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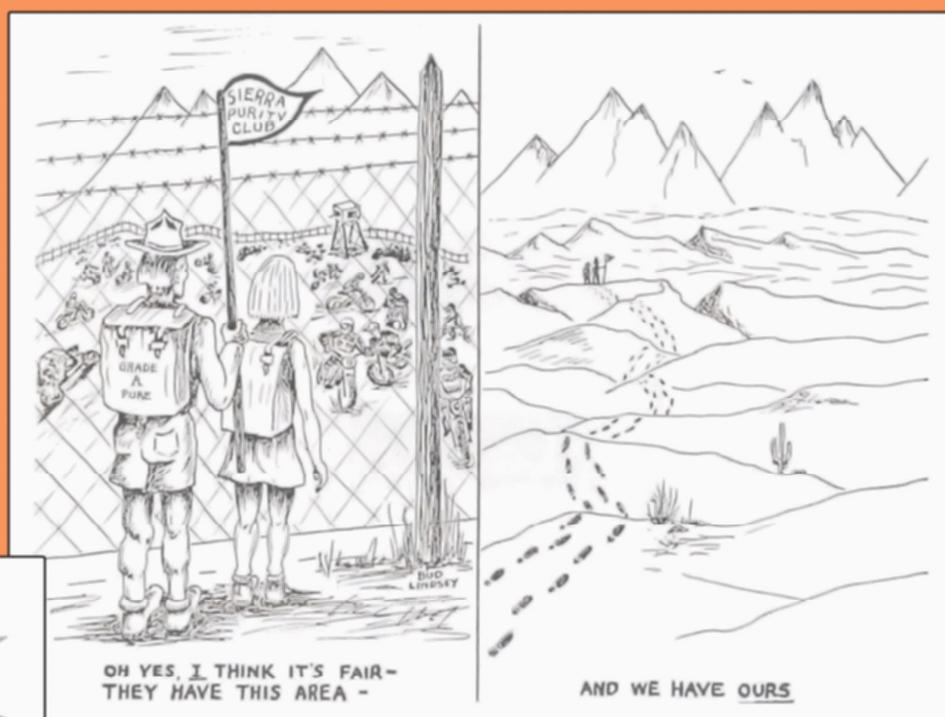
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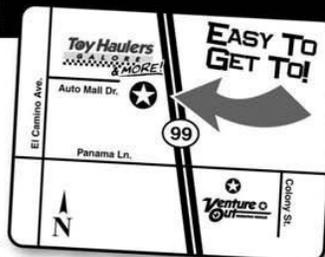
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WHAT IS CORVA?

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, bajos 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.

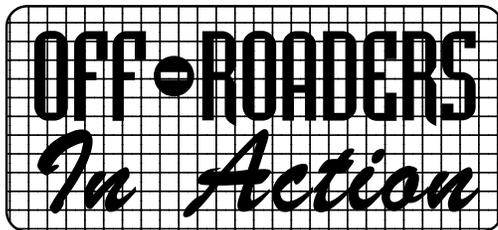
We are very active in the political arena and pay for a lobbyist in Sacramento. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in 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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In Overdrive



Make the Best of the Post-Election Results *Get Involved*

By Ed Waldheim
President

Well, we have finished with this year's election and a lot of our members and other off-road organizations' members volunteered to work on the elections of their choice. We congratulate those of you who have taken the time to put effort into helping the candidates of your choice get elected.

As you all know, we are part of a group of off-road organizations that is called CLORV, California League Off Road Voters. This group sent out questionnaires to all candidates, both state and federal, to get their input on their position on off-road issues, backcountry travel and natural resources.

When the result of these questionnaires came back, we shared with you in the CLORV OHV Voter Guide those candidates that had a positive statement about off-roading. This is the simplest way for you

to understand where a candidate stands on off-road issues. Are there other issues a candidate has to deal with, of course there is. However, that is your choice, and your responsibility, to find out how a candidate stands on other issues such as fiscal responsibility, social services, transportation, abortion, etc. to make an overall determination of the candidate's competence.

