



Off-Roaders in Action

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF ED WALDHEIM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Clarke, President

While the legislative season ended on a high note, other off-road issues are far from calm.

We previously reported on SB767 which would have allowed the sale of the Carnegie SVRA Tesla Expansion Area, but it was gutted and amended to become a different bill, AB1086, in the last weeks of the legislative session. We are thankful that Governor Newsom vetoed this bill. We believed from the start that it was a bad bill and would have led the state into legal jeopardy. The bill mandated the sale of the expansion property for less than fair market value illegally shortchanging the people of California, who collectively own all state park land. The Governor wrote a concise veto message that further helped solidify the position of State Vehicular Recreation Areas, our off-road parks, by stating he believed State Parks was the entity best suited to protect this property.

When we posted information about the veto on social media, folks reacted online in an unexpected manner. People wrote posts either not wanting to believe the Governor vetoed the bill, or refusing to believe the Governor vetoed the bill! As a society we have become so politically polarized that many didn't want to acknowledge his veto helped protect our off-road park. This attitude, while understandable to a certain extent, really harms the ability of the off-road community to win support from our legislators.

As we look back through the history of OHV recreation in California, we have had many well-known and influential politicians that enjoyed off-roading. President Ronald Reagan and Assemblyman Eugene Chappie were two very notable examples. When visiting the Capital today, it is much harder to find senators and assembly members that are off-road enthusiasts. The current administration has identified climate change, the housing crisis and homelessness as key areas of concentration for their agenda. This leaves our representatives in state government with little idea that we exist as a community. It also leaves open the opportunity to misunderstand off-roaders, and how important it is for us to enjoy the outdoors with our friends and family. CORVA's contacts at the Capitol have been told by several sources in Sacramento that unless we make ourselves known to our representatives and become a politically active group, the OHV Community stands to lose recreation opportunities.

So how do we gain the attention of our representatives?

First, find out who your representatives are by going to this web site: www.ca.gov/service/?item=look-up-my-representatives. Next, send your representatives an email to sign up on their email list, and call their office and ask to speak to a staff member. One of my favorite things to do is to look at the representative's calendar on their website and see where they're planning a public appearance. Then I show up and ask questions about their support for OHV recreation. I call it Gorilla Politics!

One thing you must make sure to do is be a good ambassador for the OHV community. Be polite and friendly by understanding that even if you didn't vote for this person, as soon as they are elected, they take on the responsibility of representing every constituent in their district. Make them understand that your issues are important to you and your friends and neighbors. Become a force to be reckoned with! We all need to do this so our representatives understand our passion. This message isn't only for individual CORVA members but our business sponsors as well. If we can all pull together, we stand a much better chance of keeping our public land open for motorized recreation. If we don't do this, I guarantee our parks and areas will become targets for shutdown.

CORVA Managing Director Amy Granat, long-time board member Bruce Witcher and myself attended the November OHMVR Commission meeting concerning Oceano Dunes. All I can say is that a quagmire of Government agencies, including State Parks, the Coastal Commission, San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District, California Fish and Wildlife in addition to US Fish and Wildlife, are all involved in creating havoc for our park. All of these agencies have different agendas, making for a very difficult maze of regulations. I can tell you the OHMVR Commission supports the off-road community and does not want to lose Oceano Dunes. I felt the OHMVR Commissioners truly understood our frustrations, and they are attempting to help find a solution to the conundrum.

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OCEANO DUNES, A TALE OF TWO PARKS

Amy Granat, Managing Director

Oceano Dunes has been an iconic symbol of freedom for the off-road community. Motorized vehicles have traveled the dunes since the early 1900's, and there was no reason to think that one day we would be fighting against the potential of a complete closure of our park.

As a country we value and celebrate our symbols of freedom, and it is certainly no different for off-roaders. We feel the attacks on Oceano Dunes to the very depth of our souls, because this park represents our past and our future; remembrances of past outings with family and friends as well as anticipation of new memories to be made with children and grandchildren.

Off-road recreation started very early at Pismo Beach, as it was known before the area became a state park. Early photographs have been found placing motorized recreation on the beach and in the dunes back to 1905. Every form of travel from horse and buggy, Model T, to early sand buggies have been documented in the dunes, making Pismo Beach perhaps the most egalitarian off-road area in California.

