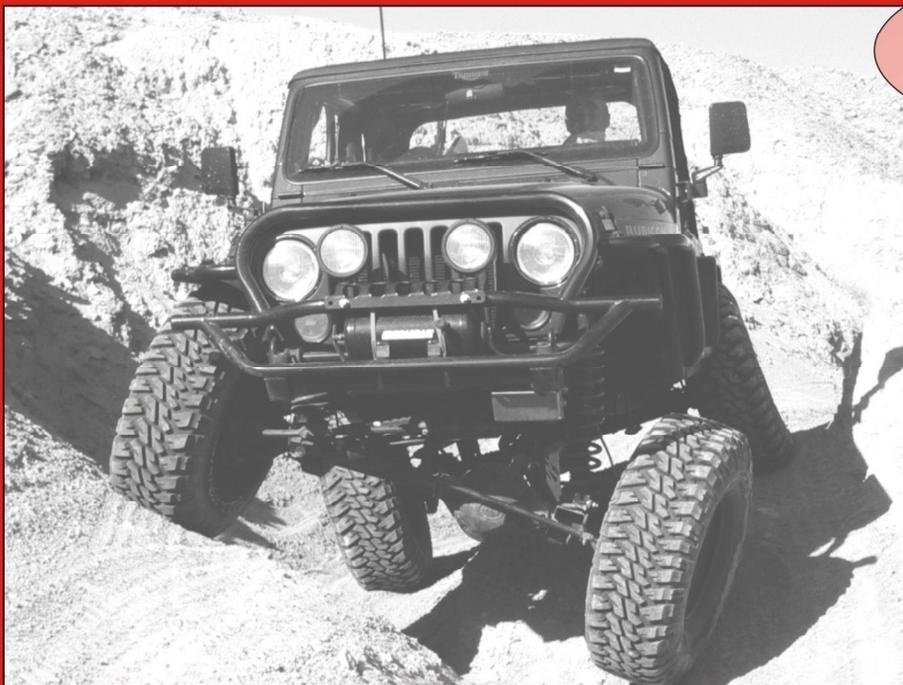


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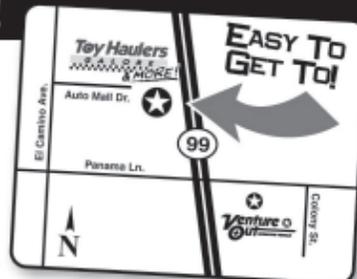
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The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trials bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street-legal" 4X4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, bajas and desert racers.

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.

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We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on environmental documents on as many issues as possible and maintaining close relationships with personnel in the field as well as the staff.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations ranging from snowmobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple-use rights from the environmental extremists. **We are "dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."**

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



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Your Civic Responsibility

By Ed Waldheim
President

For so many years I have been advocating the need for every single one of us to be involved in some way with our local, state and national elected officials. This very issue hit home at the California Republican Convention in Indian Wells, Ca. recently.

My wife Linda and I went to this convention on September 7-9, 2007 to work the California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV) booth, just as we do at the Democrat Convention.

When we arrived, we set up on the assigned table and to our right was the Rudy Giuliani Campaign, to my left was the John McCain campaign and in front of us was the Fred Thompson campaign. Now I don't have to elaborate at the energy these booths brought to the convention attendees, regardless of who you support. They had exciting discussions and points of view.

Our CLORV lobbyist Pete Conaty has a new display donated by Cal Rossi from McMillin Companies so another booth space was secured. This table was run by

Pete, Vicki Cossey from American Sand Association (ASA) and San Diego Off Road Coalition (SDORC), and Meg Grossglass of Off Road Business Association (ORBA). We did not move our original booth due to the good location we already had, so we ended up with two tables. This gave us double representation.

All weekend long, we passed out our information on off-road activities, the 4 maps printed and distributed by Friends of Jawbone and California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), and maps from the OHV Division. All the maps were a huge hit. Folks really wanted to know about places to go off-roading. Many of them actually are off-roaders or used to be. That was the interesting thing.

