

# Red Rock Review



## DECEMBER 2018 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### ♦2018 TOM (Trail of the month)

A new list of trails for 2019 will be posted on the website / Facebook sometime in January! Happy Holiday everyone – no trails will be run in December.



### Vote in January Meeting



► A motion made by Carma McElhaney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ella Rae Edwards to have a conference table built for the conference room of the Club House that seats 14 people for \$1,600 will be voted on in January.

► A motion made in the December meeting to spend \$1,645 to make 10,000 brochures (5,000 required by the company that maintains the information racks in the 50 Moab motel lobbies and distribute the rest to the jeep & atv rental agencies in town as well as allow club members to carry a few in their jeeps to pass out will be voted on in January. (History-a brochure was created by Richard Mick, RR4W VP, with information on becoming a RR4W member; responsible recreation and who we (RR4W) are.

? Are you interested in who the Officials are on any given trail for Easter Safari? See for yourself – login to your profile and click on the button at the left of the screen 'Leaders & Helpers'.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** were raised to \$50 on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues have not been raised in over a decade. Members who volunteer to help during events don't have to worry about paying dues, because their dues are paid annually by the Club as a way of saying thanks.

**New membership benefit** as a member you can now register for the Easter Jeep Safari 3 days before the website opens up to the Public. Registration opens for Officials on January 15<sup>th</sup>; Members on January 18<sup>th</sup> and the to the Public on January 22<sup>nd</sup> All at 10AM – MST. We have a lot of new members – so don't dally when it comes your turn to register!

**NEVER SIGNED INTO YOUR PROFILE? If not – you might want to!** Look at your mailing label to see the last date you logged into your account. We have a profile base of over 10,000 people, we whittle those down annually by the last date they have signed into their profiles to send them an Easter Jeep Safari magazine every year! If you're a member, it doesn't mean you will automatically get a magazine, **and you must have signed into your profile in the last 3 years, once a year is preferable.** Send us an e-mail through the website 'Contact Us' if you don't know your sign-in info. Note: **Admin can't sign in for you, they don't generate the date needed to keep you active!**



**SALE – we've put our Santa Hat on** to remind you about the great gift ideas on our website at rr4w.com – we have a new stock of pullover, black

hoodies - just in! (Shipping will be refunded to anyone living in Moab and ordering from the online store, you must be able to pick up your Christmas presents at the Copy Center.)

**254 Confirmations were mailed to Officials for the 2019 Easter Jeep Safari** on Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank all of you for volunteering. You can contact the phone # or e-mail in your packet if you have any scheduling problems with your assignments. **The Trails Committee met 5 times this year** to assign Officials for the 2019 EJS. They have made assignments according to your wishes and those of others – we apologize in advance if you didn't get exactly what you wanted, we are limited by what you tell us and the days you say you will be here and what is available – we can't put 30 gunners on Fins & Things. So you limit yourself if you are only willing to gun certain trails. We urge everyone to learn new trails in all ratings so you are able to jump in whenever there is a need.

**The Easter Safari Big Saturday Parade** may be coming to an end after 52 years! There was never a parade permit fee up until 2018 then it was \$250. In 2019 the permit fee went to \$6,900, however we can apply for a grant from the City of Moab to recover that fee, but we must pay it first.

●In 2018 we already had 6 leaders start their trails off main street and according to the trail leaders it was a lot less stressful and pleasant.

●In 2020 all parade permits will cost \$10,000, including the Homecoming Parade for the High School. Does this mean the end of Parades in Moab??? (Sign of the times, maybe, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was ordered by the City of New York to cut the parade route by 25% and keep it to 5 hours and this would only save the city \$3.1 million dollars!)

### Adult Holiday Party

*Where: Canyonlands by Night*

*When: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*Happy Hour 6:00 – 7:00pm*

*Dinner 7:00pm*

*RSVP: Carma McElhaney by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 435-259-6878.*

*Speak clearly & leave a message, your name, # of people in your party and your phone # (Ages 18 & up)*



A big bear hug goes out to Tom Edwards who has been in Grand Junction for eight weeks for radiation therapy. We were sure glad to see you at this month's meeting!



Another big bear hug goes out to Madison Alvey who had surgery on a tear in her bicep just this last week! A Sophomore at Grand County High School loves to

help at EJS registration putting trail packets together for her grandma, Linda Brewer, and anything else to do with Red Rock 4-Wheelers! Get better soon junior RR4W.



