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# ***OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION***

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

### **To Defeat the Youth Motorcycle/ATV Ban**

This country, concerned for its youth, created the Consumer Safety Act of 2008 which limits the amount of lead in sellable toys. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has classified motorcycles/ATVs as toys. This classification is targeted at children 12 and under, and has effectively outlawed the sale of the smaller bikes and their replacement parts. This ban will severely affect the sport of motorcycling, possibly resulting in the ban of all motorcycles.

Electronic toys (video games and consoles) were exempt from this statute; can you imagine a world without a Playstation or Xbox? So imagine a world without motocross, supercross, desert riding and racing? This is what the Consumer Product Safety Commission has taken away from our country's children.

Dedicated business owners, riders and racers have rallied together to help fight this ban and reverse this unfair law. The plan is to call, visit, and write letters to our elected representatives to get as much support as possible to make this reversal happen. By flooding the offices with thousands of letters we can present the fact that this issue is serious and that it needs to be resolved immediately. Ask yourself, how is it legal for a child to purchase a lead fishing weight but not ride his OHV?

**This law affects every motorcycle and ATV rider.  
This law affects every motorcycle and ATV business.  
This law could end the sport of Motorcycling!**

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## **Family Fun Days - Another Success!**

Well, the weather gods were smiling on the annual event in California City. We held the event on March 14-15th off Esse Rd. in an area that is perfect for a large group as we are.

As with any CORVA event, it takes many volunteers to put it together. For 2009 we had our Secretary, Katherine Kelsey, step up to the plate and co-chaired the event with our Southern Director Jim Arbogast. Many hours go into the planning stages to bring our members a fun and exciting trip to the desert.

Over the two day event we had; Challenging Games, a Dog Show, Fun Contests, GREAT Food, Prizes, a HUGE Campfire, a BIG Raffle and a SUPER Poker Run! So we had some GOOD FUN.

Pictured we find a member attempting the famous Potato Stab game, timed against the clock, did he win? Read all about the weekend events starting on page 10 and we hope all can make our next one. We can always use volunteers as well in the planning stages, so don't be shy now...we always try and have some fun!



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*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. Secondly, 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,*

***"Dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."***

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Jim Woods**

### **Either Activists or Environmentalists ~ Where are we?**

At the last Desert Advisory Council meeting, I was able to view the first mapping of Senator Diane Feinstein's new plan to protect former [railroad] Catellus Land by using a "Monument Designation" for the area. (Visit the Partnership for Johnson Valley web site at [www.pfjv.org](http://www.pfjv.org)) This would close most of the desert from Yucca Valley all the way to the Mojave Preserve or practically the whole eastern part of our California Desert. It is currently a limited-use area that still holds many options for the OHV user. But with a change like this proposal, there is potential for it to become a "NO-Use" area or Wilderness.



Can you imagine that? From the Salton Sea to Stateline – no OHV use at all! Top that off with the potential loss of Johnson Valley due to the Twenty-Nine Palms Marines Base expansion, there won't be much left of the desert for OHV use. Not Good!

Further, if you follow the articles in our ORIA for the National Forest Travel Management plans, it is clear that we must struggle to keep our access to our forest trails as well. Thank goodness for all the hard work and invested time of our CORVA Board members, Amy, Bruce and Kyra. They spend hours reviewing the thousands of pages of reports and then write comments on the various plans. Through their work, and the work of many others, we have been able to save many miles of trails. Additionally, they have proposed changes that will benefit all National Forest users.

Here in Southern California, most OHV use is done in the winter months when the desert weather is mild, and as the summer heats up we go to our favorite lake, beach or other summer activity and neglect our OHV responsibility. Yes, we have a responsibility to continue to defend our OHV use – regardless of the season.

Please don't lose touch this year with the issues. It does not matter that it is in the mountains, sand dunes or desert, this is our PUBLIC Land. If we don't continuously defend our right to use PUBLIC Land, the work of CORVA and all the other OHV organizations will not matter. As you make time to carefully put away your OHV toys for the summer, take the same time to write a letter. Ask to continue to have access to the desert, forest or dunes where you visit. Ask for a reasonable compromise to share open land. Ask for full exposure of the science and facts surrounding the suggested closing of any areas near you. Ask for a response from those that make mandates for the OHV areas. There are several million OHV users in California alone. Can you imagine what Senator Feinstein would consider if at least half of them wrote her of their concerns? Start with One letter – the one from you!