We received the chance to discuss and educate attendees about the poorly written Rim of the Valley proposal which proposes to make a National Park come from the Santa Monica Mountains all the way to the San Bernardino National Forest. Some folks (not us) feel it would be a good thing, so that they could get some (hiking) trails from their community to the forest. (Talk about being misguided.)

Be sure to write to your U.S. Congressman to announce your opposition to the Rim of the Valley. Tell them we don't need a new National Park where Angeles National Forest already exists. If it were to be converted to a National Park, you can bet we would lose our access.

Highlights of the event were the luncheon and the dinners. The first was with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, followed by Florida Governor Charlie Crist and Texas Governor

Rick Perry (my wife Linda is from Texas and got a picture with Mr. Perry) Saturday, we had U.S. Senator John McCain speak. What an incredible hero he was during the war. The hardships he endured you would wish on no one. He was followed by Tim Pawlenty from Minnesota, and Jon Huntsman from Utah. All these governors were brilliant in their presentations, and their loyalty to America was obvious.

I bring this up to just to give you an idea how we, as off-roaders, need to be more involved in this process. Yes, Linda and I sat at the tables with 500 folks. We were the only two off-roaders. I had my CORVA jacket on and legislators would come up to me and talk. Why? Because, they recognized the orange CORVA jacket. What if, we had 100 off-roaders in the audience, Republican or Democratic it wouldn't matter since we are a non-partisan group, and all had our colors on. Do you think folks would really start taking notice?

Did you ever wonder why you don't get their attention, why you feel government does not care about off-roading? Well, it is very simple. We are not there making our presence known. We need to go to where the legislators are to get their attention.

Yes, Linda and I were at the dinners. Yes, Vicki and Meg were at the table during the day, but in the big picture of things I have to ask where are we?

I went to several meeting rooms. I personally met with many legislators in the halls and the meeting rooms. Some times I went with our lobbyist Pete Conaty, and other times I went alone. I talked with Congresswoman Mary Bono and got a rude awaking. I know that we have ZERO opportunity in the Palm Springs to Indio area, which equates to a little on the other side of the canal. I now know why.



Linda & Ed Waldheim meet Senator John McCain (center) at the California Republican Convention in Indian Wells, CA.

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Victory for OHVs in Truckhaven Suit Off-Roaders & State Parks Stop CBD Attempted Closure

By Meg Grossglass, EcoLogic Partners, Inc., Treasurer

BAKERSFIELD, CA (September 07, 2007) In January of 2007 the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Desert Protective Council (DPC) filed a lawsuit claiming that the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) purchased the Truckhaven property without completing the environmental reviews required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a result, the special permits required to use the property for events were suspended. An agreement has been reached by the parties involved that will allow State Parks to issue event permits in this area as long as the appropriate environmental reviews are completed.

This area has been used by off-roaders since the 1950's. It is also the location for California Off-Road Vehicle Association's (CORVA) annual "Truckhaven Challenge." This event has been held in the Truckhaven area for twelve years. It provides organized

family off-roading fun while at the same time teaching trail etiquette, habitat protection and proper safety techniques. Circa 1964, the Tierra Del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club of San Diego began hosting their "Desert Safari" event in this area. It has been a successful gathering of 4 wheel drive enthusiasts for over 40 years.

Before this year OHV organizations did not need to obtain special event permits because the property was owned by several individuals that never objected to the events. Once DPR purchased the property, special event permits became a requirement. The CBD and DPC filed a request for an injunction to keep CORVA from holding their "Truckhaven Challenge" in January of this year. CORVA chose to cancel their request for a permit on advice of counsel. Later, CBD and DPC asked for a court order prohibiting all OHV use in the area. CORVA fought this and the court refused to issue the injunction. CORVA was then dismissed from the litigation.

In July of this year, EcoLogic partners filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit in

support of State Parks. While this motion was pending before the court, CBD, DPC and State Parks entered into settlement negotiations.

