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**The Fat Tire Fest is coming October 17th to Castaic Lake!** This photo from last year shows some of the people taking part in the Poker Ride. See the [story about the 2010 Fat Tire Fest](#).



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### **CORBA Introduces a Self-Serve Membership Portal**

CORBA has moved its member and contact management to a web-based system to give you online access to your account, membership renewal and e-News subscription choices, as well as event information and registration.

Please access your account today by visiting <http://membership.corbamtb.com> - there is no obligation. If your membership is overdue, please consider renewing. For your convenience, you may still renew via PayPal or mail if you prefer.

**Important... first-time login** – you will need to add/reset your password... For further details, read our [blog entry on the new membership system](#).

### **Rim of the Valley Corridor Public Meetings - Mountain Bikers Needed!**

The National Park Service is in the initial stages of conducting a *special resource study* of the area known as the “Rim of the Valley Corridor.” This is the area that generally includes the mountains encircling the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejo Valleys of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties in southern California. This is a study to determine how to manage this special resource for environmental and recreational purposes.

It is vitally important that mountain bikers are represented at these public hearings to ensure that we are included in the planning process. There are some individuals and groups who would rather see mountain bikers banned from trails in the study areas. We want to ensure multi-use designations throughout the trail systems.

Meetings are scheduled:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 14, 2010 7-9 p.m.</b>	<b>Mason Recreation Center</b> 10500 Mason Ave. Chatsworth, CA 91311
<b>Wednesday, Sept 15, 2010 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Los Angeles River Center and Gardens</b> 570 W. Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90065
<b>Tuesday, Sept 21, 2010 7-9 p.m.</b>	<b>George A. Carvalho Santa Clarita Sports Complex- Activities Center Building</b> 20880 Centre Pointe Parkway Santa Clarita, CA 91350
<b>Wednesday, Sept 22, 2010</b>	<b>Conejo Recreation and Parks District Community Room</b>

7-9 p.m.

403 W. Hillcrest Dr.  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

**Monday, Oct 4, 2010**

7-9 p.m.

**King Gillette Ranch**

26800 West Mulholland Highway  
Calabasas, CA 91302

**Tuesday, Oct 5, 2010**

7-9 p.m.

**Northeast Valley City Hall**

7747 Foothill Blvd.  
Tujunga, CA 91042

**Wednesday, Oct 6, 2010**

7-9 p.m.

**Charles S. Farnsworth Park**

Davies Building  
568 East Mount Curve Ave.  
Altadena, CA 91001

For more background and information, visit our [blog entry](#).

### **Take a Kid Mountain Biking - October 2nd**



On October 2nd, in conjunction with the [IMBA Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day](#), CORBA will be having a fun ride at [Malibu Creek State Park](#) at 9:00 am. This will be a ride followed by a barbecue. All ages are welcome! If the kids are too young to ride, feel free to bring a bike trailer or trail-a-bike and tow them along. These can be your own kids, nieces, nephews, friends kids, neighbor kids... **Kids must have their own**

**bikes and helmets.**

This year, Take a Kid Mountain Biking is sponsored by [REI](#) and we thank them for their contribution to our kids well-being!

For more details and registration, visit our [Take a Kid Mountain Biking](#) web page, or

**Register Today**



### **Fat Tire Fest 2010 Update - Castaic Lake on October 17th**

The annual Fat Tire Fest will be held at Castaic Lake again this year, on Sunday, October 17th. The [Fat Tire Fest](#) is an all-day event geared for the entire family, featuring a huge raffle, activities for all levels and ages of riders, catered lunch and more. This year's Festival aims to be our biggest ever. Activities range from the classic Poker Ride to a Hill Climb competition, Bike Limbo and Wheelie contests, Skills Clinic, Beginner and Advanced guided rides. NEW this year: special outdoor recreation clinics presented by REI! AND..... for the first time,



a cyclo-cross race produced by Back on Track Productions. There will also be a special area for kids to test their skills, guided rides and demo bikes featuring some of the industry's top mountain bikes.

