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Governor's Budget Includes \$60M Raid on OHV Trust Fund!!!

No doubt most of you are aware that the State Budget crisis has hit the OHV Division's budget very hard. Thanks to CORVA's connections we heard about this development very early, in time to develop an effective letter writing campaign. The Governor's office was flooded with letters and messages well in advance of the latest budget deliberations. Thanks to all of you who responded, and thanks to Chris Horgan of "Save the Trails" for helping us mount an effective campaign. Let's all hope our Trust Fund is reserved for its intended purpose.

14th Annual Truckhaven Challenge A Success!

Well it is hard to believe that this was the 14th Truckhaven Challenge. The event started fourteen years ago when a few of us from American Buggy Association (ABA) got together and decided to put on a event to raise money and awareness for land use. In the beginning it was just named the ABA Truckhaven Poker Run and that year we had 13 registered vehicles! The event certainly has changed.

This year we were looking forward to returning to the Truckhaven location. But even though we had our permit in place, insurance in hand, toured the route with the biologists, and did every thing that was asked of us by the State Parks, we were forced to return to Ocotillo Wells SVRA. (A big thanks to Rick Fisher for working so hard with the State Reps.) Reluctantly we did as asked and wondered will people come?



One of the requirements for the event was that we take Plant Identification training so that a plant on the course could be marked and attendees aware of it locations. So during the week in addition to setting up our route, taking members of the State on a tour, we marked those plants that were on our course with Yellow Caution tape! While setting up the course, we have to ensure that all OHV vehicles can make the course. To do that, besides having a motorcycle or an ATV run the course with us, we setup the main route while running only in 2-wheel drive!

All this takes time and is the main reason that we start arriving on the Monday before the event to layout/mark the course, make changes and of course add the Green (hardest) routes! This year was one of our longest courses at 26 miles! That also had the longest Green route we have had in place. Of course, we could not have made these courses without the help of Travis Work, Steve Santa (sorry about the top), Vinnie Barbarino and his club members. Still, after a week of running the courses, making changes, sitting around campfires and having a great time, again we wondered would they come?

Slowly on Thursday night we noticed that

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

The main purpose of CORVA is to have fun! We also work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. 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 enthusiasts who believe in using our public lands responsibly.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on many environmental documents on issues that affect us.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations such as snowmobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple use rights that we both share. Only together can we fight the extremists. We are,

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

Loosing It All to Bureaucracy – the End of MiniBikes & Flagpoles

Once again the bureaucrats are regulating what we can and cannot do – this time concerning our children. As of February 10, 2009 you can no longer buy new small displacement motorcycles or ATV (quads) designed for children under the age of twelve. Motorcycle dealers, like me, are also no longer allowed to sell these, or certain parts to repair older small displacement vehicles – if the vehicles are primarily designed for young children. These vehicles, along with a multitude of other items, like toys and books, contain some components that contain Lead. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 regulates what can and cannot be sold or redistributed. Bureaucracy has gone crazy again and is interpreting into nonsense.

Surely, you know not to let your children chew on parts of your off-road vehicles, and also not to eat or chew on their own motorcycles or quads. But because the strict bureaucratic interpretation of the CPSIA Act regulates Lead exposure to children – and tire valvestems, engine cases, carburetors and battery terminals contain a certain amount of Lead – the act requires us to remove these items from anywhere our children might be. Strict environmental interpretation has now effectively eliminated an entire industry with the stroke of a pen.

Most off-road users learn their skills with their families when they are young - most definitely under the age of twelve. The future of off-road motorcycle and quad riding in America is now destined for extinction. All because we have discovered danger in a common element found everywhere on our planet. Science has taught us to use Lead with caution, and our own common sense should lead us to protect our children from over exposure. Sensible. Unfortunately, whenever the bureaucrats interpret common sense, the sense runs out the door.

Where does it stop? If we as parents still have the right to use our OHV vehicles and to raise our children, then we should also have ability to decide how we will teach them about poisons like Lead, anti-freeze and gasoline. OHV use while camping is a dramatically educational experience – about more than just the chance of danger from chemicals in our environment. Our children learn valuable skills, such as: meal planning, building safe camp fires, group safety, finding lost dogs, keeping close to camp (not getting lost), never riding alone, getting home before dark, staying out of mine shafts, helping each other when someone gets stuck or has a flat tire and depending on your preferences, they learn gun safety. By removing a parent's choice to purchase or maintain a small displacement vehicle designed specifically for your children, the bureaucrats have now forced you to do what they think is best for your child. And they have eliminated part of the method you might choose to do what you think is best for your child.