I would like to leave you with a quote from one of our CORVA Clubs, the R & R Duners. They made a donation recently to CORVA, and at the bottom of their club letterhead it reads: "The R&R Duners Club is a social club consisting of twenty four families and friends that love to recreate at the [Imperial Sand Dunes] ISDRA (Glamis). Club members represent the majority of people that visit the dunes, the families. We value our time spent having fun and making long lasting memories together. All of our members consider themselves to be Environmentalists and it shows in how we teach our children (40+ of them) to respect the land they live and play on."

OHV users are good people, good land stewards and environmentalists. You have the same rights as all others, and deserve to be heard. But no one group – not even CORVA – can do this alone. This summer, commit to becoming part of the OHV force to be heard. Help keep our momentum going. Ask your club to do something similar like the R&R Duners. Don't be shy. Tell all your OHV friends to write letters too, because there is power in the masses and the more letters the better.

Thanks for caring and I hope to see you in Bakersfield on May 30, 2009 at our Annual [election] meeting.

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#### Directions from Los Angeles

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#### Participants include members of:

*Southern California Timing Association - Wind Wizards Land Sailing Club - El Mirage Chamber of Commerce -  
California Off Road Vehicle Assoc. - American Motorcyclist Assoc. District 37 - Inland Empire Film Commission*

# CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

- **Massive Desert National Monument Proposed**

We are now seeing several proposals that will set aside huge areas of desert for protection, excluding use by off-highway vehicles. Senator Feinstein Announces Intention to Introduce Measure to Protect Former Catellus Lands through a Monument Designation

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA.), the author of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act, has announced her intention to introduce new legislation to establish a national monument to preserve hundreds of thousands of acres in the Mojave Desert. The former Catellus lands were previously donated to or by purchased by the Department of the Interior for conservation.

“The former Catellus lands between the Mojave National Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park were purchased by or donated to the federal government so they would be protected forever. I feel very strongly that the federal government must honor that commitment,” Senator Feinstein said. “That’s why I am very concerned about wind and solar development proposals intended for these lands. I’m a strong supporter of renewable energy and clean technology -- but it is critical that these projects are built on suitable lands. The former Catellus lands shouldn’t be eligible for development. So, I intend to introduce new legislation to protect hundreds of thousands of acres of these former railroad lands through a national monument designation. This would provide lasting protection for these lands and prevent development, while allowing existing uses to continue. I also intend to work with local stakeholders to determine whether other local desert lands may be suitable for federal protection at this time.

These former Catellus land acquisitions were financed by \$40 million in private donations from The Wildlands Conservancy, \$18 million in Land and Water Conservation Fund appropriations and approximately \$5 million in a price reduction from Catellus, a real estate subsidiary of the former Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroad. The private parties contributed this large sum of money in the belief that this land will be protected and conserved. Building huge solar facilities on these lands is untenable and unacceptable. Bottom line: the former Catellus lands must be protected from development.”

The BLM is currently reviewing 130 applications for solar and wind energy development in the California desert, covering more than 1 million acres of public land. Several of these applications are located in the eastern Mojave Desert on or near property previously owned by Catellus. The California Energy Commission has estimated that approximately 100,000 to 160,000 acres of desert lands would be needed for the state to meet its 33 percent renewable energy goal by 2020. In addition to this we have a proposal for desert wilderness designation under discussion with members of Senator Feinstein’s staff and the California Wilderness Coalition. See the description of this proposal below. In essence there is a massive carve up of California Desert that will make traditional multiple use a thing of the past!

- **Clear Creek Management Area Management Plan Revision**

BLM alternatives for the Clear Creek Management Plan had been drafted. They include a number of possible scenarios for continued use of the area and they have been received from the EPA and forwarded to the BLM DC office for review. The future of Clear Creek will be determined in the very new future. We expect to receive an announcement from the EPA any day. As of this week the Clear Creek Management Plan was still under internal review.



