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

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

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

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

A portion of the budgets for California's national forests and the public lands administered by the BLM is funded by grants from the Green Sticker Program. We work with the land managers to formulate the grants and give our input about the grants to the OHMVR Program which administers them. We also review how effectively our Green Sticker money was used in each program.

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

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

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



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On the Cover: Drifting! A CORVA member enjoys the Barrel Race at the CORVA Family Fun Days in March, 2007! (Photo by Wayne Berg)

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By Ed Waldheim
President

I Have Asked Until I Have Been Blue in the Face

It is with a saddened heart that I have to report that for some unexplained reason visitors to our public lands have forgotten, or probably never learned their manners on how to behave while hiking, riding a horse, riding a bicycle and yes, while off-roading.

Too many times we have reports by the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations about our bad behavior. The fact is that you need to tell them to look in the mirror and there lies your answer to the problem.

This issue is not an OHV issue. It is a societal issue that for some reason no one has taken an interest in educating our public about, whether the education is directed to adults or youth in school. Sure, there are teachers that give you their biased spin on OHVs, but do they really spend time in trying to teach the young ones (and thereby their adult parents alike) how we all should respect and use our public lands — of course not.

I have asked repeatedly, until I have been blue in the face, to have our State officials to do something on a grand scale to have an education program for everyone in California. However, all I have received so far is lip service.

Cal Trans does a stab at it with "Keep California Beautiful" and "Adopt A Highway". Cities and Counties are making a stab at it.

The Sierra Club and California Wilderness Society, well, I have not seen anything from them — except bashing OHVs which seems to be their main rallying point and way to drum up membership.

Yet these self-righteous people are one of the worse offenders in keeping our land clean and well maintained. Just go hiking on the Mt. Whitney trails in Southern California, or Santa Monica Mountains, or

any non-motorized forest trail, and yes, even the Pacific Crest Trail. You will see trails being made by cutting switchbacks into existing trails, off trail routes being made by non-motorized uses — just for the heck of it — and yes, trash on the trails.

Most of the trash in the desert and forest areas is not from OHV users, but from local citizens too lazy to take their trash to the dump. Reports are now coming from the areas surrounding Las Vegas that it is worse than a dump out there and nothing is being done about it.

I am glad to report that the new Mayor of California City Dave Evans and City Manger Bill Way have started a campaign to clean up our city. They are enacting an ordinance with tough fines that no dumpsters should be without a lid, construction sites will have a fence, dumpsters and restrooms on site. Construction companies also will have to show proof of dump receipts for their materials before a finished permit is issued for construction; what a novel idea.

Businesses are to clean up their areas and most of all citizens are going to be enlisted to clean up the city. Now with ordinances in place, and actual enforcement taking place, perhaps we can start getting something going to eliminate the debris that is dumped in our desert recreational areas. I only hope that more cities can adopt similar ordinances. This is one of the ways we need to attack the problem of public dumping on public lands.

So why can we not get an education program going on a statewide basis? Perhaps this is something that the OHV community can take to the bank and be the leader in California to change the behavior of ALL citizens on how they recreate and

maintain their environment. After all, we are the leaders, much to the dismay of the Sierra Club and the California Wilderness Coalition. All they do is complain, file lawsuits and have judges try to rule our public lands by decree rather than have agencies do their management as they are required by law.

Let's clean up California. Let's keep our trails open, motorized and non-motorized. Together we can do this, but it has to be a statewide California campaign. Do you think our leaders in Sacramento are up to it? God only knows they pass enough laws that do very little for keeping California Beautiful. Let's get some action.

If you agree with me, send your note to your legislators and the OHV Division. Have them start taking some leadership for all citizens in California. If no one else will take leadership, well it is about time we do.

On a similar note, CORVA's N2Dirt program is working to get trash bags manufactured to assist with clean ups and educate the kids and adults with rules for keeping public lands clean and safe.

If you have any contacts for corporate or business sponsors willing to donate to this worthwhile program, please contact Dan Allison at n2dirt@verizon.net.

This is one way we can make our mark on public lands and the next generation of recreationists. N2Dirt is also looking for volunteers with great ideas to help steer the organization. If you are interested, please get involved.

This month I am proud to say that our "Off-Roaders In Action" newsletter is highlighting this important issue to "Keep California Beautiful".

See you on a trail.

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Of course, we have additional prizes in the Sweepstakes as well. For First Prize, Napier Enterprises has donated an incredible Truck Tent combo for CORVA members. In addition to the Truck Tent, they have also added a mattress, sleeping bags and chairs for a complete camping outfit! Second Prize will be of great interest to those of us who have had our share of "stuck" situations. Mile Marker has donated a winch accessory kit containing a heavy-duty snatch block, shackles, tree-strap and gloves, and Hi-Lift Jack Co. has tossed in one of their great Hi-Lift jacks!

