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Unite, Inform, and Mobilize

PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE

the ISDRA

**WHEN A VISITOR FAILS TO
BUY A PASS WE ALL LOSE**

Please, tell your duning friends to

BUY A PASS

WHY?

- *Federal and State funding have been reduced or eliminated*
- *Without law enforcement & environmental monitoring there will be **increased pressure for more closures.***

BOTTOM LINE!

- *To keep the “doors open”, operating costs must be recovered from the dune users – that’s us.*
- *If your buddy does not pay his way – – someone else must make up the difference and rates will increase even more next season*
- ***See other articles in this issue explaining what we are up against***

The ASA does not support user fees at any recreation area.

However, we do support effective management in the most cost

efficient manner. ASA's primary objective is to PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE. Under the current circumstances, this requires as much fee compliance as possible.

HOW MUCH IS A PASS?

- \$25 for 7 consecutive days
- \$90 per season (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30)
(Continued next page)
- Second vehicles are the same price

WHERE DO I GET A PASS?

- Universal Parking (Mail Order)
(760) 344-1177 or (877) 415-1381
- Dunes self-pay machines (located at Gecko, Glamis, Dunebuggy Flats, Buttercup, Ogilby, and Cahuilla Ranger Station)
- Visit the BLM website for more info www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro

**THIS Year's Buggy winner:
Juan Leon of Yuma, AZ**



Letter from the ASA Chairman of the Board

Fellow Duners,

I was proud to represent you at the Sand Sports Super Show (SSSS) a few weeks ago. It was a rush giving away the Ricochet Sand Rail to the lucky Juan Leon from Yuma. Your chance is next year when we give away the Extreme Performance buggy. You can also win a custom TNT Golf Cart by just selling 5 tickets to your friends! Look for more details in the following pages.

Speaking of the SSSS, that was one of our biggest activities of the year. I was very proud of all of our volunteers who helped in the booth, selling tickets, signing up members, cooking food, organizing, hauling, moving, and doing whatever needed to be done. We can always use your help, whether it is financial, time, or talent. Drop us a note at Volunteers@americansandassociation.org to let us know how you can help or call 1-714-229-0286.

I don't know if I can call the summer an "off season" as far as ISDRA issues go. We've been busy holding Dune Info Meetings, attending political meetings, spending hours on the phone working out issues with fees, compliance, law enforcement, and, well, you name it. Each of your Board of Directors puts in several hours a day. We are constantly working behind the scenes with various off-road organizations, the BLM, Fish and Wildlife, political representatives, and numerous other duties that keep the ASA the top-notch organization that we are.

We invite you to attend one of our quarterly public board meetings to see what we are doing. The next one will be in January 2004 at:

Holiday Inn
2726 South Grand Ave
Santa Ana, CA.

Watch our website for more information as the date gets closer.

Uniting, Informing, and Mobilizing is working. The work that everyone does on behalf of the ASA is really paying off. For an organization that is as young as we are (3 years), we enjoy a lot of recognition as an organization that is "getting results". Large corporations, the federal government, and others are noticing us and opening communications. I am excited about this season, with lots of changes looming and new, exciting things happening at the ASA.

Your support is what makes it all possible. Thank you for supporting the ASA and our fight to keep our Sand Recreation Areas open.

Sincerely,
Greg Gorman
ASA Chairman of the Board

**TRASH: PACK IT IN,
PACK IT OUT**

ASA BUSINESS SPONSORS

This time last year, we had 149 businesses listed as sponsors of the ASA. Today we have over 400 and their numbers are growing. Businesses of all kinds and sizes are helping the ASA become a great and strong organization. Our sponsors help in many ways, distributing information is the single largest benefit we receive as they tell their customers about the ASA and dune issues.

Our sponsors can be found here: <http://www.americansandassociation.org/sponsors/>

Please use our new “**KEYWORD**” search on the website to locate those sponsors that have the goods or services you need. Just type in a word and the search will list those businesses offering that want or need.

ASA PREMIUM SPONSORS

Any sponsor can join this program by offering a discount (of their choice) to our annual supporting members. Show your ASA membership card at participating sponsors and receive your discount. Since Jan 1, 2003, each new or renewing supporting member is being sent an official ASA Membership Card.



Don't have a card? It is easy to upgrade your membership to an annual supporting member or family. You also receive a special supporting member oval sticker and a supporting member license plate frame. Please see this website for those sponsors now in the program.

<http://www.americansandassociation.org/sponsors/discounts.html>

Don't see your favorite sponsor listed? Tell them about the program and I'm sure they will be happy to join and support the ASA. Again, this is a new program and this volunteer could use your assistance in contacting our current sponsors (and new ones) about the many ways they can help US out.