We are happy to report that the case has now been resolved on terms favorable to the OHV community. CBD and DPC have dropped all of their claims, including those under CEQA. Therefore, the acquisition of Truckhaven by State Parks is no longer in dispute. In exchange, State Parks has agreed to initiate a public planning process for the Truckhaven area.

This process will begin at the end of the year and is expected to take 12 to 18 months to complete. In the interim, however, State Parks will be able to issue special event permits to OHV groups, provided they conduct the environmental analysis required under CEQA. This is a great victory for OHV users and for the environment.

EcoLogic Partners, Inc. is made up of member partners California Off-Road

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Recreation Groups Challenge Trail Closure Suit

USFS Region 5 Route Designation Fight

SACRAMENTO, CA — Diverse recreation and access groups filed motions today to join a federal district court action involving Forest Service management of the Eldorado National Forest. The original suit was filed by Wilderness advocates who are asking for closure of trails in the Forest pending completion of more studies.

In addition to moving to intervene on the side of the Forest Service, the access groups have sought leave to file cross-claims against the agency.

According to Rick Guidice, spokesman for the California Enduro Riders Association, "I think the recent suit filed by green groups to force a closure of many

off-road vehicle and equestrian trails in the Eldorado National Forest goes too far. While I agree the agency may have mismanaged its trail program, we are challenging unnecessary closures and restrictions that ignore sound science, the needs of the resource and reasonable recreational access."

"I think the final outcome of our involvement in this lawsuit will be better management of the resource while at the same time providing a quality trail experience for off-roaders and equestrians," Guidice states.

The local, state and national interest groups filing today's motion include Friends of the Rubicon, California Enduro

Riders Association, District 36 of the American Motorcyclist's Association, El Dorado Equestrian Trails Foundation, We the People, California Off Road Vehicle Association, California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, and the BlueRibbon Coalition. The recreational groups are represented by Paul Turcke of Boise, Idaho, and Dennis Porter of Redding, California.

The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national non-profit recreation group that champions responsible use of public lands. It represents over 1,100 organizations and businesses with approximately 600,000 members.

["This suit has major implications across the entire USFS Region 5 Route Designation Process. We need everyone's donations to our Land Use Fund to keep up the fight. Use the Donation coupon in this newsletter and have your donation earmarked for the Route Designation Process funding. Together we can win!"- Ed Waldheim, CORVA President.]

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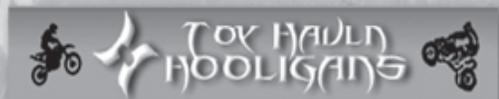
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Truckhaven

13th Annual Truckhaven Challenge is Coming! January 26-27, 2008

By Geoff Teare, VP Administration

Once again, the Truckhaven Challenge crew is planning to put on another great event in the desert!

As most of you know, we had to cancel the 2007 event at the last minute due to legal action from the Center for Biological Diversity. Many folks had driven a long distance to get to the event and were understandably disappointed, yet everyone understood that we had to cancel to prevent possible closure of the whole area. Well, we are going to do our darndest to make up for that cancellation this coming January!

As of press time, we have two options we are working on. One is that we hold the event in our traditional area off of North Marina Drive. Due to recent court action (which resulted in good news for us!), the CBD has agreed to cease their legal action against the acquisition of the area (by State Parks), and our events, as long as the proper CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) procedures are followed.

Due to the time constraints involved, CORVA would have to commission the CEQA study and have it completed in time for the event, as State Parks would not be able to get it done in time. Although the cost of the study may be prohibitive, we are investigating this possibility.

Our other option is to hold the event "a stone's throw away" in Ocotillo Wells SVRA just south of Hwy. S-22. We already have explored the area, have a good campsite and trail network (the terrain is much like our traditional area just north of Hwy. S-22!) in mind, and have begun the permit process.

Since we are working on these two options as this issue of ORIA goes to press, we have not included a map of the camping area in the event ad. Instead, we request you go to our website www.corva.org after November 1, 2007 for the latest info.