All CORVA members will receive 2 books of tickets in the mail. If you need more, please contact CORVA VP Sales & Marketing Terry Work at (800) 42-CORVA x513 or by email: terry@corva.org. The drawing for the lucky winner will be held at the Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa on September 14-16, 2007.

Remember, all proceeds from this Sweepstakes will go to CORVA's Land Use Fund, so do your part and sell tickets to all your friends, too!

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California Fun Days

CORVA Family Fun Days and Convention 2007

By Terry Work, V.P. Sales & Marketing

Another convention has come and gone, but for this year's convention it was different than year's past in that we were camping and having "fun" in California City.

This year, members of the CORVA Board of Directors worked hard to come up with something different that we have not done for a convention before. The idea was to have a good ole fashioned camping weekend — one that would have free events to CORVA members.

To do this, we enlisted the help of several clubs, refined our ideas, and checked the California City Area for locations. Our first location that was given thought was by the California City MX track, but parking and camping was an issue. After some checking of other locations, we decided on a location on Esse Road, only a few blocks away from the MX track and on BLM land. With the assistance of Craig Beck from the BLM, we got our needed permits and got the ball rolling.

Then came the question, "What do we want to do?" With the help of some great clubs — ABA-American Buggy Association, Point Mugu 4x4, Littlerock Dam Wheelers, Wicked Offroaders, and High Desert 4

Wheelers — we now had events, "But, what about food?" Luckily Brian Counter (Party Brian as we call him) stepped up, and volunteered to head up the Saturday night Barbeque (along with Monica, some friends and a grill supplied by Jim Woods).

So now we had a "new" convention, location, offroad events, and food, but something else was needed. Again we had luck on our side as Faith Work again contacted CORVA Associates Members and sponsors. Besides coming up with another Saturday Night Raffle, she also got vendors to join us for camping for the weekend!

So now we were set. Well almost, along with planning an event like this comes a lot of preparation and setup. Faith and I arrived Wednesday evening to secure our location and setup areas for the events, camping, vendor area and our Convention ring of motorhomes.

I had to work Thursday, so Faith along with our President Ed Waldheim got the needed vehicles (water truck, dump truck and the Bobcat), and did some area cleanup and prep.

Later that night Jim Woods and Wes & Kelle Hoagland arrived, and we had the first of the weekend's big campfires. Thanks to Wes for bringing the first of the firewood.

Later that evening, we had a cord of wood that was donated by Larry Robertson of the Desert Vipers Motorcycle Club. Thanks guys! So we were well on our way!

Friday arrived and we started off by marking the needed areas for the clubs, ABA was doing a Barrel Race, Point Mugu and the Littlerock Dam Wheelers along with the Wicked Off-Roader were doing a Mud Pit and Tug of War, and the High Desert 4 Wheelers were doing an Incline ramp.



The first of our vendors Hefty Straps arrived and got set up; things were looking good for the weekend. People started coming in and we got the "fun" for FUN DAYS started. With a quick Board meeting to take care of business, it was off to the Hospitality Campfire for our "Meet and Greet" campfire, and what a campfire it was! Through donations of firewood (2 cords of real wood — no pallets thanks to Larry Robinson's donation and Roberta Wood's arriving with another cord), we had a killer campfire.

Thanks to the hard work of Faith Work to build a large fire ring, and Wes Hoagland for manning the Bobcat to clear the area of old fire pits (and nails from prior pallets) along with the help of Jim Woods and Dan Allison. The Hospitality Campfire went on until about 11 p.m. or so until we decided that just maybe some sleep was needed for Saturday's events.

Saturday came and we had a great turnout of CORVA members up for the weekend along with vendors such as Hefty Strap, EMPI, Fleetwood (with unbelievable

CORVA Awards

CORVA would like to congratulate the following winners for their dedication to off-roading in the year 2006,

Looney Duners Award for Charity	Pt. Mugu
Club of the North	Modesto Ridge Runners
Club of the South	SDORC
Los Aventureros State Conservation Award	Friends of the Rubicon
Past President's Trophy	Wayne Berg
ABA/Ed Waldheim Political Activism Award	Jim Arbogast
Off-Roader of the Year Award	Bob Ham

California Fun Days

top of the line motorhomes and three toy haulers for participants to tour), and Motoworks of Valencia offering motorcycle repair services.

The CORVA Clubs were busy hosting the events for the day. CORVA had set up a marked trail for all that wanted to give it a try in the surrounding hills, and of course our friends at Cal City MX track donated some of their proceeds from the day to CORVA. (Members were welcome to ride the Cal City MX track for the day as an

had their names added to kid's raffle. The Grand Prize was a remote controlled yellow Hummer. This clean up was well received and made the camp look very clean. Even the California City Mayor, who stopped by as a dignitary, commented how clean we kept our camp.

