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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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On the Cover: Race Against the Clock at the upcoming CORVA Jamborees.

Pictured here, a CORVA member races in the ABA-sponsored Barrel Race.

(Send your action shots to Erin Dyer. Digital photos in 300 dpi, or higher, preferred.)

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By Ed Waldheim President

Your CORVA Board of directors held their July 8, 2007 meeting in California City at the home of Ed and Linda Waldheim. This was almost a retreat meeting with CORVA board members beginning to arrive on Friday with the last person leaving on the following Monday. We held this "retreat" in honor of Harold Soens, a former Board Member who passed away recently, and his contributions to CORVA and the off road community.

On Friday, Jim Arbogast, Southern Director, and Larry Robertson, VP Land Use, toured the California City area including the Rand Mountains area, Randsburg, and facilities in California City for a possible annual meeting.

We were pleased to see CORVA members travel from all across the state. Our dedicated Board traveled from Sacramento, El Centro, Hawthorne, Orange County, Santa Clarita, Simi Valley and Atascadero, among other locales.

The Board meeting began on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and finished at 6 p.m. It was a very long meeting, but everyone stayed cool by jumping into the pool during our lunch break and our dinner BBQ. (So now Roberta Woods, CORVA Treasurer, now calls the Board "CORVA Swimmers" which seems a very appropriate name for all of us with cool heads.)

Northern Director Lois Silvernail appointed long time CORVA member Lynn Stokes to the position of Assistant Northern Director for Clubs. The Board appointed Terry and Faith Work to the position of VP Sales and Marketing. Congratulations to the new members of the board.

Issues discussed were the adoption of a budget for CORVA. Treasurer Roberta Woods patiently went through the budget for 6 hours. Actions were taken on each item that included, but were not limited to, the amount of CORVA 'Off-Roaders In

Action" newsletters printed each month and distributed for free to shops, increase of Membership Dues, Sacramento and Washington DC Lobbyist representation, and legal fees for all the land use issues we are involved.

These land use issues included: USFS Forest Route Inventory; BLM Land Management Plans; the threat of Center of Biodiversity Notice to Sue; Imperial Sand Dunes; Dumont Dunes; San Bernardino County, Riverside County, and Cathedral City Anti-OHV Ordinances, California Air Resources Board (CARB) Hearing on Sand Rail Engine Testing & Limits; the California OHV Program; and Truckhaven Land Acquisition. To work on this many issues at one time takes a lot of effort by our volunteers statewide. It also takes major funding to keep our financial commitment to our legal team. Thus, the need to redefine our budgetary expenses.

Also covered during our Board meeting were the off-road expos that are coming up. We always need help from our members to volunteer to work the CORVA booth. This is a major source of new membership that is vital to CORVA's future. We also talked about the July Cal Pals Beach Days in Huntington Beach, a benefit day for inner-city kids, which has among many events, an ATV course that CORVA helps sponsor. Harold Soens ran this event for many years. He was deeply dedicated to children. His motto was "It's all about the kids" and "I'm OHV Positive." We will be there working for the kids on behalf of Harold's memory this year.

Sunday morning found CORVA Board Members ready for a ride at 5 a.m. After 82 miles of off road traveling to Jawbone and Dove Springs, it was time for the CORVA Swimmers to again take a dip in the pool by 11 am.

You may wonder why I am bringing up all this "fun" for you to read... Well, we are trying to entice you to join us in the fight to keep our public lands open. The CORVA Board covers such a wide range of topics

from border to border in California, that it would take pages and pages to describe all of it. One thing is certain; we are a dedicated bunch of folks volunteering our time to help keep our riding areas open so "We have a place to ride tomorrow".

Now to the motion the "The CORVA Swimmers" came up with... the upcoming CORVA Annual Meeting. In the past, our CORVA Convention has met in hotels all over the state. Next year we have our Lobby Day scheduled for March 26, 2007, so the Board felt we needed to move the Convention & Annual Meeting date to March 30 (Friday Arrival).