No, it won't stop with small motorcycles and quads. Bicycles are next; along with anything and everything your children use or come in contact with. Unless this insane interpretation is challenged – and challenged LOUDLY – nothing will be left. You must also recognize that there is also the danger in some children wanting to try the adult versions (bigger motorcycles and quads) which will cause more danger, and even the adult models may be outlawed (for their Lead content of course...)

A phone call, fax or letter to your Senators and Representatives in Washington can help bring attention to this nonsense. A proper interpretation in what is needed. Yes, we want most products that babies and very small children might absorb by mouth that contain Lead to be manufactured with child safety in mind. OHV dealers might be required to include more disclosures, like the ATV Safety Disclosure (that includes free safety training for every new ATV purchaser) that is currently required. But complete elimination of the small off-road vehicles for children will certainly cause more damage and danger to them in the future. It also insinuates that the honest law abiding OHV family is endangering their children, which is definitely not the case. Finally, this could ultimately eliminate the future of our already struggling OHV industry.

Don't just let this happen without telling the bureaucrats that you think this is wrong. See page 11 for more information. After all, the next thing to be eliminated will be your flagpole.

I hope to see you and your family at the CORVA Family Fun Days this month.



PS: Teach your kids, "Don't lick a frozen flagpole - It will stick to your tongue!"

CORVA's 2009 Family Fun Days

March 14th & 15th

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Saturday Evening:
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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

• OHV Grants Program

Most of you are aware that without grant funding from the State OHV Division we would have nowhere to ride. The grants fund not only the State OHV Parks like Hollister, Ocotillo Wells, and the Oceano Dunes, but also provide substantial funding for OHV recreation on Forest Service and BLM lands. This year grant applications are done completely online. With the increase in green sticker fees to \$50 every 2 years we have more grant funding available than ever, at least for 2009.

A new timeline for the OHV grant application process has been set.

Activity Date

- Application materials available on website. The second Monday in January
- Preliminary Application filing the first Monday in March
- Public review and comment period: March through April
- Application final filing date the first Monday in May
- Application Results posted first Monday in June



• Johnson Valley

CORVA submitted some excellent comments on the notice of intent to prepare a draft EIS prepared by the Marines. The deadline for comments was January 30, 2009, however it is frequently the case that comments continue to be accepted after the deadline. If you sent comments, thanks!!

We still need people to submit comments on the Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS

Please pass mail to any off roaders you know! Use the PFJV to send in comments, or write some of your own.

COMMENTS SHOULD BE:

- Do NOT develop the base to the west! Go to the east!
- Keep Johnson Valley open for future generations
- Keep Johnson Valley open for the kids
- Do not put us in danger by limiting our recreation areas.
- This will hurt the local economies
- Save Johnson Valley for recreation



See the link: <http://www.pfjv.org/com.pdf>

It is vitally important that comments be submitted at every step of the process. The draft EIS will probably be published in early 2009 and the comment period will close in 2011. We continue to request that any expansion of the base be toward the East into the Look Sheephole Valley and Cadiz Dunes Wilderness Area.

- **BLM TRAVEL MANAGEMENT**
- **Clear Creek Management Area Management Plan Revision Update**

The BLM RAC Off-Highway Vehicle Subcommittee met Jan. 24 at the Tulare County Office of Education. Rick Cooper, Field Manager for BLM Hollister, Jim Keeler, and OHV Director from the BLM State Office and David Christy from BLM.

Rick informed attendees that alternatives for the Clear Creek Management Plan had been drafted. They include a number of possible scenarios for continued use of the area and they have been forwarded to the EPA for review and recommendations. When questioned about the possibility of reopening Clear Creek, Rick responded that given that a closure order is now in place that they are not good. The future of Clear Creek will be determined in the next tow months so please stay tuned for developments.

