


Red Rock Review



♦2023 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 Rating	Rating	Time*
August 19	Pole Canyon	3	9:00am
September 30	Monitor/Merrimac Moonlight Run	3	5:00pm
October 21	Steelbender Loop	5	9:00am
November 18	Green River Area #2	TBD	8:00am**
December	None -Happy Holidays!		

* Trails depart from the north parking lot of the City Market, 425 S Main St in Moab, UT.

** 8:00am Departure time from Moab, regroup/meet at 9:00 am in Green River adjacent to Outlaws Garage, 865 E Main St in Green River, UT.

► The trail of the month selection is 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 knows the trail and can help.

► The Trail of the Month lineup for 2023 has been posted to the RR4W.com website and Facebook.

ON THE TRAIL AGAIN

MAY, Bill Wehrli led 24 vehicles on the Boxcar and Kamikaze trails south of Moab, offering views of Hatch Wash Canyon and Lockhart Basin. We had these infrequently used trails to ourselves for the day.

JUNE 15 vehicles turned out to run the Backwards Bill trail, for many of the participants, it was the first-time climbing Wipeout Hill, and everyone did extremely well. Many thanks to Gene Day for leading and John Larish for gunning.

JULY 14 vehicles turned out for the trip up to Adobe Mesa. We experienced a slight relief from the heat, with a 10 F drop in temperature between the valley floor and the top of the Mesa. The group returned to Moab via the Kokopelli trail with spectacular views overlooking Castle Valley.

●TOM COMING UP IN AUGUST: the TOM will drive the Pole Canyon Rim Trail near Dewey Bridge. This 3-Rated trail leaves City Market at 9:00 on August 19.

ALERT●(We are approaching the 25-vehicle limit on the TOM's and will need to split the group if we have two more vehicles. SO, we will be needing help from club members to lead and gun.)

JULY 2023 MEETING NEWS

MASSIVE PROJECT FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

NEED ALL HANDS-ON DECK FOR THIS ONE BEFORE 9/23/23!

The project begins where Seven Mile Rim and Uranium Arch join and Coral Canyon which has no legal trail. This area has been shredded (mostly by UTV's) and needs to be blocked from further damage. The project will take 400' of buck and rail fencing, provided by the BLM, and the RR4W is providing the Timber locks, material transport, and labor. We are going to start containing the area as soon as possible *then on*

Public Lands Day, September 23, 2023 - close the gates. The materials will start moving to the site and being assembled asap - if you can help contact Mark Pope for times and dates - 919-274-5078

Three Scholarships were awarded to the graduating students of Grand County High School for 2023. Jeramey McElhane, Chairman, reported there were only three applicants this year and all three received scholarships. The school only had 50 total applications this year.

Many thanks to John Martin, Treasurer. John has been the Club's Treasurer since 2016 and has done a great job of making sure "we're doing just fine". John will continue as a Club Director.

John Marsh has done a great job as Land Use Coordinator since 2019. This position can be very trying at times. John worked closely with the following entities procuring permits for our events, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand, San Juan, and Emory Counties; the forest service; School and Trust lands; Elephant Hill; and with the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area for Hole 'n the Rock trail permits. He worked diligently with Bill Wehrli and the BLM in Emory County to scout out and get the first permits for the Green River area (Black Dragon Trail) into our Safari trail system.

NEW OFFICERS-DIRECTORS & COORDINATORS FOR 2023/24

- President:** Bob Kraft • KL Young
- Vice President:** Mike Kelso
- Treasurer:** Marsha Humphreys
- Secretary:** Lourae Minor
- Information Coordinator:** Ron Brewer
- Land Use Coordinator:** Russ Walker
- Activities Coordinator:** Carma McElhane
- Director:** John Martin

Thank you KL Young and Devon Parson for running for office - hope to see you in the line up again next year!

Labor Day was thrown a hook in June as we lost the Mason's who prepared and served meals for the event for the last several years.

However, after the June meeting, club member, Jedediah Hazlett, offered the services of his family who run the World River Expeditions, during the river running season and will be shut down before September begins. They have done the meal for the Boy Scout BBQ at the arena during Easter Jeep Safari (EJS) in the past.