All Business Sponsors help make the ASA possible. Please support them as they help support your Right to RIDE.

Thanks,
Jim Colln
ASA Board Member
ASA Business Sponsor Coordinator
Email: Sponsors@americansandassociation.org

ISDRA TRT Meeting Notes

Central Parking is the firm BLM contracted to handle the sale of Demo fee permits at the ISDRA. A flat rate of just under 10% is their new commission. That means 9 out of 10 dollars of every annual pass sold will stay at the ISDRA. In prior years, a sliding scale was used. If left in place with the new higher fees, it would have resulted in many more dollars going to Central Parking.

Approximately 1,300 passes were sold at the Sand Sports Super Show (SSSS)

If and when passes are offered to outside vendors, any profit or vendor incentives will come out of Central Parking's \$9.00 share and the BLM will still get their \$81.00. That means no double dipping and that's good news.

Compliance is a big issue. Lt. Bob Zimmer of the BLM El Centro Field Office gave a presentation and explained that compliance will be a priority. Needless to say, "don't buy a pass, get a ticket" will be the theme. Citations have a maximum fine of \$1,000 and or 1 year in jail. If you get a citation, it isn't a free pass for the rest of the weekend: you'll have to buy a pass if you plan on staying at the dunes or face removal from the ISDRA. If you're on your way home when getting a ticket for no pass, you won't have to buy a pass until you return. In addition, there is no such thing as a "fix it ticket" when it comes to the passes – no warnings.

The mission statement of the TRT was discussed and modified. It now reads: The ISDRA TRT will provide input to the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, on the collection and use of fees to implement the ISDRA RAMP. The TRT will provide input on:

- The prioritization of the RAMP implementation schedule
- The use of fee funds collected in the ISDRA to complete specific projects in the schedule
- The accountability of fee funds collected and spent
- The primary role of the TRT will be to serve as a communication link to the public and to the interest groups the TRT represents.

Motions were made to ask that the BLM reconsider the second vehicle pass issue this year. As things now stand, we need to buy a pass for all vehicles driven into the ISDRA. The TRT would like to see lifting the pass requirement for a vehicle that, for example, was driven in to join a spouse that is not a primary camping vehicle (remember, this is only a request).

A motion was made requesting that the BLM increase the number of TRT meetings to a minimum of 4 per year and that telephone conference call meetings be made open to the public via the El Centro Office. (In other words, you can travel to El Centro and sit in on the conference call).

A motion was made to write a letter to the OHMVR supporting the Imperial Co. Sheriff's Law Enforcement Grant.

A committee was formed to create a workable questionnaire related to visitor wants. When the document is ready for distribution, be careful what you ask for, you may get it. Increased services means more fees.

Jerry Seaver was re appointed as Chairman and Larry Jowdy was re appointed as Vice Chairman.

Gecko and Buttercup Roads are being resurfaced now. The wash road, which by the way is not a county road, is being repaired due to the last rainstorms. In addition, after the repairs are made, a dust control product will be applied.

HEY! Where's the ISDRA RAMP?

WHAT IS UP WITH THE RAMP?

Without trying to write volumes of legal mumbo jumbo, the down and dirty version is this: On Friday 9/12, the CBD tried for a preliminary injunction to stop the new RAMP from being implemented.

There is currently law that requires that a Biological Opinion and the attached Management plan to have an expiration, sunset, limit etc. consistent with each other.

Our attorney, David Hubbard, sees it like this: For the most part the CBD's biggest argument for an injunction was that the RAMP and the Biological Opinion were not in sync with each other. The BLM has sent a letter requesting clarification to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to resolve this issue. If the Biological Opinion has only a four-year fuse then the RAMP must not extend beyond four years either.

There apparently are some expressed, or at least implied, opinions that this RAMP, as with others, would have a ten or more year life span and an automatic re-consulting period in four years. Our understanding at this point is that the BLM will get a full understanding of the current Biological Opinion fuse and adjust the RAMP accordingly.

Nothing will happen in the case until after USFWS clarifies its position with respect to the Biological Opinion and the RAMP. This, of course, means that the RAMP itself will not be formally approved until the dust settles. Once USFWS clarifies its position, the parties are to meet and confer regarding next steps. If CBD still feels it needs an injunction, they can re-file their motion at that time, but not before. As for CBD's original injunction request, it is deemed withdrawn.

This can still play out any number of ways – we'll do our best to keep you informed.

ISDRA CLOSURES are still in effect until the new Management Plan is put in Place. Please avoid all closed areas until it is made known if they are reopened.