Some say that is a narrow view of a candidate. Perhaps you are correct, but the off-road organizations are here to help us preserve our riding areas, and that started with our elected officials.

Now some may say it was a bad election. Others may say it was OK. Everyone is correct in this statement. Changes do occur, but off-road activities know no boundaries. It crosses all political

parties. It is not Republican or Democratic. It is our opportunity to go off-roading that we want to protect.

So what are we — you, me and everyone who rides — going to do from now on? Are you going to help us meet your local, state and national legislators? Many are new to office and need to hear from us before they get indoctrinated by the anti-groups. Will you now realize that without getting involved on a legislative basis you could lose it all? Will you now realize that volunteers in your favorite riding areas have done MORE than they should ever be expected to do and need a brake?

Trust me, I have written articles as CORVA President every month for 13 years. How much longer do you expect to keep

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Don't Fence Me Out - Part 2

By Ann Nosala, CORVA Member

California City located in the high desert, you may think the land of open spaces, but parcel by parcel, this is coming to a slow end. Between developers and our own government, the land of open spaces may be something we can only tell our grandchildren about as a bedtime story.

After a recent battle with California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) over fencing a huge parcel of land that was a traded off to Hyundai Motor Corp. as a mitigation measure for Hyundai's building of a Proving Ground (a.k.a. test track) — another huge chunk of public land was lost to the rest of the public. "How this land was lost?" you may ask. After a long process, I won't bore you with the details here [But for

those who missed it, the background story can be found in, the October 2006 "Off Roaders In Action" newsletter page 4.], it came down to a final meeting on August 17, 2006 in California City.

The morning of the gathering, the CDFG, Hyundai Attorney Nick Browning, Hyundai consultant Jack Stewart and California City representatives met before the "official" meeting.

CORVA members Ed Waldheim and Wayne Nosala, Senator Ashburn's Representative Rex Moen and Ron Schiller chairman of the High Desert Multiple-Use Coalition came as a united front and together represented the desert communities and recreationists.

Representing CDFG was Julie Vance and Steve Juarez, both from Fresno. It was made clear that the public land that was

being fenced, was and I quote, "Our land". Not public land anymore, but land "Owned" by CDFG, (even though the deeds to the lands say State of California on them as I have a copy of them.) Both freely admitted that CDFG has not completed filing both California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Since both these documents are required for their fencing project, then how do they not have to file them? Also, CDFG is spending time going after a small motorcycle racing promoter in the California City area for missing the exact same two reports that CDFG didn't file. This sounds like CDFG is beginning a power trip that is not at all the part of the mission statement written for CDFG. What is going on here?

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Sweepstakes 2007

Enter for your chance to win!
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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!

The 449cc liquid-cooled four stroke, five titanium valve engine makes massive power. When combined with a 350 lb dry weight, the YFZ450 has the best power-to-weight ratio of any ATV ever produced! After starting with a pushbutton electric starter, this power all gets to the ground through a five speed manual transmission and heavy duty clutch.

The ultra-compact, lightweight, high-tensile steel frame with fully adjustable suspension means that the YFZ450 is also the best handling race-bred ATV ever produced!

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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So what are you waiting for? Send those tickets in NOW!

Donation \$3 per ticket or \$25 per book of ten. Donations are not tax deductible. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing to be held at the Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa, CA on Sept. 14-16, 2007. Winner responsible for all applicable tax & registration fees, and will need to take delivery within 30 days of winning.

