

Run Report Bishop

Club members in attendance:

Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen
Danny and Linda Ward.
Bill and Donna Schopper
Rachel Woolbert
Aaron Woolbert and Corri Vega
Richard Van Duyn and Melani Van Duyn
Terry Pucket
Tim Thomas

Guests

Maurice and Andrew Cote
Chris Campbell
Nicole Castellanos
Lance Howard



Saturday July 18:

The run starts with Old White Mountain Rd followed by a drive up to 11k altitude to visit the Patriarch Grove of Bristlecone Pines. We finish the run going down Silver Canyon to Bishop.



Old White Mountain road is a moderate trail that starts at Hwy 168 and ends near the Grandview campground. The first optional difficult section is tight and rocky. Drivers need to climb the wall a little to make it through. Everyone who tried it made it through. A few needed more than one try. The second optional difficult section is a steep rocky waterfall to climb. Some drivers needed multiple try's but all that tried made it through.



Near the end of White Mountain Rd. Chris Campbell reported a loud pop coming from under his hood. After checking hoses and air connections we found the battery cap was off. The battery looked fine but would not start the Jeep. We tried my Micro Start with boost still no luck. We used a rope to pull Chris to the entrance of Grandview Campground. No cowbell, Chris is a guest. After working with the auto club to get a tow for the Jeep. Chris, Nicole and their dog needed a ride.

That's when the HERO of the day, Maurice Cote, volunteered to help. Maurice went down to Bishop to get his truck came back to pick up Chris, Nicole and dog. The Auto club would only take the vehicle because of COVID. Thank you so much Maurice.

After lunch, we drove over to the Patriarch Grove. This is the home of the oldest and largest Bristlecone Pines. There's a short guided trail that a few people walked. The trees really like the high altitude at 11326 ft. per GPS.

We made our final stop of the day at the top of Silver Canyon at 10090 ft. per GPS. We had a fairly clear view of the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains and Bishop down in the Owens Valley. Silver Canyon is very steep with lots of tight switchbacks and big rocks in a few spots. Time to use your low gears to keep your speed under control. There are several water crossings at the bottom of Silver Canyon. I think a few people got carried away in the last few water crossings.

We had a fun pizza meetup in the Bishop City Park Saturday after the run. This is when we found out Chris put a new battery in his Jeep but it still would not start. Chris had a plan for getting the Jeep home but there's more to the story later.

Sunday July 19:

When I arrived at the meet spot the last person I expected to see was Chris; but there he was. After reading the error codes and trying some things that did not work. Chris reseated a fuse that didn't look right and it started. Chris, Nicole and the dog were with us all day Sunday.

This day was in the Volcanic Tablelands northwest of Bishop. These trails are more about points of interest than hard wheeling. We did have a steep hill climb and a steep rocky downhill.



The first three stops were Petroglyph sites. Some of these Petroglyph's are carved deep into rock which is very unique. Next was a slow ride through Red Rock Canyon. This is a narrow canyon with large unusual looking red rocks. We had a problem with the HAM

radio's on the DD1 frequency. We fixed the problem by switching to DD2.



After lunch we stopped at a high altitude view spot overlooking Lake Crowley and Mammoth Mountain. The last stop was at a very good view overlooking the Owens River Gorge. Not the Grand Canyon but pretty cool.

A special thanks to Danny & Linda Ward and Bill & Donna Schopper for all there help and support conducting this run. Overall a great trip with a good group of members and guests.