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Hollister Hills Off-Road Association - 2012 Calendar of Events

Sept. 8, 2012	(Saturday)	Board Meeting 10:00 am, training building
Oct 7, 2012	(Sunday)	YOUTH AMB. RUMMY RUN, 8:30 am, Lower Ranch
Oct. 13, 2012	(Saturday)	Board Meeting 10:00 am, training building
Nov. 3, 2012	(Saturday)	Board Meeting 10:00 am, training building
Nov. 10, 2012	(Saturday)	The HARE BALL Upper Ranch
Dec. 8, 2012	2:00pm	Board Meeting / General Membership meeting, Annual Holiday Potluck following meeting.

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The Six Hours of Hollister

By Nicky DiNapoli

With no chance of rain this year, the riders on the line knew they were in for six hours of heat and dust. There were 85 entries between Ironman and Teams, which was a great turnout with the economy being down. Team Garrahan Off Road Training (G.O.T.) took the overall win of the day and 1st in the Expert class, but the lead had changed numerous times during the six hours. Team Kenny Marcotte and Kale Elworthy (2nd Expert) and Team Tyler Brumit and Steve Bonita (3rd Expert) all took turns leading at one point or another. After Team G.O.T (Patrick and Brian Garrahan and Brandon Roberts) came in for a flat tire repair, they were on the gas and unstoppable. They were the only team to complete 20 laps. 4th in the Expert class went to team Knobby Shop riders, Tony Gera and Nicky DiNapoli.

The Family class win went to Kevin and James Yarnell with Team Autry finishing 2nd. Kevin, who has won the last couple Ironman overalls decided to team up with his son James.

Chris Kane Racing took 1st and 2nd place in the Senior Expert. Kane "Speedo" Silverberg, Brian "Fastest on the Team" Toline, and Jim Pierrera had to keep on their toes to hold off fellow factory team members Paul Van Horsen IV, Kurt "Abs" Ashley, and Bad Brad Rosbach. 3rd place went to Gordon Hodges, Jason Jansel, and Mark Silva.

In the Senior Sportsman, it was Jeff Eveler and Wes Kyle took the win proving that the word senior means experience. Wes and Jeff were the only Seniors to complete 18 laps and finished 12th overall. 2nd place went to Ben Saiz and Trent Keven.

Eric Stoke dominated the Junior Ironman class taking 1st place over South Bay Rider Ehsan Farkhondeh aboard his dependable Husaberg (footage available on You Tube). 3rd place went to Jack Knoll who was only 1 minute behind Ehsan after six hours.

In the Senior Ironman class, it was Bryan Southwood and his WR making the Endurocross section look easy 17 times. 2nd place went to Mike Rodas and Alan Laabs took 3rd.



Brian Garrahan charges through the obstacle course at the Six Hours.
By DPO Photography

13 year old Calum Campbell out of Sacramento and Patrick Alapai put on a fantastic ride, racing 18 laps to take the Sportsman win and finished 9th overall on their Brock-abilly backed machines. 2nd place went to well known California off road racers Christian and William Limon, pulling in 17 laps with enough energy to do another 17 laps.

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Kudos to the only women to compete in the Ironman class. Rachel Douglas aboard her Aftershock Suspension KTM rode 14 laps solo and never broke a sweat. Maybe next year we will add an Ironwoman class!

There were 3 women's teams this year with a total of 10 women banging bars, roosting the men, and being cheered on by the crowd. The third Chris Kane Racing team on the track was Kaylee Silverberg and Mary DiNapoli who took the 1st place honors and completing 15 laps. Both these girls have volunteered at Hollister Hills for many years and are used to the hot, dry, and dusty conditions. The 2nd place team of Shirley Smith, Jenica Estassi, Elizabeth Lapman, Grace Hodges, and Temby Puck were all smiles by the end of the race. Kaitlyn Rogers, Cathy DaCosta, and Marles Talli finished the day in 3rd, all representing Team SBR. All of these women did a great job and hope to see them back next year.

Zero X 6 = Success!

By: Ronnie D., HHORA Vice President

What a awesome thing to see at the Six Hours of Hollister. Zero Motorcycles sent their race crew to Hollister to try out the electric motorcycle and proved that it is competitive. While it took a battery change every lap the bike and riders looked great. We'll see if this may be the beginning of a new wave of technology changing our sport. Riders Swan, Doniak and Atencio rode the Zero to 6th in the expert class and 16th overall. Great job guys and hope to see the Zero motorcycle at more of our events.

