

Adventurers! Today is Superbowl Sunday... Maybe my best adventure-day ever!!!! The day begins in my kitchen...



...that's right, **Duck** and that will be my Superbowl dinner!

Decision: I have seriously tuned my DR-650, must test. Today is a Hollywood Day, "movie perfect" and off I go...



Goal: Get up to the snow-line :-)

Heading south....

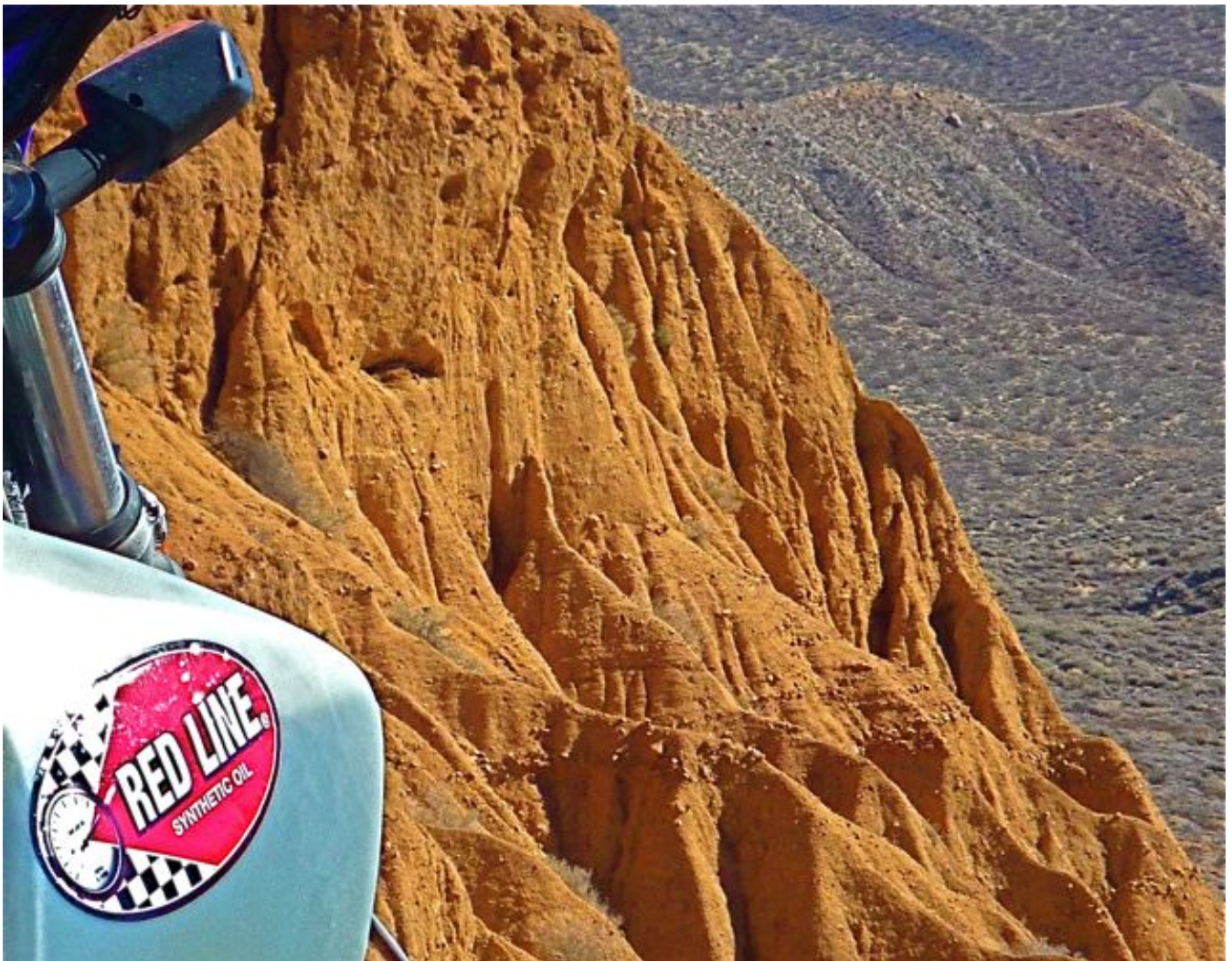


...through Dove Springs...





...following L.A. 2 (upper aqueduct road).
Below, cresting Death Canyon...



Now the story gets interesting... I came upon a group of shooters. But I had noticed a quad-caravan in the far canyon. I asked "hold fire" and I would clear the canyon... Below, looking north into **Death Canyon!**



What to do? I could see the quads had departed the entire area. Yet, I had come 5+ miles up the canyon. Getting back to the shooters a longish (rough/sandy) ride...

Shortcut back to shooters...

I will attempt climbing the north-wall of Death Canyon !!!



Above: The peak you see top-center is the spot from which I take my "never been down there" pics. Below: Climbing the rock-wall...



Below, the craggy pass will be the trial of my dirt-bike life..



Yes! Yes! I have solo-climbed the north wall of Death Canyon!



WooHoo! I'm on a roll!

I notified the shooters "Canyon clear!" then decided... Climb the highest peak...



Or, maybe not...



Decision: Head for home. I'm late, the wind howling. But the sun is high, Red Rock Canyon beckons...





Oh no! I went for a close-up to the cliff, the wind blew the bike over...



My morale is still sky-high... I would fly-home, the DR singing...



Above: Back up on the Aqueduct Road, snow-peaks on the horizon...

Below: Passing amazing scenery...



Below, the neato Robbers Roost...



...the cloudiness of the pic from shooting "up-sun".

Below: In the distance, Home Sweet Home :-)



Inyokern airport on the left, Naval Air Station China Lake in the far distance. Waaay out there, beyond the far-peaks, is Death Valley.

And what was awaiting me at home? Superbowl dinner!



De-lish! My roast-duck, wild-rice, cucumber salad yum yum!

Dear readers, what an astounding day! My "fixes" on the DR-650 all worked perfectly, I was, ummm... "making time" all during the ride.

I will sleep well tonight!

Thanks for reading along!

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