

Red Rock Review



♦2020 TOM (Trail of the month)

(Also, posted on the HOME page at rr4w.com and on the Clubs Facebook page. check it monthly for changes and helpful details about out of town excursions.)
(Frank Thurston, Chairman – Trail of the Month Committee)

DATE	TRAIL/RATING	LEADER
December 2019	Happy Holidays – no trails	
January 2020	No trails this month	
February 15th	Arch Hunt (3)	Rick Wolcott
March 21st	Fins & Things (4)	
April 18th	The Very End (3)	Rick Wolcott
May 16th	7 Mile Moonlight Run (3)	
June 20th	Hindu Arch (4) Green River, UT	Bill Wherli
July 18th	Cameo Cliffs	John Martin
August 15th	Box Car/Kamikaze (4)	Mike Kelso
September 19th	Backwards Bill (5)	
October 17th	Day Canyon Point (4)	
November 21st	Jax Trax (5)	
December 2020	Happy Holiday – no trails	

► *Did you notice – there are no trail leaders on several of the TOM? We need help to fill these spots, please call Frank Thurston to volunteer at 435-259-260-0648*

► The trail of the month selection is being kept to a rating of 3-6, any higher than that and the attendance drops. The committee is asking new people who are learning to be trail guides to guide the trails knowing that there will be a mid and tail gunner who know the trail and can help.

► The Trail of the Month lineup for 2020 has been posted to the RR4W.com website and Facebook.

November trail of the month: Devon Parson and Rick Wolcott led 16 vehicles on the Behind the Rocks, Tip Toe trail for November. The weather was good, and everyone had a great time.

December News

Heading South out of Moab? Here's a blasting schedule for Hwy 191: The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has begun a two-mile safety improvement project on U.S. Highway 191 between La Sal Junction and Hole-'N'-The-Rock that will require regular road closures to accommodate blasting.

SCHEDULED FULL ROAD CLOSURES of up to 45 minutes through December.

Scheduled closures are posted at least one week in advance.

December 9th – 13th 9:00a.m.
December 16th – 20th 9:00a.m.

• Full road closures of up to 45 minutes for blasting may occur MONDAYS through FRIDAYS between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon to protect the safety of both workers and travelers. Delays of up to an additional 45 minutes are possible after the road is reopened to single-lane, alternating traffic.

• At other times, single lane closures with alternating traffic and delays of up to 20 minutes may be anticipated. Please help others plan their travel around these times by sharing this web page address with others:

www.udot.utah.gov/go/191blasting.

Land Use Report by John Marsh: The BLM-Monticello permit 10-year renewal for Hole in the Rock, Hotel Rock, and Arch Canyon has been submitted. This will be processed by Misty Hanes, formerly of the BLM-Moab office. She will be doing the required impact study. She is also the one responsible for the monument plan and impact statement for the Bears Ears National Monument.

• President Mike Kelso suggested that perhaps we could change the Hotel Rock trail to include an exit north through the National Forest, which some people had suggested. He said the BLM was not interested in discussing this a couple of years ago because of the ongoing turmoil surrounding the Bears Ears monument, which is still ongoing. Land Use Coordinator John Marsh said that now would be a good a time to request this change. This 10-year permit renewal request is being processed alongside of the Bears Ears new management plan. If they are going to make any long-term changes, this would be the time. The Land Use Coordinator was requested to do that.

• The current permit calls for no more than 25 vehicles on the Hotel Rock trail. 30 vehicles traveled that trail during the 2018 Easter Jeep Safari. John Marsh stressed that we cannot exceed 25 vehicles on this trail and this restriction must be followed, somehow.



Adult Holiday Party

Ages 16 years and up....

January 18th, 2020

Canyonlands by Night

6:30 Meet & Greet ~ 7:00 Dinner

Call Carma by 1/5/2020 to reserve a seat. 435-259-6878.

If you leave a message, state clearly your name and how many persons will be attending.

The Motorized Trail Committee (MTC) has officially been made a part of Grand County by the Grand County council. This means the weight of Grand County will be behind the 4-Wheel drive; ATV; motorcycles and e bicycle users when we need a little extra clout. The MTC will better be able to get state and federal funding now that we are part of the county.