BLM has indicated that they are willing to work with OHV users to identify other OHV areas. The Subcommittee will come up with criteria for different types of areas that would be suitable for OHV use and the BLM will use planning resources to determine their suitability. The meeting was very productive and all who attended look forward to working on this project.

- **BLM Announces Public Meetings for Carrizo Plain National Monument draft EIS**

Although the Carrizo Plan is a National Monument and OHV use is mostly prohibited, this designation of 206,000 acres as a non-motorized area established an important precedent. It is worth commenting on this EIS to state that with so much land being set aside for non-motorized use that perhaps something should be reserved for the rest of us...

Public meetings will be held:

- Feb. 24 at the BLM Bakersfield Field Office
- Feb. 25 at the San Luis Obispo Library
- March 7 at the Carrisa Plains School on Hwy 58. The school is located approximately one mile west of Soda Lake road on Hwy 58. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and finish at noon.

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

This is BLM's version of Route Designation. These are scoping meetings and are an important opportunity to state your support for inventoried routes in the Bakersfield area. Requests for routes by the public carry a lot of weight, so be sure to send in written comments. CORVA is actively engaged with BLM on the future of OHV recreation in the Central Valley.

For further information on travel management within the Bakersfield Field Office and the public workshops, or the resource management planning process, contact Peter DeWitt at (661) 391-6120 peter_dewitt@ca.blm.gov at Bakersfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, Calif. 93308.

- **Red Rock State Park General Plan Update**

The Red Rock General Plan process is continuing to move forward, but due to state budget problems there has been a slight delay with implementation of the contract with EDAW. Staff have indicated that the next public scoping meeting will be delayed by about one month. The anticipated release of the draft EIS is expected in May of 2009. That will open the formal comment period with a hard deadline of approximately 45 days.

Comments will be accepted up to the time that the alternatives are drafted, although to be assured of consideration comments should be submitted as early as possible. Thanks to all of you who submitted comments by the January 5th deadline. For those who still wish to submit comments you can still send them and please do.

- **Forest Service Route Designation**

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

Deadlines for comments are:

Modoc National Forest	–	February 11, 2009
Plumas National Forest	–	March 16
Inyo National Forest	–	March 30
Sequoia National Forest	–	March 31



We just received word that the Federal Register is being shut down for review by the Administration. This will delay the publication of draft EIS's for several months. The CORVA Land Resources Team will be watching very closely for developments.

If you are familiar with routes in these areas please contact me at bruce.whitcher@corva.org

- **Omnibus Lands Bill (National Landscape Conservation system) due for House vote soon**

Senate bill S. 22, that includes 150 public lands measures including the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Act., and three wilderness proposals is expected to come up for a vote soon. The bill passed the Senate in a history making Sunday vote. The House vote has been delayed by the contentious Economic Stimulus Package. This is a major bill that will have significant effects on OHV recreation. Please send letter of opposition to your Congress people.

This bill is NOT A DONE DEAL!

Thanks, Bruce

The Gen-Right Swap Meet

A big thanks to Tony and Debbie Pellegrino at Gen-Right in Simi Valley. They have a fantastic line of Jeep offroad parts and accessories with unique Jeep products for Wranglers and Rubicons. They invited CORVA to do a membership drive at their parking lot swap meet with many vendors showing off their Jeep wares on Saturday February 7th. We signed up 5 new CORVA members and 2 new Associate members! They also had a "land use fund drive" selling BBQ hot dogs and donated the proceeds to CORVA.

There was a good turnout for this event, even though it rained. There was a good amount of interest in saving our public lands. We made the crowd aware of our concerns at Johnson Valley and Red Rock State Park and explained the new "Comments Project". Everyone was interested in the Johnson Valley area and I think we may have some folks that will participate at future meetings to show support in keeping our public lands open.

Thanks again to Tony and Debbie and the gang at the Gen-Right, we really appreciate your help and support in keeping our trails open!

Check out their website at: www.genright.com



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BY DAN EGER

Get Involved!

Some people make an incredible contribution to help keep our trails open. I personally know several people who give a few days (entire days) a week to our cause. My hats off to these dedicated people, but they can't do it alone. No, I'm not asking you to volunteer days a week, but I am asking for a day or 2 a month. Think about it, if 50% of the multiple millions of people that recreate off road were to dedicate a day or 2 a month to help with our cause, that's millions of man hours a month!