**Flat Iron Mesa workday** – a big thanks goes out to all the people who helped install 'You are here' signs on Flat Iron Mesa. There were 12 vehicles and it made the work go a lot faster.



Sadly, Larell 'Chip' Brox, passed away on December 4, 2018. Chip was one of the founding members of the Red Rock 4-Wheelers and led trails for many years, his first being Cliff Hanger. He later led trails and always had something fun to do for his followers – volley ball, paper airplanes, etc. Chip managed Grand Tire in Moab and was a champion of the Club with his BF Goodrich tires. For those of us that were close to him and his family, we will truly miss him. There will be a private service. To leave a tribute to the family go to [www.spanishvalleymortuary.com](http://www.spanishvalleymortuary.com).



**PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN LOCAL NEWSLETTERS**

**AREA BFE:** If you venture onto the Strike Ravine trail in Moab, don't be surprised if you must back track your way out of it. One section of the trail is on BFE land and has been closed to the public by the land owner as he is making a Corporate Retreat.

- BFE is not blaming the RR4W, just "Yahoo" public jeepers and ATVs for the destruction done to the trail.

- Several Solutions discussed:** 1) Locked gates at both ends of the trail section with keys given to the trail leaders during our events-this might make us ultimately responsible for any damages done. 2) Signs-not enough. 3) The 2 local 4-W Drive clubs could provide a list of the people on the trail and anyone wanting to go on the trail must be escorted. ●It was noted that RR4W usage has decreased to 3 times times each year because during EJS, BFE is having pre-runs of their event on the days we would have scheduled our trails.

- The land above the BFE area is BLM land. BLM & San Juan County are urging us to redirect the section we have lost and San Juan County will help with the equipment to do it. There was not enough time to do this before plans for the 2019 EJS were finalized as there is an endangered plant in the area that has to be identified. **In the meantime we urge you to find another trail and please don't do any exploring for a new trail on your own, this is BLM land and we must abide by the rules of staying on existing trails.**

**Labor Day revisited**

- The event was a success again this year, we had 148 vehicles registered, the event is limited to 150. There appeared to be a 50/50 mix of young and older families this year, where in the past the older families were most of the participants.

- The profit for the Labor Day event has always been a challenge. We used to send out fliers via the USPO to over 8,000+ people on our mailing list (which is now 10,000), then with the help of ThinAirWeb (our webmasters) we started sending out e-mail blasts to all our website profiles instead, which brought expense even more. This year we had the best income in 43 years, however, we also had the biggest expense with providing 4 meals and full rent on all tent and RV sites.

- In 2019, to continue with the upturn of the event and make the event a little more profitable, the Club will only pay half of the tent/RV site rental, participants will pay the other half when registering online. The Club will still pay for meals.**

- If anyone wants to Sponsor any part of the event, we would welcome them.**

**Next Year during Easter Jeep Safari** all trails going North during the week will need to line up at the trail heads, because of the expansion of

Hwy 191 to a 4 laner all the way into town.

**A SUBSTANTIAL DONATION** was made to the MUD fund by Andrew Gerster of Golden, Colorado. Thank you Andrew!

**No Trailering to the trail head!** This was in the Invite to potential officials for the 2019 EJS. It was brought up at the Oct. club meeting that it was a blanket rule and those people that have sticky tires don't like to run them on the highway. So they trailer them to the trail head then someone taxis them back to town and they lead the trail out in a different vehicle and switch to their buggy at the trail head. The trailhead areas mentioned were Gemini Bridges, Pritchett Canyon and Black Ridge.

- After much discussion this was referred to the Executive Committee for a decision. **(Ask about this at registration)**

**Update on Elephant Hill, it's a 4 rated trail again** – Work was completed on the Elephant Hill trail – wouldn't you know it, the first good rain we've had in months started when the work started. Thank you to Mike Kelso, Rick Wolcott, John Marsh, John Martin, Pete Kaufman, Tom Edwards, Bob Kraft, Bill Hughes and Doug McElhaney. The crew was surprised what the park service could do with a "Dingo" tractor, put rocks in, take them out, fill up the hole, amazing. The Park service was surprised at what our guys could do with a winch. We will continue to work with the park every year in the future to keep the trail maintained. This is a very special trail and only 3 vehicles are allowed on it a day. We have a special permit that allows us to have up to 5 days of 10 vehicles during our Easter Safari Event (you can find Elephant Hill on the Canyonlands Nat'l Park Needles District website)

**Bears Ears National Monument:** There are some changes to the monument boundaries, one of our concerns is Arch Canyon, there may be some changes to Arch Canyon. Hotel Rock should be fine, with the entrance on a Class D County Road.



