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OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION

COMMENTS MADE EASY!



On Dec 13th and 14th the "Save Johnson Valley Fun Ride" was a huge success! The weekend was sponsored by AMA District 37 Competition and Billet Racing Products (BRP) and held in Cougar Buttes. The entry fee for the event was a hand written scoping letter to the Marines to comment on the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) for the redesignation of Johnson Valley. The event included many routes for the riders, a rock Crawling Display by the friends of Johnson Valley with the Red Bull team and a great raffle from the Off Road Industry. There was also a short presentation from the marines and it was stated they never had any idea of all of our passion for our sport.

Over 425 hand written comments were produced and will be sent to the military. I would like to thank all that attended and Jerry Grabow from Dist 37 and Jim Rios from BRP for their efforts. Also Jeff Leonard and Ed Stovin and my son Danny who braved the wind and helped under the tent to coach all on their letters along with Meg Grossglass from ORBA. Just shows what can happen when we all o work together for a common goal. You can find the comment form inside on page 13 or visit <u>WWW.CORVA.ORG</u> for scoping comments and how to write your letter. Just remember it may be your favorite recreation area next. Get involved, It works!

A TRUCKHAVEN CHALLENGE UPDATE

I am writing this update on December 10 in order to make the deadline for this issue of Off-Roaders In Action. At press time, all systems are GO for us returning to our traditional staging area off of North Marina Drive. This is the "Camp Site A" map on the Truckhaven Challenge event page on the CORVA web site. http://www.corya.org/events/truckhaven14.html

The trails are mapped, our help is lined up, and we are coordinating with our sponsors and vendors. Gas prices are at a five year low, and we are anticipating a lot of people ready to escape to the (usually) warm winter weather in the Coachella Valley! We are ready for a GREAT EVENT!

As I have said in the last 2 issues of Off-Roaders In Action, we have two locations prepared for this event. State Parks has recently acquired some of the land parcels in the Truckhaven area, and the new General Plan is being prepared. In case there are any last minute legal issues with our event permit at "Camp Site A", we will move to "Camp Site B". For this reason, it is imperative that you check the CORVA web site immediately before you leave for the event! I cannot stress this enough!

The web site will be updated immediately if we have to move to "Camp Site B". We do not want anybody going to the wrong location! See the full page ad on page 5.

We hope everyone had a great holiday season, and if you are ready to load the toys up and hit the road, we will be happy to accommodate your need for a "dirt fix"! We're ready for a fun weekend if you are!

If you need more info contact me at geoff.teare@corva.org or call me at (661) 478-5719.

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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, 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,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

The Soap Box

Every month, I preach to you - the choir - and hope you pass along my message to all your buddies. There are many opportunities to express these ideas and opinions. The campfire is a great place to talk over off-road politics, as is the trail. Many off-roaders discuss issues via email or on bulletin boards. I just hope one way or another you all just spread the word. Ignorance is our greatest enemy; a large reason for trail closure and education is our best defense.

So now you are wondering, where did all this come from? Well, over the Thanksgiving weekend, I made my yearly pilgrimage to Las Vegas on my dual-sport bike with District 37 AMA Dual Sport's 25th Annual LA-Barstow to Vegas Event. While serving as safety sweep and course-monitor, I am always impressed by the respect and level of cooperation demonstrated by the over 300 riders every year. Almost every rider will stay on the trail and respect our public and private lands. But unfortunately, every year there is always someone or some event that boils my blood and this year was no different.

First, I came across where a couple of riders rode onto a small section of private farmland to miss the mud. What were they thinking? Only about themselves. Later as we rode into California City, I saw a family of regular trail riders ignoring all the signs as they rode behind all the homes so close to the city. More lack of concern for the residents that so generously allow us all to use their city to enjoy our sport.

Then as our group entered California City for gas, there was a local "merchant" selling wood pallets on the street for campers to use as firewood. Now I'm all in favor of a free trade and pro-business, but wood pallets for firewood? Well, I could not just stand there without saying something. I proceeded to "educate" the gentleman about the nails in those pallets and why would he pollute his own back yard? As you can imagine that did not go very far with him but the ten campers and other riders that pulled up when I was there all got an education too. I discussed the 88 nails [on average] in each pallet and pointed out the four tires on the vehicles that were all worth over \$100.00 each. They could understand that it was a simple choice. The campers all went down the street to a legitimate wood business [Bunn Warmers Firewood] and bought clean firewood for their campfires. I can only hope they went back to their camp that night and told everyone about the guy from CORVA that spoke up!

