

# 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
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hondu Arch (4) Green River, UT	Bill Wherli
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cameo Cliffs	John Martin
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Box Car/Kamikaze (4)	Mike Kelso
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Backwards Bill (5)	Gene Day
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Day Canyon Point (4)	
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	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 435-260-0648*

► 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.

## NEW NEWS FOR MAY 2020

As you can well imagine from your own communities, Easter here in Moab was incredibly quiet. So here are some old pictures you might enjoy

Cliff Hanger trail. Some cyclists amazed at what 4-wheelers can do, especially if they have never been on the trail with us before.



We always carry extra water for them because they erroneously think a pint or quart is enough for a full day

in the sun – not even!!



View from Hell's Revenge towards the La Sal mountain range.

**THE CLUB CANNOT THANK THOSE OFFICIALS WHO HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND ENOUGH, EVEN AFTER THE VIRUS HAD TAKEN OVER. YOUR DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB WERE PHENOMENAL!**

**....We have renewed all Official dues for one year and mailed your new membership cards and a 2020 Official jacket patch to each Official as of April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**LABOR DAY SAFARI** – currently, Labor Day is a go! Online Registration will open on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM MST. This event is limited to only 150 vehicles as our venue is not large enough to accommodate more.

To learn more about the event and what is offered see your 2020 Easter Safari magazine, page 16-17. You can also view the event specifics online at rr4w.com under the Events tab.

**Is the 2020 Easter Jeep Safari going to be rescheduled for 2020?** So sorry, this will not be happening.

●Number one reason, our trails run on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land. Our permit has been approved for 10 years in advance and has a designated number of vehicles we expect to attend and the dates we will have the event.

**Further challenges of having an event in a Tourist town:**

●A flyer the Moab Happenings prints was brought to the December meeting 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, instead of floating with Easter every year, there are not 2 weekends available on the calendar – 52 weeks, 67

events! And this year there is another 4-wheel drive event right on our heels wanting the arena, our registration and Vending Expo area, this year before we are done with it.

●**Grand County High School Senior Graduation Party** – has been cancelled for 2020 in response to the “No groups larger than 10 people” rule by the Grand County Health Department and CDC. At this time there are ideas about when the Seniors will have their ceremony. Speaking to several of them, they are hoping to have one later this year since they have worked for 12 years to get to this point, and really want to walk with their class!

**Corona Virus in Grand County/Moab, UT** – as of the writing of this newsletter, there have only been 3 cases of the virus in Grand County, Moab so far. There was one death in Monticello, UT, 50 miles to the south of Moab.

●High closures to moderate openings for some businesses will be happening in some Utah counties on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

●During this time of Sit-Stay, for up to date information on motels, campgrounds, restaurant openings, etc. in Utah, use these web sites: [www.seuhealth.com/covid-19](http://www.seuhealth.com/covid-19) (Grand County/Moab) and for the entire state of Utah [Coronaviruse.utah.gov](http://Coronaviruse.utah.gov) before you travel.

●Of Note: people have been sited just outside Moab for camping on BLM and private lands outside of town. (These people were camping in stolen cars and had marijuana, meth etc. – too bad for them that camping was illegal right at that time (story printed in the Moab Times Independent))

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**NEW on the website (rr4w.com) Shop**



Bucket hats made with heavy duty canvas. Has locking tabs on side to keep flaps up. Comes with Red Rock logo in complimentary color. Available in royal blue or natural.

\$22.50.



22" x 22" 100% cotton bandana Multiple use item for the avid 4-wheeler: scarf, face protection, dust wrap, napkin, Corona Virus protection, etc. \$6.98



MUD pins and dash plaques for 2020, also in the online Shop for \$10 for “The EJS that wasn’t”!

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**The June meeting is pending currently – due to CDC guidelines regarding Corona Virus (VID-19). We will try to contact you via e-mail, a June newsletter or the club grapevine if there will be a meeting scheduled.**

**PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NEWS ( JAN-APRIL )**

**Bob & Patsy Kraft 2019**

**Red Rock 4-Wheelers of the Year.**



Bob was raised on a ranch in Montana and became a Denver police officer in 1972 where he retired after 30 years.

