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Route Planning

President's Message

Hello one and all! We are turning a new corner here at the Utah 4-Wheel Drive Association! We are bringing back the Compass Magazine! We hope you find it informative and make your adventure better! U4 Has been around for over 40 years assisting the off-road community. We have assisted work on everything from State Law of vehicle requirements to providing dumpsters for cleanups around the State!

U4 is made of clubs and like-minded individuals who care about keeping Public Lands Public! We work closely with other outstanding organizations like the Red Rock 4-Wheelers, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Utah Public Lands Alliance, Trail Hero, Tread Lightly and the Salt Lake Off-Road & Outdoor Expo plus more! We help clubs to get people out to events like B.O.A.R and the Chilly Willy and the various clean-ups at 5-Mile pass! Dessert Roads and Trails Society with the Winter 4x4 Jamboree, Red Rocks Easter Jeep Safari and much more. Members are Trail Guides in every major event in Utah. Members also sit on boards for clubs and national organizations like BRC. They even hold a seat on the OHV Advisory Council to help disperse funds to help promote trails, keep trails open and keep people safe! To help us communicate with the off-roading community to get them out to these events we primarily use Face Book. More people seem to use it than anything else and it gives people a chance to ask questions to the group or individuals. We are also bring a new website on line soon.

People ask me what the main issue is for off-roaders today. I say there are 2. Funding and Unity! All off-roaders need to be united in the fight to keep the trails open. The opposition to us is very well funded. They have an Army of lawyers that do nothing but file suits in Court. That is their job. We basically have 2 at BRC. So, helping groups raise money to fight them is a big issue. Who are off-roaders and how do we get them to the table? Off-roaders are several groups of people. We primarily think of them as Full Size rigs drivers. You also have the UTV/ATV people, Horse Back riders, E-Bikers, Mountain Bikers, Boaters, Bush Pilots, and yes Hikers. When you run into people in different groups be respectful, have a cordial conversation. And try to bond with them. We all want the same thing. Public Lands for all to use. Some just won't get it, a part of that is teaching our children, our brothers and sisters, about the trails and the land. To be respectful to the land and people. To follow the rules of the trail, whether we like them or not. And a very big one is to take out more than you take in!

In conclusion, we have to work harder and smarter to keep the trails open in this wonderful state. 67% of Utah is Public Lands. Let's keep it that way!

Remember, Utah Trails are America's Trails, lets keep Public Lands Public!

President, Matt Westrich

Let's Air Our Tires Down

Editor



It's good to be back in print! There's a good chance you may be reading this issue at the 60th Easter Jeep Safari! Wherever you're reading it, we hope that it brings you the simple pleasures of an actual print magazine. The smell of the ink when you open to a new page, the feel of the paper and the weight of publication give a great experience that's not there on a screen. It just seems more "right" to me than sweeping your finger on a screen. Big props to those on the U4 Board of Directors for kicking this little resurrection off! We are glad to be back in print with the U4 Compass!

What's your reason to be a 4x4 enthusiast? To boil it down, my biggest reason is the adventure of a day on the trail. Sometimes I like a familiar trail. Other times it's fun to strike out and find something new. A new group, new terrain, an area you've not been in? Over the past 4 years, I've personally transitioned from a purpose built trail Jeep into a belly button Jeep Gladiator. It's been great! I just jump in and go wherever. There's no reason to have a trailer/tow rig to come back to. I'll pass a dirt road I'm not familiar with, I'll go check it out. Far away from where I started? Google maps may take me back where I started OR I may just find a shorter route home. Probably to a new local restaurant I haven't tried out or a tried and true favorite. Much like the Compass, I've just got my old trail Jeep up and going. It's due for some new adventures.

Over the last 10+ years, I've gotten really involved with the Red Rock 4 Wheelers. Previous to that time, I didn't really want anything to do with a club. I came around to the club idea by feeling like it was a great way to "give back" by volunteering on trail rides. It's been quite rewarding. One of my assignments is helping teach Tread Lightly principles and another is encouraging people to stay on the Easter Jeep Safari permitted route.

I've truly enjoyed meeting people that have come to Easter Jeep Safari from all over the world. People come from places as far away as Pennsylvania, Florida, Puerto Rico, Maine, Alaska or almost any other state or province. Others come from abroad. I've personally met folks from Australia, Europe and Asia. It's awesome to meet these folks, share some trail dust with them and hear how life is where they are from. All of them tell us how privileged we are to have the Moab area in our backyard. For those of us in the know about Utah, the real secret is, Moab is just the tip of the iceberg. Fantastic stuff, but there's SO much out there to explore.

Where are YOU exploring these days? What's getting you out there? I recently ran across this amazing little valley with a cool road in it. Post a picture to the U4WDA Facebook page, tell us where you're exploring and with what vehicle, and we'll make sure you get some U4 swag sent your way



We live in a pretty great state! Think of all the terrain we are blessed with here in Utah. It's been an interesting land use ride the past 5 years or so. The Labyrinth Canyon 317 mile closure kicked things off with a bang. Then the Swell, Rock Springs and Hanksville closures. I hope everyone reading this has been writing to their legislators while encouraging friends and family to do the same. Blue Ribbon Coalition has made the correspondence pretty easy with their social media, email and website bulletins. They work closely with every access group I'm aware of. I'm impressed with the things Blue Ribbon has done in the last 5ish+ years. They are on top of things and deserve our support. I recently realized I personally know the bulk of the board members. They are good and strong people with our access in their hearts.

On a trail ride a few months ago, I ran across this sign (right) at an entrance to Glen Canyon Recreation Area. This sign basically limits this road to "conventional" vehicles. I learned the term "conventional vehicle" from a different sign at the border of the Glen Canyon Recreation area near the Hans Flat ranger station. This will be a bit of an unpopular opinion for this audience, but this should concern all wheeled users. We somehow need to unite with all mechanized users and give a common voice allowing access. Wheeled users are all in this together. That's a LOT of voices! We just need to get everyone paddling the same way and we'll make some serious head way.



We need to all band together and fight for our access. As this goes to press, Blue Ribbon Coalition is asking you to write your representatives in support of Operation Accessible: Outdoor Americans with Disabilities Act. That's a bill to get behind!

We'd all certainly like to see less of these types of signs (right). There may be reasons for this closure but there are far too many "reasons" for recent closures. There is a LOT of Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area acreage out there. I get frustrated that the wilderness folks won't just go and enjoy their solitude in the Wilderness. I think there is room for all.



While we reinvent and revitalize the Compass we seek your input. Do you have an article idea? Are you a member of a club we missed in this issue? Do you want to share a special trail or interesting historical distraction along the way to-from a trail? I've been known to spend WAY too much time at a panel trying to figure out what I'm looking at. Maybe you have THE taco or hamburger we should try? Most of us here at the magazine are rarely accused of skipping a meal. For one, I'm always up for those types of adventures! A great day on the trail is far more complete with a solid meal with friends old and new afterwards. Post up to our U4WDA Facebook page with a hashtag of #compass. We'll get in touch!

You may notice we're putting some QR codes in the magazine. These are meant to direct you to interesting sites, locations and even routes or similar. Let us know what you think of the QR codes. The most important thing is to get out there and find something interesting to you, enjoy it responsibly with some friends/family and share it.



