

PRAIRIE CITY SVRA NEWSLETTER

TAILING TRIBUNE

SUMMER 2012



Every spring, for the last 44 years, the Dirt Diggers North Motorcycle Club presents the Hangtown Motocross Classic. Over the years they have added many partners including countless volunteers, the American Motorcycle Association (AMA) District 36, and, since 1989, California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division. Collectively, these partners have come together to host the Hangtown Motocross Classic at Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) in Rancho Cordova, California. The race is unique among the AMA Championship Series. It is the longest-running motocross national, it is the only race presented by a motorcycle club, and it is the only race in the series that takes place in a state park.



The Dirt Diggers Motorcycle North Club organizes and manages the event that has grown from a few hundred spectators to over 25,000. The Dirt Diggers are a non-profit organization composed of 34 devoted volunteer members that work hundreds of hours each year to make this race happen. The Club transforms the track into a national caliber racing facility.



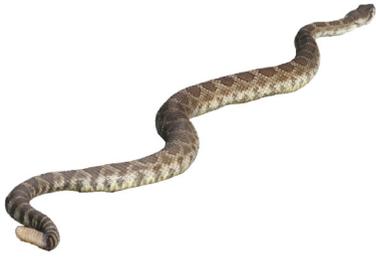
The Dirt Diggers cannot do it all by themselves. Prairie City SVRA staff plays an integral role in the success of this event. Additionally, there are many volunteer organizations that donate several thousand hours of their time to this event. They perform services ranging from emergency medical response to recycling of materials, and outreach. Last year over \$25,000 in proceeds collected at the Hangtown Motocross Classic were donated to local school programs and some important and worthy organizations.



The Hangtown Motocross Classic event provides a unique and invaluable opportunity for Prairie City SVRA staff and the OHMVR Program to promote education, safety, sustainability, collaboration, and responsible resource and land management ethics. Prairie City SVRA staff is able to accomplish this by providing an information booth at the event. Various interpretation and education materials are distributed to thousands of visitors. In addition, there are fun activities for kids and opportunities for visitors to ask questions and talk to staff about the park, its services and amenities, resource protection programs, and much more. By taking a proactive and dynamic approach in the preservation and protection of our natural and cultural resources, the OHMVR Division will remain at the forefront of leadership in OHV recreation.



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Rattlesnakes

We have had several rattlesnake sightings at Prairie City SVRA this year. Rattlesnakes generally are not aggressive. They will strike whether they feel threatened or are deliberately provoked. However, if you give them room they will retreat. Most people are bitten when they try to handle a rattlesnake or accidentally touch one when walking or climbing. The majority of snakebites occur on the hands, feet and ankles.

According to the Department of Fish and Game "Most bites occur between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors. About 25 percent of the bites are "dry," meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment."

Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they also provide us with a tremendous service. Rattlesnakes eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators.

Fear of rattlesnakes should not keep you from venturing outdoors, but there are precautions that can be taken to lessen the chance of being bitten.



Rentals

Mud Mart offers ATV and Side by Side rentals.

Can-Am Renegade ATV rates.

Weekday:

Four Hours \$100

Eight Hours \$130

Weekend:

Four Hours \$130

Eight Hours \$170

Can-Am Commander Side by Side rates.

Weekday:

Four Hours \$100

Eight Hours \$150

Weekend:

Four Hours \$150

Eight Hours \$225

Hourly rates are also available. Visit Mud Mart or call (916)878-6165 for more information.



Upcoming Events

August

- 4 NORCAL Rock Racing
- 22 Mt. Bike Race Series
- 26 All-Star Karting
- 29 Mt. Bike Race Series

September

- 5 Mt. Bike Race Series
- 8 AQMA Club Race
- 8 DTX Night Race
- 8-9 Supermoto USA Dirt Race
- 12 Mt. Bike Race
- 15 Bigtime Speedway
- 16 AQMA Club Race
- 22 AQMA Club Race
- 22 3rd Annual Enduro X
- 23 All-Star Karting
- 29 NORCAL Rock Racing

October

- 14 Visitor Appreciation Day