On March 31, 2007, we will have the actual Annual Meeting. April 1, 2007 will be the Board meeting. The biggest change is that they decided to have it in California City. We plan to make this event a family event with fun, fun, fun! It won't be anything like prior conventions.

We want to invite every single one of you to put these dates for the CORVA Convention & Annual Meeting on your calendar for next year and bring your rigs, toys, families and everything you need for off roading, and let's have some fun!

Terry and Faith Work are the Chairpersons of our Convention & Annual Meeting, and their committee is going to work out the details. One thing is for sure, we are going to have a lot of off road fun, and only a few hours of meetings. The fun part is the reason we are in CORVA in the first place.

We have already contacted the California City manager, Bill Way, to assist

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ESA Reform

Endangered Species and People Need Real Recovery Now

ESA's wasteful and ineffective provisions must be modernized

By Rep. Richard Pombo

(Congressman Richard Pombo is a champion for Republican principles in Washington, particularly in his role as Chairman of the House Committee on Resources where he is fighting to reform the federal Endangered Species Act.

Radical environmentalists have targeted Congressman Pombo because of his important work to bring sanity and common sense to federal environmental laws.

In the article below, first published in California Forests magazine, Congressman Pombo makes the case for how the current federal law is not adequately protecting endangered species, produces countless lawsuits, and creates uncertainty for property owners.)

California, as much or more than any other state, has witnessed first-hand the Endangered Species Act's (ESA's) shortcomings.

The golden state has the second highest number of endangered species in the nation, from the captivating California condor to the less than charismatic Delhi Sands Flower Loving Fly.

It's not too surprising, then, that California leads the lower 48 states in acres of officially designated critical habitat. Nearly 20% of the state's approximately 100 million acres is in the regulatory clutches of deleterious designation.

Despite the state's obvious stake in ESA, little has been done to move reform legislation through the US Senate. Californians, with untold resources tied up due to ESA, deserve real reform and should demand action from their elected officials.

Getting in Deeper

Even with ESA's unsuccessful track record, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recently designated critical habitat

for the California red-legged frog. The estimated cost in San Luis Obispo County alone is \$165 million. Projected costs for the entire state are \$497 million over 20 years.

What are we getting in return for all that money? The answer, unfortunately, is not much. Multiple officials within the FWS, over successive administrations, have criticized the critical habitat provision as ineffective and conflict ridden.

In her 1999 congressional testimony, Jamie Rappaport Clark, then FWS Director, said:

"...in 25 years of implementing the ESA, we have found that designation of 'official' critical habitat provides little additional protection to most listed species, while it consumes significant amounts of scarce conservation resources. We believe that the critical habitat designation process needs to be recast as the determination of habitat necessary for the recovery of listed species. This 'recover habitat' should be described in recovery plans."

For a federal agency to admit its program provides little benefit while consuming huge resources translates in normal English to a program that is useless at best. However, after leaving public service for Defenders of Wildlife, Ms. Clark changed her tune. When she testifies now, she calls critical habitat "a crucial tool for ensuring the survival and recover of imperiled species."

Like many aspects of the ESA, critical habitat is driven by litigation, providing an endless supply of slam-dunk lawsuits to activist groups that can bag taxpayer dollars in the form of attorney's fees.

Critical habitat is not the only outdated provision of the ESA. After more than three decades of implementation and billions of taxpayer dollars, FWS documents reveal that only 10 – or less than one percent – of the Act's roughly 1,300 listed species have been recovered. Of those that remain under

its care, just 6 percent are classified as improving, and a staggering 70 percent are classified as either "in decline" or of "unknown" status.

No wonder the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recently assessed the endangered species program as "Not Performing."

Unexpected Expenses

Furthermore, many costs have skyrocketed beyond what recovery plans originally intended. For example the decurrent false aster's (a plant) recovery plan anticipated recovery by 1997 at a cost of \$58,000. In 2006, the FWS announced it will finally review its status, after spending more than 800 percent of what was originally projected. Similarly, the least tern's recovery plan anticipated the bird could be recovered by 2005, at a cost of \$1.75 million to \$2 million. By fiscal 2004, least tern expenditure had exceeded \$23 million.