I hope to see you out on the trail! If you're in a new group, make sure you reach out and make at least one new friend. Get their story.

Marc Bryson, Editor




Moab Museum

Locking the Hubs

Spotlight feature on people doing good things



HOW You Can Make a Difference

We have noticed a friend of ours who makes a difference in a way EVERYONE can. She outlines a need that all of us can do on whatever trail we are on.

If you're active in the Utah 4x4 community, it's likely that you know Danielle. She's a blast to have on any trail and usually keeps pretty good folks in company. Sometimes she'll slum with schlubs like us on the trail and it's always fun and rewarding. We have always noticed her cleanup efforts and asked her what her motivation is. What a great story she shares below. If you see Danielle at SLOREX, Jamboree, EJS, Trail Hero, Vernal or any of the other events, make a point to put her into your friend group. On with her words below...

Danielle Gonzalez Newman story:

To tell my story about cleaning up, I have to start farther back to a time in my life when I was reeling from losing my late husband, Jack, and all the stability I had in life. We all go through those hard times where life strips you down and leaves you shattered. The beautiful part is we get to build ourselves back up. It's a beautiful and messy process. Just as a caterpillar wraps itself up in protection, we do the same. We spin ourselves into safety, until it's time to grow. Then we bust out of our safety nets and we fly! My Jeep did this for me. When my world crashed around me and I was stripped of my safety net, I saw an opportunity. An opportunity to do something new over picking up the same old pieces. I chose a new and exciting life where I could spread my wings. I bought my first Jeep.

I joined up with The Backcountry Offroad Adventure Rally (B.O.A.R.) and they took me under their wings. Brian and Joe Twyman, Coy Rector; there's so many more, but these three especially taught me so much. They have no idea the hand they had in the direction my life took. They quietly taught me, in their soft spoken way, that off-roading is more than going fast down a dirt road and blasting through the mud puddles. Don't judge, we all start somewhere. They

instilled in me a deep love for taking care of our trails. They never lectured, but quietly led, sharing their own passions about caring for the land we recreate on. We cleaned up so much trash left by others who used the land and abused it. At first, I judged, but as we quietly put in the work to clean up, I saw that other people were noticing. Sometimes they would thank us, but mostly they just watched. I started coming to a realization that those who abuse the land and take it for granted have not had someone to show them differently. Most of us have the common sense to pick up after ourselves, but that's not the same as being passionate about the land. It was so frustrating to see the blatant disregard for the land. I wanted to scream it from the mountaintops. People don't listen when you scream, so I just kept cleaning up and observing.

Let's skip to the next important part of my journey. In steps Joel German. He taught me real life skills when it came to getting myself into a pickle. I have a wild streak and I do love to get myself into a pickle. Doing the same thing again and again gets you the same results. I wanted growth. I'm hungry for it. I push against the norms and I push myself to keep trying.



Sometimes it works out and sometimes it doesn't, but I grow from both. Take the risks and make mistakes. Get dirty! Also, be smart. Learn the skills to get yourself out of a pickle. The confidence I gained from Joel's recovery courses was and continues to be invaluable. (There's so many stories I could tell here. Maybe another article for another time.) These skills gave me the confidence to take the next big step. I bought my first RV!

Another incredible human being I met from B.O.A.R., Sam Cohen, helped me to remodel the RV and get it ready for full time traveling. He taught me everything I needed to know to take care of it. He was patient as I watched him work and asked questions. He walked me through it all and was willing to share his knowledge. (Again, so many stories I could tell here because of this knowledge, but it's another story for another time.) This knowledge gave me further confidence in myself and my ability to go out and live my life to the fullest. I took the leap and left society.



The beloved Squatch Gladiator—Chariot of Danielle

I gave away all of my worldly possessions and left. I traveled full time for 2 years. I stayed on public lands, away from society as much as possible. It was the wildest ride of my life! I needed space and time to heal from all of my loss. I discovered the greatest things out there. Myself. I discovered healing. I discovered adventure and the thrill of living a full and exciting life that included really hard things. I discovered I could tackle those hard things because I had great friends who gave me skills and confidence, but also because I have a wild streak. While spending those two years finding myself, I found that my greatest joy was connecting to the land. I learned to read it. The land taught me when to swerve and when to slow down. It taught me when I could be carefree and when I needed to rein it in. The land has been my greatest teacher! I'm forever connected to it. While out exploring, I pick up trash everywhere I go to show my gratitude to my greatest teacher. I follow the pattern that Brian, Joe and Coy taught me; to quietly go about picking up and caring for the land so that it sparks in others what they sparked for me. My life's work now is to spark that love of the land in someone else. Want to change your life? Go connect with the land!



Learn more about Danielle Newman by visiting her FACEBOOK page.



Notice some dirt you missed cleaning up?

Winter Jamboree

Report by Marc Bryson



I hope you were able to get down to Winter 4x4 Jamboree this year. If you didn't get down there, head over to their Facebook page and see what you missed. I was able to get down to Sand Hollow for a few days and take an old friend with me that hadn't been out for a while.

I spent my first day getting reacquainted with a Jeep I hadn't driven on a trail for three and a half years in a place I don't know really well. Those issues made for a bit of anxiety on getting out on the sand. If you're in a similar situation, put your rig back together and get it out to an event.

I took my old rig (below) out on the sand and while it felt good, I kind of needed to see that it was going to work out for me. I stopped at a few poser spots and checked the suspension links along with checking for anything else that might be manifesting itself in a rig that hasn't been used for quite a while.



After gaining a little confidence in my rig's likelihood of being reliable I set off to get some pics before people got up on the mountain. I was making a lot of fresh tracks in the sand which was strangely therapeutic.

I had installed new differential gears, moving from GM oem 4.56 gears to Yukon 5.13. I was bouncing back and forth from 4 high to 4 low in my Teraflex equipped Dana 300 and getting a feel for my Jeep again. With the new gearing, the 4 high actually has some value in the sand. I just had to watch my transmission and coolant temps on steep climbs and such. After a few steep climbs, I realized I had made it near the "Top of the World" (right) and thought I'd grab an early morning photo.



I continued over the top and passed a couple of buggies that were headed back down towards the Sand Hollow reservoir. I realized I was fairly close to the Maze trail entrance and remembered a couple of things I wanted to check out in the area. After a few minutes a trail group wandered up to the Maze entrance.

I wandered back over the top and headed back to see if I could connect with some friends running a trail that were going to meet at 9:30 and leave at 10:00. I had just enough time to get to them if I knew my way around better. I took a further west route than I should have and ended up on the west side of Milts Mile right at the Monkey section. The Milt's Mile Jamboree group beat me to the crossover so I snapped some pics as they went through.

While waiting for the group to go through the Monkey section, I heard a familiar snap-crunch sound. I ended up being a winch anchor for JK with a broken rear axle and helped them get their rig off the mountain. So much for meeting my friends. I did make some new friends which is never a bad thing.



For my 2nd trail day, I was able to catch up with my friends and run The Fallen. What a great trail and great theme for my WWII military inspired “Jeep”. I noticed that The Fallen is starting to become a tribute location. Please respect those who have left tribute. One such tribute story is below.



“Finishing up with a quick tribute is never a bad thing. If you’ve got a worthy rig, The Fallen is well worth your time.”