Bob Kraft, club president, visited their site and will be getting together with them again. They have a water truck, tables, shade tents and a food truck - but they will need help serving the food as their crew will be gone for the year. **THANK YOU, JED!**

We currently have 100 vehicles registered for Labor Day and almost all of the camp spaces at Moab Rim are taken.

Financials for the 2022 year were passed around at the July meeting as per the Club's Bylaws.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER: President Bob Kraft, asked if anyone is interested being the Club's Public Information Officer. This voluntary position would entail reporting to the Media about all the Club does: trail maintenance, Trail of the Month, Donations, the High School Senior Party, the Grand County High School Scholarships the Club gives every year, etc. Photos would be essential to the stories.



The Moab Valley Fire Department and Grand County EMS hosted 14 local kids for two days of the annual Junior Emergency Services Academy summer camp. The event was sponsored by Red Rock 4-Wheelers and several other locals.

Mike Kelso, RR4W reported there were eight calls on the 4th of July and two calls were close to being out of control. (Remember everyone what goes up in sparkles comes down in heat and dry grass – keep your fireworks grounded and a hose and bucket of water handy.)

Josh Hansen of Utah State Parks presented a slide show about the new Utah Raptor State Park to those present at the July meeting. Josh has spent many months planning the park while his young family lives in Gunnison, Utah and hopes to get back home once it is done. The slide show began with a map showing the outline of the park encompassing 7,466 acres with 50 miles of single track; Prios track and two track trails. The entrance to the park will be moved further S on Highway 191 away from the WWII Internment Camp where the curve on the highway currently creates a danger to oncoming as well as merging traffic. There will also be merge lanes going both N & S on Hwy 191 as well as housing in 2 duplex units for highway patrol personnel since housing is such a problem in Moab. There will also be housing for park personnel. There will be 70 camp sites originally with more planned.

The slide show was excellent, showing walls on the inside of the visitor center depicting the Utah Raptor and other giants found in and around the area and another wall showing pictures and the history of the WWII Internment Camp and the people that lived there. There will be restrooms in the visitor center along with a gift shop.

The wells have been an issue – the wells Beeman has are in an Arches National Park protected zone, so they cannot be used for the State Park. So, drilling to 1,606' the first time was a bust, not fit to drink but the next 1,200' deep well hit the right aquifer.

As with any construction in a semi-remote area, Nielson Construction out of Price, UT is doing the construction and they have already had the batteries out of their generators and their water coolers stolen. Bids are still coming for the entrance booth and the housing units. The Park service is logging all existing trails and we need to talk about the exit/entrance off the sandstone. Copper Ridge is the only trail we have in that area (and is outside the park boundaries) and the Fallen Peace Officer Trail is on Sovereign Land, also outside the park.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED APRIL/MAY/JUNE

The Rodeo Club thanked the Club for sponsoring them this year. And our new flag and signs looked great in the Arena. The RR4W used the barricades for their event again this year.



"Maisie loves watching the sunset after a long day of trail rides!"

Thank you for providing a booth for the Humane Society of Moab to sell the Jeep Safari T-shirts! Your pet loving attendees purchased t-shirts, dog water bowls and key chains and our volunteers had lots of fun helping!

Leigh Ryan – Executive Director, Humane Society.

The Jeep Executives, some of them from France, had a good time during EJS this year on Poison Spider, they were already tired when they got to the project site. The crew had one section of fencing done before they showed up.

Trail Monitors – the trail monitors are on the trails during EJS because of an agreement the Club made with the BLM years ago. The trails were being destroyed by non-participants wanting to go around us to get to the hard spots so they could watch. They took out vegetation, leveled trees and did a lot of damage. Hence, the Monitor system was created and has been in effect since the last 10-year permit, in turn trails would not be closed.

We only use the area and Monitors 9 days out of 365 during the year...if people feel so inconvenienced there are 356 other days of the year available for their recreation, they don't need to hassle, cuss, and threaten the Monitors with such childish behavior.

