

# Red Rock Review



## TRAIL OF THE MONTH FOR LAST QUARTER of 2021

**August:** Sixteen Jeeps ran the Jax Trax trail. The morning began with a few rain showers. However, the wind soon shifted, quickly clearing out the smoke that had been hanging in the area for weeks and giving us a sunny, warm, and beautiful day. All the participants managed the trail obstacles with ease, making for a fun day. Much thanks to Rick Wolcott for getting everyone to the trailhead safely, and for Mike Kelso for leading on the trail.



**September:** After a 24-hour rain delay, the trail ventured out into the sunset to watch the almost full moon rise behind the Monitor butte. After a relaxing hour in the warm breeze, John Martin deftly led everyone safely through the darkness back to the trailhead. There were nine vehicles taking part, including one from California and two from the Salt Lake area. (Mark Pope)

**October:** Explored the western reaches of Grand County and included views of the Green River at Bowknot Bend, Ten Mile Canyon, and Rock Canyon. Nineteen vehicles took part. Many thanks to Rick Wolcott for planning the route and leading the trip.

**November:** We had a great turnout for the last trip of the year. Devon and Marlene Parsons led 24 vehicles on the 3D trail, including ten who participated for the first time in 2021.

### Much appreciation to the following people who led trails this year, without whom there would be no Trail of the Month:

- Bill Wehrli                      John and Carol Martin
- Rick Wolcott                    Mike and Joanne Kelso
- Devon and Marlene Parsons

### 2021 TOM Overview

Total number of vehicles joining for the year: 65

Average group size: 16

Number who participated only once: 42

Frequent Flyers:

8 Trails = Bill Wehrli, Frank & Julianne Thurston

7 Trails = Jerry & Susie McCann

6 Trails = John Marsh, Lester & Ruth Sendeki, John & Carol Martin



Where did they come from: UT, CO, CA, AZ, NM, FL, MA, WY, WI, NH & Liechtenstein

## ● NOVEMBER MEETING NEWS ●

### 2 VOTES SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER MEETING

- A motion was made to donate \$1,000 to Larry Crist who has been experiencing medical issues.
- Another Club member was slated for a donation. The couple thanks the Club for the thought but has declined the donation.

**Nominations for 4-Wheeler of the Year - silent** nomination forms will be passed out at the December meeting. All Club members are eligible. The person/persons nominated can be an Official, organizer, officer, the butcher, the baker or the candle stick maker – you get the picture. Unlike

other 'persons of the year', if you have been 4-wheeler of the year before you are not eligible again! (a list of former 4-Wheelers of the Year will be at the meeting for you to peruse). If you are out of town and wish to nominate someone, please let us know who and why you think they should be recognized by e-mailing to [rbrewer@frontiernet.net](mailto:rbrewer@frontiernet.net) The winner will be honored at the Holiday Party in January.

**New equipment has been purchased** to work on fences, rock ledges, etc., to maintain the trails, we have been borrowing what was needed up until now. Included in the purchase are a rotor hammer; fence stretcher; fence pole pounder; drill bits; cutters, etc., The cost was estimated at about \$1,500.

### 2021 CHARITY DONATIONS TO BE GIVEN OUT IN THE DECEMBER MEETING

#### Standard continuing donations:

Grand County Sheriff	\$2,000.00
Grand county Search & Rescue	\$2,000.00
Moab City Police	\$ .00*
San Juan County Search & Rescue	\$1,500.00
Moab Chamber of Commerce	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

#### Member Requests:

Moab Valley Humane Society(Pete Kaufman)	\$ 500.00
Red Devil Mountain Biking Team(Joanne Kelso)	\$3,000.00
Grand Area Mentoring (John Marsh)	\$ 750.00
Moab Fire Department (Linda Brewer)	\$3,000.00
Old Spanish Trail Arena (Rex Holman)	\$ .00**
	\$7,250.00
Total	<u>\$14,250.00</u>

\*Moab City Police removed from consideration per end of Big Saturday parade.