These are just a few of the ESA's shortcomings, but they more than justify the OMB's assessment that the program is "not performing" and are some of the reasons the U.S. House of Representatives, with a strong bipartisan vote, passed HR 3824, the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act (TESRA).

TESRA provides many long-needed improvements, including eliminating wasteful critical habitat provisions. Instead, it identifies habitat in recovery plans – just as Defender's of Wildlife's Jamie Clark testified was needed when she was with the FWS.

But TESRA also accomplishes much more. It requires timely comprehensive recovery plans and includes affected parties on recovery teams to reduce conflict.

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Off Roaders Testify to Congress on McKeon Wilderness Bill HR 5149

Bill Creates Unnecessary Wilderness & Locks Away Wilderness Study Areas

By Meg Grossglass
Off Road Business Association (ORBA)

BAKERSFIELD, CA - Fred Wiley, Executive Director of the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA) recently testified in front of the Forests and Forest Health Committee on behalf of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association, the San Diego Off-Road Coalition, the American Motorcyclist Association - District 37, California Four Wheel Drive Association, the American Sand Association, the California Nevada Snowmobile Association, EcoLogic Partners, Inc. and the Off-Road Business Association.

H.R. 5149 the Eastern Sierra Rural Heritage and Economic Enhancement Act sponsored by Congressman Buck McKeon (R) has been the subject of much

speculation by the OHV advocates in California. The OHV leadership in California feels that there has not been sufficient input from their community. Three basic flaws keep the OHV community in California from supporting the bill. The first problem is that the bill fails to release Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) even though those areas will never qualify as "Wilderness," and at the same time it restricts public access to 39,000 more acres by designating those as Wilderness.

Secondly, it designates segments of the Amargosa River as "Wild and Scenic" when in reality the current uses in place today do not qualify it as such. This designation also does not protect the historic use of this area as a recreation area. Thirdly, the bill does not include statutory language that protects existing OHV routes and previously opened routes. Such language protected OHV routes and

was included in the recently passed Thompson Wilderness Bill. As of this date there has been no action taken on this bill.

ORBA is a national trade association composed of off-road related businesses united to promote common goals that support the prosperity and growth of the off-road industry.

Spotted Owl Listing Denied

By Erin Dyer, CORVA Editor

At the end of a comprehensive study, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has denied a petition to list the California Spotted Owl as an Endangered Species.

The study concluded that most owl populations in the Sierra Nevada are stable or increasing. According to the study, the primary threat to the Spotted Owl is catastrophic wildfire. Furthermore, the study stated that forest fuel activities in the Sierra Nevada are important. The long term benefit in reducing the risk of wildfire outweighs the temporary impacts that fuel reduction places on the owl's population.

Today's Choices, Tomorrow's Forests

How America's Forest Look 10, 50, or 100 years from now depends in great part on the decisions we make today.

By Douglas D. Piirto

Most Americans sit on the side of forest-management debates. As long as they can buy lumber and vacation in forested mountains, all must be right with the world.

But nearly 12.5 million acres have burned in the West in the past five years. Lumber demand, meanwhile, is at an all-time high, driven by near-record housing starts.

Too often after fires, we watch valuable timber simply rot. Look at Julian outside of San Diego, or around the Giant Sequoia National Monument where the McNally Fire

burned 150,000 acres. Or in Placer, Amador and El Dorado counties, where the Freds, Power and Star Fires burned 40,000 acres, or in Southern CA where the Old and Cedar Fires burned 370,000 acres.

The difference between reforesting charred landscapes and leaving them alone to let nature take its course can be as stark as night and day. Private forestland owners generally harvest dead trees after fires to accelerate the return of a healthy forest and keep their land productive. They plant native-species seedlings, minimize erosion and provide diverse wildlife habitat.

