



♦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
October 8 th	Metal Masher Tip Toe 6	9:00 am
November 19 th	Dry Mesa 4	9:00 am
December	None – Happy Holidays	

► 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.

The September TOM A small but enthusiastic group participated in the traditional moonlight run. We drove out to the sandstone terrace between the Monitor and Merrimack to watch the full moon rise, which was tainted orange from recent wildfires. Everyone enjoyed some amazing views, grilled sausage (thanks Mo), Chex mix (thanks Doug and Carma), and ice cream; and returned safely to pavement by 9:30 pm.

In October, the TOM will be taking us on a tip-toe version of Metal Masher. The trail is rated a 6 and leaves City Market at 9 am on October 8.

The Club does not have an open-door policy at the Clubhouse! The front and back doors have been found unlocked several times in the last few weeks and the cover to the electrical panel was removed at one point. If this doesn't stop, keys will be changed.

You had to use a key to get in – use the same key when leaving LOCK, THE DOORS – MAKE SURE THEY SNAP SHUT!



Bob Kraft toughed it out with a cane during Labor Day with sciatica and paid the price a few days later when his leg gave out causing a fall and a loss of feeling in his leg. He's doing better now with the help of pain meds, Patsy, physical therapy, and a doctor's care. Take it easy Bob – we need you upright and mobile. ♥

The fencing the RR4W use at Easter Safari to divide the parking area at the arena is loaned to events all over Moab (we could consider this part of our 'Giving Back' to the community that the County has in mind). In October alone the fencing will be used every weekend.

It was suggested by someone at the Club meeting that we find a metal screen printer that can make metal plates we can put on each section of the fencing announcing the RR4W as a sponsor. Each of the events already announce us as a sponsor.

WANT AD: You want~Bob has! A brand-new hospital bed (with mattress) if you need it – come and get it. Get hold of Bob Humphreys!

marshaleota@yahoo.com OR 801-682-9704

**Next Meeting – October 3, 2022 – 7:00pm Clubhouse
11850 S Highway 191, Unit B10 – Business Park Need
Directions? Call 435-259-Rock early in the day.**

**BLM COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED
TO Oct 21st, PLEASE COMMENT WE NEED YOU!**

The draft EA for the Labyrinth Rims / Gemini Bridges travel plan in Moab has just been published, kicking off a 30-day comment period that ends October 21st - Midnight.

Trails effected are:

Written comments may be mailed, emailed, or submitted through ePlanning. Please reference "Labyrinth Rims Gemini Bridges Travel Management" when submitting comments via ePlanning and mail.

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

(Copy & download on website. Once into the site wait for the green **Participate Now** to show up on the left side of your screen.) John Marsh, Land Use Coordinator recommends:

●Be specific in your comments, which trail, any personal experience you've had, any overlook you like and why it is special, etc. ●Don't touch on non-designated roads while Labyrinth Rims is going on – that is for another time.

Say YES to alternative A (it is unlikely we would be able to get this alternative (the no-action alternative), is of course the best but the BLM never picks that one and always picks one of the action alternatives. So D is the only real option for motorized users to support.

Say YES to Alternative D (it is the "pro-motorized" option and has the least number of closures), but still closes part of the Buttes and Towers safari trail. It could be acceptable to motorized users if they eliminated that closure.

•**Say NO to (extreme alternative B & 'balanced' alternative C!**

► **B** was requested by Grand County: and it would close all the Hey Joe Canyon, Hell Roaring Canyon, Golden Spike, Gold Bar Rim, Rusty Nail, Day Canyon Point, Dead Man Point, Bull Canyon, Ten Mile Canyon, and 3D / Mashed Potatoes Jeep trails, plus the Dead Cow and Tubes motorcycle trails, plus parts of Where Eagles Dare, Buttes and Towers, Wipe Out Hill, and 7 Mile Rim.

► **C Alternative** The so-called "balanced" or "multiple-use" alternative (the one the BLM almost certainly intends to adopt) appears unchanged since the preliminary alternatives released a year ago, and would close 2/3 of Ten Mile Canyon, half of Hell Roaring Canyon, all of Mineral Canyon, one of the overlooks on Deadman Point, part of the Buttes and Towers safari trail, the 7-Up trail, and many other lesser known routes.

