

Owyhee Loop Ride Journal

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Photos & Story: Jim Maxey



Jim led about 25 Idaho State ATV Association Members on a 57 mile ride from EOP near Murphy, Idaho up to Silver City and back. Members of the Boise, Canyon County and Mountain Home Club tagged along for the ride. We started up through Sinker Creek, making no less than forty crosses over the creek.

The water was only footboard high and it felt nice to splash

it up on you for a cool off! As we got up out of the desert and reached the tree line near Gerdie Gulch we stopped for a drink and some fellowship with other club members.



We rode past

Thomas Falls and on up to Hayden Peak with an elevation of 8403 feet. At Hayden Peak we had a lunch break and enjoyed the fabulous views all around the mountain top of the valleys below. From Hayden Peak we dropped down into the old gold mining town of Silver City.

Silver City citizens were the first folks in

Idaho to build an electric power plant. They built it down on the Snake River and ran a power grid up to Silver City for the town folk and the mines. After the mines faded out the city sold the power plant and Idaho Power Company now owns the plant just south of Kuna that we all know today as



Swan Falls.



We left Silver City, Idaho. Some of us headed back to EOP while the rest of us rode up to the top of War Eagle Mountain at 8,051 feet above sea level to check out the views below. It was a downright decent day. A brisk breeze swept over the entire ride which

helped keep us cool and ward

off the dust. Gary Rostock enjoyed the trip. Gary and Haden talked about the old days back in the 60s when they were classmates at West Junior High School and Borah High. They both shared evenly in their abilities to charm their teachers and school supervisors. It is amazing but most of those educators still remember Gary and Haden very well. We came upon an old mining cabin - Jim Maxey said it is the old Hole in the Wall mining camp.

