

# Red Rock Review

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**2024 Easter Jeep Safari Dates - March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Safari registration opens -10am MST.**

**Trail Officials – Tuesday, January 16th**  
**Current Members – Thursday, January 18th**  
**All others – Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## DECEMBER MEETING NEWS

**Monitors needed : Gold Bar – you need your own 4X4.**

**Monday 3/25 & Thursday 3/28 – all day**  
**Contact Patsy Kraft at 435-260-2934 asap**

*Wishing Ken Minor a speedy recovery after fusion surgery on his back. May you get better soon!*

John Larish took photos of the people receiving the donations and will be getting information out to Deseret news; Price, Monticello, Blanding, etc. newspapers; the Sun News and the Moab Times Independent. •The Club, with the help and dedication of our members, has donated over \$92,750 to local causes in the last three years. The Club and the people who support it and the members who have joined us have helped Moab going on 58 years in 2024 and your help is greatly appreciated. See the back page for a list of donations for the year 2023.

Bill Wehrli, Rick Wolcott, Devon Parson, and Mark Pope met with David Wilson, the Green River Code Enforcement Officer, to install signs at the Crystal Geyser in November. Emory County provided the signs and the RR4W provided the manpower and equipment. The signs are intended to keep people from driving over the lattice formed by the geyser. The geyser does still go off every now and then but has a constant flow which deposits minerals across the lattice structure. With the help of Bill Wehrli, who is a Green River resident and RR4W trail leader, the Club has been very active in getting trails opened in the Green River, Price area with the blessing of the Price BLM office. (by Mark Pope)

**LAND USE:** by Russ Walker, Land Use Officer, RR4W.

- The Tommy Knocker trail has been approved by the BLM Moab office for next year.
- Updated maps have been sent to SITLA and the Moab BLM for Hole 'n the Rock.
- Note some maps have been updated on the RR4W website – if they are updated, they will show red & green stop/start markers on the map.
- John Marsh rewrote an alternate route for the Backwards Bill trail as one section of the trail was closed.
- A permit application has been sent to Josh Hansen, Utah State Parks.
- Top of the World has been taken off the Easter Safari 2024 trails list for 2024. Kane Creek is closed until the 18<sup>th</sup> of December for repairs.



**Change in venue & date correction.**

**~Holiday Party~**

**(Ages 16 – 116+)**

**Saturday ~ January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Happy Hour 6pm ~ Dinner 7pm**



**Location: HooDoo Hotel**  
**Jose Wyatts Restaurant**  
**111 N 100 W ~ enter through the main lobby**

**435-355-0595 they may have room specials available.**

**Menu: Prime Rib or Salmon**

**Call Carma by January 5<sup>th</sup> 435-259-6878**

**Please speak slowly & clearly – leave your name, how many people are in your party, entrée you each want & your phone number-please repeat phone number.**

**A NEW TRAIL OF THE MONTH SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. FOR 2024**

**~Monthly Words of Wisdom~**

**"If the only tool you have is a hammer – everything else looks like a nail" Bob Kraft**

**"It's never too late to do the right thing." Doug McElhaney**

## NOVEMBER MEETING NEWS

**LAST TRAIL OF THE MONTH FOR 2023**

In November, the Trail-of-the Month made its second trip of the year into Emery County, this time to visit the Hidden Splendor mine area and return along the Behind the Reef trail. Seventeen vehicles participated and everyone seemed to enjoy the spectacular views. Much appreciation to Rick Wolcott for leading this trip.

**2023 Trail-of-the-Month Overview**

**Number of Trails Run: 9**

**Number of unique vehicles participating: 79**

**Average group size: 17**

**Frequent Flyers: 7 Trails: Curtis & Lori Dunn**

**6 Trails: James & Fawn Rutherford**

**5 Trails: Rick Wolcott, Carole Hahn, Thad**

**Grandbouche/Colette Erickson**

**Thanks to Rick Wolcott, Bill Wehrli, Russ Walker, Brett Davis, and Gene Day for leading trails this year; without whom, these monthly events could not happen.**



Business Manager, Rex Holman went over what has been happening since the trail closures & a 45-day response period was opened for the Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges area.

