

SAJE Club Run - K2 - February 6, 2015

Link to Joyce's Photos: https://www.facebook.com/joyce.phillips.3576/media_set?set=a.1143853185631921.1073741829.100000217521788&type=3

Link to Doug L's Video: <https://www.facebook.com/100008983991620/videos/vb.100008983991620/1392142907761829/?type=2&theater>

Link to Rafael's Photos: https://www.facebook.com/rafael.berdecia.7/media_set?set=a.872994006085222.1073741834.100001238921086&type=3

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This month's trail report will be a compilation of Rafael's trail report and mine.

Clear skies and a beautiful sunset on the drive up made it worth not getting off work early. Arrived at K2 after dark and set up camp. Rafael, Doug L., Gerald and Pete got to K2 earlier in the day and took advantage of the great weather to hit some trails before Joyce and I arrived. Rafael and Doug L. found us before we had a chance to find them. Lots of campers were still arriving after us. The temperature dropped after sunset but Doug L. provided the campfire for us to sit around and enjoy.

At Saturday morning's driver's meeting we had 14 Jeeps. SAJE members Geoff, Barry, Craig D., Matt and Elisa, Gerald and Louann, Pete and Carol, Ray, Rafael, Doug and Lisa with family members, Andrew C., Thomas S., and Kevin and Tracey made the trip to K2. New members joining the club were Aaron Y. and Calvin.

We split up into two groups; Rafael led the moderate group, Gerald led the hard/ extreme group. Rafael led us to the Back 40 to run the obstacles there. Our first trail repairs consisted of a transfer case linkage problem and a broken valve stem. Quick repair and off we went. During the repair of the valve stem it was mentioned this trail repair was covered at last year's Tech night/social. We finished playing in the Back 40 and headed to School Bus.

We stopped for lunch at The Bus Stop. I decided to take green colored trails since this was only my second trip to K2. Andrew, Thomas and Geoff joined Joyce and me. Rafael led his group down School Bus until Barry decided he didn't like his front driver axle and broke it. Geoff assisted with his superior trail repair experience and got Barry's "Three Legged Dog" drivable again. Barry limped his newly renamed Jeep back to camp and jumped into Geoff's Jeep for the rest of the afternoon.

We took Honey Creek Trail to Easy Street. Somehow we lost Geoff and thanks to CBs and cell phones met up with him and Barry to regroup. We got through Willie's Wonka, Bluebonnet Gang and Easter Eggs. We decided we needed to head back to camp so those that were not staying the night could leave and get home at a decent time.

Before dinner we visited with the fine folks at the entrance. We learned a total of 136 vehicles were in attendance. Most of the group had some good eats at the concession stand that our Club had provided for us, thanks guys! The special was pork steak, potato salad, coleslaw, pinto beans and tea prepared by Honey Creek Tailgaters. It was awesome.

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In Rafael's group there were a few scrapes. Doug L. had his right rear fender taken out, Craig D. ended up taking his left rear tail light out. Rafael ended up giving his right rear fender quite the long scrape. We gave Kevin his own new nickname, "Captain Crunch" (spread it around folks :P). Kevin proceeded to take on any challenge in front of him. I apologize for not getting a trail report from Gerald's group. After dinner it was more time around Doug L's campfire before retiring for the night.

We left early Sunday morning, before most were awake. It was a great weather weekend, we saw some great looking rigs while at K2 and some that got towed back to camp after dark. Not sure if anyone hit the trails on Sunday or not. Thanks to Artie and Bunny for the great signage and map at K2. Looking forward to seeing everyone at SWR Offroad in March. Watch for the email. We will be looking for a Camp Cook volunteer.

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