A Tribute to Ben Barnes...

by J. Dance

The race to see and do is constantly in rapid motion- at times a pace we love. We are a world driven by more, than less.

A different world is offered at “The Fallen” (Sand Hollow Designated Trail), a motorcycle curve, so-to-speak leaning into the serene atmosphere of displayed memorials of fallen soldiers. The Fallen is a graceful step behind the curtain of unimaginable beauty and sacrifice.

In today’s race? Imagine yourself in a slow-paced position that is divinely created and ornately decorated by human beings. In an incredibly competitive “my space” spirited world this place is special as it heals, remembers, and offers a bond between human beings and the common ground we walk on.

Kay Ullman (photo below), and other family members joined her son recently on The Fallen to place a personal stone of remembrance, dedicated to her

young grandson, Ben Barnes. Ben, who offered his short life to the freedom of his country remains discreetly tender in the hearts of those who mourn his young life. Much like Ben, there are other memorials that have left a legacy at the natural cathedral, which is an integral part of the destination that The Fallen Trail will offer.

Kay, and other visitors have an opportunity to leave their legacy, while also having a clear understanding that we are not alone. The view will comfort, and yet be still an emotional feeling of gratitude for so many who have given so much.

Kay’s first trail ride with her son Ed, at the age of eighty is unique and special to place a corner-stone of this kind. Kay’s visit will be a remembered space, not only by her, for the majority of lives who spend time at The Fallen.

A worthwhile visit, one that will be life changing if you take time to slow down.





In loving memory
of Ben Barnes.

There is an imagined notion that off-road enthusiasts join the band of brother and sisterhood, like Kay for many reasons and seasons. Affirmatively a joint community of love and respect amongst one another.

The Fallen Trail is perhaps more of a reflecting pond, in a way, for members of the off-road family. If you were ever to cross paths with Ed Barnes, Ben's father on a trail ride you will easily see Ed's vehicle sticker that reads: "yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me. –Psalms 23"

A pause may reflect that young and aging lives have given more than we could ever imagine for our freedom: "In God We Trust" from our Founding Fathers for this beautiful land which we have to love and enjoy. Extended gratitude to the sons and daughters who have served and given their lives.

Life is truly a dance, with the highs and lows, similar to the graph of a human heartbeat. Grace does feel a bit like an integral rhythm as we create the music of our own influential lives.

Be individual, wild- yet be one in understanding that the sacrifice is real as we continue to enjoy such freedoms together. Remember to leave no stone unturned without the reflection of how it was placed.



While You're Here!

Things to check out in and around Moab, Utah

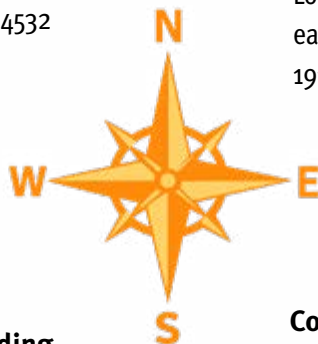
Here's a couple of quick points of interest that are interesting if you're trying to find something to do for 30-60 minutes. Historic site search while you're in Moab.



Elk Mountain Mission Fort Site—
574 Westwood Ave, Moab, UT 84532

Matrimony Springs—

Located off of Highway 128, just east of its junction with Highway 191 in Moab, Utah



National Park Service: Reading Rock Markings—
Located 15 miles off U.S. 191 on S.R. 211

Courthouse Wash Rock Art—

Located just inside the southern boundary of Arches National Park, about 3 miles north of Moab.



Shift to Low Range:

What Does Moab Mean to You?



I grew up going to Moab. My parents were divorced and almost every weekend with Dad was spent in Moab! Easter Jeep Safari was my FAVORITE holiday growing up!

The beauty that Moab carries is unlike anywhere else and we are so incredibly fortunate to have it so close to home. The trails we are able to take that get us to the views that so many can't access is something I cherish deeply! I love having the ability to hop in my Jeep and find seclusion and peace. Moab is where I have made many friends, some that I now consider family!

Many people don't realize the greatness that comes with our off-road community, I have seen so much support when people need it, from being broken down on the trail to needing help off the trail. And, I feel pretty confident in saying that the majority of our community is out to have a positive impact on our trails. Hosting trail clean-ups, being respectful and staying on designated trails. Moab will always be home to me and I look forward to every single trip!

Moab is a place where the dirt finds a way in and stays in your soul, and if you were to ask me which trail is nearest and dearest to my heart, the answer is simple: Pritchett Canyon.

There is a certain magic to this canyon that is hard to put into words, but I'm going to try! I've been wheeling this trail since I was a kid, and it has been wild watching it evolve. Pritchett Canyon seems to be a living, breathing beast. Every year the weathering of the trail continues to make it just a little bit meaner, a little bit steeper, and a whole lot more exciting.

Looking back, I have to laugh at what we used to consider acceptable build for this trail. I remember bouncing around in the back of my dad's old CJ7, sitting on 33's and back then, we thought we were invincible!

The scenery in Pritchett is a different breed of beautiful. You won't find the massive, sweeping cliff-edge overlooks that take your breath away on Golden Spike or Moab Rim. Instead, Pritchett wraps you in its arms. Every turn reveals towering sandstone walls that glow like embers in the afternoon sun. It's intimate, it's rugged, and it feels like you've entered a secret cathedral of rock.

Pritchett isn't just a trail to me; it's where I decided this sport was one I would do for the rest of my life. I was around 14 years old when I somehow managed to talk my dad into letting me take the wheel at the infamous Rock Pile.

Now, keep in mind, Rock Pile looked a lot different decades ago, with stacks of rocks building the climb, but conquering felt like my Everest

back then! With my dad spotting me and my heart hammering against my ribs, I eased onto the gas. I crawled, I bounced, and miraculously, I cleared the ledge! The crowd erupted in cheers, but the Jeep decided to have the last word. POP! The sound of my tire sidewall giving up echoed off the canyon walls like a gunshot. I like to think the Jeep was just so excited about my victory that it decided to pop a bottle of champagne in its own way! That “core memory” is etched into my mind! The smell of dust, the sound of cheering, and the grinning faces of a community that loves a good mishap as much as a clean line.

Since that day, I’ve tackled Pritchett in almost a variety of Jeeps with varied builds. But as any seasoned off-roader knows, the trail always gets its tax. My tax day happened in my 2008 JK. We reached Axle Hill, and true to its name, it claimed my front driver axle shaft.

We had a newcomer with us that day, and her eyes were the size of dinner plates as she watched my own personal pit crew spring into action. We didn’t just jack up the Jeep; we used multiple winch lines to anchor the rig to position like a spider in a web so we could safely pull the tire and the broken shaft.

I really believe that trail fixes bring out a side of human creativity you just don’t see anywhere else.

I didn’t have a spare shaft, so I was forced to wheel the remainder of the trail in 3 wheel drive. By the time we hit Yellow Hill, we made the decision to use a tow strap as a “security blanket” to get me over the top. It wasn’t the most graceful exit, but the high-fives at the end of the trail were just as sweet!

If you forced me to pick a favorite obstacle, it has to be Rocker Knocker. If you’ve never seen it, the approach is pure psychological warfare. It requires a line that makes most newcomers tilt their heads in confusion and fear. It necessitates placing your tires in places that feel fundamentally wrong, leaning the rig off-camber and you kind of glide your way along the ledge.