NEXT ASA RAFFLE BUGGY



- P.R.P. Seats
- Crow Belts
- King Shocks
- Parker Pumper
- Turnkey Engine Supply (Shortstar motor supplier)
- Mendola Transmission
- Wright Gearbox (trans builder)
- Kennedy Engineering
- Xtreme Tire
- Emil Miller Fab.
- Douglas Wheel
- OMF Performance
- Gear One (brakes)
- Kartek
- Precision Powder Coat
- CNC
- Eagle Eye
- Lazer Star Lights
- Bonaco
- Odyssey
- C&R Racing
- Smith Designs

CAR TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT
2004 SAND SPORTS SUPER
SHOW



All proceeds to benefit ASA General Fund

Tickets are \$20 each with no limit and will be available online and at select retail locations. OR send check to:
ASA Giveaway Buggy Tickets
5453 E Flower Ave
Mesa, AZ 85206

See the ASA website for more details
www.AmericanSandAssociation.ORG

SELLER'S RAFFLE!



Questions?

Raffles@americansandassociation.org

You can win a custom TNT Golf Cart by selling just 5 tickets to your friends!

Sell 5 Buggy tickets and get 1 entry into the seller's raffle. Email NOW to consign your tickets:

raffles@americansandassociation.org

TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE 2004 SAND SPORTS SUPER SHOW

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN EITHER PRIZE.

This is the most important fundraiser of the year. We cannot stress enough how important your participation is. Without the proceeds from fundraising, we cannot continue the fight to keep our Dunes open – we need your help. We can't do it without you.

It takes Only \$5 to Help Save the Dunes

That's all it could take to help save the dunes. If each of our members would commit to just \$5 a month, we'd have more resources to take on more legal battles and do more biological studies.

\$5 is less than you spent on your last fast food meal. At about the price of a beer at a ball game, \$5 is a lot less than a 5-gallon can of gas for your quad or buggy.

\$5 a month would accomplish so much.

Would you *really* miss it?

We've made it easy for you. We can set up an auto payment on your credit card to make a monthly contribution to the American Sand Association. Choose the amount you wish to donate each month, donate \$5, \$10, \$15, \$25 or whatever you feel you can afford and have it automatically charged to your credit card number each month*
(This is an ISDRA fundraiser unless the donor designates a different sand location)

Complete this form and Mail to:

**American Sand Association
11419 Daybreak Trail
Moreno Valley, CA 92557**

Yes! I support the American Sand Association and want to donate monthly. Bill my:

Visa		Master Card		American Express		Discover		Other	
Monthly Contribution of									
\$5		\$15		\$20		\$25		More	
Account No: (required)						Expiration Date (required)			
Name (required)									
Address (required)									
Phone (required)					Email Address				
Signature (required)						Date (required)			

*Charged monthly until card is cancelled or cancellation of agreement.
Sorry, Donations to American Sand Association are NOT tax deductible

America: Home of the Brave, Land of the Fee

By Vince Brunasso

Here's the way I had it explained to me, as much as I hate to see them, the fees make sense in a convoluted sort of way. Some of the following thoughts are mine and some are from those more informed than I.

Congress is not reacting to increased management costs as fast as they rise; Green Sticker funds are cut and "iffy" at best. 9/11 costs of Homeland Security, etc have absorbed any dollars we may have been able to get. **CONGRESS** set up the Demo Fee program even before 9/11: they want recreation areas to be self funded wherever possible. Add in the new law enforcement needs, requirements set forth by the USFS, FWS, BLM mandates, AQMD requirements, monitoring, litigation costs from the CBD, and deferred and projected maintenance of the infrastructure and we have a big nut to crack. The local BLM office would not bring this on themselves by choice.

The new ISDRA Business Plan is about cost recovery not profit. The money isn't disappearing off to Washington. It must be used in the area from which it was collected. If fees do exceed operating costs, the users will see more needed infrastructure faster and possibly a reduction in future fees. However, I personally view that possibility with a certain amount of skepticism. I've never seen a government agency handle money as efficiently as a private business owner has.

Any business must plan from the current condition toward the future desired condition. The current condition is that it is much more expensive to defend and provide for our sport than ever before. Costs to the BLM at the ISDRA have caused hardships for them statewide. Compliance appears low and Congress gave all public land managers the Demo Fee Program to become self-funded. Thus, it does not look likely Congress will ride in on a white horse carrying bundles of dollars. (OK, DEMO FEE is now a misnomer, but that is the act it is established under – let's move on).

The BLM is all ears and would want to know what they can cut and still be able to provide the infrastructure and **litigation resistant recreation** we want ten years from now. The pressure that will fix this is on each other: not the Department of Interior.

Oceano Dunes has a pipeline of OHV dollars and still costs more to camp for a week than under the new ISDRA fee recommendations, Oregon Dunes is \$15 a night: one week there and you've spent as much as a season pass at the ISDRA. Yosemite costs \$20 for DAY use and they are booked solid well in advance.

