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

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



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The Real Fight

By Ed Waldheim
President

CORVA for over 35 years has been fighting the land use access battles together with our other OHV partner organizations. Sometimes I wonder if anyone is listening anymore.

Why do I say this? Our sport has grown so much that we just cannot keep up with trying to educate every single rider out there. Thus, we have to double our efforts. We hope that our newsletter with articles from new authors will help you in this effort to listen up and take note.

Now to the real fight. Every single one of you who reads these lines have the most important people around you — your family. Yes, we are always fighting to keep our lands open, but the real treasure is our family.

Yes, we keep our lands open for our children and grand children, but we sometimes forget that those around us are

more important than anything we can do to keep our lands open.

If it were not for our families, spouse, kids, grandkids and friends, it all would really not be worth it.

I bring this up because I was just privileged to finish working on raising funds for fighting cancer through the "Relay for Life" event whereby I asked for donations and walked with my team for the 24 hour event. Events are held all over the country, ours was held in Glendale, CA. Many of our CORVA members have received my letters soliciting help in the way of funds for the American Cancer Society to continue research to find a cure for cancer.

You all, collectively, have done an incredible job in helping me meet my charitable donation goals. Last year, together we collected \$7,000 for my donation. This year you all contributed to the grand total of \$11,150 dollars and money is still coming in! My hat is off to all of you for working with me to reach this great

accomplishment! Yes, every single person who helps donate is from my circle of friends and acquaintances including OHV Commissioners, BLM and Forest Employees, motorhome club members, Friends of Groups, general CORVA membership and all off-road folks who believe in helping out.

This is the real battle, to make sure we stay healthy. Trust me, once cancer hits you, your life changes — it did for me. You become emotional; you realize really how little time we have on earth and the importance of family and friends' support.

That is what all of you have done for me. Paul Kober, my best friend who without his help I could not do half of the stuff I do for off-roading, walked 13 miles for me while I had to prepare a breakfast for California City Council and the community. I finished 7 miles in after noon, so both of us completed 20 miles. That is what friendship is all about.

Remember folks, yes, we want you to help us in CORVA fight the battle to keep our access to public lands open, but you have your family and friends who are more important. Never forget that. God bless you all, and a million thanks for all your help in this "Relay for Life" fundraiser.

Happy riding or water skiing this summer.

Dual Sporters Raise \$46,000 in Southern California

The 240 enthusiasts at the 15th annual Southern California Dual Sport Ride for Kids® in San Bernardino helped raise more than \$46,000.

After a delicious pancake breakfast under sunny skies at Glen Helen Raceway, the crowd heard from five young brain tumor survivors, including Trent, 12, who has been coming to this event for 11 years.

Brian was there with his 17-year-old son Ben. "I once was in your seat raising money for a cause, and then my son was diagnosed with a brain tumor," he said. "It teaches you that it can happen to anybody. Without the

PBTF and people like you, I don't know where we would be."

Dr. Robert Seeger, a PBTF-funded researcher at Childrens Hospital in Los Angeles, said, "We are very proud to be associated with the PBTF and everything that they stand for."

After the program, the dual sporters took off for a 90-mile trek over remote trails and gravel roads in the San Bernardino National Forest, with a lunch stop at Lake Silverwood.

The Southern California Ride for Kids® raised a total of \$46,239. The top individual fundraiser was Chris Casteal of Simi Valley,

CA with \$2,480. The top club was the Orange County Dualies with \$23,770. The top motorcycle business was Beaumont Honda with \$27,560. Larry Langley of North Fork, Calif., won the grand prize Honda motorcycle.

Thanks to the local task force, led by Roberta and Jim Woods and Buddy Percin, visitation leader Paul Flanders, and the event volunteers for putting together a terrific day for the kids, their families and the dual sport bikers.

