Oriflamme Canyon and Apple Pie Run Report

Moderate Run

Run Dates: March 23, 2019

Trail Leader: Rick Walter and Brigitte Moore

Eight guests and 19 members attending 16 off road vehicles counting one Lexus

Everyone found the Vons Center off Indian Truck Trail and by 9-ish we were off. The drive down went South on I-15 so everyone got to view the 'Super Bloom" and we were through before the Interstate turned into a parking lot. The drive through Temecula to the Pinyon Mountain area was a nice pretty traffic free drive. We drove past the Stagecoach RV camp area, the Pinyon Mountain trail to 'the squeeze' and the Blair Valley camping area.

At the Oriflamme Canyon trail head, we aired down and allowed a group of 16 VW Meyers Max buggies by thinking we'd never see them again….so you can imagine about 3 miles up the canyon all 16 were stopped on the trail with no bypass available. Seems one of the cuter yellow buggies had broken down which by the way they talked was par for the course. They pulled off the trail and asked for a tow to the next wide spot at the Rodriguez Canyon turnoff. We got regrouped and we continued up Oriflamme Canyon Trail thinking that should be the last we see any more of those little modified buggies. Wrong again, at one of the narrower two track (most all the trail was two track) we met another 25 or so more of those little annoying buggies which turned the rating from a moderate to moderate plus in trying to pass on the narrow two track. Interesting.

Well, wouldn't you know, we ran into more of those damn buggies, seems the little turds were having some sort of bug orgy convention, they were everywhere!!! The trail did have a little mud puddle that Madison tried to get stuck in but our president was not liking the thought of a cow bell and got her through, too bad, maybe next time Madison.

Top of the mountain, regrouped and off to Julian for lunch by about 2 and everyone enjoyed lunch with pies – main mission accomplished!!   Did a little shopping and brought a few pies to take home…..