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ORBA FJ CRUISER RAFFLE

After a full year of displaying ORBA's one-of-a-kind Toyota FJ Cruiser, the winning raffle ticket was drawn by Ivan “Ironman” Stewart on Sunday, June 10 at the 4 Wheel Parts Truck Fest in Ontario, CA. The lucky new owner of the customized FJ is Jason Lewis from El Cajon, CA.

Needless to say, Jason was more than a little excited about winning this fabulous vehicle.



ORBA's thanks go out to Mark Amstock of Toyota who arranged for ORBA to be able to purchase the FJ Cruiser for a buck! We showed off this great 4x4 at many off-road shows and events during the last year. We towed it around on a trailer so Jason was able to take ownership with just over 1,800 miles on the odometer.

Also, many thanks go to ORBA members who added about \$20,000 worth of enhancements to the vehicle including Ape Wraps Graphics, BF Goodrich, DeMello Off-Road, Donahoe Racing, K&N Filters, KC Hillites, Off-Road Warehouse, Powertank, Total Chaos, Viair, Walker Evans Wheels and Warn Winch. Only with the support of great off-road companies like these can ORBA continue with its important efforts.

REVELLE HARRISON ELECTED TO ORBA BOARD

At their June monthly meeting ORBA's Board of Directors elected Revelle Harrison of KTM North America to their Board. Revelle started his career with KTM in 1998 as the Media Relations & KTM JR. Supercross Challenge coordinator. Shortly thereafter, he moved into sales and is currently the West Sales Group Leader. In December of this year he was promoted to the position of Western Sales Office General Manager as well. Revelle is married and has two small children.

Revelle replaces Scot Harden. Scot served on the ORBA Board of Directors for four and one-half years and his input and guidance were key to ORBA's growth. Scot is currently focusing his efforts on growing KTM Adventure Tours North America. This fast growing new division of KTM North America was launched in February of this year.

Rocky Trevino, Chairman of the Board and owner of Cycle Parts West, said, “We would like to thank Scot for his keen insight and valuable guidance during ORBA's formative years. While we will miss seeing Scot, we welcome Revelle and look forward to working with him to continue making ORBA an even better advocate and more effective for the industry.”

WILDERNESS MEETING HELD IN BAKERSFIELD

On June 13, 2007 the California off-highway vehicle leadership met in Bakersfield to review and plan for the McKeon and Boxer wilderness bills. The meeting was attended by representatives from all over the country including retired congressman Richard Pombo, Kristin Schrader with Partnership for Amer-

ica, Fred Wiley of ORBA, Don Amador of BRC, Nick Haris of AMA, Chris Horgan of Stewards of the Sequoia, and Ron Schiller of High Desert Multiple Use Coalition. Congressman Buck McKeon will reintroduce his wilderness proposal this summer; I am working with his staff to make sure that reasonable boundaries and proper protection language are in the bill. California Senator Barbara Boxer is introducing another wilderness bill that encompasses over 2.6 million acres in California.

The Bakersfield meeting was centered on these two proposals and a specific strategy to fight bad wilderness bills. By the end of the day we set up stronger communications and a California coalition. The coalition will be linked to other areas of the country to build stronger communication and consensus for support of good wilderness legislation and amending the bad bills. We will be holding weekly conference calls to address new issues and reach a workable conclusion to move forward with a united voice.

NEW OHV TRAILS DEDICATED IN ELKO, NEVADA

On June 1 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to dedicate the newest addition to several OHV trail systems aimed at bringing more OHV tourism to northeastern Nevada. Local OHV activists and the Elko Convention & Visitors Authority have been working with the BLM and US Forest Service to sign and map some of the extensive opportunities available in the region so that visitors can more easily get out to enjoy some beautiful country. ORBA's Land Use Director Bill Dart was on hand to help celebrate and publicize the event and the new trail.

ORBA President and CEO Roy Denner recognized several years ago the potential for more OHV tourism in Nevada and has made it a priority to support local efforts in any way possible. Accordingly, Dart makes regular trips through Nevada to visit with the BLM, Forest Service and local OHV activists about OHV recreation, with the goal of getting existing roads and trails dedicated for motorized recreation for the long term. Nevada public lands are going through a transition where lands

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that formerly had little restriction on motorized use are moving toward allowing use only on designated roads, trails and areas. ORBA's goal is to make sure that as many roads and trails as possible remain open, and that any problem areas with resource concerns are repaired or mitigated so that they will remain open.

OHV PROGRAM LEGISLATION FAILED IN NEVADA & ARIZONA

Legislation to create an OHV registration program, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the OHV community, failed in both Arizona and Nevada.

