

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*
April	None – EJS		
May 20	Boxcar/Kamikaze	4	9:00am
June 17	Backwards Bill	5	9:00am
July 15	Adobe Mesa	3	9:00am
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 know 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

Twenty-one vehicles turned out for the first trail of the year for a drive over Hurrah Pass and a loop around Jackson Butte. The day included a little snow, more than a little mud, and interesting points of interest provided by Rick Wolcott, who led the trail.

On March 18, we will make our first of two visits to Emory County in 2023. Plans are to explore the region north of I-70 and west of Green River, including portions of the Devil's Racetrack, which has a Trail Rating of 5. Because of the distances involved, participants should plan on returning to Green River after 5 pm. This trail departs from Outlaws Garage, 825 E. Main St in Green River, UT at 9:00 am. Those wishing to caravan from Moab should meet at the Moab City Market at 8:00 am-North parking area.

Members voted to again sponsor the Grand County High School graduation party at the Bowling Alley on Graduation Day and allotted \$5,000 for the party. The money covers renting the entire bowling alley, unlimited bowling; arcade games, Bingo prizes, food – enough to last from 7pm to 6am...a lot of food and sometimes a dance off! And bigger prizes to be given away hourly, to keep the kids interested in staying and a big prize at 6am for those kids that stuck out the entire night. ▪The parents are notified by cell phone when their child leaves the party. ▪This is a great way to keep our kids safe on a night that has, in the past, taken several young lives due to drinking and driving.

Mark Pope thanked Pete Kaufman, Rick Wolcott, Marlene, and Devon who helped with fencing on 3D.

We are mailing 685 more Magazines in our 2nd bulk mailing this week.

Jerry Lee McCann (69) of Monticello, UT passed away unexpectedly on February 24, 2023. Jerry was born on September 25, 1953, in Auburn, IN.



Jerry helping put up You are here! signs on 7 Mile Rim.

Surviving are his wife Susan (Kienlen) McCann, his children Bobbi (Layton) Elliott, Nathan (Trena) McCann, Joseph Novak, Michelle Novak; 7 grandchildren and sister Linda (Kirk) Gump. He is preceded in death by his parents Marshall McCann and Barbara (McMannama) McCracken.

Jerry was a United States Army Veteran. He was Engineer Manager, later becoming partner of Mossberg Industries, Inc. in Garrett, IN. During that time, he also Co-Founded the business, The Haunted

Cave in Ft. Wayne, IN. In meeting his soulmate Susie, they lived out their dream building their home on West Summit Point, UT. They took full advantage of earths playground in their Jeep. They fell right in place and became members of Red Rock 4 Wheelers, Moab, UT. There they were able to serve as Tailgunners together.

Celebration of Life will be held at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the American Diabetes Association.

A trail ride is planned for June 3rd, in Jerry's Memory then back to the McCann home for a potluck. More information will be available at a later date.

WIPE OUT HILL REPAIRS: A big hole at the base of Wipe Out Hill has now been filled in with the help of the BLM and their new equipment. This hole was made by vehicles going down, spinning around in a circle to go back up the hill. There were some posts off to the side blocking another area that has recovered from damage and the BLM agreed to reuse those posts in the middle to block the turn around. You can still go on both sides of the posts and it looks great. Just fixing a thing that should not have happened in the first place by conscious 4-wheelers.

There are only 40 openings on trails for Easter Jeep Safari (EJS) at the time of this newsletter. As fast as Linda cancels a trail for someone it is picked up by someone else.

On our Facebook page there is a video (13 minutes long) worth watching. It uses the Magazine as a backdrop and is one of the best, most comprehensive overview of EJS. Rex recommends watching it. We're not sure who put it up on the site but THANK YOU! Give us a call and let us know who you are 435-259-7625.

JEEP IS COMING TO TOWN AGAIN THIS YEAR: We are joining hands with the JEEP executives and the BLM again this year on a project. If you are interested in helping, meet in the Poison Spider parking lot at 7:45am on the River road. Prepare for a long day with water, food, gloves, tools, etc.! We will be drilling post holes – 40-50 of them for range

fencing near where Golden Spike turns Left on the mesa. The BLM will have a hammer drill, as well as ours, but it will still take time. Note, this is an area that we no longer use.

