



Protecting Public Land FOR the People Not FROM the People



Cover Photo by Mike McGarity, VP Admin at Hungry Valley SVRA.

This photo was taken the weekend of the State Parks OHMVR 50th Anniversary Event. It was a great day attending this event as well as being out on the trails with CORVA members and friends.

Off-Roaders in Action

WINTER 2021



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President's Report

KEN CLARKE

The last quarter of this year has been a welcome relief from the uncertainty of the last two years. I hope you and your families have stayed healthy and my heart goes out to those of you that have lost loved ones.

It seems that we are learning to live with COVID and things are opening again. CORVA was able to attend the Sand Sports Super Show and Off-Road Expo. Thank you to Vinnie Barbarino, Jim Woods, Spencer Norton, Jared Macleod, Mike McGarity plus several others who helped. Many CORVA Board members attended the 50th Anniversary of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of California State Parks presented by the California Outdoor Recreation Foundation at Hungry Valley SRVA. CORVA was highlighted as a longtime partner plus recognized as being instrumental in the founding of the OHMVR Division.

CORVA held a Celebration of Life for Ed Waldheim and recognized the 50 year Anniversary of CORVA (This is our 52nd year actually) in late November at Slash X Ranch Café. We need to thank Mike McGarity for ramrodding this event with the help of other Board members and Volunteers. I would like to especially thank Chris and Linda Waldheim for helping to make this a very special event. We received many requests to hold an annual event at this wonderful venue.

CORVA predates OHMVR by a couple of years. CORVA, with the help of Bob Ham was very instrumental in forming the OHMVR Division. It was Bob and others that worked with off-roading Senator Eugene Chappie, an environmentalist and Assemblyman Ed Z'berg. The Chappie-Z'berg Act sought to find a balance between off-highway recreation and the

protection of natural/cultural resources including private property rights by promoting sustainable motorized recreation. CORVA has been a partner with OHMVR for the last 50 years and we continue to help find sustainable solutions. This past legislative year CORVA, with the help of others, settled a 20 plus year battle over the Alameda-Tesla Expansion property at Carnegie SRVA. We had never been able to ride in the expansion area since its purchase by the OHMVR Division, and due primarily to one litigious neighbor, we were never going to be able to enjoy the property. Personally I'm not happy about losing the land, although I feel we came out ahead on the deal. In exchange for the Carnegie Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area the OHV Trust Fund will get 28.5 million dollars and the Division gets to build new SRVA's (yes, the language says SVRA's, as in multiple SVRA's) on State Park owned land. This means we do not have to purchase land for the new motorized parks. The law even says the Henry W. Coe State Park would be a possible location for a new SRVA. I have no illusions that it will be an easy battle introducing OHV's into State Parks, but now we have a law that says this is possible. It is going to be up to us, the OHV Community, to make this happen. There will be many workshops and public meetings that we will need to be involved with to make this a reality. The reauthorization of the OHMVR Commission was also included in this bill and has now become a permanent Commission. We will not have to go to the legislature every five to ten years and battle to reinstate the OHMVR Commission. In addition, CORVA also worked to get two more bills passed which you can read about in the Legislation Report.

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The Importance of Partnerships

AMY GRANAT, MANAGING DIRECTOR

As off-roaders we've always depended on partnerships to keep our trails open and areas accessible for motorized recreation.

The average OHV enthusiast would imagine most of these are formalized partner agreements, but would be surprised to know many others are informal, and lack any legal documentation that would protect long term motorized access to their favorite areas

If we start at the top of the proverbial land management food chain, both the Forest Service and BLM have formal agreements with the state of California in regards to laws specially relating to off-road vehicle use, and with many county Sheriff departments for enforcement of these laws. There are informal agreements between federal agencies and non-profit organizations, clubs and other groups of volunteers to help with operations and maintenance of off-road trails and areas that are still critically important to keeping trails open, but have continued year after year based on little more than a handshake agreement.

For example, formal agreements between the state of California and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cede management authority on BLM areas adjacent to both Ocotillo Wells and Onyx Ranch SVRA's to the state, to allow unimpeded travel for enthusiasts. Both federal agencies, the Forest Service and BLM, also have formal partnerships with the state to abide by state statute in regards to water runoff, sedimentation, soil erosion and air quality.

Most disconcerting are the quasi-backroom agreements between both federal land management agencies and the state where the federal agencies

have agreed to comply with not only the higher environmental standards in California statute, but also the general direction of California state politics. This could include anything from Governor Newsom's executive order on phasing out gasoline vehicles or the conservation measure known as 30x30, that was released in an executive order in 2020. Compliance with the political climate in California is not widely known or talked about openly but does exist.

CORVA has fought against proposals brought by the State Water Quality Control Board to the Forest Service. Overzealous individuals tried to create stringent regulations for vehicle use in the 18 national forests in California that would have made off-roading virtually impossible. Together with our partners, CORVA prevailed in our efforts at that time, and we still monitor water quality issues closely.

The more informal agreements between agencies and enthusiasts sometimes have the greatest impact on the enjoyment of off-road recreation on public land throughout the state. Groups such as Friends of Jawbone and Rubicon Trail Foundation are non-profit organizations that were formed with the purpose of protecting and preserving motorized travel for specific areas. Other organizations like Friends of Ocotillo Wells and Friends of Frank Raines OHV Park are dedicated to providing assistance with the management of parks offering off-road recreation. Made up of volunteers, groups like these are critical to the operation and maintenance of motorized recreation in these parks.

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Membership Matters!

The California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationists 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, bajas, and desert racers.

CORVA's main purpose is to work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondarily, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

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."

CORVA proudly provides its members:

- 50 plus years of continuous promotion of multiple land use objectives!
- Continuous appeals of unfair and unjust closure of access to public lands!
- Extensive oversight of the California OHV "Green Sticker" Fund and OHMVR Commission
- **OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION** Monthly Newsletter subscription to keep you informed of off-road legislative battles.
- Membership Kit with I.D. cards & decals!

We have 4 ways to join as a CORVA member.

A. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Annual Members are individuals or families of individuals who are interested in off-road vehicles. Their goal is to keep our legal riding areas open now and in the future. Supporting membership is \$40.00 a year.

B. SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP

Sponsor Members are representatives of manufacturers, wholesalers and dealers of vehicles, accessory equipment, services and/or parts for off-road vehicles. Sponsor Members shall be recognized as Supporting Members of the Association. Sponsor memberships start at \$365.00 a year. Please [click here](#) for more information on Sponsor Membership.

C. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Lifetime Members are individuals or families of individuals who have paid a one-time membership fee. Lifetime Members shall be recognized as a Supporting Members for the life of the member. Lifetime Membership is currently a one time fee of \$400.00.

D. SUSTAINING DONOR

This is in addition to your CORVA Membership Dues. [Donate Now!](#)

Disclaimer

We encourage our members to support our **business sponsors**, who help us keep roads and trails open to off-road vehicles! CORVA may share your information with our business sponsors so they can send you discounts and gift cards as a special perk of your CORVA membership.

CORVA Land Use Report, Nov-Dec 2021

BRUCE WHITCHER, VP LAND RESOURCES & PUBLIC POLICY

Oceano Dunes Background

The California Coastal Commission adopted the staff recommendation to change the terms of the ODSVRA Coastal Development Permit at their meeting on March 18.

The staff report called for a phase out OHV use at the SVRA over 3 years.

Use of the SVRA allowed by the revised permit would include car camping between Grand and Pier Avenues above the high tide line but not south of Pier Ave. The Pier Avenue entrance would be permanently closed effective July 1, 2022.

No motor vehicles would be allowed into the SVRA after Jan 1, 2024, other than the camping area, and all fenced areas would be closed to entry after Jan 1, 2024.

The Park will remain open until Jan 1, 2024, with camping limited to 1000 units. This will be reduced to 500 units beginning Jan 1, 2024. Exactly how the park would be managed between July 1, 2021, and Jan 1, 2024, remains unknown. The staff report suggests a phased closure to OHV use of one mile of beach per year beginning at the southern end of the park.

In addition, Parks was informed that the PWP needs extensive revisions and that some elements were not approvable. Any reduction in the size of the Plover/Tern enclosure sites was rejected. The seasonal enclosures will need to be made permanent with 300 acres for the main enclosure.

Oceano Dunes SVRA - Current Status as of December 2021

Check the SVRA website before travelling. Some visitors had their time cut short the weekend of Nov 30 due to King Tides.

Friends of Oceano Dunes File Multiple lawsuits against the Coastal Commission, State Parks, and the APCD

The first lawsuits filed by the Friends were recently consolidated into a single lawsuit due to overlapping claims. These lawsuits state that the CCC failed to follow provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In May 2021, the Friends of Oceano Dunes (Friends) filed a third lawsuit, the "Quiet Title" lawsuit arguing that state law mandates that OHV recreation, beach driving and camping are permanent uses at the Oceano Dunes that cannot be banned by any agency.

More recently the Friends of Oceano Dunes, on Sept. 24, filed a lawsuit alleging that the Coastal Commission "exceeded the agency's authority" by adopting a revised staff report that detailed the March action taken by the commissioners, according to the complaint.

Friends of Oceano Dunes win lawsuit against Air Pollution Control District Rule 1001.

November 16, 2021 – A San Luis Obispo Superior court ruling awarded Friends of the Oceano Dunes \$121,241 for attorney's fees and court costs for litigation the group filed objecting to the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control Board's (APCD) agreement to implement its dust rule. The dust rule requires state parks to reduce the particulate matter blowing from the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area or face fines of \$1,000 per day.

The court ruled that the agreement is void because it effectively changed Rule 1001 by making it tougher on State Parks without subjecting the change to a public hearing. Instead, the APCD Board adopted the agreement in "closed session" out of view of the public and without public input.

The APCD has faced multiple lawsuits pertaining to its dust rule and regulation of the Oceano Dunes off-road riding area, many of which they have lost. The APCD has incurred costs of \$2 million fighting the lawsuits.

Other concerns that may show up in these lawsuits include accessibility for people with disabilities and the economic impact of the decision.

Jim Suty of the Friends of Oceano Dunes said that phasing out vehicular use on the dunes will prevent people with disabilities from accessing the beach.

In terms of the economic impact, Suty said that based on a similar decision to prohibit vehicular access at Guadalupe dunes, he thinks it is unlikely that the beach will maintain the same level of economic activity after vehicular access has been restricted.

"Let us analyze the town of Guadalupe to the south of the park. They were told in 1982 when the dunes would be closed off that they would get all this eco-tourism and their town flourish with all the eco-tourism. It has not happened. It failed," Suty said.

APCD Hearing Board Approves Annual Report and Work Plan

In a related development, the San Luis Obispo County APCD approved DPR's Annual Report and Work Plan (AWRP). This is a critical step that DPR must meet. Unfortunately, approval of the AWRP was conditional on implementing dust control measures on an additional 90 acres of the SVRA, which includes closing the acreage to both camping and OHV use.

Upcoming January 5th Superior Court Trial

In response to the multiple lawsuits filed by the Friends of Oceano Dunes, the Coastal Commission and State of California attorneys filed a demurrer. A hearing is set for Jan. 5 in San Luis Obispo County Superior Court, during which Judge Tana Coates may decide to sustain the demurrer, meaning Friends of Oceano Dunes may be able to revise their case. If Judge Coates decides to overrule the demurrer, then the case is allowed to proceed as is.

Next steps: The APCD Hearing Board meeting Mar 23,2022.

This meeting will address Work Plan progress as well as revising the Stipulated Order of Abatement.

Summary

There has been substantial progress in reducing PM 10 emissions at the Dunes using dust control measures. This comes at a high cost to park users, with the projected loss of 500 acres of riding area, a reduction of approximately 50% of the remaining riding area. The target of a 50% reduction in emissions remains elusive currently but appears to be within reach. Whether or not this will allow the SVRA to remain open remains to be seen.

Carnegie SVRA Update

In August the OHV Commission voted to rescind their approval of the Carnegie SVRA EIR and General Plan because the General Plan did not comply with CEQA, and ordered a preemptory writ of mandate barring the revised General Plan.

The Carnegie EIR and General Plan was revised to include both the expansion area as well as the existing SVRA. Recission of the General Plan left the existing SVRA with the original Carnegie General Plan that was certified in the 1981.

