


Red Rock Review



◆2022 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.)

(Mark Pope, Chairman – TOM Committee (435) 259-6360)

Date	Trail / Racking	Departure Time
March 19 th	Rainbow-Spire 4	9:00 am
April	None – Easter Jeep Safari	
May 21 st	Flat Iron Mesa 6	9:00 am
June 18 th	Green River (Eagle/Black Dragon Canyon 3	8:00 am*
July 16 th	Copper Ridge 4	9:00 am
August 20 th	LaSal Pass 3	9:00 am
September 10 th	Monitor/Merrimac Moonlight Run 3	TBD
October 8 th	Metal Masher Tip Toe 5	9:00 am
November 19 th	Dry Mesa 4	9:00 am
December	None – Happy Holidays	

- ***8:00 am Departure time from Moab, regroup/meet at 9:00 am in Green River – location will be announced.**

► 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 2022 has been posted to the RR4W.com website and Facebook.

Mark Pope reported an amazing turnout for the first trail of 2022, with 32 vehicles participating. Much thanks to Rick Wolcott for leading the group to some awesome overlooks of the Green River on Deadman's Point.

●**In March, we will do some beginner level rock crawling** on some of the sandstone ridges around Tombstone Rock. The trail is rated a 4 since a few of the steps may be a problem for stock, unlifted vehicles. That trip will depart the City Market parking lot at 9 am on March 19.

March Meeting 2022

●Mike Kelso, Vice President, RR4W, reported the Jeep Corporation will be here in Moab on April 9th with 5 Jeeps to do work on Fins & Things along with 8-10 people from the Club. Jeep is now owned by an Italian company and the top 3 executives will be flying over from Europe for the EJS event. Mike Kelso; Rick Wolcott; Bill Wehrli; Tom Trotter; Jeremy Rowan, Pete Kaufman, Bob Kraft and Jerry McCann all volunteered to help.

●**A really BIG thank you to Mike Kelso, who is in charge of Motorized Vehicles in the Sand Flats Area and has been working for over 2 years (well before the Pandemic) to get the section of Hell's Revenge known as the Toll Bridge reopened.** This is a big deal as this section of trail has been used since the 1970's until it became impassable, if you go to the Tip Over Challenge and don't do it you can do a turn around and come back off and go to the right and over the Toll Bridge and out through Lake Michigan. This avoids the county roads and is one way traffic, which should lighten the load on heavy traffic days. The Toll Bridge is named such because bulldozers can't turn corners, so they scoot around on their tracks and make a rather unique

berm, which at first glance looks impassable. Remember when you go out on this part of the trail to take care with the vegetation down below the Toll Bridge.



●**Day Canyon Point** suddenly has a sign with a steel cemented post and cable across the road. This is on the short cut and says "No Camping Area – Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat. This is a lambing area, and we should respect the wildlife by avoiding the area and going out the way you came in. The sign was posted by SITLA (School Institutional Trust Lands Administration).

John Marsh reported that National Geographic contacted him with hundreds of questions about the corrections he and Russ Walker have mapped for the Safari trails. If you buy a new National Geographic map, be sure to pick up one with a 2022 copy rite.

- Permits are all in except for Glenn Canyon (Hole 'n the Rock trail).
- The new mapping won't be available on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) website until 2023.
- If you're out 4-wheeling, don't go somewhere just because someone else did – **STAY THE TRAIL!** You take the wrong route; the next guy follows you and soon you have a heavy track that is wrong and not permitted by the BLM. "Get back where you're supposed to be."

Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges travel management area.

The links for the maps and BLM have been posted on the home page of the website and Facebook.

Comment Period is April 4th – May 5th,

Once the comment period April 4th, you can find it at:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2001224/510>

The BLM does count the number of comments received, usually as **For** or **Against** the changes – the more that are **Against** the changes there are - may swing the decision in our direction. **BE Specific** in your comments.

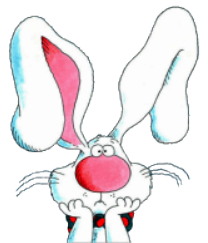
In the meantime, look up Labyrinth Rims TMA Alternatives Map by Patrick McKay, Esq. Vice President, Colorado Offroad Trail Defenders: <https://arccg.is/OvOyHD>

He has PDF maps and one with roads in the area (red ones are ones the council wants to close).