Bob Kraft, President, RR4W went over some new stipulations that are already in the new application for a Special Event permit in Grand County. (Micromanaging events, in this writer's opinion, is over the top – try to micro manage an ant hill and see what happens – you have a dozen more open up. We started with only one Event in Moab (started by the Chamber of Commerce trying to get people to come to Moab & yes, Arches was here and open, without a lot of tourists – we were a uranium mining town at that time **57 years ago and into the 1980's**). If you haven't ever participated in any of the events, it would seem impossible to micro-manage them. •The county wants a list of everyone who has an I phone 14 for emergencies. •for us to plan for emergencies with GPS coordinates. •Everyone in town, Search & Rescue; Fire Department; Sheriff's department etc. must now approve of every event application. •Inserted CPR requirements, at least 4 people at the arena must be CPR certified (we did donate money for an AED defibrillator for the arena in December this year). But the CPR requirements may trickle down to the trails next year – one qualified person on each trail. (In 2022 we had a man on Steel Bender thinking he was having a heart attack.) The 3 officials on the trail did a wonderful job taking care of the situation and bringing in the helicopter – he was not having a heart attack. BUT-THEY KNEW WHAT TO DO, we do prepare our guides to respond in an emergency.

The San Juan Sheriff's office brings a trailer to Moab for the week of EJS. All 911 calls go to the mobile station during the week and have for decades – ALL LEADERS AND GUNNERS HAVE THIS INFORMATION on their trail lists for emergencies. The mobile San Juan County unit then contacts the Grand County Sheriff's office with any calls, and they do what they do best – they take care of the issue. We will verify that the number to reach both Sheriff's offices is correct on the Trail lists again this year..



Bob Kraft, President, RR4W (left) presents a line machine for (all playing fields & it can be used to paint fences, etc. to Angela Book, Director & Greg Poor, Asst. Director of the Spanish Trail Arena.



~Monthly Words of Wisdom~

You will hit every cone on the highway before I let you merge in front of me, because you saw that sign 2 miles back – just like I did!! ~ Linda Brewer

ALL OFFICIALS-SAFETY MEETING
MONDAY, 4/3 – 7PM AT THE ARENA

Accidents cause reactions no one likes.

Attendance is requested if you are in town.

The place to be if you have questions!

FEBRUARY & JANUARY NEWS

LEADERS - GPS units you have may not work on trails: send the model number of what you have to John Marsh at jmarshiii@msn.com.

Some older units may not be able to download the files. Russ will hand plot some points to show where the trail is.

•**LAND USE: Pete Kaufman** was standing in for John Marsh at the January meeting and reported John is working on the BLM and state parks permits. •**The petition on Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges will not be decided until sometime this summer.**

•**Mike Kelso filled in a bit more info about land use. OUR NEW 10-YEAR PERMIT WITH THE BLM HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH ALL THE TRAILS INTACT! The BLM took into consideration all the community educated people that are with us, and that we are aware of what is going on around us, that and a lot of other factors meant a lot to the BLM.**

► **Emory County:** We hope to have another three trails and possibly up to five in Green River – Emory County would love to have the trails developed, they told us to go and see what we can tie together to make them interesting. We also need to discuss marking the trails up there to keep people on them. ► **Kane Creek**-again San Juan County Roads said that repairs were scheduled to be done in 2022 but with the weather last year it took up all their time and manpower. will handle it as it's a county road, San Juan County is very persistent on this issue. They plan to restore the bridge but still have obstacles. •It's our choice we're not using Kane Creek during EJS this year - we would rather cancel it than have the EJS runs come out at 10pm or midnight as has happened in the past. We were thinking about our participants during EJS, they are in Jeeps, some in buggies. We want to be able to take all our participants out there, not just those with buggies. Repeat – the road is not closed – it is just not being run this year during EJS, it is better to decide not to run it to begin with than to have to find different trails for everyone when it is impassable. We offered to bring down tractors, money, etc., but again it's a county road as the commissioner has said many times. They are a huge county, and this is a drop in the bucket for them.