This has touched off a legal battle between DPR and the Connollys, who seek to close the SVRA until a revised General Plan can be prepared and certified. DPR has sought a legal opinion about possibly of operating the SVRA under the 1981 General Plan. This question is presently unresolved.

AB 155 – possible future SVRAs?

Although AB 799 (Bauer-Kahn) had enough support to pass the legislature, and to place the bill on the Governor's desk for signature, the issue changed significantly when AB 155 was proposed as a partial solution to the problem.

Earlier this year Governor Newsom signed AB 155, Although this bill ensures that the Carnegie Tesla

Expansion property will be closed to any future motorized use it also included important provisions that have could a very positive effect on OHV Recreation in California. The content of the bill is described below.

The bill would transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Parks and Recreation Fund to determine the best use of the land, as specified. The bill would transfer \$29,800,000 from the General Fund to the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Trust Fund to be used for the acquisition and development of properties to expand off-highway vehicle recreation, as provided. The Tesla property will become a new state park closed to motorized recreation upon approval.

When considering acquisition and development of properties to expand off-highway vehicle recreation opportunities, the department may prioritize properties that have potential to serve large urban areas such as the Bay Area and Central Valley, offer potential recreational opportunities for off highway vehicle recreation, and potential opportunities for motorized access to nonmotorized recreation.

Properties for consideration may include areas within existing State Parks and State Recreation Areas, including, but not limited to, Henry Coe State Park. The department shall not consider the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area in this process.

This bill would provide an available and equitable alternative for the loss of the Tesla property as an area for off-highway motor vehicle recreation. The dramatic increase of motorized recreation registrations during the Covid pandemic exacerbates the critical need to supply this growing population with sufficient areas to recreate.

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Fun for the whole family!



Ocotillo Wells SVRA

January 22, 2022

PRE-REGISTER IN NOVEMBER ONLINE AT CORVA.ORG OR PAY AT THE EVENT SITE.
All OHVs, Motorcycles, 4x4s and Overlanders Welcome

GREAT PRIZES DONATED BY THE OFF-ROAD INDUSTRY

POKER RUN - SATURDAY JANUARY 22nd

REGISTRATION- EACH VEHICLE: CORVA MEMBER: \$35 / NON-MEMBER: \$45

KIDS (12 AND UNDER) ON ATVs/MC- \$20

ALL PRICES INCLUDE ONE POKER HAND

GREAT PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE POKER HANDS AND

FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD IN GAMES

START TIME: 8:00 AM / START LINE CLOSES: 11:00 AM

Course length approximately 20 miles.

Checkpoints have "games of skill" for more fun and prizes! COURSE CLOSES AT 4:00 PM

BBQ dinner to follow Poker Run

Google maps coordinates 33°15'43.2N 116°00'45.8W



Ocotillo Wells SVRA

Pre-Registration
opens in November
(See web site for details)

To Borrego Springs

NORTH
Salton City

County Road S-22 AN/PM
Approx. 3 miles from HWY 86 to 4x4 Obstacle Rd.
4x4 Obstacle Rd. Hwy 86
Camp & Staging

Registration desk will open at 2 pm Friday afternoon, January 21st at the event.

Camping for the event is located in an easily accessible dirt area adjacent to a large dry wash. There is plenty of room for motorhomes and trailers. This is dry desert camping, so no hookups.

"There are pit toilets located throughout the area for those tenting it"

All proceeds from this event to go to CORVA's Land USE FUND

Need more info?

Email: Vinnie Barbarino at 80hiluxcrawler@gmail.com or call 714 292-3431

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CORVA is now looking forwards to the next 50 years. We still have many issues including the Berryessa Snow National Monument.

We were originally told that off-road recreation would not be curtailed in the new monument, but it is now being threatened. The West Mojave Travel Management plan is under attack, plus Over-the-Snow Travel Management is an ongoing issue. Be sure to read the Land Use Report to understand all the issues we work together to solve. Oceano Dunes is still a hot topic with a recent court decision that the local Air Quality Board did not adhere to their own rules in laying out the Stipulated Order of Abatement that has determined actions over the past few years at Oceano Dunes that has closed large areas of the park. State Parks had signed on to this order, but with the court intervention we hope the division will step away from this ill-advised agreement.

The long-awaited Scripps Institution of Oceanography report on the dust issue at ODSRVA has been released. From my quick read of the report Scripps found that 10 percent or less of the dust is from vehicles on the Dunes plus no toxins are in the dust. The Stipulated Order of Abatement requires

State Parks to reduce the amount of dust coming off the dunes by 50 percent. In my opinion the Scripps report and the Court Decision makes the Stipulated Order of Abatement null and void. I am not a lawyer so CORVA will be consulting our lawyer so we can assist State Parks in which every way we can.

The future of OHV in California is bright there are new technologies being developed. Electric Jeeps, Side by Sides and Motorcycles are here plus more are on their way. These technologies will make it more difficult for those who discriminate against us.

As we work to the future, we must not forget the lessons the CORVA founder such as Bob Ham and Ed Waldheim plus others taught us. We do not need to reinvent Land Use we just need to all work together. Thank you for supporting CORVA.



<< Importance of Partnerships, from 4

Throughout the state, every national forest has informal adopt-a-trail agreements with clubs for maintenance of off-road trails. These agreements, more than most others are based on history and a handshake, but most are not formalized. In fact, lately it has been very difficult to get a volunteer agreement signed between the Forest Service and a volunteer group.

This has become a big problem as manpower in federal agencies has become greatly reduced over time. As volunteers we want to take care of our trails but the agencies are now openly rebuffing many attempts by volunteers who want to help and maintain their favorite roads, trails and areas by saying they just don't have the manpower to manage volunteers. For the agency, this puts them in an additional bind, because match hours by these same volunteers are critical to receiving road and trail maintenance grants from the OHV Trust Fund.

This paradigm has to change, and CORVA is working hard with partners who also want federal agencies to create formal partnership agreements with volunteers to manage and maintain off-road areas, road and trails. But we need the help of everyone to identify the forests that refuse the help of volunteers, or every BLM Field Office that is less than enthusiastic about working with volunteers.