The Off-Highway Vehicle Motorized Recreation Division (OHMVR) of State Parks assumed management of the area after purchasing the park, and Oceano Dunes was viewed as the jewel in the crown for the division. As a community we only have 9 State Vehicular Recreation Areas, or SVRA's, scattered around the state to call our own, as opposed to 271 additional parks in the system that do not allow off-highway vehicle use. While each one of these SVRA's is important to the off-road community, nothing can compare to the experience at Oceano Dunes, our 'symbol of freedom'.

But the past few years have brought unwelcome and undesirable changes to the park that have negatively affected the off-road experience and made it a very different park. There are many reasons behind the deterioration of the park and many areas to lay blame: changes by the state in management due to reorganization of State Parks, upgrades in available vehicle technology, and the loss of camaraderie that used to exist between members of the off-road community. Family recreation has always been at the forefront of off-road recreation and Oceano Dunes has

represented a family destination for many, especially in the Central Valley.

Perhaps each one of these problems could have been dealt with in an efficient manner one by one, but as they have coalesced at the same time, they represent a hurdle that the off-road community must work together to overcome. Without effective management and law enforcement by State Parks, lack of oversight has wreaked havoc on the orderly travel of vehicles in the park. Until recently, SVRA's were managed by the people who knew and understand off-road recreation best – the Off Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation Division. But during the past few years, those management duties were taken away from this division and given to people who have no experience managing SVRA's. As odd and impractical as this sounds as a management practice, is exactly how badly it has turned out in reality. Oceano Dunes has suffered under this (lack of) management style, without permanent supervisory personnel coupled with insufficient law enforcement patrols. It is hard to explain how much this new state park paradigm has hurt Oceano Dunes.

Equally impactful, however, has been the influx in the marketplace of new and powerful machines that are being sold to drivers and riders with little knowledge and even less experience riding off-road vehicles in the dunes. The proliferation of available credit to purchase these machines means enthusiasts no longer need to spend time building their buggies and learning to drive the dunes in a safe manner. Although all visitors to the park are given rules and regulations to follow while operating in the park, this is difficult to enforce without onsite rangers willing to hand out tickets when necessary.

With all the other politically motivated attacks raging against Oceano Dunes, it is difficult for enthusiasts to muster the wherewithal to bring back order in the park. But that is exactly what needs to happen, and the community must work together to make the needed changes.

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LAND USE REPORT

October-December 2019

OCEANO DUNES UPDATE

Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board
Convenes November 18, 2019

State Parks –OHMVR filed the required annual plan of work and progress report by the October deadline. This report was found to be inadequate by both the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) and the Air Pollution Control District (APCD). The APCD also found that the OHMVR failed to consult with the Scientific Advisory Group and include their recommendations.

The APCD subsequently petitioned the Hearing Board to take up the matter and consider modification of the Stipulated Abatement Order or to issue a new Abatement order on November 18, 2019.

Conditions in the modified abatement order include:

1. Complete installation of perimeter fencing for the 48-acre vegetated fore dune project, by January 1, 2020, with the planting of native vegetation begun by April 1, 2020.
2. Complete all other elements of the Third Draft Work Plan submitted by the OHMVR dated October 15, 2019
3. Implement the 40 acres of season dust controls as discussed in Section 3.1.5 of the Third Draft Work Plan, with the following modifications: i. The dust controls must be undertaken within areas of the ODSVRA where off-highway vehicular activity is currently allowed. This requires closure of the 40 acre area.
4. Complete an additional 4.2 acres of permanent dust controls within the high emissions area just south of the western edge of the "Pavilion Hill" vegetation island. This also requires fencing off the area and closure to OHV use.
5. For each year from 2020 through 2022, State Parks shall submit a draft Work Plan to the Advisory Group for their review and recommendations by July 1 of each year.

Conclusion – The Petition calls for immediate closure of the foredunes area as well as the 40 acre area planned for dust control. There is no proposal to issue a finding of nuisance with associated fines that could be imposed under Rule 1001. All eyes will be on the Hearing Board on November 18, 2019.