An incident happened this year with a lone jeeper giving one of our trail monitors a hard time and shoving and grabbing a BLM Officials shirt when he showed up - the offender then ran. Our Monitors are out there on orders of the BLM and protected by them. On his way out he displayed more childish behavior by destroying the sign saying the trail was closed and being used that day. BLM has a picture of him, and his license plate and he will be up on Federal charges.

Another incident occurred on Poison Spider – **one of our trail leaders** refused to sign the paperwork the Monitor needs to have signed when the leader is on the way out of the trail. This is how our Monitors get paid – any disrespect of these individuals could have consequences you might not like. **They are there to help you – please don't disrespect them!**

Several gunners and leaders have retired to Legacy memberships

this year. This is mainly because of their getting older and feeling it is time to relax and enjoy 4-wheeling as a participant. Age catches up with all of us and we will all eventually have to deal with it rather than deny it. The Club leaders have recognized this and have revised the **Legacy Membership** in the bylaws for those of us who have reached that point – this was voted on and revised in the Bylaws in the May meeting:

Bylaws Section I – A LEGACY member shall be entitled to all privileges of membership due to them in their membership category at retirement (Voting or Associate). The Legacy membership enables those members who can no longer physically officiate (i.e., get out of your vehicle; walk on the uneven trails; help toss rocks; etc.) on trails to retire and maintain membership in the Club! Legacy members must have at least 10 years of membership and service to the RR4W during Easter Jeep Safari or the Labor Day Camp Out and have attained the age of 66+ or be disabled.

Involuntary Legacy Memberships will occur if it is deemed you are having difficulty navigating the terrain when out of your vehicle, inability to stay the trail when driving, having physical disabilities that prevent you from getting out of the vehicle and helping your trail charges or letting someone else drive and guide while you ride. All of these could be a liability to you, the RR4W, your trail participants and your fellow gunners and leaders on the trail with you.

Benefits of a Legacy Membership include: ●Your Spouse ●Dues comped ●Two complimentary Easter Jeep Safari trails annually. These

Legacy Trails (LT) will be automatically turned on before Safari begins (they will work like your trail credits do now). (No carry-overs of unused trails). ●Club parties – automatic invite (except for the Workers party during Easter Safari due to venue crowd size limitations, however, 16 volunteer hours would qualify you for the EJS Workers party-see below). ●Newsletter – remains the same.

Area's help is needed: ●Monitoring, this is a paid position and required by the BLM. ●Merchandise, registration, Vending show, set up fencing, etc., at both EJS and Labor Day.

Legacy Members will be sent a certificate in a nice frame for their years of dedication.

Someone was saying, "We are going to run out of officials if they all retire." and someone else responded: "If we don't have enough people after some retire then we will have less trails."

We have started recruiting members from other Clubs in Utah and Colorado and taking recommendations from our members that belong to Clubs. We also have some 2nd generations – now grown up and starting to gun and lead! Yippee! Excited and happy to have them.

The Grand County High School Graduation Party was held at Gravel Pit Lanes on June 1st from 10pm – 6am

The Red Rock 4- Wheelers have been putting on this party for Seniors and all the High Schoolers for several years now, and there have been **ZERO** fatalities among our graduates.

The party is held at the bowling alley, Gravel Pit Lanes, where the teens have free bowling, all-night bingo, video games and food and pop all night long from 9pm to 6am. We have drawings every half hour and a really big prize at 6am for those who stayed all night. Our club members volunteer for several hours during the evening to monitor the kids, check them in and out at the door and send their parents a text when they leave the party. Our mission - keep these kids safe on the first night of their journey into the rest of their lives!

Gravel Pit Lanes wanted \$2,400 for us to use their facility and equipment for the Graduation Party this year – that is \$1,200 more than last year and it was dumped on Jeramey when he called to reserve the Alley this year. He contacted the High School to discuss another venue and they found an extra \$1,000 in their funds to help with the rental.

Land Use: John Marsh -The Black Dragon Trail in Green River was added to the BLMs Moab Field Office (MFO) this year and will be coming out of the Price Field Office (PFO) starting in 2024 for a period of nine years to match the MFO in length – then both will be up for renewal again in 2032.

