

Red Rock Review

The premiere off-road club focused on family fun 4-wheeling, responsible recreation and public land stewardship



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NEW FOR THE 60TH EASTER JEEP SAFARI 2026?

Camp Moab!



The Red Rock 4-Wheelers and Jeepers Jamboree are excited to announce "Camp Moab", a youth-focused experience within Easter Jeep Safari that inspires the next generation of off-roaders, explorers, and land stewards. Camp Moab is about connection, confidence, and heritage. Through a series of hands on skill and knowledge circuits, youth learn from industry partners, local experts,

and organizations like Tread Lightly! about outdoor ethics, safety, and responsible recreation. Heritage talks share the history behind Moab's trails, mining routes, and the people who built them, linking past and future through education and stewardship.

Open to ages 6–17, Camp Moab provides a guided, engaging environment where young participants can discover how teamwork, respect, and responsibility keep our public lands open and thriving.

Our goal is simple: to pass on the knowledge, values, and passion that have defined Easter Jeep Safari for over 6 decades. Ensuring these roads, trails, and traditions endure for generations to come.

Vendor Expo 2026 at OSTA

The Easter Jeep Safari Vendor Expo will once again be a highlight at the 60th EJS. The Vendor Expo will take place at the Old Spanish Trail Arena on Thursday and Friday. Hours have been changed slightly from years past. The Expo hours are:

Thursday April 2, 2026 - 10 am to 7 pm
Friday April 3, 2026 - 9 am to 5 pm

Keep an eye on the Red Rock 4-Wheelers Facebook page as we update you with a list of vendors. We encourage your support of these vendors who help make EJS a successful and enjoyable event.

The Final Exam

The Red Rock 4-Wheelers are pleased to announce a new special event for the upcoming 60th Easter Jeep Safari! The first ever **“Final Exam”** package will be available for a select group of fifteen adventurers!

Have you been attending EJS for years? Are your off-road skills and acumen in the top 5 percent of off-roaders? The Red Rock 4-Wheelers have the package for you at the 60th! Professor K.L. Young will lead this select group through their “Basic Skills Test” on Tuesday, a leisurely run on Cliff Hanger Trail to ensure your skills are truly ready and all your nuts and bolts are torqued to perfection. On Thursday, K.L. Young, Red Rock 4-Wheeler of the Year, will proctor this group as they undergo their most rigorous testing, the **“Final Exam”**, a fun filled jaunt up Pritchett Canyon Trail.

What makes this package different are the rules. Participants will be dependent on their own skills to navigate the obstacles. Participants will also be responsible for spotting themselves and their fellow participants through the entirety of the trail. This package provides a great chance for participants to show off the skills they have learned over years at EJS. Other than KL leading the way, the only other trail officials on trail will be his team of Associate Professors, Rich & Janice Mickelsen, Payton Mickelsen and Garrett Young who will confirm all participants do make it off trail.

This package is not for the faint of heart nor the boastful. This package is sponsored by **WARN** and the Thursday run through Pritchett Canyon will terminate at the WARN Booth at the Vendor Expo at the Old Spanish Trail Arena were participants will be presented with their Graduation Certificates and recognition for being the First Class to Conquer **“The Final Exam.”**

Old Iron Show

Come and check out the classic Willys Jeep vehicles at the 1st Annual EJS Old Iron Show! MBs, CJs and more will be on display Thursday at the Old Iron Show at OSTA as we honor the heritage vehicles that launched our off road passion. The show will be a great chance to reminisce about those classic vehicles we once had that ignited our off road curiosity. This show will be a great opportunity to introduce our newest off road participants to the old iron that blazed the paths we now enjoy.

Do you have a vehicle you wish to display? Send an email to Jeremy Rowan at pio@rr4w.com to secure a place for your "Old Iron" at the show!

M.U.D. Fund Distribution to Blue Ribbon Coalition in Defense of Access to Public Lands



Presenting Ben Burr, (2nd on left) of the Blue Ribbon Coalition with a check from the M.U.D. Fund are L to R Bob Kraft VP, George Schultz, President and Russ Walker, Land Use Coordinator.