Background:

In May 2018 State Parks entered into a legal agreement with the San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District by signing on to a Stipulated Order of Abatement (SOA) which sets specific terms and conditions for reducing dust emissions from the SVRA. The SOA includes a time line for reduction of dust emission from the Dunes, with an annual Report and Work Plan to be prepared with assistance from the Scientific Advisory Group for each year of the five-year term of the Particulate Matter Reduction Plan (PRMP) and presented to the Air Pollution Control Officer to review for continuing compliance with the SOA .

The PRMP provides information and mandates changes in SVRA management that the APCD presumes will help the county achieve federal and state ambient air quality standards. It will also provide information about the long-term feasibility, support, and implementation of dust control measures at Oceano Dunes SVRA.

The SOA and related PRMP (Dust Control Plan) are controversial because they will allow the SVRA to meet only some of the SOA's air quality objectives and would significantly diminish the area available for OHV use and on site camping. This calls into question the long-term viability of the SVRA.

Oceano Dunes SVRA operations must continue in order to maintain the existing sources of funding that have supported conservation efforts, including the Snowy Plover management plan.

NEW RED ROCK STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN CONCEPT RELEASED

A planning effort is underway to revise/update the current Red Rock General Plan, and to include new properties added since 1982 and establish clear goals and guidelines for future management, development, access, and use of Park properties in their relationship with adjacent public lands.

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SOUTHERN REPORT OCTOBER 2019

Vinnie Barbarino, Southern Regional Director

We had one show since the last call. It was the Off Road Expo. We didn't bring in as much as last year but I think we had three more Business Sponsors sign up last year. I did get a hold of one of them since then and they renewed their membership. They also donated a raffle prize for Truckhaven. We had the most help at Expo, I think, then at any other show. The booth was full of people in Orange Corva shirts all weekend. Thanks to everyone that helped.

Garrett and Kevin, the authors of "Oliver Goes Off Road" were there both days and I think made a huge difference. They had a couple of posters promoting their book and that caught a bunch of peoples eyes and got them to the booth so we could talk to them. I think they sold out of books there and are now working on a new one. Wayne and Pineta came on Sunday and introduced me to a couple there selling a their "Tailgator Tire Table". They joined as Business Sponsors and sent 2 of their "Tire Tables" for event raffles. Bob Ham came on Sunday and did his networking. Charlie, Mike Moore, Steven Howard(Scooter) and even Ken Oyer were there to

help also. If I missed anyone I'm sorry. Thanks again for the help everyone. It's a group effort.

The Truckhaven Challenge planning is doing well. Jared Macleod is really helping with getting some businesses to sign on as Business Sponsors and donate to the raffle. I remember that last year I told everyone that, for me, trying to get raffle prizes was the most daunting part of organizing Truckhaven. Jared is making it a lot less stressful for me. So thanks Jared.

One thing we are going to do this year is invite businesses to display and sell their products at the event. It's all cleared with State Parks and once we get a definite number we will have the permit revised. It will only cost each vendor a \$150 fee to be there.

I went ahead and ordered 25-10"X15" Corva flags and 2 larger ones. I used my money and will donate them to Corva. We will sell them at the event and after that if we want to order more we can put them in the store. They're really cool and I think they will be a hit out at Truckhaven.



Harry and Jenna from *Coyote Enterprises* renewing their business sponsorship



The *Skat-Track* team renewing their business sponsorship



Ward and his wife Patti are the owners of *TailGater Tire Table*, one of CORVA's newest sponsors.



L-to-R: Charlie, Heidi, Vinnie, Scooter, Kevin, and Garrett. Garrett and Kevin authored the book *Oliver Goes Off Road*. Part of the proceeds go to CORVA.

« Land Use Report, from pg. 4

On October 23-25, 2019 State Parks held public workshops for the latest Red Rock General Plan Concept. This is a single alternative, and public comments as to how the Concept Plan should be modified are encouraged. State Parks concept plans are available on the Red Rock Planning website.

CORVA has been actively engaged in the planning process and submitted extensive comments on the previous Concept Plans in conjunction with local advocates such as the Ridgecrest Roundtable.

