

Run report

Calico 12/4/2022



Run leader: Ron Webber

Number of rigs: 11

Ray was really hoping to unload his cowbell, but no such luck, Ray is still the proud owner of a cowbell.

The weather was perfect.

Frank Gilliland from South Bay Truck had 12 friends and customers That fell in behind the Dirt Devils. They had a few problems, all made it home safe and sound.

Starting on Friday Randy, Dave, Trish and Ron explored the area between Fort Irwin and Calico. There may be future opportunities. I also want to find an easier trail to the top of Wall Street look over.

On Saturday morning, we assembled outside the entrance to Calico. By 9am we were hitting the trail. We went up Duran which has lots of rocky steps up to the main water fall which has been filled in with 3 or 4 feet of rocks, which does make it easier. Ron and Dave ran Danny Delp's extra credit. Unlike Danny we made it through without breaking.

Lunch and a great view of the rocky mountains was enjoyed at Bismarck mine.

After lunch we headed over to Odessa. Pucker Pass now has a less scary bypass, but difficult. With good spotting we all made it through. A few had minor scratches and scrapes in the narrow slot canyon. We were making good time until we had to pull over and let 30 rigs pass us going up. The 2<sup>nd</sup> to last fella was in a newer shiny Toyota 4 runner. He had no lockers and his friend were yanking him over the difficult obstacles. The Odessa waterfall is now about 4 foot high. Going down is not as difficult as going up, but you do need to touch the throttle a bit to avoid rolling over.

Emi and my son in law Tom whipped up spaghetti, Italian sausage and salad for those that were not in a hurry to get home.

As a side note my kids and their families came up and camped in their camp trailers with their kids, they visited Calico ghost town and said it was great.

See you on the trail.