

Mohave Road Run Report

April 20-23

Greg and I led a group of 9 vehicles on Mohave Road this weekend. 4 member vehicles, 5 guests.

There were 2 road closures on the trail 1) Just past Ft Piute 2) Soda Lake bed.

4/20 - Group left SoCal for the Avi Hotel in Laughlin. Small group met for dinner at 8pm, with others arriving later.

4/21 - Group rallied at 9am at the Avi gas station, and we held driver meeting at 9:45. Safety items were reviewed and group departed for the trail about 10:15 after some discussion.

First stop was fort Piute, where the group had lunch and explored the site and the adjacent area.

At the start of the trail, just past Fort Piute, there was the first road closure which required a 10-12 mile detour. On this detour, we encountered the only mechanical issue of the trip when one member's offroad trailer encountered a broken upper airbag mount. This resulted in the suspension collapsing and the trailer could no longer be towed. After removing the wheel, a plan was devised to brace 2x6 lumber (thanks Greg) between the axle and frame and then strap the axle solid to the frame. This repair took about an hour and then the group got back on the trail, albeit more slowly.

The group continued on through the detour, and just before hitting Penny Tree it was agreed to find a suitable campsite due to the unlikeliness of making it to the scheduled campsite at a good time. We happened across a good site and set up camp. After an enjoyable dinner and campfire discussions, the group settled in for the evening.

4/22 - Saturday morning, the group departed camp at about 10:15, stopping quickly at Penny Tree. We then visited the Indian Petroglyphs/Ancient Well and had lunch at the site. We then departed for the Rock House and stopped quickly to explore. We continued on our way to our choice campsite in Black Tank Wash Canyon, where we discovered the sites to be full. We backtracked some distance and found a suitable site and set up camp. Again, dinner and campfire stories before heading to bed.

4/23 - Sunday morning the group left camp at 9am, and backtracked to visit the Lava Tubes site, where everyone enjoyed and took plenty of photos. We then proceeded up to Aiken Mine, where everyone explored the site. Due to the closure of Soda Lake, it was time to exit the trail. The group departed the Mine at about 11:00, heading south to Kelbaker Rd and pavement. Once we hit pavement, we aired up and left for Baker, where we had lunch, fueled up, and said our goodbyes.

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