Women's Motorcyclist Foundation Donates to HHORA

By: Cheryl Ashton, Hollister Hills Park Staff

In May, a group of women riders camped at Hollister Hills to participate in off-road motorcycle classes. This group was part of the "Adventures for the Cure 2012", which is a skills development and practice program hosted in conjunction with a fund raising effort to help eradicate breast cancer on behalf of the Susan Love Research Foundation. These women who normally ride on the street, came out to learn both basic and advanced off-road riding techniques. HHORA President Des Hughes was one of the instructors along with Cathy Da Costa, Hollister Hills Volunteer and Metcalf Ranger Mike Ruhstorfer. Coach 2Ride also provided 2 instructors for the group.

Sue Slate said, "The combined donations in time and talent of these dedicated experts reached far beyond motorcycle skills development and guided practice. All twelve riders on board also were offered the best in environmental awareness and practices along with attention to nutritional concerns and physical fitness. This combined with the fund raising component of the program created a tremendously successful event for all concerned. We now have twelve enthusiastic dirt bike riders who understand the SVRA's goals and challenges in maintaining and keeping lands open to recreational riding opportunities and their responsibilities towards these ends. Another \$6,000 has been contributed to breast cancer research and \$1040 has been donated to Hollister Hills Off-Road Association."



Women's Motorcyclist Foundation.

By Debbie Cable

The Women's Motorcyclist Foundation did an event in the park last year and that group made a \$750.00 donation to HHORA. They are already planning another event at Hollister Hills next May and would like to eventually extend the program out to the other SVRA's as well. For more information on this organization please contact Sue Slate:

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HHORA Vendor Discounts

The following vendors offer discounts to HHORA members.

Aftershocks "The Suspension Experts"

4285 Park Blvd.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(415) 265-9328
www.aftershocks-suspension.com

Engines Only
1870 Stone Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125
(408) 275-6300
www.xr100.com

Faultline Powersports (Downtown)

351 San Felipe Rd.
Hollister, CA 95023
(831) 637-8550
www.faultlinemc.com

Faultline Powersports (Inside the Park)

Hollister Hills Store
7804 Cienega Rd.
Hollister, CA 95023

Gilroy Motorcycle Center

7661 Monterey Street
Gilroy, CA 95020
www.gilroymotorcyclecenter.com

Hollister Honda

411 San Felipe Rd.
Hollister, CA 95023
www.hollisterhonda.com

Hollister RV Parts & Service

281 San Felipe Rd
Hollister, CA 95023
www.hollisterrv.com

Knobby Shop

25415 Rodeo Gulch
Soquel, CA
www.kximx.com

Moore & Sons Motorcycles

21431 East Cliff Drive
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
(831) 475-3619

Santa Clara Cycle Accessories

993 E. El Camino Real
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
www.santaclaracycle.com

The Motor Café

(Formerly Honda Peninsula – Ducati)
1289 W. El Camino Real
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
(800) 555-5547
www.hondapeninsula.com

We All Ride

2636 S. Rodeo Gulch Road
Soquel, CA
www.weallride.com

Zoom Cycles in Santa Clara

3413 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA
www.zoomcycle.com



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Hollister Hills Off-Road Association – Application for Youth Ambassador

The H.H.O.R.A. Youth Ambassador represents the youth of the Hollister Hills Off-Road Association. In this position, the Youth Ambassador is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors that presents the youth interest of the H.H.O.R.A. at the monthly board meetings. It is also the responsibility of the Youth Ambassador, usually with the help of Mom/Dad and the rest of the organization, to plan and organize the annual Youth Ambassador Rummy Run.