But on public lands, it's a different story. In many places where private land abuts public forestland, a distinct post-fire property line emerges with green trees on one side, shrubs and charred sticks on

the other. Without reforestation, forestland conversion to brush field may be permanent, or the return of forests delayed in a century or more.

Choices have to be made. It's not OK to sit by and watch. Often, doing nothing after a catastrophic fire can cause the greatest harm to forest resources like soils and waterways. Post-fire rain can lead to mass erosion and mud slides. Charred trees falling on their own can increase future fire danger. We seem willing to

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New Regulations

CARB Adopts New Standards for Dune Buggy Emissions

This Move has Averted Possible Disaster for Industry

By Meg Grossglass, Off Road Business Association

BAKERSFIELD, CA (July 31, 2006.) — The California Air Resources Board (CARB) voted on July 20, 2006 to create a special category to regulate the emissions of dune buggies. Previously dune buggies were regulated under the "Off-Road Large Spark Ignition" standard, a standard focused on things like forklifts and industrial engines. This standard was problematic for engine and dune buggy manufacturers because of the expensive testing equipment and an overly aggressive durability requirement.

Had the CARB Board of Directors not adopted this new standard the dune buggy and engine manufacturers faced the possibility of severe fines and even the closing of their businesses as a result of being out of compliance. This situation was averted by the hard work of a few key

individuals in the dune buggy industry, including John Begin of Suspensions Unlimited and Grant George of Funco Motorsports, and by Bill Dart, Land Use Director for the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA).

These individuals worked with the board and their staff members to ensure that the sandcar and engine manufacturers have a separate emission standard and test procedure appropriate for the industry. The existing procedures are prohibitively expensive for an industry of this scale. Grant George stated, "I am pleased with the willingness of the CARB Board to work with the dune buggy industry to ensure the environment is protected and the manufacturers have a reasonable time to come into compliance with any new standards".

The new sandcar category requires manufacturers to comply only with current Federal EPA standards. For a buggy to fit

into the CARB "Sandcar" category it must have an engine greater than one liter. If a buggy has an engine equal to or less than one liter it will be considered an "Off-Road Sport Vehicle" by CARB. In the future CARB would like to look at enacting regulations for "Sandcars" that are more stringent than the current Federal EPA requirements. The CARB Board stated that they would continue to meet with people in the industry to discuss any possible changes.

"Bob Cross, Michael Carter, and Scott Rowland of CARB were very understanding and pleasant to work with. It is important that the industry not see them as the enemy, they are doing their jobs and what they feel is right. I look forward to working with the CARB staff on future emission requirements," stated John Begin of Suspensions Unlimited.

ORBA's Director of Land Use, Bill Dart, has extensive experience working with CARB in the past and will be working closely with the industry and CARB to develop an effective yet affordable solution. "CARB normally regulates huge multi-billion dollar industries so it was essential that they understand the sandcar industry has extremely limited resources," Dart stated. "With our input, we are optimistic that CARB will develop a reasonable program," Dart concluded.

The Track-n-Tackle Stop'n Rob

By Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador

This article is really about freedom. While the title may be a mouthful with lots of innuendo meanings, it's still about freedom – our freedom to recreate and enjoy our great outdoors. But there's a twist here that I'd like to share with you.

Convenience stores have been nicknamed "stop and rob" stores out of poor taste and a dose of reality. They are a good target for robbers who stop and pull off a quick robbery – thus stop and rob. These stores are like motorized recreation.

Motorized recreationists, like stop'n robs are easy targets. We've very visible. We're on every street (forest) corner. There are lots of us. We have lots of goodies inside – like our families, our dogs, and

our gear. We advertise well – we can even be loud and flashy.

Heck, it's a free country, right? So we can do this responsibly and legally, and we should be left alone to do our thing. But in reality, we are prime targets to be robbed, by those who just don't like us.

We are repeatedly robbed of our freedoms by willy-nilly outlandish proposals from radical protectionist groups. We are repeatedly robbed of our freedoms by arbitrary and capricious enforcement of existing laws and regulations, brought on by personal prejudice and discrimination. It's time to stop this! This is where Track-n-Tackle comes in.