As for compliance, it's like boot camp: we ALL get to run an extra mile because Billy Bob didn't make his bed correctly. Current compliance is not well tracked but visitor numbers and dollars collected say there is huge room to get better. Compliance is a big issue with the BLM and the TRT. The local office has put together a team to come up with creative ways to increase it. The State Director has called a special meeting on the subject. If all 1,000,000+ ISDRA visitors paid just \$10 each, our problem would be solved and then some. If we get 500,000 at \$20 per we're good. 250,000 at \$40 per nets the same dollars. The key to keeping the price of the pass down is selling more passes – AKA compliance.

I don't like fees but they are reality. The BLM probably will not be as efficient with our money as we would like them to be: that is a reality no matter how hard we push them. However, I also believe in paying my own way: if my riding the dunes at the ISDRA puts a cost on my fellow Americans, I will gladly pick up my share. If it costs \$20 a day to go to Yosemite and I don't go there, then the people going there should pay their way as well. Picking up others' share is something I don't like. Thus, I am in favor of better compliance: we need to get Billy Bob to make that bed properly.

New OHV Noise Regulations

Excerpts related to OHV noise regulations effective January 1, 2003

“SEC. 45. Section 38370 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

38370(h) On and after January 1, 2003, off-highway motor vehicles, when operating pursuant to Section 38001, shall at all times be equipped with a silencer, or other device, which limits noise emissions. (1) Noise emissions of competition off-highway vehicles manufactured on or after January 1, 1998, shall be limited to not more than 96 dbA, and if manufactured prior to January 1, 1998, to not more than 101 dbA, when measured from a distance of 20 inches using test procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers under Standard J-1287, as applicable. Noise emissions of all other off-highway vehicles shall be limited to not more than 96 dbA if manufactured on or after January 1, 1986, and not more than 101 dbA if manufactured prior to January 1, 1986, when measured from a distance of 20 inches using test procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers under Standard J-1287, as applicable. (2) The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation shall evaluate and reassess the dates specified in paragraph (1) and include the findings and recommendations in the noise report required in subdivision (o) of Section 5090.32 of the Public Resources Code. (i) Off-highway vehicle manufacturers or their agents prior to the sale to the general public in California of any new off-highway vehicle model manufactured after January 1, 2003, shall provide to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of the California Department of Parks and Recreation rpm data needed to conduct the J-1287 test, where applicable.”

What is the J-1287 standard? It is a very complicated way to measure sound with many procedures designed to control the measurement. For example: *“The microphone shall be located behind, 0.5 m ± 0.01 m (20 in ± 1/2 in) from, and within 0.01 m (1/2 in) of the same height as the exhaust outlet and at a 45 degrees ± 10 degrees angle to the normal line of travel of the motorcycle. If there is more than one exhaust outlet per side, the microphone shall be located with reference to the rearmost outlet. The longitudinal axis of the microphone shall be in a plane parallel to the ground plane. The axis of the microphone shall be oriented as specified for free field response by the manufacturer.”*

Here is a link to the entire standard: http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/j1287_199807.pdf

Bottom line:

If your off-highway vehicle was manufactured	Noise limit is
Before January 1, 1986	101 dbA
On or after January 1, 1986	96 dbA
If your competition* off-highway vehicle was manufactured	Noise limit is
Before January 1, 1998	101 dbA
On or after January 1, 1998	96 dbA

* Competition off-highway vehicles are those that are not manufactured to comply with EPA noise or California emission standards. For information on the designation of your OHV, refer to your owner's manual or contact your local dealership.

Testing is done using procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers under Standard J-1287. For more information, visit California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division's website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

THE ASA NEEDS YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE

It takes a lot of money to fight the anti access groups that are trying to close the Imperial Sand Dunes.

They are well funded. **We are not.**

We are an all-volunteer group. **They are not.**

The ASA has no paid staff. **They do.**

They have expenses. **So do we....**

- Legal expenses - average \$10,000.00 a month
- Four biological studies – and more after those – average \$4300.00 a month
- This newsletter alone can cost over \$7500.00 per issue (that's why there's only 4 a year)
- A formal petition to delist the Peirson's Milk Vetch and another lawsuit likely when the Fish and Wildlife Service makes a final decision
- Seven lawsuits – some concluded, some ongoing – **MORE ON THE WAY**
- Court hearings and appearances
- Office overhead: phones, postage, supplies, etc.
- Website maintenance and upgrades
- Insurance
- Endangered Species Act reform work in Washington D.C.
- Lobbyist expenses
- Legal protest of the new RAMP and Biological Opinion
- And on and on

Anti-Access Groups have vowed to stay in the fight – **SO HAVE WE!**

**PLEASE HELP TO THE BEST OF YOUR
ABILITY. *Thank you.***

PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE!

