

# Red Rock Review



## 2024 JUNE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

_Date	2024 Trail of the Month	Rating	Time*
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Green River #1 – Devil's Racetrack	5	9:00am**
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Monitor/Merrimac Moonlight Run	3	6:00pm
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Knocker	4	9:00am
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Seven Mile Rim	4	9:00am
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Green River #2	TBD	9:00am**
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Poison Spider	6	9:00am
<b>December None – Happy Holidays</b>			

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

\*\* Trails depart from the Maverick in [Green River](#), 1475 E. Main St in Green River UT

All participants in RR4W events are **STRONGLY** encouraged to carry a functioning CB radio. For the more difficult trails, the trail leaders often communicate important information about navigating challenging obstacles. Trail leaders also try to point out points of interest or historical details along the route. You will not have the same experience if you just ride along in silence.

Mark asks that if you plan to lead a TOM let him know now so you can pre-run with them before the actual trail.

**MAY TOM**, twenty vehicles turned out for a run up to Dome Plateau



to enjoy the dinosaur tracks, Cowboy Caves, La Boca Arch, and the viewpoint overlooking Professor Valley. The single greatest obstacle of the trail was squeezing everyone into the tiny viewpoint parking area with people camping quite literally in the center of the parking lot. Special thanks to trail

### Cowboy Caves - Dome Plateau

leaders Paul and Rebecca Darezzo for their preparation and insights into history, geology, and paleontology which made the trip so enjoyable.

(Writeup - Marc Pope)



Just Jeepin'

(Pictures: John Larish)



Overlook Dome to Colorado River



**JUNE TOM** – as reported (& Pictures) by John Larish

The adventure for the day was the Eva Conover Trail to Coal Wash and back out via The Devil's Racetrack. The trails are in the Green River area.

Our leader, Brett Davis, ended up doing a bit more than leading this day, but that's another story. The day started out under blue skies and nice temps at elevation for this time of year here in Utah. The scenery as usual was



spectacular.

As we dropped into the Coal Wash one of our participants felt the need to test the Off-Road + abilities of his shiny Gladiator. Needless to say, this is when Brett and other participants were able to field test their recovery gear and most of all their own recovery skills. Two winches, a bit of spotting and the Gladiator was freed from a mid-20 degree lean so he had plenty of



room to spare before we would have been subject to a stern talking to by the significant other.

After the recovery we continued to Bullock Draw and South Coal Wash.



We made time for a lunch break. A large sandstone overhang provided shade over lunch and fellowship.

After lunch we continued to the North Fork Coal Wash as we made our way up to the Devil's Racetrack. Then on to the obstacles everyone couldn't wait to get to. The first was this set of steps. A few vehicles were able to test out their skid plates and armour. Then on to the razorback section. Most of our vehicles handled this section with ease and aplomb.

But did I tell you we had a Tonka Truck along? We didn't have a ruler amongst us; thus, we determined this rock outcrop is about 2 inches taller than the clearance of a Tonka Truck with 40s at full droop. We have pixilated the said vehicle to protect his pride when he is seen in public after this. Adam was pulled off the outcrop and the Tonka Truck soldiered on. We enjoyed more grand vistas as we exited the Devil's Racetrack.



We ended up just north of I-70 and were able to cruise along incredible rock formations.

We ended up at a rock art panel and the home of the largest Claret Cup Cactus your reporter has seen.

We parted ways as we reentered the interstate, part of the group heading back up SLC way and the rest of the group on to Ray's in Green River for a well-earned hamburger and fries after full day on the trail. We shall see who braves the heat for July's Trail of the Month!



## Remembering Good Friends

**James Broadbent** passed away on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, of pancreatic cancer. Jim has been a valuable member of the Club since October Of 1994. April 14, 1941 - April 10, 2024. You can send cards to: Walker Funeral Home; C/O James Broadbent; 187 S Main St, Spanish Fork, UT 84660. They will make sure they are delivered to the family.

**Bob Myers**, RR4W member since September 2000. recently passed away. Bob & his wife, Annett, are from LaSal, UT.

**Gary Moulton**, past leader of the Moab Rim trail on Big Saturday from 1989 – 1997, passed away at his home in Arizona.