► **Supply chain issues** – The company that we've been buying our jackets from for over 25 years suddenly went out of business without warning. Rex & Patsy are trying to find who they sold their jackets to, not an easy task – it's taking hours. Someone suggested Carhart – WHAT! They were joking (we can hope) that we may change our colors to purple (not really or maybe so).

The new owners of KCNY, Craig Knott and Bubba Bartosh were at the February meeting to introduce themselves and let the Club know they would announce anything the Club participates in if we let them know what is going on. Some of the Club's endeavors to give back to the community were discussed to inform the new owners what the Club does for the people of Moab, i.e., Charity Donations, Senior graduation party, donation of the Clubs fences for local events, etc.

Mark Pope

2022 Red Rock 4-Wheeler of the Year



The 2022 Red Rock 4-Wheeler of the Year, a nuclear engineer, first came to Moab for mountain biking in 2005. In 2017 he made Moab his home.

Having grown up on the East coast and working remotely for a small company in North Carolina, public lands are a fascinating new concept. He loves to be busy, very hands on and quickly got involved in four wheeling and land use issues he was hooked and likes to share his love of the area with others. Getting

involved with BLM trail maintenance projects was a natural next step to help keep the trails open for the next generation.

Becoming chairman of the Trail-of-the-Month and helping with the First Timers Package is just another way to give back and share his love of the area.

In his free time, you will always find him out hiking, mountain biking or exploring the Moab area in his jeep.

Monitor appreciation party both Present & Past Monitors: Thursday, 4/6 at 5:30-8:30pm at the clubhouse located at the Moab Business Park at 11850 S Hwy 191, Unit B10 . FOR BOTH CURRENT AND PAST MONITORS.

Having Monitors on certain trails are not an option for the Club. The BLM asked for a solution to the over-use of certain trails during the event because people were all over everywhere, and passing our trails when they came upon them. Monitors were our solution, and it has worked well through the years – this party is a great way to let them know how much we appreciate them. Getting Monitors has not been and is not easy, but Patsy does a great job with it – Thank you Patsy!



The new signs announcing who the fencing belongs to that we lend out to other events in town is ready to go – one of these signs is on both sides of each piece of fencing. Thanks much to John Larish for finding the company to make the signs. And to all the 4-wheelers that helped to put them on the fencing – you are appreciated.

VENDING – all the vendors we hadn't heard from seemed to wake up after the holidays and registrations for the vending show are going well.

Thanks to those that helped with the repair to Fins & Things last month – at the request of the BLM, Mike Kelso, Jerry McCann, Rick Wolcott, Bill Wehri, Devon & Marlene Parson, Russ Walker, and Mark Pope.

There were some snarky comments on Facebook about the Red Rock 4-Wheelers needing to step back in the Sand Flats area. To clear the air...Mike Kelso, Vice President RR4W and is the liaison between the BLM & the Sand Flats area. The Club was invited to help with the repairs to Fins and Things and the work was designated by the Sand Flats office! We do nothing without their approval and if they need something done – they call us first because we're willing to do the work.

●A donation was received from the Rising Sun 4WD Club of Evergreen, CO. ●The Grand County Sheriff thanked the Club for the donation given to them, stating they responded to 122 people in need, just in the first part of 2023.

●**RAPTOR STATE PARK PERMIT?** Mark Pope spoke with the manager of Raptor State Park about a fee/permit for crossing on the road we have always used for Copper Ridge. In lieu of a fee, he asked that we do trail work in the area. No toilet work, just working on the roads.

●**HOLE N THE ROCK:** Jeramey got hold of the Supervisor of the Glen Canyon Recreation Area, where Hole n the Rock is located, to again touch base about cutting the steel rod sticking out of the ground on the road (Jeramey feels it was an anchor point for winching). It would only take an angle grinder to cut it off. The supervisor was excited about going on the trail during Safari, he has never been down there but has watched some videos. John says the camp spot stays the same as directed when we started using the trail again – the other spot has returned to a pristine state and will remain as such.

HOLIDAY PARTY Carma did a great job with the Christmas party again this year. The Broken Oar was cozy with 87 people attending but, it was a great party, and the food was good. Thanks Carma.