• The Council is an advisory council to the Grand County Council and will have scheduled meetings. Interested persons can attend the meetings and if you attend three times you will have a vote in decisions of the council. Currently the council consists of Doug McElhaney, Jeff from Ride with Respect, UTV rental companies and Cliff Koonz.



- A little history – Ber Knight, in his infinite wisdom, drove every trail in Grand County before GPS was in every vehicle, and way pointed over 2,000 miles of trails in Grand County when the Club was applying for its last BLM permit. He turned these over to Grand County and they adopted them. The maps the BLM uses are based on Ber's work. Only a few of the newer trails are not on his maps. Ber's philosophy is if there is a two track out there it needs to be traveled so it won't be closed. The small group that goes out on Thursdays make a point to put tracks on two tracks.
- So, if you don't know what trail you want to run on any given day, try a two track – you might be surprised! Just don't get lost out there.

Would Safari be the same if it was set on a permanent date rather than moving it with Easter every year? This idea comes up every now and then, last time was when we were getting ready to apply for our 10-year BLM permit – that permit is almost up. This time the question was posed by some community businesses to the BLM. The BLM has no opinion one way or the other, but they had to forward the question onto us for our input on it. The last time this came up, the Club was divided causing some members to break away and form another 4-wheel drive club in Moab.

- It is ultimately our decision and the BLM will abide by it.
- A lot of productive discussion ensued at the December meeting, such as "Tell them when the Pope sets Easter on a solid date, we'll move EJS". One member led us all the way back to the first EJS 53 years ago and how the event saved Moab when times were tough, and tourists hadn't discovered Moab yet.
- Rex Holman, Business Manager for the Club brought a flyer the Moab Happenings puts out to show everyone how many events are happening in 2020 in Moab. There are 67 total including 15 marathons – 13 of which are on BLM land; 7 cycling events; atv events and two other 4-wheel drive events.
- We are the only event in Moab that extends through two weekends. Even if we wanted to set a solid date for the event, there are not 2 weekends available on the calendar – 52 weeks, 67 events! As it is, there is another 4-wheel drive event right on our heels wanting the arena this year before we are done with it.
- A motion was made to leave it floating with Easter, then amended to say that it never be brought up again. It was passed unanimously.

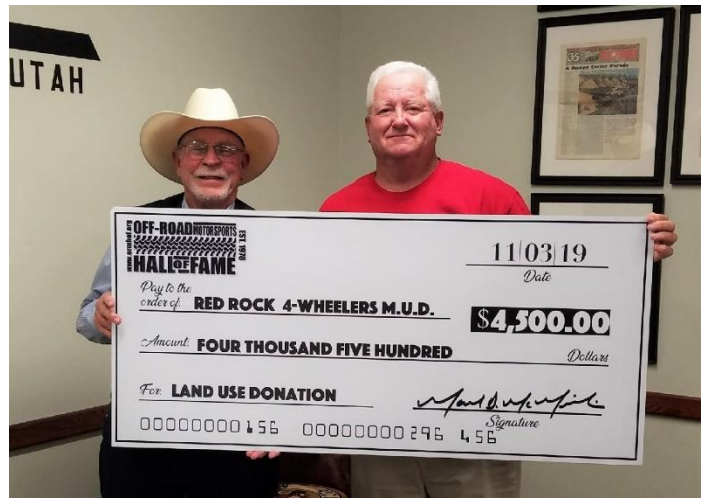
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

The usual BBQ after the trail of the month run in November was cancelled this year, we'll look in to renewing it in 2020.

The Red Devil's Mountain Bike team the Club donated to placed Second in the State.



The Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame has been established to recognize and honor those individuals and organizations whose lifelong contributions to off-road motorsports have set a standard for others to follow. People from the 50's started the Hall of Fame and many off road racers have been inducted over the years.



(Mike Kelso, President & Bob Kraft, Vice President)

Bob & Patsy Kraft went to Las Vegas to accept an award for \$4,500 from the ORMS organization just before the meeting in November. The Club was nominated and awarded this for the work done to keep off roading alive and well in the Moab area and donations made to other areas of the off roading community for the past 53+ years. The funds will be put in the MUD fund (Multiple-e Use Defense). The organization was very complimentary of what the Club does.



