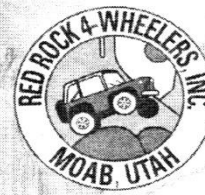


Red Rock Review



♦2019 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.)

(John Marsh, Chairman – Trail of the Month Committee)

DATE	TRAIL/RATING	LEADER
Jun 15 th	7-Mile Rim Moonlight Run (4)	Doug McElhaney
Jul 20 th		
Aug 17 th	Dry Mesa (4)	Rick Wolcott
Sep 21 st	Jax Trax (5)	Tom Edwards
Oct 19 th	Buttes & Towers (3)	Carole Hahn
Nov 16 th	3D (4)	
December	Metal Masher-tip toe (3)	DeVon Parson

► 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 2019 has been posted to the website and Facebook – see the Trail of the Month link on the Home page

MAY NEWS

Grand Tire has always backed Easter Jeep Safari and the RR4W. As long as Chip Brox was the manager and now that Jeff is the manager, that will always be the case. John Black owns the land Grand Tire sits on; however, he does not speak for Grand Tire and the nasty Facebook post he put up does not reflect the outlook of Grand Tire.

The woman who was injured during Easter Jeep Safari on Golden Spike is back home but has a long healing process ahead, she had back, hip and leg injuries. Our best wishes go out to her during this hard time. The family will keep the Club informed.

A big thank you went out to all those who helped with computers during registration and to those that helped put together trail packets, those that spent considerable time taking trail packets apart and calculating the fees due the BLM & SITLA,

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS will be taken during the June meeting – be thinking about who you would like to see as officers, directors & coordinators.

Time to pay the bills – Monitor paychecks are in the mail. SITLA & BLM fees have been calculated and reports finalized to the tune of \$58,841 this year and Gunner gas checks and new membership cards are ready to go in the mail.

Major changes are coming in the way we do EJS, especially Big Saturday when everyone lines up around the downtown blocks and all trails depart at 9:00 as a parade. Because of the traffic patterns being busier/changing & with the influx of thousands of tourists every week we must consider dropping the parade, or at least how we currently do it. The Cub paid \$4,170 for the privilege of holding our annual parade this year and it could be up to \$10,000. After a lively discussion at the May meeting, a vote was taken and passed in favor of eliminating the parade in 2020 and starting the trails from dispersed trail heads. There are lots of changes to come on how trails are staged and not just on Big Saturday. We are currently gathering opinions on how it went this year with the change of several trails starting at the trail heads or in parking areas out of town.

So far there have been a lot of positive responses. Other options will be discussed for the future.

One club member was wondering if there was some-thing we could do about non-safari vehicles interfering/mixing in on the trails. There was a lot of discussion however, the feeling is we have done as much as we can do without making every trail Exclusive Use. Every Official should always be aware of what we call tag-a-longs and **NOT** let them mingle with our permitted participants; **NOT** write them on their trail lists as if they were additions to the trails and **NOT** let them in front of the Tail gunner. We are not responsible for them in any way, if they don't pay their entrance fee and belong to the Official trail.

Vending during EJS this year went well but was down in the number of vendors attending. There was a Highway Patrol booth this year with at least 3-4 patrolmen manning it. The HPD felt it went over very well and the patrolmen were very helpful were and informative.

And, as we begin on our Labor Day Event – land use permits are all set. The web site is ready to register people on June 5th. **We are still looking for gunners for Labor Day – if you are interested please call 435-259-7311 or e-mail rlbrewer@frontiernet.net**

Seventy people attended the annual Moab Appreciation Day for seniors and Moab businessmen. The weather was terrific and even the new City Manager attended and was excited about it.

Devils on the Rocks for the Grand County High School students was not well attended again this year, there will not be one next year. It could be the wrong time of year to have the event for the high school kids who want to go 4-wheeling as they have a week off for Easter and their sports and family vacations tend to overshadow anything else.

Grand County High School all night Senior Graduation Party will be sponsored by the RR4W on Thursday, May 30th at Gravel Pit Lanes Bowling Alley. **We need at least 7 chaperones per shift. If you can help for 2 hours contact Jeramey McElhaney at 435-260-0084.**

Three young people have been chosen for the Clubs Scholarships and will receive those at the Grand County High School Awards ceremony.