Through life experiences we all learn that there are 2 sides to partnerships. There has to be a give and take on both sides, and an understanding of all perspectives of an issue. That said, we have to push to manage and maintain our roads, trails and areas and protect them wherever possible through formalized agreements. These roads, trails and areas are integral to our OHV opportunities in California, and it's up to us to make a difference. CORVA is working with federal agencies to create a 'Recreation Roundtable' that will work directly with agency personnel to advocate for your favorite OHV road, trail and area. Through CORVA, every recreation enthusiast will have a voice. Talk to us and be part of the goal of formalizing our partnership agreements with federal agencies. Even more critical may be the opportunity to create a statewide database of all formal and informal adopt-a-trail agreements with agencies in California. We can host this on our CORVA website. There are times that clubs are no longer able to keep up with their adopt-a-trail obligations and need other clubs to step in and help. Having a statewide database will enable CORVA to monitor the health of all of our OHV roads, trails and areas in California. More information – contact info@corva.org.



CORVA 50th Anniversary and Tribute to Ed Waldheim

On November 20th, CORVA was the spotlight at Slash X outside of Barstow.

Located adjacent to the Stoddard Wells, the event celebrated both CORVA and Ed Waldheim. Thank you to Mike McGarity, VP Admin for coordinating the event and all the volunteers who made it happen. We had many speakers with very touching stories of Ed.

We had a delicious BBQ Rib dinner at Slash X and 4 tables full of silent auction prices all donated by our awesome business supporters! It was a beautiful weekend and we are all so thankful for everyone who came to join us. We're thinking this could be an annual event in the fall at Slash X: "Friends of Ed Waldheim .. no more closed roads run". Here's to the next 50 years of protecting public land for the people!



Tribute in Memory of Ed Waldheim

BY LINDA WALDHEIM

It was an honor and pleasure to have so many people at the CORVA 50th Anniversary at the Slash X Ranch event outside of Barstow on November 20th, who recognized Ed Waldheim and all of the efforts and time that he dedicated to support CORVA and Off-Road enthusiasts.

As Ed's wife, I had attended many meetings and CORVA events over the 30 years that we had been married. It gave me a chance to also meet so many dedicated individuals and it was a pleasure to see so many at the 50th anniversary event in honor of Ed. Even though Ed lost his battle against Stage 4 cancer on December 9, 2019, he is still thought of each day and missed by so many.

CORVA did an excellent job of setting up the event with the booths, raffle items, etc. Ed's son, Chris,

brought many pictures, albums, etc. that we had put together over the years and set up a great display booth that provided so many memories for those who looked through them.

Ed had not only served as president of CORVA, but had been appointed by two California Governors to the State Parks OHV Commission and he worked hard to help keep areas and trails open for Off Highway use. He also served as president of the Friends of Jawbone, the Friends of El Mirage, California Trail Users (CTUC), as well as other organizations. Ed always wanted to have the lands open for all to use.

Ed not only dedicated so much of his life to Off Road issues, but was also a very caring and giving family person. Not only did he introduce his son, Chris, to dirt bike riding, he also taught me and my two sons, Scott and Stephen. Many weekends were spent off-roading and camping in the deserts in the Southern California riding areas. Eventually, even the grandkids were introduced to motorcycle riding and the granddaughters especially loved it, and even got into motor cross riding for a little while.

The CORVA 50th Anniversary that was dedicated to Ed brought so many memories back when, after the delicious dinner at the Slash X Café, several speakers gave such emotional memories of working with Ed and recognizing his for all that he did for the Off Road Community and how he so strongly let everyone know the importance of taking care of the lands and keeping the trails open.

Thank you again CORVA, and those who put this event on to make it one to remember. Keep up the good work!



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FROM OWNING A JEEP TO OPENING A SMALL BUSINESS

Our adventure began when we became owners of a Jeep Wrangler and started to experience the off roading world. We never thought that in just a couple of years of owning a Jeep we would have this blooming business. We have always had the desire to own a business and the opportunity came with Skull Hunter 4x4.

Skull Hunter 4x4 started out as a fun idea my wife Alejandra and I, Diego Madrid, had for a while. Our name started out when we were trying to decide if our Jeep should have a name and when we landed on Skull Hunter 4x4 we knew that eventually we wanted to make a business out of the name. We love the idea of having a business for the 4x4 community. A business where the 4x4 community can interact and meet new exciting people. A business where you can instantly get products and discover new things.

We recently established our small business as an apparel and accessories products. We have big dreams for our small business as we have a long-term goal of opening a 4x4 accessory store. We have been working hard to attract future partners. We have become dealers for Quadratec, Extreme Terrain, American Muscle and American Trucks. Our main goal is to help everyone that is looking for some guidance on their current or future builds or just accessories for their 4x4 projects. We really like to support the local shops such as Shea and Misty at American Off-Road in Bakersfield, CA and Jeremy Ricks at Disciple Off-Road in Hanford, CA. We really appreciate their knowledge and their full support.

Skull Hunter 4x4 likes to rock crawl in the High Sierra Forest trails the most. We like to show people about

trail courtesy. We like to go out to trails and help people out if they need it or just point them out to a new trail. We encourage people to go out and explore California. It is such a beautiful place and there is something for everyone.

Our Small business supports all 4x4 clubs and the California Off Road Vehicle Association which promotes and protects access to off road land all along California. Skull Hunter 4x4 also supports Friends of Oceano Dunes as the fight continues to keep the dunes open. We highly encourage other businesses to support CORVA by donating to the cause or signing up to become a business sponsor. The fight to keep trials and public land open has been increasing and CORVA needs your help. Let's keep the trials open.

Our focus is to help the community as much as possible by being involved in the community activities. We have had impressive support from the 4x4 community as we have participated in a couple of parades to support the veterans and the children. We are grateful that our community welcomed our small business with open arms. We will continue providing with our best customer service and friendship. You are welcome to follow our stories and events on all our social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok and skullhunter4x4.com

You dream. You plan. You reach. There are no limits!!!

SEMA Report

SPENCER NORTON, CORVA BOARD SECRETARY

At the beginning of November three board members went to Las Vegas for the SEMA show. This group was made of myself, Spencer Norton, Mike McGarity and Jared McCloud.