Freedom costs money to maintain. It's that simple. Freedom ain't free – you've

heard this before. Track-n-Tackle is about our motorized organizations that are out there fighting for us and our freedoms.

To "track" means to follow a path, keep up with, trace the route, and keep a record. That is what land use and access folks do. That is what our organized recreation groups do. They track what is happening to us, full time, in all areas where they can afford to spend time. Afford?

Yea, afford. That is where "tackle" comes in. To "tackle" means to get a hold of, bring down, and wrap your arms around. These folks and groups have to prioritize where they spend time and what things they tackle. In organized recreation we don't have enough money to tackle everything – nor do we have enough time and staff to tackle everything. So let's fix that RIGHT NOW.

You have to join everything you can afford to join, as many groups as you can

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Get Involved

Bakersfield SVRA Hearing September 14, 2006 Come Give Testimony in Support

By Dick Taylor, CORVA Field Rep. & KOHVA President

As the Bakersfield State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) moves through the approval process, there is a need for off roaders to show up to support the project at a public hearing of the Kern County Planning Commission on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in the Board of Supervisor chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue in Bakersfield.

In the planning stages for five years, the project has several critical objectives to successfully clear in the weeks ahead. Planned amenities include restrooms, tracks, trails, and onsite rangers. A thorough Environmental Impact Report is underway. Details can be seen on the Kern Off Highway Vehicle Association website at www.kohva.com.

The worst case scenario would be for a room full of project opponents to show up for this meeting and only a handful of off

roaders. Keep two things in mind: 1) There are those out there who will do anything to block this off road park because of their disdain for off roaders young and old. 2) The world is run by those who show up.

During such Planning Commission hearings, people will get up one at a time and either speak in opposition to or in support of the SVRA. If you are not comfortable speaking for a minute or two in public, we still need large numbers of off roaders in the audience.

Meeting times and dates can change at the last minute but as of right now, the Planning Commission hearing is planned for **Thursday, September 14 AT 7:00 PM** in the Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue in Bakersfield. For more information contact dick@corva.org.

[Bring the kids! Have them dress in full riding gear and give testimony. -Erin Dyer, Editor]

Mark Your Calendar

Family Fun Run to Benefit the Soens Family

By Jim McGarvie, SDORC

I encourage CORVA members to bring their families and friends to our upcoming fun family event on Saturday, November 11, at the Ocotillo Wells SVRA.

The San Diego Off Road Coalition (SDORC) will use a portion of the proceeds from our Fun Run event for a badly-needed roof on the Soens' family home. We all know that Harold Soens gave 150% to the off-road community and this is our way of saying "thank you" to his family. (Harold Soens was a Life Member of CORVA and President of SDORC and recently passed away from a fatal heart attack.)

On the next day, Sunday the 12th, the Ocotillo Wells SVRA will hold its annual clean-up, which will be followed by lunch and a celebration of the SVRA's 30th anniversary.

Thanks.

Those Words You Hate to Hear!

By Jim Woods, N2Dirt President

When I was young, I hated it when my Mom would not give me an exact explanation when she wouldn't let me do something or go somewhere. She would only say, "Because I said so." I never liked that answer, but always knew it was for my own good.

Now, I think the words that bother me most are, "Trail Closed" or "Wilderness Area." The difference is I can ask **why** a trail or a riding area has been closed and I shouldn't receive a "because I said so" answer. It is the same for you.

Don't be afraid to ask questions of the rangers. Or write your representative with your concerns. They are on our team and need all the help we can give them. We can act as their eyes and ears as to what is happening in our riding areas. We may even know more about an area than they do, and that may even open one of those trails we have lost.

We should be good stewards of our sport, active in clubs, poker runs and fundraising organizations. We can participate in

clean-up weekends and trail maintenance. Mostly, we can attend public meetings to stand for and represent our belief in the right to keep enjoying the off road sport we love. This is not only critical to the survival of our sport, but in the long run, its fun too! And not just because I said so.