After posting our appeal to the public on the FB page I heard from Patrick McKay, and he gave us this list of trails we could mention on our e-mails to the BLM: Thank you Patrick

"I would not assume this won't seriously affect important trails. Alternative C, which due to its positioning as the middle ground alternative can be presumed to be the BLM's preferred alternative, would close the following major trails:

- Lower 2/3 of Ten Mile Canyon
- Upper 2/3 of Hell Roaring Canyon
- Most of Mineral Canyon
- The portion of the Buttes and Towers Safari trail looping around Pasture Butte (closed in all preliminary alternatives)
- The spur off the 3D trail into Hidden Canyon
- The eastern half of the 7-Up Trail



- One of the 3 overlook spurs at the end of Deadman Point
- The western loop of Rainbow Terrace
- Multiple designated dispersed camping spurs off Mineral Bottom Road and one off the Cotter Mine Road
- Connecting routes from Metal Masher to West Arths Rim.

Alternative C also includes a spring seasonal closure of the Day Canyon Point trail, which would likely make it no longer eligible for inclusion in Easter Jeep Safari as it would be closed during peak spring season. In addition, the Hey Joe Canyon and Rusty Nail trails are probably going to be proposed for closure in the final version of alternative B. Those closures aren't as likely to be enacted in the final travel plan, but SUWA and Grand County will be campaigning hard for that.

The closures of two-thirds of the Ten Mile Canyon, Hell Roaring Canyon, and Mineral Canyon trails alone will be a major loss, along with many others that aren't well known but still provide access to some spectacular areas."

NOW – we are going to need your help during the comment period. The BLM holds a lot of stock in a simple communication from you, as John Marsh, Land Use Coordinator, said as he was presenting this issue during the January club meeting. ●Some of the closures are due to wildlife, Ten Mile is the only water source in a large area. ●The bikers have over two hundred miles of trails restricted to bikes only. Jeep trails are open to all things with wheels & two feet. **The Grand County commissioners stated that users were complaining about the noise from motorized vehicles and that is why they are recommending these closures.**

February meeting news

Easter Safari Registration: ●It was questioned why the website broke down during EJS registration. Rex explained we didn't break down, at 10:05 we had over 450 people online at one time and it stayed that way most of the morning (we received over 19 orders a minute back from PayPal as they were processed). Some of the holdup is always due to slow payment coming back from the participant's bank.

Land Use: Some things were missing from the EJS magazine this year as noted by John Marsh, RR4W Land Use Coordinator, as essential for our participants to read about before venturing out on the trails. Information about the Crypto soil and Canyon Guidelines. The magazine is the only place our participants can read about these items. This will be fixed next year even if pages need to be added.

- We may be able to get a permit for Black Canyon and Eagle Dive Canyon up by Green River for use during EJS. It will take some thought as to how to get thirty-five vehicles off the Interstate and onto the trail.

- BLM has indicated they are willing to permit the trail then close it to others, and it would be managed through the Moab office.

Motorized Trails Committee: Doug McElhaneey resigned from the committee stating with his job he was missing more meetings than he was able to attend. Thank you for the time you spent on the Committee Doug.

- It's Important that we are represented on this committee and in that light, John Marsh, Bob Humphreys, and Mark Pope all volunteered to take Doug's place on the committee. Thanks for stepping up, guys! The meetings are open to anyone wanting to attend. If you attend two meetings, you can then vote. The meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at mid-day, and no, they don't serve lunch. Dress warm as meetings have been held outside since covid hit. BLM, state, county, and government are represented at the meetings.

Vending Show: ●It was asked about the Moab 4x4 Expo that Dixie is advertising as to how this will affect the RR4W Vending show. 1) Dixie no longer owns a business in Moab 2) They may be breaking ground for the new truck stop South of town prior to Easter, which is where Dixie had their show last year. 3) Last years show wasn't much compared to what we offer and 4) a man called the other day asking about his spot at the show, found out he was not registered with the RR4W and was registered with Dixie – then he told Doug he wanted a spot with RR4W and he didn't care if he got his money back from Dixie. Our show is 50+ years in the making and every year it gets better.

Mike Kelso reported the trail trailer is fixed and ready to go. The Club paid to update the trailer and make it a better fit to take out on the trails with the equipment needed to maintain the trails.

- John Marsh and Russ Walker received a Kudos from Katie at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) about the corrections they have turned in on the Safari trail GPS locations. They will be updated in the BLM computer and ready by EJS 2023. There are years of changes and updates to be done. PLEASE STAY THE TRAILS – don't go off road just because someone else did.

