stock SUV's and small children riding ATV's and dirt bikes. If you are not willing to risk damage to your vehicle, or are not sure of your riding/driving skills, do not make the run.

Course length approx. 20 miles

Alternate "difficult routes" for those willing to "GO FOR IT!"

Checkpoints have "games of skill" for more family fun and prizes!

Course closes 4:00 pm

BBQ dinner (see menu) to follow Poker Run

Awards and great raffle prizes donated by off road industry!

### Trailmasters Club BBQ Dinner Menu

Hamburger	\$3.00
Hamburger w/side of chili	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$1.50
Hot Dog w/chili	\$2.00
Bowl of chili	\$1.00

## SATELLITE SAFARI- Sunday, January 27\*

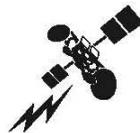
CORVA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

\*GPS receiver required

9:00 AM to Noon

Treasure Hunt-type game

Each Vehicle \$10.00



Great Fun!!!

### REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT!

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

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

### Suggested Items:

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

Registration desk will open early Friday (January 25) afternoon at the event

Camping for the event is located in an easily accessible dirt area. Plenty of room for motorhomes and trailers. This is dry desert camping, so no hook-ups. There will, however, be toilets available for those "tenting it".



All proceeds from this event to go to CORVA's Land Use Fund!

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# Club Events

## Jeeping Jeepers Jeep Club Takes to the El Paso Mountains

By Bil Seymour

The Jeeping Jeepers Jeep Club went to the El Paso Mountains, in the West Mojave, for their October Jeep Run again this year. The JJC has been exploring this area for at least 12 years. This is a perfect time of the year for this area because the weather is uniformly favorable.

We camped at a new site this year, on BLM land north of Red Rock Canyon State Park. We were forced to choose a different spot to establish our camp because State Park personnel had posted No Camping signs all over our traditional base camp.

There was a total of 11 rigs on this outing, which is about the ideal number for this type of run. JJC is a 100% CORVA club. We had eight members and three guests.

Our Trail Boss was Dick Moon, who knows this area like the back of his hand. Most of the participants were also experienced in this area.

The weather on Saturday morning was cool with a high overcast. While the

temperature was perfect, the subdued light tended to mute the spectacular desert colors on the trail.

Our trip included "Nightmare Gulch," which has so much scenery your eyes begin to hurt. The traction available was excellent, due to generally dry conditions. There were lots of boulder piles and many new rock formations since we were here last year. As usual, we found a number of large rocks which had become dislodged from the canyon walls. Unlike past runs, none of them completely blocked the trail. Still, there was usually a go-around at most of the tight spots.

We took our lunch break on top of a mesa with grand views in all directions. We have found these meals to be some of the most satisfying experiences we can imagine. Sitting in a beautiful area, surrounded by good food and great friends, is one of life's greatest rewards. Enjoying OUR land, with others who are recreating responsibly, is a concept that many of our detractors don't seem to understand.

## TDS Provides Red Cross Assistance During 2007 Wildfires

The Tierra del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club of San Diego (TDS4x4) provided assistance during the October 2007 wildfires that swept through San Diego County. As the first responders began to control the wildfires, TDS members joined with the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and American Red Cross to assess the damage caused by the wildfires.

Familiar with San Diego County and equipped with four-wheel drive vehicles and amateur radio communications, Tierra del Sol members provided critical transportation and communications services as part of the Red Cross Damage Assessment effort. The Red Cross DA follows behind the fire fighting effort to evaluate the extent of damage and help the Red Cross determine the services

necessary to assist residents forced to evacuate their homes.

The Red Cross provides emergency food and shelter during disasters. The Damage Assessment Teams provide the critical data needed to staff the emergency shelters to assist displaced residents.

TDS4x4 has been providing assistance to the San Diego Red Cross chapter for over twelve years beginning with the 1996 Harmony Grove Fire. The 2007 wildfires marks the fourth time club members have volunteered to assist during a wildfire crisis.

TDS4x4 promotes four wheel drive motor vehicle family recreation as wholesome and fun, demonstrates motor vehicle recreation practices to protect and enjoy the natural environment, and promotes recreational motorized access

And, it seems, if THEY don't "get it," then they think we shouldn't be allowed to do it.

Another favorite place to travel is "Last Chance Canyon." The highlights include gorgeous geological formations which have been weathered to perfection over centuries by Mother Nature. One of the highlights of the day is visiting the "Post Office," a period building in varying states of restoration. Another favorite stop is the "Rock House," which is built into the side of a mountain, high on a plateau.