- **BLM's Bakersfield Office Travel Management**

This is BLM’s version of Route Designation. CORVA representatives attended meetings on your behalf and will be providing written comments on the Bakersfield RMP. BLM has developed a strategy for OHV use in the Taft and Keyesville areas for OHV recreation. CORVA is actively engaged with BLM on the future of OHV recreation in the Central Valley. The approach is to designate small local riding areas and also some larger destination areas where there is already OHV use. Details will be forthcoming following the next round of meetings in the summer.

- **Johnson Valley**

CORVA representatives recently met with Senator Diane Feinstein’s staff to discuss Johnson Valley and other issues. Apparently the Senator was being told that Johnson Valley was little used. It is up to us to keep the record straight.

• **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.

General Plans such as this one are frequently delayed. Look for future announcements. We support use of Red Rock the way it is, the Plan revision is not necessary from our point of view.

• **Forest Service Route Designation**

The CORVA Comments Project Team is hard at work on the many Travel Management draft EIS's being published by the Forest Service. This important project will determine where you can ride on California's National Forest for future generations.



CORVA submitted written comments on the Plumas, Sequoia and Inyo National Forest DEIS's. The deadline for the Sequoia DEIS has been extended by two weeks. The Stanislaus National Forest DEIS is still open for comment for a couple more weeks. The Sierra National Forest Travel Management DEIS will be out next month. The Tahoe National Forest Final EIS has been delayed until June due to the very large number of comments received from user groups.

• **Proposed Desert Wilderness**

The California Wilderness Coalition has been holding meetings with representatives of US Senator Feinstein to establish new wilderness areas in the California Desert. At this stage we have a chance to provide input that can help determine boundaries and preserve important routes. We have a very experienced and qualified group working on this, but they need your help.

The new CWC wilderness proposal includes about 20 new wilderness areas and National Park expansions within Inyo, San Bernardino, Imperial, and San Diego Counties. New wilderness areas proposed by the California Wilderness Coalition within Inyo County include Slate Range and Great Falls Basin north of Trona, Malpais Mesa in the Inyo Mountains around Cerro Gordo extending to the Saline Valley Road, Wild and Scenic River designation for Surprise Canyon, other areas in the northern Panamint Valley, and areas in north Death Valley National Park. If enacted by Congress, this proposal would eliminate many traditional uses such as equestrian endurance rides, mountain biking, and vehicle access for such activities as gem and mineral collecting, spring wildflower viewing, and family backcountry touring and picnic outings will be affected. This proposal would eliminate mineral exploration and new mining in the future. A special thanks is due to Mark Howlett, Dave Beaumont, John Stewart, Ron Schiller, Wayne Nosala and many others who have worked very hard on an route inventory of the area.

Thanks and if you are familiar with routes in these areas please contact me at: [Bruce.Whitcher@corva.org](mailto:Bruce.Whitcher@corva.org)

**CORVA NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

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## **OHV GRANTS**

*by Ed Stovin*

The OHV green sticker grants will be given out this year to agencies and other groups to help off-roading in California. About \$23 million will be handed out to those who qualify. The best way to qualify for a grant is to be a government agency or nonprofit organization that wants to protect or promote off-road recreation in California. CORVA has a history of reviewing and commenting on grants and Kyra, Amy Granat and myself will be commenting for CORVA this year. Most grants are worthwhile and help us by funding operation, maintenance and trails, law enforcement, safety and education and restoration. A few questionable ones get submitted and these are the ones we look for. There is a restoration project grant submission for almost \$1 million that has absolutely nothing to do with OHV. There is also a city with no OHV that wants money not only for its police force, but to clean up dumped trash in the nearby hills. Our comments can't stop bad grants from being funded, but by commenting, we can alert the people who process the grants that there are problems that need to be looked at. While the grant people do a very good job, they do not know every part of the state or agency and appreciate hearing from those of us who comment.

For the first time, nonprofits can get money for safety and education and some fine projects have been planned and grants applied for. I look forward to seeing how our comments affect the grant process and I will write future stories about interesting grants that are funded.

## **MALCOLM SMITH FIGHTS BACK!!!**

The man can't take stupidity and on March 19th Malcolm Smith Motorsports held a protest to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) which prohibits the sale of youth motorcycles and ATVs deemed unhealthy for children less than 12 years of age due to supposed high-levels of lead content. Malcolm himself sold three youth race machines at its dealership in Riverside, CA.