This is a great opportunity for an enthusiastic young rider to learn responsibility and get involved with the organization by participating at a different level. If you are 12 through 16 years old, the Hollister Hills Off-Road Association wants YOU to apply for this position. Please fill out the application below, add a photo if you want, and send all responses to:

Hollister Hills Off-Road Association – 7726 Cienega Rd, Hollister, CA 95023

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

How long have you been riding dirt bikes/ATV? _____

How long have you been riding at Hollister Hills? _____

What kind of bike/ATV do you ride?_____

Why would you like to be the next Hollister Hills Off-Road Association Youth Ambassador?
(Attach additional sheets if needed)

The Wild Wabbit

By Ronnie D., HHORA Vice President

One early March morning, 26 little riders lined up the starting line to kick off the Wild Wabbit Event. This was the Parascramble class that allows young riders and beginners to try a little off-road fun under supervision of an adult.. The ground was damp and the clouds covered the course. Justin Aragaki took 1st place in the AVG1 class followed by Jonathon Reed, Baily Rosbach and Hanna Weitz. Glenda Kessinger rode to a class win in the Avg2 with future X Games contender Emma Weitz taking 2nd with professional Parascramle rider Conner Ghione finishing 3rd. Shawna Gurries held off Benjamin Reed to take the win in the AVG3. Levi Mansmith was crowned the winner in the AVG4 followed by Taylor Manning 2nd and another team Gurries Rider, Justin Gurries. The top age group rider was 1st place finisher Tina Carmo with Sarah Shelton taking 2nd.

Next in the day was the Main Event, which was full of action with some top racers in the country racing the wet and windy Wild Wabbit. In the 16 and up A class. Justin Bonita of Boulder Creek, currently leading the D-36 pro class and running 2nd in the AMA west National Hare Scrambles series representing Team G.O.T. took the overall win 8 minutes ahead of one of the top trials rider in the nation and the 2012 X Games 2nd place Enduro X racer Cody Webb (Beta). Tyler Brumit (KTM) finished only seconds behind Cody to take 3rd place with Troy Mumm a couple of seconds behind Tyler taking a well deserved 4th overall. The Senior A 40 plus class was conquered by Kurt Ashley. Kurt put the hammer down to take the win away from Paul Van Horsen with Nick Simon rounding out the top three. All three of these riders were riding KTM's.

The next group of future pros where lined up in the B1 class. The top three in this class could be called the Three Amigos. Michael Brumit (HON) took the win over his buddy's Nick DiNapoli (2nd) and Daniel Gonzales (3rd) both riding Yamaha's. Daniel put on a fantastic ride moving though the pack to catch up to Nick by

the end of the race within seconds. Newcomer to the B class was Hollister's own Jeremy Lohman finishing 6th in his first ever B race. Jeremy's brother Andy Guadlewicz grabbed the 1st place position in the B2 class riding a Kawasaki. Jimmy Carapinha took 2nd followed by Mike Monroe for 3rd.

Chris Berg was the only rider in the B3 class to make 4 laps, taking the win. 2nd place went to Bad Brad Rosbach (YAM) with 3rd going to Justin Heckman.

The B4 riders must have followed each other with the top 4 riders finishing in less than a minute of each other. First place went to Kurt Nicholson (KTM) with Chris Cowell taking 2nd place. 9 seconds behind Chris was Paul Brunelli and 4th place rider David Stanton on Paul's tailpipe.

The 50 and up gang is always fun to watch, with seasoned riders like Wes Brewer taking the win and doing back flips for the crowd. 2nd went to Dean Sullivan at the checker flag. Jeff Lind finished 3rd.

Kaylee Silverberg took 1st place in the B Women class aboard her RPM Mortgage/ Chris Kane Racing KTM. 2nd place went to Honda rider Danika Brunelli.

The third event of the day was the Youth division. By this time canopies where flying away and everything was wet and the power was off. Joseph Modena was having a great ride and powered his KTM to a 1st overall and took the win in the12-15 boys class followed by 2nd overall and winner of the 10-11 age group Lochlan Campbell out of the Sacramento area riding a Brockabilly KX. Sophia Nye also aboard a KX flew to the win in the girls division over 2nd place rider Jennelle Macedo.

The Support Race brought some clear skies and great conditions to the 60 racers on the line. The overall and C2 class win went to Cody James on his beautiful red, white and blue Yamaha. Cody won by only 3 second ahead 2nd place rider Joshua Dixon (HON). Nine seconds behind Joshua was another Honda, Matt Olson. Cody is now ready to move up to the B class. Congratulations!!!



Justin Bonita leads the Main Event during at the Wild Wabbit.

By DPO Photography

Rancho Cielo Youth Hit the Dirt

By: Michelle Armijo, Hollister Hills Park Staff



By Michelle Armijo

During the months of March, April and May on selected dates, Hollister Hills SVRA partnered with Rancho Cielo Youth Campus to provide an ATV and outdoor hiking experience for over 40 students. The goal was to provide a partnership that would inspire at risk youth with an opportunity to gain self-esteem and confidence while being exposed to two recreational opportunities. Partnerships such as these have the power to transform the lives of ‘at-risk’ youth and empower them to become competent and responsible citizens, accountable for their actions.