The current proposal is disappointing because it fails to include reopening Nightmare Gulch to vehicular travel or OHV travel on Black Rock Canyon Road. Although the Concept Plan would retain routes to the Cudahy Camp area it does not include connections through this area to adjacent areas, effectively eliminating currently available East-West open routes of travel across the Park.

The latest proposal would, however, retain Green Sticker use of Sierra View Road across the Park, and important connection between the Jawbone-Dove OHV areas. This change would require approval by the Parks Commission. Northern vehicular access to Last Chance Canyon would be available only via Pleasant Valley Road.

EFFORT TO STOP CARNEGIE SVRA EXPANSION FAILS WITH GOVERNOR'S VETO

'No evidence' of state mismanagement, Newsom declares in veto of AB 1086

AB 1086, which was co-authored by State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda), attempted to address an ongoing battle for nearly two decades between the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division and State Parks and local environmental advocates concerning off-highway expansion plans. Sales proceeds would have been mandatorily deposited in an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division Trust Fund for future use at other sites identified as more appropriate for off-reading activities.

Newsom said in a veto message that there was no reason to sign the bill because the state has been doing its job just fine. "There is no evidence that the department has failed to conduct sufficient study of this property or is mismanaging this state resource," Newsom said. "The park was purchased for the benefit of all Californians and should remain a state park."

Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California, stated that Newsom "missed an opportunity to help solve a long-festering problem."

INYO, SEQUOIA AND SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION UPDATE

Inyo National Forest released their draft Record of Decision of the Forest Plan Revision in August 2018. CORVA filed an appeal of this Record of Decision.

SIERRA AND SEQUOIA FOREST PLAN REVISION

Draft plan documents were released on June 28, 2019. CORVA submitted comments by the September 2019 deadline.

The draft plans included five alternatives. Alternative B, the Active Restoration Alternative, is the preferred Alternative.

Alternative B proposes one new recommended wilderness area for Sequoia, the Monarch addition. Recreation planning will follow the Recreational Opportunity Spectrum with classifications Primitive, Semi Primitive Non-Motorized, Semi-primitive Motorized, Roded, and Urban Interface.

This alternative includes a one half mile corridor for the Pacific Crest Trail despite many comments opposing this addition to the Plan.

Since this is a planning level document it includes no Travel Management Decisions, and no route closures are being proposed at this time.

BLM PROPOSES AMENDING THE DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

Many of you will remember the DRECP and the massive effort that went into drafting this Plan. This was a consensus plan that set aside desert recreation and conservation areas and protected them from energy development. Some areas such as the five desert BLM OHV areas, including Spangler Hills, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Wells, Razor, and Dumont Dunes are protected under the Dingell Act. Other areas such as Jawbone Canyon and Dove Springs remain unprotected and have been targeted as potential areas for wind energy development.

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« President's Message, from pg. 2

The Commissioners posed important questions during the meeting, as they failed to understand why the only air quality monitors along the entire 20,000+ acre dune structure exist on the downwind side of the SRVA? Does the particulate matter posing the air pollution issues only come from the SRVA? A reasonable person would say no but no one knows for sure because the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District appear to have predetermined that all the dust comes from the SRVA. So how are we the OHV community going to save Oceano Dunes? I answered this question in the previous paragraph. We must convey our passion to our state representatives courteously with no cussing or swearing! We just need to let them know that this is a family park and we are good people.

I think that's enough depressing news so here's the awesome stuff. As you might know, CORVA's Managing Director Amy Granat was nominated by the Board of Directors of the Off Road Motorsports Hall of Fame for the Advocacy Impact Award. At the Off Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Awards Banquet Amy was honored with the Advocacy Impact Award! Now Amy is very humble and will tell you that this was in recognition of a team effort by the CORVA BOD and



our invaluable volunteers. I believe Amy is the hardest working off road recreation advocate we have access to. Amy Granat has earned this award. I am extremely proud and humbled to work with this amazing woman.

That's all for this issue. A big thank you to all our Members, Business Sponsors and Supporters for everything you do to make it all happen.