ALL 4-FUN - Mile High Jeep Club in Colorado has given us a booth to display the EJS magazine and talk to the participants at their event and the RR4W pays for our volunteers' registration to go and work the club's booth at the event. **It is being held in Empire, CO from July 22-29, 2023, for information, go to mhjc.clubexpress.com.** James Graves, KL Young and Eric Bourlet have volunteered to represent the Club at the event this year. They in turn receive a free booth at Easter Jeep Safari.

Who hasn't been there – done that - at some point! During EJS Jeramey McElhaney started a collection on the Hole'n the Rock trail for a young man to help fix his very broken jeep (broke while on the trail). Almost enough was collected from the participants for the repairs. **Good Samaritan awards go out to all those on the trail and Jeramey for passing the hat!**

Mark Pope reported that the BLM contacted him to ask for a reference letter from the Club as a support document for a grant they are trying to procure to put up signs with "You are here." on them for the Canyon Rims area.

~Monthly Words of Wisdom~

"The reward you get from a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk."

John Larish

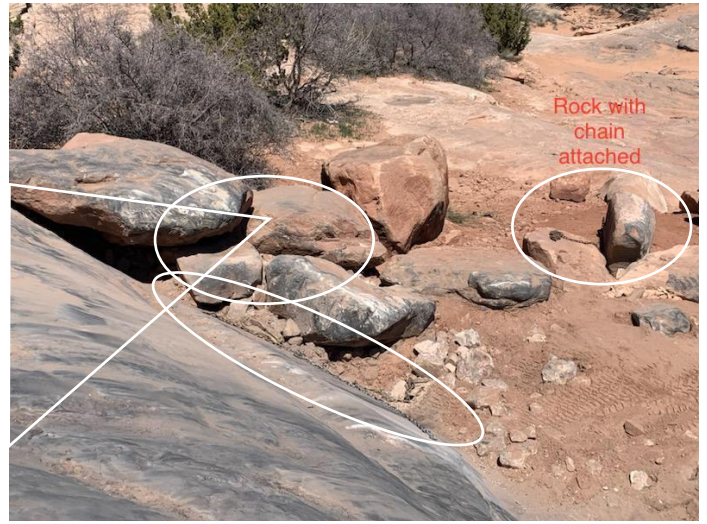
Memorial Day ~ May 29th, 2023, Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.



The dug-out approach to and the current state of Widowmaker on Metal Masher is pretty bad. (Picture by Brian Nish) The triangulated area shows rebar and railroad ties placed on the approach years ago by the Club. Could Widow Maker be bypassed in the future due to damage by inconsiderate 4-wheelers who don't know when to give up before they do irreparable damage to the trail? The circle shows rebar supports boards and rocks – a repair that was done in the 1980's after Chip Brox rolled into the canyon just on the other side of the rebar. We're not sure his dog ever got back into the Jeep.

This damage occurred due to people bound and determined to make it up that area, it used to be small ledges and mostly sand with a small tip to the outside. Be sure to use your lockers and if you don't make it the first time, adjust your angle of approach – this will probably never be repaired and eventually become unusable when someone rolls into the canyon again. There is talk now of making a Tiptoe through Metal Masher (which will exclude Widow Maker Hill) and a regular Metal Masher with Widow Maker, rated an 8. We'll know come next Easter Jeep Safari.



GOLD BAR RIM REPAIRS MATT BRAY On Thursday April 6th, 2023, our 2023 EJS club run encountered some illegal trail modification at the waterfall obstacle. Several years back the club went out at the request of the BLM (from what I remember) and did some trail repair where there was a large rock that was anchored in place by drilling into the rock and cementing the anchors in place.

I utilized my tail gunner (Carl & Becky Thomas), and associate member Will Carolan from Michigan and had them head back from lunch early to see if we could place the rock back where it had been. I'm happy to report that our efforts were successful. However, the chain has been broken and one of the two anchors in the rock has been pulled out.

The rock needs to be resecured in place by re-attaching the chain and anchor back where they had been. I have seen videos that were posted in the last few weeks showing the rock in its proper place, so this has been recent trail damage. (e-mail from Brian Nish-Club member and trail leader). This ledge was only two feet tall when we first started running Gold Bar.

Next meeting August 7th at 7pm
At the Club house
1850 S Highway 191, Unit B10



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