At the 2025 Labor Day Camp Out the Red Rock 4-Wheelers confirmed our commitment to public land accessibility and stewardship by making another \$25,000 donation to the Blue Ribbon Coalition! Our efforts are being rewarded as noted by several court victories and the reassessment of the Labyrinth Canyon/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Plan. Your contributions to the M.U.D. Fund make this possible. Be assured that the club will continue to advocate for your access to public lands. And the momentum is shift is continuing!

Outdoor Recreation & Off-Roading is Codified

In July a new executive order was signed to create a Make American Beautiful Again commission with the stated mission to “prioritize conserving our great American National Parks & Outdoor Recreation Areas.”

In the order, “off-roading” was specifically mentioned as one of the outdoor recreation activities to be considered in policies that protect and expand access

This is the first time “off-roading” has been specifically mentioned in a national order. Make no mistake about it: this is because of our collective voices and the noise we have been making.

For details on the Labyrinth Canyon/Gemini Bridges reassessment please visit:

<https://blueribboncoalition.org/support-the-grand-reopening-of-our-off-road-trails-in-moab/>

The club is proud to partner with the BRC in defense of access to public lands on the behalf of those who came before and those who will come after us. We would like to thank all those who have donated to the M.U.D. Fund over the years preparing us to have the resources for this battle. You can continue to show your support by becoming a member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Just visit **www.sharetrails.org** for more information on how to become a member.

National Public Lands Day

The Red Rock 4-Wheelers and the local BLM Moab office continued their tradition of completing a trail restoration and improvement project on National Public Lands Day (NPLD) this September 20th. The RR4W and the Moab BLM staff cooperated on not one but two projects on the Lost World Trail this year.

The first project restored an area off trail that had been turned into a hill climb. The area was fenced, signed and raked to promote natural recovery in the area. The second project entailed making a very large boulder encroaching the top of a shelf climb much smaller. The team then used parts of said boulder to improve the approach on the ledge which had been severely undercut.



Held annually on the fourth Saturday of September, NPLD is the nation's largest single-day environmental volunteer effort. More than 100,000 people are expected to participate in thousands of events hosted by local, state, and national parks across the country. While there may be issues that we and many other recreational users of public lands disagree with the national BLM leadership, the Red Rock 4-Wheelers and the local BLM office in Moab have a long history of cooperation on local trail related projects and we look forward to continuing our relationship with our local partners.



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Trail of the Month



If you have suggestions for trails to include in the 2026 season of Trail of the Month we encourage you to send an email with your suggestion to tom@rr4w.com. Please keep in mind that we like to keep Trail of the Month outings to a single day in length and on trails rated 6 or below.

The 2025 season of Trail of the Month is rapidly coming to a close with our final excursion on November 15th when we will head out on Flat Iron Mesa Tip Toe. We will explore additional trails in the area by the Flat Iron Mesa with minimal overlap with the regular Flat Iron trail. We will once again depart from the north lot of City Market, 425 S Main St, at 9:00am.

We encourage you to review the trail in your copy of the Easter Jeep Safari magazine for details on this trail. This is a 4 rated trail. Keep an eye on the club Facebook page for any breaking news on this run as weather can be an issue in November.

Members or participants at Trail of the Month who may be interested in becoming a leader or gunner for the upcoming season of Trail of the Month or other club

events are encouraged to participate during T.O.M. as it's a great way to become acquainted with duties of those positions. Our current T.O.M. leaders and gunners have decades of experience in some cases and are a great resource to learn from. With the lower trail ratings we run during T.O.M. its a great time to raise your hand to try out one of those leadership positions on the trail.

Hello GMRS!

If you haven't heard the news, the Red Rock 4-Wheelers has officially made the move from legacy CB radios to GMRS/FRS communication for all club events. This transition began with the Labor Day Camp Out event in 2025 and continues as we celebrate the 60th Annual Easter Jeep Safari in 2026 as we modernize our trail communication to improve clarity, range, and ease of use for all participants.