The 2008 Truckhaven Challenge will essentially be the same as in years' past, with the only noticeable exception being

that we won't be having an advance registration this time. We have had advance registration for several years now, but it has been used by few attendees and is a lot more work for event staff. We have no limit set for the amount of attendees and have been able to accommodate everyone in the past, so don't worry about showing up and the event being sold out. Not gonna happen! Just come on out and have a great time!

CORVA has gained a lot more members in the past year so for those that have not participated in this event before, here is an overview.

The Truckhaven Challenge is held in late January each year 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. There will be several checkpoints. At each checkpoint 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. These are for those folks really keen on abusing their vehicles! After the run we will have a BBQ dinner prepared by the Trailmasters Four Wheel Drive 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. While we

test the course with a high-clearance Jeep in 2-wheel drive and open differentials, this does not mean the run will be easy. We do this so we feel the course "should" be navigable by most 4 wheel drives and other OHV's. Since there is no way we can anticipate the experience level of every rider/driver, please consider this paragraph as a "heads-up"!

We promise you will be kept busy all day and boredom will not be an option!

The Satellite Safari is for those people who have jumped on the hot GPS (Global Positioning System) bandwagon and are having fun utilizing orbiting satellites to determine their position in the backcountry. Using your portable or built-in GPS units,

Correction

Due to a scheduling conflict with other events, CORVA has changed the date for the Truckhaven Challenge to January 26 - 27, 2008.

you will be sent on a "treasure hunt" into the hills to find.....something. You will have no course markers or maps, but will follow only the directions on your GPS screen. Objects will be hidden near established routes in order to keep the Safari time frame manageable. This is great fun!

The Satellite Safari will be held on Sunday, January 27 between 9:00 AM and Noon. Participants will have enough time to run the Safari before they need to pack up and head for home.

And, as usual, we will have our Sunday morning kid's games, so the younger ones not out on the Satellite Safari will have their own little "treasure hunt" near camp!

We have already started putting together the vendors row and an area set aside for clubs to set up a booth and

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Living with Abandoned Mineshafts

By Dan Allison, CORVA Vice President Education, N2Dirt Program Director

What do you think of when you come across an old abandoned mineshaft? A lot of people think of adventure, the old west, prospecting 49ers, gold and riches and the exciting treasure hunting of "Indiana Jones".



But the lucky ones that encounter abandoned mineshafts are actually the ones that walk away, or can walk away.

There have been too many times we open a newspaper and read about someone falling in a mineshaft and dying while out enjoying the day off-roading. Every year the unsuspecting hiker, off-roader or



adventurer are caught in the abandoned mineshaft's grip and become injured or even worse, losing their life.

Mineshafts are not always obvious or easy to spot. Many are hidden under brush, in ravines or just over the crest of a hill. A tragic accident has recently occurred in Arizona for this very reason. Every one of us is at risk, and all of us have been near mine sites whether we were aware of it or not.

We live and play in a rich historical and currently active mining region of the country. California grew into what it is based upon its rich history of mining minerals.

Abandoned mines can be found throughout the state, with the eastern deserts and Sierra foothills having the most. The California Department of Conservation's Office of Mine Reclamation, the agency responsible for working with abandoned mineshafts, estimates that about 47,000 abandoned mines exist in the state. Douglas Craig, Chief of that agency, indicates that just in San Bernardino and Riverside counties numbers are estimated to be 15,000 with similar amounts in Kern County.

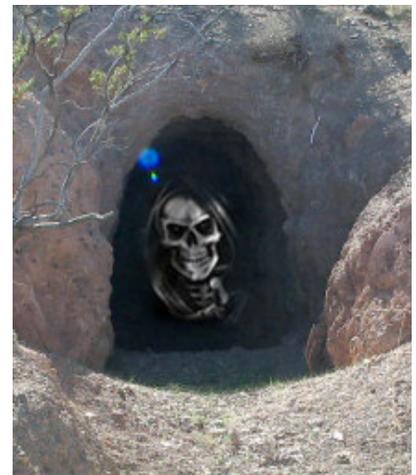
State and Federal agencies lack the funding to protect us from the hazards of abandoned mineshafts. The money that is available has been primarily used to clean up the mine sites that leach toxic chemicals such as mercury and arsenic into the water supply. More recently the state

Legislature has been allocating more funds to begin the repair process by closing or fencing abandoned mineshafts.

