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OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION

California Desert

By: Randy Banis

On September 28, 2009, a judge on the US District Court issued a ruling invalidating the process used by the BLM in designating motorized routes in the West Mojave Plan (WEMO). The Court concluded that although the BLM complied with their obligations under the Endangered Species Act, it did not comply with its own regulations which mandating consideration of "minimization criteria" when designating OHV routes. Specifically at issue was a specially developed tool called a "Decision Tree."

The actual effect of the ruling will not be known until the parties conclude a remedy conference scheduled for October 30. In the meantime, the future of the more than 5,000 routes designated routes in the WEMO planning area is uncertain, with the court going so far as saying that the last valid route designation effort was that of the original 1980 desert plan. In particular, the court called the WEMO route designations "flawed" because it "failed to contain a reasonable range of alternatives" and that "discussion of the "no action" alternative is incomplete."

I warned of this in protests filed on both the 2003 WEMO Route Designation EA and the 2005 WEMO Final EIS, but in both cases my objections were flat out rejected by the BLM Washington Office.

As one who participated deeply in the WEMO collaborative process, I am disappointed that the environmental interests choose to resolve these issues in court rather than during the lengthy and open process in which the rest of the public participated. I am concerned that the Court's ruling will return the West Mojave route network to one that is neither good for the public nor good for the health of our desert.

Southern Jamboree Report

by Katherine Kelsey



What a fantastic weekend!!! We held our Southern Jamboree this year at California City again off Esse Blvd. The weather was a bit hot, but, any weekend you can get away camping and riding with friends is a great weekend in my book.

Jim Arbogast our Southern Regional Director and Jim Woods our President had arrived on Thursday to set aside a large area for the event and start setting up the area for the big event. Paul Kober from Friends of Jawbone and Friends of El Mirage was already hard at work driving the water truck. Throughout the weekend Paul kept the mud hole filled and the area around camp and the events sprayed to keep the dust down. The other volunteers arrived throughout the day Friday. I had to work too, but by the time I got there Friday night everything was set up and ready to go.

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WHAT IS CORVA?

The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trail bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street legal" 4x4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, baja and desert racers.

The main purpose of CORVA is to have fun! We also work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondarily, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

We participate in lobbying activities in both Sacramento and Washington DC. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in using our public lands responsibly.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on many environmental documents on issues that affect us.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations such as snowmobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple use rights that we both share. Only together can we fight the extremists. We are,

"Dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."

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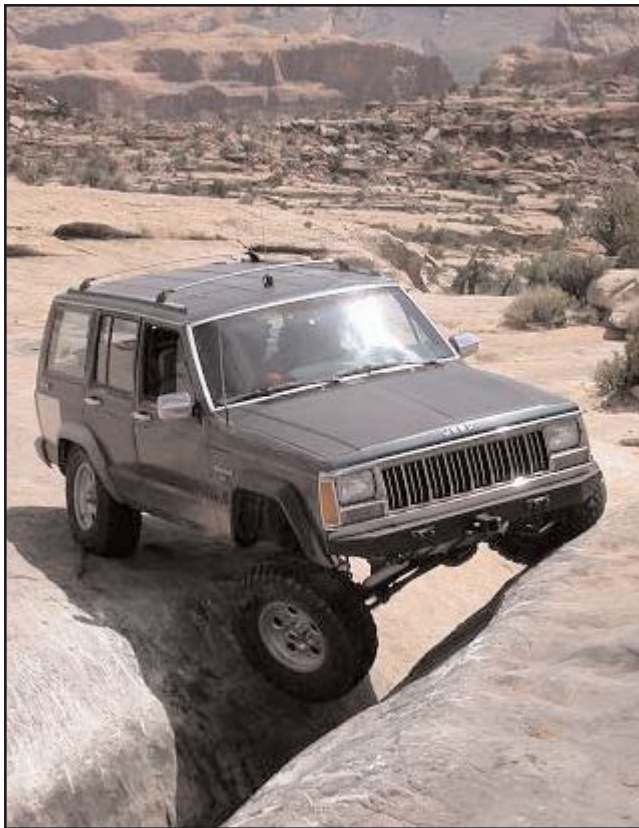
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