I traveled to Las Vegas Sunday the 31st of October directly following the Point Mugu Fright Night event. I met Mike and Jared in Vegas where they had already been for the Off-Road Hall of Fame. Jared had been nominated for recognition for all the work he does to keep trails and riding areas open. We began our week in Las Vegas with the NAMRAC meeting on Monday at 9am. During this meeting we met with land use advocates from all around the United States who get together once a year to discuss all that is going on and to strategize for the next year. After this meeting it was time for SEMA to begin! We started on Tuesday in the off-road hall at the Las Vegas Convention Center. As soon as we hit the floor Mike and Jared went straight to the Truck Hero booth which was located directly at the entrance to the hall. Jared and Mike showed me right away just how to approach companies about supporting CORVA and getting our organization on their radar. After watching a few times, I went off on my own in order to spread out and

talk to more companies. In addition to speaking with more companies, I also had the objective of speaking to companies specifically about securing new raffle and giveaway prizes for our upcoming CORVA events. Jared and Mike were more focused on gaining big time sponsors to support CORVA and land use advocacy with sponsorship each year. Our first day was spent mostly in the Off-Road Hall speaking with the companies that we hoped would support CORVA and our fight to keep our trails open. On the second day I went to the Hall of Tires, the muscle ???? and Hot Rod Hall where I was able to speak to many more vendors. Some expressed an interest in sponsoring CORVA or providing prizes for our events. While I did this, Jared and Mike continued to campaign for larger and annual sponsorships. We only spent a few days at SEMA as we all had to be back at work after a few days. Overall, though, this was a very successful event. We spoke with over 100 companies between the three of us and I believe we will have secured plenty of event prizes and hopefully a few annual sponsorships.



4x4 in Motion



SAVE THE DATE!

4x4 in Motion's
Niagara Rim Poker Run

July 15-17, 2022

Niagara Rim Trail/Stanislaus National Forest/HWY 108

“Beards and Brew”

See you then!

VORRA's 2021 Season

VORRA's 2021 season went out with a bang! In the form of a bomb cyclone, bringing over 5 inches of rain and high-speed winds. But resilience being the name of the game in off-road racing, the VORRA crew was able to adapt and overcome!

The traditional VORRA Halloween race was held October 23rd. It was agreed by racers and staff that the weekends festivities would be compressed into a one-day event, to ensure the safety of all on the 24th. In addition to the regular short-course classes, there was also powder-puff and a mechanics classes. The weekend was short but sweet, ending with pumpkin carving and costume contest. VORRA friends and family were also entertained with live music and trick-or-treating in the pits.

A special thank you to the guest judges who braved the weather for the pumpkin carving and costume contest! They included, Mindie Walkoviak of Tread

Lightly, Amy Granat of CORVA, Josh Hall of ORMHOF, Joleen Osello of California State Parks, and Deanna Robinson representing the original VORRA crew.

December 4th VORRA hosted its end of the season awards banquet at Boomtown Hotel & Casino. Owner/CEO-Laura Butcher and Race Director-BJ Butcher are eager to thank all those who have supported VORRA along the way in the 2021 season. From the staff/volunteers to the racers, crews, and fans, we could not make VORRA happen without all of you! And we are so grateful for the opportunity to continue the VORRA family tradition.

We wish you all Happy Holidays, and are looking forward to seeing everyone for more racing and merriment in 2022!





VORRA Group T Sportsman Class Champion

After racing many years, truck owners Scott Cimino and David Cooke decided to try racing with Valley Off Road Racing Association (VORRA) for the 2021 desert race series consisting of four different long course races in various parts of the Northern Nevada desert. The race vehicle is a heavily modified Ford Ranger and raced in the Group T Sportsman class. Based out of Bishop, California, the team is fairly remote from mainstream race shops so all the race preparation and fabrication is done by the owners and team members, consisting of family and friends. Just prior to the season, the truck received a significant upgrade with a new fabricated full floating 9" rear housing, 40 spline axles, and 2.5" hubs, fresh transmission, and top to bottom prep. The races in order were the Hawthorne 275, Yerington 250, Fallon 250, and the Yerington 300. The hard work and preparation paid off with the team finishing in 1st place in class in all four races during the year and taking the season championship in the Group T Sportsman class. Thanks go out to the race team supporters Racerswag.pro and SoCalFirePits.com.



Brad Rowan, pit captain, and Scott Cimino, driver of record of the Dirt Circus Racing #440 truck.

This proposed urban park would encourage family recreation close to large population areas in both the greater Bay Area and the Central Valley. Technology is evolving in the motorized recreation segment to include new forms of vehicular travel, including electric powered OHVs and Henry Coe State Park would provide an opportunity to explore the use of renewable energy sources.

The Off Road Vehicle Legislative Coalition is appreciative for the consideration exhibited in AB 155/SB 155 for the motorized enthusiast community. The allocated funding in AB 155/SB 155, and the ability to pursue appropriate opportunities in existing state park properties will help accommodate the considerable increase in off-road registrations during the past two years.

OHV Commission Update

An important provision of AB 155 is that the bill removes the Jan 1, 2023, sunset date of the Commission, making it permanent. It also revises and recasts the makeup of the Commission, which was the subject of protracted negotiations.

5090.15 is added to the Public Resources Code.

(a) There is in the department the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission, consisting of nine members, five of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation, two of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and two of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(b) In order to be appointed to the commission, a nominee shall have expertise in or represent one of the following interests:

- (1) Off-highway vehicle recreation.
- (2) Environmental protection.
- (3) Motorized access to nonmotorized recreation.
- (4) Law enforcement.
- (5) Environmental restoration
- (6) Health and safety.
- (7) Rural landowners or residents.
- (8) Biological or soil specializations.
- (9) Public-at-large.

This is consistent with other provisions of SB 249 that established the permanence of the OHV Division of State Parks. In the past the OHV Commission was subject to periodic sunset review.

The OHV Commission Meeting Schedule for 2022 is not yet posted.

Commissioner Whettam and Ted Cabral's terms will be expiring in Jan 2022. They have been consistent contributors to Commission discussions and will be greatly missed. We have no information about possible new appointments to fill their positions.

Commissioner Patricia Urena reappointed to OHV Commission by Governor Newsom in 2022 so her term continues until 2025.

We would like to congratulate Commissioner Urena on her reappointment to the OHV Commission. She was appointed by Governor Brown in January 2018 and is the current Chairperson of the commission, having served with distinction as an active member and strong advocate for the NYPUM Program (National Youth Program Using Minibikes).