A trip to the El Paso's would not be complete without a stop at "Bickel Camp." This miners camp is preserved as close as possible to the way it was for decades. The Camp is now being supervised full time, which is supported, in part by the Friends of Jawbone, another CORVA affiliate. The whole area is covered with machinery and other elements of a much more primitive life than we enjoy today.

The reward for a hard day on the trail is a hot meal, a cool beverage, and warm conversation around a roaring camp fire. And, did I mention the wondrous night sky? There were, alternately, a million stars, a thousand clouds, a few drops of rain, and a single incredibly beautiful moon.

After a terrific night's sleep in the cool, clean air, Sunday dawned

with the prospect of another great Jeep Run. This time, we ventured out to explore the old "Dutch Cleanser" mine. This former working excavation shows how millions of tons of gritty talc-like material were taken out many years ago, leaving huge archways and cavernous shafts which disappear in the dark distance.

While the JJC did not go there this year, another "must see" in these mountains is the "Burro Schmidt Tunnel," that shows just how much earth one man and one mule can move, as long as one JJC devotes one's life to a single pursuit.

The bright sunlight on Sunday allowed everyone to enjoy the wonderful colors we

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of public lands. If you would like more information on how you can be a part of this effort, contact Tierra del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club of San Diego, P.O. Box 4371, San Diego, CA 92164, or telephone (619) 390-8747, or visit [www.tds4x4.com](http://www.tds4x4.com).



## Now Accepting Nominations For the CORVA Awards

The following awards will be presented at this year's CORVA Convention. If you know of anyone deserving of one or more of these awards, please send the required information to CORVA at 1500 West El Camino, #352, Sacramento, CA 95833-1945 or email to [geoff@corva.org](mailto:geoff@corva.org) and [kx500@pacbell.net](mailto:kx500@pacbell.net). Write one nomination per email and include the award name in the subject line. If you need more info. please call 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 512 (Geoff Teare).

### George Thomas Memorial Trophy For "Off Roader Of The Year"

This trophy was sponsored by Cranley's Desert Cats and is presented to the one individual whose contributions to the betterment of off-roading during the preceding year are worthy of this very special recognition. The recipient may be any individual who has provided special help to off roading. The person does not have to be a member of CORVA or any affiliated organization. The nomination should be submitted to the above address with an explanation of the individual's accomplishments.

### Looney Duners Trophy to Charity

To be eligible for this award, the club must belong to CORVA. The award goes to the club that donates the most time and effort to charity. Money is not a factor.

### Northern & Southern Club Award

This award is given annually to one club in each region, Northern and Southern. Each club shall submit what it deems to be its outstanding project for the year. These projects will be considered by the Board of Directors, which shall award the trophy to that project it deems best bolsters the image of off roading. If your club has done a project to promote off roading, please send your letter today.

### Los Aventureros State Conservation Award

This award is presented to the individual club, which during the year, has contributed the most towards conservation. Nominees are scored by the following system.

- I. Land Conservation
  - A. Acquisition
    1. Land grants or open new areas to ORV use.
    2. Opening closed areas to ORV use.

- B. Rehabilitation
  1. Reforestation (fire or flood)
  2. Rebuilding (bridge, building, etc.)
  3. Removal (rocks, trees, etc. from roads and trails)

Any project in Category I will be scored 40 points.

- II. Clean up
  - A. Public Lands
    1. Trash pick up to enhance ORV opportunity
  - B. Camp Areas
    1. Clean up camp areas (not your campsite)

Any project in Category II will be scored 20 points.

- III. Public Service
  - A. Civic Obligation
  - B. Promotion of CORVA
  - C. Clean Up Private Lands or Leased Lands
  - D. Recycling Aluminum Cans  
(Proceeds donated to CORVA)

Any project in Category III will be scored 10 points.

### American Buggy Association Political Activism Award

To have one's name added to this plaque requires exceptional activity in dealing with elected officials and civil servants. This means personal contact as well as effective letter writing. While significant success is not always possible, it is important that some progress toward a goal was achieved. In addition, this person's efforts should always increase the perception of CORVA as a political powerhouse.

### Past Presidents' Trophy

This trophy is sponsored by the Past Presidents of CORVA. Unlike the aforementioned trophies which are voted upon by the CORVA Board of Directors after hearing nominations, this trophy is at the sole discretion of the Past Presidents. The recipient is an individual who has shown great merit and achieved honorable accomplishments on behalf of the off-road community.