Assault on Moab ~ Call to Action

It seems that every month we have another land use challenge. This month it is House of Representatives Bill 1925 the newest wilderness bill that will close off road opportunities. While our focus may be California, CORVA recognizes that the areas throughout Utah have some of the best off road opportunities in the country. Specifically, HR1925 would designate more than nine million more acres as federally protected Wilderness and directly affect the Utah areas of Moab, San Rafael Swell and Chimney Rock (to name a few). These popular OHV areas represent some of the most important remaining recreation areas for responsible OHV users. Additionally, the proposed Wilderness designation will close the land to ATV riders, mountain bikers, horseback riders and 4wheel/Jeepers.



Member Dick Moon having fun in Moab

In the quest to keep our public lands open for all to enjoy, CORVA is asking for your involvement. Off road users need to voice their opinions on this Bill. Responsible OHV users are entitled to access to Public Land, and historically the OHV use of these lands has been vastly available. To close the entire area is radical and unnecessary. Please go to www.AMA.org and register your opinion. CORVA salutes the American Motorcycle Association for their quick response to this issue. Let's show them our support as the grassroots organization we are – Let's hear it from CORVA members!

On the local scene, the CORVA Board along with multiple other OHV organizations attended the OHV Commissioners meeting in Big Bear. Discussion focused on the latest pending lawsuit against California State Parks on the water quality issues at Carnegie SVRA. Off road recreation is being blamed for contaminating the streams and water sources within the SVRA. State Parks has disagreed with this and is going defend the OHV position. Additionally, the MX track at the Hungry Valley SVRA (near Gorman) has been closed for months due to a lawsuit against the prior promoter and the State. The track is now almost ready to re-open. I personally appreciate what the OHV division has done to keep our lands open during these difficult situations. It is nice to see an agency work with us not against us.

I am sad to report that we have lost an important OHV leader - Roy Denner founder of the Off-Road Business Association lost his battle with Pancreatic cancer. Roy was an avid motorcyclist and land use activist since the 1990's. As the director of ORBA, he was also very active with the Desert Advisory Council, the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Technical Review Team. In 1999 Roy was named Off Road Volunteer of the year by the Off- Highway Motorized Recreation Division and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Off Road Impact in 2008. Roy was a role model for us all and will be missed.

God Speed Roy and thanks for all that you did.



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

Course length approx. 20 miles
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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!"
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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

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*GPS receiver required
9:00 AM to Noon
Treasure Hunt-type game
Each Vehicle \$10.00



REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT!

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ATV's must have whips/flags!

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

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

Registration desk will open early Friday afternoon (January 22nd) at the event

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



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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

• [Clear Creek Draft Resource Management Plan Released](#)

After many delays, the BLM revised management plan for Clear Creek was to be released by end of October. CORVA, BlueRibbon Coalition, AMA District 36, and many other OHV organizations are gearing up strategy to address this controversial plan. The future of Clear Creek is seen by all as a precedent setting national issue that will have repercussions for the future of OHV recreation for years to come. Please stay tuned for developments. As always, CORVA will be there fighting for your rights.

• [Court Finds Flaws In Management Plans For National Forests In Southern California](#)

LOS ANGELES—A federal court on Sept. 29 ordered the U.S. Forest Service to change management plans covering four national forests in Southern California (California Resources Agency v. USDA, N.D. Cal., No. C08-1185, 9/29/09).

Parties have 35 days from the date of the ruling to submit briefs “proposing appropriate forms of relief to remedy the deficiencies identified in the final environmental impact statement by this opinion,” the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California said. The court heard cross-motions for summary judgment in two related cases on July 31 and granted each side partial victories, so that the management plans under scrutiny must be changed, though not as much as plaintiffs desired.