Three bikes were sold, two of which were KTM 65SX models. The KTM motorcycles were sold to multi-time AMA National Champion Jeff Ward and Troy Lee, owner of the most premier custom designed helmet company, Troy Lee Designs.

The group of motorcycle celebrities' on-hand agreed to purchase the banned units as a sign of their support of Smith's "Kids Love 2 Ride" Protest and hopefully bring more attention to a matter that is detrimental to the future of motorcycling racing and recreational riding. "Motorcycling has always been a family sport and the new act prohibits this from continuing - we need to work together now to put an end to the ban on minicycles," remarked Todd Baldwin, Malcolm Smith Motorsports General Sales Manager.

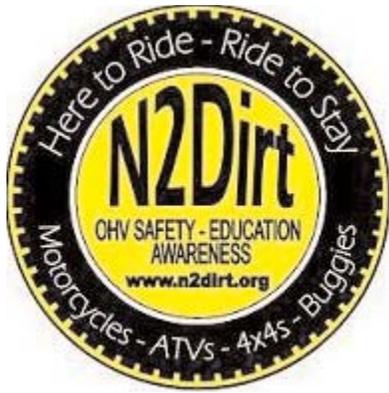


Malcolm Smith Motorsports would like to extend thanks to all the families, friends, small business' and media who came out to support the CPSIA Protest.

A video was made at the event and can be seen from:  
[http://www.malcolmsmith.com/news\\_articles\\_recent.asp](http://www.malcolmsmith.com/news_articles_recent.asp)

**And PLEASE go to the CPSC website and exercise your  
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\*\*\* Malcolm Smith is a six-time winner of the Baja 1000, three times on a motorcycle and three times in a car; a four time winner of the Baja 500; has twice won the Mint 400 in Nevada. Smith's talent on two wheels earned him a starring role in Bruce Brown's classic motorcycle documentary, On Any Sunday, alongside screen legend Steve McQueen and American Motorcyclist Association Grand National Champion Mert Lawwill. Malcolm is in the Motorsports Hall of Fame.



## EDUCATIONAL NEWS

BY DAN EGER

### Contamination?

Some things you just don't think about normally. For instance why do you wash your ORV? Usually the answer is a simple keeping it clean and that is fine. But if you are not that in to keeping it clean then here is another good reason, contamination. If you ride in multiple areas it is possible that you can be transplanting plants from one area to the other from the dirt on your ORV. This can be a real concern for the environment. Transplanting non-native plant life can cause harm to the environment.

There is also the possibility of the greases and oils that can build up on the motor case and frame being knocked or washed off and deposited on the trails and roads. This type of contamination can come from your tow-rig and/or RV also. This is a real problem and it is already visiting organized events. Some events that have water crossings are currently being required to have ORV inspections for oil/grease just before the crossings. You should also consider carrying a small garbage bag with you in the event you break down and need to remove contaminated soil.

Contamination is an easy problem to solve, as long as you are thinking about it.

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## *Family Fun Days Report*

*by Katherine Kelsey*

Wow, WHAT A FUN WEEKEND!!! The weather was perfect for all the event festivities. We had some wind very late Saturday night but slowed down by sunrise on Sunday. We had a great turnout for this beautiful sunny weekend.

Jim Arbogast, our Southern Regional Director and Jim Woods, CORVA President arrived on Thursday mid day to mark off a large area for our event and found many OHV enthusiasts had already arrived. By Friday morning most of our Family Fun Day committee was busy setting up the area for the event games and registration. As the day progressed our vendors for vendor row started rolling in. Our vendors this year were Hefty Strap with Jim Hefner, New Image 4x4 with Rick Soto, Gen-Right with Tony Pellegrino, Race Prep Hobbies with Kristin Carter, Pizza Factory with Danielle Smith, N2Dirt with Renee Eger, CORVA Store with George Paniagua and Scott O'Connell. By dusk we had almost everything ready. So, we were able to sit and relax with a cool beverage around a nice roaring fire with a cord of wood that was donated and delivered earlier that day by Bunnwarmers Firewood in California City.



