



Newsletter for the Dual Sport Enthusiast

November-December 2007

**November 13 D-37 Dual Sport Committee** meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale.

**November 18 Malcolm Smith Motorsports' "No Wimps" Dual Sport Ride** starting at Glen Helen Raceway Park, San Bernardino. Ride flyer was enclosed in the previous newsletter. Call the store at 951-687-1300, visit the web site at <http://www.malcolmsmithrides.com/nowimpsdualsportride.html>, or visit the D-37 dual sport web site message board to find out up-to-date info on this ride because of the fires.

**November 23-24 LA – Barstow to Vegas** Thanksgiving weekend classic Dual Sport Ride will start at AV KTM in Lancaster, CA. The route will go to Jawbone Canyon, Johannesburg, and to the Ramada Inn in Barstow for the overnight stop. Day two will head out to Baker, the traditional lunch at Sandy Valley, with the finish at the fabulous Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. You may enter one or both days. Maps, roll charts, and GPS download provided at the start. For more info call Paul at 626-792-7384 (weekdays). The ride flyer was enclosed in the two previous newsletters.

**December 9 Lost Coyotes' Dash to the Inscriptions** 120 mile Dual Sport Ride will start at the Lazy 3 Restaurant in El Mirage. No pre-entry, just come out to the start between 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at 4659 El Mirage Blvd., just west of the OHV area. Overnight camping allowed for Saturday night before the ride. Saturday registration open from 3 to 5 p.m., Lazy 3 open until 9 p.m. Required gas range is only 52 miles. The ride will visit Inscription Canyon, where you can see prehistoric "tagging" from hundreds of years ago before spray cans of paint were invented. The ride will also visit Black Canyon and Harper Peak. See enclosed flyer. For more information call Jim at 661-951-7078.

**January 8 D-37 Dual Sport Committee** meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale

**February 16-18 Countdown** will have the **Death Valley Rally** Adventure Bike ride over President's Day weekend from Ridgecrest to Death Valley National Park and back. Optional Dual Sport routes available by mail order only. This ride will go to a double overnight stop at a motel in Beatty, NV. Transportation of overnight bags will be provided. A flyer will be in the next newsletter. For more info call (775) 884-0399.

**February 23-24 San Diego Adventure Riders** will have the **Anza Borrego Desert Dash**. For more information visit the web site at [www.dualsportsd.com](http://www.dualsportsd.com).

All ride flyers are available online at: [www.district37ama.org/dualsport/ridingevents.php](http://www.district37ama.org/dualsport/ridingevents.php).

Visit the D-37 web site and message board to make connections with other riders, get current updates for all rides, learn about pressing political and legal issues, and for equipment and product discussions. See <http://www.district37ama.org/forum>.

# **AMA DISTRICT 37 DUAL SPORT – REPORTS**

## **President's Report**

After twenty years, we finally have legislation in place to administer our green sticker money and designate where and how it will be spent. The Governor signed SB742 and it will now be in place by 2008 and should last us at least ten years. The current red sticker designation is to be discontinued, which means there will no longer be restrictions on riding seasons. Many different organizations and individual off road users united together in support of this legislation and worked very hard until it was fair and equitable for all parties. Thanks for all that were involved and especially our District 37 lobbyist, Pete Conaty and Associates. As off road users, our donations make this type of work possible.

In October, the fires devastated many areas we travel and ride throughout California. Julie Angell shared that her family home in Green Valley Lake was spared, although all the homes across the street burned down. My prayer is that none of you have suffered the loss of a home in this disaster.

Fortunately our route volunteers, Gil and Dan, were prepared before this happened and the B2V ride began in the desert. By the time this reaches you, the ride may have already taken place, but regardless, I must tell you we are all very excited about this year's ride.

Recently, it was reported that the Bishop Ride, held by the Ventura County Motorcycle Club, was a great first-year success. VCMC used a four-loop format that worked great and kept trail traffic to a minimum. Unfortunately, some riders missed some turns and decided to not "stay on the trail." I have always disliked cliché phrases, but we must remember that many trails we now use were just not available to us ten years ago. As long as we all "stay on the trail", we will maintain access to them for our events. Please respect our trail areas. If you blow a turn, go back the same way you came and try to restore the path you took. You can even put up a rock barrier so others will not make the same mistake. I call it proper trail etiquette. Our thanks to VCMC for a great event and we look forward to it for many more years to come.

See you all in Vegas and, remember, please "Stay the Trail".