The original lawsuit was filed in February 2008 and alleged violations of the National Forest Management Act and National Environmental Policy Act and sought a court order setting the plans aside (41 DER A-19, 3/3/08). A second lawsuit was filed by environmental groups in August 2008 (Center for Biological Diversity v. USDA, N.D. Cal., C08-3884, filed 8/14/08; 158 DER A-24, 8/15/08)

[Challenge Over Roadless Areas](#)

At issue were the revised management plans for the Cleveland National Forest, Los Padres National Forest, Angeles National Forest, and San Bernardino National Forest. Records of Decision on those plans were issued April 3, 2006. The California Resources Agency sought to preserve the “roadless characteristics” of the parks and accused the Forest Service of opening hundreds of thousands of acres of park land to road construction. The court found that the Forest Service's single, final environmental impact statement covering the four management plans violated the National Forest Management Act by failing to detail its review of state input on planning and land-use policies. The court cited 36 C.F.R. section 219.7(c). “This is more than a merely technical violation,” the court said, “as it significantly inhibits the public's ability to understand the competing priorities of the Forest Service and the state.”

[‘The Larger Picture’](#)

The final Environmental Impact Statement violated the National Environmental Policy Act, the court said, in its failure to analyze the cumulative impact of increasing the number of roadless areas zoned for potential construction. “If the larger picture is not addressed at this level, it never will be, because site-specific plans do not have the scope appropriate to review the holistic impacts of land use zoning and wilderness designation decisions on that national forest unit as a whole,” the court said. The court also found that the Forest Service violated the National Environmental Policy Act by applying the same monitoring and evaluation requirements for every alternative plan it reviewed under the final environmental impact statement. “The failure to analyze alternative regimes of monitoring and evaluation renders the public and decision makers unable to make a reasoned choice; it is an abuse of discretion and a violation of [the act],” the court wrote.

[Other Allegations Rejected](#)

The NEPA violation was the only violation that the court found. The court rejected state arguments that the Forest Service's final environmental impact statement violated California's policy on roadless areas. Judge Marilyn Patel said the state's communications with the Forest Service did not reveal a clear policy until the final environmental impact statement had been issued. Erin Tobin, an attorney with EarthJustice, told BNA the ruling is a step in the right direction. “We hope that, as a result of the decision, the Forest Service will reconsider its decision to recommend so few areas for permanent wilderness protection and that more of the region's wild areas will be protected in perpetuity,” she said.

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• [Lawsuit Filed To Close Carnegie SVRA](#)

TRACY - A popular off-highway vehicle state park southwest of the city must close if it does not obtain a permit for metal-tainted mud that erodes from the park's well-worn trails into a seasonal creek, a judge has ruled. No one seems to expect Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area will close, at least not now, as hundreds of OHV enthusiasts plan to gather there for a racing event this weekend. That race, organizers said Monday, is still on. A state parks spokeswoman said attorneys are deciding what to do next, and she said officials do not plan to close the park. Still, the order reignites a long-standing rift between some riders - who feel they have to bite and claw for access to public lands - and some environmentalists, who worry what spinning tires and torn-up trails mean for natural resources and sensitive species.

Skip Horne, who managed a store at the 1,500-acre Carnegie park for 22 years, comes down squarely on the side of the riders. "This is ridiculous," said Horne, now a promoter handling this weekend's event. "In the springtime and in the winter, I'd go to the creek when it would come up, and I'd just sit there and look at it. There were tadpoles in there. And if there was enough water, some frogs. I can't say I've ever seen a fish in there."

The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance filed suit earlier this month, claiming that when the creek is running, the water enters the park clear and leaves a chocolate brown. Vehicles sometimes plunge right through the creek. A consultant for the protestors reported finding high levels of metals such as aluminum, copper, iron and lead downstream - but not upstream - of the park. Carnegie needs a permit under state water law, said Bill Jennings, Stockton-based director of the sportfishing alliance. "Basically, we're saying there are laws, and the department of parks is not above the law," Jennings said.

Evidently, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch agreed. Last week, he ordered the park to get a permit or to prove at a December hearing why it should not have to comply with his order. A permit could include new requirements, such as improved erosion control and construction of larger ponds to capture sediment runoff, Jennings said. To be fair, the creek and its contaminants do not go far. Only in very wet years does the channel reach the degrading Delta. Often it is completely dry. No matter, Jennings said, "The law is the law, we have no opinion on off-road activities," he said. "What we do say is they have a responsibility to control the adverse impacts."

Parks spokeswoman Sheryl Watson said a written response to the judge is due Oct. 27. "We do care about the water quality in this creek, and we have taken steps since we acquired the property to minimize sedimentation," she said.