So the next time you are out with your friends don't be afraid to speak your piece. It is only through us that we have a hope to educate others and hope they will do the same when the time arises. We must not let ignorance cause the destruction of our sport! So Please, speak up and be heard. Protect and respect the areas we have left. Don't be afraid to voice your opinion. Someone may just listen and learn.

Hope to see you all at the CORVA Truckhaven Challenge!





14th Annual Truckh<u>aven C</u>hallenge!



January 24-25, 2009



Near Salton City, CA
Fun for the Whole Family!

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! PAY AT EVENT SITE!

All OHV's Welcome!*

POKER RUN-Saturday, January 24

Registration-Each Vehicle \$35 Kids (12 and under) on ATV's/MC-\$15 All Prices include one poker hand and 1 raffle ticket! PRIZES: Poker Hands 1st-\$250 2nd-\$100 3rd-\$50 Games 1st-\$100 2nd-\$50 3rd-\$25

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

SEE MAP TO EVENT AT WWW.corva.org

*ATTENTION!

The main route is calculated for all OFF ROAD vehicles and experienced riders/drivers. You will encounter steep hills, tight carryons, base sand and roots. The main route is fested with a high clearance Jeep in two-wheel drive and open afferentias. However, the route will change with the passage of many vehicles and since we can't factor in the expense level of each rider/driver. It may be a rough, technical traitide for some participants, especially drivers of stock SUVs and small children riding AIV's and difficiently five are not willing to its damage to your vehicle, or are not sure of your rating/driving stills, do not make the run.

Course length approx, 20 miles
Alternate "difficult routes" for those willing to "GO FOR IT!
Checkpoints have "games of skill" for more family fun and prizes!
Course closes 4:00 pm
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Awards and great raffle prizes donated by off road industry!

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Hamburger w/side of chill \$4.00
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*GPS receiver required 9:00 AM to Noon Treasure Hunt-type game Each Vehicle \$10.00



Great Fun!!!

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4x4's, Baja's & buggies- Metal toof or Roll bar ATV's/MC's- Heimet, spark arrestor ATV's must have whips/flags!

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

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

Registration desk will open early Friday (January 23) afternoon at the event

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



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

Need more info?

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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

Johnson Valley

The Department of the Navy published the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the area. The Notice of Intent includes alternatives under study. Public meetings have been held and a report is in the Southern report on page 16.

The deadline for comments on the Notice of Intent is January 31, 2009. It is vitally important that comments be submitted at every step of the process. The draft EIS will probably be published in early 2009 and the comment period will close in 2011. Please use the form on page 11 and send in your comments.

We continue to request that any expansion of the base be toward the East into the Sheephole Valley and the Cadiz Dunes wilderness area.

• Clear Creek Management Area Management Plan Revision

BLM published scoping comments related to the proposed CCMA Area plan revision. The revision is designed to update the management plan for the area to include new considerations such as asbestos exposure. BLM will now prepare alternatives for a draft EIS. We will be submitting comments on this important DEIS. The Record of Decision is anticipated in 2009.

• Red Rock State Park General Plan Update

The Red Rock General Plan update has been under development since 2006. It is designed to update the plan to include expansion of the park that has occurred with the addition of areas such as Last Chance Canyon and Nightmare Gulch. We anticipate public meetings to discuss the plan update in the next few months. Look for announcements, OHV use is certain to be affected.

The first in a series of public meetings were held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 in Ridgecrest. Announcements have gone out and a timeline is set for development of alternatives, with the first public meeting to discuss alternatives being set for Spring 2009.

• OHV Commission meeting on December 3, 2008, Sacramento.

At this meeting there was considerable public testimony from well known opponents of the Oceano Dunes SVRA. Of more note was the release of the OHV Division's Strategic Plan. This draft document is available for downloading on the OHV website – look under the Commission tab at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov. The document sets some very ambitious goals. Be sure to read it, it will set the future of the program for some time.