The Clubs annual donations were distributed at the October meeting-many donations were for Grand County High School activities (shown as GCHS). Front row, left to right: Rondelle Pierce, \$500 for the GCHS Swim Team, "the program grows every year, swimming is a great place for the kids to be". San Juan County Sheriff's Deputy, Colton Brimhall, \$2,000, "it goes a long way when Search & Rescue is needed. Coach Austin Marques, GCHS Girls' Soccer team \$500, "The team has had 3 coaches in 3 years, I'm staying and creating a program to help them learn". Mike Estenson, GCHS Red Devil Mountain Bike Team, \$1,500, "This will build one loner bike for kids who can't afford a bike and will help with travel expenses. In 2018, we had 20 kids, we now have 33". Canyonlands Rodeo Club, Keri Frandsen, \$2,000. Middle row: right to left Marsha Humphreys, \$1,000, Moab Free Clinic, "The Clinic touches so many locals in the area". Daniel McNeil, Grand Area Mentoring, \$500, "We helped 91 kids make better choices last year and 60% of them are back in school". Back row, right to left: Red Rock 4-Wheelers Vice President, Bob Kraft. Grand County Sheriff, Steven White and Grand County Search & Rescue, Jim Webster, a combined \$4,000, "We'll use this for training and equipment. We made 112 rescues in 2018. And we've added one dog rescue into the 2019 total".

(Funds donated to Search & Rescue & the Sheriff's department have historically been for equipment, etc. not in their budget.) Red Rock 4-Wheelers Club President, Mike Kelso. GCHS & Middle School Band Director, Josh Jensen, \$1,000, "this will be used for new band uniforms and much needed Method Books for both schools". (Note: If you were at any of the last few football games, you got a glimpse of the new uniforms – they are snappy, and you could tell it really gave the kids a confidence boost.) Canyonlands Care Center, Bob Jones, \$2,000, (helping to make a better quality of life for our senior citizens). Red Rock 4-Wheeler member & Moab Valley Humane Society advocate, Pete Kaufman, \$500, "This donation helps both Grand and San Juan Counties". Red Rock 4-Wheeler Treasurer, John Martin. \$1,500 was also donated to the Moab Chamber of Commerce, with thanks for your many years of service to the community of Moab and the Red Rock 4-Wheelers.

Rex Holman, Business Manager, presented a Labor Day summary for the last fifteen years showing the net figures for each year. 2019 was the second most profitable year. Charging the participants half the price of the RV and tent spaces made a big difference and the campground was completely full for the first time since we started the Stay Together, Play Together theme for the event.

NEVER SIGNED INTO YOUR PROFILE? If not – you might want to! We have a profile base of over 10,000 people, we whittle those down annually by the last date they have signed into their profiles to send them an Easter Jeep Safari magazine every year! If you're a member, it doesn't mean you will automatically get a magazine, and you must have signed into your profile in the last 3 years, once a year is preferable. Send us an e-mail through the website 'Contact Us' if you don't know your sign-in info. Note: **Admin can't sign in for you, they don't generate the date needed to keep you active!**

IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR GUNNING IN 2020 AND DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR ASSIGNED TRAILS GIVE US A CALL 435-259-7311. 254 CONFIRMATIONS WERE MAILED TO OFFICIALS FOR THE 2020 EASTER JEEP SAFARI on Monday, Dec. 3rd. Thank all of you for volunteering. You can contact the phone # or e-mail in your packet if you have any scheduling problems with your assignments. **The Trails Committee met 5 times this year** to assign Officials for the 2019 EJS. They have made assignments according to your wishes and those of others – we apologize in advance if you didn't get exactly what you wanted, we are limited by what you tell us and the days you say you will be here and what is available – we can't put 30 gunners on Fins & Things. So you limit yourself if you are only willing to gun certain trails. We urge everyone to learn new trails in all ratings so you are able to jump in whenever there is a need.

2020 Easter Safari Volunteers

Times: Sat, 4/4 – Weds, 4/8: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thurs, 4/9: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fri, 4/10: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Volunteering on Sat thru Weds would be in 3-hour shifts.

Volunteering on Thurs & Fri would be in 4-hour shifts.