Don Amador, an advocate for access to public lands and representative of the BlueRibbon Coalition, said Carnegie draws riders from throughout the Central Valley and the Bay Area. Environmentalists have also challenged riders' access to national forestlands throughout California, Amador said. "If they would come out with legitimate concerns and work together with us, that would be far more effective than filing lawsuits," he said.

• [Lawsuit Filed To Stop OHV Use On The Eldorado National Forest](#)

SACRAMENTO, Calif.— The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation, Center for Biological Diversity, and Forest Issues Group filed their complaint in federal court in Sacramento. Today's lawsuit follows up on a 2005 court ruling in which a federal judge ordered the Forest Service to analyze the impacts of off-road vehicles in the Eldorado National Forest. The conservation groups are challenging the Eldorado Forest supervisor's March 31, 2008 decision because it failed to undertake the required planning for a minimum motorized system, adopted illegally created routes, and authorized routes that will cause unacceptable impacts to streams and aquatic resources including the threatened California red-legged frog and its habitat.

The Eldorado National Forest includes habitat for the California red-legged frog, Yosemite toad, Sierra Nevada mountain yellow-legged frog. This was carefully taken into account during the planning process. The resulting route designation plan closed over 80% of the available routes on the Forest, including any that were anywhere near special species habitat. CORVA, BRC, and many other OHV advocacy groups worked closely with the Forest and provided extensive commentary, yet received little in return for their efforts.

As part of the planning process, the lawsuit claims that the Forest Service should have first identified a minimum motorized transportation system for the forest as required by the agency's own regulations, however there is no legal requirement for the Forest Service to do this. Although the challenged decision prohibits cross-country off-road vehicle travel, the lawsuit claims the Forest did not go far enough in protecting resources.

At the policy level the Forest Service has recognized the potential effects of OHV use. Implementation of travel-management planning has closed up to 90% of available routes in many of California's National Forests. Horseback riders, mountain bikers, hunters, campers and other recreationists have been stunned by the loss of access to the traditional use of National Forests.

[Tenth Circuit Affirms Lower Court Ruling Limiting Off-Highway Vehicles on Utah Lands](#)

A federal court of appeals Aug. 31 affirmed a lower court decision blocking an ordinance of Kane County, Utah, aimed at allowing off-highway vehicles on some of the 1.6 million acres of federal public land in the county (*Wilderness Society v. Kane County, Utah*, 10th Cir., No. 08-4090, 8/31/09). The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, sitting in Denver, held that a county may not exercise authority over federal lands in a manner that conflicts with the federal management program of the Bureau of Land Management. The county, pursuant to its ordinance, opened routes on federal land and replaced BLM signs with its own. The Wilderness Society and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance filed a lawsuit alleging violation of the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, Article 6, which gives priority to certain federal actions over certain state actions.

Judge Tena Campbell, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, ruled May 16, 2008, that the county violated the Supremacy Clause by opening Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, Moquith Mountain Wilderness Study Area, and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area to off-road vehicles (*Wilderness Society v. Kane County, Utah*, 560 F.Supp.2d 1147 (D. Utah 2008)).

[‘Ongoing Feud’ Over Off-Road Vehicles](#)

In June 2008 the district court denied the county's motion for stay of injunction pending appeal and ordered the road signs taken down (*Wilderness Society v. Kane County, Utah*, No. 2:05-CV-854, D. Utah, 6/13/08).

The Tenth Circuit referred to the dispute as an “ongoing feud over OHV [off-highway vehicle] use” on federal land, “which includes some of the most fragile and picturesque public lands in the United States.” “The environmental groups have shown that their members' legally protected interests in enjoying the areas at issue are harmed by unlawful OHV use,” the appellate court wrote.

The appellate court quoted President Clinton, who said in a Sept. 18, 1996, proclamation establishing Grand Staircase-Escalante that “Remoteness, limited travel corridors, and low visitation have all helped to preserve intact the monument's important ecological values.”