Evening came and the CORVA Board of Directors had a quick meeting to vote on the Annual CORVA Awards that were awarded on Sunday.

But what would a campout be without a barbeque and we had a great one! Tri-tip with all the fixings was cooked by Point Mugu's Vice President Brian Counter who along with his staff did a terrific job! Dinner was served with the help of the CORVA Board.

Now that we were fed, what else could we do but have a raffle and what a raffle it was! Faith Work did another outstanding

job collecting prizes! She also put together the Freebie bags of sponsored products and literature that we gave out during the day to all participants who registered to ride!

The huge prize raffle which included product for all vehicle-types from

M/C to ATV, to buggy and 4X4 ended with the larger prizes which included a set of seats donated by EMPI, A Detroit Locker, and a Superwinch!

We also announced trophy winners for the ABA Barrel Race – kids and adults alike earned trophies. We also enjoyed hearing stories announced by the clubs about the fun enjoyed at each event.

Then it was over to another night around the campfire (remember we still had well

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additional activity, but a track fee was required as usual.) Also, the Cal City area has miles and miles of trails and many members enjoyed this trail system as their first experience in the area.

The N2Dirt team had a trailer set up with cartoon-style posters inside educating kids how to "stay on the trails" and "be kind to nature", etc. N2Dirt also sponsored a kid's campground cleanup. All kids that participated and brought back a bag of trash



CORVA Board Members Geoff Teare, Erin Dyer and Terry Work having some fun.



OHV Lobbying

Dick Christensen and Ed Waldheim Meet with Officials in Washington, DC

By Dick Christensen

Ed Waldheim, CORVA President, and I flew out of Long Beach at 8 a.m. on February 24, 2007, arriving at the Phoenix Hotel at 5:30 p.m., and went straight to the AMA Washington, DC reception. There, Ed Moreland Director of Government Relations made introductions and gave us an outline of the next 3 days.

They have a limit of 50 people, but only 32 showed up. Of those, Ed, Debra Kuick from Marin County BMW and I were all from California. Sunday, we looked at issues presented to us by Terry Cook, AMA Grassroots Manager, with a Power Point presentation on how the Government Relations Department works.

In DC, 436 bills were introduced on Road Riding issues. The breakdown is as follows: Miscellaneous issues 206, Awareness 11, Alcohol 3, Sound 20, Rider Education 19, Insurance 17, Traffic Offenses 35, Helmet 46, and Special Plates 33.

On Off Road issues 252 bills were introduced: Youth 6, ATV 56, OHV 14, Land Use 35, Motorized Trail 6, Snowmobile 19, Restoration 35, and Miscellaneous 61.

AMA statistics also show that ATV's out sell motorcycles 4 to 1.

Terry presented a slide of the Wilderness acreage by agency. The breakdown is: Fish & Wildlife Service 19.27%, 20,699,117 Acres; Forest Service 32.93% 35,372,647 Acres; BLM 7.26% 7,796,837 Acres; National Park Service 40.53% 43,536,647 Acres; Total: 107,405,123 Acres, 5% of all US Land.

We got out of the meetings at 12:00 noon to see DC in the SNOW! Monday, Terry Cook and Peter Nonis from the AMA talked about how a bill becomes a law.

William Cosby from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration talked on how they are working to improve traffic safety. Josh Martin from Congressman Berger's (R-TX) office and Erika Orloff from Congressman Stopak (D-MI) talked on protecting health care for the motorcyclist. This bill was written is to close the loophole where insurance companies can deny coverage for snowmobile, motorcycle, horseback riding, skiing, and ATV riding.

Greg Coehn from the American Highway Users Alliance talked about the future of highway financing. Our Recreational Trails

have all the byways in there. He is not going to get involved in the wilderness issues.

Doug Crandall and Erica Rhodad from the House Natural Resources Committee talked about the Roadless Rule. Clinton put it in, Bush took it back out, and it is now back in court.



Dick Christensen (far left) with OHV friendly Congressman Kevin McCarthy next to Ed Waldheim and Randy Banis.



From left to right: Ed Waldheim, CORVA President, Randis Banis from DeathValley.com and Friends of Jawbone, Congressman Buck McKeon, Dick Christensen D-37 AMA and Peter Nonis, AMA National

Program (grant funding) comes from their funds and these funds run out in 2009. Reauthorization has to be done in 2009.