OHV Grants workshops will be held the week of January 12, 2009. Mark your calendar.

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Forest Service Route Designation

Tahoe National Forest DEIS

We were granted a 30 day extension for comments on the Tahoe DEIS. This was requested by nearly all interested parties. The Tahoe National Forest DEIS is over 1000 pages long and is very slow reading. The CORVA Comments Project has spent many hours working on this document on behalf of our members. The new deadline for comments was December 26, 2008.

Plumas National Forest, we anticipate the release of the DEIS near the end of December, with others to follow very closely.

• Wilderness Bills

Lame Duck Session - No Senate Action on a Massive Public Lands Bill

U. S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced at the beginning of the Lame Duck Session that he did not intend to bring up before the Senate the massive public lands legislation, H. R. 5151. Senator Reid did say he intended to make this issue an early agenda item at the start of the 111th Congress, which convenes in January 2009.

Many Americans opposed passage of H. R. 5151 because of the sheer size of the legislation, more than 1,000 pages in length. The bill would create more than a million acres of wilderness while authorizing dozens of studies for potential parks, protected rivers and historical landmarks in addition to statutorily establishing the National

Landscape Conservation System (NLCS). More than 100 conservation/recreation organizations, including Americans for Responsible Recreational Access (ARRA), opposed passage of this measure during the final days of the 110th Congress.

The bill was amended to include the McKeon Boxer Eastern Sierra and San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act and the California Desert and Mountain Heritage and the Sequoia and Kings Canyon Wilderness Act.

• CBD files appeal of BLM Decision to reopen trails in the Rands

Most of us are aware that The Friends of Jawbone partnering with the BLM and the Rand Improvement Organization partnered to open two long closed trails in the West Rands, R5 and R50. This was an ongoing effort that took nearly 6 years to accomplish.

Never ones to leave OHV recreation unchallenged, the CBD filed an appeal of the decision to reopen the trails citing impact to desert tortoise habitat. Stay tuned for developments.

Bruce Contact me at: <u>bruce.whitcher@corva.org</u>

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Here are the main projects that CORVA is involved with at this time. Please cut this form out and mail with your donation to: CORVA 1500 W El Camino, #352 Sacramento, CA 95833-1945	Reopening of Clear Creek Area Forest Comments Projects Route Designation Process Funding the CA Desert Legal Bills Funding work at: Other Area:	\$ \$ \$ \$		
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Friends of Oceano Dunes needs your financial support NOW!

by Jim Suty, President



The Sierra Club recently sent a financial request letter to its members stating "we press onward to remove the vehicles from the beach as our end goal, and mark the first downs at each push forward. I believe we will get there - all the way - but the steps are incremental and the necessity for continual pressure is certain."

The Oceano Dunes are being attacked legally on many fronts. The Sierra Club is currently suing State Parks to take away 1/3 of our riding and camping area. These Anti-OHVers dug up a very old map and claim

that over 600 acres of the park should be buffer area - no riding or camping. In addition, another national radical legal organization, Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), with their unlimited funds, have started attacking by filing lawsuits to stop all events at the Oceano Dunes. Each suit has required FoOD to fight it with their attorney. The most recent is that the CBD is suing to overturn the previous FoOD led decision that the riding and camping areas were not Critical Habitat for the Western Snowy Plover. So we have yet another expensive legal battle to stop them!

These are only a few of the critical legal issues that require expensive attorney time to fight. Add to that a new endangered thistle, endangered steel head, red legged frogs, particulate contamination on neighbors, and on and on. Although FoOD has an amazing attorney, our legal costs have become overwhelming - we just can't fight all battles at one time without your help! When we have to start deciding WHICH battles to fight we CAN'T protect for "Access for All". We can't keep "Pismo" open without YOUR HELP NOW! Please make your tax-deductible donation TODAY!

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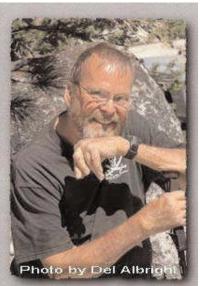
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THE NORTHERN REGIONAL REPORT



Dennis Mayer Passes Away After Injury

Dennis Mayer passed away after an injury from a bad fall during the Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship (VLLS) workshop of Nov. 2008.