Of the 47,000 suspected mine locations, only 2,000-3,000 have been surveyed in greater detail. Just surveying and cataloging the sites will take decades.

A Department report from June 2000 estimated the cost of clearing the hazards of abandoned mineshafts more than \$5 billion dollars. Fixing the problem is very complex. After a site has been assessed for hazards, the ownership of the site, the mining claim, and the environmental report process must be completed.

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Forest News

“Burn Baby Burn”

Sandra F. Mitchell
Public Lands Director, Idaho State Snowmobile Association

The U. S. Forest Service seems to have adopted Sherman's “scorched earth” policy. Each summer we see hundreds of thousands of acres of our priceless public lands seared, wildlife killed or displaced, air polluted with smoke, homes burned to the ground, entire communities threatened and millions of our tax dollars spent on suppression. Sherman at least had a strategic goal in mind, ending a war, but the ultimate goal of today's wildfire policy is a mystery.

In years past the firefighter's mission was clear and unequivocal—gear up to put the fire out as soon as possible. An emphasis was placed on fast initial attack, prevention and aggressive suppression. Now we sometimes see days pass with no suppression action while small fires become big. Attack is often too little, too late. Containment relies heavily on burnouts from distant firelines and use of aircraft for water and retardant drops. Sometimes fire is contained and sometimes it is allowed to burn to meet other objectives like improving the health of the forest.

But what about the health of the citizens who live near the fires. According to Jay O'Laughlin, Director of the Policy Analysis Group, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, carbon dioxide emissions from the forest fires of 2004 totaled 392 million tons, 6% of all our nation's energy related emissions. Smoke from forest fires contains a particle that has serious human health implications, particularly for those with respiratory problems.

This particle, identified as PM 2.5, is monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from three sources: fuel combustion, transportation and industrial. EPA does not monitor Forest fires because fires are considered an uncontrollable source. Forest fires in 2004 dispersed 2.6 million tons of this particulate, an amount equal to all of the monitored sources combined.

While the EPA considers forest fires a source that is natural and beyond their control, that assumption is only partly correct. Forests are vast storehouses of energy and carbon compounds. This energy and carbon will someday be released by decomposition or by fire, and fire is the dominant vehicle for that release in the Northwest. In designated wilderness, we have no option but to allow the forces of nature to shape the ecology of the landscape—and fire is nature's first choice to get that job done.

However, we have other choices outside of wilderness. We can manage that energy release through good forest management. We can sequester the carbon in various forest products and reduce the fuel loads that result in massive, uncontrollable wildfires. In doing so, we can cut the emissions of carbon compounds and particulate into the air, while pumping millions of dollars into our economy.

The environmental community is normally concerned about carbon sequestration and air quality, but is silent on the issue of forest fires. Where is the outrage we see with other related issues,

such as field burning? Instead we hear of the benefits of the big fires while efforts to manage the forests and reduce fuel loads are blocked at every opportunity. The inconsistency should be obvious.

And what about the health of our economy? Fires provide some immediate, short-term income for individuals and nearby communities, but generate no sustained revenue. While the fires are burning the air becomes nearly unbreathable and who wants to tour our forests and wildlands to see smoke? Tourism, water quality, fisheries and extraction industries suffer in the long term because the resources that attract those interests are gone. Fires don't respect riparian zones or old growth. The cost to the economies of adjacent communities and to the State from these out of control fires on federal lands runs into the millions of dollars.



