

# Red Rock Review

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## 60th Easter Jeep Safari 2026! It's A Wrap!

The Red Rock 4-Wheelers would like to thank all those who attended or followed us on social media for the 60th EJS! We hope you enjoyed the changes this year and all of the special events. We want to remind everyone that those comment cards are important to us. Make sure you take a few minutes to fill yours in and send it back so we can use your comments to improve next year's event.

## 'It's not just a boy thing': Women who've made an impact on Easter Jeep Safari



Bina Boles, Lyndsay Bryson and Brittany Tharp were featured in the local Times-Independent for their contributions to getting women involved in the off-road world. Lizzie Ramirez spent the day on trail with all three. By the

end of the article it was obvious the misconceptions about our sport and women were completely dispelled by the writer. Thanks also goes out to Roger Peck for his leadership in making things accessible and welcoming to our first timers and assembling his team. You can read the full article and several other EJS focused articles at the Times-Independent website.



## Camp Moab!

Camp Moab was a hit with our youngest participants. Young people had a chance to learn, put their hands on things off-road related and took home souvenirs that they created. Reaction from families has been overwhelmingly positive. We had many local residents participate and they have let us know how wonderful it was to be able to participate in Easter Jeep Safari even though they were not out on trail. Other locals noted it created a connection with this huge event that takes place in their town annually but they haven't gotten to know us!

Many of our participants who had youth attending with them also noted that it was great to have an event at Safari aimed at and specifically for youth. Many told us they hope this tradition continues not only for their kids but new families that become part of EJS.

We may have created some issues for families as they go back home. Several participants have let us know their youth would like RC Jeeps like they were able to use on the RC course, a few want explorer kits with maps and compasses and a few are trying to talk mom and dad into a welder!

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

Our goal was 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.

## The Jeep Drone Show



On Tuesday night of the 60th EJS the Jeep® Brand entertained the entirety of Moab with a special Drone Show highlighting all things Easter Jeep Safari. Large crowds gathered throughout downtown leading up to the show with especially large crowds at the official watch parties at Milt's Stop & Eat and the Jeep® display in the Walker Drug parking lot.

One of the highlights of the show was a rare sighting of the Diamond Billed Rock Pecker! The sighting was captured on video and can be seen on the Red Rock 4-Wheelers YouTube channel. Thanks to Jeep® for providing one of the entertainment highlights at this year's Safari!

## The Final Exam Results!

The 60th Easter Jeep Safari was the launch of the latest package for participants at EJS, The Final Exam. Fifteen candidates originally signed up to take the exam. By the time Tuesday morning arrived it appeared a few students had second thoughts about taking the Exam. Eleven candidates arrived at the meeting location on Tuesday morning. By the end of the day due to misfortune, mechanical failure or better judgement we were down to eight students. The exam is tough and it was expected we may lose a student or two over the two-day event.

However, eight students were able to complete the entire exam. The eight inaugural graduates of The Final Exam are:

Roger Collins, April Fingerlos, Paul Franklin, Jim Jones, Rob Morrison, James Rishel, Brian Shelton and Ron Stanger.

A ninth student was able to complete Pritchett Canyon after being sidelined from Cliffhanger. We want to recognize Matt Willard for his effort and invite him back next year if he wishes to make another attempt at completing The Final Exam.

## VINTAGE IRON CAR SHOW

The Vintage Iron Car Show featured a plethora of antique and custom off-road vehicles. Approximately 80 off-road vehicles were on display. There was quite the variety of vehicles including previous Jeep concept vehicles, early Jeeps, Broncos and others. Many people loved seeing the vehicles that started it all.

Of special note was a group of Jeeps in the show from the 1978 Jeep Expedition of the Americas (also known as the Expedicion de Las America), a remarkable journey from the southern tip of South America, through Central America and the Darien Gap, then up across North America before terminating in northern Alaska.

Before the car show there was a fun run that about 35 of those vehicles participated in. The group ran the last portion of the Fins n Things. It was very entertaining watching them do their thing. There was an early VW based dune buggy (rear wheel drive) that made it up Kenny's Climb after a couple of heart stopping tries. There were a few vehicles that had problems, but in the classic off-roading spirit people were there to help each other out.

The Vintage Iron Car Show provided a great venue for young and old to see the vehicles that paved the way for what we have today. Many stories were swapped and alot of knowledge was passed on to future generations. A special thanks to everyone who displayed a vehicle at the show. The Club appreciates your contribution to a special 60th EJS!

## 60th Anniversary Run

The sold out 60th Anniversary Run of Behind the Rocks Trail was led by President George Schultz and featured a number of early vehicles that could easily have been there that sunny afternoon in 1967. Also on the run was Rick Pewe, Off-Road Hall of Famer, and former editor of JP and Petersen's Off-Road magazines. The day was truly a trip back in time for many and brought back those nostalgic feelings of Jeep Safaris past.

Your reporter has only seen pictures of this legendary group as they made this trek once again through the desert, but seeing these vehicles in their natural habitat made me feel as though I finally had a glimpse of the first EJS.