Derrick Crandal from American Recreation Coalition talked about ByWays.org and that the National Geographic on their next printing will

New OHV rules are not shown in the budget. Forest now spends 40% of their budget in wildfire suppression; in 1991, it was 13%

Tuesday, we stopped in the Congressional offices of Nancy Pelosi, Mary Bono, Jeff Lowenstein, Bob Filner, Jerry Lewis, Karen Foster talking to their staff about the issues, and giving them packets of info. Ed got a call on his cell phone that night from Jeff Lowenstein, so we know that some of them read the info. we gave out.

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Shades of Gray: Dumping RV Tanks – Is it Legal?

By Dan Allison, CORVA VP Education and N2Dirt Program Director

feathers from live birds to be deposited on a roadway.



Someone wrote in asking about the dumping of a Recreational Vehicle's (RV) holding tanks out in the dirt and wondered if it was legal or not to do? Of course, most all RV's, motor homes, trailers, 5th wheels and campers come with a separate fresh water holding tank. They usually have a gray water and a black water tank on board too. Fresh being clear potable water for use, gray typically from the sinks and showers and black for toilet waste.

(CVC 23114 and 23115)

It is against the law to operate on the highway a vehicle which is improperly covered, constructed, or loaded so that any part of its contents or load spills, drops, leaks, blows, sifts, or in any other way escapes from the vehicle. Exception: clear water or feathers from live birds

What I would like to address is the topic of gray water. A large number of RV owners feel that gray water is fine to dump in the soil, but others do not. Some feel that it is OK if they only let it out a little at a time. Others say if they put it in a hole and cover it then that is OK. Some would ask, "So what is the difference of me peeing on the bushes?" Let us think for a moment.

So what is in gray water? Water, soaps, detergents, cleansers, blue deodorant chemicals, and your food scraps, old milk, half drunken beers and sodas. Or how many

people have urinated in the shower? Did you wash poultry meat before you cooked it, where did the bacteria go? All kinds of bacteria are now in that tank. If you are in doubt, just let the tank set for a few days and then run a little into a bucket. Besides the bad smell, is this something you would want your family exposed to?

Legally, I would have to say that for most areas and most conditions it is illegal to dump waste tanks anywhere on public lands and roadways. (See an example at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/dumont.html>.) Will you be cited and get a ticket? Most likely, no, unless you are creating a public hazard, dumping large amounts or someone complains. And yes, urinating in public areas is also illegal.

Morally, that is a different issue. Deep down in your own mind you must have some idea if it is right or wrong to dump your holding tanks in the soil. If not, then answer a few questions to guide you in the right direction.

If I pulled up to your front yard and started dumping my gray water tank on it, would you be upset? What if it was me and 3 or 4 of my friends, who would you call?

If you saw your kids building a sand castle out of the wet sand from where someone dumped their tank, would you be concerned?

How much would you enjoy your campsite if all you could smell was the last guy's waste tanks? Would you be upset if you were following an RV and it was dribbling waste water out onto the road and your car?

It is questions like these that have forced law makers into writing laws that control our actions. Simply put, if we all acted with concern for others, much fewer laws would have to be written.

If you witness someone dumping their holding tanks illegally what should you do? I would ask them to stop, without getting into a confrontation. If that did not work, I would call the local authorities and photograph the abusers and their license plates.

We are losing more off road and recreation areas than we are gaining. Our recreational future is in our hands and those that we recreate with. You can make all the difference, for it is the few that can spoil it for all.

(Good additional discussions can be found at:

www.americansandassociation.org/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=12296)

Dan Allison is the Program Director of N2Dirt, a non-profit organization promoting Safety, Education and Awareness. Visit www.n2dirt.org for more information.



So are there laws prohibiting the dumping of these tanks? That will all depend, on which laws and for which areas you are talking about. It is generally understood, that both legally and morally the dumping of one's black water tank should never, ever be done.

Some places prohibit the dumping of fresh water tanks, yet most people would question this rule and probably do it anyway. Is it legal, is it ethical, is it environmentally proper and would you be sited for doing so? Well, that is a question for you, your ethics and the ranger to talk about. Most public agencies do not distinguish between fresh, clear or black, and restrict all dumping of any holding tank. The California Vehicle Code only allows clear water and the

Legislation

Senator Ashburn Announces Bill to Repeal California's Pickup Truck Tax

BAKERSFIELD — Senator Roy Ashburn today announced legislation to repeal California's "Pickup Truck Tax." Senate Bill 422 will exempt from the definition of "commercial vehicle" a pickup truck that is not used for the transportation of property for commercial purposes.

Since 1973 the California Department of Motor Vehicles has classified all pickup trucks as commercial vehicles and assesses an added Commercial vehicle fee, typically \$80-\$154 for midsize pickup trucks and as high as \$257 for trucks used for towing recreational vehicles and horse trailers. The commercial fees are charged to families and other private non-commercial pickup truck owners despite an estimate by Department of Motor Vehicles which suggests that 90% of California's registered pickup trucks are not used for commercial purposes.