2004 ASA Calendar Available

One of the ways you can help raise funds for the ASA is by purchasing a 2004 ASA calendar. Featured are your favorite sand riding areas, cleanup dates, and other events. These great shots give you that all-important sand fix between trips!

Take care of your sand craving while helping raise funds to keep our dunes open. Order before they are all gone - only \$8 each. Great for birthday, anniversary, and Christmas presents (great stocking stuffers).

Did you know that 100% of the funds collected from these calendars go to the ASA? Each featured business sponsored a month to make this possible. These calendars along with our other merchandise may be purchased at events or on our website store: <http://www.americansandassociation.org/store/> You can now make your purchases with our secure credit card feature or mail in a check. If you have any questions please contact Flo at: Sales@AmericanSandAssociation.org

A great big THANK YOU to the sponsors of our calendar!

- Funco Motorsports
- Car Craft Inc.
- Karl's Custom
- Rancho Performance Transaxles
- McKenzie's Performance Products
- Hall's Engine Rebuilding & Radiator Service
- IMS Products
- Gary's Auto-Marine & RV Service, Inc.
- FunRunner Off Road Outfitters
- Mendeola Transaxles
- Sand Limo
- Sandtrix



Under The Age of 18 Operating an ATV in California?

We are asked by law enforcement to remind you of a law that has been on the books since 1988. The law deals with children under the age of 18 operating an ATV in California.

The law reads as follows:

"38503. No person under the age of 18 years, on and after January 1, 1990, shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands of this state unless the person satisfies one of the following conditions:

- (a) The person is taking a prescribed safety training course under the direct supervision of a certified all-terrain vehicle safety instructor.
 - (b) The person is under the direct supervision of an adult who has in their possession an appropriate safety certificate issued by this state, or issued under the authority of another state.
 - (c) The person has in possession an appropriate safety certificate issued by this state or issued under the authority of another state.
- Added Ch. 881, Stats. 1987. Effective January 1, 1988."

If you have taken the course offered by the ATV Safety Institute, please make sure you bring your certificate with you (or at least a copy of it). If you no longer have your certificate, contact them and they can tell you who your instructor was so you can obtain a duplicate one. If you have never taken the course, we urge you to consider enrolling so you can be compliant with the CA law.

If you have purchased an ATV new from a dealer you can take the course at no charge, otherwise there is a fee for the course. Contact the ASI for more information or to schedule yourself or your children for a course at 800-887-2887.

PARTNERS IN DUNE SAFETY

Financial void of Federal and State funding for Public Safety and Education filled by Sand Sport Business Community

During the 2002-03 Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) dune season, billboards for public safety messages were funded by a grant from the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division to the BLM. These billboards were located on heavily traveled routes leading to the ISDRA. The signs included the logos of BLM, the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO), ASA, and California State Parks. Federal and State funding is not available for the upcoming 2003-04 season.

With the advent of the ASA PARTNERS IN DUNE SAFETY program, the sand-sport business community will pay for billboard dune-safety messages this year. Bob Mason, Chairman of the ASA Public Safety Education Committee said, "The motivation for the business community support of this program came from Melissa and Allan Nimmo; owners of Extreme Performance. Melissa and Allan are paying for a billboard located on Highway 86 just west of the Brawley, California city limits." Their business has sponsored the Dune Smart safety message on the ASA Website homepage for several months. By their leadership, five other sand sport businesses are offering to sponsor additional billboards.

"This is not the first time that the sand business community and ASA have stepped forward to support Public Safety Education at the ISDRA," noted Grant George, ASA President. George continued, "Our safety program began in February of 2000 when the ASA endorsed the Duner's Checkered Flag Pledge that encourages safe and responsible sand sport recreation." According to George, "This is not the end of ASA support. We are currently looking for sponsors for a slide to be played in theaters promoting safety at the Imperial Sand Dunes. ASA volunteers will also be hard at work passing out safety information to ISDRA visitors this season. **The billboard program alone has saved BLM nearly \$20,000 in rental fees and staff time.**"

Greg Gorman, ASA Board Chairman concluded, "Having the logos of BLM, ICSO, ASA, and the sand sport business community on billboards certainly demonstrates our mutual commitment to provide a safe environment for our families to enjoy the WORLD CLASS sand sport recreation opportunity at the Imperial Sand Dunes."

The billboard artwork may be viewed on the ASA Website homepage at www.asasand.com.

ASA MEMBERSHIP

After months of verifying all members in our database, the majority of our members have a bad email address listed in their profiles. You might know some of these people. Some could be your family and best friends who, over the last year or so, have changed their email address.