- Mark Pope remarked our relationship with the BLM may change as we become known as Stewards of the land rather than explorers. ●The motorized trails committee did a Rake & Ride around the Monitor & Merrimac which Mark Pope attended along with 5 people in Hummers and some from the Bronco Off Road Experience.

Jeremy Rowan, Club member and owner of Outlaw Adventures discussed Title V at the January meeting. Title V is a new law the county wants to impose on citizens and visitors alike, it would create a surcharge on all UTV's and full size 4x4 vehicles in Grand & San Juan County. Included in this law would be the lowering of noise decibels from these vehicles inside/outside of town on UTV's and full size 4x4's the county also wants to have testing of every vehicle at the trail head. According to the Times Independent a last-minute amendment was snuck into Utah House Bill 146 that "would entirely strip local government of its ability to regulate off-highway vehicle (OHV) businesses and enforce noise ordinances". So....the fight continues with the county working through Senator Bramble to make sure the bill doesn't impact the cities noise ordinance.

**Next Meeting - April 4th, 2022 – 7:00pm Clubhouse
11850 S Highway 191, Unit B10 – Business Park
Need Directions? Call 435-259-Rock early in the day.**

- Rex waxed philosophical saying: "BLM is in charge of the trails. Grand County is in charge of the trail's destiny."

Monthly Meeting Words of Wisdom:

March: "If all else fails, do it yourself!" (Carma M)

February: "A lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine!" (Linda B)

The Safari magazine was a little late being mailed due to a hold up at the printers. **A second bulk mailing is being put together as we write this newsletter and will go out asap in March.**



The MUD fund Jeep is outfitted to the tune of \$60,000 - \$70,000. Have you bought tickets to help the MUD fund yet? They are still out there on the HOME page. Only

\$5/ticket to help the MUD fund.

WHAT'S CANCELLED FOR 2022 EJS

● Boy Scout BBQ ● Quadratic BBQ ● Moab Appreciation Day

WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR 2022 EJS

● A live Vending Show & Friday drawing at the Arena

● Wednesday - Workers Only party.

● A great time after being confined for 2 years!

(See the Calendar below for dates & times.)

EJS - HELP WANTED ADS

Officials during the week: Stop by the Arena every day to check for trails we need Officials or Monitors on. People break – people get sick – people have unexpected things happen. Ron & Patsy keep lists on the whiteboard in the registration area of Officials and Monitors needed. We appreciate your help!

Registration Set up Friday, April 8th. Bring your trucks to the storage sheds at the Moab Business

Park at 11850 S. Hwy 191, Unit B10

at 6:00pm. Once loaded we'll

need help unloading at the Arena

before you leave us and take your strong backs with

you! Again, we appreciate the help!

▶ **Registration Teardown & Post Safari Meeting:** Bring trucks with you to the Monday night Post Safari meeting on April 18th, 6pm. We'll be cleaning out the Arena for another year. Once loaded we'll have our meeting at the Arena then head out the highway to unload everything.

▶ **Registration Area** Happy, knowledgeable, volunteers to work the registration area, handing out trail packets, flags, raffle tickets, & answering questions for pre-registered participants. 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).

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

▶ **Merchandise Booth:** Help sell the merchandise shown on the Store tab on the website in the Arena lobby. Sign-up sheets will be at the meetings, or you can call Bob Kraft at 435-260-0140.

▶ **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 the monthly meeting April 4th.

▶ **Officials:** Safety meeting, Mon-4/11/22 7:00 p.m. at the Old Spanish Trail Arena. Must attend and sign in if you are in town.

▶ **Monitors Meeting for the 2022 Easter Safari,** please note there will be a meeting at the Old Spanish Trail Arena on Friday, April 8th at 7:00pm. On the mezzanine outside the registration area.

▶ **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. Use the North entrance at the arena.

▶ **Worker's Party** – Weds, April 13th - 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 2022 Safari or 2021 Labor Day Campout or behind the scenes to make the club work. If you have

been recruited on a trail you were not assigned to, make sure your Leader has you on their trial list as being recruited – this too will count towards the 16 hours required.

TRAIL LEADERS

8am departures-you can pick up your packets the day before or there will be someone at the arena at 6:30am the day of.

Trails going North you can pick up your packets at 6:30am the day of the trail - due to the bumper-to-bumper traffic that day.

Going nuts or have a pal who is already there trying to figure out where the trails line up?