The students were broken down into two groups each session for half days full of fun recreational and educational adventures. One group was offered the opportunity to take an ATV “expose class” to the sport while the other group took a nature hike. The two groups would switch activities on the following day. The program provided participants the opportunities to learn about safe riding habits and riding etiquette as well as promoting lasting stewardship of the land. The intent was to foster an appreciation for the natural and cultural environment in the next generation of off-highway vehicle enthusiasts. These services and kinds of programs will provide the support and alternative activities needed to stem the rising rate of juvenile crime in the local surrounding area.

Hollister Hills SVRA Science Camp

By: Cheryl Ashton, Hollister Hills Park Staff

In March, Hollister Hills SVRA decided to meet the needs of the local community by putting on two, 2 day science camps. On May 17, 18, and then again on May 29, 30, Hollister Hills was very proud to have successfully completed two sets of sixth grade science camps. These camps were the first to OHV parks and were taught in the parks Nature Area and on the Hudner property. There were a hundred 6th grade students in each of the camps from the local Hollister community. The camps were very successful and couldn’t have been implemented without the support from park staff, volunteers and the teachers from each of the schools that put in several hours of their own time. Hollister Hills SVRA took great pride in this event because of its ability to reach out to under-served students from the local community and introduce them to an OHV park, a new kind of recreation and protection of resources.

During the day camps offered the students several hands-on outdoor lessons by participating in a circuit of science and art activities designed to engage them in the science among their natural surroundings. The camp was designed to increase the student's awareness of their local natural and cultural resources, OHV recreation, as well as resource protection. The lessons focused on water quality testing, macro invertebrates, GPS /compass orienting, invasive species and invasive plant removal. They learned about how the park manages OHV recreation and supports the OHV community by providing the public with a variety of environmentally friendly trails to ride on. Hollister Hills SVRA provided our local, diverse community with a high quality program found right in their own backyard.



By Michelle Armijo

Hollister Hills Employee Promotes to Ranger-Wins Award

By Jack Harper, Acting Superintendent

Not very often does an individual come along who shows us all what it means to be dedicated to State Parks. Through years of toil and sweat, day after day, she maintained the highest level of customer service, making others envious of her fortitude especially through very difficult park times. Even when she would run out of hours in State Service she would work for other park agencies to better herself, her eyes always on the goal.

It should make all of us here at Hollister Hills proud that this person did most of their sweat and (some) tears here at the park. It can only bring our spirits up when we know that one of our own was honored with the prestigious Whitehead award from CSPRA.

The James Whitehead Award is presented each year to a class cadet of Basic Visitor Services Training in recognition of outstanding achievement and overall performance in all program areas. The award was established by the California State Park Rangers Association as a perpetual tribute to a man whose philosophy and vision for parks inspired all who came into contact with him. Mr. Whitehead served California State Parks as a Ranger, Area Manager, Regional Director, and as a member of the California Park and Recreation Commission.

The staff at Hollister Hills is honored to give congratulations to Jenifer Grady who received the award June 7th at the graduation ceremony of her class BVST 36. Jen has worked at Hollister Hills for the past nine years, seven as a Park Aide and just over one year working for resources as an Environmental Services Intern.

I have worked with Jen in many difficult situations over the years. Even when she has the unpleasant task of having to turn away hundreds, if not thousands, of park users during the weekends when we are full she always found a way to help keep a smile on people’s faces. . I witnessed firsthand the fortitude, integrity and customer service she provides. It is not a surprise to me that she received the award. It is safe to say just like James Whitehead, Jen inspires all who come in contact with her. Congratulations Jen! Don’t forget Hollister Hills is the jewel of OHV.



You Can Support HHORA

The Hollister Hills Off Road Association is a cooperating association that supports Hollister Hills SVRA by providing funds for interpretation, education, and other park improvements. By donating to HHORA you can support your park through a tax deductible donation. HHORA is a 501c3 nonprofit. If you should have questions please contact Diana.hhora@yahoo.com. You can make a donation online at www.hhora.org.

HHORA would like to thank the following members for their generous donations:

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