You can change and review your information on our website here:

<http://www.americansandassociation.org/mymembership/>

Don't know your username and password? Send an email to:

Membership@AmericanSandAssociation.org

Our database has come a long way with the ability to add your family members under just one account. Use the "ADD FAMILY" option under your account profile. With the costs of printing and mailing a newsletter to our thousands of members, all current and future members must list a verifiable mailing address in our database.

You can still direct us to contact you only through email, but we need a valid postal address so that when you change your email address and forget to notify us, we can contact you. We have hundreds of previous members listed only by their name and a now-invalid email addresses: we have no way to contact them.

The above will enable us to save needed funding and to keep you Informed. So please update your information and ask your family and friends to do the same.

Thanks,
Dick Holliday
ASA Membership Director

"A Taste of Freedom 2003"

The ASA invites you to participate in a special fundraiser project that was proposed by your fellow members. This cookbook will reflect what the ASA is trying to do to keep the ISDRA open. This recipe book will also reflect cooking made easy at the dunes and patriotism to our Country. Join forces with the ASA to keep our dunes open for generations to come.

Submit your favorite recipe to: MVFLOMO@AOL.COM

There are five categories:

1. Breakfast
2. Lunch
3. Dinner
4. Desserts
5. Appetizers/Other (Cooking Tips)

Look for the Cookbook on
our online store soon at
ASAsand.com/

Classic Volunteerism

(or What Makes the ASA Tick – Thank You Tim Wight)

After last year's Sand Sports Super Show (SSSS), there were several suggestions posted on the ASA's forums that volunteers working all day at ASA booths had no food or drinks. Upon Tim Wight reading those messages, Tim took it upon himself to make sure our hard working volunteers were offered refreshments at little or no cost to them. He also decided to try to feed them and as many business sponsors and others as he could to promote the ASA.

Using two home-style gas bar-b-cues loaned by another great volunteer and board member, Jim Colln, Tim went to work. Several donations later consisting of meat products, ice, beverages of all sorts, buns, and condiments, gas grills, propane, onions, seasonings, plates, napkins, tables, shade makers, and you name it, Tim was in business – and having a great time.

Funded by donations from ever-faithful Mark Harms at Sand Tires Unlimited, Tim managed to feed and water all our volunteers, several of our Business Sponsors, some Orange County Sheriffs, employees of California State Parks, and the BLM. The donation bucket rounded off the effort to just about break-even.

Morale for our volunteers was never higher. The public relations benefit is immeasurable and it was a great Thank You to our Business Sponsors.

Tim is planning to make this an annual SSSS activity. He's even looking at providing us breakfast next year. Plans are to seek funding from other Business Sponsors in exchange for a banner at the "watering hole". TNT has already promised a golf cart for transport of volunteers to and from Tim's feed. Contact Tim at azsandrider@cox.net

Not to be lost in all these activities is how this came to be. It is the drive to keep our sand areas open. Instead of standing on the sidelines and saying, "Ya know what you oughtta do...", great volunteers see a need and fill it. It all goes back to that one campfire not long ago where someone once said, "Someone ought to do something."

Someone IS doing something. We are getting results – it is called the ASA and it is made possible by people like Tim Wight, Flo Haynes, Jerry Seaver, Chris Seaver, Jason Seaver, Dwayne Williams, Julie Monroe, Dick Holliday, Perry Smith, Rudy Lekar, Mickey Steffani, Bradley Pinnell, Brian Feiring, Becky Hethcox, Bob Anderson, Chris Milligan, Sue Davies, Bill Jones, Brian Trapp, Ron Scott, Jim Colln, Brian Henry, Lloyd & Lisa Misner, Clark Trapp, Darrin & Kathy Kelsey, Greg Gorman, Glenn Montgomery, Jason Hitesman, Bob Tenwick, Rick Jenkins, Larry Jowdy, Lonnie Ayers, Gary Weers, Denise Keck, Brenda Borchmann, Keith Rosewitz, Russ Borman, John Dalgleish, Bob Mason, Cricket Sankovich, Jarrod Bullard, Mark Harms, Roy Denner, Grant George, Tim Hethcox, Nicole Hester, Jim Bramham, Rusty Massie, Craig Jones, Kim Kammer, Steve Brooks, Patti Alcorn, all the above's spouses (where applicable), and all those, to whom I apologize, that are not included here.

TRT VICE CHAIRMAN SPEAKS OUT REGARDING THE FEE DEMO PROGRAM

By Larry Jowdy – TRT Vice Chairman

In response to a posting on the ASA Bulletin Board, I comment regarding a list of elected politicians, both pro and against the Demo Fee Programs in place throughout the United States.