The Broken Oar is building a BBQ place and would like to decorate it with an old CJ or older Jeep – if you can help, get his phone number from Carma!

Easter Safari Registration: 2023 was a great year for registration, the biggest problem we had was people forgetting their passwords and just registering for a membership and not waiting for the website to process it.

WHAT'S UP DURING EJS

Officials during the week: Stop by the Arena every day to check for trails we need Officials or Monitors on. People break – no vehicles break, not people – 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 31st. 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 regular April monthly club meeting and Post Safari meeting combined on **April 10th, 6pm**. We'll be cleaning out the Arena for another year. Once loaded we'll have our meeting in the Arena then head out the highway to the clubhouse to unload everything and we could use your help there too.

► **Registration Area** Happy, knowledgeable, volunteers to work the registration area, handing out trail packets, flags, raffle tickets, & answering questions for pre-registered and new participants. Sign up as soon as you are sure you will be here, the opportunity is open to all Club members. 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-March 30th & 31st. 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 or Doug at 435-260-2684.

► **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. **SEE PARTY FOR MONITORS – ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THIS PAGE.**

Training provided in all areas with a great support team!

► **Officials:** Safety meeting, Mon-4/3/23 7:00 p.m. at the Old Spanish Trail Arena. **Must attend and sign in if you are in town.**

► **Monitors Meeting for the 2023 Easter Safari,** please note there will be a meeting at the Old Spanish Trail Arena on Friday, March 31st 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, gas money, etc. Note times registration will be open on the calendar below. Use the North, side entrance at the arena.

► **Worker's Party** – Weds, April 5th - 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 2023 Safari or 2022 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 trail 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 your trail.

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.



Finding the trail lineup is easy – if you find the lineup map and directions first. The Safari magazine has everything you need to get there on pages 52 & 57 as well as the CB channel for the trails. And there is a map on pages 30-31 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.

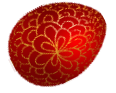


WHAT'S CANCELLED FOR 2023 EJS

- Boy Scout BBQ
- Quadratec BBQ
- Moab Appreciation Day

WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR 2023 EJS

- A live Vending Show Thurs & Friday
- Friday drawing at the Arena-you can bring a lawn chair.
- Wednesday - Workers Only party.
- One of the best spring events around!
(See the Calendar below for dates & times.)



Our Sponsors can't hand out bling on BLM land any longer – the BLM says this has always been a part of our permit but has never been enforced by them. Now they are going to enforce it. Mike & Rex are working on clarifying exactly what we can/can't do and will let everyone know how to handle it. And they are looking at different ways the Trail Sponsors can get bling to the participants – perhaps having Sponsors make cards to hand out that can be redeemed at the Sponsors booth at the Expo. You can ask at registration or your trail officials.



It's great to have all our Club members and friends in town once a year. Wish it could happen more often!

Have a wonderful Easter!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI MARCH	SAT APRIL
Next Meeting – April 10th, 2023 – 7:00pm ARENA Registration cleanup will begin at 6:00pm at the arena & move to the Clubhouse after the meeting to unload the trucks – all help is welcome – and muscles are a plus! This meeting will be combined with the Post Safari meeting.					Registration 31 Set Up – details above Monitors Meeting – 7:00 pm Arena on the mezzanine	April Fools 1 Arena Registration Begins 7-10 am
Arena 2 Registration 7-10 am	Arena 3 Registration 7-10 am OFFICIALS Safety Mtg 7:00pm Arena This is a MUST attend	Arena 4 Registration 7-10 am	Arena 5 Registration 7-10 am Workers Only Party Meet & Greet 6pm Dinner 7 pm Canyonlands by Night	Arena 6 Registration 7am -6pm and Vendor Show 7 am - 6 pm	Arena 7 Registration 7am -6pm and Vendor Show 7 am - 6 pm	Registration & Arena Closed
Arena Closed 9 Easter Sunday 	Post Safari Meeting & Mthly Meeting 7pm Registration clean-up starting at 6pm Arena					

BE SAFE GOING HOME AND THANKS FOR COMING!