Happy trails

Ken Clarke zzzzzzzzzzz



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A promotional graphic for MotoMart at Carnegie. It features the store's logo at the top, which includes a row of international flags. Below the logo is a photograph of a person wearing a full motorcycle riding suit and helmet, sitting on a blue and white motorcycle. The rider's name 'GONZALEZ' is visible on the front of the bike. The background shows an outdoor setting with hills and a cloudy sky.

Skat-Trak USA
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A logo for Skat-Trak USA Performance Products. The logo features a stylized gear or sprocket icon on the left. The text 'Skat-Trak' is in a large, bold, white font with a red outline, and 'USA' is in a smaller red font to the right. Below this, 'PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS' is written in a smaller white font. The background is dark blue with faint white gear patterns.

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A photograph of a modified off-road vehicle, likely a Jeep or similar SUV, parked on a dirt surface. The vehicle is heavily customized with a roll-over protection system (ROPS) and other off-road accessories. A large logo for 'GR GENRIGHT OFF ROAD' is overlaid on the image. The logo consists of the letters 'GR' in a stylized font, with 'GENRIGHT OFF ROAD' written below it. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

FRIENDS OF JAWBONE WIN 2019 VOLUNTEER AWARD

Friends of Jawbone was recently recognized by the Off Road Motorsports Hall of Fame with the 2019 Volunteer Award.

Every month the Friends of Jawbone holds a regular meeting of its partners to coordinate efforts to protect, promote and manage OHV recreation in the greater Jawbone Canyon area of Eastern Kern County.

For 21 years, Friends of Jawbone and Ed Waldheim have fostered working relationships between stakeholders including, the Kern County Board of Supervisors, neighboring residents, landowners, the BLM, conservation organizations, search & rescue entities, state, county and local law enforcement agencies. All have all been encouraged to participate in

the conference call meetings for Friends of Jawbone. Some are interested in, and have applied for OHV Grants. All, are part of a united coalition of interested parties. Ed has always dedicated ample time for all attendees to ask questions and receive updates. He encourages each person to leave the call/meeting understanding where they fit into the puzzle; how each facilitates OHV recreation to the region, safely enjoying off-highway vehicle trails in the desert and respecting the rules of land stewardship – a unique and satisfying outdoor activity. This award is deserved and Friends of Jawbone is very proud to accept this recognition.





CORVA member Greg De Haan, De Haan child and Jerry Fouts, AMA

« A Tale of Two Parks, from pg. 3

There can be no better stewards of the park than Friends of Oceano Dunes, who have been tirelessly battling the political and legal battles against the SVRA for many years. When speaking with Jim Suty, President of Friends of Oceano Dunes, and his wife, Karen. I asked them for advice they wanted to relay to the community as it relates to the enthusiast's experience. They stated; "We long for the days of family recreation to be restored. The lawlessness and wild west attitude, need to change. The OHV community needs to take ownership of our parks, to get involved in organizations, and we need State Parks to reinvigorate the educational outreach at Oceano with double the current number of Park Rangers."

CORVA agrees whole heartedly with the statement above. Our community, our off-road community, must

take ownership of the park to bring back the 'jewel in the crown'. We have fought hard battles before, so what we're asking is really nothing new for us. Working together we can bring back volunteer efforts while demanding efficient management and law enforcement from State Parks. The two have to happen in tandem, but this time it will take grassroots efforts to move the process forward. It is as much legislative as it is political – elections have very real consequences but once those elections are over, the people in office represent all their constituents in their districts. It's up to each and every one of us to make the legislators and their staff listen to our complaints about state parks. While at the same time, it is up to each and every one of us, to take some responsibility for our fellow off-roaders and make sure they're safely learning the rules of the dunes.



« Land Use Report, from pg. 6

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – In response to President Trump’s order to review regulations that unnecessarily impede energy development, the Bureau of Land Management announced in March that it will consider amending the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) to seek greater opportunities for renewable energy generation.

On September 14, 2016, the BLM issued the Record of Decision for the DRECP, which made only 7 percent of the area available for renewable energy leasing.

“We need to reduce burdens on all domestic energy development, including solar, wind and other renewables,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Katharine MacGregor. “This process will help us find ways to make more federal land available for renewable energy projects as well as wireless broadband infrastructure.”