It is with great sorrow to announce that at 2 am Tuesday (11/18/08) morning, our friend, mentor, and member of many groups and off-road organizations, Dennis Mayer passed away with his family and friends at hand.

We lack the words to even begin to express how loved Dennis was by those that knew him. He cared deeply for his beloved Rubicon Trail and worked tirelessly with the Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR) and the Rubicon Trail Foundation for many years to keep the trail in good shape and to keep our access to the trail. Dennis was a mentor, a friend and a hero to many of us.

His incredible smile matched his incredible personality and the love that he had for all the people around him. He was a true "good person", and he will be sorely missed.

Del Albright

Those of us at CORVA extend our condolences to the Mayer family.



As you know many National Forests are proposing to close up to 60% of the existing trails to motorized use & the majority of the public. Literally thousands of miles of trails are on the chopping block. What if you could make a real difference & help keep your trails open? What if it would only take an hour of your time?

Watch the short video at www.TrailsInTrouble.org to find out how.

New Column Letter to the Editor

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RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK

By Rick Fisher



My first time (off road, that is) was in a cut down Volkswagen beetle with no body and a bunch of tubing called a cage. We towed it north on highway fourteen to what seemed like the end of the world. Suddenly out of the boring desert arose a series of dramatic cliffs and we squeezed through a narrow pass. On a flat area at the base of a weathered almost vertical wall a bunch of vehicles were scattered and people appeared to be camped. We did not stop but drove as fast as we could over a sandy berm and beheld hundreds of motorcycles, trucks, buggies like ours, Jeeps and various other four wheel drive vehicles driving all over the low hills and flat valleys. It was like a miniature Disneyland for off road enthusiasts.

We called it Red Rock Canyon and thought that was the whole thing. Of course that particular area is closed to off trail driving now but I believe an Easter sunrise service is still held at the foot of the cliffs. Red Rock Canyon State Park is now about 27,000 acres and includes many beautiful geologic formations and an extensive route system available to street and green sticker licensed vehicles. Most of the routes were put in by early miners who extracted large amounts of gold silver, semi-precious gems, and talc from the colorful hills. These routes were then used by rock hounds, equestrians, hikers, and of course, motorized recreationists in motorcycles, atv's and four wheel drives.

A general plan was put into effect in 1982 that allowed for these historical uses and the park is very well known and used. In 1994 the park tripled in size with the addition of BLM land including Last Chance Canyon. Although several attempts to rework the plan have failed, the park is now embarking on a complete re-write of the plan for the whole park. CORVA was heavily involved in those earlier days and managed to keep open many routes that the park wanted to close. In 1996 the park did close the main wash along SR 14 for a two year study that is still undone. More recently "Steep Trail", I believe that is a misreading of "Jeep Trail" as it was know on old maps, connecting the Rock House trail to Last Chance Canyon was also closed.

The first of a series of public meetings was held in Ridgecrest Saturday December 13, 2008 to kick off the process. An environmental consulting firm EDAW is contracted for the plan and their facilitators led the meeting. The meeting was well attended by OHV folks and a group from the Sierra Club. State park people were there and insisted they were serious this time.

EDAW structured the meeting in the manner familiar to most of us who have participated in government planning efforts. After introductory presentations, we were divided up into small groups and an EDAW facilitator had us do exercises in identifying issues such as resources, needs, desires, park features, and desired results. We used stickers to emphasize important issues and locations. Then a representative of each group gave a two minute summary. EDAW was careful to give everybody a hearing and insist that all issues would be considered. It is heart-warming but I have grown cynical.

Predictably OHV was the main issue with continued use versus preservation the main conflict.

We are at a disadvantage because the mission of any California State Park is preservation. Roads are only allowed as needed. Of course there are "sensitive" plants and species in the area. Our main argument is historical use, although this has failed us in the past. The usual suspects are arrayed against us and have vowed to get OHV out of the park.

