



### ORBA - A Trade Association for Motorized Off-Road Businesses

Below is a list of meetings and/or events ORBA staff has attended recently:

**April 7, 2010** - Presented California Desert Protection Act of 2010 to the Riverside Monday Morning Business Group.

**April 8, 2010** - Quarterly ORBA Board meeting.

**April 12, 2010** - Attended meeting with staffers for San Bernardino County Supervisors Mitzelfelt and Derry. We talked about the possibility of the county adopting a resolution asking the BLM to compensate the OHV community for loss of opportunity because of the renewable energy projects.

**April 13, 2010** - Attended the San Bernardino County Supervisors meeting. Testified on behalf of the OHV community regarding loss of opportunity because of renewable projects.

**April 20, 2010** - Attended stakeholders meeting for the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area's General Plan Update. This park is located in Southern California.

**April 26, 2010** - Attended CLORV Lobby Day in Sacramento, CA.

**April 29, 2010** - Attended California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission met in Sacramento, CA. See article inside.



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## HOW ORBA WORKS FOR YOU

**Work with local, state & federal land managers to ensure access to public lands.**

**Protect, promote and represent the off-road recreation industry.**

**Educate state and local leaders about the economic value of our industry.**

**Utilize lobbyists to be pro-active on political issues.**

**Utilize an attorney to work through the various administrative processes and litigate on issues when necessary.**

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## ORBA Works in the Nation's Capitol

Fred Wiley, President/CEO of ORBA, returned to Washington DC in mid April to visit with Congress about issues that will affect OHV use in many parts of the country.

While in DC he had the opportunity to visit with Senators and House Congressional staff from both sides of the aisle on specific issues. These issues ranged from recreation budgets on federal land to legislative issues surrounding the OHV community's ability to access public land.

He also had the opportunity to meet with US Forest Service Deputy Chief Joel Holtrip about the Forest Service's new Planning Rule. They had a positive discussion about the lack of recognition for "MOTORIZED RECREATION" in the new rule. He spoke with the head of the Recreational Trails Program about where we are in the reauthorization process, so that we will continue to have RTP funds for off road programs throughout the country. He also visited with minority resource staff, Jason Knox, on the house side about Wilderness and the White House secret documents surrounding potential National Monument plans. The balance of the trip was spent thanking our congressional representatives for their support and asking if we can be of any help to them. The trip was successful and informative. It's always good to stay in touch and say thanks.

## ORBA Attends OHMVR Commission Meeting

On April 29, 2010 the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission met in Sacramento, CA. This meeting is one of the five commission meetings held around the state to insure that the general public has the opportunity to testify or comment on the California OHMVR program.

The subjects for this meeting were focused around the grants program, Clear Creek Management Area, Oceano Dunes, PM 10 and how it affects OHV recreation in the state owned parks. There were question and answer periods for a wide variety of subjects including, S. 2921 - The California Desert Protection Act of 2010, introduced by Senator Feinstein, the US Forest Service and the BLM. Many questions were directed to the agencies that were going through Travel Management, the Draft Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the Imperial Sand Dunes and other related topics. The Division also took questions about the strategic plan and other components of the program that they manage.

The Commission held its annual election of officers with Gary Willard being elected to serve a second term as chairman and Eric Lueder to serve as Vice Chair.

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## 2010 CLORV Lobby Day

On April 25-26, 2010 the California League of Off-Road Voters (CLORV) held its annual Lobby Day in Sacramento, CA. Sunday evening Roberta Woods, of CORVA, held legislative training for the newbies in the group or anyone who wanted to brush up on their lobbying skills.

Monday morning everyone met for a light breakfast and to hear from Daphne Greene Deputy Director of California State Parks, OHV Division and her boss, Ruth Coleman, the Director of California



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State Parks. After that we walked the halls of the capital educating legislators about the many positive aspects of our sport.

During lunch we heard from Steve Poizner, a candidate for California Governor and a representative, Richard Costigan, from Meg Whitman's Gubernatorial Campaign. Additionally we heard from Assemblyman Joel Anderson and Assemblywoman Jean Fuller. The rest of the afternoon was filled with more hall walking.

At 6pm we met at a Chops, a local restaurant in Sacramento, for our annual legislator reception. Throughout the day while we visited legislators we invited them and their staff to attend this reception. Each year at this reception we honor people in our community for outstanding OHV activism. This years honors went to Tom Edmonds a member of AMA D37 & the SoCal Motorcycle club and, posthumously, to Don Klusman, CA4WDC's long time Natural Resource Consultant.

This year's event was another huge success. If you are interested in attending next year, please contact the ORBA office in Bakersfield.

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