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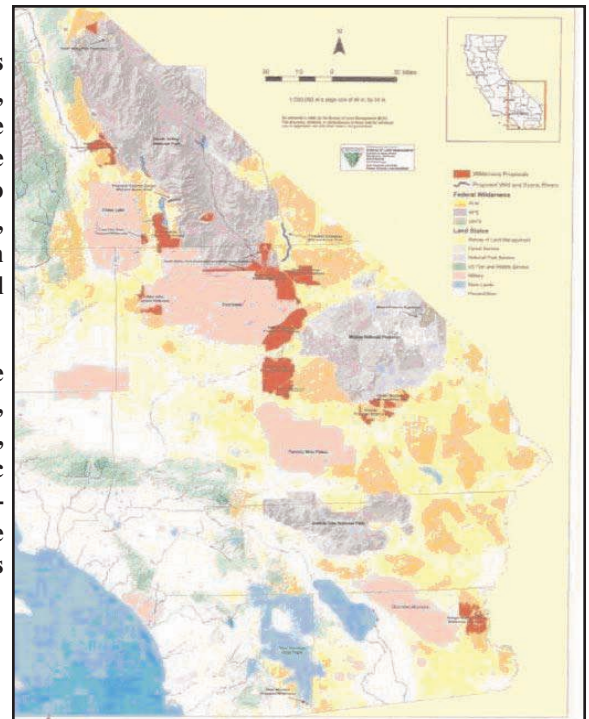
Proposed Desert Wilderness Bill Taking Shape

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

The new CWC wilderness proposal includes about 20 new wilderness areas and National Park expansions within Inyo, San Bernardino, Imperial, and San Diego Counties. New wilderness areas proposed by the California Wilderness Coalition within Inyo County include Slate Range and Great Falls Basin north of Trona, Malpais Mesa in the Inyo Mountains around Cerro Gordo extending to the Saline Valley Road, Wild and Scenic River designation for Surprise Canyon, other areas in the northern Panamint Valley, and areas in north Death Valley National Park.

If enacted by Congress, this proposal would eliminate many of the traditional uses such as equestrian endurance rides, mountain biking, and vehicle access for such activities as gem and mineral collecting, spring wildflower viewing, and family backcountry touring and picnic outings will be affected. This proposal would eliminate mineral exploration and new mining in the future. A special thanks is due to Dave Beaumont, John Stewart, Ron Schiller, Wayne Nosala and many others who have worked very hard on a route inventory of the areas.

If you are familiar with routes in these areas please contact me at bruce.whitcher@corva.org



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The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008

As of Tuesday, February 10th, 2009, the small powersports industry has all but been shut down. This affects not only dealers and new units but individuals all across the U.S. New and used units as well as parts availability for every used unit in the nation has been called under question. This issue is far reaching not only financially but also concerning safety. With the suspension of proper sized ATV's and motorcycles suspended, young riders will be tempted to use improperly sized and built machines which could (but Lord willing won't) lead to severe injuries.

There is a waiver now setting before the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington DC, but has not been acted upon as of yet. We need every available rider, Mother, Father, Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunt, Uncle and any relative, friend neighbor, business or personal contact or any person who is a legal us citizen to get involved. They need to access this website below, read the sample letter, type in their name and address then click the "send a letter on my behalf" icon below it. This will generate correspondence to all the committee members in Washington that are on the committee that oversee the commission that could act upon this. The commission members as well as my office will also receive copies of the letters set so we can be the most effective voice we that we can. The sport as well as the industry is in turmoil and time is short. The future of small powersports is at risk! PLEASE ACT NOW!!

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TRUCKHAVEN CHALLENGE

more and more RV's were coming down the main road, and that our camping area was growing, and by Friday, it had happened. We knew that this was going to be an event to remember. We had marked the trails, damaged our vehicles in the process, and done what we do best. Here came the OHV's showing once again their support. This time instead of the 13 as the first year, we had 104 signups on Friday night!