LABOR DAY 2022 – Registration was down a little this year, people said it was gas prices, motel prices – who knows exactly! BUT those that were here had a great time. No major breaks were reported during the event, but several trail officials heard some parts breaking before the event began – you know who you are, and we can hear you moaning!

•**A Big Thank You to Gayle Weisbecker** for taking over the merchandise booth at the Labor Day event, along with her husband Jon and Patsy Kraft, they sold over \$1,000 worth of essentials to the participants.

•Another Big Thank You goes out to the LaSal Mason Lodge for their great breakfasts and Saturday night dinner of Burgers and dogs – yum! •Registration went smoothly this year with Carol Martin & Joanne Kelso heading it up. We had several volunteers help in registration who were also participants this year – it was a great help, and we hope you had fun and want to do it again next year.

•The crew at the Moab Rim Campground are the best. Thanks for all the help registering people into the campground – your patience with me is beyond belief, taking care of our friends and from all over the US and China this year.

•Thanks to all of you who volunteered, even after the long drive to Moab.

National Public Lands Day 2023

September 24th, Meet 9AM, City Market

We will be repairing the wicked ledge between Wipe Out Hill and Determination Towers. Also working with the BLM doing Buck & rail fencing. BLM says they will have all the tools needed BUT bring your drills & long bits and impact drivers and any other tool you think you might use.

Correction: the August newsletter reported that Glen Canyon Recreation Area was unwilling to change the entry/exit times to their portion of Hole'n the Rock trail from 8am-6pm. John Marsh stated he would ask about the change when we apply for the permit for 2023.

The new Vending website is up and running, it is rr4wvendorexpo.com OR you can just go into our website and click on the EXPO tab. Go look at it, the Home page picture is fantastic! James Graves

registered his company, ideal Off-Road, during the September meeting and it worked great.

Monthly Meeting Words of Wisdom brought to you by ??:

Patsy Kraft in October after a month of listening to Bob Kraft while he's under the influence during his recovery from sciatica.



Sneaky Snake

Roy Grimm must have heard a strange rattle while lining up for Poison Spider on Sept 2nd. It's a good thing too! He & others gently convinced the snake he really didn't want to ride along. (RR4W Facebook page-thanks for sharing, Roy.)

Don't ignore those strange noises when in the desert and when out in the wild,

look before you reach into any shady space.

"We are a culmination of all the people we've met in our lives so - thank all you!" (Channing Tatum)

The Trail of the Month is a big hit this year – there are only two trails left for 2022 ~ take a look at the Trail of the Month on the Home page of the website. Thanks much to the planning committee for a great year!



Looks like the Red Rockers that joined in the Watermelon Days Parade were all decked out for a good time! 12 Jeeps participate.

Easter Jeep Safari 2023 Official invites were mailed the last week of September. Out of 1,600 active Club members (those whose dues were current when we began our search), we mailed 502 invites. The trail committee will begin assigning trails as soon as possible when you mail your forms back to us. If you didn't receive an invite and felt you

should have, check your profile to see if your dues were paid up and then let us know you would like to be an official and you were bypassed rlbrewer@frontiernet.net. To qualify to be an Official (gunner)•Must be a Club member for one year before the selection process begins.• Must have attended three of the last five events (either Easter Safari or Labor Day Campout).

Moab has a 100-year flood! *Be careful what you wish for! Rain, rain, we need rain. Well, we got it – all at once. On August 20th, the big storm rolled into Moab settling over Mill Creek (where the Power Dam is-across the creek from Potato Salad Hill). This creek meanders through Moab under bridges on Mill Creek Drive, 400 East, 300 South, Main Street and 500 West, merging with Pack Creek along the way. With drought riddled creek beds there is of course going to be flooding because the dead vegetation is thick. Large trees plugged most of the bridges and some were already plugged from Pack Creek flooding a week or two prior – with debris from the fire which burned 8,500 acres. Yes, there was a car floating down the creek rather swiftly and if you pull up “Moab, Utah 100-year flood” on the internet you’ll see several videos posted – one of a car being slammed up against the stop light outside of The Diner with water washing over the top. Most of the tourist comments heard on video’s were ‘WOW-cool, we were only in the restaurant a little while.’ The wetlands had a lot of vegetation wash away and now has a 30’ canyon going into the river alongside the Kane Creek Road. Yes, the water was shin deep in Eddie McStiffs (now Dewey’s) for the second time this year. Although this was, should I say exciting, scary?? But it is nothing compared to what the people in Florida are going through. At least we can still see the ground and although the city scooped up over five hundred tons of mud we are still here, most of us still have our homes and we can see the ground again...as I write this, it is raining again and again, it is settling over Mill Creek. Bless the city and county workers, sheriff and police and fire department of Moab, they are some of the best. And bless all those that have been affected by the weather this year from Puerto Rico to Florida – we are thinking about you.*