**San Juan County (S of Moab including Monticello & Blanding, UT) has invited** us to explore the Class D county roads and create trails, they will overlay our routes on their county map and put the trail into their trail system. Mike Kelso, Pres, RR4W, has been visiting and made friends with the President of the ATV/UTV Club in Monticello, who is also a San Juan county employee who is more than willing to work with us in creating trails.

**Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC)**, Spencer Gilbert, new BRC Executive Director, and Ric Foster, Public Lands Dept. Mgr visited the Nov. club meeting. Spencer said the BRC has been overhauled, now the overhead is declining and the income is increasing. Just recently it has been just the opposite, the overhead has been cut by 55% and BRC is getting back to their main purpose of fighting for the right to use the land. They hire a full time lawyer to write and fight for our rights. BRC promises to a) return to basics and b) get even more aggressive on legal issues and get people elected who can help the OHV community.

- In our area over \$93,000, our \$10,000 donation included, was spent to defend our land rights, only \$83,000 in income came in during that time and \$13,000 was lent to the legal fund.

- Responsible clubs do most of the trail maintenance, but, the younger generation, the 35-42 age group, are not joiners. They will help when asked, but won't join a club. Clubs need to mentor them into getting involved and helping to take care of the trails.

- At this time BRC is aggressively into the SUWA battle, SUWA is still fighting the 2008 Land Management Plan set by the BLM.

- Ric Foster, BRC Land Use, asked everyone to write their congressman about the Emory County (Green River / Price, UT areas) fight now being launched by SUWA – we could lose a lot of trails in the Swell if this battle is lost. Visit [BRC@Sharetrails.org](mailto:BRC@Sharetrails.org). Write your congressmen, Rob Bishop-Utah and Mike Simpson-Idaho. Don't tell them our recreation will be taken away, tell them it will kill our business if these lands are closed.

#### **2019 Easter Safari Volunteers**

**Times: Sat, 4/13 – Weds, 4/17: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Thurs, 4/18: 7:00. a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Fri, 4/19: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Volunteering on Sat thru Weds would be 3 hours.**

**Volunteering on Thurs & Fri would be in 4-hour increments.**

► **Registration Area** We are looking for happy volunteers to work the registration area. You will be handing out trail packets, flags, raffle tickets, & answering questions for pre-registered participants. So, get in line and 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) or Bill Webb (435-260-9308).

► **New registration & trail changes area volunteers. -**


Computer savvy people helping NEW registrants and pre-registered participants with trail changes. Call Linda Brewer (435-259-7311) to sign up.

► **Merchandise Booth** – Help sell the merchandise shown on the Store on the website in the Arena lobby. Sign-up sheets will be at the meetings or you can call Debra King at 435-580-9356.

► **Vending, parking fences, lining the parking area & arena for vendors, etc. etc.** These will need to be set up on Friday – so if you are here and willing let us know we can count on your help. Fencing is put up before Registration opens. E-mail [rr4wvending@yahoo.com](mailto:rr4wvending@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

► **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.

**Training provided in all areas with a great support team!** (If you are local, sign-up sheets will be passed around at monthly meetings between now & April for all areas.)

 **Armed Service Club Members:** The resolution now stands that any member in good standing and who has worked actively during an event shall have his dues paid by the Club while on deployment. Any years absent because of deployment will not be counted against said member in receiving his 3-year gunner jacket.

**Officials** – Safety meeting, Mon-4/15/18 7:00 p.m. at the Old Spanish Trail Arena. Must attend and sign in if you are in town.

► **Monitors Meeting for the 2019 Easter Safari**, please note there will be a meeting at the Old Spanish Trail Arena on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. On the mezzanine outside the registration area.

► **Registration Setup** – Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Spanish trail Arena.

► **Officials** – Sign in at registration at the arena for your trail lists, flags, packets, patches, etc. Note times registration will be open on the calendar below. Your entrance at the arena is still by the picnic tables.

► **Worker's Party** – Weds, April 17<sup>th</sup> - 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 2019 Safari or 2018 Labor Day Campout or behind the scenes to make the club roll. 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 – this too will count towards the 16 hours required.