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- ❖ **Sunday Annual CORVA Meeting!** Hear the latest reports & vote on by-laws.
- ❖ **CORVA Awards!** Nominate Your Club & Friends! "Off-Roader of the Year" Award Announced! "Club of the North", "Club of the South", Charity Award, Conservation Award, Political Activism Award and more! (Award criteria is available at www.corva.org.)
- ❖ **N2Dirt Educational Info!** Don't let the kids ride without learning valuable safety tips.
- ❖ **ATV Safety Workshops! Receive Your ATV Certification!**
- ❖ **Lawsuit Updates! Guest Speakers!** Hear what's happening regarding off-road lawsuits to save your sport!
- ❖ **Cal City MX Park!** Open Practice All Day for \$20 per person. Track Owner is a CORVA sponsor & is donating proceeds from the entries to CORVA! Visit: www.calcitymxpark.com



FOR MORE INFO, CALL THE CORVA HOTLINE AT
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All events are tentative. More events may be added later. Get your club to host an event. CORVA annual membership is \$30 & includes 24 page monthly newsletter. Sign up on our website or at the event. CORVA is "Dedicated to Protecting Public Lands For the People, Not From the People."

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Helping Youth

Beach Play Day – A Day of Fun for At-Risk Youth

By Ed Waldheim

Our annual attendance at the California Police Activities League (CAL-PALS) event was attended by OHV organizations, CORVA, D-37, and San Diego Off Road Coalition. This was again a successful event that was accomplished on July 25 to 27, 2006 in Huntington Beach, CA. Cal-Pals is an organization that assists at-risk youth by helping them participate in all types of recreation, including off road riding. They do OHV training throughout California with police officers that are certified by ASI.

This year's event, (the portion that we were involved with and assisted in) was lead by Steve Yamaichi, from the State OHV Division, along with a representative from each SVRA (State Vehicular Recreation Area) in California. On August 9, 2006 he sent each organization a thank you letter stating, "I have also received numerous compliments from Departmental employees, volunteers and Daphne Greene, Deputy Director OHMVR Division, on how well the Off Road Adventure event was run. The success of this year's Off Road Adventure is directly attributed to the hard work and team effort made by all volunteers and Division Staff".



It's All About the Kids! SDORC, CORVA and District 37 AMA volunteers enjoy a day of working for kids at the Cal PALS Beach Play Day Event.

Why do I feel this event is so important to you the reader? Well, Harold Soens, who recently died from a massive heart attack, was instrumental in getting the kids involved in this program to get a chance to ride quads. Yes, as he would say "It is all about Kids." He dedicated his life to kids, from training them, showing them proper use of trails and equipment, including his grand kids. We all miss Harold, and this year's work was dedicated to him by the team members who attended this event.

During the day, our schedule was organized so as to have over 300 kids from Cal-Pals rotate through the 5 stations that were set up. The kids would rotate events every 20 minutes. When they came to us, they were outfitted with coveralls, socks, boots, and then the ASI instructors would tell them how to ride. The day before the event, Dave & Midge Swoger, Bud Schick and Fred Small of Los Aventureros, a CORVA Club, helped staff set up the hay bales all over the area on the beach for the perimeter, so that the riding took place inside of this area.

In total, 600 kids participated in the CAL-Pals Beach Days event, but due to age only 300 were allowed to ride the OHV course.

During the day we kept the track smooth. With rakes and shovels, we took out the tracks that wheels would make; yes it was hard labor for those of us who manned those hand tools, but to see the faces of all the riders was worth it.

We also did a lot of talking with OHV Deputy Director Daphne Greene who came down from Sacramento for the first time since we have participated in this event. We

also spoke with Russ Ehnes from NOHVCC (The National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council), Paul Slavic former employee of American Honda, and Greg Mumm the Executive Director for Blue Ribbon Coalition. They were all there to see what we were doing.

Steve Yamaichi kept the food coming so there was no reason to leave or rest on this work day! When it was all done, all 600 kids were fed by In-and-Out Burger. Executive Director for Cal-Pals, Ron Exley,



said this was one of the smoothest events he has had.

The event finished the last day with a breakfast for everyone, something that Harold Soens was always in charge of. This year CORVA Past-President Dave Swoger, Midge, Bud, and Fred were right in the middle of getting this breakfast accomplished.