## Let Us Hear From You!

**What has your club done this year for Off-Roading?** Your club may be eligible for any one of the awards listed above. Send us your list of club accomplishments for the last calendar year including participation in clean-up events, charity events or trail maintenance projects, help at CORVA events, attendance at OHV meetings, letter writing, trail patrols, adopt-a-trail, list of donations to CORVA or other OHV groups, and number of new CORVA members you brought in. **Here's your chance to be recognized. Every club should make a list and send it in today!**

**To become a CORVA Club you need:** Either 1) 10 paid CORVA member-families in your club. 2) If your club is less than 10 member-families, you need 100% of your members to be paid CORVA members 3) You can sign up by sending a check for \$300 and a list of 10 club members' names. Each will receive a CORVA membership & newsletter for one year, and voting rights at the CORVA Annual Meeting for by-law changes and officer elections. (Some trophies require CORVA membership.)

# Southern Jamboree

## Southern Jamboree – New Faces, New Clubs & Same Old Fun!

By Erin Dyer, CORVA State Secretary & Newsletter Editor

At this year's CORVA Southern Jamboree we mixed up our routine a little. It is nice to have new faces join our Board of Directors in recent years. They have brought new ideas and new volunteers to CORVA. We put both these new ideas and these new volunteers to good use at the Southern Jamboree held last September 2007.

Of course, our long-time dedicate volunteers also showed up in force to assist. With this mix of volunteers we were able to make the event even better for our participants, and better yet, raise more money than any prior Southern Jamboree! The money goes to our CORVA Land Use Fund, so we are so excited that the event is growing in popularity with our CORVA members. Every year, it just keeps getting better, I tell you! So, if you missed this event, you missed so much fun and excitement.

Our new Southern Regional Director, Wes Hoagland, had the idea to move the CORVA Southern Jamboree to California City, CA. In year's past, we have held our Southern Jamboree at Hungry Valley SVRA in Gorman, CA. Back then, CORVA had the specific use of the Quail Canyon Special Vehicle Use area and the MX track.

Over the years, as the attendance grew with the popularity of the event, we were bursting from the seams at Quail Canyon, had little area for the events, and were too close for comfort when it came to the camping situation. At Quail Canyon, we couldn't "circle the wagons" for campfires, etc. Wes, wanted to take advantage of the dispersed camping and great trails in California City, so we moved the location. This proved to be successful.

This year, Wes' team brought us a fabulous 3-day event. The list of volunteers is long, so here is a highlight. Thanks to:

Registration: Kelly Hoagland, Carol Barber, Faith Work  
BBQ: Party Brian & Pt. Mugu 4WD  
Trophies: Jeff & Erin Dyer  
Event Shirts: Carol Barber & Hard-Core Attire  
Prizes: Faith & Terry Work  
CORVA Store: Bud Schick  
Agency Contact: Jim Colln  
Water Truck: Friends of El Mirage, Kevin Barber (driver)

### Grand Prize Winners

**EMPI Seat:** Danny Unger  
**T-Max Winch:** Debbie Moser (Mosey On and Off)  
**Bestop SuperTop:** Michael Hutchinson  
**B.F. Goodrich Tires:** Joseph Gonzalez  
**Detroit Locker:** Veronica Wilson

Thanks to the many clubs and families who dedicated their Saturday to hosting an event. (Clubs are listed in the Winners list with the name of each event.) These dedicated volunteers spend their day with a clip board and stop watch, get roasted, dusted out, and sunburned. They do this all for the members and for their personal dedication to CORVA.

The events were so much fun! Having new clubs such as the High Desert 4Wheelers, the Wicked Off-Roaders, Little Rock 4 Wheelers, and R&R Duners join us, we had new games such as the Potato Spear Race, Mud Bogg, Incline Ramp (back for the second year) and Telephone Book Race. The Telephone Book Race was an old CORVA game that made a return after being in retirement for so long.

We also enjoyed the old favorites like the ABA Barrel Race, the Los Aventureros Can Slam and Four Wheelin' Fools' Ugly Obstacle Course. With this great assortment of games, we had fewer lines and more fun. Events are geared for all age groups and all skill levels. This is what makes this a family event. The

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## CORVA Southern Jamboree 2007 Winners

### Incline Ramp

Hosts: High Desert Four Wheelers

### Short Wheel Base

1<sup>st</sup>: Jim Taylor  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dennis Whisenard  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Wes Hoagland

### Long Wheel Base

1<sup>st</sup>: Ralph Felix

### Can Slam

Hosts: Los Aventureros Club

### ATV 0-7 yrs.

1<sup>st</sup>: Seth Harding (1:22.28)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dillon Bland (1:38.19)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Hailey Smith (1:40.87)