I met with [Red Rock 4-Wheelers, Inc.](#) President Mike Kelso in Moab this past week about working together with the SxS community on issues moving forward. The meeting went extremely well, and we identified some immediate issues we could get to work on. The RR4W's do an amazing job and [UTV Utah](#) is proud to work with them. Many have mixed emotions but working together is the only solution to keep trails open. Thanks again to Mike for taking the time to meet and discuss everything. (Bud Bruening – RR4W Facebook Post)



~ ~ 2019 Easter Safari in Review ~ ~

The following comments were taken from the Post Safari meeting on April 13th.

Mike Kelso, President began the meeting by letting everyone know the lady who was run over on Golden Spike by a non-participant was doing fine even though she has a long way to go. This brought up the subject of Leaders/gunners not letting him, or anyone know they had a roll-over; tip-over; any kind of accident on the trail, even if someone falls. Mike can always be found in the registration area during the week. We need tons of pictures, an explanation on your trail lists of the accident – etc. – etc. – etc. If you have an accident, get some info down, no matter what!

●**Registration area:** Bob Kraft & Bill Webb said it was a wonderful time.

●**Parking:** The parking went great the 1st day, then 6 people didn't show the 2nd day.

●**Big Saturday Parade:** Went well, we met the time limit to get out of town.

●**3D:** Dieter Thoeny reported 28 vehicles, 1 TJ broke their drive shaft, and everyone got Swiss chocolate from Switzerland. Off trail by 3:00pm.

●**Backwards Bill:** Gene Day reported Mon & Tues were textbook perfect – out of the trail by 3:00pm.

●**Behind the Rocks:** There were a lot of breakdowns, a Suzuki lost their transfer case; 2 Cherokees dropped out at White Knuckle hill and a vehicle lost its control arm and they were halted for 2 hours. On Big Saturday Dave Christensen had 32 and a big mess to line up with a group of 13 from Colorado wanting to run together – he put them in back for the Tailgunner to sort out. The Colorado jeeps had ran the trail a few days before & signed off the trail before White Knuckle. They got off the trail at 6:45.

●**Buttes & Towers:** The trail got out early but had a CJ5 that was adjusted for an altitude of 5,000 ft that had troubles.

●**Cameo Cliffs:** John Martin said it was really crowded at the Wilson Arch point overlook - they hit LaSal Junction at 5:00pm.

●**Chicken Corners:** Marsha Humphreys led her first trail, she said it was a slow day, they went -0- miles an hour part of the time. They had a confrontation with 5 motorcycles & 1 side x side. There was mix of new jeeps; young & old...Great trail

●**Crystal Geyser:** They spent one hour on Rainbow Terrace and an hour and a half on the other obstacle. Might want to rethink the rating on this trail.

●**Day Canyon Point:** The Big Saturday trail went well. Roger Peck broke a spring mount during the package run.

●**Dead Man Springs:** John Encheff led the trail during the week, a first-time leader. There were six no show participants and they were out on Spring Canyon Road at 2:30pm.

●**Dome Plateau:** One Rubicon lost a clip & was stuck in 4 wheel high all day. John Marsh, gunner, said there was a tip over-the driver went too far off the side of the trail. There were 28 jeeps.

●**Elephant Hill:** All five days of trail runs went well.

●**Fins & Things:** Big Saturday saw 30 first timers on the trail. Earlier in the week two gunners didn't show up on Fins on the same day – this is really an issue for the leader, everyone should have enough conscience to stop and think before they say – eh, I don't feel like it today! It is a big deal.

●**Golden Spike:** Dan Mick had one gunner stay at the staging area to pick up any late comers. Jeeps signed off the trail and then went on Poison Spider in front of the scheduled trail. Off the trail at 5:30pm. The monitors on Big Saturday didn't have Dan sign in as he passed them.

●**Hellroaring Rim:** There were 20 verrrry slow newbies!

●**Poison Spider-Where Eagles Dare:** Bill Dean said there was a transmission leak while in the staging area. A dirt bike blew past the trail in a blur, Dean called the BLM and the biker got a \$500 ticket. Gil Meacham's drag line dropped.