Our new OHMVR Commissioner, Tommy Randle, previously served on the State Parks and Recreation Commission. A few of us had the opportunity to meet Commissioner Randle at the 50 Year Celebration of the OHMVR. He has a fascinating background having spent most of his career at IBM and serving with the Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census during the 2012 census. We welcome Commissioner Randle.

The next OHMVR Commission meeting will be a virtual workshop, held December 9, 2021, to discuss the dust study being conducted by the Scripps Institute.

California National Monument Planning Update

Mojave Trails National Monument

On February 12, 2016, President Barack Obama designated three national monuments in the desert – Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains. The Mojave Trails National Monument, which was placed under the management of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) by the Presidential Proclamation that designated it. The Presidential Proclamations also required BLM to prepare a management plan for Mojave Trails within three years of its designation.

In the fall of 2016, BLM held what it called "envisioning" sessions for Mojave Trails. These public meetings took place in several locations near the monument and sought the public's input on what they wanted to see in a management plan for the monument. BLM also hired a Monument Manager for Mojave Trails and began seeking members of the public who would be willing to serve on a Monument Advisory Committee (which would be a subgroup of the existing Desert Advisory Council). BLM was on track to begin scoping meetings, but everything came to a halt with the November 2016 election.

Under the Biden administration it appears that the Administration will begin preparing a coalition of conservation groups who decided to prioritize the Mojave Trails National Monument Plan. They felt it is more threatened than the Sand to Snow National Monument. Threats include the Cadiz water mining project, and a potential amendment to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

Fortunately, CORVA is well connected with the Desert Advisory Committee and tracks BLM planning projects very closely, so we are positioned to keep you informed on developments of the Mojave Trails Management Plan.

Snow Mountain Berryessa National Monument

The BLM announced Travel planning for the Snow Mountains-Berryessa National Monument in January of 2021. BLM Travel Planning involved public workshops and interactive maps to collect route specific comments. This area includes important areas traditionally used for OHV recreation such as the Knoxville area and Lake Pillsbury.

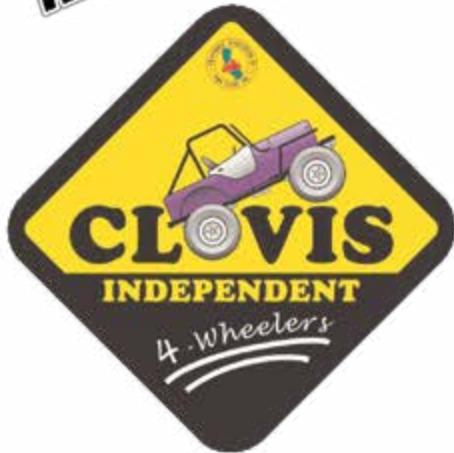
The Monument also includes critically important trails on the Mendocino National Forest that are part of the Grindstone Ranger District, including the Upper Lake, Cache Creek, and Stonyford areas. Mendocino National Forest maintains a mature OHV program with a designated OHV trail system. Possibly because of these few changes to the Forest trail system are being proposed, unlike the BLM managed areas that will be managed as part of the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS).

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The national monument was created by a proclamation issued on July 10, 2015 by President Barack Obama under the Antiquities Act. Obama also signed proclamations creating two other national monuments (the Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada and the Waco Mammoth National Monument in central Texas) the same day. The monument will be jointly managed by the Mendocino National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

The proclamation directed the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to manage the monument pursuant to their respective applicable authorities, meaning that lands administered by the Mendocino National Forest are to be managed as part of the National Forest System, while lands administered by BLM shall be managed as a unit of its National Landscape Conservation System. The agencies have worked together to create a framework that allows each agency to adhere to its planning requirements. This enables both agencies to support each other throughout the process, provide for ongoing use and management of the monument and strengthening public enjoyment and stewardship now and into the future. Forest Service policy requires the Mendocino National Forest to provide proper care and management of the "objects of interest" described in the presidential proclamation.

Wilderness Legislation Update

HR 2546 – Protecting America's Wilderness Act

With the Senate deliberating the administration "Build Back Better" budget bill well into December it doesn't appear likely that HR 2546 will pass out of committee or go to a vote in the Senate by the end of this session.

This means the bill will need to be introduced and considered by the 117th Congress next year.



Fall 2021

VINNIE BARBARINO

October 9, 2021 and another nail in the coffin of one of the most life changing inventions ever.

AB 1346 was signed by Governor Newsom. The new law will limit the emissions of new Small Off Road Engines (SORE). I've been saying it for a long time. "How come they keep putting restrictions on me and the things I like to do when all these gardeners use their mowers, edgers, leaf blowers etc. without any restrictions?" That's all changing.

The law will most likely hurt those people that the administration says they care the most about, poor immigrant families. It will also affect you, me and every other Californian. And, eventually the entire country. No more little gas powered minibikes, motorcycles, quads etc. unless they are electric powered? No big deal. I'll just fire up my generator and charge it up. Nope. Those will be gone too. I'll just have to camp where there are electrical hook ups. It looks like we're going to need wind turbines and solar powered charging stations everywhere we go to camp and ride.

Solar and wind charging stations will be needed at the SVRAs where we ride. Solar and wind charging stations in Johnson Valley, The Rubicon, The Dusy Ershim, Kennedy Meadows, Big Bear, basically everywhere. Big beautiful solar panels and wind turbines in the desert, mountains and along the shore in Pismo (hopefully).

The future of off road recreation in California looks bright as long as the sun is shining and the wind is blowing. Night riding is a thing of the past. I sure

hope your snowmobile doesn't run out of juice in the middle of the snow covered forest. It'll be a long hike out.

Time will tell if this all works out, but in the mean time you better stock up on those small engine toys and tools. While you're at it, you might want to stock up on fuel for them while it's still affordable.

On another note, The Sand Show and Off Road Expo are in the rear view mirror. CORVA had a booth at both and it was good to talk with all the attendees that stopped by. We also were invited to a Trunk Or Treat put on by Empire Jeep Club and will be going to another @Rigsandbrews event at the Duckfoot brewery in San Diego in December. @Bajasociety will be hosting their Takeover event on December 18th at Lazertown in Johnson Valley. Come check it out.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Truckhaven Challenge in Ocotillo Wells on January 22, 2022. Preregistration is now open.