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Sweepstakes 2007

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Win a Brand New 2007 Yamaha YFZ450 ATV

Hold on to your handlebars! Thanks to Yamaha Motor Corp., USA, CORVA will be giving away a red hot brand new YFZ450 as Grand Prize for our 2007 Sweepstakes! For a mere \$3 per ticket (or \$25 for a book of 10), you will have the opportunity to win one of the lightest and most powerful ATV's ever made!

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Speaking of suspension, the independent aluminum upper A-arm front suspension features fully adjustable competition-spec Kayaba piggyback shocks with 9.1 inches of travel and separate adjusters for preload, rebound and compression damping. The new rear suspension is YZ linkage-type, controlled by a fully adjustable Showa shock with 10.6 inches of travel and separate adjusters for preload, rebound and compression damping.

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

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

Remember, all proceeds from this Sweepstakes will go to CORVA's Land Use Fund, so do your part and sell tickets to all your friends, too!

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Legislative Update

SB 742 (Steinberg) – “Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation”

By Bruce Whitcher, CORVA Field Rep.

Most of you probably know something about the State OHV Commission and the OHV Grants program it oversees. At one time this program made California the national leader in OHV recreation. This \$60 million program funded by fuel tax (\$40M), SVRA fees (\$1.5M) and green sticker fees (\$3M) was once the envy of OHV organizations nationwide.

But the political fortunes of the program changed and its original purpose was forgotten. The program became “OHV unfriendly” under a new series of commission appointments leading many of us to believe we might be better off without the OHV Commission altogether.

Under current laws the State OHV program is due to end, or “sunset” in January 2008. Legislation is needed for the program to continue, but everyone recognized there were problems. Environmentalists thought the program should be even more directed toward containing off-roaders, and off-roaders thought it failed to serve the recreational needs of the public.

A long awaited study of fuel tax revenue for the program revealed serious computational errors raising concerns about

the future funding of the program. Something had to be done.

Darryl Steinberg, Democratic Senator from Sacramento and Chairman of the Senate Resources Committee decided to author a new bill (SB742) to address the problems with the California OHV program and extend it for another 5 years. Draft legislation was hammered out with the help of a group of stakeholders including environmentalists, OHV enthusiasts, law enforcement, and landowners.

After a series of amendments and further bargaining the law is making its way through the California Legislature and is now in the Assembly. Here is a summary to help you understand what is happening.

The OHV program is administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) as a separate entity, the OHMVR Division. The Division administers the eight State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRA's) such as Hollister, Hungry Valley, and the Oceano Dunes.

The OHV Commission administers the Grants and Cooperative Agreements which fund OHV programs outside the SVRA's on National Forest and BLM lands such as Jawbone, Razor, El Mirage, and Ballinger.

Here is a summary of the changes under the new law.

- SVRA entrance fees will increase to \$10 per vehicle
- Green Sticker fees will increase from \$8 to \$67
- Changes in the formula for calculating the fuel tax funding for the program
- Continued funding at the 2006-2007 levels for now
- Requires the Director of DPR to approve grants and cooperative agreements, not the Commission
- The Commission will be made up of 9 members, 5 appointed by the governor but all will require Senate confirmation

- Up to 50% of funds will be available to the grants program, the remainder will go for OHV Division support (as appropriated by the Legislature).
- Sunsets the mandatory Conservation Enforcement Services Account (CESA) that required \$24M to go for repair of OHV damage and enforcement
- Of the amount appropriated for Grants:
 - 45% - Trail and facilities maintenance, wildlife habitat preservation
 - 20% - Restoration of OHV damage
 - 20% - Law enforcement
 - 5% - Education
- Establishes fines for operating a motor vehicle in a prohibited area similar to those for operating in wilderness. (The Forest Service fines are even hefty!)

CORVA has been at the table from the beginning of negotiations. CORVA funds our lobbyist, Pete Conaty, who has been instrumental in dealings associated with the bill. Negotiations continue as the bill goes through the process. At present our position is “oppose unless amended”.

