



“To Preserve and Protect Access to our Public Lands”

January 2010

Christmas Party



The Christmas party was held on December 17th at the Fairgrounds. For those that attend we had a great time. Lots of good food prepared by Pat and Paul Hill and fun gifts were passed around and back again. Scott Wheeler was the winner of the night with the most original and unique gift. If you want to know what it was, you'll have to ask.



Upcoming Events

Membership Dinner and Raffle

January 16th 2010

*Carbon County Fairgrounds and Event Center.
310 South Fairgrounds Rd. Price, UT
5:00 PM to??*

Please bring a side dish to share

Purchase Raffle Ticket for you chance to WIN:

- 1st - Two Place ATV Trailer
- 2nd - Three Burner Camp Chef Stove
- 3rd - Homemade Quilt
- 4th - Afghan
- 5th - ATV Loading Ramp
- 6th - Misc. Items
- \$1.00 Donation or a bundle of 11 for \$10.00

CCOHVA needs your help to represent the OHV community in Utah.

In unity there is strength! You can help make a difference, and join a group of like minded OHV enthusiasts to promote and preserve motorized access in Utah! Join us on club rides & events, meet & socialize with many great people. We also perform trail work & maintenance to help keep our public lands clean and accessible.

Visit our web site: www.ccohva.org

Information Items

A number of the Board attended a meeting on January 4th of the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding the Carbon County Cross Country Trail that covers approximately 120 miles from Helper to East Carbon City and up through Nine Mile Canyon. The Club has volunteered to maintain the trail and help install signage. Carbon Recreation will maintain the “comfort stations”. They are waiting for final approval from the BLM. Attached is the web address: jonesanddemille.com/carbon/

T-shirts and hats will be available to purchase at our Membership Drive Banquet

We are asking anyone in the club who has ideas for rides to please contact a board member so we can plan for rides in the upcoming months.

Blue Ribbon Coalition

OHVers benefit from Yamaha Grant to aid BRC's effort in keeping Moab open.

Recently, the Yamaha Motor Company dedicated \$20,000 from the Yamaha OHV Access Initiative to assist the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) and a coalition of OHV groups in defending the popular Moab area from closure via an environmentalist lawsuit.

The lawsuit was filed by eleven preservationist groups, led by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA). Through the suit the plaintiffs hope to have recent BLM travel plans declared illegal. SUWA also asked for an injunction preventing activities authorized by the plans until BLM issues new decisions complying with a host of federal statutes. The lands at issue are located within the **BLM Moab, Price, and Vernal Field Offices**, which include iconic destinations for all types of backcountry recreationists.

In the case of defending the Moab area from closure, the supportive funding from the Yamaha program provides vital assistance to enthusiasts at a critical juncture.

“Organized OHV groups, as well as thousand of individual OHV users, participated in these planning processes,” said Paul Turcke, legal counsel for the BRC. “While there are parts of the BLM decisions that we believe are flawed, it is obvious that SUWA is attempting, through this suit, to close off access to most of the popular OHV areas in this scenic part of Utah.”

Turcke further notes there are broader-reaching impacts to recreational access in the SUWA claims. SUWA is alleging that the BLM failed to properly “model air emissions” from vehicle use and failed to analyze the impacts of oil and gas development and vehicle use on climate change. The BLM now requires consideration and analysis of activities with a potential to influence the climate in their planning process. “This new area of environmental analysis must not be allowed to be used as a club to eliminate activities these radical groups don’t find appropriate.” Turcke concluded that recreationist involvement in this action is very important, and the grant from the Yamaha OHV Access Initiative is crucial to helping enthusiasts be involved.

Historically, the Yamaha OHV Access Initiative program incorporates projects that directly impact trails. This includes specific trail construction projects, maintenance, safety patrols, mapping, and signage for trails. On a broader scale, the GRANTS program (Guaranteeing Responsible Access to our Nations Trails) also provides funding for educational and land stewardship campaigns and legislative or legal efforts supporting responsible OHV access to public lands.

“Through its OHV Access Initiative, Yamaha Motor Corp, U.S.A. has reached a milestone by providing more than \$1 million in critical funding for projects and efforts across the country.” In less than two years, more than 100 Yamaha GRANTS have been given to local, state, and national organizations who are leading efforts to support safe, responsible OHV riding and sustainable open riding areas.

Publication of the BlueRibbon Coalition (1-800-BLUERIB, www.sharetrails.org).

Guess Where This Is!!!



Come to the next CCOHVA Club Meeting and tell us where it is and you could win a prize!

Board Members

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