### ATV 8-12 yrs.

1<sup>st</sup>: Dominic Sorosjinda (57.13)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Harrison Weis (58.00)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Brock Cerconia (1:00.85)

# Southern Jamboree

## ATV 13-17 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Bridget Bacon (46.53)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Conner Galbraith (50.59)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jesse Martin (52.12)

## ATV Adult

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Patrick Church (45.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: John McKeehan (47.94)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Leanna Pianke (50.75)

## Motorcycle 8-12 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Dominic Sorosjinda (1:00.03)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Eiklor (1:15.53)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Brenda Deamisis (1:18.78)

## Motorcycle 13-17 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jesse Martin (52.19)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Nicholas Sorosjinda (55.00)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Garret Ames (55.13)

## Motorcycle Adult

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Partick Church (46.59)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Rick Galbreith (47.94)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jim Petty (55.59)

## Baja & Buggies

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Earl Bayless (47.53)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bridget Bacon (47.69)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Ron Sweetingham (49.85)

## Trucks & 4x4s

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Shaina Allen (52.94)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeremy Kelling (1:50.65)

## Rhino

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Scott Grunwald (49.43)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dean Mills (55.69)

## Mini Buggies

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kassie Berg (54.31)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Keven McKeehan (1:15.54)

## Ugly Obstacle Course

Hosts: Four Wheelin' Fools (FWF)

## 4x4

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ralph (1:59.73)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob W. (2:12.47)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jason (3:59.17)

## Buggy

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Earl (1:12.80)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck (1:16.53)

## Quad

- 1<sup>st</sup>: John (1:10.39)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: James (1:19.84)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Travis (1:22.52)

## Motorcycle

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Austin (1:05.30)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Patrick (1:06.87)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Chris B. (1:08.15)

## Mud Bog

Hosts: Little Rock 4Wheelers

## Men

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Scott Mosey  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeremy Kelling  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Jason Montgomery

## Women

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Renee Wenaugh  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Michelle Nosaina

## Potato Spear Race

Hosts: Wicked Off-Roaders

## Motorcycle 6-12 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Dominic Sorosjinda

## Motorcycle 13-17 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Blair Martin (1:46)

## 4x4 Jeep

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Scott Mosey  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason Montgomery  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Heidi Simental

## Hard Charger Award

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ralph Felix (0:49.00)

## ATV 0-7 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Dylan Bland

## ATV 8-17 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Kassie Beiz  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Justin Nine

## ATV Adult

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Sean McKeen  
2<sup>nd</sup>: John McKeen

## Telephone Book Race

Hosts: R&R Duners

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Scott Peatross (0:57.48)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Farrell (0:59.04)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Leanna Pionke (1:01.00)

Most Dedicated: Ricky Moss  
First Timer: Matthew Jordan

## Barrel Race

Hosts: American Buggy Assoc. (ABA)

## Dune Buggy

- 1<sup>st</sup>: John George (0:35.66)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Sean McKeehan (0:38.40)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Blair Webrand (0:39.19)

## ATV 0-7 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Seth Harding (0:42.34)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Hailey Smith (0:46.94)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Daniel Lohr (0:49.47)  
4<sup>th</sup>: Hanan Pionke (1:04.00)

## ATV 8-15 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Tyler Chapman (0:30.78)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jesse Martin (0:32.06)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Harrison Weiss (0:32.78)

## Adult ATV

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Tom Pionke (0:30.18)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Tavis Bayless (0:30.22)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Patrick Church (0:31.47)

## Motorcycle 8-15 yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jesse Martin (0:31.15)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Derek Galbraith (0:32.72)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Mike Mills

## Motorcycle 16+ yrs.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Seth Wolf (0:32.37)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Patrick Church (0:32.62)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Rick Galbraith (0:33.69)

## Jeep/Truck

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Scott Gronewold (0:45.22)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ralph Felix (1:03.19)

**Long Distance Award:** Tom & Lucas Butler,  
Clovis, CA

**Club Participation Award:** Point Mugu  
4WD Club

## Elections!

It's time to start thinking about the next election of CORVA officers. The next election will take place at the CORVA Convention held in the Spring. We have to start early and ask all members to consider running for office. We know there are many members who can find some time to put their experiences to work for our great organization. We need Board members to help replace those that have served many years. We have 4 Board meetings per year (conference call participation is available) and do most work via email. Please contact Geoff Teare at [geoff@corva.org](mailto:geoff@corva.org) for more info.