Just how workable this bill will be remains to be seen, but it could have been far worse if we had not been so well represented by our lobbyist and the many volunteers who gave so much of their time so that we can enjoy OHV recreation.

Many unacceptable conditions in the original bill were removed through the dedication and expertise of our CORVA members. Special thanks go to Bob Ham, Don Klusman and Don Amador.

So when you head out on your favorite trail, just remember, without State OHV program funding and CORVA that trail probably would not exist!

(Bruce Whitcher is a member of CORVA, AMA, and Central Coast Motorcycle Association.)

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Take Action

Backcountry Recreation Designation Petition

By Advocates for Access to Public Lands

We need CORVA members to get involved in this effort. Go to the website (www.access-advocates.org) and sign the petition. So far, over 21,000 people have signed it. Thanks in advance for your support!

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A SEMI-PRIMITIVE ROADED AND ROADLESS BACKCOUNTRY RECREATION DESIGNATION ON CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS, a need exists to establish a legislative designation for public lands which more accurately identifies the public usages on such lands, which usages are not fully addressed by other designations such as Wilderness, Scenic Rivers, National Parks, National Monuments or similar designations; and

WHEREAS, many public lands are currently used for OHV touring, backpacking, snowmobiling, rock hounding, hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, nature study and viewing the scenery; and

WHEREAS, existing roads and trails, within the boundaries of a legislated Semi-Primitive Roded and Roadless Backcountry Recreation designation will continue to be accessible to the elderly and handicapped as identified in the American Disability Act; and

WHEREAS, many of these lands contain cultural resource sites, pre-historic and historic sites, which are protected by federal and state laws; and

WHEREAS, the current public uses on these lands have co-existed with other uses such as the extraction of natural resources, livestock grazing, wildlife management, resource conservation activities and private property rights; and

WHEREAS, the current public uses on these lands have also coincided with the important wildlife habitat, a variety of plant communities and many other significant resources; and

WHEREAS, the economic and recreational value of existing roads and trails are subject to elimination under more restrictive land use designations and in order to protect the existing uses a new designation is necessary and desirable; and

WHEREAS, use of existing designations would lead to confusion in that large areas of public lands would be carved up in order to maintain existing economic and recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the establishment of a legislated Semi-Primitive Roded and Roadless Backcountry Recreation designation would insure that existing roaded and roadless recreation areas would have the same permanent identity equal to other designations; and

WHEREAS, a Semi-Primitive designation would establish large areas identified by clear boundaries to protect and provide for predominantly natural looking environment where evidence of human presence, restrictions and controls are present, but subtle; and

WHEREAS, a Semi-Primitive designation would maintain current recreational and economic uses on public lands, while providing protection for the cultural, historic and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, a Semi-Primitive designation would alleviate the need for existing wilderness study areas within the boundaries of Semi-Primitive areas and, therefore existing wilderness study areas located within the boundaries of a Semi-Primitive area would be released; and

WHEREAS, the extraction of natural resources, livestock grazing, wildlife management, resource conservation activities and private property rights would not be impacted by a Semi-Primitive designation as management of such activities would continue under existing federal, state and county regulations; and

WHEREAS, the OHV community has a long standing working relationship with the Forest Service and BLM management and field forces and a Semi-Primitive designation would strengthen that relationship.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I do hereby support federal legislation to establish a Semi-Primitive Roded and Roadless Backcountry Recreation designation on certain public lands.

Signed,
(Enter name, address, city, state & zip)

BLM News

(Reprinted from AMA News & Notes)

President George W. Bush recently announced his intention to nominate James Caswell as the next director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Caswell currently serves as the director of the Idaho Office of Species Conservation, a position he was appointed to by then Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne, who is the current Secretary of the Department of the Interior. If Caswell is confirmed by the US Senate, he will again be reporting to Mr. Kempthorne.

Mr. Caswell has the reputation of being a consensus builder. Those skills are going to be tested as he tries to balance the many competing demands and uses of BLM land.