\*\*Transfer request to Capital Expense. To be discussed further with Club.

**MONITORS STILL NEEDED:** Patsy still needs Monitors during the 2022 Easter Jeep Safari for the following days & trails: Pritchett Canyon & Behind the Rocks, both are for half days only. They each need coverage for 2 days on 4/16 & 4/17. This position pays \$20/hour. Call Patsy at 435-260-2934.

**The 2022 Easter Safari Magazine** is going into production soon, we have more ads than last year already and 11 Trail Sponsors so far. Jeep has purchased an ad in the EJS magazine for the first time in forever. The magazines will be mailed in January – if you have moved and not corrected your profile address – now is the time!

**VENDING SHOW 2022** According to Doug McElhane there will be a vending show in 2022! *Vendors are sending in their reservations for booths and are excited it is going to happen. Yes, it will be at the Arena, even if the entire thing must be outside.* There may be restrictions in place for Covid, i.e., only so many people in show at a time, masks, etc. – but, maybe not, we'll see what shakes out at the time. *Dixie 4-Wheel Drive had a small show at their shop last year and is still*

pushing to have it in 2022, but they have sold their shop here in Moab, so who knows??? One thing that is different between the Dixie show and ours, is we don't do the show for profit, we do the show for our participants to let them see what is available to them in the 4x4 world. When vendors reserve their spots, they can either pay cash or donate to the Friday night give-away. Monies paid help pay for the Arena, charity donations, etc., all donations of goods are given away on Friday night.

**Be in the know:** There are 30-35% fewer manufacturing companies than there were 5 years ago mostly due to consolidation by companies, so you may not see as many companies out there just because they have combined forces under another name.




**Christmas Party**


We're so excited, Carma is planning a party for the first time in 2 years!

**When:** Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> (MLK Weekend)  
**Where:** The Branding Iron (S Hwy 191) in Moab  
**Time:** Happy Hour: 6:00 pm  
 (Drinks included except liquor is on your tab)  
 Dinner: 7:00 pm  
**Menu:** Prime Rib


*RSVP to Carma no later than January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 435-259-6878. If need leave a message, please  
 speak slowly and distinctly with your name,  
 how many in your party and your phone number.*



There was no kids Christmas Party this year. Sadly, all those members that live in Moab don't have kids young enough to attend anymore—but the kids are old enough to be trail officials – not a bad tradeoff. Excitingly enough, we have some new gunners for Safari that have grown up four wheeling during Safari with their parents, both in-towners and out of towners, and they are moving into gunner positions starting last year themselves! Excellent – they are the future of our Club.



Bear hugs to Gayle Weisbecker, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery and to Bill Wehrli, who is going to be recovering from a replacement surgery. Ken Minor had elbow surgery right after the November meeting – hope you can bend it again Ken. Kind of like our 4-wheel drives, we can all use new parts at some time! Also, Mike Kelso will be recovering shortly from some neck surgery and will be out of commission for a few months. And to all those who are having 'elective' surgery – a big wish to get well quick! Elective – strange word for something that you need to have done to make life bearable and without pain isn't it!



You know how we always wonder what happened to those kids from Grand County High that we gave scholarships to. Well, at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner the Martin's and Brewer's had dinner with one of them. Steven Stocks and his wife, who is from Brazil. This is not your typical picture; it was a masquerade dinner. He is now a lawyer here in Moab now and ran for Mayor this year, he didn't win the race. Great job Steven!


**Officials for the 2022 EJS have been assigned.** Thank all of you for sending your forms and being willing to help keep this great event going, we couldn't do it without you. Assigning trails was more challenging than ever this year because

- There are 59 officials not attending in 2022 that were here in 2021
- some are only going to be here part of the nine days
- some long time members have decided to step down from the harder trails to the lower rated trails and that's

what the new people always start off on and work their way up • eight long time gunners have retired to Legacy memberships. (We thank those new Legacy members for their dedication for all these years.) **We will be sending out trail assignments soon** (been working on the magazine) – you can look on the website by logging into your profile and clicking on the Leaders & Gunners button at the left of the screen. ▶ One of the big things we had to do this year was cancel some trails due to lack of Officials: Skills Day on Behind the Rocks Tip Toe; Gold Bar Rim, Thurs 8am; Golden Spike, Sun, 4/10; Cliff Hanger on Weds; and we are letting Rose Garden rest for 2021 on Big Saturday.