The original author is a staunch opponent of the Demo Fee Program. He labors long and hard in his fight to have this program abolished. Additionally, his list of anti demo fee politicians was impressive and lengthy. Below are my thoughts regarding the Demo Fee Program in response to the original author's quote.

Quote:

"I can hang just about each and every problem we are now currently debating on the Demo Fee. Without Demo Fee, there would be no debate about fences or parking guarantee's for motorhomes or heavy handed LEOs [law enforcement officers] or AMA [Adaptive Management Areas] or trash cans or Green Sticker enforcement or sound enforcement or ATV child certification enforcement... I could go on and on..."

Although that statement has some merit, there is more to the story than just "DEMO FEE." My personal experience is that before the Fee Demo Program, the problems at the dunes were mounting. Trash was a huge issue; news reports of lawlessness, regardless of the political influence from the liberal media, were causing us MAJOR problems.

Lawlessness in general was escalating at an unexpectedly high yearly rate. In addition, before Demo Fees, the CHP had their Green Sticker checkpoints along highway 78. They reported the number of un-registered vehicles they cited. That too was published along with other negatively slanted views of the dunes.

I agree that parking issues probably would not be discussed if no fees existed but I don't see the correlation between the Demo Fee and the AMA. That is a result of other issues and has nothing to do with the fees.

"Heavy-handed" Law Enforcement Officers, as alleged, has supporters and detractors. I'm sure that was meant to say "In my opinion" (but I could be wrong). However, for those supporters that share the view, I suppose an assumption could be made that if the Demo Fee was not in place, and the fees did not pay for law enforcement, then the "heavy-handed" law enforcement alluded to, would not be present.

Let me play devils advocate, if you will. IF Congress had appropriated the necessary money as they should, AND the OHMVR gave the BLM their grant money, AND no Demo fees were collected, AND the BLM decided to spend their appropriated money and grants to support law enforcement to stem the rising lawlessness problems (perceived or real), then it would be tough to hang this on the Fee Demo program. Would it not?

I will concede that some issues would be mute and not discussed on our website. However, I suggest that when one advocates NO FEES they should also advocate Congressional Appropriations. I personally believe our real and utmost problem is the law suits rather than the Demo Fee.

For years, the CBD and the Sierra Club have been trying to find a way to close the dunes. Why do you think they (CBD, Sierra Club et al) are IN FAVOR OF NO FEES AT THE DUNES? (Yes, you are on their side if you are against the Demo Fee.) They are fighting, probably as hard, if not harder than you, to get the fee system abolished. The answer is: NO Demo Fees coupled with NO Federal appropriated dollars and NO grant money equals = NO biological monitoring, NO law enforcement, filthy dunes, junk science reports on beetles, scarabs, plants, snakes, turtles, birds, gnats, white flies, goats, bees, and you name it.

All of this provides ammunition for the Anti-Access Groups to use as they try to convince Congress to close the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) to Off-Highway Vehicle use. They spout, "Not enough management resources", "Not enough monitoring", "No budget to manage too many people reeking havoc on the environment," "Endangered Species etc. etc. etc." That's EXACTLY why the Anti-Access Groups don't want Demo Fees. Moreover, that's EXACTLY why OUR representatives MUST appropriate money when, and if, the fee system is abolished.

A majority of the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission (OHMVR = Green Sticker Commission) are "Anti-Access " and sympathetic to the CBD, Sierra Club et al, Save the Raisin Foundation, and every other radical green group in this screwed up State, (well it should be better since the election).

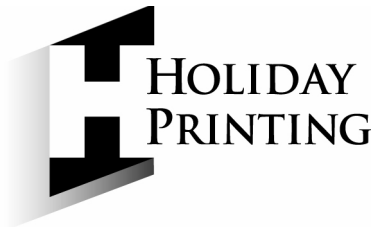
The fact that the OHMVR has not funded grants to the ISDRA helps their case as they try to persuade Congress NOT to appropriate money. Also note, since they have been highly successful with the OHMVR, they are probably working twice as hard as you to abolish the Demo Fee Program and twice as hard to convince Congress NOT to appropriate money. These people make a living out of throwing you off public lands.

Does all of this mean that I like the Fee Demo program? If your answer is yes, then I have news for you. My answer is NO FEES. However, along with that, we must have appropriations from congress and grants from the OHMVR. Given the control of the green machine, the economy, and 9/11 costs, how likely is that?

The 7th Annual Glamis Cleanup will be January 17th, 2004

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HELP WANTED: ONGOING POSITIONS IN THE ASA

Newsletter Committee:

Needed are persons with good writing skills. Some research will be provided. Also needed is a person familiar with Quark to put final newsletter in format the mass mailing company will accept.