# Southern Jamboree

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Mud Bogg was one of the more fun games to spectate. We had a large group gather round to see the members challenge themselves.

It was interesting to watch the Can Slam event. Participants were so excited to beat their times that they kept coming back for another round. It drew quite a crowd. One participant brought his white full size pick up on the course. He was so busy nailing it after his passenger moved the can at the checkpoint each time that the back end of the truck got loose and ran over the checkpoint poles – every single time — making his fast time reduced by 5 penalties! Oops. I am sure each event had a fun story such as this one, I just didn't hear or see them all.

During the day the N2Dirt board members, hosted a Kid's Trash Clean-up. The clean up was a big success with the kids. It helped clean up the desert surrounding our camp and educate the kids and parents on the N2Dirt concepts. Each kid that brought back a bag of trash was entered into a drawing to win a large toy Hummer.

Saturday night, we enjoyed the awesome and delicious barbecue organized and cooked by Party Brian and his crew from the Point Mugu 4WD Club. This fed the hungry crowds, but also was a great fund raiser for the Land Use Fund, as well. Thanks guys for this great Tri-tip dinner!

Then, we took pleasure in the campfire, the Awards Ceremony for the events, and the Prize Giveaway. We enjoyed many great stories of what the winners' did to fight for their times during the events.

Thanks to Wayne Berg of the ABA who brought neon bracelets and necklaces for the kids – no one was left out of the fun!

Thanks to Bunwarmers in California City for the donation of the firewood, we had a HUGE fire each night and kept toasty warm. Due to the incredible dedication of Faith & Terry Work, CORVA V.P. Sales & Marketing, we had a huge assortment of prizes to give away.

This year they took the extra effort to organize the prizes in "grab-bags" to make the Prize Giveaway go quicker. This attention to detail by Faith made each bag of prizes a valuable assortment of high end and low end prizes. Each prize bag had

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the prize sponsors' names listed which were announced prior to each number being drawn. This Prize Giveaway was amazing! We had so many great prizes for so many various vehicles.

Next year, have your riding buddies or family come up with a new and interesting game. Anything, crazy, quirky and fun will do. There aren't many rules. We need new talent and new imagination to keep the fun alive. You can contact Erin Dyer at [kx500@pacbell.net](mailto:kx500@pacbell.net) and order trophies. Here's your chance to donate one day of time to CORVA to give back to the

organization. It is a lot of fun working an event. You can meet the members, watch the crazy drivers, and spend time in the great outdoors. You will be rewarded with gratitude from the members.

I am sure I forgot a name or two of the dedicated volunteers to thank, but everyone did this for CORVA, not for the recognition...right? So, I apologize for missing any names. Thanks again to all, and I want to encourage the new CORVA members to plan to join us next September for the 2008 Southern Jamboree. I plan to be there and hope to see you there, too!

# Southern Jamboree

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# A True Story

## How I Rode Down A Hill I Couldn't Ride Up...

By Paul Van Zuyle

Reprinted by the District 37 AMA Dual Sport Newsletter.

...or maybe Jerry Counts is right after all. Jim Woods is probably right, too.

At the risk of competing with Julie, I'm going to tell a story about a short ride that turned into a long walk recently on our family vacation in the Panamint Valley.

We went camping for Spring Break with the kids at the Wildrose in Death Valley National Park, and we threw my wife's plated XR200 on the hitch rack for the trip. She rode it a couple of times to scout out some side roads while I followed in the van with the kids.

We stopped at the Ballarat store after a morning of exploring a few miles up Pleasant Canyon. My wife asked me if I'd like to ride the XR200. "Sure," I said. "I'll just ride this little loop up Pleasant Canyon and down South Park, and meet you back at the Panamint Springs Resort. See you in a couple of hours."

Casual, just like that. I put my work boots on, my lunch and camera in my Camelback, and took off. No spares; not a single tool. Just a GPS and an Auto Club map. I'd read about the route in Death Valley SUV Trails, so I knew where I was going. Right.

Oh, yeah, I had my wife's cell phone, which worked back at the campground. Off I went, and it sure was neat. The canyon is wet, unlike the surrounding desert, and the stream runs right down the road for a few

miles. I even fell down once on a slipper turn, but it was no big deal and I got right back up and kept going. I took a few pictures of the spectacular scenery and the old mines on the way up, and pretty soon I was near the top, at World Beater adopt-a-cabin.

I turned left out of the cabin, since my Auto Club map showed that I needed to turn that way pretty soon, and the road up the side of the mountain looked interesting anyway. The XR doesn't have an odometer, but I had the GPS track log going.