▶ **There were 7 Big Saturday (BSat) trails needing leaders this year, the most ever, out of a total 27 BSat trails that run on the Saturday before Easter.** We have a wait list of members that want to lead a BSat trail. The next leader is decided by the 1<sup>st</sup> date someone was recorded as asking to lead one, then if there is a tie, we refer to the date they joined the Club. Although, BSat is not what it was when there was a parade lining the downtown blocks with trails and everyone leaving at the same time it still holds a special place for a lot of people. The last year we had the parade was in 2018 - there were 733 vehicles lined up downtown and it took the Police department a record 17 minutes to get us all out of town - it was something to see.

▶ **If you didn't get your invite to gun this year and would like to,** let us know by e-mailing via the website, under the Contact tab. You must have been a Club member for one year prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020; have attended at least 2 of the last 4 Club events. All this adds to your experience as a 4-wheeler and will help you help others.



According to our Treasurer the Club is doing just fine, we're keeping the lights on! That's important with early sunsets we're having.

**LAND USE:** Permits are in place for renewals for our events. The mapping of trails hasn't been as easy as was thought. We don't want to put something on the RR4W website that doesn't match the BLM.

- ▶ John Marsh reported that the mapping of our trails to match the BLM maps is continuing.
- ▶ The BLM (Bureau of Land Management) appears to be loosening up and it seems it is easier to get things. They have new signs and posts for Tusher Tunnel that we need to install.
- ▶ The Steel Bender drop off really needs work, it's dangerous, there was a roll-off into the canyon last Labor Day-no one was hurt. Suggest a jack hammer be used. The BLM wants to fence off a runway everyone has made on the trail too.
- ▶ The BLM is targeting Kane Creek right now; it needs a major overhaul since early in the fall when flash flooding occurred several weeks in a row.

**August, September and October reporting**



**Labor Day was a great success this year,** no serious accidents or tip overs. A big thanks goes to The Blue Pig for the discount they gave us for pulled pork sandwiches and potato salad, it was delicious. And they supplied a heated box to keep the meat warm.

The Drawing was held during dinner. James and Kimberlee Graves gather items through the year, and they give them away with the help of Sarah, their daughter. For the last two years, they've given tickets out when people check in then draw them during the day on Saturday when everyone is on the trail and post them on a board so people can check their ticket during dinner. It was a great way to do it during Covid. Thanks to the Graves family! Thanks also to those who donated prizes for the drawing, Brian Hammer donated a Co2 canister this year.

Gayle Weisbecker and Lourae Minor sold \$1,700 in Club merchandise this year during the event – fantastic job ladies!

The Mason's provided breakfast all three days of the event and as always – it was great, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs,

juice, coffee and one of them bakes the most delicious banana bread every year – YUM! They get up super early and cook all of it at the camp park.

Labor Day is an event limited to 150 vehicles, not by the number of openings there are on the trails as EJS is. Once we reach 150 of non-gunner vehicles, registration is closed, if there are cancellations registration is re-opened until those openings are filled. If we have people on a wait list, they are contacted first before reopening registration.

Thanks goes to all those who helped with the event this year: Mike & Joanne Kelso; John & Carol Martin; Mark Pope; Gayle Weisbecker; Ron & Linda Brewer; Bill Hughes; James, Kimbirlee and Sarah Graves; Bob Kraft; Lourae Minor; Rex Holman and MOST OF ALL thanks to all those who volunteered to lead and gun.



Bennie Joyce Ames, seventy of Bowie, TX, passed away in September 2021 in Carrollton, TX from complications of covid.

