

Adventurers! Today we accomplish the goal of a dirt-bike-lifetime... *Trona Pinnacles!*



Followed by... Uh-oh... A fork in the road and no "Pinnacles" arrow...



At which time I "looked right" (to the horizon)... Wow!



Closer.. I have no concept of the scale... "doesn't look so big"...



Riding up close, I parked the bike and took pics from this spot in all directions... The mines are everywhere...



I have made a novice mistake with the pics... I must always remember to shoot in "panoramic" ("horizontal") mode. But I didn't. So now I'm limited to one pic per page...

Looking east...



Looking into the mine (approx 15' deep)...



These shallow ("test mines"?) seem to be everywhere.

Looking out at the bike...



Looking down from the mine entrance to the plateau below... A civvy-privvy!



Vast!!!



Endless photo-ops...



You can ride around the pinnacles for approx an hour. If taking pics, certainly a full day...



Looking south, a dry lakebed in the far distance...



Below, I'm hooked on the combination of DR-650 and side-bags. Plenty of room to both "carry stuff" and "pack stuff out"...



Below, I never made it up the trail, as it got very narrow about halfway up...



Below: The tracks support a still-operating mining operation in the town of Trona, worth seeing (click the link)...

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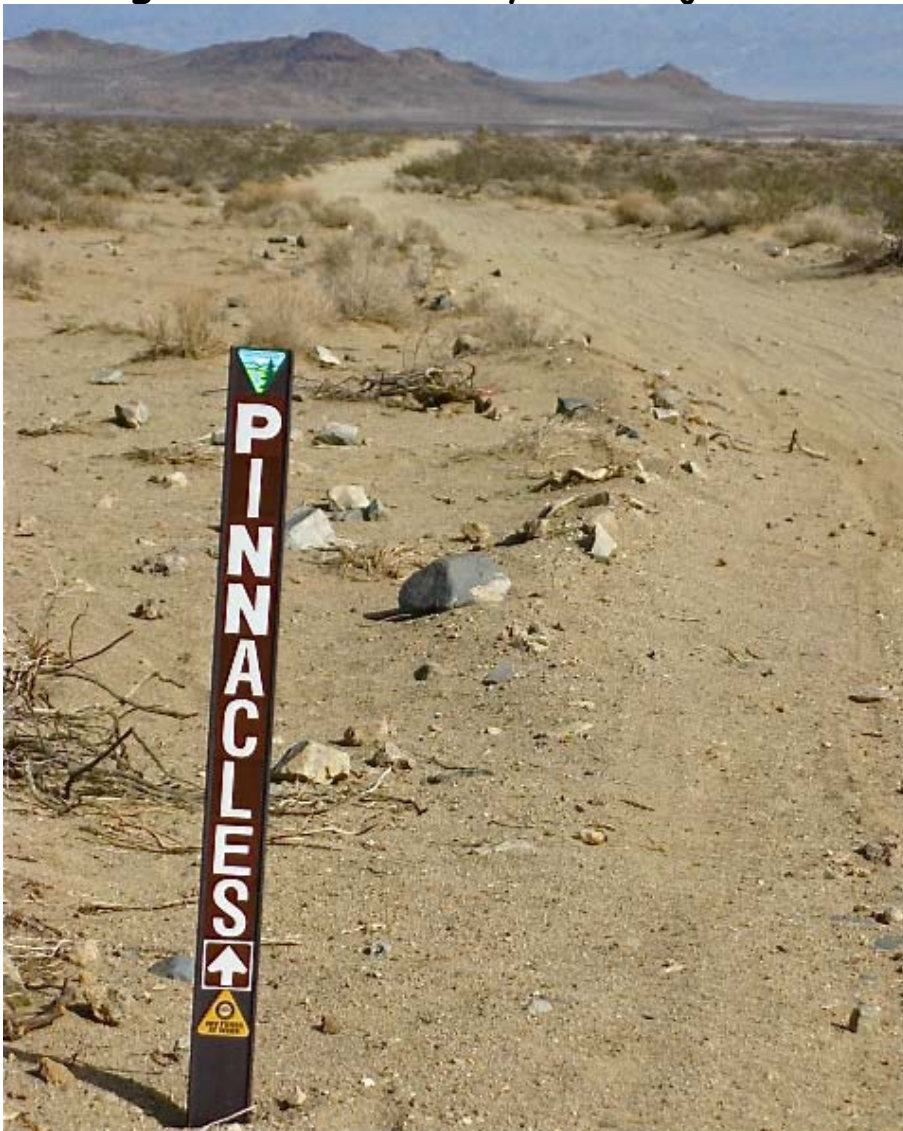
Off to the side, I found a broken car-coupler...



Pretty awesome eh? Looking back at the Pinnacles...



Attempting to create a loop (I was successful) I discovered the Pinnacles Road which eluded me on previous trips. Below, the pic is looking-back at the way I had just come (from the Pinnacles)...



Happy guy! That's the Pinnacles route-marker in the background...



Heading back to my start-point...



I followed a "road" uh-oh really a sand-wash...



...with yet another mine...



Arriving back at my start-point, there was a large group of riders from the *Los Coyotes* dirt-bike club...



Later, I went to the shooting range, to try out my new .22 rifle...



It has a telescopic sight. Easy, right? No. In (honest) 60 shots, I scored *zero* hits on this 100-yd target...



So, with help, I switched to a 15' target (yes, "fifteen feet" away) and "walked" my shots on to the center via adjusting the scope...



After this, it was getting dark. I'll finish the "sighting-in" at a local indoor range.

Below, after a fabulous night's sleep in Randsburg...

www.randsburg.com (please click the link) I went over to Jawbone as I was told "new permits" were needed to ride (which is true; no-charge but must-be-done). The weather today (unlike at Pinnacles) was clear, and you can see the improvement in the pics...



At jawbone, all-types ride... Here's the megabux approach...



...and a terrific "thrifty" approach... Really neato I thought...



The DR-650 is good-to-go for the L.A.-Barstow-'Vegas dirt-ride Fri/Sat after Thanksgiving. This week I'll clean/tweak the bike, depart for Lancaster CA on Thanksgiving Day...

Thanks for your support!

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