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## 2026 Trail of the Month Adventures

The schedule for 2026's Trail of the Month adventures has been almost completely set, with one date held open for a special ToM Run if all things work out! However, there are some changes occurring due to the growing popularity of our monthly club outings.

The Bureau of Land Management has requested we keep the number of participants for the trail of the month to a maximum of 25 vehicles.

A registration system is in place for ToM. There will be no charge to register for the TOM. Registration for each month's ToM will open up 30 days prior to the run.

When you register you will just need to provide your name and email address. You will receive a confirmation email. The email will include a link to cancel your registration. So if you cannot make it please use the cancellation link in the email so other people can get on the list.

We have also created a new Facebook page dedicated solely to Trail of the Month!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rr4wtom>

This new page will be the hub for all ToM information, updates and news. It will also be a great place to share your photos, videos and recaps of our monthly sojourns.

All participants in RR4W events are STRONGLY encouraged to carry a functioning GMRS radio - Ask your leader for the channel you will be on. For the more difficult trails, the trail leaders often communicate important information about navigating challenging obstacles. Trail leaders also make an effort to point out points of interest or share historical details along the route. You will not have the same experience if you just ride along in silence.

### 2026 Trail of the Month Schedule

Date	Trail	Rated	Depart
May 16	Lockhart Basin Overnight Lockhart Basin Day Trip	5	8:00am/ 9:00am
June 20	Metal Masher Tip Toe	6	9:00am
July 18	TBD - Labyrinth Rims		
Aug 15	San Rafael Swell- Red Canyon	3	9:00am GR Mav
Sept 26	NPLD - Trail TBD		
Oct 10	Abajo Leaf Peepers	3	9:00am
Nov 14	Hell's Revenge	6	9:00am

Departures are from our normal spot in the City Market parking lot except the Red Canyon run which will depart from the Maverick in Green River. Make sure you subscribe to the new Facebook page as we will post updates there regularly!

## Making Labor Day Plans?

Some people had such a great time at the 60th EJS they are all ready to begin making plans to visit Moab and the trail network here again! Well, you'll need to wait 11 months for the 61st Easter Jeep Safari. But if you can't wait that long...it's not too early to begin making your plans for Labor Day 2026!

We are already making plans and preparing to host our Annual Labor Day Camp Out event.

Join us for the Annual Labor Camp Out this September 5th, 6th and 7th! Labor Day Camp Out is a smaller and much more relaxed and intimate atmosphere than EJS with many participants camping out at the Moab Rim RV Camp Park. Expect group meals, lots of social time, and maybe movie night with Roger Peck! Participation in Labor Day Camp Out is limited to 150 vehicles for the holiday weekend and trail runs are limited to 25 vehicles maximum.

We will publish a trail listing and schedule prior to the event so you can begin putting your wish list together. And remember, all Red Rock 4-Wheeler events now run on GMRS for trail communication! We encourage all participants to have a working GMRS radio to further enhance your enjoyment on the trail by staying in communication with the group not just for directions but interesting facts, scenic features and history of the area as you enjoy the trail.

Registration will open in June for the event. Stay tuned via our Facebook page and future newsletters for details on when registration opens.

### Lockhart Basin Project

What to do on a beautiful February day in Moab? Why it's time for the Red Rock 4-Wheelers to get out on trail and complete some trail maintenance. At the behest of the BLM a number of members headed out to the Lockhart Basin trail and remediated a large boulder that was intruding the trail at wrong spot on the last uphill climb. The remediation keeps the trail accessible at the published rating.



## BRC Save Moab! Status

### BlueRibbon Coalition

#### All-Of-Government Strategy to Reopen Moab

Ensuring long-term access to Moab's trails requires fighting at all levels of government, and that is exactly what we're doing at BlueRibbon Coalition. We are the only organization leading the fight to reopen these trails simultaneously through the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government.

#### 1. Executive Branch: Holding Federal Agencies Accountable

From the beginning, the closures have been challenged through the Bureau of Land Management's own administrative processes. Recently, the BLM announced it would reassess the routes that were closed.

Thousands of substantive public comments were submitted in response—demonstrating overwhelming support for reopening access to Moab's public lands. This reassessment represents a real opportunity for the current Administration to correct course and restore access.

#### 2. Judicial Branch: Prepared to Defend Access in Court

A legal challenge to the closures has been underway since day one. That case is currently paused to allow the BLM's reassessment process to move forward. But we remain ready to resume this challenge if needed.

If routes are reopened, it is likely that anti-access groups will attempt to block that decision through litigation. There is clear precedent for subverting this inevitable challenge: During the Biden Administration, reassessments in the San Rafael Desert resulted in over 100 miles of routes being closed, a process those same groups defended as legitimate at the time.

If reassessments are acceptable when they lead to closures, they must also be acceptable when they lead to reopening routes. We are prepared to respond to any legal action that could lead to the long term closure of these routes.

#### 3. Legislative Branch: Protecting Routes Permanently

Administrative decisions can change. Court rulings can be appealed. The most durable solution is Congressional action.

Recent momentum in the U.S. Senate—including hearings on the Historic Roadways Protection Act—signals growing recognition that long-standing routes deserve permanent protection. This legislation would safeguard historic backcountry roads in Utah and prevent future unilateral closures.

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