The Safari magazine has everything you need to get there on pages 46-51 and there is a map on pages 28-29 that show you how to navigate to the trail head. If you don't have a magazine handy, go to the website, rr4w.com, select the Events tab, then select the magazine. It is interactive by using the white icons at the bottom of the screen and the Table of Contents. Other info can be had by calling 435-259-ROCK.



Ber Knight, b: 06/24/1924 Ber passed away peacefully at home on December 12, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Ber will be missed by those of us that knew him. he was many things to many people, a friend, adventurer, intrepid explorer.

Ber was one of the most dedicated 4-Wheelers the Red Rock 4-Wheelers ever had. He was a very intelligent person and had a sense of humor that would just pop out every once in a while. We will all miss you friend! (For a more detailed remembrance see the In Remembrance section of the 2022 Safari Magazine. The 3D trail has been dedicated to Ber this year.)

(For more information about Ber's life and to leave condolences for Charlotte and family, go to Spanishvalleymortuary.com)



Congratulations to Rick Wolcott, this year's Red Rock 4-Wheeler of the Year.

Rick has been a Club member since 2008. He can often be seen at the Trail of the Month runs and the Thursday Runs of the Official Unofficial Jeep Retirement Club. This father and grandfather is a world traveler

and has lived in several states and luckily for all of us chose Castle Valley as his home.

He is interested in computers, photography, including award winning pictures taken with his drone. And loves vintage and classic vehicles among many other things.

In 1997 his team, which included his son, took First place at the American Kitefliers Assoc, National Championships. After years of hard work and practice in 2005 & 2006 his new team, "The Cutting Edge" won the World Sport Kite Championships.

Rick helps the club leading both Easter Jeep Safari trails, and his favorite is the Sophomore Package, and Labor Day Safari trails.

He contributes to the Easter Jeep Safari magazine, explores new trails and if anyone needs help with their vehicle, he's the first to help.

I want to welcome all of you to the 2022 Easter Jeep Safari.



Bob Kraft
Red Rock 4-Wheeler President

It is an honor to be elected Red Rock 4-Wheeler Club President in 2021. It will be a daunting task to fill the large shoes of the past Presidents in the coming years.

The Red Rock 4-Wheelers Inc., invite you to become part of an exciting Moab tradition. Our volunteers have worked through the year to create the largest and most well-know experience of recreational four wheeling. This could not have been done without the extended family of Associate members. Please consider joining our growing family.

Changes both large and small have taken place with the Club during the past years due to your sharing of experiences with us. Your comment cards are a valuable resource, which are used to fine tune the policies and procedures. A big thank you for taking the time to complete those cards.



Our primary goal is to make sure each of you are safe on the trails and to make EJS Week, a family fun experience. We appreciate all those who help us make this a great event, especially the associate members and the volunteers who spend long hours and travel great distances to be with us.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to having you with us again in 2022. Please read the EJS magazine, it is filled with important information about the trails and volunteer helpers. As always, we will be available to answer your questions at the Arena Registration Office during the 2022 Safari week, please come visit us. See the EJS magazine for times and dates.

Bob Kraft, RR4W President
 See you on the trails.



For those of you traveling from afar to join us for Easter this year – drive careful, take time to rest if you're tired, have a cuppa joe, sing along with a good song. And we'll see you soon!

SUN-MARCH	MON - MARCH	TUE - MARCH	WED - MARCH	THU - MARCH	FRI APRIL	SAT APRIL
27	28	29	30	31	April Fools 1	2
 3	Regular Club Mtg 7:00 pm Clubhouse 4	5	 6	7	Registration Set Up – details at Mon meeting 4/4/22 Monitors Meeting – 7:00 pm Arena on the mezzanine 8	Arena Registration Begins 7-10 am 9
Arena Registration 7-10 am 10	Arena Registration 7-10 am OFFICIALS Safety Mtg 7:00pm Arena This is a MUST attend 11	Arena Registration 7-10 am 12	Arena Registration 7-10 am Workers Only Party Meet & Greet 6pm Dinner 7 pm Canyonlands by Night (See requirements) 13	Arena Registration 7am -8pm and Vendor Show 7 am - 6 pm 14	Arena Registration 7am – 6pm Vendor Show 7 am - 5 pm and Raffle 6 pm Registration Closed 15	Registration & Arena Closed 16
Arena Closed 17 Easter Sunday  17	Post Safari Meeting & Registration clean-up starting at 6pm Arena 18	19	20	21	22	23