●**Hell's Revenge:** is a mess. Tour groups go to their lunch spot or to obstacles then head out of the trail by going back through our scheduled trail.

●**Jax Trax:** Bill Dean reported 6 no shows on Big Saturday. A Dodge W-100 pickup was booted off the trail – he was not street legal in Utah.

●**Kane Creek:** Good trail. Had one bad starter and an axle broke. Would like the BLM to limit motorcycles on road next year-the road is too narrow even for them to pass.

●**Poison Spider:** Had 36 vehicles. The mid-gunner hurt his knee & pressed a Club member into service then he left at the waterfall. There was a stock NY jeep, but the NY group helped her, and she was doing well by the end of the trail.

●**Porcupine Rim:** Had 31 vehicles. The rating needs to be looked at, there are 3 rated obstacles with 5 rated consequences.

●**Pritchett Canyon:** Had a broken axle and other breakages but out by 5:00pm.

●**Top of the World:** Gene Day said they were at the overlook by 11:30 and at Dewey Bridge by 2:30. Had no breaks and great gunners.

Several members commented that they handed out the new brochures which were put in their packets and they were a great tool to use without making an

encounter confrontational – in 2 out of 3 incidents. You can pick up a few of these to keep in your vehicle at any Club meeting or they are in all the brochure racks all over town.

A member was asked if a gunner missed their assignment were their comp trails taken away? The answer is YES.

If a member is recruited on a trail because a gunner didn't show up – the leader should always write their name down and let us know who the recruit is so they will get credit for it – and who knows, they may volunteer to gun in the future.

Other groups (our vendors) have exclusive use of some trails during EJS on days we don't use the trail. We are trying to get a handle on it, the Vendors have permits & the BLM may have to close that down in the future.

★ PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ★

●**Sad, but true!** Patsy Kraft had to Monitor every day of Easter Safari because she couldn't get enough people to volunteer, even though this is a \$15/hour paid job. A lot of people don't realize this is not an option, monitors are required by our BLM permit on designated trails. This was one way that we/they (BLM) agreed would help to contain the traffic on particular trails by eliminating vehicles trying to pass our Official trail – trail widening was becoming & still is a real problem.

●A lot of trail signs were replaced on Secret Spire and Hell Roaring Rim. If you run any trails or find signs that need maintenance, be sure to report it back to Mike Kelso so it can be repaired. Tom Edwards said we should make some signs that say, "Stay on trails, stay in the center of the trail".

●●Our logo is now a Registered trademark – the decal picture and Red Rock 4-Wheelers, Moab, Utah are both registered separately. Thanks Rex Holman – who has been working on this for several years now.

●A 6.5-minute video has been produced by the BLM & Grand County regarding the Sand Flats area. It's broken down into 5 sections so they can show one after another. The video points to Side x Sides without saying the video is mainly for them.

Tom & Ella Rae Edwards 2019 4- Wheelers of the Year

This couple joined the Club in 2011 and have been a very active, vital part of the Club ever since. They are two of the friendliest people you'll ever want to meet.

They both volunteer anywhere they're needed. If it's a work trip, marking a trail or anything else you will find them involved.

He is the RR4W Land Use Officer and oversaw the Trail of the month for years. They are members of the Thursday Unofficial Retirement Club Run. And on top of that, they lead ATV tours.

Ella Rae has an Associate Arts Degree in Business. She worked for years as a buyer for Raytheon & Litton industries. She played in a women's Baseball League and even played in a women's Football League.

Tom is an Eagle Scout and continues to work with the Boy Scouts of America today. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Business from Michigan State, he worked as a box salesman for PCA and other companies. He liked going fast racing motorcycles until an accident left him with a broken neck. He served as an LDS Bishop while living in Texas.

Our two thrill seekers got married about 25 years ago in Connecticut and were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple a year later. Between them they have 2 girls and 2 boys and 9 grandchildren.

Even though they have lived in Connecticut, Utah, Texas and Massachusetts it seems Utah finally won out, and Moab was the place chosen to retire & maybe relax.

●The Club received \$1,500 for the MUD fund from the Rising Sun 4-wheel drive club for Toyotas.