Preregistration is now open! Registers before October 10 and receive 10 additional raffle tickets. Choose between riding the Poker Ride or participating in a cross race. Visit <http://corbamtb.com/FTF> for details and register [online at our new Membership and Event Portal](#).

Sponsors are lining up and include REI, Specialized and Cynergy Cycles, Mountain Bike Action and Bike magazines and more. If your company is interested in showcasing your products or services to a crowd of 500+ biking enthusiasts, check the Sponsors tab at <http://corbamtb.com/FTF>

If you are interested in helping us organize and run this event, you can [register online to volunteer!](#)

Stays tuned for more details, and see you at the Lake!

### **Ralphs Community Contribution Program Requires Reregistration**

For those of us who have linked our Ralphs Club Card to support CORBA, Ralphs **requires that we reregister on an annual basis**, on or after September 1st each year, so that they continue to contribute to CORBA. Please [register or reregister your Ralphs card](#) now, it will only take 30 seconds! To learn more about this program, see [these details](#).



**View our video of activities at last year's Fat Tire Fest!**

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## **Upcoming and Recent Trailwork**

### **September 4: Rogers Road in Topanga State Park**

We will be continuing the work we started in July to remove the overgrowth from the trail. This time we will start from the top, driving to the trailhead from the south end of Reseda Blvd, then riding or hiking in from there. You can ride there on your own, but let us know so we'll bring tools for you. CORBA will provide lunch afterwards. For more details and the meet time, visit our [calendar entry for this event](#).

### **September 18: Duekmajian Park in La Crescenta**

Duekmejian Park was in the Station Fire burn zone. The trails in the park were heavily damaged from the heavy storms in the months after the fire. As a result the park has been closed since the fire. Right now the efforts are on the main park trails. Such as Dunsmore Canyon and Le Mesnager loop. Some of the trails are being rerouted and some are being repaired. For more details and the meet time, visit our [calendar entry for this event](#).

### **October 16: Annual COSCA Trail Work Day and Lunch in Thousand Oaks**



Join CORBA, SMMTC, COSCA and other volunteer groups to work on the Conejo Open Space trails. There will be a thank you lunch after the work. This is a great event with many volunteers. If you hike or ride the trails in Thousand Oaks, I hope you'll come out and help maintain these trails! No prior experience is necessary; they'll provide the tools and instructions on how to use them. This annual Conejo Valley event draws a large crowd and as always helps to put some very sweet trails back into good shape. Be sure to stay afterwards for the free lunch and raffle.

This year we will be **working to build a new trail to complete a loop** between the [Santa Rosa Trail](#) above [Wildwood Park](#) and the Lower Santa Rosa Trail in the Santa Rosa Valley. This new trail will enable a great new loop from Wildwood Park.

Meet at the Conejo Community Center in Thousand Oaks (Botanical Garden Entrance off Gainsborough Road). Registration and board busses: 7:30-8:00 a.m. For more details, visit our [calendar entry for this event](#).

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## General News

### **Reminder: Sullivan Canyon Closed until November 12th**

Read our [blog entry](#) to get the full story.

### **CORBA Adopted Trail Damaged by Water Spill**

A power outage at a local water facility caused substantial damage to our COSCA ([Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency](#)) adopted trail – [Los Robles West](#) / Potrero trailhead section. On Saturday August 21st hundreds of gallons of water poured down this trail opening huge ruts and even damaging the parking lot. (See photo to right.)

COSCA is trying to find the responsible party so they can repair this damage. Until that happens, be aware of this damage and ride safely.

You can see a photo of the trailhead and water-induced rut in our [blog entry](#).

### **Inaugural Paramount Ranch Youth Adventures Ride**

The Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area's Paramount Ranch became a new location for CORBA's [Youth Adventures](#) program rides. The first ever ride at this location took place on Saturday, August 7th, 2010. If you have ever had a chance to visit Paramount Ranch then you already know the beautiful landscape that surrounds this area. The Youth Adventures program was created to share this beauty with inner city children. And what is a better way than taking them bike riding through the rolling hills and share the rich history of this place with them? See more, including photos, at our [blog entry](#).