It’s the ultimate “trust the process” moment. Every time I clear it, I find myself giggling like a kid. It never gets old!

At the end of the day, Pritchett Canyon represents everything I love about off-roading. It’s about pushing yourself out of your comfort zone. It’s about facing obstacles that may scare you a bit, trusting your equipment, and using every time as a learning moment.

Each time I air down my tires at the trailhead, I feel that same rush of excitement I felt as a kid. Pritchett is a challenge that keeps on giving, and I can’t wait to see what it looks like in the years to come!



60th Easter Jeep Safari — March 28-April 5, 2026



George Schultz, President
Red Rock 4-Wheelers

Welcome to the 2026 Easter Jeep Safari, the grandfather of epic events in an incredible location—
Red Rock 4 Wheelers 60th year. We are a growing family of friends and new members this last year.

When the Moab Chamber of Commerce began planning the first Easter Jeep Safari in 1966, they couldn't have known they were setting in motion something that would span generations. In 1967, at the first EJS on the Behind the Rocks trail, a small gathering grew into three routes and then many more as local community members and business owners stepped up to lead and to forge new ones, my father among them. As the event outgrew the Chamber's scope, the torch passed to the organization he founded, the Red Rock 4-Wheelers. Since then, our members and leaders have carried forward not only the event, but the responsibility to safeguard the heritage that makes it possible. That heritage is written into the very ground we traverse.

Long before EJS, many of today's routes were cut by explorers, ranchers, and prospectors, historic RS 2477 rights-of-way to reach grazing lands, remote settlements, and mineral resources such as uranium, oil, copper, and potash. Over time, those corridors became the backbone of modern access, linking canyon to mesa and river to rim for agriculture, exploration, photography, hunting, hiking, biking, rafting, and the four-wheel adventures we cherish. As we celebrate the 60th Annual Easter Jeep Safari, we're doubling down on protecting access for all and investing in the next generation. From our work with the Blue Ribbon Coalition to youth programs that connect young people with the history, stewardship, and joy of off-road adventure, we're ensuring they inherit not just freedom, but the responsibility and heritage.

This year marks a big step forward. With Jeepers Jamboree Inc. and support from Jeep and Tread

Lightly, we're introducing Camp Moab! A youth-focused EJS sub-event teaching stewardship, off-road skills, trail etiquette, and the stories of this land, while building lasting knowledge and friendships. We're also expanding how we share our story with two high-school social media internships, bringing fresh energy and real world experience to showcase the spirit of RR4W and EJS through their lens. On the trail, we're driving ahead with official GMRS (FRS-compatible) communications for clear contact from trail leader to tail gunner, with support from experts like Rugged Radios. We're utilizing OnX for advanced mapping and refining safety and logistics to safely enhance the experience while protecting the resource. We've added a few trails in the grid, tuned the vendor show to better serve vendors and participants, and are introducing a new



"Final Exam" package— two of our most challenging trails for experienced drivers and capable rigs. Because 60 years deserves something special, we're also hosting a period-style Behind the Rocks run with vintage rigs and old-school trail spirit, plus an Old Off-Road Iron "car" show celebrating the vehicles that helped build the region's legacy. On behalf of Red Rock 4-Wheelers, I thank you for being part of this story, for respecting the land, and for helping keep these trails open for all today and for many more generations to come.



Check the EJS magazine for event details. It's widely available around town—or scan the QR Code.

Trail Grid: lineup locations can be found on page 28-29 of the EJS— or scan the QR Code.



Have you got the right stuff? Become a Trail Official!



Official Requirements

- **Be Active & Experienced**—Participate in 2+ club events (Safari or Campout) in the past three years and maintain club membership.
- **Attend the Mandatory Safety Meeting**—Required attendance at the Trail Official Safety Meeting prior to the event.
- **Arrive Early & Prepared**—Report to your assigned trail approximately 45 minutes early after picking up trail packets.
- **Manage Trail Administration**—Verify registrations, handle liability releases, and assist participants with questions.
- **Keep the Group on Route**—Ensure all vehicles stay on permitted trails and follow approved routes.
- **Promote Safe Driving**—Help drivers choose proper lines and maintain safe trail etiquette.
- **Use Radios Professionally**—Maintain clear GMRS/FRS communication for official use.
- **Enforce Club & BLM Rules**—Uphold all safety standards and land-use regulations while representing the club responsibly.

Official Perks!

- **Priority Trail Access**—Early selection priority for trails on free days.
- **Invitation to the Safari Workers Party**—Family-oriented event during Easter Safari to celebrate volunteers.
- **Official Event T-Shirt**—Custom club shirt produced for working officials.
- **Fuel Stipend**—Modest reimbursement for fuel expenses (many donate back to the club's MUD Fund).
- **Club Jacket (After 3 Years)**—Officials who serve three consecutive years receive a club jacket with patches and personalization in their fourth year.
- **Community & Camaraderie**—Opportunity to build lasting friendships and share the trails with fellow enthusiasts.

The above information—with minor changes—is published every year in the EJS magazine.

I was a reluctant trail official and an even more reluctant trail leader. Now you couldn't tear me away. If you're an interested party, please contact a club member and let's get you onboard as a volunteer. You may find yourself planning your spring around Moab and EJS every year.

I have been a Red Rock 4 Wheelers member since 2010 and gunning on trails since 2011. One of my favorite memories of being an official is long running memory rather than just a small segment of time. I've been lucky enough to join a great crew for first Saturday Hells Revenge with Bart Jacobs as the leader, myself as a gunner, Dave Laws as a gunner and Matt Hornback as a gunner. This day is a GREAT way to start Safari week. Other trail leaders will tell you their trail is the best kick off but I'll be biased and say that this group is tough to beat.

I've known Bart Jacobs, Dave and Matt for many years. It's been a blast to serve the event on the kickoff day

of arguably Moab's most recognizable trail. We have many repeat trail participants every year. Hells Revenge, 1st Saturday is kind of a family to me at this point.

Bart, Matt and I all have daughters that have helped with the trail over the years. It's been a great source of pride for me to watch these young ladies grow up. Bart's daughter is likely 3-5 years older

Hells Revenge Parking Lot



Check Out Our Center



Fold Models!



Become a Trail Official (continued)

than Matt's daughter and my daughter about 4 years younger than Matt's.

Bart's daughter kind of took over the trail paperwork for us after a year or two and I don't think Bart would mind that I said she did a better job with the paperwork than Bart or the rest of us did. Bart's daughter would greet participants as they came into the Suzy's Branding Iron parking lot. She'd verify on our trail roster the attendee, and hand them a pink waiver sheet while directing them back to end of the line. Matt's daughter and my daughter quickly followed suit with Bart's daughter and soon we had quite the greeting committee for trail participants.

As all of our daughters have grown up and moved on with life, the successive daughter would take over Bart's daughter's role. Once our daughters had moved on to other things for EJS first Sat, it was kind of a shock to have to do as good of a job as they did with the paperwork. We've all adjusted but it's fun to reminisce of the girls "running" the registration of the trail.