A big thanks goes to all the volunteers, and remember next year on July 24 is Set Up Day, with Work Day on July 25, 2007. Breakfast and wrap up was on July 26, 2007 at Huntington Beach. We need to have a lot more volunteers next year

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Truckhaven

Last Chance! Join the Fun at the 12th Annual Truckhaven Challenge

By Geoff Teare
VP Administration

Last chance to register for the 12th Annual Truckhaven Challenge. This is going to be another fantastic event!

The Truckhaven Challenge will be held January 20-21, 2007, just west of Salton City, California. The terrain is primarily decomposing, dry mud hills with some sand washes and rocky sections thrown in for good measure. The area is laced with trails ranging from tight and twisty to steep and hairy. In other words, great off-roading!

It is in this ever-changing terrain that we mark an approximately 20 mile course (changing it each year) for the Saturday Poker Run. At each checkpoint along the route, you will draw a card to assemble a poker hand, and also participate in a "game of skill". The top three winners of both the poker hands and game scores will all win great prizes! There will also be marked "Alternate" routes which will be much more difficult than the main route. After the run,

we will have a BBQ dinner prepared by the Trailmasters Club, and a drawing for great prizes donated by the off road industry!

The event is open to all Off Road vehicles, but please remember not all four wheel drive vehicles are suitable for off road use. Stock SUV's with novice drivers run the biggest risk of getting stuck/damaged. Similarly, young children on 50cc- 60cc bikes and ATV's may have a problem with some hills and technical spots.

Back by popular demand for 2007 will be the Satellite Safari, held Sunday from 9 AM to noon. The Satellite Safari is for those people who have jumped on the hot GPS (Global Positioning System) bandwagon. Using your GPS units, you will be sent on a "treasure hunt" into the hills of Truckhaven to find.....something. Not sure how to use your GPS unit? No problem! We will show you how in an informal meeting an hour before the Safari starts!

Also back for 2007 will be a great Sunday morning breakfast to benefit CORVA's N2Dirt educational program. And don't forget we will have our traditional

Sunday morning kid's games after breakfast so the little ones can run around and burn off some of that great food!

Please note that in July 2006 the CORVA Board of Directors voted unanimously to require CORVA membership (beginning in 2007) to participate in CORVA events. CORVA membership covers the whole family so multiple vehicles (ex: Mom and Dad in a Jeep and the kids riding ATV's) are included. CORVA is spending over \$6,000 *per month* on legal and lobbying issues now! So, we need the money and want our participants to be fully informed on OHV issues.

JUST ADDED! To further encourage participation, those who join CORVA (new membership only) via Truckhaven Challenge registration will get 1 FREE book of Sweepstakes tickets (for the YFZ 450)! A \$25 value!!

So what are you waiting for? Register now! Those who register in advance save on registration fees, but can also reserve event shirts (which sell out every year)!

As always, all proceeds from this event will go to CORVA's Land Use Fund to help keep our OHV areas open. We're going to have a great time! Hope to see you there!

Pre-Register on-line at <http://www.corva.org/events/truckhaven12.html>

Making Oceano Cleaner for Generations to Come

By Kevin Shelton
Friends of Oceano Dunes
Membership & Clean Beaches Director

Oceano Dunes SVRA has become a favorite recreational area for thousands of off-road enthusiasts. Approximately 2.1 million people visit this 5.5 mile stretch of coast annually making it the busiest State Vehicular Recreation Area in California. On a busy summer weekend, its population will exceed 80,000 people. Unfortunately, not all that is brought in goes out. Items left behind become not only an eye-sore but often times a safety hazard.

Through education and organized Clean-Up Days, Friends of Oceano Dunes (FoOD) is partnering with off-road

enthusiasts to help clean our beach. While most of us strive to leave the beach cleaner than we arrived, some who recreate in the dunes have not realized the importance of properly disposing of their trash. Until they do, we must step up to the plate and help clean our beach.