So, what can we do about the fires? We can review our position on fire suppression and place more emphasis once again on initial attack and quick containment. We can also take a hard look at suppression methods and policies, allowing fire personnel some discretion in decision making and remove the cloud of criminal action if they should inadvertently make an error.

Most important, we can take aggressive action to prevent gigantic, destructive wildfires. We can allow the professionals we hire to manage our forests to do their jobs in an efficient and cost effective manner. We need to reduce fuel loading, thus cutting the intensity and scope of fires when they occur. We can sequester the carbon that would otherwise go up in smoke in the form of useful and valuable products.

Quite frankly Congress got us into this mess with a series of well meaning but badly written laws in the 1960's and '70's. These laws have become the basis of litigation that many of today's so-called environmental groups are only too happy to pursue. As a result management of our federal forests is in gridlock.

Today 48% of the Forest Service's budget goes to fighting massive fires every summer; endless planning, appeals and litigation gobble up most of the remainder. Congress put us in this stew and only Congress can get us out.

Forest News

Save our Forests

By Chris Horgan
Stewards of the Sequoia

Decades ago the belief was that logging had to be eliminated because of the damage it caused through erosion, destruction of habitat & deforestation. Tourism & recreation would replace the lost income to local rural communities near Forests.

Today more & more signs are posted warning the public that travel on Forest Trails could result in injury or death from falling trees, discouraging tourism & recreation.

Today ever larger catastrophic fires of unnatural size & intensity occur, destroying up to 5% of the Forest annually, due to overgrown, diseased & dying Forests.

Each burn area may take hundreds of years to grow back to a healthy Forest again. Or they may remain brush fields forever.

Have our Forests been preserved or destroyed? In any recent year more Forest habitat has been destroyed through lack of management, than was ever impacted through logging.

Based on Interagency Fire records at the current rate, our National Forests could be incinerated in as little as 19 years.

Strangely enough the "Silent Spring" ecological apocalypse predicted by

environmentalists, may be caused by the misguided efforts of a vocal minority who claim to protect the Forest. Their lawsuits prevent active management, causing the incineration of our forests & wildlife, the massive erosion of our forest soils after unnatural fires, the loss of trees to cleanse our air.

Small fires are part of the natural process, not increasingly massive fires releasing millions of tons of carbon & spreading choking smoke hundreds of miles.

Today, our tinderbox forests will be incinerated whether human caused or lightening caused. So the issue is not the cause, but how to be good Stewards of our Forests & Wildlife.

The best way to preserve our forests is to contact your Congressman. Tell him that scorched earth is not the legacy we want to leave for our children.

Lawsuits by the misguided should no longer be tolerated. Our Forest Service should be encouraged to actively manage our forests again by aggressively thinning them to promote forest health, create jobs & encourage tourism & recreation.

Like Smokey says "Only you can prevent forest fires". Today that requires changing policy.

Make the call. Tell your Congressman we need to actively manage our forests.

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A plea from Stewards of the Sequoia for common sense to Save our Forests
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These photos show the OHVers and multiple-use supporters that attended the Eldorado National Forest Protest Rally. (See article in our *October Off-Roaders In Action* newsletter.) Thanks to all those who attended! Also, thanks to Narvell Conner, from the Central California Quad Riders (CCQR) who submitted these photos.



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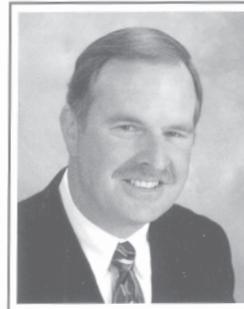
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Sweepstakes

2007 Sweepstakes Winner Announced

The drawing for the CORVA 2007 Sweepstakes was conducted at the Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa on September 16, 2007.

The Grand Prize Winner of the brand new 2007 Yamaha YFZ450 ATV is CORVA member Marry Mercier-Gagel of Mission Viejo. The 2007 Grand Prize was donated by Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA.

The first prize was a Napier Truck Tent Combo- Sportz Combo III donated by Napier Enterprises, Inc. Won by Deron Vestermark of Long Beach, this package includes a truck tent, mattress, sleeping bags and chairs.