The entire DRECP planning area covers approximately 22.6 million acres of both federal and non-federal land in seven counties: Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego. The Federal Register notice specifies that the BLM will consider amendments to the California Desert Conservation Area, the Bakersfield Resource Management Plan, and the Bishop Resource Management Plan.

Renewable energy companies often cite California’s lofty renewable energy mandates as the reason for ramping up development. In 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a measure requiring publicly owned utilities and other power companies to get 50 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2030. California utilities have [already contracted](#) for most of the electricity they need to meet the state’s 50 percent renewable energy mandate. Much of that is due to the fact that [Community Choice Aggregation](#) (CCA) utilities are gaining popularity

across California and diverting customers away from California’s three investor-owned utility companies. Fewer customers means less renewable energy is needed for the companies to achieve the state’s goals, and CCA utilities are less clear on reporting their progress on meeting the renewable mandates.

Renewable energy developers feel that some conservationists and recreation advocates have “lost perspective.” Conservationists see the situation differently. Renewable energy developers had their say at the DRECP negotiating table, and “for them to admit that they’re trying to get a better deal is for them to admit that they put together a plan that didn’t work for them.” Besides, he says, desert conservationists do not aim to stop all renewable energy development in the desert but rather ensure that development is done carefully.

WEST MOJAVE ROUTE NETWORK DESIGNATION PLAN

Supplemental Final EIS Released

The Bureau of Land Management recently released the Final EIS for the West Mojave Route Network (WEMO) plan. This is the culmination of a very long journey dating back to the BLM’s last attempt to adopt a route designation plan in 2006 and will affect public use of roads and trails on million acres of federal land in the California Desert.

The BLM has adopted Alternative 5, which as usual is a “compromise” alternative, which considers the recommendations of stakeholders and achieves BLM goals and policies and addresses key planning issues. To accomplish this the West Mojave Plan includes a plan amendment to the overarching California Desert Conservation Area Plan authorized by The Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976 (FLPMA). FLPMA includes a key provision that specifically allows OHV use in the Desert.



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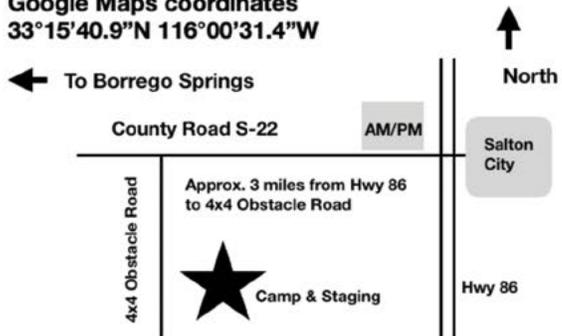
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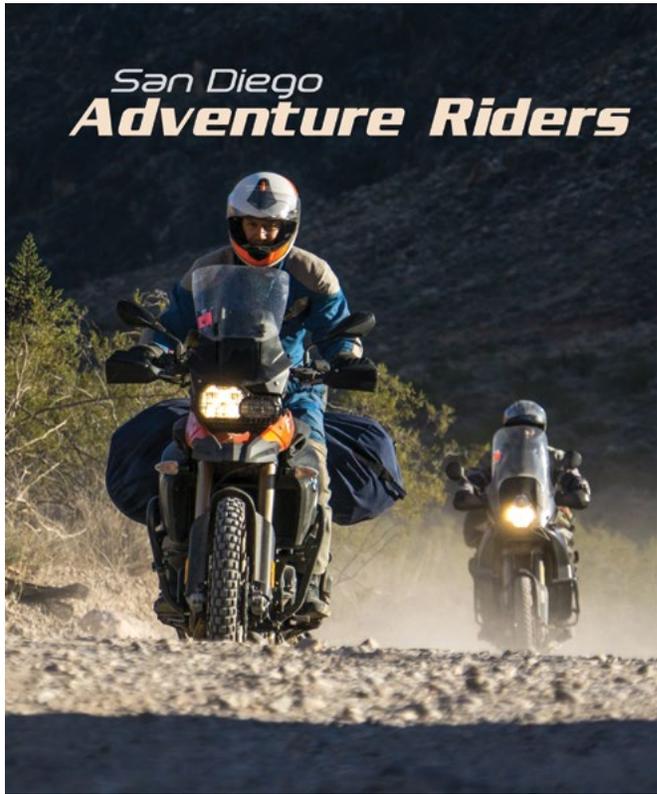
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CORVA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JAMBOREE

Debi Campbell

A Great Success! Our CORVA Northern California Jamboree came through with flying colors. The park was full of off-roaders and the weather was wonderful. The support we received from all the clubs, made this Jamboree a great success.