**Doug Tweedy**, EJS leader recently passed away from terminal cancer. Doug joined RR4W in 2017.

**Jean Akens**, RR4W since 1991, passed away in January. She was the first female trail leader on a Big Saturday trail. She also scouted out several of your favorite trails, such as Fins & Things while driving a full size, Bronco. She was active with the Native American tribes in the area, visiting with them and even being invited to their tribal rituals.

**Larry Crist**, RR4W since 2007 passed away in February, he was highly active locally.

Devon Parson is recovering from a fall since before EJS, hitting his head on a rock while on a trail and was in St Mary's for several weeks during EJS. He is now home under the loving care of his wife, Marlene, and is doing better.

## JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Rodeo was a great success this year – it looked like Easter Safari crammed into three days, in other words a great success. The livestock was topnotch. The new bleachers the Club bought were a great addition to the arena.

## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS–DIRECTORS & COORDINATORS

Voting takes place in the July meeting on 7/1.

Speeches welcome in July!

**President:** Bob Kraft ▪ George Schultz

**Vice President:** ▪Mike Kelso ▪ KL Young

**Treasurer:** Marsha Humphreys

**Secretary:** Lourae Minor

**Information Coordinator:** Ron Brewer

**Land Use Coordinator:** Russ Walker

**Activities Coordinator:** Carma McElhaney

**Director:** Bob Kraft (Position that is open is Bob Kraft's)



During the Grand County High School awards night, the Red Rock 4-Wheelers awarded three \$2,000 scholarships. In the photo from left to right, Club President Bob Kraft, and recipients Lauraina Minor, Reinee Roberts and Andrew Holyoak, and Club Scholarship Committee Chair Jeramey McElhaney. Red Rock 4-Wheelers Award Multiple Scholarships to Grand County High School Students each year.

This is the 21st year the club has awarded scholarships to graduating GCHS Seniors and the 8th Year the scholarships have been awarded in memory of Eric Brewer Memorial Scholarship.

The students appeared at the June Club meeting and talked briefly about their future, which all included a good education.

The Club sponsored the Grand County High School Senior Graduation Party which was a big hit again this year at the bowling alley. We came in under budget and even had enough \$ from under-classmen to give away more at

the end of the party at 6am. Many thanks to KCNY for all the spots Jeramey McElhaney did announcing the party, and scholarship programs. And many thanks went out to Jeramey for his enthusiasm in continuing these programs for the Club & the kids. There were 174 students at the party – 49 graduates and 99 under classmen – that is a record. THIS IS ALL ABOUT KEEPING OUR Moab kids safe during one of the most dangerous nights of the year – celebrating 12 years of study and moving into adulthood - wooo!

**The 2024 Grand County Fair will kick off on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> with the Grand County 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, which the RR4W have been invited to join in. The Fair runs from July 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.** This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a new era for the Fair & the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for its comeback for the people of Grand County. The Moab townspeople work hard making sure the tourists have a good time – now it's our turn so let's see if we can have as much fun with this parade as the Green River parade last year!

There will be displays, festivities, a roller derby, car show, rodeos, music concerts and much more. etc., etc. on Friday & Saturday.

**Angie said they can use some help – please give Angie a call if you can help with anything. There will be a Nashville band, displays, all kinds of fun things to do and a movie under the stars on the last night and it's free!**



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**Help needed:** the Fire department is doing inspections at the Business Park and the RR4W Unit 8 has been volunteered. Mike Kelso needs help moving equipment in & out of the unit to make room for the inspections, on Monday, July 29-31<sup>st</sup>. Call at 435-210-1481 for times-he's recovering from shoulder surgery so help as much as you can..

**Watermelon Days Parade in Green River** – September 21<sup>st</sup> Everyone had so much fun last year riding in the Parade – Bill Wehrlri is hoping you'll all come (and bring more candy) to ride in the Parade again this year!

**After four years - Mark Pope is stepping down from the planning committee for Trail of the Month.** Mark has done a fantastic job of leading this committee and planning the Trails. There has been more interest in the last four years than ever before. Thank you for your time and efforts Mark.