- The Club received a \$573 check from 4WD Parts for the Club donation portion of the parts that Club members have purchased from them.
- Rex Holman, Business Manager thanked everyone for all the new pictures sent in for the 2019 EJS magazine, it was great to have 45-50 new pics and such a big response from everyone. And thanks to Dee McNenny for coming down and making sure the Launching Pad picture didn't end up on the Chicken Corners page!

NEVER SIGNED INTO YOUR PROFILE? If not – you might want to! Look at your mailing label to see the last date you logged into your account. 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!**

Just a small jaunt down memory lane at the Christmas party Everyone had a great time at the Holiday party in January. The meal was good, the company better and the 22nd Annual Easter Jeep Safari paper gave everyone something to talk about. 1988 was the first year we asked everyone to "Cool the beer" on the trails, the first year a pre-registration form appeared in the Safari paper and Ber Knight, with help from his wife Charlotte used a lottery system to register everyone. Trails ranged from 2-4+ in difficulty and there were 18 all total. The trails ranged from 25 to 80 participant vehicles each day. There were 28 leaders & gunners, not 200+. Safari cost \$20 for Big Saturday and \$0 for Pre-runs on Sun-Fri & "Post runs" on Easter Sunday. The "Barn" was the registration place (now Eddie McStiffs). The Club ran the 'Sand Hill Climb' on Easter Sunday for everyone's entertainment. Memories of Eric Brewer & Jeramey McElhaney running straight up that sand hill as spotters comes to mind – bet they might be out of breath if they did it now days! Ah memories – everyone who had a picture in the paper had dark hair! Oh my!



Found on Porcupine Rim On 4/18-no RR4W trail Scheduled that day! The photographer figured the driver went high to avoid being close to the edge. Later a tow truck was seen winching it back on it's tires. I'll bet crawling out of it was a little on the hairy side!

WHOOOPS!

Cliffhanger trail – not your average trail, not even close! This jeep is going back up the cliff edge. The cliff is at least 2,000 ft down and is right behind to the man guiding the vehicle up! Not much leeway

(Dee McNenny RR4W EJS Facebook Post)



Going down the cliff edge!



Bikers & Jeepers on Cliff Hanger

The Hooke Trail Company from Yinchuan China was in Moab for Jeep Safari. The owner Mr. Gao is the one who invited President, Mike Kelso & Vending Manager, Doug McElhaney to China to go jeeping last August. It was fun to see them again on our home turf. Doug's granddaughter Toni & he were able to drive their 50" tired jeep truck. "We're ready to go back to China where you see camels while jeeping in the desert." (Facebook-D McElhaney)



We had a comment card about the Old Airport not being open for future camping during Easter Safari and everyone wanting the club to let them know if that is true. Although accommodations are not part of what we do, we understand where you are coming from! If you camp at the Old Airport – according to SITLA, who owns the property, & The Times Independent, there is an agreement between them and San Juan County to create over 100 housing units on the grounds. So, you would probably be wise to find other accommodations – there is a nice Forest Service campground – dry camping by Ken's Lake with nice spots, toilets and picnic tables. This isn't much further south on Spanish Valley Drive than the Old Airport. Please let everyone you know – know!

Hmmmm – are you in an area where it is hot right now? Try Silverton, Colorado! This picture, as well as several more, were posted by James Walden on the RR4W Facebook page Colorado has finally received the snow it used to get annually-hooray!



Wonder what can happen when you use excessive gas pedal in this country! Wonder no more! Be careful out there!



All the Red Rock 4-Wheelers weren't out on the trails the week of Easter Safari, these worker bees were in registration, making sure everything went smoothly behind the scenes for all our trails, gunners and participants. Thanks to all of you – the un-seen that make the wheels on the Safari go round & round!! Seen here are left to right, Bill Webb, Linda Brewer, Rex Holman (hiding behind Bill) Ron Brewer, Mike Kelso, Joann Kelso & Jane Merriman. There are dozens more – packet stuffers, dash plaque makers, flag makers, registration desk help, all the people in vending - parking, and the list goes on and on. Thanks to all of you! We will begin working on the 2020 Safari in June 2019.



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Next meeting ~ June 3rd, at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse ~11850 S Highway 191, Unit B10



Moab Vista - RR4W FB Post by Cody Swenson