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HIGHLIGHTS APRIL THRU AUGUST

LAND USE:

- Black Eagle Canyon Road in the Green River, UT area will be added to the 2023 EJS trail grid. The Price BLM needs to do an environmental study. They do have concerns about running the trail the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of EJS but not worried about the traffic for Monday -Thursday. They are working to set up a fee schedule for us along the lines of what the Moab BLM charges. If we open four trails in the Price area, then the Emory BLM will get their own fee schedule set up for our event.
- The possibility of running the Crystal Geyser trail from Green River to Moab, like we did in the 1980’s was brought up, with no decisions currently being made.
- Mike Kelso is talking to the Park Service about the Copper



Ridge trail and how the new Utah Raptor State Park may affect our permit for running the trail.

- Jeramey McElhaney, leader of the 3-day campout, Hole’n the Rock trail has asked that the camp site be moved back to the old camp site area – archeologists say NO changes can be made to the camp site. (Part of the trail is on BLM land, part in San Juan County and a small part in Glen Canyon Recreation Area. •We are also asking that Glen Canyon move the entry/exit times from 8am-6pm to a time that isn’t so constraining, it’s a long trail – John Marsh will address this when we apply for our 2023 permit.
- Mike Kelso hasn’t heard from the San Juan County Road department about working on the road that is washed out on Hole’n the Rock trail. He says they have a lot on their plate right now and probably won’t address it until they have a planning meeting for 2023.

Land Use: Our new 10-year EJS permit applications have been sent into the BLM.



John Marsh and Russ Walker were recognized with a plaque: “In appreciation for your support of the Red Rock 4-Wheelers ongoing efforts in trail maintenance for the benefit of All motorized users 2022”

Sadly, in July, John Picken passed away suddenly from an existing heart problem. John & Nancy moved to St George just recently. Nancy Picken; 533S Braccians Dr; St George, UT 84770; 435-260-9103

Charlotte Knight has made the move to Vermont to be with her kids since Ber’s passing in December, her new address is: Charlotte Knight;159 Route 30; Corvall, VT 05753; charbermoab@gmail.com



Debra Ann King, 70, passed away peacefully with her caring husband by her side, on June 3rd, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. Deb was born in Payson.

In 2006, after their children were grown, Deb and Curtis moved to Moab, Utah, which had been their happy place for years. She loved four-wheeling and was a wonderful and brave passenger while Curtis drove their Bronco. Deb was an active member of the Red Rock 4-Wheelers Association. Deb loved her peaceful, beautiful home in Moab and her favorite place was sitting on the front porch. Her family was her greatest joy and she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

• **A woman from Jackson Hole, WY wondered about how the Club got so organized at the post Safari meeting.** Rex Holman reflected on the Club's 56 years of working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) who have made the Club and its members Stewards of the Land. The Club is the only entity in America that receives a 10-year permit to hold our event on public lands. The BLM also nominated us for the honor of a "Take Pride in America" award. Dan Mick and Ber Knight went to Washington DC to receive the award on behalf of the Club and shook the hand of President Ronald Reagan on the White House lawn." I have read some of the paperwork that George Schultz, Sr., the Club's founder did when first forming the Club and the man should be commended for his persistence in a time when no one was recreating on the public lands, but working them for minerals, etc. just trying to make a living. George Schultz, Jr., and family are now Club members and real assets to the Club and his dad's memory. His mom drew the Club's logo.



Bill Wehrli reported there will be no more ice cream on trails until the truck is scraped off the sidewalk. It was over 100 more than once this summer – kind of like the old days!