► **Registration Area** We are looking for happy volunteers to work the registration area. You will be handing out trail packets, flags, raffle tickets, & answering questions for pre-registered participants. So, get in line and sign up as soon as you are sure

you will be here, the opportunity is open to all. To sign up for this area call Bob Kraft (435-260-0140) or Bill Webb (435-260-9308).


► **New registration & trail change area volunteers:** Computer savvy people helping NEW registrants and pre-registered participants with trail changes. Call Linda Brewer (435-259-7311) to sign up.

► **Merchandise Booth:** Help sell the merchandise shown on the Store on the website in the Arena lobby. Sign-up sheets will be at the meetings or you can call Debra King at 435-580-9356.

► **Vending, parking fences, lining the parking area & arena for vendors, etc. etc.:** Fencing is put up before Registration opens on Thurs or Friday. So if you are here and willing let us know we can count on your help, please let us know with an E-mail to rr4wvending@yahoo.com.

► **Monitors:** Block One-way and Exclusive Use trails. (These are Paid positions & don't count towards the Workers party on Wednesday night) contact Patsy Kraft at 435-260-2934.

Training provided in all areas with a great support team! (If you are local, sign-up sheets will be passed around at monthly meetings between now & April for all areas.)

 **Armed Service Club Members:** The resolution now stands that any member in good standing and who has worked actively during an event shall have his dues paid by the Club while on deployment. Any years absent because of deployment will not be counted against said member in receiving his 3-year gunner jacket. It is up to you to make us aware of your deployment.

► **Officials:** Safety meeting, Mon-4/6/20 7:00 p.m. at the Old Spanish Trail Arena. Must attend and sign in if you are in town.

► **Monitors Meeting for the 2020 Easter Safari**, please note there will be a meeting at the Old Spanish Trail Arena on Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm. On the mezzanine outside the registration area.

► **Registration Setup** – Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to load equipment. See address in this newsletter.

► **Officials** – Sign in at registration at the arena for your trail lists, flags, packets, patches, etc. Note times registration will be open on the calendar below. Your entrance at the arena is still by the picnic tables.



► **Worker's Party** – Weds, April 8th - 6:00pm Meet & Greet, 7:00pm Dinner at Canyonlands by Night. **You must volunteer a minimum of 16 hours to be invited to the dinner.** A trail is worth 8 hours and if you volunteer to set up for Safari, work in registration, vending, or merchandising it will count towards your 16 hours. The party is for all those who have worked to put together the 2020 Safari or 2019 Labor Day Campout or behind the scenes to make the club roll. If you have been recruited on a trail you were not assigned to, make sure your Leader has you on their trail list as being recruited – this too will count towards the 16 hours required.

► **Boy Scout BBQ** – Thursday, April 9th, 5:30 pm at the arena, buy tickets all around town and at the arena-a very good meal indeed! This helps the local kids go to Boy Scout camp every year.

Next meeting January 6th ~ 7pm at the Clubhouse ~ 11850 S Highway 191, Unit B10



Red Rock 4-Wheelers
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SUN-MARCH	MON - MARCH	TUE - MARCH	WED – APRIL	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31 Moab Appreciation Day	1 Computer Training - Refresher for New Registrations area 7:00 pm Clubhouse, bring your laptops & a hot spot if you have one.	2	3 Registration Set Up – details at Mon meeting <u>Monitors</u> Meeting – 7:00 pm Arena on the mezzanine	4 Arena Registration Begins 7-10 am 
5 Arena Registration 7-10 am 	6 Arena Registration 7-10 am OFFICIALS Safety Mtg 7:00pm Arena This is a MUST attend	7 Arena Registration 7-10 am	8 Arena Registration 7-10 am Workers Only Party Meet & Greet 6pm Dinner 7 pm Canyonlands by Night	9 Arena Registration 7am -6pm and Vendor Show 7 am - 6 pm Boy Scout BBQ 5:30 pm Arena	10 Arena Registration 7am – 6pm Vendor Show 7 am - 5 pm and Raffle 6 pm	11 Registration & Arena Closed
12 Registration & Arena Closed 	13 Post Safari & Monthly Club Meeting combined & Registration clean up starting at 6pm Arena	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		