

Stoddard Valley OHV Area Run Report

Easy Day run and Moderate Night run

Run Dates: Saturday – March 9 2019

Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen

Members that attended:

Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen

Danny & Linda Ward

Bill Schopper

Roy Flansburg

Roger Mauer

Jay & Shawna VanWormer

Rick VanDuyn

My Akevalo

Aaron Woolbert

Rochel Woolbert

Guests:

Austin Vierthaw

Saturday day run:

Karen and I arrived the day before the run and quickly noticed some sections of our trail were crossing a marked race course. We soon found out Huntington Beach Motorcycle Club (HBMC) had races scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. We had to do some rerouting around the Devils Loop trail gatekeeper section. The HBMC race officials gave us a map of there three courses and kept in contact with us on the HAM radio all day.

On Saturday we had 12 Jeeps. Eleven club member Jeeps and one guest. The morning was sunny with temperature in the low 50's with 10 to 15 mph winds. We started the run with an easy hill climb to a view spot of the Lenwood area. The cold wind made this a quick stop.



After a short way in the Lenwood wash we did some play time on some steep small hills to warm up the four-wheel low gears. A little more time in the wash to Stoddard Wells Rd. We then proceeded south east through the hills north of Watkins Peak. We had two optional sections that had very steep hill descents. Everyone did the optional sections without issues.

We had to skip our plan to go through the Devils Loop gatekeeper. HBMC was using that section on one of their race courses. We were safe using a spotter to get past the race course. We did a small section of the Devils Loop with an optional moderate rocky section. I think we had one or two skip the rocky part.

We had lunch in the same spot the club uses during HDR. Right after lunch we had an optional difficult 5-foot rock waterfall to climb. All that tried the waterfall made it. Some required more than one attempt. Everyone gets more focused when the possibility of earning a cowbell is more likely!



After a fun ride through the hills north of the sidewinder hills. We crossed Stoddard Wells road again and entered a small wash. There was a short optional rocky section and a optional steep hill climb that's part of the Achy Breaky trail. A few more hills, back in the wash and we soon were back at the meet spot.

Night run:

We had 6 Jeeps on the moderate night run. The night route took the Lenwood wash to Stoddard Wells rd., then south to the back door to the Devils Loop. This route takes us up a small waterfall and through a rocky canyon. We then proceeded through a squeeze and several more rocky canyons.

We finished up the run with a hill top route north out of the hills, then east through some small hills and canyons to Stoddard Wells Rd, and back down the wash to the meet spot.

Overall a fun run with a great group of folks. Thanks to all who attended.