FoOD has planned quarterly Clean Beaches Events. We are encouraging individuals and off-road groups to join us in the effort to make Oceano cleaner for generations to come.

Everyone who registers and participates in our Clean Beaches Events will be entered into a drawing to be held on Saturday, July 7, 2007 after the annual Poker Run and Clean Beaches Clean-Up.



Mark your calendars for the following Clean Beaches Events

- February 24, 2007
- July 7, 2007
- September 15, 2007
- November 24, 2007

For more information, contact Kevin Shelton at 209-777-1517 or kevin@oceanodunes.org.



12TH ANNUAL TRUCKHAVEN CHALLENGE

Advance Registration

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER!

1. Fill out form below and mail in with check payable to "CORVA". If you are registering more than one vehicle please make a copy of this form and mail in together with your check. Registration must be received by January 6, 2007!
2. On our website: www.corva.org

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Vehicle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

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CORVA Member? Yes _____ Membership # (if known) _____

No _____ Please add \$30 in right column for required 1 year membership.

Registration confirmation will be sent by either E-mail or US mail. By including your E-mail address above you will save CORVA \$\$\$ on postage!

Registration will also be available at the event. Prices will be:

POKER RUN- Each vehicle \$35
 Kids (12 and under) on ATV's/MC \$15
 SATELLITE SAFARI- Each vehicle \$10

SATURDAY POKER RUN

Each Vehicle \$30 = _____

Kids (12 and under) on ATVs/MC \$12 = _____

SUNDAY SATELLITE SAFARI

Each Vehicle \$8 = _____

CORVA Membership (1 year) \$30 = _____

Optional stuff

Extra Poker Hands _____ X \$5 = _____

EVENT SHIRTS (circle size)

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T-Shirts- XXL XXXL \$17 = _____

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Sweatshirts- M L XL XXL \$22 = _____

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12TH ANNUAL



TRUCKHAVEN CHALLENGE

January 20-21, 2007

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POKER RUN- Saturday, January 20

CORVA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (1 year- \$30)
(Those who join CORVA via Truckhaven Challenge registration receive 1 book Sweepstakes tickets FREE! A \$25 value!)

Advance Registration price- Each Vehicle \$30
(Day of Event- \$35)

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

(Day of Event- \$15)

All Prices include one poker hand and 1 raffle ticket!

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

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

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



*ATTENTION!

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

Course length approx. 20 miles

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

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

Course closes 4:00 pm

BBQ dinner (see menu) to follow Poker Run

Awards and great raffle prizes donated by off road industry!

Trailmasters Club BBQ Dinner Menu

Hamburger	\$3.00
Hamburger w/side of chili	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$1.50
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Get Involved

CORVA Well Received at Off-Road Show

By Dick Moon
CORVA Show Coordinator

CORVA members set up their display booth at the September 2006 Sand Sport Super Show. The show runs for three days at the Orange County Fair Grounds in Costa Mesa. The Sand Sport Super Show is the premier show for the west coast and is the biggest of its kind. The CORVA booth has great eye appeal for the public. At 10 foot deep and 20 foot wide, it displays a wealth of hand out material for the public to read and become informed.

This year the booth was manned by Jim Arbogast, Bud Schick, Paul Kober, Jim Colln, Larry Robertson, Terry Work, Jeff Leonard, Ed Waldheim and Dick Moon, over the three day period.

The CORVA booth was visited by thousands of show attendees who asked a variety of pertinent questions, and in turn

gave booth volunteers an opportunity to assist the public and also sign up new CORVA members.

Booth volunteers handed out hundreds of OHV Voter Guides that pointed out the politicians that support responsible access on public lands. There was very little let up of visitors to the booth over the three day period, with a continual swarm of people stopping at the booth.

CORVA volunteers signed up 29 new members plus one life member, one new associate member and one renewed associate member. They also sold merchandise and received donations for a total of \$2497.00.