Let the games begin!!!! At 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning Roberta Woods, Tina Edwards, Charlene Kelsey, Scott O'Connell, Loretta Casteel, Christina Edwards, Paige Edwards, Cathy Casteel, Toni Henriksen and Tracy Allison opened registration. By 9:00 a.m. the participants headed towards the first three games. It was such a treat for those who were able to watch the games throughout the day. Everyone wanted those 1st place trophies. Kids and adults alike trying their best to beat each other. Even though we had separate categories for motorcycles, ATV's, buggies, jeep/4x4 and many different age groups in each category, everyone was looking for bragging rights in addition to bidding for those 1st place trophies in each of their categories.

In event Area 1 we had the Can Slam which was sponsored by BPMC. Representing BPMC was Jeff Leonard, Gary Lacharite, Steve Hilerbrand and Jamie Nelson. For those who don't know what the Can Slam is, we have

a little mini bike type course set up. Along the course you have a set of two poles next to each other with a can on top of one pole. You have several of these sets of poles throughout the course. The object of this game is you ride to the first set of poles move the can from one pole to the next. (Hence the name Can Slam) You then continue to the next set of poles and so on, until the end of the course. You are timed on how long it takes you to complete the course.

In Area 2, we had the Barrel Time Challenge that was sponsored by American Buggy Association. Representing ABA was Wayne Berg and Jim Arbogast. This is such a popular game it was open all day. This timed event consists of five barrels with an arrow painted on them to inform the participant which way to go around the barrel. The participant rides around the barrels in the direction the arrow points and at the end of the course you need to stop in a specific area between a set of cones and your time is marked. Everyone had a different technique to go around the course. Some slid around like a TT course some sat up straight some put their foot down.

In Area 3, we had the Phone Book Challenge sponsored by R&R Duners, with volunteers Heidi Allen and Jim Colln. This event uses more than just coordination and riding ability - it also takes some alphabet skills. In this timed event, you go around the course once, then stop near the front of the course. You are given an index card with a name on it and you then have to find the page in a phone book that the name is on. Once you have the correct page you continue around the course again to the finish and get a final time for the game.

N2Dirt also had a Kid's Trash Clean Up event that began at 9:00 a.m. Volunteer Renee Eger approached all the children and encouraged them to participate in the clean up. What an education for the kids! They learned about litter, "pack it in - pack it out", not to burn pallets, throw glass bottles and trash into campfires and more. For two rounds through camp with a large magnet collecting nails and metal, or for a bag of trash the kid's turned into the N2Dirt booth, they received a raffle ticket for a drawing to be held at 6:30. There was also a huge jar full of nails. Participants could guess how many nails were in the jar for the 50/50 raffle.

In the afternoon Area 1 used the same course as the Can Slam but we set up the Wet Lap game. Axel Snappers sponsored this event with volunteers Dan Eger and Dan Allison at the helm. What a cool event this was! (Literally) The volunteers taped a measuring-type cup (Ratio-Rite) to the helmet of the participant and filled it with water. Then the participant rides around the course and tries not to spill any of the water. At the finish line the amount of water remaining was measured and marked down. In the event of a tie the lap time was factored in. Forrest Keating, a new motorcycle rider, approached the finish line without spilling a drop, but then - Oops. Oh No! When he went to stop he fell over spilling all the water. Sorry Forrest! Try again next year.

Our last game from the afternoon was the Potato Stab in Area 3. This event was sponsored by CORVA and Wayne Ford, Shannon Ford, Ariel Valdez, Charlene Kelsey, Brittany Campbell and Heidi Allen were our volunteers. We used the same course as the Phone Book Challenge. With this game, the riders would stab a potato at two stops on the course where they use a pole/dowel with a fork that is on the end of it. They would stab a potato from the ground, then by shaking or any other technique they would put the potato in a bucket then proceeded to the next stop and repeat the same thing. This was also a timed event. Participants found the key here to getting a good time was not stalling their vehicle while trying to put their potato into the bucket.



Returning to our Family Fun Days this year was the infamous MUD HOLE that was sponsored by Friends of Jawbone. About a week before the event Ed Waldheim started filling the nearby pit with water. What a Kodak moment this was. Day and night there were people running through the mud hole. There were many people driving and riding by with mud caked on their OHV or up the back of their shirt. Rest assured they had most likely visited the Mud Hole. One quick story: At about 11:30 Friday night two guys rode into camp, pulled up to our roaring campfire, laughing and caring on. They opened the door to their OHV, they looked soaked to the bone when the driver took off his shoe poured water out and laughed some more. It was obvious these guys were having a great time! A big thanks to Paul Kober from Friends of Jawbone for driving the water truck. Over the course of three days, Paul filled the 4,000 gallon truck up over 20 times in spraying the road, registration and event areas. We virtually had no dust problems.