Big thanks to Suzy's Branding Iron for letting us assemble in the mornings. We always made sure we left the parking lot at least as clean as we found it. Suzy's is definitely worth a meal or three during Jeep Safari week.

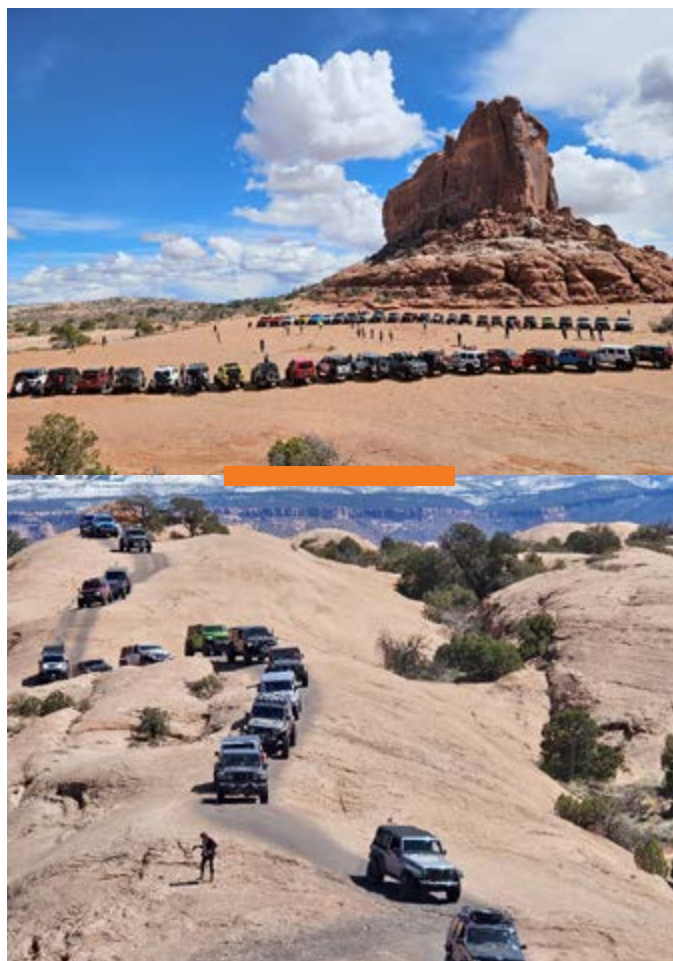
Why I volunteer as a Red Rock official—

I've always looked for a ways to take my family out and do things I enjoy. My wife is not a Jeepster but comes along at times. She's enjoyed some alone time to read, sew or just watch TV while I drag our three kids out on the trail. I really like that RR4W preaches Tread Lightly principles and works with the local BLM office. When I volunteer, I feel like I'm giving back to the sport in a responsible way.

I've had varying trail assignments over the years, but for the most part, first Saturday on Hells Revenge has always been my EJS kick off. My son, Eric Bryson, now helps a good friend, Brett Davis on first Saturday Fins and Things. I seem to have kind of settled into a bit of a routine the past few years and I like it despite being a trail official for more days than recommended. I get a lot of satisfaction and joy out

of watching a less experienced driver learn during the day what works for them and sometimes what doesn't. My past few years schedule is gunning first Sat-Hells Revenge, leading Sunday-Poison Spider, leading Mon-Wed the Sophomore Package and then finding a trail I've not taken for a few years or a friend that's officiating on a trail I like for a wind down on Thursday and/or Friday.

I hope you have a great experience at Safari. Be safe, respect the trails and show some love to the townsfolk, trail officials, trail monitors and administration folks. The club would appreciate you filling out the comment cards included in your packet. Fill out your comment cards! Know those comment cards are taken seriously. The RR4W values the feedback and has made the event better every year that I've been involved. A large portion of improvements can be traced back to the comment cards. I'm really looking forward to the 60th Easter Jeep Safari. I hope I'm around for the 70th.



Red Rock Four Wheelers

Six decades, red rocks, low range and rugged history under our tires. Join us for the 60th Annual Easter Jeep Safari! A celebration of heritage, skill and stewardship in the place that taught us how to explore responsibly.

This year (2026), we've got something for everyone: a nostalgic "Behind the Rocks" Tip-Toe run with my friend Rick Pewe with us up front; a Old Iron 4x4 show and festivities; the new Final Exam Hard Core Package; fresh trails, additional trail opportunities throughout the week, GMRS/FRS Radio trail Comms rollout with Rugged Radios, and updated vendor-show hours so you can take it all in.

I'm especially proud to announce the 1st Annual Camp Moab at EJS! A youth-focused skills, knowledge and stewardship program, ran with partners including Jeepers Jamboree, Inc., Jeep, Tread Lightly!, and a long list of local, agency, and industry supporters. We're passing on what we were taught: respect the land, learn the skills, and leave it better. Bring your family. Bring your stories. Bring your grit. This is more than an event. It's history we make together. Keep checking our website and Facebook group/page for more announcements, schedules, registration, supporter, and volunteer opportunities.

A lot of people, including me loved growing up in places like Moab, Monticello, Blanding, La Sal, Nucla, and Naturita. The freedom, the open space, the sense of community, and knowing you belonged to something real.

It's important to be honest about what made those places what they were—that life didn't come from our scenery alone, or from afar. It was built by working communities. Geologist, miners, ranchers, mill workers, truck drivers, welders, mechanics, farmers and telecom workers. Families showed up every day and produced something the country needed—uranium, vanadium, potash, cattle, hay, energy, infrastructure. Paychecks that build these communities and those feelings came from work, not theory.

That working economy supported strong schools, stable families, high school sports programs, local businesses, built hospitals and a deep sense of civic pride. It shaped a culture of patriotism, responsibility, and independence, that rugged identity so many people remember.

The way of life people miss didn't exist because the land was "left alone." It existed because the land was utilized, stewarded, and worked by the people who lived there. And we remember it, long for it because we felt it, we experienced it. It's etched onto our souls.



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WEBSITE QR

CLUBS (continued)

Bighorn 4x4 Club



About Us

Bighorn 4x4 Club is one of the oldest clubs in the state of Utah. The club was established in September 1972 and formally registered with the state in June 1973. We are a group of passionate four-wheelers committed to promoting responsible off-roading practices and educating others about trail etiquette and conservation.

We are family-oriented and open to all 4x4 vehicles, from mild to wild (highly modified) and all levels of experience.

The Club is making differences by partnering with organizations like:

- Blue Ribbon Collation (BRC)
- Utah 4Wheel Drive Association (U4WDA)
- Tread Lightly
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- US Forest Service

We're committed to preserving the trails we love! Join us in maintaining and cleaning up trails, protecting our natural resources, and enjoying the hidden canyons, soaring mountain, and everything in between.

Team Members

President: Bru

Vice President: Brian Payne

Secretary: Lindi Christensen

Treasurer: Rob Strong or Steve Oxborrow (*will know Dec. meeting*)

Activities Officer: Scott Justice

Region of Activity

We are based out of Northern Utah, Roy / Ogden area, but we travel around for different events and runs.