Vending: Rex and Doug had a preliminary meeting and are waiting until September to see if prices need to be raised for vender spaces for the 2023 vending show. We had less vendors in 2022 and those that did come to the show were slow to register. Some went to Dixie's show. • Doug McElhaney, Vending Coordinator, will be going to the SEMA show in Las Vegas to talk to new and old vendors to re-spark interest for the 2023 EJS vendors show, and to let them know we are still here and going strong.

• Teresa will be sending some of her staff to SEMA also to see about stirring up the advertising for the EJS magazine in 2023.

Post Safari Meeting 4/18/2022

• **Good times – good work!** Bob Kraft congratulated everyone at the Safety meeting for another great Safari. Just remember that everyone on the trails has already met the people at the registration window.

• **Bob then turned the meeting over to Linda Brewer, who was surprised – but did her best, he probably only meant for her to go down the list of trails and ask for comments, but she just asked the small smattering of attendees if they had comments and ran with the rest of the meeting, which was very short!** The following is what they had to say.

• **Jeramey McElhaney had a tip-over on the Wedge on Poison Spider, the guys drive link may have already been bent – Thanks to the Haaks for taking them out of the trail.** It's been 15+ years since we ran **Hole'n the Rock**. There were twenty-two signed up, fifteen showed – had two

women drivers. A 10-year-old boy kept the group entertained. Grey Mesa is quite different than it was years ago – weather has taken a toll on it. Scully dugway is also a new trail and the Lake Canyon trail is just gone! Some participants think it should have a higher rating and we should see if we could re-open Lake Canyon trail. Jeramey said we should have a driving skill disclaimer for that trail alone.

• **Mike Kelso, Vice President, RR4W said the day at the Sand Flats area, Fins & Things with the Jeep Corporation was great.** The three top Jeep executives from Italy had a blast running the rock drill, setting posts, and stringing wire in the Dino area to keep people from running all over the place destroying the vegetation. The Club members who went out were surprised and happy to stand back and watch. Jeep wants to make this an annual thing during Jeep Safari. They all had lunch on the rocks. • **Rex Holman went out with the Jeep group the next day on Poison Spider** and was impressed with the diesel Jeep pickup he drove. They did half the trail then headed back to town for a milkshake at Milt's. A BIG thanks goes out to Jim Morrison for getting the Jeep for us!

• **Dan Mick reported Golden Spike** on Big Saturday got off the trail at 6:30, Hmmm is that a record?

• **Kane Creek, Eric Swafford, leader reported his trail was out by 4:00pm.** Poor guy didn't know what to do with himself after never being out before dark in years past. He had five gunners and sounds like they helped a lot! • **3D – Dieter Thoeny said his Big Saturday trail went well except for a coil spring and fuel pump troubles.** Communication was great between gunners. This is the first time in two years Dieter and friends have been able to fly from Europe to be here for EJS. Dieter lives in Liechtenstein.



• **The new Staircase route recently opened on Hell's Revenge** was discussed in detail and left to the Trails Committee to leave at a 6 or up the rating to a seven because of the route. 2) Do we want to include for sure? 3) Go to the boulder canyon instead as an option? Everyone did it and it makes it enjoyable again.

• **John Martin suggested we e-mail all the Leaders** for Big Saturday and Easter Sunday that their trail packets were ready on Friday. Linda B sent out an e-mail blast and people started showing up. **This is a new procedure we'll implement every year – it worked great, thanks all you trail leaders!**

• **Chicken Corners on the 1st Timers Trail** a Toyota 4-Runner sped past half the trail as they were having lunch – the other half was touring the Chicken Corners area, then they would switch spots after lunch as not that many vehicles can fit in Chicken Corners at one time. The diners tried to tell the Toyota that there were a least fifteen vehicles down on the corner, but they were so happy waving their beer cans out the window, yelling. They turned around and took off back the way they came once they met the second group, but the guide at the corner had contact with the Sheriff's office and both the Grand County & San Juan County Sheriff's met them on Hurray Pass. When the trail went by, there was a big half empty whiskey bottle on the hood and a two big cases of beer and a big pile of crushed beer cans lying beside the vehicle the Sheriff's had found inside. They may have saved these young people's lives! Don't drink & drive, especially on off pavement trails.

Just a note to those of you planning to come to Moab for the annual Christmas party – it is on Martin Luther King weekend – Saturday, further information will be in the December newsletter.