Everybody's involvement is critical. To get started, go to http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25064 to get initial information. There you will find a map, contact info, how to get on the list, and a comment form. COMMENT FORM ON PAGE 13. At this time comments are needed to emphasize how important the park is to your family and that historical use should be continued. There is a Stakeholder's Workshop Kit available for clubs to use. Later when actual plan alternatives are presented is when we must blitz them with comments. Attendance at the next meeting is mandatory.

Also attending from CORVA was Terry Work, Jim Arbogast, Ed Waldheim, George Paniagua and Paul Kober. Many other OHV activists were present.

The Deadline has been extended so please send your comments **TODAY!**

Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan Revision

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Written Comment Sheet

Public Meeting for Proposed 29Palms Training Land/Airspace Acquisition Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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Saturday:

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Saturday Evening:

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9:00 a.m. POKER RUN 1:00 p.m. Award Ceremony

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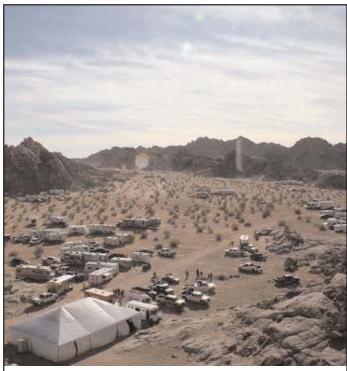
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL REPORT

by Jim Arbogast

There are many hot button issues here in So Cal and if a poll was taken odds are that the Johnson Valley issue may be numero uno. This involves the 29 Palm Marine Corps proposed large scale land withdrawal which threatens the very existence of our largest open OHV area, Johnson Valley.

December 3, 4 & 5th were open public meetings with the Marines who are now taking comments up till January 31st. I attended the 12/4 meeting in Victorville with my wife Donna that was well attended with the majority of those attending being off-roaders. We were asked to inform everyone to submit comments to support or not to support a given alternative or perhaps offer your own alternative(s). Quality comments will be constructive, insightful and may reflect your thoughts of the various impacts to your family, recreation, access, economic loss, multiple use and so forth. Worthless comments will be those parroting that your unhappy, a closure sucks, I don't want things too change etc etc.

Don't become complacent with sending in just one comment per person or family. It's imperative that we advocate and lobby hard and often. We need to protect our interests in and around Johnson Valley. So send in multiple letters and then send in a few more...



Johnson Valley - Cougar Buttes area

I'm personally seeking a re-alignment of the Sheephole and Cadiz Wilderness Areas that our dear Senator Feinstein got with S-21. Please let her know as well as your Congress Critter how you feel. LOBBY THE HELL out of THEM!! Feinstein's DC# is 202-224-3841 and her Frisco# is 415-393-0707. If you don't know who your Congressional is, our corva.org will help you. It's time to kick ass & take numbers.

Another issue involves State Parks and their plans for Red Rock State Park. By the time you read this, the Dec 13th meeting in Ridgecrest will have lapsed.

I have been informed that our anti-access friends are pushing for the closure of Last Chance Canyon and the few remaining routes dear to our hearts. Please stay close to our website for updates and inform others to do the same. Here again comments are needed, but the deadline is 12/13/08. Again stay tuned for timelines and updates at corva.org

On Monday night Dec 8th our Southern Board had our monthly conference call, continuing our unbroken streak of 100% participation by our board. High profile topics included Johnson Valley (JV), the upcoming JV Fun Ride, Red Rock State Park, Randsburg, Last Chance Cyn, Lark Cyn and creating a data base to help provide a link to our membership.

Contact me at: jim.arbogast@corva.org

Guests included Jim Woods, Jim Colln, Katherine Kelsey, Steve Hewitt, Michelle Kupelian and Rick Fisher who gave us a great update on the upcoming Truckhaven Challenge. Scott O'Connell did a great job in moderating the call. Those requesting to be a guest speaker for our January 5th call should contact Scott or myself.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Arbogast

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We also got the word out to riders to respect the local's private property and the traffic laws in the area. The local Sheriff was out with their new search and rescue vehicle along with air support. We also explained the CORVA Comment Project to club leaders who dropped by the booth.

A big thanks to Tommy Watkins and the folks at the Randsburg General Store who provided lunch for the volunteers. They had great hamburgers and hot dogs. What a nice group of folks, we really appreciate your hospitality.

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