I got to the top of a ridge and had an amazing view, and wasn't quite sure I was at the right pass or not. The GPS track log showed only 9.9 miles, not the 12+ I figured on, and the altitude was only 6500 feet, not the ~7200 I expected at the pass. But the road was good, and there wasn't any other road on the map. So I started back down the other side.

Quickly, though, it was clear that this part was seldom traveled. There were no new tire tracks, and there were a few big rocks that had rolled into the road among some healthy weeds. Funny, I thought, for a road that is part of a famous 4x4 loop. Oh well, this may not be the main road, but it looks interesting.

I stopped to contemplate a steep section, and then I rode down. It got even steeper, and turned to loose shale. Around a particularly steep section, there were a few old steel runway mats, like serious 4x4 people use for traction. I stalled the engine a couple of .times, and skidded my way

down. Now I'm committed, I thought. I was both excited and afraid.

But it still looked like a good road, and I kept going down. Once I locked the front wheel and fell down. But it gradually got a little better, and I went past a new-looking gas can, so I didn't feel totally alone.

By now I knew I wasn't going down South Park, but I thought I was in Middle Park. Middle Park doesn't have a road that goes through on the map, but I thought I could get out anyway, since this road came so far down from the summit.

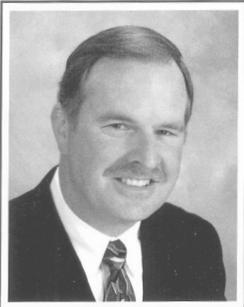
I could see the main canyon ahead, and then I abruptly came to the end of the road. After I got off, I could see why – there was a 20-foot waterfall ahead, and not even a big Cat could have pushed through that. So now that tight ball of fear in my stomach I had felt on the way down turned to lead.

A plan jumped to mind: I'll try for an hour to get back up the hill, and then I'll walk out. So I turned around and rode back up the trail a few hundred yards, and bogged down. I was hot and panting. A few more tries netted me another 50 yards.

Although I only did this for 20 minutes, it was obviously futile; there were much steeper grades further back up. So I rode back to the bottom, took out my proof of insurance paper, and wrote a note about how I was walking back up the road and out the canyon, just in case anyone found the bike before they found me. I put the date and time on it, and offered a large reward for returning the bike. I even laid out a big rock arrow pointing back up the hill, in case someone came looking for me by air. I didn't try to write out a will, because I already have one.

Besides, it was still nearly an hour before my wife was expecting me, and I

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## A Letter Worth Reading

(Edited By Dan Allison – CORVA VP of Education, with Nicole’s permission, some text removed, last name concealed)

Dear CORVA,

My name is Nicole G. and I’m a senior at Diamond Bar High School. In my Adobe Photoshop class our teacher assigned us a project where we must address a current issue.

The project had to be directed to an organization and as an OHVer myself I couldn’t help but to choose you.

Sincerely, Nicole G.

## Keeping OHV Public Lands Open

By Nicole G. – Senior at Diamond Bar High School

Fighting for the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation is not an easy job, but it can be with the right support. That is why your help is needed to continue to allow access to public lands. Did you know that each year CORVA Board of Directors and Field Representatives attend over 100 meetings with government officials and answer thousands of phone calls all regarding to OHV access? Many environmental organizations attack our sport and we must stop giving them reasons to.

CORVA is dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, and not from the people. Therefore we must all do our part in keeping OHV public lands open for future use. Adopted by CORVA, California Off-Road Vehicle Association, a program called N2Dirt has been created to help spread awareness to people about how their actions can change whether or not public lands will be open in the future. Their motto is “Here to Ride – Ride to Stay”.

Jim Pilon, a Tour ‘N Trails promoter and CORVA member, wrote an article in **Off Roaders In Action** saying that, “We the people’ own this land [public land] and pay the government to manage it for our best interest.” However, “Conservation’ groups put in their 2 cents worth (more like billions of dollars to influence

legislation and laws) to ‘manage’ PUBLIC land.” Whoever said money doesn’t talk.

Another thing that doesn’t make sense is the fact that in order to have an organized event on public/OHV land a permit is needed. The process of acquiring a permit is not an easy job and it even seems like when one is obtained the event is still not set in stone. Here’s what is funny about the entire idea of a permit. If you go to a public recreational place on your own to ride or off-road for the day NO permit is needed. Yet for an organized event, where the trails are marked and every precaution is being made, environmentalists have to make things difficult.

