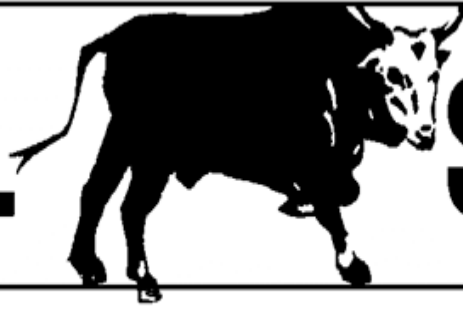

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Next Club meeting August 4th at the Clubhouse at 7:30

Presidents Corner: Tod Smith,

Hello All,

Well, I was going to ramble on and continue to pat all of our backs about how successful our rally was but something much larger has shadowed those most recent efforts.

As all of you should know, our friend, Bill Salmon, has passed on.

A few weeks back, I lost a close friend & co-worker at the early age of 48.

He left behind a young family and many, many sad friends. To think of how his life was cut so short and how many memories he will miss out on, is unfathomable.

Our friend Bill on the other hand, lived his life to the fullest not only in age but in years.

I believe Bill was retired almost half of his life. That there is something very few of us will ever see. Bill spent most of his time doing what he loved the most, off-roading with all of us. His dedication to CORVA is unmatched and his passion for the sport and all the people he shared it with was unending.

We will all miss our friend and fellow off-roader Bill Salmon, but we should not be sad, but yet live in his spirit with the same energy & enthusiasm he shared with us all.

Until next time,
Tod

A word from Diana Mead:

On our way to LA last Friday, we got word that Bill Salmon had died. This will be printed in our Off Roaders in Action publication.

I became part of the Escarabajo club family when I married a long standing member in 1992. Bill Salmon was "old" then. In fact he was the oldest active member of our club at 77. For several years after our son was born in 1994, he and Bill were always announced as the clubs eldest and youngest members, 80 years apart.

We lost Bill on June 4, 2010 after an accident at Sand

Mountain. In the words of one of our other members, "he died with his boots on." At 95, Bill still drove his motorhome, although it was a bit frightening to follow behind him. He loaded his own trailer with quad or rail, participated in our outings, advocated for CORVA, had learned to get his emails, sometimes anyway, and was always looking forward to the next trip.

Bill Salmon loved his family. I really hadn't had the chance to know his "Annie" in person, but in some ways, I think I may have known the young newly married girl Bill described, quite well. They had loved to ski and wanted children very badly, Bill explained as he drove the pregnant me around Hollister in his Bronco, while the others traveled faster, further and supposedly rougher terrain, in the rails.

I heard wonderful stories about growing up on the farm. Bill's mid western farming values framed his life. He knew, the valuable things, like milk from a dairy cow, couldn't be rushed and needed diligent nurturing.

He didn't need to tell us about his grandchildren as we had plenty of chances to meet and appreciate Kelly and Paul and see how much Bill enjoyed sharing off road adventures with them.

Bill had a more years as a retiree than he did as a working man! And boy, did he know how to "do" retired!

Although Bill enjoyed our club, he was passionate about CORVA. He would insist on a 50/50 raffle to benefit CORVA at each of our club sponsored rallies'. He delivered a lengthy CORVA report at every meeting until a few years back when he insisted that somebody else had to step up, after all, "what if I die?" And, it was extremely dangerous to suggest that Bill should perhaps reconsider flying the CORVA banner at the Walnut Festival parade. Those of you who know our clubs history participating in this parade might understand why, but Bill sure didn't.

I was not the one to "step up" when Bill first asked. Tim Warbington was the one. He did an amazing job, serving as Bill's sidekick, fill in, designee and finally full fledged advocate. What Bill didn't share with Timmy, indeed what Tim got to learn on his own, is that advocating for our trails isn't easy. While the Jamboree, Jawbone, Sand Mountain, Dumont, California City, Stonyford are all great fun, ensuring our children and their children will be able to go to these places generally isn't. This advocating takes energy, patience, and commitment, kind of like farming.

If we need evidence that Bill's passion was well placed, during Bill's years as a CORVA member and officer, Pismo Beach and Kettleman City as a club destinations ceased to exist. Regular outings to Gerle Creek and Virginia City faded away, limited trail and camping access the biggest

reasons.

Two years ago, Bill and Tim were unable to attend the CORVA annual elections in Bakersfield. Our club needed a representative. My husband and I were free that weekend but Bill and I...well, shall we just say, we didn't always see eye to eye. Bill asked me to go, in fact offered to buy my fuel (hey, gas was pretty steep that year.) I honestly said, "Bill, the only way I could attend and be a representative, would be to vote my conscience and I doubt it is the way you would!" Bill, the old farmer, looked me in the eye and he said, "The most important thing is to have a representative and I will be fine with whatever you decide to do with my vote."

You see, off roading is what we have in common. It is our family, our community and it is our job to take care of it. Thank you Bill, for your instruction, and I thank you for encouraging me to go my own way.

Funny how that road runs parallel to part of Bill's.

Meeting Notes:

CORVA: Diana reports on the CORVA position on the California Desert Protection act of 2010 CORVA along with Cal 4 Wheel, has taken a position of opposition to this bill.

Diana nominated the Wandering Wheeler for CORVA's Club of the North and they won. Diana wrote a wonderful letter in their honor.

Old: CPR still in the works, call Carla for info

Rally: The Rally at Frank Raines was a huge success, thank you to all those who attended and those who helped. This was an exciting event for those of the planners, they did a great job, and all the hard work certainly paid off with over \$2000.00 in profits. The events were fun and challenging, the food was delicious, and the company was exceptional. Thank you again let's keep it up!

Next year we may be doing the Rally with the East Bay Hi Tailers.

Dinner walk— 32 in attendance and a good time was had by all. Next Dinner walk will be Tuesday Dec. 7th.

Dillon Beach is July 2-5th. Parade will be in Tomales on July 3rd. Off road vehicles welcome but can only be driven on the road and only during the parade.

Rally Report:

Schedule for 2010:

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| JUNE 26TH | FAMILY DINNER |
| JULY 2ND-5TH | DILLON BEACH |
| JULY 24-AUGUST 8TH | ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO |
| AUGUST 21ST | FAMILY DINNER |
| SEPTEMBER 10TH | CLUB PICNIC /DAY AT THE BEACH, DILLION BEACH |
| OCTOBER 30-31 | CORVA JAM |
| NOVEMBER 22ND-29TH | STONYFORD GROUP CAMPING GRAY PINE |
| DECEMBER 4TH | CHRISTMAS PARTY, ELKS CLUB |
| DECEMBER 31ST | FRANK RAINES, HAPPY NEW YEAR |

Birthday Wishes to:

Hummel Jackie Jun 03

Mead Rick Jun 12

Haley Roy Jun 14

Simon Dale Jun 16

Gnutzman Tom Jun16

Konesky Mick Jun 20

Lininger Helga Jul 02

Romero Colleen Jul 15

Molder Alicia Jul 29

Happy Anniversary Wishes to:

Michael & Dawn Thurston 8-Jun

Gordon & Drinda

Kipp 10-Jun

If you have any photos or information you would like to have added to the future bull sheets please contact Michel Gnutzman 925 580-5773.