In Arizona, the bill moved through the House of Representatives with almost unanimous support, and started off on a positive track in the Senate as well. In the end, when the bill went to the Senate floor it failed by only one vote in the closing moments of the session. Unfortunately, several Senators who had agreed to support this bill were unavailable when it came to a vote, and it failed to pass. Because of the strong support the bill had, it will be reintroduced next year. ORBA approved helping fund lobbying efforts by the Arizona OHV Coalition.

In Nevada, legislation was introduced with the support of Nevada OHV groups as well as the Nevada Powersports Dealers Association that would create an OHV registration program. For Nevada dealers, this was an important issue to eliminate a weakness in the Nevada sales tax collection system that allowed some Nevada residents to buy OHVs out of state and avoid sales taxes, since there is no reliable mechanism to collect those taxes without a registration program. This placed Nevada dealers at a 7% disadvantage on pricing competition with out-of-state dealers. For the OHV community, it was recognized that a well crafted OHV program would provide benefits through a grant program to fund management of existing opportunities as well as for new trails and facilities. Unfortunately, the bill was amended to the point the registration program was no longer supported by the OHV community or the dealers, so it was cut back to a "Title Only" bill to solve the dealer issue. At the very end of the legislative session, it failed to get a hearing in the Assembly and died.

ORBA Land Use Director Bill Dart made several trips to Nevada to gain support for the bill and try to work out equitable agreements with groups opposed to OHV use in Nevada.

ORBA INVOLVEMENT IN IDAHO FOREST SERVICE TRAVEL PLANNING EXPECTED TO YIELD POSITIVE RESULTS

ORBA Land Use Director Bill Dart has been providing comments on several Forest Service and BLM Travel Planning proposals in the last year. Recently, Dart has been out in the field with land managers to show decision makers roads and trails that were not proposed for formal designation as OHV routes in draft plans, and to suggest solutions and offer help to deal with issues that originally led the agency to not propose these routes. These proposals have been well received by several offices, and are expected to be incorporated in the final plans when they are approved. Most recently, a field trip with Boise National Forest District Ranger Larry Tripp went very well. District Ranger Tripp was pleased at our offer to help organize volunteer efforts to accomplish needed projects that current Forest Service budgets would not be able to accomplish. One of the major stumbling blocks to getting some OHV routes designated is the fact that the agencies have too little money available to manage trails, so the solution all too often is simply to close them. Local OHV activists are always well-served by bringing solutions and help to the bargaining table rather than just complaints.

NEW AMA SOUND RULES EXPECTED TO HELP "TURN DOWN THE VOLUME"

ORBA has always recognized that excessive OHV sound is one of the biggest problems we face, as it turns the general public against OHV recreation. In an effort to do something about this, ORBA has organized several "Turn Down the Volume" summit meetings with OHV organizations, the aftermarket exhaust industry, enthusiast and trade press, and land managers. ORBA has encouraged the AMA to tighten up their sound rules for both amateur and professional competition, as one of the most effective tools in lowering sound levels. Be-

ginning this year, the AMA lowered the sound level for Pro MX and SX from 102 to 99 db. Just recently, they announced their intention to lower the level by one more db each year, until the maximum level for both amateur and Pro SX and MX will be down to 96 db by 2011. This will make sound levels for both closed course MX and SX events consistent with the current levels for off-road events such as Hare Scrambles, Hare & Hounds, Enduros and other forms of competition. OEM motorcycle companies and aftermarket exhaust companies need to get serious about building quieter products, and phase out older, louder designs. This will be in the best interests of *everyone*—including the general public who often drive restrictions or outright bans on the use of OHVs because of excessive noise—as well as ensuring the OHV industry stays healthy in the long term.

OPEN BOARD MEETING

All Businesses Invited—Membership not required. Receive important information that will affect the future of your business.

Wednesday, September 26, 2007
8:00am to 11:00am
American Legion Hall
3888 Old Hamner Rd
Norco, CA 92860

Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Meg Grossglass at 951.926.1953 or meg@orba.biz, or Rocky Trevino at 619.247.1053.

Please RSVP to Meg or Rocky to reserve your seat.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Ahern Rentals
- RND Motorsports
- Gear Vendors Under/Overdrive
- California Enduro Riders Association/CERA
- AVCOMM, Int'l
- AEM
- STOMPGRIP/STOMP Design
- Michelin Lansing Proving Grounds
- GUTS Racing
- RB Components, Inc.
- Buggy World
- MOTOBRAVO, Inc.