

intent now is one day a month to target specific locations and to knock them off the list. Some require posts, buck & rail fencing, etc. that the BLM will supply.

- Secret Spire - an embankment in the wash on the way to the Dellenbaugh Tunnel was torn up and getting worse-it has now been repaired.
- 3D - Lunar Canyon, people are driving around a fence that was put up long ago on the Sand hill, a restoration sign was installed, and the dune is recovering nicely. If you see an area you want on the list, take a picture, send it and gps coordinates to Mark.
- On the MTC side-they focus on the gnarly trails. At meetings sometimes there's a lot of talking but no doing. Mark pushed to come up with a list of 5 things, focus on them then onto others - 1) a dugway on Metal Masher 2)Cliff Hanger 3)Pritchett These are big hard things that require a wrecker or motorized drill and better left to the MTC.
- The Club is keeping projects to one lower rated trail a month, if the BLM comes up with other things, we'll do more as needed. Routes with ratings of 3-5 is where we live, they get more wear and tear than the 6-9 rated trails. **We appreciate, greatly, those that can go out and work on the trails.**

Monthly Words of Wisdom brought to you by Gene Day:

"In my twenty plus years I've been a member of the RR4W, there are no strangers among Red Rock 4-Wheelers, just good friends we haven't met yet."

Monitors-Patsy Kraft: Patsy is pleased to announce she has all the Monitors scheduled for EJS with extras waiting in the wings! Excellent!



Did you know when you get older?

There's nothing left to learn the hard way and things you buy will never wear out. Our joints are more accurate than the weatherman.

Logo on fencing: John Larish was tasked with finding a way to put our logo on the fencing we use at Jeep Safari for the parking and vending area and loan out to indicate who it belongs to as a way of showing everyone who doesn't attend our event that we support every other event in the Moab area, Arts festival; Old Car Show; city park; Rodeo; Music Festival; Humane Society; marathons; etc. etc. There is an 8" diamond metal plate in the top middle of every piece of the orange fencing. John found a company that makes - aluminum signs with high resolution, permanent UV coding that will take buffing if needed, and rounded edges for safety that can easily be riveted to the inside of both sides of the 8" diamond on every section. Cost \$15/sign, and there are 110 sections of fencing. Getting the RR4W name out there as a contributing donor to the other events in the community, is something we have been talking about for a long time as the artsy, biking, rock climbing, community don't realize we have always "Given Back" to the community and have been doing this for over 56 years now without making a fuss about it. It's time! The matter was moved to the finance committee for a recommendation and will be taken up again in January 2023.

**Next Meeting - January 2nd, 2023 - 7:00pm Clubhouse
11850 S Highway 191, Unit B10 - Business Park
Need Directions? Call 435-259-Rock early in the day.**

November news

We had a great turnout for the last trip of the year. Twenty-six vehicles gathered for a planned run up to Dry Mesa. Because of the large number of vehicles, we split the group in two with half going on to Dry Mesa and the remainder taking the 4x4 trail to Tower Arch. Much appreciation to Bill Wehri for leading this trip.

2022 Trail-of-the-Month Overview

- Number of Trails Run: 9
- Number of unique vehicles participating: 80
- Average group size: 19
- Frequent Flyers: 7 Trails: Bill Wehri, Carole Hahn
- 6 Trails: Ruth & Lester Sendeck, Paul & Rebecca Darezzo, Rick Wolcott



Many thanks to Rick Wolcott, Bill Wehri, and Devon Parson for leading trails this year; without whom, these monthly events would not have happened.

And many thanks to Mark Pope for heading up the TOM committee and planning out eleven months of great experiences.

LET MARK KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEADING A TOM IN 2023

VENDING: Doug & Carma McElhane attended SEMA in Las Vegas in October to visit with vendors and invite them to sign up on our new Vending Website. When talking to them, they said Moab was

too expensive to be here for 9 days it would be about \$3,600-\$4,000 for motels alone for their crew. They need to get funds & approval one year in advance. When asked at the November club meeting about working out something with Condo owners - it was said that would be impossible because those are individually owned. At the time of the meeting forty-two vendors had signed up.

LAND USE: John Marsh reported that a decision has not been made about the Gemini Briges / Labyrinth Rims comment period. Our 10-year land use permit is proceeding as expected and if some closures occur due to the GB/LR we will just not run those roads. The BLM wants all our trails on their website so others can use the trails. We show the main and alternate routes if correct. We should be able to just put the BLM's maps on our own website-hoping it's done by EJS. Drones - are not permitted during EJS trails and that includes Hole 'n the Rock trail under Glen Canyon Recreation Area management.



On Public Lands Day in September, the Club & BLM worked on "Wicked Ledge" or the "Big Gnarly" and they hoped to finish it on November 17th.