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Renewable Energy Coming to a Riding Area Near You

By Ed Stovin, Assistant Southern Regional Director of Grants

There is a new threat to off-road recreation areas. We have been closed out due to species, noise, development and liability. Now we are looking at losing ground to renewable energy development.

I live in San Diego and we have off-roading in only three areas in this huge county. One of them is on BLM land east of the city, an area called Lark Canyon. Lark Canyon is an area where OHVs can go on designated routes, about 30 miles worth on 1,200 acres.

The BLM controls 103,000 acres in San Diego County, so this is about one percent of their land. The BLM has recently released a draft management plan of their area. The plan is huge, 758 pages, and talks about five alternative plans and how they effect the land in regard to species, cultural, water, recreation, etc. I found out about the plan and open comment period recently and began plowing through it. I heard the BLM

wants to put windmills in the riding area and they are paving the way by making two changes to the area. First is changing the visual rating, and second, changing the minimum width of the trails.

Why do we even care? We all want renewable energy and windmills are a great way to make electricity. The problem is that our riding area is small and the windmills are big, expensive and require wide, smooth roads to install and maintain them. These windmills cost about \$4 million each and the owners may not want a bunch of off-roaders riding around them. And if they have so much land, why do they want to put them in our little riding area?

The answer is that most of their land is locked up, either as wilderness or to protect some species as critical habitat. Land with either of these designations can't be used

for any development, even renewable energy.

Our green friends are famous for looking at undesignated BLM land, finding some plant or critter there and saying it needs protection. Now, most BLM land is



designated and off limits to any development. As they look around to see where they can develop renewable energy, the only place left is our OHV areas.

The BLM gives a visual rating to its land on a scale of one to five. One is wilderness and five is developed. Lark Canyon is a

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We are Here for You!

By Jim Colln, Southern Regional Secretary

Regional Boards Update

Your Northern and Southern boards are currently working on our "Phase I" plan to update our database to help you, our members. This first phase is a gathering of information like: where do you ride, what do you ride, how many trips do you take per year and how long have you been in the sport?

With volunteer help, we are making phone calls to each member and also updating all contact information to serve you better.

Here are those questions now being asked:

- What do you ride
- Where do you ride
- How many in the family

- Do you belong to a club
- How many OHV trips per year
- Year first started in OHV
- Newsletter received by email only?

Then there are those volunteer areas in which you can help your organization the most. We are asking each member (or family) to provide about 10 hours a year giving back to our sport in any of these following ways:

- Helping at organized clean-ups
- doing trail maintenance projects
- working at shows/events
- making phone calls
- writing letters
- attending our annual OHV Lobby Day in Sacramento
- attending any Forest Service or BLM meetings within your area.

We know that every member has different skills and desires, but all can provide us the help needed to reach our common goals. We urge you to become more involved with your sport and maybe join one of our committees. Most of our committees only communicate by way of emails to conduct their stated tasks. You will get that great satisfied feeling once a project gets completed and your contribution made all the difference in helping to secure your sports future!

And you can start right now by sending in your answers to the questions above and including your current contact info. If you would like to join one of our committees just make mention to what area (fundraising, events, membership, Jamborees, Truckhaven, clubs, advertising, etc.) you are interested in and that chairperson will contact you soon.

So please help us out, send a quick email to: membership@corva.org and we will update the information you provide. Thanks.

Safety Issues

Preparing for a Safe Summer

By Larry E. Smith, Executive Director
Americans for Responsible Recreational Access

The care free days of summer sometime mean that we aren't all that focused on safety issues and that is especially true for young adults who seemed determined to take on the role of chief dare devil amongst their siblings and friends.

Summer time is the perfect time to sign up that youngster of yours for an ATV or dirt bike rider safety course. Proper safety training along with a positive attitude towards the proper use of their favorite OHV means that the summer will be fun and safe. It is also more likely that they will use our public lands in an appropriate manner.