► The donations that have come in via the Donation button put on the website in October at the time of this meeting were at \$8,000 – as the website states, the Club will match any donations made up to another \$25,000 to the BRC. Regarding the MUD fund donation of \$25,000 sent to BRC to engage their lawyer to help fight the closure of the trails recently announced by the BLM – we will also be sending the matching fund from our website.

► Utah's, Governor Cox is taking SUWA to task for overreach and Utah state has filed a lawsuit opposing the closures.

● **When it appears the Club is not overly concerned about these things – there are undercurrents going on that always bring results. We have never acted frantically to resolve issues like these – but we are very aware and working on them, you can always be assured of that!**

**Two new trails for 2024:** ● Lost World as scouted by Russ Walker – which is a spin off of part of the Crystal Geyser trail will run twice during Safari.

● Crystal Geyser trail has been dropped for now from the Safari trail list because the Geyser has dried up.

● Tommy Knocker will also be offered this next year – it is an addition to the Jax Trax trail and runs 3 times in 2024 – we still need a leader and several gunners on this trail if you are interested, contact Ron Brewer 435-259-7311 (rlbrewer@frontiernet.net).

● The trails committee took Top of the World off the roster for the 2024 EJS. Both the back & front of the trail have become six vehicles wide. The trail has been destroyed by vehicles going to the side of the actual trail when they can't get up it. It is considered dangerous, and Safety always comes first.

**The BRC advocates putting tracks down to keep trails open** and literally wants you to drive on trails – if you want to do something to help keep trails open, get their book Little Used Trails and use the trails in it to keep them open. The iconic, Ber Knight, always said putting tracks down keeps trails open and that hasn't changed!

Mike Kelso wrote a reference letter in support of the Western Slope 4-Wheelers in Grand Junction's application for a grant to build an obstacle course for training 4x4 drivers in safety and knowledge of trail conditions on a 7-acre site. Good luck with your endeavors.

The Vendor portion of the RR4W website is up and running. It makes it easy to sign up for a vending booth during EJS!

Thanks to Russ Walker for the projector and movie screen.

**Land Use:** Russ reported that the permits for the Price BLM for the trails in Emory County and the Forest Service Permits for Hotel Rock and the BLM Hole 'n the Rock and Hotel Rock have been applied for.

## \*EJS - HELP WANTED ADS\*

**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 in February 2024.

**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, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Bring your trucks to the storage sheds at the Moab Business Park at 11850 S. Hwy 191, Unit B10 at 6pm. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm. We'll be cleaning out the Arena for another year. Once loaded we'll have our meeting at the Arena then unload the trucks at the storage unit.

► **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 Shop 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.** 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](mailto: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, but, if you or your spouse is gunning – their trails count towards the party for the family) **contact Patsy Kraft at 435-260-2934**.

► **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)**.

► **Officials: Safety meeting, Mon-3/25/24 7:00 p.m. at the Old Spanish Trail Arena. Must attend and sign in if you are in town.**

► **Monitors Meeting for the 2024 Easter Safari,** please note there will be a meeting at the Old Spanish Trail Arena on Friday, March 22 at 7:00pm. On the mezzanine outside the registration area.

► **Officials** Sign in at registration at the arena for your trail lists, gas money, flags, packets, patches, etc. Note times registration will be open on the calendar below. Use the North entrance of the arena.

## TRAIL LEADERS

**8am Trail Leaders & Trails going North (due to bumper-to-bumper traffic) -you can pick up your packets the day before or there will be someone at the arena at 6:30am the day of.**



*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 in the Table of Contents under Meeting Places Map & CB#, Meeting times, etc. under Schedule of Trails.** You can also go to the website, [rr4w.com](http://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. We will not be at this number during registration times.*

► **Worker's Party** – Weds, March 27th - 6:00pm Meet & Greet, 7:00pm Dinner at Canyonlands by Night. **You must volunteer a minimum of 16 hours to attend the dinner.** A trail helper/leader 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 2024 Safari or 2023 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 – stop in at registration to let them know too, this too will count towards the 16 hours needed for the party.