I look forward to meeting you all at our CORVA Southern Jamboree.



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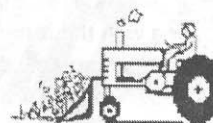
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UPcoming Events

Pt. Mugu Fright Night 2006

By Terry Work
CORVA VP Sales & Marketing & Pt. Mugu member

This year we will be holding our 12th Annual Fright Night event on October 21st & 22nd 2006 at Hungry Valley SRVA. This year will be our biggest Fright Night to date in all aspects. We are expecting more vehicles than any previous Fright Nights, our largest raffle ever and the best skits and scares.

We've spent most of this year preparing the ultimate Fright Night course for our guests! New this year for a change of pace we have been working with the rangers at Hungry Valley to come up with a great (and scary) course that will still have the challenges that Fright Night is known for, but will allow everyone to be able to return to camp earlier.

There will be 4 runs all occurring on Saturday the 29th starting off with The Matinee Run which leaves camp at 2:15pm, (this run will be better for younger participants and give everyone a chance to see the skits as they are being put together). Then there is the SUV Run that leaves at 3:30pm, (this run will be for stock vehicles and those wishing for a generally gentler time. There will be no skits on this run). Then we have the The Twilight Run, (this leaves 2 hours before dusk and is the first of two runs on the main trails, which includes full skits and scares.) In addition, of course, is the Late Show, (this run leaves at dusk and is the final of two runs on the main trails, which includes full skits and scares.)

Other fun stuff for Fright Night: The Annual Poker Hand, Two Rock Courses to play in, a picture of you and your rig on the trail to remember the event, the biggest raffle we have ever had due in

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And don't forget the kids! There will also be an array of kid's games to keep the young wheelers occupied. We're hosting kids contests for Hole-N-One, Balloon Popper, Bean Bag Toss, The Fan Belt Toss and the Annual Costume Contest (bring your little ghouls dressed in their Fright Night best for a shot at some cool prizes). We'll also have face painting and the kids get their own raffle

Registration is limited to 150 vehicles this year and the sooner you register the better chance you have of having a place on the run you request. Registration includes one dash plaque, one poker hand, one raffle ticket and two breakfasts. All proceeds will be split between Cal 4 Wheel, CORVA, and the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Entrance to Hungry Valley SRVA is NOT included in your registration fee.

Participants are responsible for their own fees for day and overnight use of the Hungry Valley SRVA Park. Fees at Hungry Valley SRVA are currently \$5.00 for day use and \$10.00 for overnight camping, everyone including event volunteers and sponsors are responsible for their own park fees.

This event registration is limited to 4x4s only, but bring the family to play on their quads and bikes in the Hungry Valley Park.

We would like to thank all the clubs and organizations that assist with putting on the Pt Mugu Fright Night. See you there!

For Additional information go to <http://www.pointmugu4x4.org/>

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Club News

Escarabajo Buggy Club Summer Activities

By Roy Haley
Escarabajo Buggy Club, Rally Master

The 4th of July Parade was well represented by the club with a mix of rails and glass bodied cars with the Moose Lodge hosting refreshments afterwards. Thanks to Jim Dunn for all the arrangements!

Gerle Creek/Rubicon Run was a huge success with 7 coaches present, 6 rails, 4x4s, and quads. Several even got back to basics going the tent route.

We had club members up as early as Monday and by the weekend we had both group sites pretty well packing in. Friday night was Italian potluck which was a huge success and on Saturday Dawn Thurston did the honors on grilling the Tri-Tips to perfection for the potluck.

We had over 30 people for that feast topped off with strawberry shortcake. You members that are not coming to these events are missing out on some great meals that would be hard to duplicate.

The weather was exceptional for the entire week. We did some running up on the granite face, but found the trail poorly marked. There are reflector markers on the granite face by the dam and probably other areas as well that are enforced by the Sheriffs Dept.