**Jim Woods**  
**President, D-37 Dual Sport**

## **LA-B to V Report**

**by Kieth Huff**

Okay, we've got all our ducks in a row. We've planned, mapped, ridden, checked, and rechecked the route. We've had conference calls, nervous calls, frantic calls, and the calm call to Jim Pilon saying four wheel drive sweep (my heroes) are good to go.

The BLM, Forest Service, and Mojave Preserve managers have been great to work with. The quality of this year's ride is due largely to the working relationship with the various agencies charged with managing our public lands.

We've done our part; now it's up to the riders to make sure we keep this ride going. Please follow the ride instructions on your roll chart. Following the back-up GPS track only will lead to mistakes in map reading and hazardous conditions. If you miss a turn, you will jeopardize our ride. **You need to follow speed limits on and off the road.** This is very important! Our permit requires riders to obey rules during the entire route over the two days. **READ AND FOLLOW THE ROLL CHART!**

So there it is; all the work is done. Now get out there and fill your plate with the routes that best suit your riding style. We're really looking forward to seeing the riders on the course and hearing all your stories at the banquet Saturday evening in Vegas.

## **District Legislative Officer Report**

**by Bob Sackett**

The big legislative news, the biggest for a long time, is the passage and signing of SB 742 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Bill, the OHV Fund reauthorization bill. Not only does this bill reauthorize the OHV Funding for 10 years, the second longest term in what will be 40 years (the original bill was for 20 years), but it entirely reorganizes the structure and purpose of the OHV Commission.

This bill wrests the control of the fund from the Commission, making it essentially advisory only, and places the fund allocation into the hands of the State Department of Parks and Recreation, OHV Division. The Division is responsible for the planning development and operations of our statewide off-road opportunities.

The OHV Commission, which for years has been *HIJACKED* by environmentalists appointed to the Commission by the Senate President and Assembly Speaker, has been reorganized to nine members: two appointed by the Senate President, two by the Assembly Speaker, and five by the governor. Also, the role of the Commission has been changed to advisory! No longer will they be in control of the grant process where they had diverted Green Sticker Funds to anti-OHV use, closing and destroying OHV routes, and shrinking OHV opportunities instead of expanding them and maintaining them.

SB742 includes a new formula for spending the funds: 50% of the funds will be earmarked for Operations and Maintenance, 25% of the funds will go toward restoration (The scientific studies not associated with the trails will now come from the Restoration Fund. The restoration money must be used for environmental damage caused by either legal or illegal OHV activity.), 20% of the funds will go to Law Enforcement (These grants will no longer be handled on a competitive basis.), 40% of the 20% will go to local law enforcement, 30% to USFS, 30% to BLM law enforcement, and the remaining 5% will go to Education and Safety.

Finally, the bill increases the Green Sticker Fee to \$50 every two years. This doesn't even bring the fee up to the cost of living index since the inception of the program and is one quarter of the \$100 a year the environmentalists were pushing.

All in all, the final legislation is a fair and realistic compromise that will insure that our monies from the registrations of our OHV vehicles will better fund our sports opportunities.

## Ride Report

### VCMC Bishop 2007 Ride

by Dale Mazorow and Gil Busick

This dual sport ride had a unique format relative to any other dual sport ride. In order to keep traffic down, we were given four different roll charts and GPS tracks to ride in any order we wanted. Although there were 120 plus riders that came to the first ever VCMC Bishop ride, we never saw more than ten riders any day. This format eliminated the historic bottlenecks.

Day 1: With the weather perfect, we started on a 55 mile trail called Woodcutter. This trail was limited to twenty riders each day and from the video they showed at sign-up, I doubt they had twenty takers. The ride started with single track that seemed more like a goat trail. It had awesome views and significant drop-offs for about ten miles. Then the terrain opened up and the trail continued as single track winding through the forest and rocky canyons until you got to the dreaded uphill waterfall (the only thing they didn't preview on the video). A few riders made the rock hill. I made it half-way and it was pretty easy to bulldog it to the top from there. Other riders pushed their bikes all the way up from the bottom which took only a few minutes per bike. Eventually we were all back on our bikes, and the rest of the trail was great. This is definitely a loop to ride if you are not afraid of heights.



After lunch, we started on a loop called Coyote. It was 57 miles. About ten miles into the ride, Gil had a flat with his signature trials tire. The other riders in our group went on ahead, knowing Gil was a competent trailside mechanic. However, after 2 ½ hours of changing the tire, we bailed back to the start.