Activities Schedule

The Activities Officer schedules at least a monthly run the second Saturday of the monthly. There are other events such as parades or car shows supporting the local community. And other things such as Nation Public Lands Day, clean ups with other groups, and if a member just wants to go out wheeling. Scheduled monthly trips to hidden canyons, soaring mountain peaks, and everything in between. Trips are rated according to difficulty, so you know what is appropriate for you and your vehicle. Members are willing to help, train, and share their knowledge.



Join us the first Thursday of the month at Ramblin Roads Family Restaurant in Ogden (1720 W. 12th Street) for our monthly meeting. Meetings start at 7pm. If ordering dinner, please arrive early. Families always welcome! Contact Bru at: ammobru@yahoo.com



Facebook Group

RME4x4.com

Rocky Mountain Extreme - RME4x4.com
About us: Rocky Mountain Extreme is a longstanding online community dedicated to 4x4 enthusiasts, particularly those in the Rocky Mountain region. Launched as a hub for off-roading discussions, it focuses on rock crawling, vehicle modifications, trail adventures, and land use advocacy. RME4x4 has been active for 25 years, evolving into a key resource for off-roaders in the Western U.S. RME stands for Rocky Mountain Extreme, reflecting its roots in extreme off-roading and backcountry exploration. RME4x4 is a passion project fostering connections among wheelers. The site is organized into intuitive forum categories, making it easy to dive into specific topics.

Rocky Mountain Extreme is rugged, community-centric, and unpretentious—think of it as the digital campfire for off-roaders. It's not flashy, but it is authentic, grassroots, and laser-focused on fostering connections among 4x4 enthusiasts. The core identity revolves around adventure, technical expertise, and preserving public lands, all wrapped in a no-nonsense, DIY ethos.

Club activities/schedule include: Moab, Sand Hollow, and more in the Upcoming Trips section. Write up of latest spotlight activity: As of late 2025, the forum buzzes with fresh content—daily threads in trip reports, technical build threads, and planned upcoming events in Utah. Standouts include fall colors trip recaps and debates on backcountry ethics. Members attending range from weekend warriors to pros, with a welcoming vibe for newbies (check the “Introductions” section). RME is ad-supported but low-key, prioritizing user-generated value.



www.RME4x4.com



SLC-Built Jeeps

Follow us on FACEBOOK



About us

SLC Built Jeeps is a Utah-based off-road community dedicated to education, accessibility, and responsible motorized recreation. What began as a small local group has quickly grown into an active organization committed to teaching safe, sustainable off-roading while building a welcoming environment for every skill level and every style of rig. Our mission is simple— ***“keep public lands open by helping people use them the right way”***. We focus heavily on education, trail etiquette, recovery skills, vehicle knowledge, and inclusive events that bring the community together. Whether it’s someone’s first dirt road or a technical trail day, SLC Built Jeeps ensures they feel supported every step of the way.

Team and Members

SLC Built Jeeps is led by a small but dedicated volunteer team responsible for training, events, safety, and community partnerships. Our admins collectively bring years of experience in recovery, trail leadership, off-road instruction, and first aid preparedness.

- **Admin Team**—Don Carlson, Brandon Scott, Aaron Diamond, Josh Norris, Brenda Sumner, Nate Johson, Jeremy Kelley

Region of Activity

We operate primarily along the Wasatch Front and throughout Northern Utah, but our involvement spans statewide. Our community frequently runs trails in:

- American Fork Canyon
- Five Mile Pass
- Little Moab
- Bountiful & Farmington Canyon
- St. George / Sand Hollow (special events & holiday runs)
- Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
- Central Utah trail systems tied to OHV Tourism & Education initiatives

We remain committed to supporting statewide trail stewardship, cleanups, and education efforts in partnership with Utah land agencies and local off-road organizations.

Club Activities and Schedule

SLC Built Jeeps hosts a wide range of community-focused events throughout the year, including:

- **Group Trail Rides**—beginner-friendly, family-friendly, and inclusive runs.
- **Off-Road Education Days**—recovery basics, winching, spotting, trail etiquette, and OHV safety.
- **Community Service & Stewardship**—cleanups, trail maintenance, Wreaths Across America, and collaborations with local nonprofits.
- **Seasonal Events**—Night Runs, Holiday Rides, Grinchfest, Fall Colors Run, and more.
- **Meetups & Socials**—connecting drivers, builders, families, and local vendors.
- **Grant-Funded Training Programs**—using Utah OHV Tourism & Education grants to improve public land use, education, and safety across Utah.

Our schedule is posted monthly on our website and social pages, with additional pop-up rides announced when conditions allow.



Wenches With Winches (W3)

About Us

Wenches with Winches strives to represent a positive impact and create a supportive network of friendships and connections of women who love off-roading or want to learn more about off-roading in the state of Utah.

Along with our 3 W's appearing for Wenches with Winches, this symbol was meant to represent all women coming together to empower and celebrate one another in every walk of life and every level of wheeling.

When you see our W3 logo we hope you see "WE". W3 run a members-only forum through our private Facebook group. You can also follow us on our public Facebook and Instagram accounts. Upcoming public events and prior events are also posted on our website.

Team Members

Administration:

- Chelsey Copsey
- Amy Putnam
- Karen Joy

Area Reps:

- Andrea Upah
- Carmen Barber
- Codi Call
- Connie Cook
- Danielle Newman
- Susan Scadden
- Wendy & Stephanie Goodfellow-Edwards
- Yohana (Jo) Gardner



Region of Activity

All of Utah, and sometimes we even venture out state.

Activities Schedule

W3 attend many events throughout Utah, as well as plan our own outings. Many of our members just got back from the Winter 4x4 Jamboree, where W3 not only attended, but were trail help and volunteers as well!

W3 support a few charities, including LiveLikeMak Foundation, that raises scholarship funds in memory of a young W3 member that passed away, Mak Roberts.

W3 is also hosting a trail cleanup at Easter Jeep Safari, you can find the details on the events page of our Facebook group, W3 Utah. One of our favorite things to do is empower and teach women that are just getting into the sport. W3 work with Legacy Off Road Recovery Training in organizing Recovery Training classes exclusive to W3, as well as planning beginner level trail rides, where W3 take the time to educate women on things like the importance of airing down, how and when to use 4H vs 4L, how lockers work, and more!



Women interested in joining our private group, can request membership to our private Facebook Group.



Utah Off-Road Recovery Team

About Us

We are a 501c3 non-profit organization established to help people in need of vehicle recovery services where typical tow companies won't go. We live in a very active, outdoor-oriented state where people venture off the beaten path on a regular basis where they can get Stuck. Many don't have friends or family with the necessary gear and experience to help out and they have no where to turn. Our organization makes sure that, if you find yourself in an unexpected position of being stuck offroad, that you have somewhere to turn for help.

Team & Members

We currently have about 30 members spread across most of northern Utah with the majority being along the Wasatch Front. We have a few requirements for membership but are always looking for new members. First, you need a capable 4wd. Second, you need a current first aid certification and amateur radio license. Lastly, you'll need to complete a couple online FEMA certifications centered around emergency communications a scene control.

Region of Activity

We go where recoveries are needed. Primarily northern Utah but occasionally southern Idaho or southwest Wyoming. It is highly dependent on where our members are and how far they are willing to travel when needed.



Activities Schedule

Our recovery activities are on an as-needed basis. If you get stuck and need help, reach out and we'll help. We are essentially on call 24/7. Throughout the year, we also have four scheduled team training activities to make sure we are keeping our skills fresh and staying on top of any changing trends with gear or methodology.