Those volunteers that gave up their time to set-up, man and tear-down the CORVA booth need a well-deserved pat on

the back, as it seems at times to be a thankless task with long hard hours with little appreciation.

To volunteer to help out at the next show, contact Dick Moon at dmoon@corva.org or call him at (562) 860-9988.

[We only need 2 hours of your time to volunteer. If you are shy or believe you don't know enough about the topics, we have plenty of folks to answer questions; we need more volunteers to stuff bags and hand out materials. So, don't let your shyness stand in the way! Come out and have some fun while volunteering for CORVA. – Erin Dyer, Editor]

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CLORV Hosts Voter Registration and Gives Candidates a Tour of Sand Sports Super Show

By Erin Dyer, CORVA Editor

The California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV) did Voter Registration at this year's Sand Sports Super Show. Their goal was to get all off-roaders registered to vote and to pass out bipartisan OHV Voter Guides of OHV friendly candidates to the general public.

Additionally, candidates were invited to attend the show. This year, Secretary of State Bruce McPherson attended and Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher running for Republican Senatorial Seat in District 34, Orange County. Ms. Daucher is currently an Assemblywoman for the State of California. District 34 is one of the hottest races in this year's election. Two weeks after the election, we are still waiting for

the final count in this hotly contested race.

The candidates who attended were escorted around the entire show by a CLORV representative so they could learn first-hand the economic impact that the off-road industry has on the California economy and meet the many business owners and OHV families that enjoy the sport. Currently, it is estimated that the OHV economic impact on the state of California is around \$9 billion dollars annually. Most candidates are completely overwhelmed at the grand scale of the show and the monetary outlay of the average off-roading family for their toys (i.e. bikes, quads, ramp trailer, buggy, generator, etc.). While not all families can afford all of these toys, they

certainly start out small and work their way up to the ramp trailers and motorhomes.

Also, of interest to the candidates is the large turnout of attendees. Once they see the many businesses and the many enthusiasts involved, the candidates get a better understanding that this is not a small voter population, but a large community (whose votes they want!)

Thanks to Pete Conaty & Associates, our lobbyist, for his work on planning this CLORV candidate visitation day and voter registration day. Thanks to the various volunteers, as well, who worked the booth.

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March 17-18	California City, Camp B, Play Days
April TBD	Hill Toppers Grand Prix, 29 Palms
April 14-15	California City, Camp B, BLM Work Weekend
April 28-29	Participating in Moose Anderson Days at Jawbone Canyon
May TBD	Shamrock's Grand Prix, location TBD
May 5-6	California City, Camp B, Play Days
May 26-29	California City, Camp B, Play Days
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Clear Creek Lawsuit Dismissed

By Don Amador, Blue Ribbon Coalition Western Representative

HOLLISTER, CA (August 22, 2006) — Off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation continues without the cloud of litigation at the popular Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) for the first time in over eighteen months following the recent dismissal of a lawsuit brought by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and California Native Plant Society. Managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the CCMA has been under attack for several years by anti-access groups seeking to close the popular off-road riding area, home of the AMA-sanctioned Quicksilver Enduro and known by enthusiasts throughout the country.

The BlueRibbon Coalition, a national non-profit recreation group (BRC), spearheaded an effort by motorized recreation interests to intervene in this

case in order to help to protect public access to the CCMA. The suit, filed in Federal District Court in San Jose in November, 2004, threatened to eliminate most motorized use of the entire area. The Plaintiffs filed numerous motions seeking immediate judicial imposition of travel restrictions, none of which were granted.

"We are pleased at this result. The recreation community is proud of its strong legal defense of the agency's planning process and continued support for active management of the CCMA," noted Paul Turcke, a Boise, Idaho, attorney representing the Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, the American Motorcyclist Association District 36, the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, the California Off Road Vehicle Association, the Off Road Business Association and the BlueRibbon Coalition in the lawsuit. "However, this success should not trigger complacency.

