

Anza Borrego Night Run

Karen and I headed out around 4:30 to meet up with the rest of the run members, all where there by the time we arrived at 5:30 pm. We had a quick meet and greet before heading south to the trail head.

We took the I-15 south and stopped at the Costco off Winchester Trail to top off fuel.

We all decided to grab a bite to eat before heading south again, great time to get to know new members.

We arrived at the trailhead around 9:30PM, we all aired down and had our drivers meeting at the trailhead, where I asked everyone to look up, and just see the sky, so clear out there. The temps where in the mid 80's that night and at times low 70's, so basically perfect.

We talked about use of the lightbars and spots, and how others will be out on the trail all not long, that the State Park "WILL" sight you if you run in the state park with them on, just a reminder it's a \$250 citation.

There was a full moon that night, so we had great visibility all night. We travel to the Mud Caves as our first stop, we explored the cave walking about a half mile into it. The cave was a lot cooler in than usual because of the lower temps outside, but still in the 70's. No Bats where in the cave that we could see.

We walked all the way back to what used to be a massive cavern some years ago and now is fully exposed to the sky.

We traveled on to our turn to El Diablo Drop-Off, we all took a break and at the top checking out the drop-off before heading down. Once down we continued through the narrow canyon on to wash and down the trail past more mud caves and campers. There weren't as may folks out this night, usually there are quite a few folks out. We did run in to a few more clubs that where also on night runs and we stopped for a quick chat with them before moving on to Camp.

We all pulled in to camp around 2:00 and climbed in to our jeeps for the night, up by 0600 and we all head out from there.

Small Group but still good times.