Activity Write-up

This is a pretty good example of the types of recoveries we do. This person was trying to launch a kayak at Electric Lake. With the water level as low as it was, he

attempted to drive closer to the shoreline. He broke through a crust and was quickly stuck in some very slippery mud. Every attempt he made at self-recovery just resulted in his vehicle sliding farther down the shore towards the lake. He reached out to us and we dispatched a couple available team members. Once they arrived on scene, they were able to determine the best course of action was to keep their vehicles on higher ground out of the mud entirely and run winch extensions to the stuck vehicle. Using a pulley block and a 2:1 retrieval anchored to the second vehicle, it was an easy winch pull to get the stuck truck out of the mud and back on stable ground.



Visit us on Facebook at Utah Off Road Recovery Team where you can find more about the team and membership requirements.

For recovery assistance, message us through Facebook Messenger or text to **801-648-9326**. Our dispatch team monitors those 24/7.



UPLA Update:



Utah's public lands are among the most diverse and iconic in the nation. From red rock deserts to alpine forests, these landscapes support recreation, tourism, emergency access, and family traditions. For generations, responsible motorized users have explored these lands—yet access is never guaranteed, and has steadily declined. It must be defended through knowledge, consistency, and credibility.

The Utah Public Lands Alliance (UPLA) was formed to meet that challenge. What began as a focused effort to protect Sand Mountain from developer plans has evolved into a statewide organization actively engaged in land-use policy, technical review, public education, and litigation support.



This work was made possible by a substantial startup donation from Menlo Smith, who was famous as the real life Willy Wonka

and founder of the Sunmark Companies. Menlo has been a lifelong off-roading enthusiast so he understood the importance of access from personal experience. Equally important, his background as a successful entrepreneur brought a business-minded approach to advocacy. He recognized that effective engagement requires preparation, funding stability, and disciplined execution—not reactionary responses, and at 99 years old now, his support of UPLA has been unwavering.

Leadership and Stability in the Early Years

UPLA's formative years were defined by stability and persistence. From 2014 through 2022, Gil Meacham served as President, providing consistent leadership

during a period of significant travel management planning in Washington County. His steady guidance helped establish UPLA's culture of professionalism and long-term engagement.

During this period, UPLA focused heavily on 4x4 access issues—particularly where proposed route closures threatened long-established roads used by families, visitors, and emergency responders. The organization built credibility by engaging early in planning processes and submitting substantive, well-documented comments, and engaged in many projects supporting the expansion of Sand Mountain into a world class off highway recreation destination. One Project brought together 150 4x4 and UTV users together working on 4 different projects on Sand Mountain, getting widespread media coverage including feature stories on Fox 13, AYL, and St George News.

A Broader Vision for Motorized Recreation

In 2022, Loren Campbell became President of UPLA and led a strategic expansion of the organization's mission. While maintaining its roots in 4x4 access, UPLA broadened its focus to include all motorized off-highway travel—ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, and snowmobiles—reflecting the diversity of Utah's recreation community.

The Board of Directors was intentionally expanded to include representatives from different motorized sports and from regions across Utah. To ensure full participation statewide, UPLA adopted Zoom-based meetings enhanced with a Meeting Owl



camera system, allowing board members to engage meaningfully regardless of geography.

Raising the Bar on Technical Advocacy

A major inflection point came in 2023 when UPLA received an Access Protection grant from the Utah DNR OHV Recreation Program to fund professional natural resource consulting. This allowed the organization to retain Rose Winn, whose expertise significantly elevated the quality and effectiveness of UPLA's advocacy.

Working closely with Loren Campbell, Winn has helped draft more than 25 detailed comment letters addressing BLM Travel Management Plans, Resource Management Plans, Congressional Reviews, and proposed rules from the BLM and U.S. Forest Service. These submissions address data gaps,



challenge unsupported assumptions, and propose legally sound alternatives.

In multiple cases, UPLA's comments have influenced final decisions in ways more favorable to

responsible motorized access. Just as importantly, they establish a strong administrative record that forms the basis for litigation when agencies fail to adequately consider or respond to public input.

Partnership in Litigation: Supporting BlueRibbon Coalition

UPLA recognizes that meaningful access protection often requires litigation. The organization has worked closely with the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), whose efforts to protect OHV access are critical nationwide. Currently, BRC is engaged in seven Utah-focused litigation efforts. UPLA's financial support has been instrumental in enabling BRC to hire in-house legal counsel, strengthening its ability to pursue complex, long-term cases.

The past three years, UPLA has donated \$142,500 to support BRC's legal work and is currently fundraising

to make an additional \$50,000 contribution—ensuring that Utah riders have a strong voice in court when agencies overstep or ignore the law.

Reaching the Community Directly

By 2025, UPLA expanded its outreach capacity by securing a grant to support Executive Director Mike LaMar. Mike will be traveling throughout Utah meeting with clubs, organizations, land managers and attending events to provide assistance and education. If you would like to schedule Mike to attend your event, please email him at Mike@UtahPLA.com.



Today, the organization distributes a free monthly newsletter packed with timely information on travel plans, rulemakings, litigation, and opportunities for public involvement. UPLA also maintains an active presence on social media, helping riders stay informed and engaged between planning cycles and public meetings. You can find our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X at www.linktr.ee/utahpla

Looking Ahead—and How You Can Help

From its beginnings in Washington County to statewide engagement and national advocacy, the Utah Public Lands Alliance demonstrates what is possible when passion for access is matched with expertise and persistence.

Protecting responsible motorized access requires sustained effort—and sustained support. If you value Utah's public lands and the freedom to explore them responsibly, consider supporting UPLA's work.



PLEASE DONATE!

Through your generous gift,
you'll be partnering with us to
protect your access to motorized
off-highway recreation.



UtahPLA.com/help/

Hey, Look—Shiny Things!

Helper Museum



First thing, let's get you some contact info, hours and the like...

294 S Main St, Helper, UT 84526
Hours: Monday–Saturday, 11am–4pm
<https://www.helpercity.gov/museum>



For you interactive folks, KWSA JackFM 100.1 did an awesome video that I'll put a QR code here for their YouTube report.



Have you ever needed to stretch your legs between Spanish Fork and Green River? Maybe you're tired of your usual Maverik or Wellington Millers stop? We encourage you to give the Helper Museum a shot. We found that the museum has somewhat limited hours but is well worth a stop. Who's not interested in trains, mining equipment, historical buildings and the lifestyle of a small but diverse town? Helper hits way above it's weight.

On our visit, we were met by Director Roman Vega. He has his own history in the area and is an amazing host. He knew everything about everything in the museum. Thanks for your service to Helper and your service to our country! We could do a whole magazine about the Helper Museum but our goal is to just give you enough to make you want to stop and peruse. The staff at the Helper museum will make

this a great stop for you. You might even make Helper a destination for some of the town's events.