So, don't waste any time. Pick up the phone and schedule your kids for the appropriate safety class. And while you are at it, maybe you should sign up for a refresher course or God forbid, take a course with your kid! They may not thank you right away for your concern for their safety, but someday when they look back to the summer of '07, they will appreciate the fact that you cared, and who knows, they might even have fun spending time with you.

To learn more about the courses, go to:
www.atvsafety.org and/or
www.dirtbikeschool.com.

Americans for Responsible Recreational Access can be reached at: www.arra-access.com/arra/home.html

Product Warning

(Reprinted from AMA News & Notes)

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning consumers who own a Kazuma Meerkat 50 Youth All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) that children are at severe risk of injury or death due to multiple safety defects with this off-road vehicle.

The unusual warning — which carries no legal weight — was apparently issued because the CPSC lacks a quorum and currently has no authority to require companies to provide accident or injury information. The CPSC said Kazuma has refused to cooperate with its inquiry.

The ATVs, which were imported by Kazuma Pacific Inc., of Stafford, TX, were found to have several serious defects. The CPSC staff determined that the Meerkat 50 lacks front brakes, has no parking brake, is missing a neutral indicator light, and can be started in gear. Additionally, the owner's manual does not contain complete information on safe operation and maintenance of the ATV.

The risk with these ATVs is severe because these vehicles are intended for children age 6 to 11. In many cases, youth riders are just learning how to operate an ATV and may not have the experience necessary to help them avoid hazards associated with this product's defects.



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Let's Play For Keeps

By Dan Allison, CORVA V.P. Education & N2Dirt Program Director
and Roberta Woods, CORVA & N2Dirt Treasurer

It seems as though nothing ever lasts. Things are always changing, lost or forgotten. What is important to one generation may not be to the next. Eventually, it is long gone or forgotten about, only to be tucked in a back page of some obscure history text, or rambled by the old guy over there in the corner.

Too often that loss has been happening to us and our values, manners and respect for things. The people today are too quick to take the easy path or the shortcut and ignore the traditions or the respect we used to have for our past ways. We have grown into a disposable society, quick to discard what has been used or what has gone out of style.

Unfortunately, this mind set has also applied to how and where we play in the outdoors. Too many of us feel that the lands are only for their use today, so it doesn't matter how it is used, abused or treated. Thinking that way is so far from correct. Have you noticed we have been and are continuing to lose the amount of ground available for our use?

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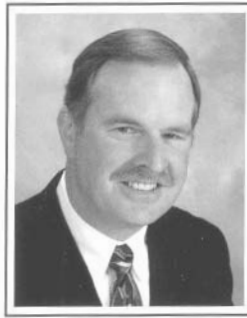
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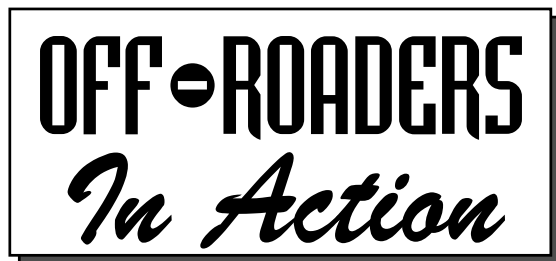
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Club Corner

Off The Road Again

By Diana Mead, Director
Escarabajo Buggy Club

On Memorial Day weekend, Escarabajo sponsored their 28th annual rally. This time it was hosted at Frank Raines Park in Patterson, California. The name of this rally was, "Off the Road AGAIN!"

For 27 sequential years, our off road rally was hosted in Virginia City, Nevada. In 2006, due to the impossibility of getting insurance, the cost of various permits and the demands to spend ever increasing time preplanning on site in Virginia City, Escarabajo made the difficult decision to suspend our annual rally. After 27 years, this wasn't a popular choice for our members or our many loyal rally participants.

This year, we found out that many folks had patiently waited for us to try again!