Mark will be joining the four-person Sand Flats Stewardship Committee as a new member (according to the Moab Sun News)

**3 YEAR & DEDICATED 4-WHEELER JACKETS – NOT PICKED UP WHEN YOU ARE NOTIFIED, THEY ARE READY, ARE IN DANGER OF BEING RESTOCKED!** If you have earned one of these jackets you have been notified multiple times via e-mail and phone to contact **Patsy Kraft at 435-260-2934.** The name and any other personal information will be removed and the opportunity to get one will be gone. You have worked hard to earn these jackets and it would be a shame if you let it go because you didn't have the time for a phone call. Patsy calls everyone to get your information (size, name, years) and lets you know when you can pick them up – usually the EJS after she contacts you. You can even mail her a check or give her a credit card number and have her mail them to you (approximately \$20).

**NEW JACKETS DUE – WE WILL BE PUTTING A LIST TOGETHER OF EJS 2024 & LABOR DAY 2024 AND THEN PATSY WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU ABOUT YOUR SIZE & NAME FOR JACKET!**

**LANDUSE:** Russ Walker presented a slide show about what the Bears Ears Monument will encompass close to Moab, if passed. It will cut off the last tip of Chicken Corners and part of Lockhart Basin, which takes off of Chicken Corners at this end and closes off Cathedral Arch & Angel Arch.

**Mark Pope reminded everyone about the conversation he had with Josh Hansen, Manager of the new Raptor State Park going in just North of Moab by highway 191, in April of 2023 about the fee/permit for our crossing on the road we have always used for Copper Ridge.** Josh said "In lieu of a fee for park fees the RR4W could put in 32 person hours a year instead. No toilet work, just working on the roads." **We now owe 60 hours before the end of the year.**

He is now alone out there and has no one to help. He is looking for help from us and has 200 signposts to put up. This is a great way for us to get

engaged for our new National Park. No decisions were made about when this should happen. **But – members and non-members far and wide will be invited to help – we'll post it on the website and our Facebook page when it is happening.**

The Dome Plateau trail on Monday of Labor Day will line up at the campground. The leader, Jedidiah Hazlett, is also part of the team making breakfast and needs to help clean up before heading out.

Jason Taylor, Moab City Councilman, sent this e-mail to the Club:

“I wanted to reach out and just say Thank you for putting on such a great event, year after year. Jeep Safari is such an important event for our town and after 58 years it just keeps getting better and better. This event is so critical to the economy of Moab businesses, residents that count on Jeep Safari to kick the season off.

I get to work and interact with staff of the RR4W quite often and they are such a great representation of the off-road industry globally.

Again, thank you and for all you do for Moab and this area, can't wait. till next year.”

**LABOR DAY there are still some trails open if you are interested in running them when it is a little cooler! Register on the Events tab at RR4W.com. The registration fee includes three breakfasts, Saturday night dinner, a drawing and an ice cream social. It is limited to 150 vehicles whether the trails are full or not. SO COME ON DOWN - WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!**

.Amazingly enough – Moab does get rain every year – at least once!! This year it came in the form of a mini-tropical storm with the wind blowing the rain, sleet, tree limbs & leaves sideways for at least 30 minutes. It ended in a flash flood down Mill Creek again and flooded the downtown area with red mud and water – you can see lots of pictures on U-Tube and other social sites.

Flash floods are a part of the desert, every desert has them because the ground is so dry the water doesn't absorb fast enough and runs off at a speed to match most interstates. Be careful when crossing dry draws, roll your windows down and listen, because even a big suburban doesn't stand much chance against a big flash flood & you can hear them coming – kind of like a train.

### **Previously Reported in Monthly Newsletters**

#### **EASTER JEEP SAFARI 2024 -WAS A SUCCESS**

It seemed a little quieter than usual, but it really wasn't. We have seen a shuffling of people signing up for trail days. It used to be busy on the last weekend because of

families coming down from up north. But it has shifted to the first weekend and mid-week.

●The first mix-up ever between ATV and EJS leaders happened on Hell's Revenge on the last Saturday of EJS. A leader of one of the ATV tour companies pulled his trail right in front of Mark Bryson's permitted EJS trail. After everyone calmed down the trails continued.