## New on the CORBA Website

- [Ralphs Community Contribution Program Requires Reregistration](#) - September 1
- [CORBA Adopted Trail Damaged by Water Spill](#) - August 31
- [CORBA Introduces a Self-Serve Membership Portal](#) - August 31
- [Take a Kid Mountain biking event registration is now open.](#) - August 30. This year the event is sponsored by REI
- [Rogers Road Trail Maintenance on 9/4/10](#)
- [Calendar Now Shows Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council Trailwork Days](#) - August 30
- [Beware of Bees Near the New Millennium Trails in Calabasas](#) - August 30
- [CORBA's Fat Tire Fest is Around the Corner, on October 17](#)
- [Rim of the Valley Corridor Public Meetings – Mountain Bikers Needed!](#) - August 24
- [Help clear the brush from Rogers Road on Saturday Sept 4th](#)
- [Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa's 'Bike Summit' Summary](#) - August 16
- [Topanga State Park Meeting Summary](#) - August 14
- [Take a Kid Mountain Biking on Oct 2 registration is open](#) - August 12. This event is held annually in Malibu Creek State Park in conjunction with IMBA
- [Inaugural Youth Adventures ride at Paramount Ranch](#) - August 11
- [August Skills Clinic Photos](#)

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## Recreational Rides

For a list of upcoming recreational rides, please visit the [CORBA Calendar](#).

CORBA's [Recreational Rides calendar](#) provides a full monthly schedule of mountain bike rides for all skill levels. Mountain bike rides are organized by CORBA member clubs and led by experienced and knowledgeable guides. Recreational rides are a fun and social way to experience a variety of trails in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, and beyond.

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## Free Mountain Biking Skills Clinic

**Saturday September 4th is the next skills clinic.**

The CORBA free skills clinic is held on the first Saturday of every month at [Malibu Creek State Park](#).

Mountain biking is a lot like tennis or skiing. Just a few minor adjustments in

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technique can make a huge difference in your control and proficiency. If you want to get better faster, you need to know the fundamentals of mountain biking technique. Whether you're just getting into mountain biking or have been riding for years, you'll learn some valuable tips from our Introduction to Mountain Biking skills class that is offered each month. Check out our [Skills Clinic web page](#) for all the information. After the clinic, see photos of your new skills on the CORBA web site that you can share with your family and friends!

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## Follow CORBA on Twitter and Facebook

We have set up accounts with Twitter and Facebook to help keep people informed of the latest developments in our trail advocacy, recreational rides and trailwork days. Follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/CORBAmtb](https://twitter.com/CORBAmtb) and Facebook at [facebook.com/CORBAMTB](https://facebook.com/CORBAMTB).



## Support CORBA

Join or Renew your membership today on our [membership web page](#).

**Join Our Team!** Do you have any ideas about mountain biking recreation in the L.A. region? Would you like to apply your skills and manage projects that contribute to the sport and lifestyle that you love? Is there an advocate in you? We are recruiting motivated individuals who work well with others. Send an email to [info@corbamt.com](mailto:info@corbamt.com) or come to a monthly Members Meeting to find out more about what we do and how you can help. Check the [calendar](#) for the next meeting.

## Other simple ways to support CORBA

- [FRS Healthy Energy](#): Get a 25% discount and also help CORBA
- [JensonUSA](#): Shop for bikes, parts and accessories and help CORBA
- [Ralphs grocery stores](#): Use your Ralphs card and help CORBA
- [GoodSearch internet search](#): Search the internet and help CORBA
- [GoodShop online shopping](#): Shop at your favorite online retailers and help CORBA
- [Holmes Body Shop](#): Get that dent fixed and help CORBA

**(Click on the links above to get more details!)**

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