To help with the transition, longtime club and event supporter **Rugged Radios** will be on-site during the entire run of the 60th Annual Easter Jeep Safari in 2026 to answer questions, offer advice, and help you find the best setup for your vehicle, whether you're just getting started or looking to upgrade your system. They'll also have a *special offer just for EJS attendees*, along with radios, accessories, and mounting solutions available for purchase.

Whether you're a seasoned GMRS user or brand new to the tech, stop by and speak with the Rugged team. They'll even help with other brands of radios and make sure you're set up for success on the trail.

Welcome to the future of trail communication.

Hello GMRS!

Labor Day Camp Out Goes Into the Books for 2025

Labor Day Camp Out 2025 was blessed with some of the best conditions in recent memory. 111 registrants attended the event this year. Participation was up slightly from 2024 but we still a bit away from a full event. There are many reasons but a less than robust economy and inflation has impacted many family budgets across the country.

Labor Day Camp Out 2025 was a watershed event for the club as the event was the first by the club to use GMRS radios as our primary trail communication technology. Feedback was very positive from attendees. Many took advantage of Rugged Radios being on site during the entire event to get their questions answered and in many cases acquiring their GMRS radio.

Worldwide River Expeditions provided meals once again for the event. Meals at the campground made for a relaxed atmosphere before heading out on trail. If you have not attended a Labor Day Camp Out I encourage you to add it to your bucket list. The smaller size and more intimate setting is a great way to meet and make new friends for the trail. And the Jolly Roger Movie Night is fast becoming the new "place to be seen at" when at the campground!

Thanks to the Labor Day Committee for laying out the event and working so hard to make it a success again this year. Committee members are James & Kimberly Graves; Ron & Linda Brewer; John & Carol Martin; Rick Wolcott; Bob & Patsy Kraft; Mike & Joanne Kelso; Ken & Lourae Minor, Mark Pope and Gayle & John Weisbecker who took care of the Merchandise table.

Also, to all those volunteers on the trails who make this fun and exciting for the participants – you're a great asset to the Club and everyone connected with it. This event is not possible without you!



Holiday Party Planning

The Red Rock 4-Wheelers will once again be celebrating the holidays with our annual Holiday Party in January. This year's dinner and party will take place on Saturday, January 17th, 2026. Happy Half Hour will begin at 6:30pm, with dinner being served up at 7:00pm.

The Broken Oar Restaurant located at 53 W 400 N in Moab will again be hosting the event. Please RSVP Carma at 435-259-6878 if you will be attending.

Community Involvement

So what else has the Club been up to this summer other than preparing for the 60th EJS? The Red Rock 4-Wheelers continue to be active in local community and other off road events. The Club manned a booth at the Mesa 4-Wheelers Expo this spring. On the 4th of July a group of club members participated in the Moab 4th of July parade, we also attended Camp Rubicon and the Trail Hero Vendor Show.

A large group represented the Club in the Melon Days Parade in Green River. The Red Rock 4-Wheelers are highly anticipated at the Melon Days Parade as we have developed a reputation as being very generous with the candy along the route. Club members were rewarded with a 2nd and 3rd Place award for creatively decorated vehicles! Good job Mark and Adam!

We will be participating in the Moab Electric Lights Parade December 6th. If you want to join the fun, send an email to pjo@rr4w.com for more information!



Red Rock 4-Wheelers Social Media

Please head over to Facebook and YouTube and check out the Red Rock 4-Wheelers social media. The Club has been busy adding long form Trail Preview videos to give area visitors and event attendees a peek at the trails they may wish to travel while here in the Moab area. We have also produced a series called "What is it?" where we delve into the landmarks and history of Moab and the wider southeast Utah area.

Our Facebook page is quickly becoming our way to quickly get information out surrounding RR4W events, land use issues, community activities and breaking news. It's also a great place to interact with others before, during and after RR4W events.

While you're there remember to Like, Comment, Subscribe and Share links so you can stay up to date with newly released content and introduce your friends to the Red Rock 4-Wheelers! Our pages are at the links below!

youtube.com/@RR4WMOAB



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