The point I am trying to make is that we must all work together in managing our sport and at the same time protecting the environment. Our sport is great! Whether you’re with your family or friends we all have a good time. In the day riding on the trails and at night laughing around the campfire, and we can’t stop traditional recreation like that. A sport like ours must stick around for years to come. So do your part by making sure you know the rules wherever you ride or off-road, pack out what you packed in (like trash), and try not to burn pallets of wood or at least pick up the nails they leave behind. Not only are these nails dangerous to others, but think of our bikes and vehicles! Lastly, become a CORVA member or a member of any other recreational organization. One cannot voice their opinion if not informed.

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A lot depends on just how hot, how much and how contaminated with minerals the water is. Our weapon at this stage will be written comments on future draft EIS's.

There will be another round of environmental impact studies for specific projects. This will be the time to send a flood of letters expressing our views. I hope everyone who loves Ocotillo Wells the way it is will make constructive comments to the BLM and cross your fingers, hoping the water down there is no good for geothermal energy development.

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April 11-13	California City, Camp B, BLM Work Weekend
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May 2-4	California City, Camp B, Play Weekend
May 23-26	California City, Camp B, Memorial Day Weekend

Smitty's Desert Riders is a family club. Members ride dirt bikes and quads mostly, but also own buggies and 4-wheel drive vehicles. We enjoy touring the desert trails of California City and have adopted this area for our BLM Work Weekends. If you have seen the marked trails of the California City area, chances are we were the ones installing and labeling them. We have done this for many years since the BLM wanted to close all trails to OHVs due to the Desert Tortoise. Smitty (Alex Smith), Ed Waldheim and CORVA got involved and promised to work to get all riders to ride on only the marked trails (no cross country riding), if the BLM kept the trails open for riders. Thus, we created the marked trail system you know today in the California City area. To get a copy of the trail system, you can purchase a Friends of Jawbone map at the BLM Jawbone Visitor's Center. Your cooperation of staying on the trails is vitally important to our future riding.

We are always looking for new members and welcome any family looking for a CORVA club. Please call Alex Smith at (714) 528-1817. Come join us!

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- ◆ **September 2008 - CORVA Southern Jamboree**
- ◆ **October 2008 - CORVA Northern Jamboree**

**- Ride Up -**

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figured that even though the cell phone didn't work down there, it would work back up near the top. I'd call 911, I figured, and just tell them to call the Resort and tell my wife to wait for me to walk out. I'd figure out what to do about the bike later.

So I walked most of the way back up the hill in about 45 minutes (I'm in good shape, now that I ride my bicycle more than I ride my motorcycle). I whipped open the cell phone, and it said two things: low battery, and no signal.

While I was looking out over the canyon, though, I realized that I wasn't in Middle Park after all, but in a side canyon to Pleasant Canyon. In fact, my bike was less than a half mile, by the GPS, from the main road. If I continued back up and around the way I'd came, it would be a few more miles than if I went back down to the bike, and went cross-country to the main road. Besides, my feet hurt a lot already, and I figured that the sooner I got back, the less my wife would have to worry.

So I walked back down the hill to my bike and changed the arrow to point the other way. I made an addendum to my note on the proof of insurance slip tucked between the tank and the seat, and then I sat on my butt and slid down the loose, steep hill toward the waterfall.

When I got there, I discovered that it was an easy climb down, even though it looked almost vertical from a few feet away. After that, I saw what at first I thought was horse dung, and then realized it was from the wild burros. That was comforting, since

I figured that I could walk anywhere they could.

And so pretty soon I was back on the Pleasant Canyon main road, quickly stepping along with my sore feet back to Ballarat. After a couple of hours, I was nearly there, and I saw a fellow named Dennis camped with an ATV that I had met earlier at the cabin. He drove me the last mile into Ballarat, and there I found a note my wife had left me just a few minutes earlier, but there was still no phone or cell service. The note said come back to camp, or wait there until 7 p.m. and she'd pick me up.

So I sat there with the drunks who were shooting guns next to the store with their kids and watched the sun go down over the Argus Mountains. I sure wanted to tell my wife and kids I was okay, and 7 o'clock came and went. A couple of jeeps came down the canyon and turned the corner without stopping, and I thought one said "Search and Rescue" on the side. I was worried the cavalry was out looking for me. In fact, they were.

Finally, about 7:45 p.m. a jeep came up and asked for me. It turned out he was from the 4x4 club that had camped next to us at Wildrose, and my wife had been smart enough to enlist their help. He took me back to Panamint Springs Resort, and along the way I was able to call there and tell the staff I was okay just before the phone battery died. They were also smart enough to call the Park Service Rangers and stop the search.

