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Relaxing with a couple of cold ones before the barbeque dinner and camp-out after a previous Santa Monica Mountains Trails Days in Pt Mugu State Park (Sycamore Canyon). [See story](#).

[A Message from CORBA's President](#)

By Mark Langton

Los Robles Trail Update. We recently published a [blog entry](#) about a section of the [Los Robles Trail](#) in Thousand Oaks that is on private property. It seems that certain individuals have been doing more than crossing over the private dirt access road to connect to the trail

(unauthorized activities include straying from the path of travel and stopping traffic so that people in the group of trail users can cross unimpeded). As stated in the earlier story, trail users should only cross the road on their way to the other side to access the trail. Anything else is illegal and could jeopardize future access. But don't take my word for it, check out the signs that were recently installed (see photo).



This brings up an interesting point. Locals know the value of the Los Robles Trail, but perhaps those who use the trail who don't live in the area have less respect for signage and protocol. So first, I ask that everyone—locals and non-locals alike—respect the signage on the Los Robles Trail. Secondly, I challenge each and every CORBA member to take this concept to heart wherever you ride—pay attention to signage, and act as if your every action could impact access to the trails. Remember, your actions speak for the entire user group you represent, whether you're an equestrian, hiker, or mountain biker.

Happy Earth Day: Now Ride Your Bike to the Trails

As mountain bikers we understand and appreciate both the health aspects of riding our bikes, and the environmental benefits of a form of recreation that doesn't directly produce carbon emissions. For Earth Day, CORBA is happy to announce a new initiative that will take place during [Bike Month](#), May 2010. With the [Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition](#), and as a "recreational" adjunct to [Bike to Work Week](#), we'd like to see people ride their **bike to the trails**. Read more about [the Ride to the Trails initiative...](#)

CORBA's Temporary Home

Thanks to the [Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition](#), presenters of the upcoming [10th Annual River Ride](#), CORBA has a new temporary home. LACBC answered [our request for office space](#) and is sharing some of theirs in downtown Los Angeles with CORBA. Read [more about our new office space...](#)



Fat Tire Fest 2010 Update

We have made a short video highlighting some of the action of our Fat Tire Fest. This year's event will be on Sunday, October 17th at the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area. Here's [a link to the video](#) on YouTube.



Upcoming Trailwork

April 23-25: Santa Monica Mountains Trails Days

This is a weekend event with CORBA, SMMTC and other trail user groups with camping at Danielson Ranch in [Point Mugu State Park](#). You can come in Friday night and stay until Sunday or leave Saturday after trail maintenance. Some people just come in for Saturday. There will be a barbecue and raffle on Saturday evening.

The CORBA crew will be riding in to work on the Guadaluca and Wood Canyon Vista section of the Backbone Trail. Driving to the trailhead and hiking in is an option too. We will work on adding drainage to the trail as well as brush work!

There is a lot to do after this winter's heavy rains so come on out and lend a hand!

See this [PDF flier and registration form](#) for more information or contact Hans at trailcrew@corbamb.com

Why do Trailwork? If you've ever wondered this, take a look at [this article](#) in the Summer 2008 issue of Terra Times to learn more about why it's important. Visit the [CORBA Trail Crew page](#) for more information and links to photos of past events.

General News

Public hearing on plans for Rancho Potrero to take place April 27

The city of Thousand Oaks will have a public hearing on developing the Rancho Potrero area in Newbury Park at 6 p.m. Tues., April 27 in the City Council chambers at the T.O. Civic Arts Plaza. The public is invited to speak at the hearing. Read more about [the meeting and the plans for the Rancho Potrero Open Space...](#)

Red-Flag Protocols Are Changed to Reflect Local Conditions

The National Weather Service will significantly change the way forecasters issue red-flag fire warnings, which could mean fewer such alerts for fire-prone areas from Santa Barbara to San Diego. Read the [full story about red-flag protocol changes...](#)

Topanga State Park General Plan Meeting May 11

Be a part of Topanga State Park's future by attending a workshop on May 11, 2010 at Stewart Hall, Temescal Canyon Gateway Park in Pacific Palisades. The California Dept. of Parks and Recreation is preparing a General Plan and an environmental impact report on the potential impacts that the Plan may cause. For more information, read our [blog entry on the Topanga State Park meeting...](#)

Amgen Tour of California Concludes May 23 in the Conejo Valley

The Amgen Tour of California, a breathtaking 8-day cycling event covering California from north to south, is staging the final leg of its race in the Conejo Valley. Similar to the Tour de France, the Amgen Tour of California is known as the "greatest professional cycling event in North America." Read all about [the route of the last leg of the Tour of California...](#)

Hundreds of pot plants and seeds seized in Malibu Creek State Park

CORBA reminds open space users that if you notice suspicious activity, **do not approach the area!** Pot growers and others could be armed, as one of the men in this story was. Instead, report your suspicions to a park ranger or other peace officer and let them investigate further. Read the [brief story on a marijuana farm in Malibu Creek State Park...](#)

Youth Adventures ride at Cheeseboro Canyon

On April 3, with help from [Mountain Bike Unit](#) volunteers, CORBA hosted a [Youth Adventures](#) program ride at [Cheeseboro Canyon](#) in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation area. A group of teenage boys from El Monte California had a chance to ride famous “Cheeseboro challenge” hill. People say that a picture is worth a thousand words. How true! Just look how much fun they had! Read the rest of the story [in our blog entry...](#)



San Gabriel Watershed Study Comments Released

In [September 2009](#) CORBA representatives attended a series of public hearings on the [San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resources Study](#). During those public meetings the NPS outlined possible ways of improving the management of the San Gabriel watershed, as mandated by Congress. The National Park Service has released their [Draft Alternative Concepts Public Outreach Results](#), including comments sent by CORBA and our members and supporters. read [the full story in our blog entry](#).

New on the CORBA Website

- [Happy Earth Day: Now Ride Your Bike to the Trails](#) - April 22
- [Public hearing on plans for Rancho Potrero to take place April 27](#)
- [San Gabriel Watershed Study Comments Released](#) - April 21
- [CORBA's Temporary Home](#) - April 21
- [Topanga State Park General Plan Meeting May 11](#)
- [Red-Flag Protocols Are Changed to Reflect Local Conditions](#) - April 19
- [Amgen Tour of California Ends May 23 in the Conejo Valley](#)
- [Pot plants, seeds seized in Malibu Creek State Park](#) - April 15
- [State Trail Day in the Angeles Forest on April 17](#)
- [Mountain Biking Setback in Montana](#) - April 12
- [Youth Adventures Ride at Cheeseboro Canyon](#) - April 8
- [April Skills Clinic Photos](#)
- [Arroyo Seco Assessment of Health](#) - April 4
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Recreational Rides

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

Free Mountain Biking Skills Clinic

Saturday May 1st 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 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!



Follow CORBA on Twitter

We have set up an account with Twitter 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.



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@corbamb.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
- [Albertsons' grocery stores](#): Use you Albertsons' 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
- [Phones For Good](#): Help CORBA when you get your next cell phone
- [Holmes Body Shop](#): Get that dent fixed and help CORBA

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