Nena Barlow led a group of people for the park service over the trail and posted this picture and this comment: "Shout out to the Red Rock 4-Wheelers and the Moab BLM for fixing Big Gnarly (the drop

between Wipe Out and Determination Towers)! It was getting extra spicy, and the bypasses were destroying the whole hill. Now it's consistent with the rating of the 7 Mile Rim trail. Thank you!" (FB post)

In response to the (FB post) above there were several comments about just leaving the trails alone and let them evolve so to speak. My response is below-believe me Potato Salad Hill never used to look the way it does now-it used to be the beginning of Hell's Revenge.

Trail ratings are reviewed all year long and the Club makes decisions on every trail about whether to "maintain" the trail at its current rating or raise/lower the rating. The vehicles that traverse the trails are not the only thing that affects them - the weather is the most unpredictable thing & this year has been a doozy. Leaving a trail alone to continue to degrade is not an option for our trail system to continue to remain open - if a road gets unpassable and people start going around a rough spot THAT is a problem. We monitor trail issues as they arise and keep an eye on areas that are reported by 4-wheelers as bad - because after the winter - that trail may be fine again. We try to keep the trails at an even keel so we have a rating mix that everyone can enjoy and not just the buggies and heavy-duty wheelers. (Thank you, Linda Brewer, Editor, writer and RR4W since 1982).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!



Waste Alleviation & Gelling bags. A WAG bag is what you get when you use a groover (or not) on a trail. So, what do you do with it? No one had a good answer but now we have a place people can drop them off for disposal. DiscoverMoab.com (tells where you can take the bags) We need to educate people so we'll make copies for monitors, copies to go in the Groovers, with all trail participants, and put up on the Arena wall so participants can see it when they come into register.

October news

The group of RR4W that participated in the Melon Days Parade in Green River decided the only thing they need to do next year is 'bring more candy'!! Green River will be looking forward to see the RR4W coming down the road.

The October Trail-of-the-Month ran a 'tip-toe' version of Metal Masher. Thirteen vehicles participated in this 6-rated trail, which involved the standard route through Mirror Gulch to the overlook at Arth's Rim but skipped the Widow Maker loop. Thanks to Devon Parsons for leading and to Rick Wolcott for his help with communications.

Please Note: we do, at times, use the pictures you post on our Face Book page for the newsletter, magazine, and e-mail blasts. Thank you for your posts. Thank you for enjoying the country we all love.

Accolades go to Mark Pope and Rick Wolcott for their excellent handling of the Trail of the Month program – it was a huge success this year because of the planning of these two Red Rockers! AND, a big thank you to Carole Hahn for all the photos this last year – it sure makes the newsletter more interesting.

The Club received a nice note from the Humane Society for the use of the fencing. Looking back, did we ever investigate the possibility of getting plaques for the fencing?

WANT AD: You want~Bob has! A brand-new hospital bed (with new mattress) if you need it – get it. Get hold of Bob Humphreys! marshaleota@yahoo.com OR 801-682-9704

Report on Labor Day Skills Day. It went well. The group didn't do many skills on the trail but had some training about how to direct drivers, universal hand commands, etc. This was Stage I, the next session will be Stage II, hopefully the same participants will attend to finish training.

Twenty Big Boys (vendors) signed up on the new website for the Vending show at the 2023 EJS. Everyone seems to like the ease of using the new website. If you want to see a fantastic ariel view of the vending show, click on the EXPO tab on the r4w.com website. A big thanks go out to Marc Terrien and Andy Urban at ThinAirWeb.com for an excellent job of putting it together.

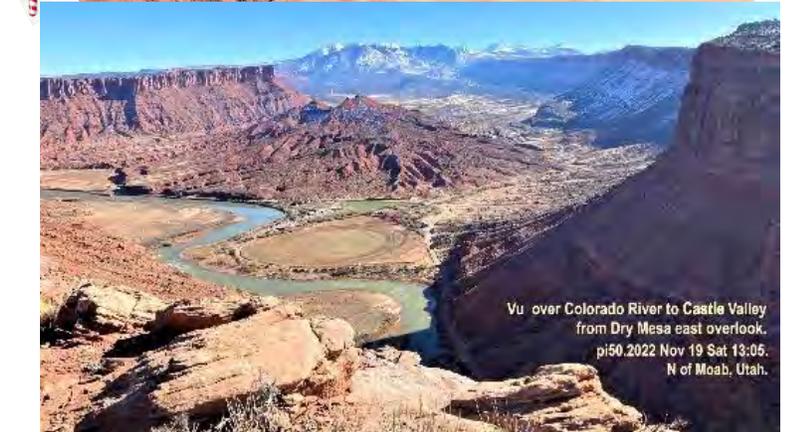
Everyone turned in their charity wants for the 2022 year and the finance committee took them all under advisement and made a list of the ones that would be sent to the voting club members at the November Club meeting. Charity donations made by the Club, if they are a 501-3C entity we will receive a tax deduction for the donation – if not, if it is felt they are a worthy cause, we will still donate to them if there is a favorable vote.

