

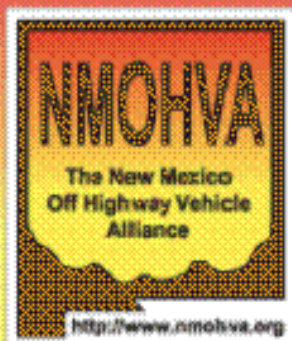
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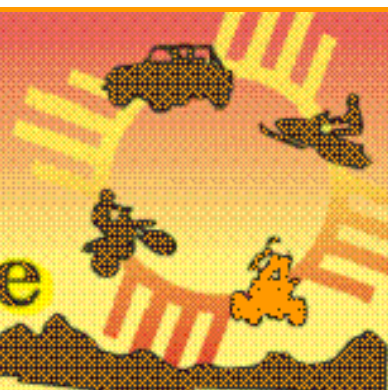
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New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance



NMOHVA Member Newsletter

May

2009

Upcoming Events for May

May 9 - ATV Trail Maintenance
Work Day - Jemez Ranger
District 9:00 AM

May 9 - NM4W Monthly
Meeting

See the [NMOHVA
Calendar](#) for event
details and contacts.

Do you have an event to
share? Contact NMOHVA at
prez@nmohva.org for a listing
in the newsletter.

New Newsletter Format -

Welcome to NMOHVA's first electronic member newsletter. We plan on discontinuing the publication and mailing of printed newsletters and using our electronic distribution system. This will allow us to get you, the members, more news and information about NMOHVA and get it to you in a more timely manner. A monthly electronic newsletter means up-to-date information on upcoming events and the latest news about OHV recreation in New Mexico.

We will continue to use separate [Alerts](#) to send you information about access issues so you can expect the monthly [Newsletter](#) to focus on news, events, and members.

We are new to this! Please let us know what you like, what you don't like, and how we can do a better job of communicating with the membership. Please drop me a quick line at prez@nmohva.org with your feedback on the newsletter or if you have any ideas or requests.

Mark - President

Annual Meeting Report -

Your New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (NMOHVA) held their Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 21. After a welcome by President Mark Werkmeister, he presented a "Year in Review". The members present reviewed and approved several minor changes in the NNOHVA Bylaws to better align them to our current operation. The next item of business was electing four members to positions on the NMOHVA Board of Directors. The results of the Board of Director elections were as follows:

- o Vice-President (Membership Chair) - Hurley Wilvert
- o Treasurer - Mark Winscott
- o Board Member-at-Large - Bucky Allred
- o Board Member-at-Large - Jeff Boggs

NMOHVA would also like to thank the outgoing Board members for all their hard work and contributions over the term of their office: Michelle Casella - Vice President, Hurley Wilvert - Treasurer, Kent Stam - Board Member-at-Large, and Bob Stapleton - Board Member-at-Large.

The rest of the meeting was spent with members and Board members brainstorming projects and ideas for NMOHVA's focus areas for the coming year. Most of the NMOHVA members present stayed to enjoy the free pizza lunch provided by NMOHVA and the opportunity to get to know each other better.

Meet the New Members on the NMOHVA Board -

At the Annual Meeting in late March, NMOHVA members selected three new members to the Board of Directors. Let's meet them now:

Mark Winscott is NMOHVA's new Treasurer. Mark is an avid dirt bike rider, spending many hours riding the trails in the Jemez and helping to maintain them for everyone's enjoyment. Mark is relatively new to New Mexico, having moved here seven years ago from Texas. Mark is a Mechanical Engineer (giving us two on the Board!) who most recently utilized his expertise at Sandia National Labs working on packaging for items going into space. Mark believes strongly in a balanced 'man should use the land responsibly' ethic. His interest in NMOHVA comes from a desire to present a stronger presence to preserve our existing trail networks and his realization of the need to expand and promote motorized trail opportunities in New Mexico.

Jeff Boggs is one of NMOHVA's new At-Large Board Members. He too, originally hailed from Texas but has been in New Mexico since 1984. Jeff's field of expertise is nursing with a focus on care for patients who have suffered kidney failure. He moved to the state to enjoy the wide-open spaces and comparative freedom in being able to explore and camp on our public lands. Jeff's interest in the outdoors is varied and extensive and he lists mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing as hobbies. He still loves to explore and camp with his wife, Paula and his interest in motorized recreation is diverse. Jeff is active in the New Mexico Trials Association, enjoying his Sherco in the sport of observed trials. He also rides a Honda XR400 as a dual sport bike and most recently has purchased and started extensively modifying a '06 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited. He has become an active member of the New Mexico 4 Wheelers because "Public Lands are now becoming endangered by

restrictions". He wants to see our public lands utilized for multiple use and open for many to enjoy with whatever mode of transportation they choose.

Our other new At-Large Board member is Bucky Allred. Bucky hails from Glenwood, New Mexico, a town he has fondly called 'home' no matter where his travels took him. And travel he did. Bucky was a professional musician whose touring took him all over the Southwest for 17 years. He returned to Glenwood to operate the Blue Front Bar and Restaurant with his wife Garnelle. Bucky bought an ATV in 1979 and has been riding one every since! When Bucky first heard of the Forest Service's Travel Management Plans back in 2003, he contacted friends of like interest and worked with Mark Toney to found the Gila Road and Trail Alliance (GRATA). He is also a member of the local ATV club, the Mogollon-Apache-Gila (MAG) Riders. In addition to wanting to preserve OHV access to the Forests of his home area, Bucky is genuinely concerned about the impact the loss of OHV recreation would have on the economy of New Mexico's rural areas. Bucky puts his heart and talent to work in saving what believes is so important. Teaming up with Joe Delk for a series of 'old-fashioned' musical socials, they recently raised over \$50,000 for the Americans for the Preservation of Western Environment.

The Board also gained another recent member by appointment. Bill (BR) Fjord agreed to step in and take the third At-Large seat on the Board when his predecessor resigned earlier this year. Another native New Mexican, BR hails from Grants, NM. He learned to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the mountains and forests near his home at an early age following his father, a traditional country doctor, and his brother, a commercial logger. An avid outdoorsman, BR spends most of his free time on Mt. Taylor near his home, and in the Zuni Mountains west of Grants. A substantially modified Suzuki 700 King Quad ATV is the current mode of transportation, and he has logged over 6,000 miles of trail riding on it in the last three years. He loves to show others not as familiar with the area the little known trails, historical points of interest, and scenic vantage points that he enjoys. The Cibola National Forest's Mt. Taylor Ranger District Travel Management planning and the State Historic Preservation Division, Cultural Properties Review Committee designation of Mt. Taylor as a Traditional Cultural Property are at the top of BR's list of current concerns. "I believe we can all work together and live side by side in harmony as we have for centuries. The Mountain belongs to all of us"

So there you have them. Your four new Board members are a diverse, talented, and passionate group, deeply concerned about preserving and promoting OHV access in their communities and across New Mexico. They are all very proud to have been selected to serve on your Board and plan to serve you well.

We won't lie. Serving on the Board and as Officers in any volunteer organization is hard, and all too often, thankless work. The Board is not here to do the work for NMOHVA. The Board is here to represent the membership of NMOHVA and make decisions that keep NMOHVA on course in meeting the needs of its membership. Please give your newest Board members and the rest of the Board your support. Your new Board looks forward to meeting and working with all of NMOHVA.

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