After the games ended at about 4:00pm we had the 2nd CORVA Dog Show. Yes folks, a Dog Show in the desert. The dog show was sponsored by N2Dirt and coordinated by Dan Allison, President of N2Dirt and his wife Tracy. What a crowd this event drew. I think we had every breed of dog there. Dogs ranged from mutt to pure breed. They even had a catwalk for the dogs to strut down to show off. There were many categories the dogs could be entered in; Best Dressed, Party Animal, Sports Dog, Search & Rescue/Destroy, Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large. The winners of each category were decided by the applause and cheering from the audience. There were many laughs and wagging tails over this event. All prizes for the Dogs were donated by PU Products who also has their cool ROK DOG Leash ([www.rokdog.net](http://www.rokdog.net)), Theresa's Country Feed & Pet ([www.theresascountryfeed.com](http://www.theresascountryfeed.com)) and the Woods Family.

At about 5:30 CORVA's fund raising dinner was served. Our wonderful servers were Jim & Connie Colln, Steve Dickinson and his daughter Natalie and Jim Woods. They served Tri-tip with all the trimmings, a salad, roll, beans, cookie for desert and a drink. What a deal for \$8.00 Dinner was so popular we sold out of tickets. In my opinion Tom Edwards, our cook makes the best Tri-tip ever! It was perfectly seasoned and cooked. A big thank you goes to Roberta Woods and Tracy Allison for helping to coordinate the dinner. It was such a wonderful success.

About 6:30 N2Dirt had their raffle for the Kid's Trash Clean up. There were 24 kids that had participated in the clean up during the day and many bags were turned in to get prizes as N2Dirt had many, many prizes for the kid's raffle. The top prize was a (continued next page)



complete set up package of a Duratrax Evader RC Car package. What a cool prize that was! The package was donated by Race Prep Hobbies - one of CORVA's newest Associate members.

About midday on Saturday, Bunnwarmers Firewood dropped off two huge stumps on the fire pit and another cord of wood for the evening festivities. Needless to say we had another warm and toasty fire throughout the evening. Thank you to Wayne Nosala for providing the stage for our big Saturday night award ceremony and raffle. Our wonderful announcer for the evening was CORVA's Southern Regional Director and my co-chairperson for this event Jim Arbogast. He started off with a session of OHV questions and answers for the audience with a few prizes. Later he introduced our two guest speakers, our current President Jim Woods and our past President Ed Waldheim. Both spoke about current events going on in the OHV community. We also had a speaker from Cal City police department. After the guest speakers Jim Arbogast proceeded to go through the event game awards. Heidi Allen and I handed out 40 1st place trophies and over 100 certificates! By the time Jim got through reading all those names the audience was more than ready for our raffle. OHV enthusiast and merchants in the industry donated all the raffle items to CORVA. Thank you for your donations and support. A listing of those who donated will follow at the end of the article.



Sunday morning registration re-opened at 8:00 a.m. and by 9:00 the first of several hundred Poker Run participants were lined up to draw their first card for the event. After drawing their first card they took off following orange ribbon around an 18.6-mile course across the desert. While on the course they were able to draw three more cards at checkpoints on the course before finishing back at the registration area for home check to draw their final card. Thank you to Darren Kelsey for setting up the course, and to those who worked the checks. Working the checks were, Jim Woods, Dan Allison, Jim Colln, Tony Pellegrino, Brittany Campbell, Mark and Toni Henricksen, Scott O'Connell and Renee Eger.

We also want to mention how pleased we were to have in attendance three of CORVA's senior members show up and participate. They were Charlie Seeley and Bill Salmon, both coming down from NoCal and Bud Schick our longest running volunteer who ran the CORVA store continuously for 25 years before passing the store over to George Paniagua. Bill was President from 79-81 and VP prior to that from 77-79 who at 94 years of age, just got his drivers license re-instated for another 5 years.