Patsy was a dispatcher with the Denver PD when one day Bob brought in a banana split and two spoons. She was hooked!

Patsy grew up on a farm and had a summer job catching skunks! They both love working with the soil and we are all glad because they share tomatoes, pears and apples during harvest.

After retirement and joining the Red Rock 4 wheelers in 2001 jeeping in Moab became one of their favorite past times. While on a run on the Intimidator Patsy managed to tear the door handle off the jeep, she survived the trip and after dinner some of the guys repaired the door handle and named it the “oh s\*\*\*” handle.”

Bob enjoys serving with the Shriners and even married Patsy on a Shriners motorcycle patrol trip to Reno. They have enjoyed many motorcycle trips around the country with the Shriners and Patsy became surprisingly good at changing clothes and sleeping on the back of the bike. While in a motorcycle obstacle course competition in Branson Bob is remembered for a spectacular crash, luckily only his ego was damaged!

Bob enjoys spending time and a little money in his well-equipped garage tinkering & rebuilding old jeeps.

True to their giving nature, both Bob & Patsy help whenever and wherever they can. He and his friend Bill Webb have overseen EJS registration for many years, and Bob is currently the RR4W Vice President. Patsy oversees scheduling & training the Trail Monitor’s and if you are wearing a RR4W Leaders or Helpers jacket she had it made special for you. They both help with the Labor Day Campout and anything else that pops up.



**A Celebration of Life Service was postponed for Dave Swafford until further notice due to the Shelter in Place order from the CDC.**

David Lynn Swafford, 67, passed away peacefully in his home in La Sal, Utah on February 22, 2020.

David was born on May 29, 1952 in Columbus, Indiana. He married Debra Sullivan in 1972. He retired from the Phoenix Police Department after 25 years serving with Honor and Pride.

David's love of 4 wheeling brought him to LaSal, UT after his retirement, where he joined the Red Rock 4-Wheelers and brought his two sons into the Club with him. He was always available to lead or gun on trails and finally settled on Kane Creek as his favorite through the 18 years he was with the club. His son Eric has taken his place at the head of the Kane Creek during Safari.

Dave kept busy as a member of the Sons of the American Legion, as a Commander of the Detachment of Utah, until his cancer sidelined him. He also served as the Western Division National Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. He worked with the Utah Boys State and enjoyed seeing the young men of Utah learn how their government works.

**Dave will be missed by his four wheeling friends!**

The 2020 EJS was 97.6% full when the Corona Virus struck, then due to refunds because of the virus, it went down to 94% and decreased quickly within a few days.

●Participants and officials were calling and e-mailing cancelling by the droves for the few days before we cancelled. Some things that were brought up in conversation were things that, not travelling across country, you might not think about. Would the gas stations be open and have gas, would there be places to stay, would we be able to get food. Coming 1,200+ miles between here and there would cause just a little concern about who and what was contagious along the way.

●For the first time in 53 years, due to the Corona Virus (VID-19), everything to do with Easter Jeep Safari was cancelled officially on March 18<sup>th</sup>. This was a tough decision for the Club leaders and one that should be touted as an excellent decision on their part.

●People were calling saying they were coming anyway, even if we did not put on the event – we had a lot from Wisconsin, New York, Florida, California and Europe – all hot spots. They changed their minds once they were notified the motels, restaurants, campgrounds and all camping on wild lands and private property was illegal at this time. As of the writing of this newsletter we only have 3 validated cases of the virus in Grand County. Living in an area with 50 miles between towns has helped control the spread, I am sure. No large masses of people living on top of each other and dependent on mass transit sometimes is a good thing. I knew there was a reason I love living in the wild west!