The appeals court opinion was written by Judge Carlos F. Lucero and joined by Judge William J. Holloway. Judge Michael W. McConnell dissented, stating that many of the roads in remote areas of southern Utah were established by a federal law passed in 1886, called R.S. 2477, which grants the counties broad rights over roads on federal lands. McConnell concluded that the majority ruling was wrong in “holding that counties have no valid existing rights to manage or maintain roads over federal land without first going to court.”

In a related case in April, the Tenth Circuit previously held that the management plan for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument did not interfere with local water and road rights, as alleged by Kane and Garfield counties.

Other litigation in Western states has focused on the damage caused by motorized vehicle use in roadless watersheds to federally protected species of fish (116 DER A-30, 6/17/08).

Kane County was represented in the Tenth Circuit by Michael S. Lee, Shawn T. Welch, and Kendra Shirey of Salt Lake City. The environmental groups were represented by James S. Angell, Edward B. Zukoski, Heidi J. McIntosh, and Stephen H.M. Bloch, of Denver.

In this case, Kane County, tried to exercise its RS2477 rights to determine access to roads within the county borders. RS2477 is a federal statute that is mentioned many times by OHV and mining organizations as a statute that can be used to insure access.

The Tenth Circuit Court has ruled that the county DID NOT have the right to assert its RS2477 rights over Federal Lands. Significantly, the court ruled not only that OHV travel is detrimental to the land, but that the presence of OHV vehicles harms the environmental organizations "member's legally protected interests in enjoying the areas at issue..." (The rights of OHV enthusiasts to enjoy these areas are seemingly unimportant.)

“These cases point out the very important work we need to do to change the viewpoint of the public at large of OHV recreation, including:

- Educate members of our communities as well to stay on the trail
- Make sure our trail systems are well-maintained, well-planned and well-managed
- Encourage all OHV enthusiasts to join OHV organizations that actively fight for their rights to recreate.

Just because we lost these cases does not mean we have lost the battle, it just means that we need to employ different tactics and different ideas.

-Amy Granat, Bruce Whitcher

Sand Sports Super Show

By: Steve Hewitt

CORVA had another successful show at the Sand Sports Super Show held at the Orange County Fairgrounds September 18th – 20th 2009. We were able to sign up 54 new and renewing members, and 1 new associate member. I want to thank all the new and renewing members as CORVA would not be able to do what we do without you.



I would like to thank the following volunteers for making this show a success: Jim Arbogast, Vinnie Barbarino, Jim Colln, Brandon Danley, Jared Danley, Matthew Day, Josh Dehart, Michelle Evans, Neal Goldsmith, Katherine Kelsey, Ryan Warrell, Jim Woods, and Roberta Woods.

We had a lot of people ask where Dick Moon and Bud Shick were. Unfortunately Dick and Bud could not attend due to health reasons. We all wish you guys a quick recovery so we can see you at the next show.

For our Membership enticements we had Slime and Kal Gard, thanks goes to Totally Off Road Radio, Slime and Kal Gard. I am always looking for volunteers to help at the shows. If you would like to volunteer send off an e-mail to: steve.hewitt@corva.org.

Help Wanted: CORVA Treasurer

In May 2010, I will be stepping down as your CORVA Treasurer. As this position is not easily filled and requires some specific skills, I am beginning my search for a replacement now.

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Diablo 4-Wheelers Build New Deck at Sardine Lookout

Sierraville — Thanks to the hard work of the Diablo 4-Wheelers, Sardine Lookout is that much closer to be opened as a rental fire lookout tower. Over the August 29/30th weekend, 10 members of the Diablo 4-Wheelers from Concord restored the old catwalk, 18 feet off the ground as they removed the rotten pieces of deck, stairs, and railings and replaced it. They also installed custom made siding where, over the years, it had either weathered or been shot. In addition, they installed new over-flooring to protect the existing floor and provide additional strength.



“These folks really worked hard. Not only did they have the skills to repair a historic structure, but they brought all their tools including 3 generators. If we had had to pay for these master carpentry skills, in this remote location, it would have set us back well over \$5,000. There was a whole lot of cutting going on!” stated Michael Baldrica, Archeologist on the Sierraville Ranger District and Sardine Lookout project coordinator.

