

**Pioneertown to Big Bear Trip Report**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Run Leader:** Harry Long

**Tail gunner:** Gregg Mudd    **Mid Gunner:** Ray Kleinhuizen

**Vehicles:**        **13 = 8 Wranglers + 3 Broncos + 1 Gladiator + 1 Ranger**

**Roster: 17 people**

**Members**

Harry Long  
Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen  
Danny & Linda Ward  
Tom Burke  
Greg Mudd

**Guests**

Tom Preston	Tom Lorenz
Steve Babyak & Nicole	Tom Harnett
Will Thoms	Joy Cubbik
Mike Freise	Chris Groves
Gerhard Liebel	Joe & Kelly Churilla

***Burns Canyon Road (2N02)*** is an easy scenic route from Pioneer Town up to the Big Bear Lake area. We added in a few Moderate-to-Difficult sections to spice things up a bit. We all began at Union 76 off Highway 62 in Yucca Valley and held our driver meeting. Busy Spot, High Desert 4 wheelers meeting up for their own run.

Made a short hop over to the trailhead in Rimrock where we got aired down and hit the trail.

***Trail Conditions*** –The trails were awesome for our run on the flat and easy 2N04 Burns Canyon, 2N61Y Round Valley rutted and eroded earning its black diamond for a ½ mile stretch of rock garden. The final stretch through Bally Horse 2N04 was scenic and rocky most the way, easier than the Moderate rating it carries.

***Challenges*** were met midway through Round Valley 2N61Y. We encountered head-on traffic from two large groups of wheelers. We counted eleven (11) in each group. Creative off-road parking enabled use to pass. At the rock garden, the first few jeeps went up the difficult line to the right then we had some courageous souls that opted for the bonus line to the left. Danny Ward and Tom Harnett went for the bonus line and made it look easy. Recent rains have eroded the dirt and basically more of the boulders are exposed. We all engaged our skid plates and rock rails. All rigs made it safely through.

***Cowbell/ Not a Cowbell*** - One of our guests Tom L. with a manual transmission TJ had starter issues. Danny hooked him up and gave him a pull start (Push Start?) He ran flawlessly the balance of the run.

***Navigational faux pas...*** just sayin, a missed a couple of turns but recovered quickly.

***Lunch*** was enjoyed at a shady wide spot along Broom Flats 2N09 with a view to Tip Top Mountain.

Smooth sailing (relatively) the rest of the way with a nice twisty rocky descent down 2N04 to Highway 38 to where we aired back up and reflected on our day.