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RANDY EMSLIE

The entire CORVA family would like to say a special thank you to all our sponsors along with CORVA members for making our events so successful. With the generous donations, we are able to push forward in the protection of public lands FOR the people, not FROM the people!

My name is Randy Emslie and I'm a proud member of the Point Mugu 4X4 Club and of CORVA. My wife and I have been long-time outdoor enthusiasts and our adventures have taken us to some of the most beautiful destinations California has to offer. Our off-road explorations led me to follow Point Mugu 4X4 Club. At the time, I did not realize how involved its members are in the fight for land use. They encouraged me to join CORVA in the summer of 2019 and then I began to understand how big the fight really is. During the time I've been a member, I've had the most amazing times camping and talking with other CORVA members. This has now become my passion and I'm excited to educate and to lead new members to this dedicated organization.

This past year I've had the honor to work with the Point Mugu and CORVA members for two amazing events. The first was the 2021 CORVA Fright Night Poker Run in Hungry Valley SVRA, hosted by Point Mugu. This turned out to be a huge fundraising success. The second was CORVA's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Tribute to Ed Waldheim. Both events had hundreds in attendance and our sponsors answered the call with some amazing prizes. Our next event and first of 2022 is Truckhaven on January 22.



Through these events, I've met some of the nicest and most generous people in the off-road industry.

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We look forward to working with you in the future and we wish you a prosperous year ahead. If you want to

add your business to this list for future events, please reach out to me directly at: amscleandiesel@gmail.com.

I would also like to thank Lance DesBaillets, Jared MacLeod, Mike McGarity, Tim Hersey, Vinnie Barbarino and the countless other volunteers who helped make these events run smoothly.

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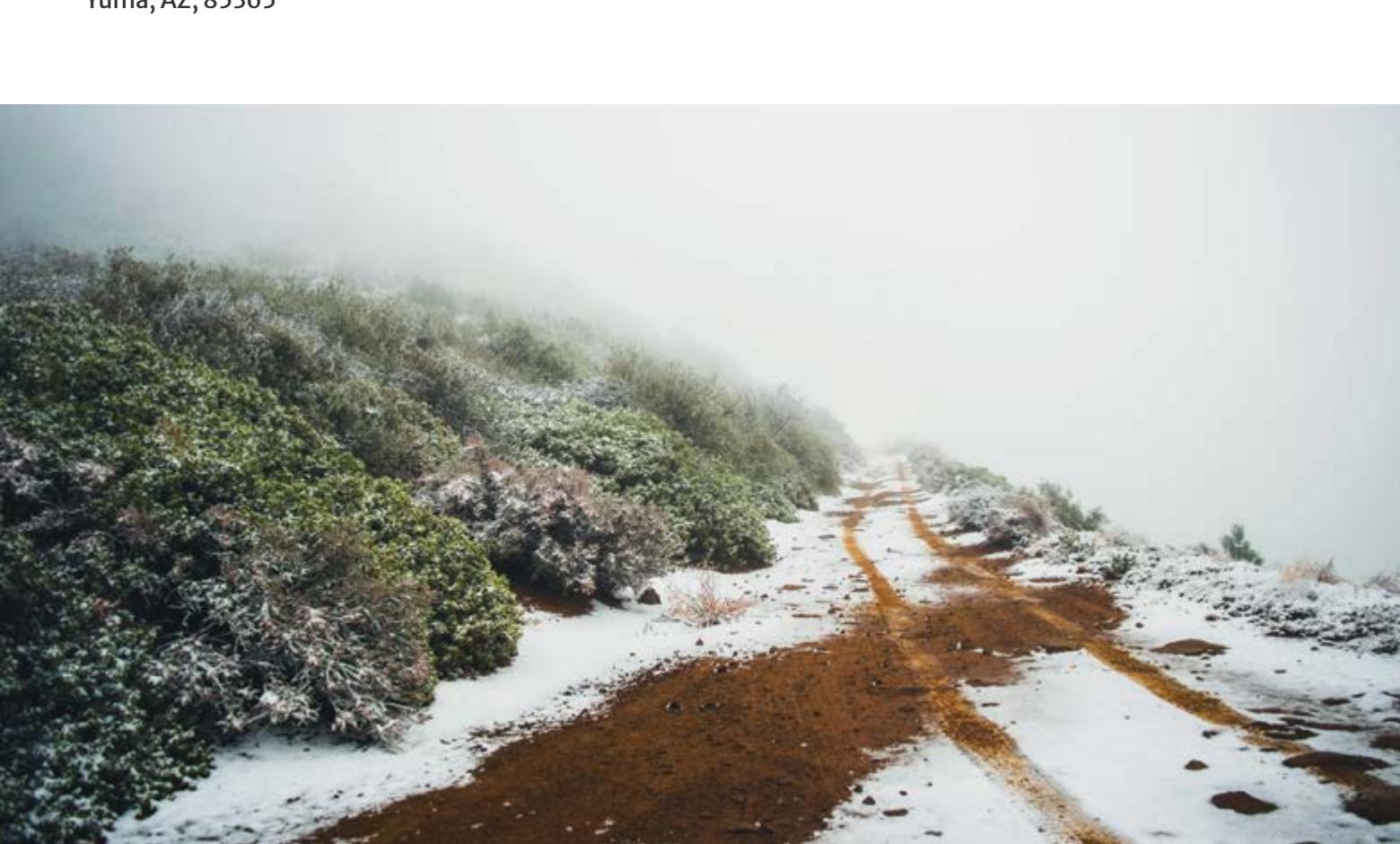
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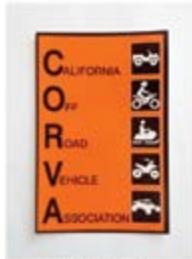
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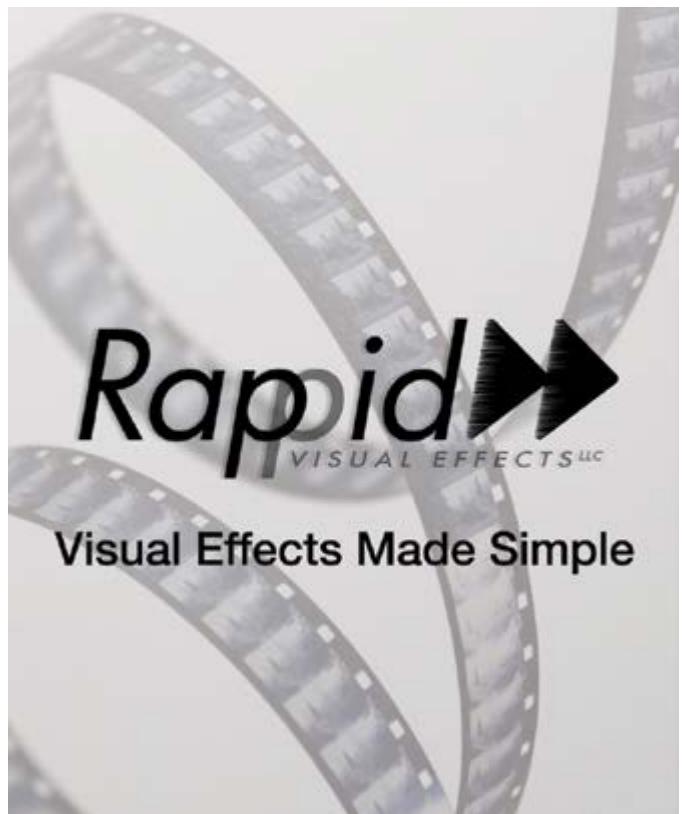