Second prize was a Vehicle Recovery Kit won by CORVA member Mike R. Hatstrup of Lompoc. Donated by Mile Marker and Hi-Lift Jack Co., this package includes a Mile Marker Winch Accessory Kit and a Hi-lift Jack.



Marry Mercier-Gagel, 2007 Grand Prize Winner of the 2007 Yamaha YFZ450 ATV, surrounded by CORVA members from left to right: Jim Arbogast, Geoff Teare, Dick Moon and Bud Schick.

SAND SPORT SUPER SHOW

By Dick Moon, CORVA Show Coordinator

The Sand Sport Super Show turned out to be one of the bigger and better shows of the season. The show itself was huge, consuming all of the Orange County Fair Grounds. CORVA's involvement was better than expected with 49 new members signing up.

CORVA's success came from the hard work of those who assisted at the booth for three days.

Thanks goes out to: Jim Arbogast; Bud Schick; Paul Kober; Jim Colln; Rick Fisher; Geoff Teare; Vinnie Barbarino; Leslie Hodowanec. Thanks everybody for all the hard work.

Special thanks to our generous prize donors. Without their help, this fundraiser would not have been possible. A special thank you to Yamaha Corp. for believing in CORVA's purpose and taking the lead in donating our Grand Prize.

Special thank yous to all who purchased these raffle tickets throughout the past year. All proceeds from this Sweepstakes go to CORVA's Land Use Fund to help keep our trails open!

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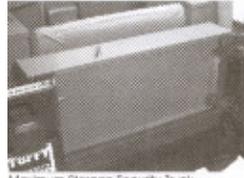


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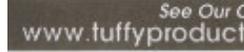
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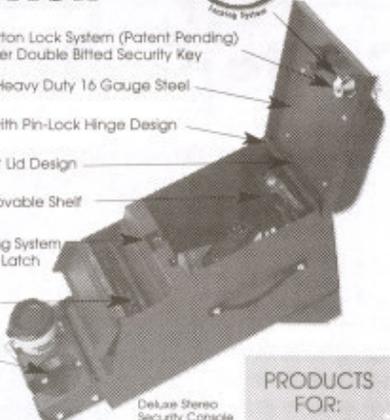
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[For the history of the Truckhaven CBD fight, visit the CORVA website, Home page, under "Latest Issues" and scroll down to read "48 Hours of Hell" article by Ed Waldheim and all related articles dated 1-27-07 to 1-31-07. You will be amazed! Also, your donations are greatly needed to continue our financial commitment to our legal counsel. Please send donations today!!! – Erin Dyer, CORVA 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 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.

**- Truckhaven Challenge -
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promote their membership. If you own an off road business or have a club which you would like to promote, please contact CORVA Vice President Sales & Marketing Terry Work (terry@corva.org or 800.42-CORVAx513) for further info!

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!

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- ◆ **February 2008 - Desert Vipers Grand Prix in Adelanto**
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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
- ◆ **September 2008 - CORVA Southern Jamboree**
- ◆ **October 2008 - CORVA Northern Jamboree**

- Mineshafts - cont'd from page 10 -

Mining claims are a historical and important issue for our country. Protecting claim owner's rights are a basic freedom that can not be overlooked. Historical sites, wildlife habitats and wilderness areas must be considered when weighing the potential risk to our safety and contamination to our environment.

It is just not as simple as driving out and bulldozing over old abandoned mineshaft sites. Unfortunately, the sites that agencies remediate first are the one's



where someone has already been injured or killed.

But we can not wait for all the abandoned mineshaft sites to be fixed by our state or federal governmental agencies. We must educate ourselves how to protect ourselves, family and friends when we recreate.