Jenny Ward, member of the Board of Directors and past president of the Diablo 4-Wheelers confirmed the groups interest in the trails and historic lookout. “In addition to helping the Forest Service open and close the Bear Valley Trail each year, we have an interest in history and have adopted Sardine Lookout. The group decided to help restore the lookout so that it can be used and appreciated by others and be available for future generations,” she stated.

“This work has been critical in order for this lookout to become a rental facility. To maintain the historical integrity, we use materials and design features that mimic the 1930’s when this lookout was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. There is still quite a bit of work that needs to be done to complete the lookout, including painting the whole structure and restoring the interior of the cab, however we are making steady progress thanks to the hard work by volunteer groups and Forest Service employees,” continued Baldrica.

Sardine Lookout is expected to be available for rent, beginning in the spring, 2010 for about \$45 per night. Similar to the Calpine Lookout to the northwest, it will be rented through the National Recreation Reservation System. “Calpine Lookout has been so popular, it has been rented almost non-stop since it was opened 5 years ago. Sardine Lookout has an even better view and so we expect it to be as popular, if not more,” stated Quentin Youngblood, Sierraville District Ranger.



For more information on Sardine Lookout, contact Michael Baldrica, (530) 994-3401 ext 6651.

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Southern Jamboree



At 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning registration opened with Cameron Casteel, Loretta Casteel, Tina Edwards, Paige Edwards, Kristina Edwards, Mando Segura, Dan Allison, and Tracy Allison all working hard signing everyone up for the day's festivities. George Paniagua our Assistant Southern Regional Director of Legislation opened the CORVA store offering a variety of CORVA merchandise. People seemed excited that we changed some of the games around and that we were giving out medals this year instead of the trophies.

Let the games begin! At 9:00 a.m. the games started.

In event Area 1 we held the Can Slam which was sponsored by BPMC. Representing BPMC was Jeff Leonard, Gary LaCharite, Ryan Cupery and Jim Johnson. For those who do not know what the Can Slam event is, we have five sets of poles set up around a small course. The object of the game is to ride to the first set of poles move the can from one pole to the next then continue around the course to the next set of poles and repeat. You are timed on how long it takes you to complete the course.

In event Area 2 we had our infamous Barrel Challenge. This event is sooooo popular we run it in the morning and afternoon. Volunteering at this event were Wayne Berg our Webmaster and Database manager, Jim Colln our Vice President of Administration, and Jim's wife Connie Colln. This timed event consists of 5 barrels with an arrow painted on them to let the participant know which way to go around the barrel. The participant rides around the barrels in the direction the arrow points and at the end of the course must stop in a specific area between a set of cones for his or her time to be marked. Everyone had their own technique at running the course. Some slid around the corners, some rode cautiously, and some went wild with wheelies from one corner to the next. This was a great spectator event.

In Area 3 we had the Team Challenge. This was a new game for us this year. The volunteers for this game were the game's creator Jim Arbogast, Charlene Kelsey, Darren Kelsey, and Katherine Kelsey. The Team Challenge started off a little slow, but once people saw how much fun it was they kept coming back. Some came back with the same partner and some with a new partner. This event's course is set up with two lanes, about 20 feet from each other, each lane being about 100 yards long. It looks similar to a drag racing course. One team member is in each lane. Both ride down to the other end of the course, one team member takes a Frisbee out of a bucket at the other end and tosses it across the distance of about 20' to their team mate on the other side then the partner throws it back. Each team member throws the Frisbee twice and the last partner puts the Frisbee back in the bucket. Both team members turn their vehicles around and ride back to the start line and repeat the Frisbee throws again. The clock stops when the Frisbee goes back in the bucket at the end. This event took riding skill and coordination to throw a Frisbee. The age and type of vehicle did not make a difference in this event.



At 1:00 the afternoon games started. In event Area 1 we had the Wet Lap. Volunteers for this game were Jeff Leonard from BPMC and Katherine Kelsey. What a cool event this was! (literally) We taped a Ratio-Rite to the top of the participant's helmet and filled it with water. The object is to ride around the course and stop at the finish line without spilling any water. The amount of water was measured at the finish line. The event was also timed in the event of a tie. Many people came back to the finish line wet. One participant on a motorcycle gassed it off the start line. Upon doing so, his head leaned back and soaked me. I got a face and shirt full of water. For anyone thinking wet T-shirt contest, that is an event for another day.