In 2008 the DMV estimates it will collect \$288 million in commercial fees on pickup

trucks which are not used for commercial purposes.

"California families are already burdened by various Federal, State and Local taxes and fees. The last thing they need is another tax on the family truck that they were never supposed to be paying in the first place," said Senator Ashburn.

Ashburn was joined by Lew Uhler, Chairman of the National Tax Limitation Committee. "California's tax system is about as messed up as it can get," said Uhler. "It just adds insult to injury when four-and-a-half million truck owners are forced to pay a commercial fee that does not apply to them. This is tantamount to stealing and it has to stop. That is why I am coming out strongly in support of Senator Ashburn's Bill," Uhler concluded.

Though the commercial truck fee is based on the weight of the vehicle, the charge does not apply to pickup trucks with

a permanent sleeper shell, SUV's or large passenger sedans heavier than many models of pickup trucks.

"There may have been a time when pickup trucks were used mainly for construction and trades, but that's certainly not the case today. Families have discovered the convenience and utility of having a pickup truck for do-it-yourself projects, recreation, and day-to-day shopping and chores," Ashburn added. "There is no good reason for the State to collect commercial fees on personal vehicles not being used for commercial purposes. SB 422 will fix this unfair tax by charging the added fees only on trucks that are actually used commercially," Ashburn concluded.

SB 422's first legislative hurdle will be a hearing before the Senate Transportation next Tuesday April 17th. If the bill passes it would then go on to the Senate Appropriations Committee prior to consideration on the floor of the Senate.

Senator Ashburn is a representative of Bakersfield. He can be reached at: EMAIL: Senator.Ashburn@sen.ca.gov State Capitol, Room 3063, Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 916-651-4018, Fax: 916-322-3304.

Success - Court Rules in Favor of UFWDA

By: United Four Wheel Drive Associations

SUCCESS! Court Rules in Favor of UFWDA and its Recreation Partners Against Bluewater Network, Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads, and other Environmentalists

UFWDA and its recreation partners intervened on behalf of the National Park

Service (NPS) in a 2005 lawsuit brought by Bluewater Network, Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads (Wildlands CPR), and National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) against the NPS. The purpose of the suit was to prohibit ORV use in parks across the country.

UFWDA and our recreation partners Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance (CHAPA), American Sportfishing Association (ASA), Dare and Hyde Counties, North Carolina, and United Mobile Sportfishermen (UMS) asked the court to

dismiss all 8 issues in the case, arguing that the environmental groups lacked standing and failed to properly state their claim. The other intervenors in the case filed similar claims as UFWDA and included the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA), the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), and the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC).

"The case will move forward but is restricted to a very narrow set of issues", stated Carla Boucher, nationally-recognized attorney for United Four Wheel Drive Associations. "The court ruled on March 21, 2007 that Bluewater did not have standing on any of the issues and granted our request to dismiss them from the case entirely. The court found in our favor on all but 2 of the issues and limited another issue to just 3 of the 18 park units cited", commented Boucher.

"Recreation will continue to vigilantly protect access in the 3 remaining parks at

issue in the case and fulfill our UFWDA mission to protect, promote, and provide 4x4 recreational access worldwide", Boucher stated.

United Four Wheel Drive Associations is the world's leading representative of all-brand four wheel drive enthusiasts. UFWDA benefits, developed and tested true over the past 30 years include four wheel drive safety and awareness education; user ethics programs such as adopt-a-road, conservation volunteer, and volunteer trail patrol; assistance with new club formation; education seminars to aid four wheelers through complex state and federal programs affecting trail access; internet forums designed to connect members globally and instantaneously; legal action in critical

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Dune Issues

Sand Mountain Blue Butterfly Conservation Plan

By:
Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance

The Sand Mountain Blue Butterfly Working Group, coordinated by the Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance, has developed a conservation plan that will conserve the Sand Mountain Blue butterfly and keep it from becoming listed as an endangered species.

In the mean time, the Sand Mountain Blue Butterfly Working Group has completed the Sand Mountain Blue butterfly conservation plan in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management, Friends of Sand Mountain, California Off Road Vehicle Association, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Churchill County, City of Fallon, the Navy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the interested public.

A SMBB Working Group meeting held on May 10th, 2007 was organized in order to schedule a work day out at the mountain to plant pin flags so that the trails system can begin construction. [Due to editorial deadlines, please contact the Alliance for updates. – Editor] The work day is going to be set for after Memorial Day to deter removal of the flags before construction.