The best way to protect our family and friends and is to learn how to recognize an abandoned mineshaft location. Then we can understand how to avoid the risks associated with them. The hazards of mineshafts are more complex than just falling into one. Most sites include the following hazards:

- Toxic chemicals; mercury, arsenic and others
- Old sharp and rusting equipment used in the process of mining

- Loose rock and gravel from mining tailings
- Hidden or partially covered pits and shafts
- Poisonous gasses
- Contaminated water
- Dark, deep and dangerous pits and vertical shafts
- Old rotted wooden timbers, ladders and structures
- Wildlife, snakes, spiders, insects and bats
- Potential cave-ins and risk of collapse

Some sites are clearly marked, fenced or covered. But people still break down the barriers and enter anyway. The ones that are not closed or covered are just as dangerous to the adventurous (unknowing). Other sites are loosely concealed or hidden and extremely dangerous to the unsuspecting.

Areas around most mineshaft sites have unnatural looking mounds of loose or disturbed rock and gravel. Going near these areas is just not a good idea. The best way to protect ourselves is to:

- Avoid going near any mining site
- Stay on designated trails and routes
- Know where you are, use maps of the area
- Remain alert
- Know the terrain
- Never ride alone
- Both riders should carry cell phones
- Wear proper riding safety equipment
- Carry First-aid and survival kits with you
- Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return

- Before you crest a ridge, know what is on the other side
- Teach everyone in your group of the hazards and what to look for
- And always "Stay Out! Stay Alive"
(California City Police Department's website, Mine Safety Tips.)

It all comes back to what we can do for ourselves. We must be careful, we must be active in voicing our views and concerns, and we must get out there and volunteer our efforts.

The best short term answer to the problem is education and awareness. The abandoned mine shafts won't go away over night. This information in the back of your head that mine shafts can be hidden, just over the next hill or around the next corner, will improve your chances of avoiding their danger. Be careful and enjoy your ride.

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- Civic Responsibility -
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There is absolutely no OHV presence in that area to advocate their sport. Yet, the strange thing is that the average guy from bus boys, to car valets, to managers of businesses in the area are all off-roaders, yet they are silent. They just complain that there is no place to ride. They are the ones that can get Mary Bono to get more opportunity in that area. I am not a voter in her area, so I can't do it all for you. The residents in the area need to speak up and talk to their legislators.

I hope you all get the picture, unless you personally get involved, you will not save your sport. Linda, Vicki, Meg, Pete and I can't do it alone.

Yes, you have other obligations. Yes, you have to work. Yes, you have to do this. Do that, etc., etc, but frankly, those are all excuses. Unless you have it in your gut that you want to make a change, I don't care what organization in California gives their life for our sport, they can not do it alone. It takes members to do it. Members need to become aware. That is the only way it will get done.

We desperately need folks at CORVA and CLORV booths at shows; we are begging folks to help us sit at the table and hand out literature. So please think about this again. This is your civic responsibility. This is your American right and obligation to keep America strong. Yes, that includes the ability to recreate on OHVs. Don't become complacent. Join us with the same gusto you go out recreating with. It can be just as exciting.

We worked hard at saving our "Green Sticker" Program. That did not happen by itself. Key negotiators of our OHV organizations made it happen, and we owe the people a deep gratitude for the hundreds of hours, days and weekends they were in the negotiations to make this happen.

For those that don't know what I am talking about, let me explain that when a bill was introduced in the California State Legislature which would have decimated the OHV program, all OHV organizations and the OHMVR Division had to jump in and negotiate the bill to be one we could live with. The bill was known as SB742 authored by Steinburg. The bill has since passed the Senate and Assembly and is awaiting the Governor's signature. The bill has many good features now. By the time you read this, we hope Governor Schwarzenegger will have signed our "Green Sticker" bill.

Join us in CORVA and other OHV organizations to really make an impact on our elected officials. Together we can do it.

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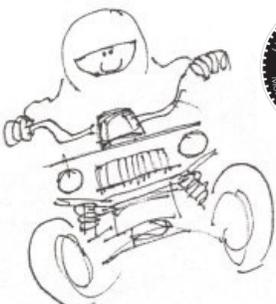
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