This is an experience into the diversity of (yes, I used that word) an important small town to the

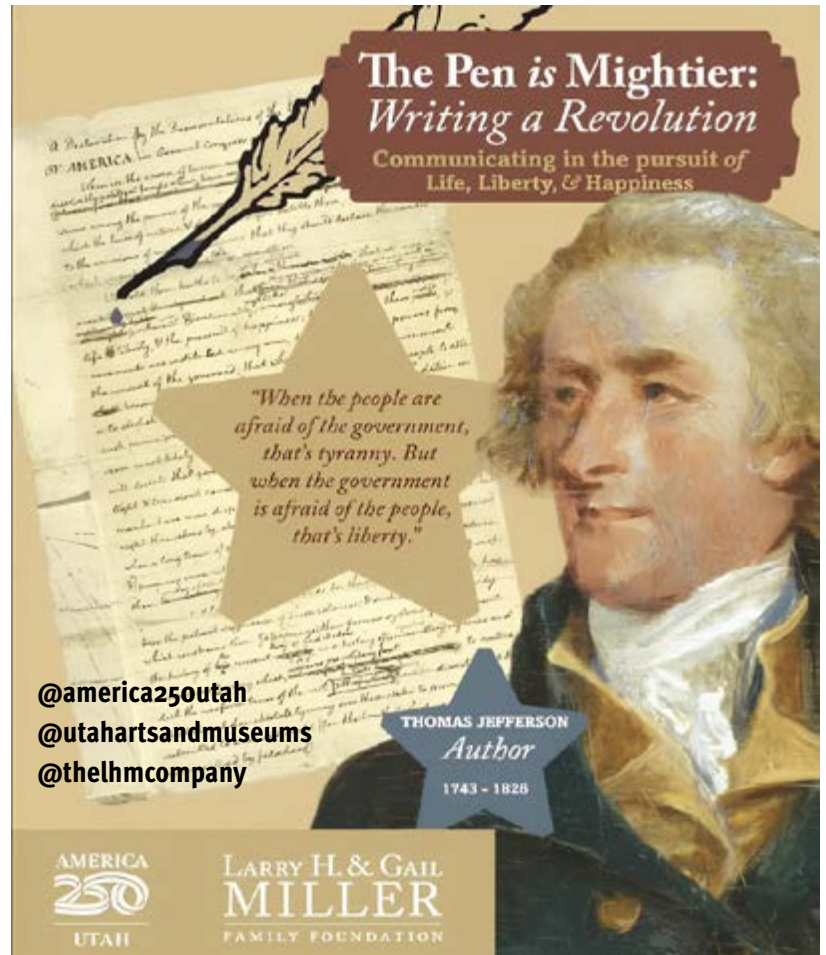


The Helper Museum is hosting a Traveling Exhibit

The Pen is Mightier: Writing a Revolution

Start Date 3/30/2026 • End Date 5/26/2026

Utah economy. I guarantee you'll find some things of interest in this museum. I was so stunned, I took limited pics. The museum is well worth at least 45 minutes but I looked at my watch and realized I'd been in the museum for almost 2 hours. You're grabbing fuel and snacks across HWY 6, extend your stay a bit and grab some knowledge about Helper. You may make Helper more than just a pass through.



There's also another awesome museum in Helper just up the street. It's more motorcycle/gearhead based. Let us know what else you find in Helper. You will be pleasantly surprised!



Oh, always a good thing is food. Helper has the Balance Rock Eatery & Pub or just down the street is Grogg's. If you know 4x4 folk, we like the food and the beverage. Enjoyed responsibly of course. Balance Rock Eatery & Pub has a great Facebook page that's worth a follow.



Join us on a Southern Utah journey— Museums and Hanksville

A group of folks recently took a look at some of the amazing options in and around Hanksville, UT. We are doing an experiment with how we report on this trip. Here's a quick and traditional write up with QR codes to take you to some video and shorts that were created about the trip. (Images in this article provided by Ty Coleman of Rogue Studios or Marc Bryson)

Day 1

1st day agenda: Helper museums, Balanced Rock Eatery, San Rafael Museum and a quick run up a trail just south of Goblin Valley. We hit the Helper museum that has a full article elsewhere in the magazine. We also went up the street in Helper to the Lincoln Hotel that has an amazing collection of motorcycles and some very cool vintage hot rod stuff.

Next stop was Balanced Rock Eatery in Helper. You must try the “Homemade Potato Chips” along with a sandwich or burger. You’re welcome!



We loaded up and headed to Castle Dale to visit the Museum of the San Rafael. If you're in the area, it's a mandatory destination for scientific information on the geology, anthropology, paleontology and zoology of the region. The artifacts and displays alone are worth the stop. Let them know you heard about them from a 4x4 magazine.

Don't miss visiting the Museum of the San Rafael, nearby the northernmost point of the Old Spanish trail.



We head out from the Museum of the San Rafael on the highway to just south of Goblin Valley and make an abrupt right turn to see some cool rock formations, an amazing cliff base and wander up a spine of dirt to find a BLM trail closure.



Head to Hanksville to our Whispering Springs accommodations and grab some dinner at Stan's.



Day 2

2nd day: We head out to Moon Overlook, along the back side of Factory Butte, explore Salt Wash Canyon and hit a quick route just south of Notom, UT

What can we say about Moon Overlook? You just have to go to experience it. Pictures, just can't do the space justice. You must witness with your own eyes. Ty was able to get a great shot below but you must see the environment in person to get the scope and breadth of the environment

Factory Butte is a pretty interesting figure. If you've heard the rhetoric, you'd expect Factory Butte to be



overrun with ATV and SXS. In reality, SwingArm City is the open travel area. It's located on the south side of the butte. While a large riding area, it's not anything like I had pictured from what you've read in the press. At least 75% of the area around the butte is unaffected by the open travel area. The base of the butte is geologically interesting with reasonable access for van, Subaru and various sedans. We ran into a photographer in a van at Moon Overlook who had just relocated to the unique landscape at the base of Factory Butte for some photos.



We'd heard about an open route up into the Salt Wash area east and slightly north of Factory Butte. Exploration commenced. We verified the route was open on the BLM interactive travel map and were treated to a fun lunch stop.

Once we wrapped up lunch, we headed south to Notom to a road I had taken a few months ago. It's a quick route but it's low range almost from the pavement. Not a gnarly route but controlled progress and careful route picking got us through without issue. An older mine area, a very cool wash and a field full of igneous rocks ranging in size from baseball to the beachball sized.



Day 3

3rd day: Poison Springs Canyon—Exploring petroglyphs/pictographs, diamond billed rock pecker nesting areas and a Dirty Devil River crossing. What can you say about Poison Springs Canyon? It's well worth your time. We didn't cruise through it, we immersed ourselves in it. LOTS to see! While traveling the canyon, keep a sharp eye out. You'll find petroglyph/pictograph in many places.



Day 4

4th day: drive past the Mars and explore the dinosaur park. Mars Research Station is always a point of interest in the Hanksville area. It's located on SITLA land within the BLM routes. It seems people are respectful of the signage and a fence hasn't been necessary. It's just a drive by area but definitely interesting to see. Truly interesting to see, explore and experience is the Hanksville-BurpeeDinosaur Quarry.



Experience Scott Philip's
Poison Springs story.

Catch a video of the Dirty Devil
Crossing on our Rogue Studios
YouTube channel.



You'll want to keep an eye
out for a full video of our
trip on YouTube Channel!



We are at the end of this four-wheel drive adventure. Time to air the tires back up and unlock the hubs. We will see you next time!

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