A huge thank you to John Marsh and Russ Walker for their excellent response to the BLM Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges road closure recommendations comment period. It was detailed, listing all the roads and overlooks that would also be affected by the closure of the ones named in the EA plan.

●On the date of the October Club meeting there were 4,927 comments on the BLM website – by the end of the extended comment period there were over 7,900 comments – Bears Ears currently has 10,000 comments. We thank everyone who made a comment, hopefully most of those 7,000+ comments were against closing roads.

Rex Holman ended up on the television Channel 13 by default, because three other club officers passed on the interview. It was regarding the Bridges EA. Rex said the reporter was in an ATV mode until he upped the conversation to include full size 4-Wheel drives and ATVs. Good job Rex!

There's nothing like a beautiful day on an overlook! Just enjoying the sunshine and the beautiful vista of the Moab Valley and the LaSals from Arth's Rim on Metal Masher.



Castle Valley, the Colorado River and snowy LaSal Mtns. Dry Mesa – Arches National Park looking at Red Cliffs Lodge

Many, many Thanks to Carole Hahn for all the great trail pictures this year!

May you have a wonderful Christmas and a very good new year from all us at home base. The Moab Red Rock 4-Wheelers!



Rick is half way up Rock Chucker on the Metal Masher Trail.

Up, up & over!
YAY!
Thanks to Rick Wolcott, driver and Devon Parson, guide, for thrills & chills on Rock Chucker on Metal Masher



Rick makes it up Rock Chucker on the Metal Masher Trail!

trail. (Rock Chucker is not a part of the regular Metal Masher trail as it takes too long to try it.)



Windows section of Arches NP from the back side-Dry Mesa (C Hahn pic)

Colorado River and Hwy 248 (Carole Hahn picture)



View SW from Dry Mesa down Colorado River



In the past the Club has donated Crash carts for the hospital emergency room; a long revamped golf cart to get patients from the hospital doors to the helipad in all kinds of weather; bikes for the unbeaten High/Middle School Mountain Bike team; sponsored the girls baseball team with new uniforms; band uniforms for the High school band; trees that line the S. side of the arena; gravel for the parking area in front of the arena and lighting for that parking lot; etc. etc. This is our "give back" to the community – which is now a part of our county permit requirements but which we have been doing for decades.

Shown from right to left (back row) Aaron Loony Triggs, representing ●Grand County Sheriff, \$2,000 and ●Grand County Search & Rescue, \$2,000. (Middle row) Mike Kelso, Vice President, RR4W, Moab Fire Department (Safety Officer),

●\$1,000. Danette Johnson, ●\$1,000 ●Moab Free Health Clinic, served over 10% of the Grand County population base. Dan McNeil, ●Grand Area Mentoring, currently mentoring 60 children. Annalee Howland, ●Pirates Den Teen Center in Green River, UT – after school programs for 7th-12th graders mostly middle schoolers. Bob Kraft, President RR4W ●\$3,000 PRCA rodeo. Dave Siebert, farm manager, ●Moab Manna Potato Farm & Mary McElhaney, RR4W member (front row-holding a bag of potatoes), ●\$2,000-purchase 5# bags, complete with a RR4W sticker used to bag & deliver the donations.(The farm is run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Castle Valley and all potatoes are donated and farm workers are volunteers.) For the entire inspiring story go to www.adventistworld.org/moab-manna/. John Martin, RR4W Treasurer. Dave Sakrison, Reverend and former Moab Mayor, ●\$4,200-St Francis Episcopal Food Bank, using to purchase a new refrigerator/freezer for perishables. 2022 is their fourth year of serving up to 400 meals on Thursdays, thus far in 2022 they have provided 11,000 meals.(the Church of Latter-Day Saints brings in food every week, City Market donates rolls and paper products, and the Food Pantry donates food. (Front row) Wendy Young, GCHS Swim Team coach, ●\$1,000 – replacement of equipment used at the public pool, the team is not supported by the GC school district. Pete Kaufman, ●\$500 – Moab Valley Humane Society. Angela Book, Mgr. Old Spanish Trail Arena, ●\$4,300 AED Defibrillator for the Arena and an ●interactive flat panel for the conference room. Beth Logan, Moab Healthcare Foundation, ●\$1,000 they help get patients with cancer rides to the Huntsman Center in SLC and to their oncology treatments in Grand Junction. (Not shown) Rex Holman, Moab Arts Festival- ●\$2,000 supplies for the kids tent during the festival. ●San Juan County Search & Rescue, \$2,000.

THANKS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS AND RR4W CLUB MEMBERS FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE – MOAB THANKS YOU!