Since funding the upkeep of the Sand Mountain Recreation Area is a problem, the Bureau of Land Management has increased user fees for those visiting Sand Mountain. The new fee schedule began October 1, 2005 with weekly passes increasing from

\$20.00 to \$40.00 and annual passes increasing from \$45.00 to \$90.00. There will be no fees for those visiting Sand Mountain on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

The grant proposal for the Sand Mountain trails system is in the final stages with the Question 1 Resource Conservation Grant Program for funding to purchase fencing and signage of trails as well as funding for trail improvement.

Through the financial and in-kind support of the Bureau of Land Management, Churchill County, the City of Fallon and community volunteers, it is believed that the conservation plan will have sufficient funding to move forward in a way that conserves the Sand Mountain Blue Butterfly, its host plant, Kearney Buckwheat, and allows the multiple use of Sand Mountain to continue.

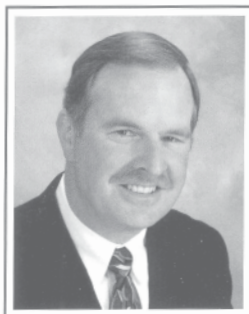
For more info. contact the Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance, P.O. Box 390 Fallon, Nevada 89406, (775) 423-0525

[Dan Peterson, former CORVA Northern Director, has been an integral member of the Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance since its inception. Dan has represented OHV use. The Alliance is interested in protecting the continued use of the dunes for motorized use. The alliance is a co-op of government, local business and user groups, etc. – Erin Dyer, Editor]

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Thanks to the Desert Vipers for this fundraising opportunity. They donated \$100 per day/per person to CORVA. Most of these volunteers worked 2 to 3 days. This was a ton of fun plan on joining us next year.



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Keep It Clean

CORVA / Friends of Giant Rock Clean up a Mess at Soggy Lake

By Wayne Berg & Ray Pessa

I received an e-mail from one of our members stating that: People are leaving huge bags of trash up against the port-a-potties at Soggy Dry Lake in Johnson Valley. The wind ripped the trash bags up, and there is now trash scattered all over the area, an area that used to be fairly clean despite the



crowds. It is a shame to see the desert trashed with such disregard for the environment. The BLM (using Green Sticker funds) put in the permanent dump toilets on the lake bed and now users are leaving trash at the site instead of "Packing it in and Packing it out". So I called Ray Pessa of Friends of Giant Rock (FoGR is a club member of CORVA).

Here is the report from Ray:

I received a call from CORVA on Tuesday after president's day that some trash had been left at the restroom on soggy dry lake. Knowing what happens to trash when coyotes and desert winds kick in, I procured brother Bob and his rig to check it out early Wednesday morning. We managed to load up 212 lbs. of plastic, glass, paper plates, cans, and various camp trash including a discarded BBQ and jump ramp, but not before some varmint damage had been done. Folks need to get the message: HAUL IT IN – HAUL IT OUT! There is no trash service at our favorite dry lake camping on Johnson Valley OHV area.



These activities only give the anti-OHV activists more ammo to point fingers and cripple our sport.

Thank You, Ray Pessa, President
Friends of Giant Rock

We need to educate fellow off-roaders about packing out their trash and to respect public and private property.

Thanks Ray and Bob for taking this on.

Pack it In - Pack it Out

By Terry Work

One of our members asks:

Hi. "ASA" has the theme "Pack It in Pack it Out" But I have had a discussion on what this really means as there are trash bins at Glamis, so some of my family insits that it is OK to drop off the trash there as we exit. I disagree, we could use some clarification on this in the CORVA Newsletter, Thanks Nancy.

Nancy thanks for the question and I did some research and here is the answer:

Yes, they can use the dumpsters as they are paid for with the fee money, but it is a HUGE expense for the trash pickup so it is encouraged to take your trash home. so you are both right, but we do know that most of the members of the ASA do take there trash home with them for disposal so that the funds for Glamis can be used elsewhere, also remember when you do take trash home please be sure that it is secure and will not fall out on to the highway.

- Fun Days -Continued from page 7 -

over a cord of wood from the night before to burn). Jim Colin setup the foundation for the fire and what a fire it turned out to be! This baby was great — so great that by the end of the evening we had used that cord of wood. It was a great time to visit and just have a good time around the campfire.

Sunday came and like most events this is time to pack up and head for home, but we at CORVA still had a Board meeting to hold, one that was very well attended by all. At this Board meeting, Wes Hoagland was installed as the new Southern Regional Director for CORVA and we discussed upcoming events and various land use issues that CORVA is leading the way on. We also handled the business of changing the by-laws. Thanks to the work of Rick Fisher for leading this discussion and voting.

But like I said, it was also time to pack up/cleanup and for this event the cleaning up was easy. Everyone did "Pack it in and pack it out". And, thanks to the CORVA Board of Directors for the donation of the Porta-potties and a dumpster. The area was cleaner than when we arrived! (Thanks to all for keeping the area so clean).