Day 2: Early Sunday morning, Gil and myself set out on the Coyote trail a second time. This trail took us over hills, through water crossings, and over loose rocks. Again the views were spectacular. Eventually we made it to Funnel Lake for a photo op and a snack. There was a hard/easy split a few miles before the lake that eliminated the loose rock portion and the view of the lake. The two tracks joined back together and the return route was a mix of single track and downhill sandy trails.

After riding Woodcutter the first day, I did not think any of the other trails could be as good. Coyote was one of the most scenic trails with an intermediate or better riding ability depending on which split you took. I plan to return to ride Bishop with my family just to take them on this loop.

The VCMC club put a lot of planning into this event. They had you sign out with your rider number and the trail you were on. When you finished, they required you to check back in.



They had a rider meeting Saturday morning and a dinner/raffle on Saturday night. At sign-up you were given all of your roll charts and GPS tracks. If you wanted to ride Woodcutter, your name was added to their list. They also had a tech inspection and a sound test.

You should really plan to go on this ride next year. I'll certainly be returning. I am sure the event will be even better. One suggestion would be to start sign-up at noon Friday so riders can get one of the loops done on Friday. Most people I talked to had taken Friday off work anyways to drive to Bishop. The riding was so enjoyable; I for one definitely would have enjoyed trying another trail.

**Note from the editor**--Bob Sackett, who also attended this ride, adds the following remarks and photos:

If you missed this ride, shame on you! The format of choosing your own loop whenever you wanted worked great at spreading the riders and dust for some VERY scenic trails and panoramas. The Coyote Flats Loop, especially!

The guys at VCMC really went all out and put on one of the best rides ever. Special kudos to Kevin and Kyle! What a pleasure to be around those guys at signups and sound check. What hard workers, all of the VCMC members!



**Is walking your calf a common sight in Bishop?**

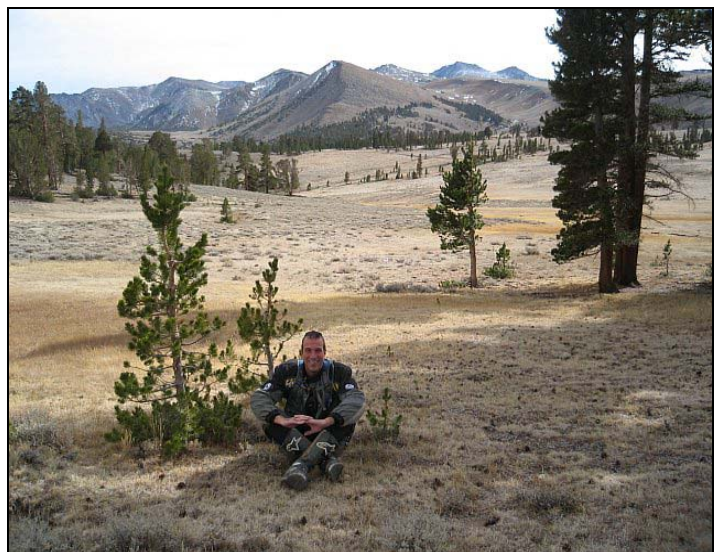


**Rider toughs it up Black Rock**

Anthony Agoni submitted the following spectacular photos:



**Chilly view from Black Canyon Loop**



**Taking a break at 10,900 feet on Coyote Loop**





**Gorgeous scenery from Coyote Loop moonscape**



**Very steep, sandy downhill section on Coyote Loop**

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**AMA D-37 DUAL SPORT RIDE CALENDAR 2007/2008**

**Ride Hotline: 626-429-2407**

Date	Promoter	Location	Ride Name
11/3-4	Countdown	Ridgecrest	China Lake
11/13	D-37 Dual Sport meeting	Glendale	
11/18	Malcolm Smith Motorsports	Glen Helen, San Bernardino	No Wimps
11/23-24	District 37 Dual Sport	AV KTM, Lancaster, CA	LA-Barstow to Vegas
12/9	Lost Coyotes M/C	Lazy 3, El Mirage	Dash to the Inscriptions
1/8	D-37 Dual Sport meeting	Glendale	
2/16-18	Countdown	Ridgecrest	Death Valley Rally
2/23-24	San Diego Adventure Riders	Anza Borrego	Desert Dash

Note: Schedule is subject to change. Refer to ride flyers, website, message board, bi-monthly newsletter, promoters, and the rider hotline at 626-429-2407 for up-to-date ride information. Visit our web-site: [www.district37ama.org/dualsport](http://www.district37ama.org/dualsport) for updates, message-board discussions, and email addresses. D-37 Dual Sport committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months starting around 7:30 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA. Enter from parking lot in back.

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