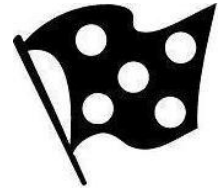


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The Racing Season Has Started!

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Two races in February took place, but I don't have the results, where is the Road Caption? Steve will have some explaining on where is has been at the March 1st meeting. Luckily at the last minute Steve came through with a top 5 1x update. Anyhow, March is full of race weekends, so get out there and get some wins!

1x – Update

1. J. Dowd 80
2. R. Baker 60
3. M. Tustin 48
4. T. Baker 46
5. B. Eckert 40

For the 5 year permit the forest service has made it as far as sending out the scoping letter. We are in the middle of the 45 day comment period. The Family permit application was denied and Curt is working on responding to that denial, more at the Tuesday meeting.

The ROM for March is at E-ST on March 13th.

LAO News

It seems the OHV community is constantly under attack, sometimes on a federal level and sometimes on state level. The latest battle is on the state front. On February 18th the California Assembly Budget Committee voted to take \$27 million dollar from the OHV fund. The OHV fund is funded directly by us, the OHV community. The intent of this fund is to support operation of SVRA riding areas. If the state raids these funds the SVRA Park system and the OHV community will pay the price. Many groups have already written letters to the Budget Conference Committee. I'll be composing a letter on behalf of the Polka Dots.

Many of you may have heard of Don Amador. He is a consultant to the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Don has a blog called The General's Recreation HQ. Don recently received an award from D36 at the awards banquet. He is the press release from the BRC website:

STOCKTON, CA (January 10)—A motorcycle organization representing Northern California honored a consultant to the Blue Ribbon Coalition for his 20 years of service as a champion for responsible off-highway vehicle recreation on public lands. On January 8, District 36 of the American Motorcyclists Association presented Don Amador with its California Off Road Recreation Ambassador's Award for his long and distinguished career as an effective advocate for the sport.

This was District 36's 32nd Annual Awards Banquet where each year it recognizes people who made outstanding contributions to off-road recreation or winners in the various classes of motorcycle competition.

Dave Pickett, President of the District 36 Motorcycle Sports Committee, said, "The District is proud to honor Don Amador tonight for his tireless efforts to promote and protect responsible OHV recreation on public lands. Most riders don't appreciate the amount of work it takes to keep our trails open but this organization does and we hope he will accept this token of our gratitude as recognition of his efforts to champion our cause."

Greg Mumm, Executive Director for the Blue Ribbon Coalition, stated, "We're proud to have Don as a member of our team and of all he has accomplished. Among other things over the last 20 years, Don has worked on numerous legislative initiatives, educational programs, research projects and facilitated legal action to help keep riding areas open."

Don Amador, Western Representative for the Blue Ribbon Coalition and recreation consultant, stated, "Helping keep trails and land open for multiple-use activities is my passion, and I am thankful every day for the opportunity to advocate for those uses."

If you like to keep up to date on land use issues check out his blog:

<http://thegeneralsrecreationden.blogspot.com/>

This month the USDA Forest Service rolled out its new planning rule. The Forest Service Planning Rule is to governing document that directs the forest service in developing management plans for forest lands. All of the discussions last year around closed trails as well as the environmental impact studies the FS required in order to grant us a permit for our events are driven by the Planning Rule. The new Planning Rule has a heavy emphasis on preservation and little regarding recreational use. Stay tuned for more information as this develops.

2010 Meeting Schedule

PDPMC meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Coco's Restaurant near the corner of Madison and Sunrise. (Bench racing starts at 7:00pm)

January 4 th 2011	Feb. 1 st 2011	March 1 nd 2011	April 5 th 2011
May 3 rd 2011	June 7 th 2011	July 5 th 2011	August 2 nd 2011
Sept. 6 th 2011	October 4 th 2011	Nov. 1 st 2011	Dec. 6 th 2011

January Schedule, 2011

Date	Event	Location
March 1st	Standard Meeting	Rudy's Hideaway
March 13th	E-St	E-St
March 19 th	Phantom HS	Hollister
March 27 th	Pony Soldier	Toulon, NV