So thank you everyone for making our first Family Fun Days a success and our annual convention so much fun that we will be doing it again!

Special thanks to:

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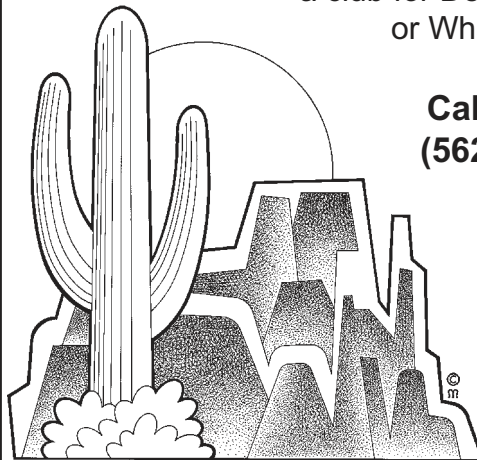
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Keep It Quiet

Aftermarket Muffler Manufacturer Kicks Off National Trail Building Program

By Blue Ribbon Coalition

RICHMOND, CA (April 26) — An international manufacturer of high performance motorcycle racing exhaust systems and quiet technology X3 off-road mufflers announces a new trail oriented grant fund program in partnership with a national recreation group. Leo Vince USA, a division of Sito Gruppo Industriale based in Monticello d'Alba, Italy has worked with the BlueRibbon Coalition in development of the Leo Vince Trailhead Fund.

Leo Vince USA will donate funds to the Trailhead Fund which will be administered by the BlueRibbon Coalition. The intent of the program is to have grant monies available to help off-highway vehicle (OHV) clubs partner with land management agencies to care for, and enhance, responsible trail recreation on public lands.

At the 2007 Indy Powersports Show, Pietro Mollo, founder of the parent company, Stated, "Our company is proud to be in a position to help promote ecologically responsible OHV recreation on public lands in the United States of America. Most of our motorized forest trails have already been closed in Europe and we want to be part of the solution to keep them open in the USA."

"We believe our state-of-the-art quiet technology off-road exhaust systems for dirt-bikes and all-terrain vehicles is a perfect fit in the establishment of this new trail program. It is our goal that

funds raised be used to improve existing trail systems or to build new sustainable OHV routes for use by future generations," Mollo said.

"The OHV industry has an important role in helping promote good land stewardship and this program is Leo Vince's commitment to that ideal," Mollo concludes.

The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. It represents over 10,000 individual members and 1,200 organization and business members, for a combined total of over 600,000 recreationists nationwide. 1-800-258-3742. <http://www.sharetrails.org>.

Roadless Area Update

Reprinted from AMA Rights, News & Notes, May 2007

The US Secretary of Agriculture is renewing the charter of the Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on management and conservation of roadless areas.

They will review submitted petitions and provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary. The Committee will also provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on any subsequent State-specific rulemakings. This Advisory Committee will consist of up to 15 members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

For further information contact Bill Supulski, National Roadless Coordinator, at bsupulski@fs.fed.us or (202) 205-0948, USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mailstop 1104, Washington, DC 20250.

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Injured Off Roader, Jim Riley, Needs our HELP!

The website www.smileyriley.org is dedicated to the full and speedy recovery of our friend Jim Riley, aka *Smiley Riley*.

Jim suffered a terrible accident while dirt bike riding in Ocotillo Wells a few months ago. He was air lifted out and ultimately sustained damage to his neck. Jim is now fighting to regain use of all his limbs. During his stay at Sharp Medical Rehabilitation Center, Jim has been able to pedal both arms and legs. There are no certainties, but Jim intends to walk again!

Jim has just moved back home. The time to make sure he has the tools he needs, access to therapy and food to feed his family is upon us. Jim has been self employed and sole provider for his family, including his wife Leslie and his 16 year old son Patrick. Now he needs our help!

Donation opportunities to help Jim and his family are available via Wells Fargo or PayPal. This event has been created to help raise money for equipment Jimmy needs to self rehabilitate at home. This will be a chance to have fun and help out a friend via a Poker Run!

FOR SALE! Jim and Leslie need to sell their Toy Hauler, their dirt bikes and Jim's truck to raise money for very expensive equipment Jim needs to be able to get to therapy and home. Look for details on these items on our website www.smileyriley.org. Email can be sent to: info@smileyriley.org

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Ride to WALK
November 3-4 2007

[Since the printing of this article, the date has changed from June to November. A June ride will be at Cuddeback instead. - Editor]

WHO: Bikes, Quads, Buggies, Jeeps & anyone that wants to have a good time!

WHAT: "Ride to WALK" will offer 2 events.

