

Bailey Canyon Trip Report
April 27th 2024

Run Leader: Harry Long
Mid gunner: Mark Chadwick
Tail gunner: Todd Gallagher
Vehicles: 15 = 12 Wrangler + 2 Cherokee + 1 Toyota Tacoma

Roster: 28 people!

Members

Harry Long
Mark Chadwick
Ed Terwilliger
Al Ramsden
Mike Ramsden

Guests

Pam Long
Darlene Chadwick
Bob Alaska
Rod Abbot
Chris Clark
Pat & Bobette Hagedorn
Ryan Farnes
Todd & Bryne Vander Ham

Brad & Nancy Barras
Ryan Humbach
Randy & Bryan Tribolet
Andrew & Khloe Johnstone
Roxanne Sellarez
Adrian Sobrero
Todd Gallagher & Alma Nunez
Chris & Cecilia Breceda

Bailey Canyon Road is an easy scenic route from Devore up to Silverwood Lake but was not without some drama. We all began at McDonald's off Highway 15 at the Sierra offramp.

Made a short hop over to the trailhead where we got aired down and held our driver meeting and hit the trail.

Trail Conditions were good until we came to a portion of the road that was unmaintained and overgrown, it was often an interference fit through a tunnel of brush. We will be buffing out our "Pinstriping" soon.

Mechanical problems ensued for Al & Mike Ramsden as their TJ Wrangler decided it needed a break! It just shutdown early in the day. They checked for fuel and spark, positive for both, previous similar event the jeep recovered after a brief nap, not so this time. Guest Chris Breceda came over with his trusty OBD II reader and read the code and reset. TJ starts back up. Al and Mike retired from the ride and headed back down the hill for home.

Comms problems followed as the aforementioned tunnel of brush took out my Ham Antenna causing a brief stop for re-assembly. Late in the run we experienced lots of CW (Morse Code) traffic on our chosen frequency. I saw when we got home the Saturday 04/27/24 National Morse Code Day!

Navigational faux pas... I sent several us down a powerline road that forced four of us to do multipoint U turns to return to the prescribed route. General chaos ensued on the comms till clear direction became known. Thanks to guest Todd V. "Gigga T" for catching the error and getting us back on track.

Lunch was enjoyed at a wide spot along 2N59 overlooking Silverwood Lake. After lunch guests Ryan Humbach & Rendy Tribolet opted to head out on pavement as they had afternoon commitments.

Smooth sailing the rest of the way with a nice twisty rocky climb up 2N45 then back down on 2N45 to where we aired back up and reflected on the day.