Red Canyon Run Report Feb 18, 2023 Run Leader: Bill Schopper Tailgunner: Danny and Linda Ward

Joining us were 9 Jeeps, 1 late cancellation. 11 members and 4 guests.

Bill and Donna, Danny and Linda, Ray and Karen, Randy, Maurice and Andrew, Katy and cousin Deb (came all the way from Australia just to do this run!). Jim, Sunil, Gus and Mellisa

Thank you all for a great day!

The weather was a fantastic day in the desert! Flowers in bloom.....

We started at the "Red Canyon Jeep Trailhead" and aired down our tires. Then we proceeded on a 12 mile drive to "Red Canyon" on the jeep trail. Once we reached "Red Canyon" we encountered oncoming traffic, 2 Jeeps and a really nice 1978 Ford 4x4 pickup. We did not encounter any more traffic on the trail!

Next we headed to "Pinnacles Canyon." A narrow canyon with towering walls. After the canyon we climbed out and crossed along the top and back down to the wash where we encountered our first rock obstacle. 1 took the bypass on the right, a few took the center option and the rest to the left option. This obstacle was more difficult than previous years due to rain washing out the trail exposing more rocks. I got a few new scratches and dings on my Jeep!

We continued on to the next few obstacles, rocky ledges and boulders, everyone did great!

We stopped for lunch and had some good camaraderie! We turned around and did the same trail backwards, just as fun and challenging.

Back in "Red Canyon" we headed over to the "Patty Hearst Trailer" (yes there is such a thing). A fun and hilly trail with steep climbs and descents. After that we headed out, we passed under the "Eagle Mountain Railroad" trestle and headed to the North Shore near Salton Sea to air up our Jeeps to head home!

Vehicles got hung up, but were able to free themselves! No cowbells, sorry Ray! You get to keep yours.