Later we had conversation with the Sheriffs Deputies in camp and they agreed that the maps, trails and such leave a lot to be desired for those both as users and enforcement personnel.

The mud baths at Wentworth Springs were enjoyed by most as was the wash off at the waterfall afterwards. All in all, we had some very fun runs ranging from fire roads to extreme rock crawling by the 4x4s.

Check our website (www.escarabajobuggyclub.com) for run pictures, more being added soon!

By Doug Robertson

I was asked by several people who were at Airport Flat on Saturday to add this to the report. When a Lifeflight helicopter was attempting to find a spot to land to pick up an injured motorcycle rider it became obvious to me that without some assistance from the ground that it was not going to happen.

Many years ago in Vietnam I had to guide in re-supply helicopters so I took that little bit of experience out to the open area by the road and got the circling pilots attention and guided him in to a safe landing amongst the trees. The 2 medics then went to the aid of the injured motorcyclist in a pick up truck by Gerle Creek campground. An ambulance arrived from Pollack Pines and brought him back to the helicopter which took the injured rider to Roseville.

The only drawback to this ordeal is amount of dust blown up by the helicopter both landing and taking off, not to mention that it blew Tod's tent away in the process.

Everyone in the campground seemed to like the excitement it caused. I was happy to have been able to help out in the situation. Hopefully the rider will recover from his injuries soon.

Escarabajo Buggy Club 2006 Calendar

- Sept. 8-10** – Day at the Beach
Dillon Beach Campground
Oct. 15 – Family Night at El Tapitio
40 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill
Oct. 17-19 – Club attends the CORVA
Northern Jamboree at Frank Raines
Park
Nov. 22-26 – Stonyford/Dumont Dunes
Dec. 2 – Christmas Party at Clubhouse
New Years – Frank Raines Park

The Escarabajo Buggy Club has a long history as a CORVA Club. They are a Northern California club. This club has many activities to join in on, including club runs and monthly meetings.

Membership dues are \$48 for regular members and \$24 for associate members.

Visit the club website at www.escarabajobuggyclub.com for more information.



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spend millions to fight fires, but not to restore the national forests they destroy – even though we could do so at virtually no cost to taxpayers.

Removing dead trees and creating a landscape where trees can grow is a critical first step in forest restoration. But timing is everything.

Fire-killed trees rot and lose their value quickly, usually within a year or so. Charging forestry companies to harvest some dead trees they could then sell to sawmills could generate revenue to fund reforestation. But delays can be fatal.

Delays from “analysis paralysis” and scientifically unfounded appeals of reforestation plans can cost taxpayers millions. After two fires in the Tahoe National Fires in 2001, for example, the USDA Forest Service estimates such delays cost about \$5 million in lost revenue. Consequently, reforestation that could be self-funding goes largely undone.

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the Big and Sugar Pine reservoirs, are the result of post-fire restoration. Today, the Forest Service tries to restore only a small portion of charred lands and most of those efforts are blocked.

We have the science and technology to safely and efficiently harvest, replant and manage fire-damaged forests. We can harvest wood and reduce erosion. We can renew forestland while providing diverse wildlife habitat and helping to meet a growing demand for wood.

Are our other options really preferable? Should we leave hillsides blackened? Harvest other forestland more aggressively? Stop using wood in favor of non-renewable materials like concrete and steel whose production increases greenhouse gas emissions?

The Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act now being debated in Congress is an attempt to return common sense to forest restoration and expedite forest recovery. It doesn't relax environmental protections, but accelerates decision-making and public review processes to create a more efficient system for forestry professionals to regenerate forestland.

We have the means to save our forests. Let's fix the system.

(Douglas D. Piirto holds a PHD in forestry from the University of California and is forestry department head at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He served on the Giant Sequoia National Monument Science Advisory Board convened under President Clinton and is a registered professional forester.)