We were pleased that the weather gods had once again smiled upon us and we enjoyed sun and warmth, even though many people drove through fog and rain to be with us. Saturday Morning began with us opening registration at 7 AM. Registration was brisk with another 100 plus vehicles of all types joining the event for a total of 230! Although the official start time for the event is 8:00AM, the motorcycles and ATV's get the chance of an early start at 7:30 AM and are followed by the other types of vehicles until 11:00AM. Then we then made our transformation from Registration into Checkpoint 5 at 11:00AM with no issues. We started to hear reports about the course from the first arrivals back. We once again were pleased to hear that the course was a lot of fun and that our "green" routes had once again put the "Challenge" into the Truckhaven Challenge and that over all that this was one of our best routes!



Even though we had no injuries, or major problems, we heard that someone had broken a tie rod on their truck and needed help. Bringing along her welder, Kathy Crook, the Rock Crawling champion and expert welder, went to the rescue. Kevin Barber and my son Travis Work joined in and they did the impossible – they actually found this person with a combination of calling on the cell to get descriptions of where they were along with a lot of beeping horns, and from what I heard some

great driving by Travis. They did the trail welding (twice); welding wrenches that Kathy had to the tie rod, and leading them back to camp! We really want to thank all that helped as they left camp at 3:00PM and did not return until almost 10:00PM, which is really going the extra mile to help fellow off-roaders! But in doing this they did miss the raffle and almost missed dinner. Luckily the TrailMasters saved them some burgers.



We were lucky to have a terrific vendor row consisting of Tiny Bits of Silver, PU-Products, San Diego Off-Road Magazine, Gen-Right, the CORVA Store and the Truckhaven Challenge T-shirt stop, along with a booth presented by the State Park Rangers. State Park Interpreter Charles Eversole wrote, "We put on a live animal and stargazing telescopes exhibit at your event. I want to thank you for your kind hospitality. And I want to commend your organization for their cooperation and generosity as well as the respect shown for the desert environment." We do have the best OHV group at the CORVA Truckhaven Challenge!

Saturday evening we enjoyed a terrific dinner sponsored by the TrailMasters, who have done this for us since the beginning of this event! Big thanks to Raymond Davis and all the TrailMasters for their hard work and donation of \$661.00 to CORVA's land use fund! They have helped make this event something to remember year in and out. They also have a great time running the event and I think they are one of the premier clubs in Southern California.

During dinner, we got started on announcing the winners of the Poker Run, the games of skill, and of course got started on the Saturday night raffle.

The winners were:

POKER HANDS

1. D. Ridgeway - 4 Jacks + Queen
2. Scott Smith - 4 Jacks + 9
3. Katharine Marrs - 4 Tens

GAMES

1. Stan Kosalka - 305 points
2. Tasha Edey - 275 points
3. Allen Lorton - 270 points

CANDY JAR

- (Best guess without going over)
Actual count- 506
Donald Rued (guessed 501)



I want to personally say “Thanks to all the vendors for being there and allowing me to announce your terrific products.” For the Saturday night raffle, we wish to thank BF Goodrich for a set of 5 tires, Point Mugu 4x4 club for donating a T-Max winch, Gen-Right, Napier SportZ truck tents, Tiny Bits of Silver, PU-Products, O’Neal Products, 4Wheel Parts Center of Thousand Oaks, Barry’s Tickets, Ancra Tiedowns, Bayless Engineering/Powder Coat Plus, Big O Tires, Curry Enterprises, DJ Safety, Dunlop Tires (ATV), Electrotech Powder Coating, FMF Racing, Kalgard, MotoComm, NGK, Scott’s Performance and Simi RV sales for all their product donations and to everyone that worked so hard getting these donations.

Sunday Morning was the GPS/Satellite Safari, this was setup by Geoff Teare who did all the trail “hiding” of our GPS markers. I have done this in this past with Geoff and know just how much fun and challenging this can be! Especially finding where Geoff puts the markers. In a nutshell, we give you the GPS coordinates and you have to find what was hidden! We had quite a few participate including an all-wheel drive ROKON Motorcycle (look it up - you will be surprised) who I know was one of the top finishers! As usual, we had the Kids Games on Sunday where all the kids got prizes for the questions that were correctly answered.



This brings to conclusion another CORVA Truckhaven Challenge. We want to thank everyone that has helped us over the years, and mostly to our wives, Cindy Teare, Judy Fisher and Faith Work. Without your support we could not have succeeded. Other great supporters and volunteers that deserve our thanks are: Rick Bates, Dick Moon, Bud Schick, George Paniagua (CORVA Store), Jim Woods, Jim Arbogast, Scott O’Connell, Steve and Cindy Hewitt, plus the emergency staff and Sheriff’s Department who kept the peace!