Before and during the lawsuit the Bureau of Land Management has been working on a travel management plan for the area. On January 13, 2006, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its Record of Decision restricting vehicle travel in the CCMA to designated routes and areas. Based largely on the issuance of this plan, the Plaintiffs stipulated to dismissal of their suit, which the Court approved on August 3, 2006.

Don Amador, western representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, states, "I believe that off-roaders should continue to build our partnership with the BLM and help support the agency's effort to have a balanced program. With the distraction of this lawsuit removed, the OHV community can even more sharply focus our resources on proactive management of Clear Creek."

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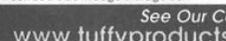
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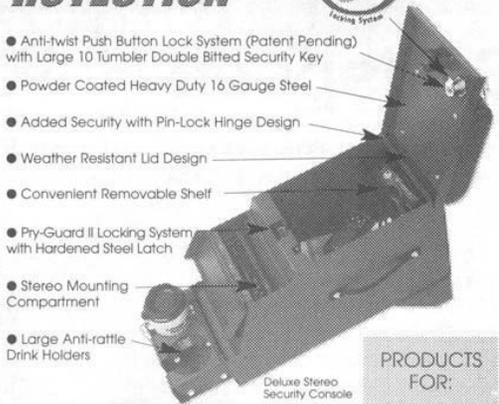
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-Don't Fence Me Out - Part 2 -

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At the meeting, it was suggested that part of the fencing corridor we sought [to keep the road bisecting the property open to riding & community traffic] we should pay a portion of the cost — well, actually a third of the cost \$6000.00, with California City picking up a third and Hyundai picking up the last third. Wayne Nosala highly objected to this stating that "CORVA is not a fencing company." Looking at the whole picture, we were being asked to pay for fencing public land with our donated money? Does that make any sense?

Not too much made sense at this meeting. Hyundai is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for this fencing project. But don't feel too sorry for them — Hyundai looked into the fact that the American public has always objected to this type of land grab/fencing with extensive public notice. We know that off-road groups along with dozens of other multi-use groups would have put up a huge fight at the time this was being negotiated.

But, it's best to do this quietly and hope nobody notices, given that this was last minute notification. We, as the public, were basically told what will be and that is that. Oh, we did get a few small victories on the fencing. Some fencing moved a bit, but nothing that I would put my feet up and crack open a victory beer on.

The meeting concluded with Ed and his charming over the shoulder comment to Hyundai representatives, "I just bought a new car, I love it and it's a Toyota."

So there it is.

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Club Corner

Viewfinders MC – A Great Club with a Commitment to Preserving Land Access

By Jeff Leonard
CORVA Field Rep MC Clubs

In the wake of the recent election, it's clubs like the Viewfinders MC and other AMA District 37/ CORVA clubs that will make a difference as we face the reality of a less off road friendly political environment. In supporting CORVA and District 37, the Viewfinders help 2 of the 5 off road organizations that foot the bill for the full time legal representation of Eco Logic Partners as well as lobbyists in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. It is obvious to see how important this will be to the future of off roading.

In addition to CORVA and District 37, Viewfinders members are also AMA national members. This club is to be commended for their involvement, and if you're looking for a motorcycle club to join, read on.

You might be wondering why they call themselves the Viewfinders. Well, back in the early days of the club, to be a member, you also had to be a stuntman or at least be in the movie industry. Luckily for us more normal types, the entrance requirements have been relaxed.

The Viewfinders are always looking for new members that want to share their enthusiasm for the sport. All they ask is for a little participation. Enter a couple races, work one pit a year and help out at the events, which are always a good time.

Speaking of events, the Viewfinders are involved in at least a few. They put on a motocross event and a large scale Grand Prix in Ridgecrest the first weekend in October. You can usually find the club out in the desert at any District 37 event. In my opinion, the club is at their best when they again work their butts off to have a good time and support a great cause. This cause would be the Riders Helping Riders Foundation to help injured racers.

