Lockwood-Miller Jeep Trail Run September 25, 2021

Thanks to all the members and guests who showed up for the Lockwood-Miller Jeep Trail Run on September 25th:

- Members: Ray and Karen, Bill and Donna, Mike and Nancy, Pete, Randy, Edward, Doug and Mark, Nick, Mark and Darlene, Alan and Ryan, and myself and Linda.
- Guests: Curt and Ryan, Bruce and Annalene, and Ryan.
- 14 well-equipped Jeeps.

We reached the first obstacle at the first climb of Lockwood with some trying it out and others taking the bypass. Edward was in the middle of the obstacle when his tube slider began to bend up into the vehicle body causing the need for him to winch the jeep forward. After the winch job, he noticed that the tube slider had bent into the rear tire causing the need for the tube slider to be removed. Edward mentioned afterwards that he had a new rock slider waiting at home to be installed.

We found a nice place to eat lunch just before reaching Miller Jeep Trail. During lunch Mark and Darlene discovered they had a broken mounting bracket on the shock. Mark removed the shock to reach the bracket and luckily, Ryan (guest), had a small welding machine on board and welded the bracket back together. Thank you, Ryan.

After lunch we headed on Miller Jeep Trail, our last leg of the Run. We climbed up Alamo Mountain slow and easy with no further problems. Reaching the top, there was a nice forestry road to exit to Hungry Valley State Vehicle Recreation area where we aired-up and everyone was headed home by 6:00 pm.

At the beginning of the day the air was smokey from the northern fires, but as time passed the atmosphere cleared and the weather reached low 80s, making for a nice pleasant afternoon and a great Run.

Danny Ward