*Happy  
Holidays to  
one and all!  
And Happy  
New Year!*

*Next Meeting - January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 –  
7:00pm Clubhouse  
11850 S Highway 191, Unit B10 –  
Business Park  
Need Directions? Call 435-259-Rock  
early in the day.*

## **VERY IMPORTANT – DUES NOTICE**

**You will not be able to pay membership dues after January 10th. This will allow the website to process all activity prior to Easter Jeep Safari Registration opening and enable the Registration Period to go smoothly. We cannot help you with your dues again until after January 24th.**

SUN-MARCH	MON - MARCH	TUE - MARCH	WED – MARCH	THU - MARCH	FRI APRIL	SAT APRIL
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3	Mthly Club 4 Mtg 7:00 pm Clubhouse	5	6	7	8	9
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16 	18	19	20 	21	Registration 22 Set Up – see details above <u>Monitors</u> Meeting – 7:00 pm Arena	23 Arena Registration Begins 7-10 am
Arena 24 Registration 7-10 am	Arena 25 Registration 7-10 am <b>OFFICIALS Safety Mtg 7:00pm Arena This is a MUST attend</b>	Arena 26 Registration 7-10 am	Arena 27 Registration 7-10 am <b>Workers Only Party Meet &amp; Greet 6pm Dinner 7 pm Canyonlands by Night (See requirements)</b>	Arena 28 Registration 7am -8pm and Vendor Show 7 am - 6 pm	Arena 29 Registration 7am – 6pm Vendor Show 7 am - 5 pm and Raffle 6 pm Registration Closed	30 Registration & Arena Closed <b>Take trail packets &amp; groovers to Carquest auto parts store</b>
Arena Closed 31 Easter Sunday 	April Fools 1 Post Safari ~Meeting~ <b>RIGHT AFTER Registration &amp; Arena clean-up starting at 6pm</b>					





## Red Rock 4-Wheelers donate \$49,500 to local Organizations!

- Shown from right to left (back row) Andy Smith & right in front of him is Logan Brewer of the Grand County EMS – they are a vital part of the busiest county in Utah as far as rescues and call outs • Father Dave Sakrison, Episcopal Church Food Bank; • Don Hamilton, Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo Club • TJ Brewer, Moab Valley Fire Department • Wendy Young, Grand County High School Swim Team • Sheriff Jamison Wiggins, Grand County Sheriff's Department • Bradley Hines, Grand County Search & Rescue • RR4W President, Bob Kraft. (Middle row) • President, Lonnie Campbell, Moab Chamber of Commerce • Marsha Humphrys, RR4W Treasurer, and representative for the Moab Free Health Clinic • Angie Book, Manager, Old Spanish Trail Arena-purchase of an outdoor sound system & mobile bleachers ( the arena has supported our event since it was built, we have donated a lot over the years to help them make improvements) • Sara Melnicoff, Moab Solutions, they clean up Potato Salad Hill every year after everyone finishes playing on it after EJS (they took this chore over after we stopped using Potato Salad Hill as part of our Hell's Revenge trail) – they also help the homeless and assist the police when they have an issue that they have experience with. • Theresa King, representing The Arts Festival with a donation for supplies for the 'Kids Tent', which allows the parents to enjoy the event while their kids enjoy making pictures, and surprisingly, sell them (some go for more than adult artists paintings.) Theresa is also the publisher of the Easter Jeep Safari Magazine & owner of Canyonlands Advertising & The Copy Center • Beth Logan, Moab Healthcare Foundation, they help get patients with cancer rides to the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City and to their oncology treatments in Grand Junction, CO • Pete Kaufman, Moab Valley Humane Society, Pete gets a donation for the Humane Society every year and a free booth at the arena during the vending show – in turn the people who man the booth help baby sit the dogs that show up at the arena • RR4W Vice President, Mike Kelso • San Juan County Search & Rescue was not represented, they are based in Monticello, UT, some of our trails go into San Juan County and if assistance is needed they are there. They also have a radio trailer they set up in Grand County during EJS to relay distress calls, if need be, to the Grand County Sheriff and EMT's.

**In the last three years the Club and its membership have donated over \$92,750 to the community of Moab, Monticello & Green River.**