Bennie married Mike Ames, in September 2002 and quickly became involved with the RR4W's and helping Mike officiate on trails. Mike has been a RR4W member since 1991, guiding many trails. She loved 4-wheeling and seeing new sights. For many years, being a country girl at heart, she loved to shoot guns, play the guitar, bake pies, and work in the garden and weed eat her property.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mike and their family, she will be missed by those who knew her.



Sadly, Don Reece passed away on July 31st of this year. Don and his wife Martha have been Club members since 1991 and were always here every year, gunning on some of the hardest trails, he was a gunner on the first Golden Spike run with Dan Mick. Once Don was no longer able to drive Martha took over the wheel and they kept gunning for many years on the easier trails. They became Legacy members in 2019. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Martha and her family.



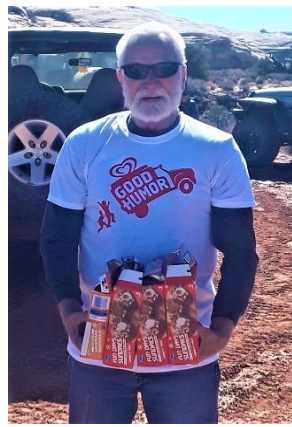
Bighorn Sheep near Tenmile Canyon seen from Rock Canyon Loop Rd. WNW of Moab, Utah. pc155.2021 Oct 16 Sat 13:08mdt.



Photos by Carole Hahn on TOM Oct 2021 Rock Canyon



**FRS & GMRS mobile radios:** After reviewing all the facts about these radios the decision was made to not change the mode of communication for our events. We need thirty channels at one time, only fifteen channels can be used at one time on these units. Our event is just too big, (1,800+ vehicles), with too many trails in each day for them to be practical. There is only one repeater in Castle Valley, and we would need to get permission to use it, not sure how far it would reach anyway.



During the October Trail of the Month, Bill Wehrli was recognized for his commitment to the club, and for the characteristic enthusiasm that he always brings to club activities. Bill was presented with a custom T-shirt as a token of appreciation. Although not specifically said, there may have also been some implication about ice cream."

### National Public Lands Day

The RR4W's recently sponsored a volunteer workday on the Fins and



Things Trail at the Sand Flats Recreation Area. Here, members set posts for a fence. The group set out on Saturday, Sept. 25 to commemorate National Public Lands Day. A big thanks to everyone who came out to lend a hand was sent out by Sand Flats Director Andrea Brand and her staff. (Photo courtesy of

Bill Stevens/BLM) Big thanks to: Bob Kraft; John Marsh; Mike Kelso; Mark Pope; Frank Thurston; Pete Kaufman; Jerry & Susie McCann; John & Carol Martin and Rick Wolcott.

Many thanks to Erin Young, Assistant Secretary for filling in when Gayle couldn't be at all the meetings. You did a fantastic job, and you were very much appreciated!



**NEXT MEETING  
DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
7PM CLUBHOUSE**

Our next quarterly newsletter will be in March, and it will feature a calendar of events during Easter Safari week.



*No matter what your ride is – buckle up and stay safe this Holiday season.*

*Merry Christmas & a Happy new Year!*

## Red Rock 4-Wheelers Present the New JEEP Wrangler Rubicon JL 4xe

Additional aftermarket items from Jeep Performance Parts will be added to the final version, to be given away at the grand giveaway on Friday, April 15, 2022, at EJS.



The Most Capable Wrangler Ever

The 2022 Jeep® Wrangler builds on its legendary history with an unmatched combination of off-road capability, authentic Jeep design, open-air freedom, advanced fuel-efficient powertrains, superior on- and off-road dynamics, and a host of innovative

safety and advanced technology features. MSRP \$62,100 at time of publication.

**Go to [rr4w.com](http://rr4w.com), home page, to check out the Jeep today! You could own this Jeep for a \$5 donation to the MUD fund. You need not register for any event, don't have to be a member to donate – tell your friends!**