Our third event of the afternoon was our Potato Stab game. Volunteering at this event were Jim Arbogast, Jim Woods, and Darren Kelsey from R&R Duner's Club. In this game the participants rode around a small motocross-type course that had two stops in it. At each stop they would use a pole that had a fork on the end of it to stab at a potato that was on the ground and use the pole to put the potato in a bucket. They then rode to the next stop and repeated the process, then headed on to the finish line. This was a timed event. Many participants found that they were able to get a better time if they could stab the potato without stalling their vehicle.

It just wouldn't be a CORVA event without our infamous MUD HOLE. As I mentioned earlier in the article, Paul Kober was our water truck driver. I was told that throughout the weekend Paul used 120,000 gallons of water, half of which went into the mud hole. Again this year the mud hole was a spectator's place to be. With the weather as hot as it was, we had a lot more visitors running through the mud hole. The mud hole was also check #4 on the Poker Run on Sunday. More on the Poker Run later in the article.



At 4:00 back at camp in front of the main stage we had our 3rd annual CORVA Dog Show. Most animal lovers bring their dog camping with them. This was the event to show off your best friend. I think just about every breed and mixed breed of dog was entered in the contest. This was an event full of laughs and wagging tales. Volunteers working the dog show were Dan and Tracy Allison of N2Dirt. All prizes were donated by PU Products, Theresa's Country Feed & Pet, the Woods family of Simi Valley Honda Can AM and the Allison's.

Saturday evening featured our traditional Tri-Tip Dinner with all the trimmings. Our fantastic cook Chief Tom Edward did a fabulous job again. His top-secret blend of seasoning that he uses on the meat is to die for. Our food servers were Jim Woods, Jeff Leonard, Charlene Kelsey, Jim Colln, Connie Colln, Panida Ford, Alicia Segura and Katherine Kelsey.

After we cleaned up the area from dinner we lit the bond fire. It was still warm enough that we didn't need a fire, but it just wouldn't be camping without a one, and what a huge fire it was. All the firewood was again donated by Bun Warmers Firewood of Cal City. They sure outdid themselves again.

At about 7:00 after everyone got settled in around the main stage, the awards for the day began. Jim Arbogast and I handed out the awards for the earlier games. We did things a little differently this event. Instead of receiving trophies for the events, the winners accepted medals. There were gold, silver & bronze colored medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, respectively, with the name of the game and the place on each. The kids seemed very excited about getting the medals. I imagine many of the kid's wore their medals to school to show off their accomplishments.



After the awards we held the 50/50 raffle and then our regular raffle. Volunteers that worked the raffle were our announcer for the evening, Wayne Ford, our ticket puller and human T-Shirt slinger Mando Segura, and the prize-hander-outer Katherine Kelsey. The 50/50 raffle winner was Panida Ford with winnings of \$130.

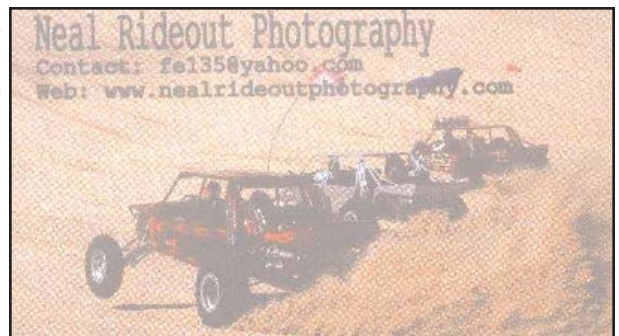
I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the merchants who donated products for our raffle and poker run prizes. With the economy as it is, we still had very generous donors. They really made the raffle a success. We had so much merchandise. Please take the time to look at the list of donor names at the bottom of this article to see who those generous merchants were.

After a wonderful night of sitting around the huge campfire, partying, laughing, and telling stories about the day's events, the real fun came: the Poker Run. That morning at 8:00 a.m. set-up time seemed pretty early for some of us. The Poker Run started at 9:00 a.m. next to the registration area. The participants then started on their 20 mile journey following the orange ribbon around the course. We listened to your comments and suggestions from the last Poker Run and as suggested we made this course a little more challenging than what we have had in the past. People seemed to enjoy the course.