The rally covered much of Frank Raines Park and featured activity stops where

participants were given points. A bean bag toss and a paint ball target game allowed for additional point accruals; both activities had to be performed from your vehicle/bike/quad for a bit of added challenge. One passenger was also included in the game for rails and jeeps. Three "black diamond/pink star" hills were along the route for the gutsy participants. The last opportunity to earn points was a scavenger hunt word search.

Our traditional, Robinsons Hot Dog Way Station served up lunch for participants and many others who were at the park.

One of the things Escarabajo does well is dinner. This was no

exception. Tri tip, potato salad, and dessert, the perfect meal.

After dinner the awards were given. The four classes, rails, full bodied vehicles/Jeeps, motorcycles, quads, were each



awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for the top point earners.

Bill Salmon, our CORVA cheerleader, did his 50/50 raffle on behalf of the organization. Bill makes this fun by offering a "stretch" of tickets for \$20. As many tickets as you can accrue from middle finger right hand to middle finger left hand for \$20. There is a lot of campaigning to get the most "apelike" person in camp to buy your tickets for you.

Great news for CORVA, more \$173 was earned, for the 50% and even better news, the raffle winner, Tim Warbington whose wife isn't apelike but has very, very long arms and legs, donated his 50% back to CORVA. Total donated \$346.

There are some things we may change but it appears that we have a winning formula and plan to be back next year. Watch the calendar in the CORVA "Off-Roaders In Action" newsletter and check out our website at:

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A bit about Frank Raines regional park. This area has been the site of the Northern California Jamboree for many, many years.

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Club Corner

Meeting the Moose

By Jim Colln, CORVA Southern Regional Secretary & Vice President, R&R Duners Club

Reading my ORIA newsletter I saw an ad placed by "Moose" looking for someone to play with. So I called him and invited him to camp with our club for the El Mirage May Days held on the first weekend in May each year. Moose arrived on Saturday morning and had a little breakfast with CORVA President Ed Waldheim "the cook" behind the "donation only" breakfast Ed does each year for the May Days.

Once finished, he then called me by cell phone and I guided him to our camping spot by the Kelsey's Adopted Joshua tree and they made camp. Moose brought with him a nice lime green Maxx car (with a 1600cc VW motor) and Debbie brought their Toyhauler and kids with 3 quads inside.

We then proceeded to introduce ourselves and all got ready for the days events. So down to the BLM Ranger station we all rode. We decided to take on the task of cleaning and weeding out five of the 30+ fenced Joshua trees near our camping spot for our day's project. (Each of these trees can be adopted too, we adopted one last year and won this years "Best Tree of the Year" award) Many others helped by painting 11 shade ramadas until they ran out of

paint. We picked up LOTS of nails and glass that day. Please don't bring wood with nails to burn. After cleaning up around the trees it was FUN TIME. We all headed back to the Ranger Station for a free BBQ, event t-shirts and hoped to win great raffle prizes.

Afterward, we went back to camp and Moose lead us on a nice ride to the "pimple" hill about 4 miles from our camp. We had 3 buggies, 4 quads and 2 bikes on the ride. Then on the ride back to camp, we took to the dry lake bed and had some faster fun!

Saturday night came and we had some great conversations and since it was Cinco De Mayo a few margaritas too. Sunday morning came early and we got ready for the annual Friends of El Mirage poker run. Myself

and Darren Kelsey helped by working one of the checkpoints on the East loop trail while the rest of the club ran the poker run. We had no lucky hands this year, but there is always next time.

It was a great weekend with perfect weather and good friends. Unfortunately Moose doesn't do the sand much and our club mainly goes to the Glamis or Dumont dunes to do our riding. Someone is going to be pretty lucky to get this great family in there club, so give him a call.



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two, but they want to change that to a three or four to allow installation of windmills. They justify that by saying limited OHV use warrants this change. Not in my book!

They also want to change the minimum width of trails from 40 inches to 10 feet! Since when do we want 10 foot wide singletrack? It's easy to see they want to widen the trail minimum to allow road building to bring in the windmills.