On behalf of all the volunteers we hope you had an enjoyable and memorable weekend. Thank you for attending our Family Fun Day's event and supporting CORVA. You do make a difference in the fight to keep our public lands open for off-roading recreation!

Thank you,

Katherine Kelsey  
CORVA State Secretary  
FFD Event Co-chairperson

(Thanks to Wayne Ford for taking these wonderful photos and providing the show of the days events along with other OHV videos during the raffle on Saturday night.)



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 Barrel Challenge  
 Phonebook Challenge  
 Wet Lap  
 Potato Stab

**Age 1 – 12**  
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 Josh Gomez  
 Ricky Moss  
 Joseph Gomez  
 Joseph Gomez

**Age 13 – 17**  
 Adrien Garcia  
 Forrest Keating  
 Forrest Keating  
 Cassie Casteel  
 Derek Galbraith

**Age 18 Up**  
 Rick Galbraith  
 Rick Galbraith  
 Rick Galbraith  
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 Rick Galbraith

**ATV's**  
 Can Slam  
 Barrel Challenge  
 Phonebook Challenge  
 Wet Lap  
 Potato Stab

**Age 1 – 12**  
 Kyle Berg  
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 Ricky Moss

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 Devyn Brittan  
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 Can Slam  
 Barrel Challenge  
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 Richard Anderson  
 Doug Griffith  
 Ron Sweetingham  
 Richard Anderson  
 No entry

**Jeep 4x4**  
 Can Slam  
 Barrel challenge  
 Phonebook Challenge  
 Wet Lap  
 Potato Stab

**Age 16 Up**  
 No entry  
 Bill Haffamier  
 No entry  
 Jeff Burton  
 Doug Griffith



**Poker Run Winners**

1st Place	Paige Edwards	Flush	\$300. Gift Certificate from Americas Tire, Simi Valley
2nd Place	Brandon Bennett	3 of Kind Kings	Interstate RV/Marine Battery from Interstate Batteries
3rd Place	William Green	3 of Kind 10's	Camp Fire Grill from Simi RV Sales
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## **OFF ROAD EXPO REPORT**

*By Steve Hewitt*

Friday afternoon Dick Moon and Jim Arbogast met me at the L.A. County Fairgrounds to help me set up the CORVA booth. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many vendors in attendance despite the downturn in the economy.

Saturday turned out a big crowd of OHV enthusiasts, looking for good deals for their 4x4 or just looking to see all of the awesome displays. We had a blast signing up all the new members and educating people on the possible land acquisition of Johnson Valley and the new Mother Road Monument that Senator Feinstein just announced she wants to create.

Sunday ended up with a good crowd of people, though not as big as Saturday. Terry Work and Kevin Barber stopped by the booth to see how things were going. Then a little later, Jim and Roberta Woods along with Dan and Tracie Allison and Wayne Ford, stopped by to offer their help. We ended the weekend with 35 new members.

I would like to thank Dick Moon, Jim Arbogast, and Matthew Day for all the hard work at making the spring Off Road Expo a success, and Jim Woods for helping out on Sunday to give a couple of us a lunch break. I would also like to thank Totally Off Road Radio and Slime for their generous donation to use at a future raffle or membership enticement. If you would like to volunteer for a few hours or more at the next show, Extreme Motorsports shoot me an e-mail at: [steve.hewitt@corva.org](mailto:steve.hewitt@corva.org)

### *Steve Hewitt is our new CORVA Show Coordinator*

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### **Youth Motorcycle/ATV Ban**

Here are the steps needed to reverse the problem:

1. Visit the website <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress> to find your local representative's name, address and phone number. Just type in your address and zip code.
2. Visit one of your congressperson's local offices and explain your position. Personal letters and pictures of your kids riding and/or families riding together will have added value. Visiting the office during business hours makes a statement that this issue is important to you.
3. Send as many personal written or typed letters as possible to their office. The letters do not need to be long just an original (not form letters), and must have your signature, hometown and zip code. The personal letters will let your representative know that you take this matter seriously and why the reversal of this law is important to you.
4. Get as many powersports related companies in your area to write letters to your congressperson explaining the economic damage to their business on company letterhead with a business card enclosed.
5. Call the congressperson's office once a week and request updates on the progress, what has been done so far and a projected date when this problem will be corrected.
6. Call the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) once a week to complain about the law and request an estimated date for correction. Contacts are Nancy Nord (Office of Acting Chairman) 301-504-7901 and Joseph Martyak (Office of Public Affairs) 301-504-7908.
7. Forward this message to as many of your friends and family as possible and ask them to help you perform these important tasks.