Friday morning found the Jamboree crews putting up signs to direct people to the events, and by the evening people were setting up camp, enjoying campfires, talking about the upcoming events and meeting new friends. At 7pm we had our great Bingo games, thanks to East Bay Hi-Tailers. What a great way to spend the evening.

Saturday morning had everyone up early and eager to start his or her games. We had many different events and a great registration team. Without the hard work of all the people that setup the events and worked (some of them all day), our Jamboree would not have been such a success. RC Crawlers, what a great course you set up and adults and kids!! I just know that this will get more participants as everyone gets acquainted with RC Cars. After the driving games, the children then all came for trick-or-treating at the different campsites. After the driving games, the children then all came for trick-or-treating at the different campsites and a wonderful Children's Costume Contest. The judges had a very hard time but finally chose the winners. This is what Halloween is about and

what CORVA is all about. Having fun, having families together, enjoying our great outdoors.

Our Event Clubs were: Escarabajo, Merced Run-Abouts, Modesto Ridge Runners, East Bay Hi-Tailers, Frank Raines RC Crawlers and Friends of Frank Raines. We had so many wonderful items to raffle and we want to thank RC Crawlers, businesses, individuals and clubs for donating. Thank you to all that bought tickets for the raffle.

We had a wonderful Jamboree. We made money for CORVA and we had a good time doing it. We hope that everyone who enjoys our recreation will join CORVA. Let's try to make the 2020 Jamboree even bigger. We need lots of individuals to participate in the planning and execution of the Jamboree. Anyone that has an idea or wants to help next year, just email Debi (d1982coe@aol.com) and we will happily get you involved.

There are so many people to thank and I am sure that if we tried to mention them all, I would forget someone. So rather than do that we would just like to THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU GIVE TO CORVA – AND THE CORVA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JAMBOREE. Here's looking to another great Jamboree in 2020.



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From the Board of Directors of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association:

As we go to print on this ORIA issue, we are saying our goodbyes to our friend, our off-road family member, Ed Waldheim. This man has fought many, many battles on behalf of our community. His knowledge and passion are irreplaceable. The legacy Ed leaves in our trust is enormous. We, the people who comprise CORVA, promise to honor this legacy. We will do this by continuing Ed's work and doing our very best to push forward as he always did. We won't stop fighting. Thank you, Ed Waldheim.

IN OVERDRIVE

During CORVA's 50th Anniversary Year, we will be reprinting articles from previous editions of our newsletter. We thought this article from June 2002 was particularly poignant, as we are still fighting this same battle today.

By Pete Conaty, Lobbyist and Executive Director of the California League of Off-Road Voters, June 2002

Oceano Dunes will remain open this summer and for years to come, thanks to a major victory over environmental extremists - a victory that came with strong support from the administration of Governor Gray Davis.

"The extremists suffered an embarrassing defeat early this month when the California Coastal Commission refused to impose new arbitrary and unreasonable restrictions on the off-road community," said Pete Conaty, executive director of the California League of Off-Road Voters. This effort was part of extremists' long-term strategy to close down all off-road recreation in California.

This victory highlights the need for off roaders to get involved in the political process, "Conaty said. "We could not have prevailed without the assistance not

only of the Davis Administration but of 40 members of the legislature. We gained that support through our continuous advocacy both in the administration and the legislature."

"The staff of the California Coastal Commission wanted to impose more restrictions and closures at Oceano Dunes-all part of the environmental extremists' continuing effort to close the dunes completely to off-road recreation," Conaty said. "The commission, however, voted unanimously to keep Oceano Dunes open with no additional restrictions."