Contact Vince Brunasso at 909-596-3147 or GlamisOnLine@earthlink.net

Event Coordinators:

California and Arizona vice-chairs needed. Coordinates current dates of planned events and works with developing fundraising- membership drives, events, keeps website calendar current. Develops future involvement in other events.

Contact person for other organizations (CORVA, SDORC, etc.) where ASA could set up membership booths.

Coordination of all materials needed for events & shows. Forms a committee to help with all aspects of show (materials, tables, chairs, etc.)

In AZ, Contact Becky Hethcox 480-659-9059 or in CA, John Baker 909-597-0597

Telephone Campaigns:

Chair and Vice-Chair needed to establish a communication network for volunteer members. Develop a phone tree within the Area Rep. Structure. Perform surveys and Action Alerts to non-Internet members. Works with Membership Director on attaining help in specified areas. Calls on behalf of pro multi-use elected candidates.

Dick Holliday 909-463-1883 Membership@AmericanSandAssociation.org

Typing / Office Duties / Stuff Envelopes:

Vice-Chair needed to recruit and organize committee members for needs stated above. Coordinates with volunteers on inputting of data sheets, new membership applications and filing. Sending out new member data sheets.

Contact Dick Holliday 909-463-1883 Membership@AmericanSandAssociation.org

Grants Representatives:

Chair and Vice-Chair needed who are diligent individuals with excellent writing skills to research grant-funding sources, compose, and track grant proposals.

Contact Vince Brunasso at 909-596-3147

ASA Flyers in the Dunes:

Chair and Vice-Chair needed to recruit committee members that will compose flyers and organize flyer handout campaigns at the dunes and other functions. This one is mission critical and how the ASA got off the ground. Work with local businesses with close access to dune recreational areas for support. Set up distribution centers at ISDRA where members could receive the newest flyers. Contact members as to locations for pick up.

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– please avoid all closed areas until it is made known if
they are reopened.**

Oceano Update

Washington, DC. September 24, 2003: Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) today filed a 60-day [notice of intent to sue](#) the federal government, charging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with maintaining [Endangered Species Act](#) (ESA) protections for the Western Snowy Plover based on junk science.

PLF filed the notice on behalf of the Surf Ocean Beach Commission (SOBC). SOBC filed a delisting petition for the plovers in July of 2002. As a result of the Western Snowy Plover's protected status and the government's designation of critical habitat for the birds, beachgoers from Washington State to Baja, California, have been faced with severe use restrictions and, in some cases, beach closures. Prohibited activities on beaches where plovers may nest include basically everything-including walking on the sand. In addition, military readiness has been impacted by the plover's listing. During nesting season, the Navy has coned off up to 80% of its beach training area so that plovers might have the chance to nest.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must act to correct their mistake. If they fail to do so within 60 days, we will be banging on the courthouse doors to force action," said Brooks.

Friends of Oceano Dunes is Building a Sand Rail to Be Raffled Off Thanksgiving Weekend 2003 at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area (ODSVRA).



We are seeking donations, parts or monetary, from you and other vendors to enable us to build this sand rail. Your donations will help ensure the continued success of FoOD and allow us to generate a large amount of capitol to be used to fight the many lawsuits and attempts to close our beach. No donation is too large or too small, and we truly appreciate your support in the endeavor.

For more information or to donate parts or financial support to the sand rail project, please contact:

Don Preble Cell: 510-714-2630 Email: don@oceanodunes.org or see <http://www.oceanodunes.org/raffle/buggy.asp>

TIME FOR CHANGE

Editorial by Don Amador

October 3, 2003

It's not often that I feel the need for a shower after attending a meeting, but the public's rough treatment at the hand of California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commissioners was just such a time.

On October 2, over 250 recreation leaders, Forest Service employees, county supervisors and sheriffs, cabin owners, and Bureau of Land Management rangers traveled from across Northern California only to have their testimony ignored by this state advisory board.

Historically, the commission had a balance of appointees that represented law enforcement, off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation, conservation, and safety. Today, this "recreation" panel is being manipulated by proponents of Senator Barbara Boxer's new federal Wilderness plan - a proposal that will ban OHVs and even mountain bikes.

A property owner from Alpine County dressed down the commission for having an official "invitation only" public meeting in her neighborhood where the views of pro-access inholders were apparently not welcomed. She felt that the Bagley-Keene open meeting law had been violated. Others cited similar concerns.

In my almost 10 year history with this program, including my service for several years as chairman of the board, I have never witnessed such a disgraceful event. In fact, I even had one green spokesperson come up to me and say that the public was getting a raw deal.

As we near Election Day for the recall, I can only hope that whoever wins or beats the vote will work to return the "People's House" - including boards and commissions - to the people. It's the right thing to do.

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