So despite all those stupid things I did (you've been counting, right?) I came out okay. My wife probably had a worse time

than I did, really. There was still one thing missing, though: her bike!

While I was walking down, I thought about posting a reward in the Ballarat store; then I thought about posting a reward here; then I thought about calling my friend Steve Stith, a hill climber who could easily ride that bike back up the hill. But the guys from the Madhatters 4x4 Club I had dinner with later at the Panamint Springs Resort (the same club that found me in Ballarat and were camped next to us) insisted that they could get it out.

So the next day we went back in a convoy of six jeeps (I know some of them are gonna read this, but I gotta tell ya, those things are sloooooow – although I suspect they'd say they are just being a lot more careful than I was).

When we got back to the top of the pass I went over, one jeep went down a little ways, but stopped before it got really steep and slippery (unlike me!). Then four guys walked with me down toward the bike, and stationed themselves at the steep spots where I thought I'd get stuck.

I went down to the bike, tightened up the rear rim lock, and let most of the air out of the tire before I started back up. I managed to ride right past the first guy, but got bogged down soon after. After a little pushing I got going again, but the worst was still ahead. Each time I stopped, I had to drink and catch my breath – this was seriously hard work at nearly 6,000 feet.

At the really slippery spot near the top I let even more air out of the tire, and the strongest jeep guy, Dennis, and I ran

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- **Pioneers** - cont'd. from page 4 -

major player in getting the original OHV "Green Sticker" bill passed in 1972 (called the Chappie-Z'Berg bill).

What would we have done without the foresight of our original CORVA members! They were truly pioneers. They could see the potential growth of our sport and the demise of our riding areas due to the encroachment of development and increasing environmental concerns.

Today, CORVA will continue to play a key role in reshaping our OHV Program for responsible OHV use in California with this new OHV bill, SB742, signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

As always, we welcome comments and communications from every member who reads these lines. We need your feedback. Without it, how can we tell if we are doing the best that we can?

On behalf of the entire CORVA Board of Directors, we want to thank all volunteers profusely for all their dedication and wish every single member the best for the upcoming new year. May we all prosper and enjoy a great OHV recreational year in 2008!

- **Ride Up** - continued from page 20 -

alongside the bike pushing. The whole thing took about an hour, and soon the bike rescue was done.

I rode back to camp and nursed my blistered feet while they all crawled back in their jeeps. At the dinner we shared that night, they refused any reward or even a donation to the club, but suggested that I ought to help with the land use issues that both the jeep clubs and we riders face. So my wife and I have just made a \$250 donation to CORVA (about 10% the value of the bike – cheap, really).

So there it is, like a story from "I learned about flying from that" in Flying Magazine. Dare I ask anyone to go riding with me now?

See photos at: D-37 Dual Sport message board at: <http://www.district37ama.org/forums/showthread.php?t=13987>

- **JJJC** - cont'd. from page 8 -

missed the day before. After a relaxing afternoon enjoying the brilliant sky and gentle breeze, most of the group headed down Highway 14 and back to the "real world."

It had been another terrific outing of like-minded individuals enjoying the best our spectacular dessert has to offer. To join us next time, check out our website: <http://www.jeepringjeepers.com>

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# CORVA Calendar

- 1/8 .....OHV Leadership and BLM CA Desert District meeting, 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. or until Finished. 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley CA 92553
- 1/11-13 ..... Smitty's Desert Riders, California City, Camp B, BLM Work Weekend
- 1/26-27 ..... 13th Annual Truckhaven Challenge - See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter
- 2/2-3 ..... Smitty's Desert Riders, Dirt Diggers Grand Prix, Taft, CA
- 2/8 - 10 ..... Smitty's Desert Riders, California City, Camp B, Play Weekend
- 2/9-10 ..... ORBA Expo, Del Mar Fairgrounds [www.orba.biz](http://www.orba.biz)

- 2/13 .....Friends of El Mirage Meeting, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., El Mirage Community Center [www.elmirage.org](http://www.elmirage.org). Contact Ed Waldheim [edwaldheim@aol.com](mailto:edwaldheim@aol.com)

- 2/20 .....Friends of Jawbone Meeting, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Jawbone Canyon Station [www.jawbone.org](http://www.jawbone.org) Contact Ed Waldheim at [edwaldheim@aol.com](mailto:edwaldheim@aol.com)

- 2/23-24 .....Desert Vipers Grand Prix in Adelanto

- 2/29-3/2 ..... Tierra del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club of San Diego, 45th Annual Desert Safari. Slated to be held at the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area

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