One of their fundraisers is a poker run held the weekend of the Vikings MC race in April. The Viewfinders pull out all the stops to man the most creative and wildly entertaining themed

checkpoint. Last year they had a Mardi Gras theme complete with costumes, games, food, Hurricanes for the adults, beads of course, and much more! They are the undisputed champions of the best checkpoint 6 years running!

The club prefers to have it's meetings out in the desert (a great idea!), so if you'd like to join them just look for their yellow and black signs at most any D-37 event and find out what they're all about. If you end up joining a different D-37 club, make sure they're also a CORVA member, if not bug 'em till they are, and if you need help, feel free to contact me.

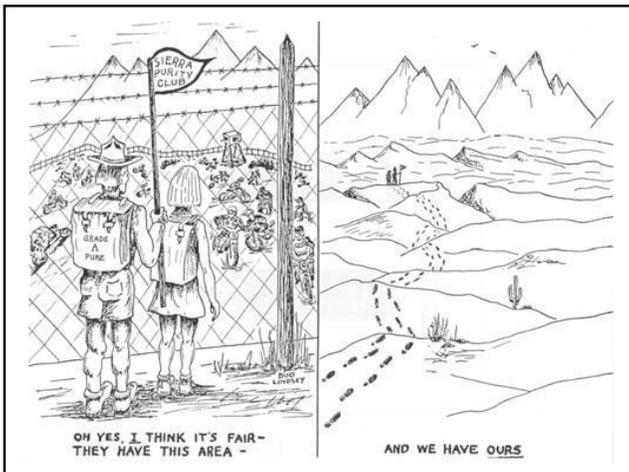
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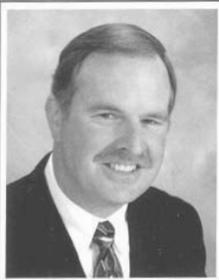
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I would like to mention that Honda also has a Proving Ground in the area. Located in Cantil, Honda has been an additional benefit to the local communities. At a recent Friends of Jawbone meeting, Honda Representative Don Shaw walked in with a brand new 2000 watt generator as a donation [This is one of many over the years]. Hyundai after obtaining their massive acreage for their Proving Ground in California City has disappeared off the map. You are not able to find their address or a phone number for them.

If you are buying a car, you may want to consider this — support those companies who assist with your choice of recreation. In the long run, that is what we need to do as a group to keep open our public lands.

[Thanks to Ed & Wayne for keeping on top of this issue and getting Senator Ashburn's office involved. Without these CORVA members, this would have been a done deal. According to Wayne, they did succeed in keeping 640 acres from being fenced in. — Erin Dyer, Editor]





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- **Get Involved** - continued from page 4 -

our riding areas open if you do not come forward and help?

You can call any CORVA officer to offer to volunteer in any capacity that you would like. You can go to our website and find all the links to the many "Friends Groups" across the state that need your help in their specific riding areas; find one and offer to help. You can join us on one of our fundraising events and offer to work a checkpoint for fun – bring the family and have a blast. You can join our annual OHV Lobby Day and help for just one day a year to meet your legislators.

The key is 2007 should be a year that every single one of you spends at least 20 % of your riding time on some volunteer work for your sport. How about it?

- **Cal-Pals** - continued from page 8 -

(especially young ones), Steve Yamaichi asked us to get more help.

Maybe your family can bring the kids to volunteer during their summer vacation for a group of less fortunate kids who are looking for some fun on OHVs. See you there!

Also thanks to the following Volunteers:

SDORC Volunteers: Dianita Canizalez, Scott Hillier, Jan McGarvie

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- **Clear Creek** - continued from page 16 -

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A number of CCMA issues remain pending, including our Interior Board of Land Appeals challenge to the 'dry season' closure, and future litigation at the CCMA and other California riding areas is unfortunately more likely than not," Turcke cautioned.

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