This was a hard-won victory," he said. "As we all know, the coastal commission is no friend to off roaders. It took hard work by many people, the Friends of Oceano Dunes, Jim and Joel Suty, the Pacific Legal Foundation and, especially, the Davis Administration and Dave Widell, deputy director of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division."

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James Murray and Steve Mongillo run the "Knuckles Up" side by side group. Their goal is to hold 4 events a year bringing 4x4 trucks, Jeeps, side x sides, and other OHV vehicles together to share their passion exploring the Sierras. Events provide the opportunity to educate, meet new people and hang out with old friends.

Campers can spend 3 nights dry camping on the parking lot at China Peak Ski Resort or just come for a day. We were granted forest access by the resort.

It was a blast "skating" up ski slopes! Friday was for fun running and expo setup. On Saturday the off-road expo started at 10 am and continued until 3 pm. About 300 people visited the expo. Activities included "Goldfish Races" and a Corn Hole tournament. The raffle went on for almost an hour. There were MANY great prizes provided by faithful sponsors. Vendors and sponsors: Walker Evans Racing, 4Wheel Parts Fresno, Rugged Radios, Freedom Ropes, DBR Motorsports, Spring Break Thingy, CM Brewer Design, Ferguson Enterprises, Kick Sand, Clawson Motor Sports, C4 Off Road, 5150 Whips, Napa, Olde Port Inn, The Positive Ride, Bombshell Gear, Super ATV, Epic RV, Cal 4



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The main runs were on Sunday. A, B and C groups were formed based on experience and bravery. These groups made their way to Bald Mountain over a variety of terrains. Reaching the fire lookout at the destination afforded an outstanding view over the Central Valley. The peak was crowded with OHVs! After lunch and sightseeing, there was a long, direct path back to camp.

James...Steve. When is your next outing?

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VORRA — "FIGHT AT THE FORT"

2019 has been a big one for VORRA (Valley Off Road Race Association). The rebirth of VORRA has brought a surge of energy with it, making way for races both traditional and new, as well as an ORMHOF (Off Road Motorsports Hall of Fame) impact award nomination.

On November 2, 2019, VORRA, made history by hosting Northern California's first desert race. In total, 63 racers took the green flag at Fort Sage OHV Park, near Doyle, CA. This inaugural event was dubbed, VORRA's Fight at the Fort.

The race was very successful, leaving racers, fans, and even the BLM satisfied. "We will happily make this an annual event," stated Laura Butcher.

The Fight at the Fort consisted of a 13-mile loop, where racers had approximately 90 minutes to complete as many laps as possible. The overall winner completed 6 laps in total. With the help of VORRAteers and the BLM we hope to hold several races in this area annually. "In this case, I really have to give credit where credit is due- the BLM field office in this area is outstanding. They have been so welcoming and helpful, building this racecourse for VORRA from scratch", said Butcher. Following the race, VORRA hosted a Friendsgiving. BJ and Laura

provided 10 Deep fried turkeys. Racers, pit crews, fans, and VORRAteers enjoyed a wonderful dinner together. 202 people made their way through the buffet line. Following dinner, VORRA held their awards where over \$5,000. dollars was handing out to winners.

The following day, November 3rd, BJ and Laura Butcher left their racecourse to drive to Reno, then catch a flight to Vegas. As BJ Butcher put it, "It was a whirlwind, but an amazing one that we couldn't have been more excited about". Once in Vegas, the VORRA duo attended the ORMHOF induction ceremony and awards banquet, where they were nominated for an impact award in the industry category. A surreal moment for the two, considering they were nominated against Dave Cole (Ultra4), who just a year before had given the Butchers VORRA at the 2018, ORMHOF ceremony.

It was a great way to wrap up the end of the Butchers' first year owning and operating VORRA. The 2020 race season is planned, and the schedule will be out soon. "We are happy to announce that VORRA will return to Prairie City in 2020", said Laura. VORRA hopes to continue to provide people with safe, family friendly fun, and maybe even a few more surprises.

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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, trail bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street legal" 4x4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, baja and desert racers, and snowmobiles.

We work with 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 and OSV 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 as well as at the county and local levels. 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. For more information, contact Amy Granat, Managing Director:

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