**SETTLING UP!** Rex Holman, Business Manager, designed a plan to refund all participant fees for the Easter Jeep Safari. and he and Linda Brewer, Office Manager, began a seven-day vigil to

print all the orders and systematically refund them. This was quite a chore as a lot of people wait until the trail they want pops open and then they register for a trail at a time, they could essentially have 9 orders on the books.

▶ **If you hear from anyone who did not get their refund, please have them drop us a line via the CONTACT tab on the website and we will research it for them.**

▶ **A letter was mailed to all the participants and Officials with a coupon at the bottom for \$10 off merchandise during the 2021 event and a 2020 dash plaque was mailed along with the letter to everyone who paid for a trail.**

Take time to think about what you will really enjoy and miss, think about how much more you will appreciate it when you get to do it again. Sharing a bag of popcorn at the movies, visiting with your neighbors and family face to face, shopping without a mask, shaking hands, hugging. Not having to wipe down everything you buy at the store. How sweet it will be!



They say you do not really miss something until it's gone! Toilet paper is a good example



Do you miss eating out? Restaurants all over Moab are serving take out – they even have car hops, something only Sonic still has. Worried about the

container? Just clean like your mama taught you, warm your meal in the microwave on a plate, it will kill any germs it might have. Throw away your container, bag and box then wash – wash – wash your hands Then enjoy!!

**Someone toilet papered my house the other night and now it is worth \$875,000. THANKS!**



What were you doing the first day Easter Jeep Safari was cancelled after 53 years? Dieter Thoeny, RR4W member, wrote from Liechtenstein, Europe: drinking coffee and reading the EJS magazine.

His lovely wife and he have the tuff job of eating the several bags of chocolate he was bringing to his trail participants. Tough job, but someone had to do it.

**Drones on Safari trails** – you can take drones on the



trails. However, Mike Kelso, RR4W President, noted that the trail leader should tell all participants at the drivers

meeting that there would be no drones flying during 10-100 (bathroom) stops. **And** ask at the drivers meeting before the trail begins if anyone has any objections to the drones and the leader should decide for all trail participants from the response.

## Our two old Facebook windows have closed!

### ●WELCOME TO THE NEW RR4W FACEBOOK WINDOW!

George Schultz has taken on the task of managing a new Facebook page, and is doing a terrific job – Thank you George! Just a little bit of history about George. His dad, George Schultz Sr. and Mom and a few other intrepid souls created the Red Rock 4-Wheelers when he was a kid. His Mom drew the RR4W logo, you can see a copy of the original drawing on Georges' website posts. To join the new Facebook page, go to [Red rock 4-Wheelers / Easter Jeep Safari, The Officially Unofficial Group.](#)

●There will be a section on the new FB page that only Gunners and Leaders can access to ask questions, talk to each other, etc. Rex Holman and George Schultz will be the managers of the section.

[NEVER SIGNED INTO YOUR PROFILE](#) because we put it in for you years ago? Too bad, if not – you should!!! We have a profile base of over 10,000 people, we whittle these down annually by the last date they

have signed into their profiles to send them an Easter Jeep Safari magazine. If you are a member, it does not 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 cannot sign in for you, but - they don't generate the date needed to keep you active!



## Dogs & the virus.

Duncan, why don't people understand the "Sit and Stay" command? Got me Angus, – maybe they need a kibble treat!



Nah – you just need a little positive reinforcement!

On February 29, a work party set out on 7mile rim to install 9 you are here signs along the safari route. Those that helped were Mike and Joanne Kelso, John and Carol Martin, Devon Parsons, John and Terry Marsh, Pete Kaufman, Bill Wehrl, Mark Pope, Jerry McCann, Frank and Julie Thurston. "You are Here" signs help travelers determine where they are on the trail. There are no street signs out here only landmarks and if you are not used to reading the landmarks or even if you are you can get easily confused, just ask our Search & Rescue team. A lot of landmarks repeat themselves, it's just the nature of sandstone. Many people that get disoriented are bicyclists, that's why they mark their trails with white arrows every few feet.