The 1st and 5th checks were at camp next to the registration area and checks 2, 3 and 4 were out on the course, the fourth check being the infamous CORVA Mud Hole. What a splash check #4 was. Some rode fast, some slow, some wheeled through the mud. It was a great show for the spectators. The first 20 participants that went through the mud hole that returned to 5th check received a No Toil gift certificate for a filter. Volunteering for the poker run were: Darren Kelsey for course design and set-up and Loretta Casteel, Connie Colln, Tina Edwards, and Katherine Kelsey for registration. Checks #1 and #5 was Toni Henrikson, Connie Colln and Katherine Kelsey, Check #2 was Neil Cooke and Marc Henrikson, Check #3 was Darren Kelsey and Jim Colln, and Check #4 was Tom Nosala, Jim Arbogast and Kim Collins.

Our event photographer was Neal Rideout Photography. If you would like to see more photos of the event please go to his website at www.nealrideoutphotography.com. Thank you for the great photos Neal.

On behalf of all the volunteers we hope you had an enjoyable and memorable weekend. Thank you for attending our Southern Jamboree event and supporting CORVA. You do make a difference in our fight to keep our public lands open for off-road recreation!



Thank you,
Katherine Kelsey,
CORVA Association Secretary

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1st Place	Brett Leonardo	DSR 1003G MotoCam	Helmet Cam & Recorder
2nd Place	Anthony Gist	Slime & 12 Volt Compressor	
3rd Place	Casey Johnen	WolfPak Utility Riding Pack	www.wolfpakusa.com
4th Place	Troy Croce	Ratcheting Flag Pole, Holder and Flag	www.gotomycamp.com

Game 1st Place Winners

<u>Motorcycles</u>	<u>Age 7 and Under</u>	<u>Age 8-13</u>	<u>Age 14 Up</u>
Can Slam	No entry	Ryan Eiklor	Garret Brittan
Wet Lap	Meadow A.	Mathew Jordan	James Ginsburg
Potato Stab	Adrianna Siegura	Ryan Eiklor	Tie Rick Galbraith and Danny Unger
Barrel Challenge	<u>Age 7 and Under</u>	<u>Age 8-15</u>	<u>Age 16 and Up</u>
	Neil Eiklor	Ryan Eiklor	James Ginsberg



Game 1st Place Winners Continued

<u>ATV's</u>	<u>Age 0-7</u>	<u>Age 8-13</u>	<u>Age 14 Up</u>
Can Slam	No entry	Paige Haffamier	Bill Haffamier
Wet Lap	No Entry	Ryan Hinkins	Josh Sanchez
Potato Stab	No Entry	Joey Gomez	Josh Sanchez
Barrel Challenge	<u>Age 0-7</u>	<u>Age 8-15</u>	<u>16 Up</u>
	No Entry	Evan Henderson	D.J. Ibbotson
<u>Steering Wheel</u>	<u>Age 8-13</u>	<u>Age 14 and Up</u>	
Can Slam	Joey Gomez	Richard Anderson	
Wet Lap	No Entry	No Entry	
Potato Stab	No Entry	No Entry	
Barrel Challenge	<u>Baja</u>	<u>Buggy/Rhino/Odessa</u>	
	Danny Unger	Richard Anderson	
<u>Team Challenge</u>	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
	Garret Brittan	Josh Sanchez	James Ginsberg
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- Completed application
- Sponsorship Fee \$495.00 annual membership, in addition to individual memberships.

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The following suggestions will help your event be the success your club wants and needs!

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November:

- 11/7 **CANCELLED** - 9TH ANNUAL GLAMIS POKER RUN presented by the Orange County ATV Association.
- 11/14 2009 BARSTOW CLEANUP presented by Clean Dezert

January:

- 1/23-24 15th Annual Truckhaven Challenge (see advertisement on pg 5) - Mark your calendar now!

March:

- 3/20&21 Family Fun Days (location to be announced soon)

2009 Barstow Cleanup
CLEAN-DEZERT.ORG
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**FREE RAFFLE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!
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