We need your help to amend this law and grant an exemption for youth dirt bikes and ATVs. Accomplish as many steps as you can but most important let others know about this ban and encourage them to fight with us.

Congress passed the Consumer Safety Act of 2008 which limits the amount of lead in toys sold to children under twelve. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has classified MOTORCYCLES AND ATVS as TOYS.

We are dedicated to fight this issue and would like to hear from you. Let us know what progress you have made or if you need help or have questions please feel free to contact us.

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Our Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 30th in Bakersfield. All members are invited to attend and if you're current on your dues (check the mailing label) you will receive a postcard announcement with more information. One of our bylaw changes of 2007 created a staggered board. We have 3 offices on the Association board due at this time, each officer was elected last year and served for one year. Those offices are; President, Vice President - Land Resources & Public Policy and Secretary. Each of those positions will serve a standard two year term this time.

We had a vacancy this March in the office of Vice President - Sales & Marketing, unfortunately Dan Allison's volunteer time declined due to personal reasons and he reluctantly resigned. Southern Regional Secretary, Scott O'Connell, was appointed in the position until this annual meeting, so another office will be voted upon. All current officers have expressed their desire to seek their current positions again.

At last years election we had some issues arise regarding the qualifications of a non-club delegate. A few members were unable to vote for all they came to represent due to the requirements below. From our bylaws;

### Qualifications for Non-Club Delegates:

- A. Any group of ten (10) or more Non-Club members may be represented by one (1) delegate and/or one (1) alternate.
- B. Each Non-Club delegate will have one (1) vote for each member they represent who is a member in good standing in CORVA.
- C. Each Non-Club delegate must present to the CORVA Secretary, prior to the close of registration to an Association vote, a petition signed by all members they represent. This signed petition is to be valid for that session only.

Registration will begin at 9:30am and the Annual Meeting to start at 11:00am. We hope to see you there.  
For questions please contact Jim Colln at: [jim.colln@corva.org](mailto:jim.colln@corva.org) or 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 509

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## **S.22 OMNIBUS LAND GRAB DEFEATED - NOT!!!**

In our last issue we told you that this massive land grab was defeated. We told you, "*On Wednesday, March 11, 2009 the Omnibus Land Grab bill was beaten back and defeated, by the narrowest of margins in the House.*" Boy did that story change quickly!!! The ink didn't even have time to dry when the Senate attached the failed House bill to another one, H.R. 146, the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Acquisition Grant Program. That bill was fine by itself and only a few pages, but they then attached the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (S.22) to it and passed it. Over 1,300 pages were added, 160 separate land grabs in 9 states which will cost us taxpayers another \$10 billion and increases our dependency on foreign energy, all in a time of economic crisis!

This bill will lock up millions of acres from the public in many ways. The California portion of this latest land grab of 700,000 acres is actually a conglomeration of numerous areas in the eastern Sierra Nevada, Sequoia- Kings Canyon National Parks & areas in Riverside County.

The U.S. House of Representatives at first preserved our access to vital public lands when S.22 fell two votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass on March 11th. The successful defeat of the bill was only accomplished after thousands of concerned individuals, contacted their Representatives to tell them to oppose the legislation. However, the Senate Leadership didn't care, as they must want to reward those "special interest groups" that provide them the funds to stay in office. And so did the majority of the House, as they passed it as well.

We urge you to keep up to date and check our web site often for the latest information that affects your sport. Also please keep your email address current in our files so that we may contact you when needed. Sometimes we need your assistance in matters and can't wait for the printing of this newsletter or like this issue, time was our enemy. We now live in the "turbo" mode of communications where time is moving at the speed of light. Thanks.

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- 5/15-17 **EXTREME MOTORSPORTS EXPO @ Orange County Fairgrounds**  
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- 5/30 **CORVA ANNUAL MEETING - BAKERSFIELD** (see page 16)

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