

Bailey Canyon Trip Report
June 24 2023

Run Leader: Harry Long

Tail gunner: Tom Burke

Roster:

Members

Tom Burke
Greg Mudd
Harry Long
Terry Puckett

Guests

Juanita and Roger Johnson
Robert and Salley Bartlett
Ron Danly
Jeff, Trent, and Tom Preston

Bailey Canyon Road is an easy scenic route from Devore up to Silverwood Lake. However, this trip had its share of hiccups. We all began at McDonald's off the 15 highway at Sierra.

Traffic was encountered on the short hop over to the trailhead. What should have taken 12 minutes, took over 20 minutes. Well can't predict traffic. We got aired down and held our driver meeting and hit the trail.

Except, **Trail Conditions** at the beginning of our journey, the road had been recently graded and a stanced Honda could handle the terrain. (I'm thinking this is going to be a boring day!). Three miles in the road was unmaintained and overgrown, major overgrown. It was interference fit through a tunnel of brush. We will be buffing out scratches in the near future.

Comms problems followed as we experienced lots of traffic on our chosen frequency. We QSY'd Form Dirt Devils Prime to Dirt Devils 1 and continued. The aforementioned tunnel of brush took out my Ham Antenna & I got off of DD-1 for bit.

Navigational faux pas... I sent us down and offshoot the forced us all to do multipoint U turns to return to the prescribed route. In my defense there were a lot of options here!



Lunch was planned at a nice campground, but the sites were all full, and we dined in the parking lot.

After lunch guests Juanita and Robert opted to head out on pavement as they had afternoon commitments.

Cowbell!? Greg Mudd got all little too close to the soft shoulder on a section of shelf road and slid off to a precarious angle. A successful recovery effort was led by Tom Burke. It was a bit tense but teamwork by all and courageous driving by Greg got him back on terra firma.

Smooth sailing the rest of the was down the mountain where we aired back up and reflected on the day.