So on behalf of Geoff Teare, Rick Fisher and myself we thank you all for your support.

Terry Work

Hope to see all next year for our 15th annual.

(Thanks to On the Rocks for event pictures.)

[4th Annual Dad's Ride in Spangler Hills](#)

CORVA and N2Dirt were invited to the 4th Annual Dad's Ride in Spangler Hills, put on by a group of folks out of Thousand Oaks, CA organized by Doug Magnuson, who works at AMGEN. This year they decided to raise funds for land use and donated the funds to CORVA. They did one heck of a job. This year Dad's Ride raised over \$3500 from their raffle and a number of them joined CORVA as well as one life member, Steve Rinell, and one associate member, Kevin Persons of Grounds Maintenance Services. The weekend was great, perfect weather in the mid 70's with a light breeze.

CORVA's message about the Governors raid on our green sticker funs, Red Rock Canyon, Johnson Valley and the Comments Project were received well by all of the riders. They submitted over 70 comment forms for Red Rock and JV!!

Doug explains how the Dad's Ride got started -

The current Dad's Ride concept started back in December of 2005. A friend of mine, Garry Sillers, sent an email to about a dozen of us stating:

"You know I love my wife and kids, and I enjoy doing family things with them; especially camping and riding.

BUT...

The Dad's need to do a "Guy's only" trip soon. Just think, GOOD rides whenever you want. Eat, drink and sleep whenever you want. No worries..."



We went on that trip about 2 months later. Everyone rode so much they could hardly walk into the office Monday morning, but we all had a blast, and it just grew from there.

On our second year, we decided to make up some T-shirts to commemorate the event. Attendance grew to about 35 that year and a small group of us dual-sport riders took a long ride from Spangler, out through Trona, Ballarat, and up into Death Valley NP. It was an incredible ride up into the snow via Pleasant Canyon.

We planned to loop back through South Park Canyon, but wound up on a huge ice patch on a steep downhill slope. We considered it foolish to continue on; not knowing how much more we would encounter, so we muscled the bikes back up the canyon and back-tracked over to Pleasant Canyon again.



Not being prepared for the extra miles it added, the big bikes feel just short of making the next gas stop. A couple of the bikes were able to make it into Trona and bring some gas back to us. After all of us topped off in Trona, the ride back to Spangler was a cold one as night started to fall. We even we had some light hail.

The campfire was a welcome site, and the ride will be remembered by all. What an adventure!

When I started planning the 2008 ride, I decided I wanted to do something to raise awareness of all the trails we are losing and help keep them open for all to enjoy for years to come. That's what started our raffle. The Dad's Ride raised \$750.00 last year, and donated it to N2Dirt for education.



This year, the Dad's Ride received donations from Newbury Park Bike Shop, Cannondale Bicycles, Megla Designs, Trend Graphics, Southern Building Contractors, Wise Insurance Agency- Farmers, Snapper Jack's Taco Shack, Yolanda's Restaurant, Jett Tuning, ALLPRO Communications, JKL Technologies, Gallardo's Automotive, TCX/Helmet House, ChoiceAppraisals.com, South Shore Pools, Westoaks Glass & Mirror, AFX Helmets, Utopia Optics, Kal-Gard Lubricants, Ready Racing, Trans World MX, Leatt Brace, Ventura County Woodcutters, JR Firewood, Kernel Bob's Kettle Corn and CORVA. Thanks to all who donated as it will really help CORVA's cause.



CORVA and N2Dirt would like to thank everyone from the Dad's Ride for their ongoing support. What a great group of guys! And YES – there were “no worries”. We look forward to joining the Dad's next year for another great time!

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Here's how:

- Keep focused. Don't over work your club with too much for one event. Hold more than one event if necessary.
- Advertise your event in all possible places, including local newspapers & message boards.
- Keep detailed records to document your expenses and results. Make a list of all vendors or contacts including specific information. The next committee will benefit from your experience.
- Give an enthusiastic final report to your club as soon as possible after the event. Discuss what worked and what changes you will want to consider next time.
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