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- ♦ **October 21, 2006 - 2nd Annual Trash Days** - At El Mirage Cooperative Management Area. Visit www.elmirage.org for info.
- ♦ **October 28-29, 2006 -CORVA Northern Jamboree** - Saturday off-road games, prizes and trophies. Trick or Treating, costume contest, dinner/dance on Saturday night. See the flyer in this newsletter.
- ♦ **November 4, 2006 - 6th Annual Glamis Poker Run** - hosted by Orange County ATV Association (OCATV)
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CORVA Calendar

- SEP Jeeping Jeepers Jeep Club, Superstition Mt. – Date TBA. Call Edie Tarr for details @ (818) 343-3817
- 9/8/06 OHMVR Commission Meeting, Sacramento. Check CORVA website for changes.
- 9/8-10 Escarabajo Buggy Club, Day at the Beach, Dillon Beach CG. www.escarabajobuggyclub.com
- 9/9 CORVA Board of Directors Meeting at 3550 Foothill Blvd. Glendale, Ca. 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Contact Ed Waldheim at ed@corva.org or 1-800-42-CORVA.
- 9/15-17 Sand Sports Super Show at Orange County Fair Grounds, Costa Mesa CA. Contact Dick Moon at (562) 860-9988 to volunteer at CORVA Booth.
- 9/23-24 CORVA Southern Jamboree at Hungry Valley. Sat. Family Off Road Events. Trophies for all ages and skill levels. Visit www.corva.org or call 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 512
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- 10/13/06 OHMVR Commission Meeting. Grants Subcommittee Meeting S. California. Check CORVA website for changes.
- 10/15 Escarabajo Buggy Club, Family Nights at El Tapitio in Pleasant Hill @ 5 pm. www.escarabajobuggyclub.com
- 10/18 CTUC Multi User Coalition Meeting with Angeles Forest, 5 p.m., 3550 Foothill Blvd Glendale, Ca. Contact Ed Waldheim at 1-800-42-CORVA. or ed@corva.org
- 10/21 2nd Annual El Mirage Trash Days at El Mirage OHV Area. Visit www.elmirage.org for entry form
- 10/27-29 Escarabajo Buggy Club, attends
- CORVA Northern Jamboree. www.escarabajobuggyclub.com
- 10/28-29 CORVA Northern Jamboree at Frank Raines Park, Patterson, CA. Off-Road Games. Halloween Party, Kids Trick-Or-Treating, Dinner/Dance, Costume Contest. Contact Lois: lagnail@yahoo.com
- 10/21-22 Cal Access Expo & Fall Sand Nationals Sand Drags @ the International Agri-Center in Tulare in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley just off Hwy 99. For Info: expo@calaccess.net
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To work, the ESA must refocus on recovery instead of conflict. For TESRA to work, the Senate must get the job done. Endangered species, and Californians, deserve better. Ignoring the need to improve the ESA is a dereliction of congressional duty and an unrecorded vote to perpetuate a failing conservation program.

[Radical environmentalists have targeted Congressman Pombo for his excellent work in bringing sanity and common sense to federal environmental laws. You can support Congressman Pombo's re-election campaign by visiting his campaign website at www.richardpombo.com and signing up to volunteer or make a contribution.]

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us in a location where we can accommodate maybe 100 rigs and all the toys. We also hope the new hotel in California City that is currently being built will be up and running by that time. It is currently under construction with roof, walls, etc, already up.

Again, put March 30 to April 1, 2007 on your calendar! Call this your family or club outing for the year. Join us!

- Track-n-Tackle - cont'd. from page 8 -

afford to join, and do it now. It's membership dues and people belonging that will help us track-n-tackle these issues that threaten our freedom. It's memberships that will stop us from being stop'n robs.

Start by joining the BlueRibbon Coalition and your state association, such as CORVA. Keep going from there. Join up.

So come on down and see me at the Track-n-Tackle Stop'n Rob. I'll be waiting for you. I'm getting older by the minute, so please don't make me wait too long. :)

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[CORVA has partnered with Blue Ribbon Coalition on certain land use and legal issues to make our money go farther. We need your membership in both organizations to keep going. - Erin Dyer, Editor]

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