1. One will be a Poker Run with a family friendly Novice route & an Intermediate RIDERS route for Bikes and Quads. The route will include all the sites of the Ocotillo Wells SVRA Park. Entry will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids riding with guardian.

2. The second ride will be a 60 mile total ride to Superstition and back. Trail difficulty is perfect for anyone from beginner to expert. This ride will be a Sponsor Ride with no entry fee. You'll go to family, friends, Church, Cub Scouts or even take the kids to a shopping mall and find folks to sponsor you for each mile you ride. Even 50 cents per mile becomes \$30 per sponsor.

WHEN: Nov. 3-4, 2007: Poker Run - Saturday; Superstition Sponsor Ride - Sunday

WHERE: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

WHY: We are raising money to get Jim & Leslie Riley the wheel chair lift they need. His chair weighs about 300 pounds. Right now Leslie must put a manual chair in the car and Jim cannot pilot that chair. He needs his electric chair with him as he goes to therapy several times per week. The lift costs \$10,000 installed.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded based on donations from corporate sponsors. We will be posting a list of those generous companies as the list grows.

Please contact Jeff at smileyriley.org if you have contacts or ideas for a corporate sponsor.

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- ♦ **January 2008 - Truckhaven Challenge Poker Run**
- ♦ **February 2008 - Desert Vipers Grand Prix in Adelanto**
- ♦ **March 2008 - 14th Annual Off Road Lobby Day - Sacramento**
- ♦ **April 2008 - Moose Anderson Days Clean Up & BBQ**
- ♦ **May 2008 - 9th Annual El Mirage Days - Visit www.elmirage.org for more information**

National News

Bill Introduced to End Health Care Discrimination

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- News & Notes, April 2007

Bill Introduced to End Health Care Discrimination – [See related article on Washington, DC Lobbying in this issue of the CORVA newsletter. - Editor] The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) announced that bipartisan bills have been introduced in both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate that would end health-care discrimination against motorcyclists, ATV enthusiasts, and participants in other legal recreational activities.

US Representatives Michael C. Burgess (R-Texas) and Bart Stupak (D-Michigan) introduced HR1076, "The HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act." On the same day, Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Russ Feingold (D-Wisconsin) introduced identical companion legislation, S 616.

The bills seek to bar employers from discriminating against those who take part in activities such as motorcycling, ATV riding,

skiing, snowmobiling or horseback riding in the health-insurance programs they offer their workers.

HIPAA originally prohibited employers from denying health-care coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical conditions or participation in legal activities, such as motorcycling. But later federal bureaucrats reversed the law, writing rules to allow health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists and others who engage in legal activities like ATV riding, or horseback riding — employees were guaranteed the right to health-care coverage, but not guaranteed any benefits under those plans.

Motorcyclists were outraged when federal bureaucrats went against the will of Congress, and the AMA immediately lobbied legislators to right this wrong. Others involved in the effort include the All-Terrain Vehicle Association, the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, the American

Horse Council, the BlueRibbon Coalition, the Motorcycle Industry Council, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and the National Ski Areas Association.

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I gave Nancy Pelosi the cell phone number for Jim Geddes to call for info! The 11:00 a.m. appointment with Congressman Buck McKeon I made lasted about the time it takes to take a photo. He was working on other things, but Ed, Randy and Peter Noris (AMA) and I had a good and long talk with Bob Codhren, his Chief of Staff. We covered El Mirage, the insurance bill, funding, power lines going through Leona Valley, and the Wilderness bill.

After lunch at 1:00 p.m., we met with Senator Dianne Feinstein's legislative assistant Kit Batten, PH.D. With us was Debra Kuck from San Rafael, Peter Nonis (AMA), and Randy Banis, Ed and I. We talked about the wilderness bill and when we were done Kit had 2 pages of notes. We also talked about the insurance bill. She took notes and said that she would send them to Christen Wikelus, the insurance staff person in her office and would deal with the wilderness bill herself with John Watts.

At 2 p.m. in Senator Barbara Boxer's office, the five of us met with her staff member, Evert. We talked about the insurance bill. It went okay, and then when we talked about the wilderness bill and how it was not good for California, he kind of froze up. We told him we needed maps. He said Brian McKeon is the staff person who is handling this.

At 2:45 p.m., on the Capitol steps, Congressman Kevin McCarthy, with photographer present and his aide Kyle Lombardi. We spent over 30 minutes talking about all our issues from funding, to insurance, to budgets, to Boxer's Wilderness Bill, to OHV Commission, and the Stienberg Bill. He said he would talk to Steinberg.

Wednesday, we landed at Long Beach at 2:30 p.m. Ed had a meeting in Cal City that afternoon and I had the District 37 AMA Off-Road Committee Meeting in Brea the next day.

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