I called the BLM person who is working on this plan to ask some questions. One thing I asked was if there would be mitigation for trails lost due to the windmill installation. She got back to me saying, "No, there would be no need for mitigation." In fact, there would be an increase in trails! I used to ride observed trails events in this area, as well as, help put on events. The BLM managers were always picky about where we rode - stay on or near the designated routes. Now with this new plan, the fragile land resources take a back seat to renewable energy resources.

I submitted comments about the plan geared to support existing OHV use of the area. This plan does not mean windmills will come, or if they do, the end of off-roading there. It only sets the stage for them to come. For windmills to be installed there an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will have to be completed about that specific project.

I intend to stay involved in this area, comment on the future EIS and if they decide to put in windmills, I will be there to help decide their placement and quantity so as to minimize the effect on off-roading at Lark Canyon.

Ed Stovin is also President of the San Diego Off Road Coalition.

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- ♦ **May 2008 - 9th Annual El Mirage Days** - Clean up & BBQ in El Mirage Dry Lake. www.elmirage.org for more information

Volunteer Efforts

Success at Randsburg!

By: Jim & Connie Colln

Memorial Day Weekend we worked the OHV Volunteer Patrol at Randsburg. Today (Sunday) I volunteered and helped Dave Beaumont with the OHV traffic control. We had a good time.

I recently ordered and received a display sign for CORVA to use at events and shows. The orange sign (which says "OHV Parking - Join CORVA") really came in handy as Dave counted over 284 OHV's coming into town today (a record for him) and all parked in the OHV parking area adjacent to the White House Saloon.

Saturday, Dave reported 80 to 90 vehicles. My wife Connie came along and took the picture of Dave and I. Connie and

I later toured the city as it was our first time there. I also had one of the famous malt shakes at the General Store. It was yummy even after the 20 minutes wait!!! So a very good day it was all in all.

Thanks to Dave for heading this up and Brandon for helping out, too.

[Randsburg is a popular riding destination, near California City, and OHVers overwhelm the small historic mining town when they come to visit. The tourism is appreciated, but the volume of bikes was overwhelming the residents, so the Friends of Jawbone and CORVA took action and started the OHV Volunteer Patrol.

Friends of Jawbone bought the vacant lot next to the White House Saloon to create legal OHV parking to quell the complaints and it is working.

Residents are happier with the organized tourism!

Thanks to Wayne & Ann Nosala for working most every holiday weekend. This holiday Wayne & Ann took time off and others thankfully stepped in. Riders are starting to accept the change. Great job guys! If you would like to help out, contact wnosala@aol.com - Erin Dyer, Editor]



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The riding area is not huge but is diverse and the campground has a clubhouse and hook ups. Frank Raines is one of many riding areas that is in danger of closing due to abuse and environmental issues.

The clubs in Northern California are very invested in the park, as is CORVA. While the environmental issues are being handled by others, the abuse is something Escarabajo has taken a lead in trying to mitigate.

Education and maintenance are key. We use the park often and openly educate other users. This means, we have confronted some and simply spoken with others. We can no longer afford to "live and let live," when one person's action may cost all of us the use of the park.

The letters in our scavenger word search spelled out, "DON'T CUT THE FENCE". One of the biggest problems in this area is users cutting fences and riding into private property or into areas that are set aside to "recoup". We all know that some off roaders only care about their immediate experience, but we have found that most people just don't understand the stakes. We're not too shy to inform them!

Our experience tells us that off road events can still be hosted and funds can be raised, but we must explore alternatives and understand that our sport, like our world, is changing.

Hope to see many more of you next year.

[A fire a few years back removed the natural vegetation in Frank Raines Park. The vegetation used to provide a natural barrier and kept riders on the trails. Now, with the vegetation missing, adventurous riders are tempted to cut the fences and ride outside the park boundaries. The Escarabajo Club has taken the lead in keeping riders on the trails. Good job! - Erin Dyer, Editor]

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 for more info.

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