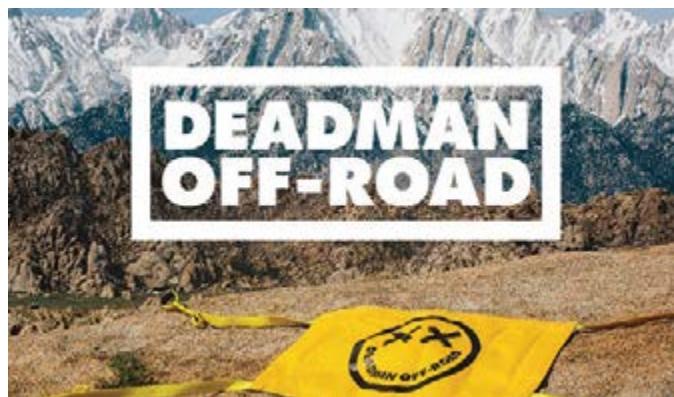
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CORVA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Sponsorship Program Highlights

- Free event advertising in our monthly Off-Roaders In Action (ORIA)
- Free event advertising on CORVA website
- Direct emails to CORVA members promoting your event
- General Liability Insurance coverage for non-competitive events
- Introductory rate of \$495.00 includes:
 - One event Certificate of Insurance.
 - Additional event Certificates of Insurance are only \$195.00 each!

Qualifications: Club qualifies for program if club it is a CORVA Sponsored Club.

Sponsorship Program FAQ

The following are the most popular questions and answers about the program.

1. WHY HAS CORVA DECIDED TO SPONSOR CLUBS?

The sponsorship program is seen as beneficial to clubs and to CORVA. It is a win-win situation. The new sponsorship program will allow clubs to continue to have the same events as they have always done – only now – clubs will benefit by having insurance coverage for their "CORVA Sponsored Events". Plus, club members who are paid CORVA members receive the benefits of CORVA membership, including the monthly ORIA, and clubs will receive advertising and marketing help for their event.

2. SO IS CORVA NOW SELLING INSURANCE TO THEIR CLUBS?

No, **CORVA CANNOT SELL INSURANCE!** Only licensed agents can sell insurance programs in the state of California. We are offering a "Sponsorship Program" to our CORVA clubs and one benefit is general liability

event coverage for their off-road event.

3. DOES OUR CLUB HAVE TO BE A CORVA CLUB?

Yes, our sponsorship program can only benefit clubs who are CORVA Sponsored Clubs under the rules of our bylaws. Plus, we encourage volunteers for your event must be enrolled as CORVA members on the day of the event.

4. WHAT DOES OUR CLUB RECEIVE FOR BEING A SPONSORED CLUB?

Your club will receive **free advertisements** in our ORIA monthly newsletter, on our website, and emails sent directly to our members promoting your event. You will also receive **general liability event coverage** for your event (non-competitive) at an introductory low rate of **only \$495.00** which **includes** one Certificate of Insurance, valid for a year. Additional certificates (for an additional event held in a different area) are available for **only \$150.00 each**.

5. WHAT IF OUR CLUB GOES TO A CORVA EVENT

LIKE TRUCKHAVEN?

Truckhaven is a recognized annual CORVA BOD event. All current members are welcome to attend all CORVA events. The event already qualifies as part of our insurance certificate we hold for our membership. Other events that are covered include our Jamborees, Convention, and Fun Days.

6. HOW ABOUT OUR CLUB'S ANNUAL EVENT

WHERE WE INVITE OTHERS?

If your club qualifies as a CORVA Sponsored Club, your event can have outside participants – i.e. non CORVA members. But we encourage CORVA membership. No spectators are allowed at events, only participants.

(Please remember, NO COMPETITION events are covered – No RACING!)

Other Questions asked:

Does this coverage also include board member liability insurance?

NO – it does not. It is intended to be "event general liability insurance" for the CORVA club offering Certificates of Insurance when required. The Certificate of Insurance is usually needed for the landowner or leaseholder of the property where the event is to be held. (BLM – Forest Service, California State Parks, etc.) However, Directors and Officers Liability Policies are available from our insurance agent. Please request the company information from your regional representative so that your club may receive a quote.

Does this cover everyone in my club?

YES – As a CORVA Sponsored Club, all members in good standing of your club are covered under this policy, that's

why we request a current membership list when applying for the insurance certificate.

Club Requirements:

The club would be required to provide the following:

- A membership list of paid-up club members
- An application sheet that would include officers, contacts and chairpersons for events with their contact information
- An approved Safety Program in place for all participants, and an approved waiver signed by all participants for the event
- A check in the amount of \$495.00 designated as their participation fee.
- The club must include CORVA on any permit application needed for their event, since the Certificate of Insurance will actually be issued to CORVA, along with any language required by the landowner/agency for the permit.

For more information contact Amy Granat at amy.granat@corva.org, or 916-710-1950



What is CORVA?

The California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, 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. Secondarily, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

We participate in lobbying activities in both Sacramento and Washington DC. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation

providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program from the users' standpoint.

We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV 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: amy.granat@corva.org or 916-710-1950

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