●MONITORS- Patsy Kraft & her son Jake Wyperd, have done a great job getting monitors together and solving problems that arise during the event. These people are vital (and required by our BLM permit) on certain trails where there was a history of trail widening and land abuse and lack of respect that we have had a permit for 58 years for one week of the year. They are sentinels and a lot of them are retired leaders and gunners and are there to make your trips just a little easier **CHEERS TO ALL OF YOU!**

●VENDING – this was the calmest year (60% of the vendors we had two years ago. The Economy is tough. The Giveaway on Friday night saw one-third of the people sitting in the arena as in the past.

●A church was given permission to have their Easter Sunday services in the Arena this year on Sunday after EJS.

●There were four trail leaders that didn't pick up their groovers and trail packets for their trails for Easter Saturday – Easter Sundays were all picked up. This will be resolved with better directions for everyone next year; several were new last-minute leaders, and those new trail leaders get a shout out for innovative thinking – they got extra waivers from trails lining up close to them and wrote everyone's name, license, etc. on notebook paper or an envelope, and ended up with 100% of the people on their trails identified.

●Registration Volunteers, thanks to all those who worked in the registration area helping registrants get where they are going and with returned lists & putting new trail lists together. The aftermath of EJS would take a whole lot longer if it weren't for all of you.

●The Merchandise crew did well this year – all the blankets were sold and most of the MUD pins.

#### **-Words of Wisdom-**

**Good, better, best – never let it rest until the good gets better and the better gets best! Linda Brewer**

Thanks to everyone who helped with a donation to Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) to help keep roads in the Grand County area open.

## Gene Day, Red Rock 4-Wheeler of the Year for 2023.



Gene joined the club in 2009.

You will find him out on the trail, or volunteering for anything that needs to be done.

He has trained many new members on how to be safe while jeeping. He spent his career as an engineer working for Motorola and Verizon keeping the radio towers working in the Colorado Mountains. Spending many hours in a snowcat on the mountains in the winter. He understands radios front, back and inside out.

He helps with registration and is great with knowledge of trails and CBs, so if you need help figuring out what is wrong with your ride or radio you know who to call.

His desire to help isn't limited to 4 wheels. As a Deputy for Clear Creek County Colorado's Sheriff Department, he participated in and trained their Motorcycle Patrol as they traveled to most of the Western States & Canada for competitions. He was also terribly busy in the Sheriff's Search & Rescue Unit.

He also loves to give back and he does that through his involvement in the El Jebel Shriners Club and Jeep Patrol.

## BRC LOOKING AHEAD (The news below sent to us via e-mail from BRC.)



Thank you to our supporters who showed up for the first court hearing on the Moab trails closures

"I have never seen the motorized recreation community more mobilized and united than I've seen it right now, and we need to keep up the momentum. We have big plans to rise to this challenge, and this is what we see coming:

▪Legal Challenge to Moab Trail Closures – in late February we participated in a hearing in Federal Court. Unfortunately, our request for an injunction against the decision to close 317 miles of popular off-road routes in Moab was denied. This was the first step of our federal court challenge to this decision, and we will spend considerable time on this fight this year."

**BRC is waging a good fight for the US PUBLIC: Join up to keep updated on what's going on in YOUR country with your land!**

•The Securities Exchange Commission was trying to make it possible for a big time sell-off of our public lands to corporations on Wall St. Why: to create a new type of company called a "Natural Asset Company" that would own

the ecosystem services provided by nature. Thousands of individuals responded to the call to share feedback on the proposal with the SEC. With millions of citizens voicing their concerns, members of Congress started taking a serious look at the proposal. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the SEC announced that they were withdrawing the rule because of the public backlash they were receiving.

**NEXT big threat to Public Land Access: 30X30 Agenda – Locking up Western public lands to create Solar Farms! JOIN BRC today to be in the know!**



Fence posts already line both sides of the road on Hell Roaring Rim due to road closures on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Downed trees were also noted drug across closed roads. (Picture: Russ Walker – Land Use Director, RR4W)



This was the 10<sup>th</sup> year that Jeep Corporation executives from France and around the country came to Moab to specifically help on a RR4W trail repair project. Club members joined the Jeep Corporation executives and the BLM at La Boca Arch on Dome Plateau to repair damage to the trail in the widening of the parking area in front of the arch. Jeep has been working with the RR4W since the early 80's.

