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Dirt Devils Moab 2021 Run Report

4/3/21 (Saturday) Travel Day

The group met at Zito's and departed about 9:30. We had a total of 5 vehicles, 3 of which were trailering their jeeps (Mike W, Alan, and James) – with Rob G and Rob W driving. Did a quick adjustment on James' jeep on the trailer and the group departed.

Trip was uneventful with multiple stops for food and fuel, with the only issue being a blown out trailer tire on Mike's trailer just before the Utah border. The group made quick work of changing the tire and we continued on. Only other incident was a very angry truck driver who nearly rear-ended Rob W since he wasn't paying attention.

The scheduled stop for Saturday night was in Cedar City, at the Willow Glen Resort, owned by a former DD member Brad Lark, a great place to stay if you're traveling thru (714-336-9689) . We had a wonderful evening by the fire, enjoying adult beverages and pizza.

4/4/21 (Sunday) Fins n Things

The group departed at about 10:45 after a filling breakfast prepared by the inn owners, and arrived in Moab about 4:30 PM and checked into the condos. Everyone prepared their jeeps for the planned evening event, a night run on Fins n Things led by Robert G. We were joined by Dave and Trish and Nick, bringing the vehicle count to 7. The group met at the scheduled time of 6:00 and left for the trailhead. After a quick airdown, we proceeded to the trail. Fairly quickly, we experienced our first mechanical issue, with Alan's XJ experiencing overheating issues. After a stop to let it cool and refill, we again started on the trail. The problem returned, and by this time it was dark. We decided to take an early exit from the trail and Nick towed Alan's jeep off the trail to the main road, allowing it again to cool. This was Cowbell #1 of the trip. Once back on the hard pack, we decided to try driving at higher speed to get back to the condo, which worked and we returned to the condo. Alan was able to order a radiator, water pump, thermostat, and belt from a local store for an early morning rehab.

4/5/21 (Monday) Hells Revenge

Alan, Mike, and Rob G woke early to get Alan's jeep back on the road. While Alan and Mike went to the Auto Parts store, Rob G stripped the parts to be replaced. The job was completed about 9:30 and the group departed for Hells Revenge, led by Robert G, at 11. We were joined by Mike and Nancy Z, Terry, and his nephew Lance, bringing rig count to 10. Hells revenge was a wonderful run, with many people taking the extra credit lines including Dave B who was the only one to attempt and complete Tip Over Challenge. We stopped briefly to weld Alan's exhaust which was separating using Robert G's Bad A** welder. The group did not run either Escalator or Hells Gate. Hells gate had a flopped FJ and many watched the recovery during our

lunch break. At nearly the end of the trail, Mike W called out 'I broke something' and the group gathered. Ended up being a broken steering box. Using tie downs, the group walked the rig to the end of the trail, while Alan left to retrieve a trailer. The jeep was loaded and returned to the condo, leading to the second Cowbell of the week. Mike was able to locate a gearbox, for another early morning repair.

4/6/21 (Tuesday) Metal Masher

The group tackled Metal Masher, led by Mike. But first the group had to repair Mike's gearbox and intermediate shaft. Starting at 6am, several members tackled and completed the gearbox replacement in time for the scheduled 10am departure.

We also noticed a Leak on Terry's radiator, so he was planning on getting some sealant and replacing.

We had 9 Jeeps on Metal Masher and all had a great time. Most of us tried the Hard Lines. James E, Both Robs W and G and Dave B killed that trail. The first cow bell of the Day was Awarded to James as he attempted the near impossible Vertical step that put his Spare Tire Firmly on the dirt. He was winched to clear the obstacle.

4/7/21 (Wednesday) Poison Spider

The trail of the day was Poison Spider, led by Nick. Mike W and Rob W stayed behind this day and did not participate. Terry put stop leak in his radiator and ordered a replacement to pick up on Wed. The group of 10 rigs traveled to Poison Spider trail and ran the trail without issue, only stopping to assist a CJ with a broken track bar bracket, which was repaired quickly with Robert G's welder. Many 'extra credit' lines were accomplished, and a good day was had by all. Robert G had developed a noise that was determined to be a sloppy upper control arm bushing, which was repaired that evening at the condo. Cowbell to James while tackling a 'big line' on a waterfall, who winched out.

4/8/21 (Thursday) Kane Creek

Terry and his nephew stayed behind to pick up the radiator while the rest of the group tackled Kane Creek, led by Rob G. This amazing trail and its countless water crossings didn't disappoint, neither did Hamburger Hill. Robert G tacked the hill first and needed a winch, earning him a cowbell. Next, Mike, also needing a cowbell. Then Alan, Rob W, Nick, Dave, Mike Z. Only James was able to climb the obstacle without needing a winch. Alan also earned The group returned to the condos late, and settled in for a nice evening. Many reinstalled their tops and doors to minimize the work to do on Friday. Some of the group participate in a group dinner at JW's.

4/9/21 (Friday) Top of the World

For the final day, Nick stayed behind and James departed early for home while the rest of the group made the trek to Tip of the World led by Mike W with Daughter Madi behind the controls.

The team aired down at the trailhead and enjoyed a beautiful and uneventful trip to the viewpoint, where we enjoyed our lunch then took time to take the official photos at the overhang. Robert's starter was acting up, and he left his jeep running to make sure it didn't die on the trail. On the way down the hill, Madi was interested in the more challenging lines that proved to be a bit much for Dad's jeep and tore the Lower control arm bracket on his front axle. Rob G. Broke out the Ready Welder for a Quick trail fix which took only 30 to 40 Minutes again we were on our way. We made the way down the hill for the return trip to the condos. Robert G stopped by the autoparts store which was closed, and this stop ultimately killed the starter. Luckily Nick was able to tow Robert G back to the condo where he stole Mike W's starter off of his trailered rig for the drive home. Everyone did their final prep for the drive home on Saturday and went to bed late after some amazing take out mexican food.

4/10/21 (Saturday) Trip Home

Most of the group made the decision to drive straight through home, with only Dave and Trish stopping in Cedar City for the night at the Willow Glen Resort. Everyone's trip home were uneventful, and most of us were glad to again sleep in our own beds.

COWBELLS

1. ALan
2. Mke W
3. James
4. Rob G
5. Mike W
6. Alan,
7. Rob W
8. Nick
9. Dave
10. Mike Z
11. Alan