► **Boy Scout BBQ** – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm at the arena, buy tickets all around town and at the arena.

**Next meeting – January 7, at 7:00pm at  
the Clubhouse.  
11850 s Highway 191, Unit B10**



*Happy New Year*

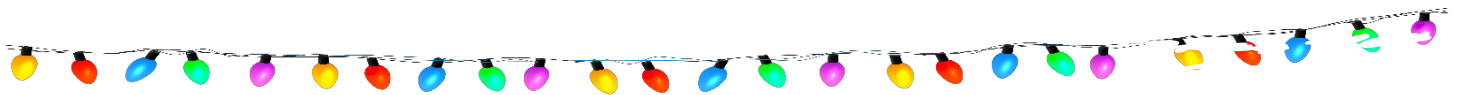


#### **Red Rock 4-Wheelers give back \$26,750 to the Moab Community**

Recipients of annual charity donations (seen above) were invited to the October Club meeting to receive their funds. RR4W, Club Treasurer, John Martin, President, Mike Kelso and Vice President, Richard Mick presented the checks. ●Standard Annual donations of \$9,000, were given to the following: Moab Police Dept-Brett Edge, Grand County Search & Rescue-Jim Webster, Grand County Sheriff's Dept-Shan Hackwell, San Juan County Search & Rescue-Colton Brimhall and Moab Chamber of Commerce Lacy Shumway. We appreciate the job they do for our community. ●Club members have favorite charities and submit donation requests annually, for 2018, \$7,750 was split among 9 charities. ●Rondell Pierce, and Sarah Kimerlee, GCHS Red Devil Swim Team. ●Mike Estenson, River Martucchi, Jackson Sorensen and Landon Niesen, of the Red Devil Mountain Bike Team, they plan to use the money to purchase loaner bikes for those who may not be able to afford their own. ●Daniel McNeil, Grand Area Mentoring program, always out front in helping the at Risk kids. ●Robert Humphrey, member RR4W and representing the Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo Club who work on projects for the betterment of the Spanish Trail Arena. ●Pete Kaufman, RR4W and representative for the Humane Society. ●Kirsten Peterson, Moab Health Care Foundation-the Foundation will be helping with other health care needs in our community. ●Jamie Carter and two-5<sup>th</sup> Grade students, London and Clara, Fifth Grade Boston Trip.

●\$10,000 was donated in September to be divided among the families who lost their homes in the Cinema Court Fire in June.

●The Club has also made a commitment to purchase the poles and LED lights for the new parking area in the front of the Spanish Trail Arena when the project is ready to move forward.



#### **APRIL 2019**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>Mthly Mtg 1</b> <b>Club House</b> <b>7:00 pm See</b> <b>address above</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Devils on the 6</b> <b>Rocks (a RR4W</b> <b>teen ride for</b> <b>GCHS students)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Moab 9</b> <b>Appreciation</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>Computer 10</b> <b>training - New</b> <b>Registration area</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Clubhouse,bring</b> <b>your laptops</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Registration 12</b> <b>Set Up – details</b> <b>at Mon meeting</b> <b>Monitors</b> <b>Meeting – 7:00</b> <b>pm Arena on the</b> <b>mezzanine</b>	<b>Arena 13</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>Begins</b> <b>7-10 am</b>
<b>Arena 14</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>7-10 am</b> 	<b>Arena 15</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>7-10 am</b> <b>OFFICIALS</b> <b>Safety Mtg</b> <b>7:00pm Arena</b> <b>This is a MUSTt</b> <b>attend</b>	<b>Arena 16</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>7-10 am</b>	<b>Arena 17</b> <b>7-10 am</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>Workers Only Party</b> <b>Meet &amp; Greet 6pm</b> <b>Dinner 7 pm</b> <b>Canyonlands by</b> <b>Night</b>	<b>Arena 18</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>and</b> <b>Vendor Show</b> <b>7 am -10 pm</b> <b>Boy Scout BBQ</b> <b>5:30 pm Arena</b>	<b>Arena 19</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>and</b> <b>Vendor Show</b> <b>7 am - 6 pm</b> <b>and</b> <b>Raffle 6 pm</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>Closed</b> 
<b>21</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>Closed</b> 	<b>Post Safari 22</b> <b>Meeting &amp;</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>clean up 7pm</b> <b>Arena</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				