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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CHAPTER

DATE: Tuesday, 18 May 2004

SPEAKER: Robin T. Harrison, P.E.
Harrison Wolf Consulting, Claremont, CA

TOPIC: Off-Road Vehicle Noise Control

Rob will talk on noise control for off-road vehicles. He will be accompanied by his partner, Chris Real. They will open the talk with an introduction to the various types of ORV's, then talk a bit about the problems each type faces, and causes. Various methods of ORV sound measurement will be briefly discussed, and then the approach being taken by various jurisdictions to control the problem will be introduced. Both Rob and Chris are very active in the State of California's ORV noise control program, which leads the nation (what would you expect?) The politics of ORV noise control will be carefully broached. The talk is illustrated with slides of the great outdoors (of unsurpassed artistry), of noise tests being conducted, and even a slide or two of amusing ORV antics. Come prepared with embarrassing questions.

Robin T. Harrison, P.E. served thirty years with the US Forest Service, more or less in charge of their acoustics effort. Worked with such luminaries as Sandy Fidell, Dick Horonjeff, Matt Sneddon, Nick Harris, on characterizing the REAL sound environment in the wilderness (surprisingly loud), the effect of noise on wildlife (none), and the effect of aircraft overflights in Grand Canyon National Park (has an effect only on park employees, paid professional listeners, and politicians). Author of the universally reviled SAE J1287 motorcycle noise screening method, and the almost as universally despised 2567 for snowmobiles. Graduate of Oregon State College, 1963, Mechanical Engineering. Certificate in Flight Test Engineering, U. of Tennessee, 1986. Registered in Safety Engineering, and Agricultural engineering. J.D. U. of Laverne, 1978. President of a prosperous consulting firm known in underground circles as "The Quadrilateral Commission." One-time professional expert motorcycle racer. World-famous low-level (both figuratively and actually) airshow pilot.

TIME:

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Coffee and refreshments
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Meeting
8:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Coffee and discussion

PLACE: Veterans Administration Medical Center
Room 6400 (6th floor)
Wilshire and Sawtelle Boulevards (near 405 freeway)

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