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The Four Letter Word is a publication of the **Roughwheelers** Four Wheel Drive Club to entertain and inform our members and friends. We would be glad to hear from you and/or your club.

**June 2021**  
**Vacation Run to Sand Hollow Utah**  
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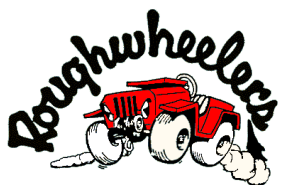
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## JUNE 2021

### WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH

#### CLUBHOUSE MEETING

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 08:00 PM

#### ZOOM MEETING

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 07:30 PM

#### June Runs:

19-26 Vacation Run to Sand Hollow Utah

26 Miller Jeep Trail / Frazier Park

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### BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

#### Birthdays

Christa Mercier  
Cole Walton  
Dave Weston  
Andrew Steffy  
Kevin Thomson (Sam's son)  
Austin Wensauer (Dennis Wensauer son)  
Amanda Oskierko (Andrew's girlfriend)  
Jason Watson (Rhonda's son)

#### Memberships Anniversaries

Chips & Christa Mercier	2006
Andrew Steffy / Amanda Oskierko	2018

#### Weddings/Partnerships

Andy & Yvette Hammitt	2006
Jim & Karen Leamon	1993

# THE FOUR LETTER

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This newsletter belongs to the club. Any items you may want to include are welcomed! The following are some topic ideas I'd like to start covering in the newsletter:

Build info and updates; Install issues and solutions; Upgrade questions; Your personal and/or club trip reports; Traveling to destinations of historical significance or natural beauty that required your expertise in the art of 4 Wheeling to arrive at said destinations. This should also include maps, GPS coordinates and trip specific necessities.

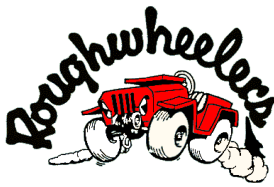
PLEASE DON'T FORGET... PICTURES of the aforementioned topics will help immensely!

Besides, how else are we supposed to make fun of how you broke your rig?

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# The Roughwheelers IV Wheel Drive Club

## Minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Clubhouse Meeting including Zoom

**MEMBERS:** Toni and Dave Telenko, Jim Leamon, Karen Lykins, Stanley Lykins, Sandy and Keith Graham, Cole Walton, Montego, Mynor Moreno, Gary and Angie Vargas, Steve Telenko and Michael Lynch

**GUESTS:** Mitch Lambert, Eric Hymovits, Dominic Carrozza and Robert Ferraraccio.

**MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:** None this month.

### REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT:** No Report
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Inventory in process
- **SECRETARY:** New roster and phone tree distributed book to Steve
- **TREASURER:** Gave bank balances, we have money
- **EDITOR:** Newsletter is in the mail and available on line
- **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** We are having a raffle
- **SAFETY CHAIRMAN:** Actually, has the safety kit and will be at HDR
- **WAGONMASTER:** HDR or Lone Pine
- **EL MIRAGE LIASION:** New Sheet submitted for clean-up
- **CA4WDC DELEGATE:** TBD
- **HISTORIAN:** Trip report from 2008 from El Mirage and the 2008 List of things you should have with you!

### AWARDS

- ACE DRIVER:** Allen-blown drive shaft  
Nick Drinkwalter: towing his 5<sup>th</sup> wheel to campsite and blowing tranny  
Mynor: Burying two wheel drive truck in sand  
**Nick by a Hair**
- MASTER MECHANIC:** Nick for blown Tranny  
Allen- blown drive shaft  
**Nick**
- BACK SEAT DRIVER:** Nick for getting motorhome, Truck, Jeep and wife towed home  
**Nick**
- PHYLLIS DILLER:** Not awarded
- PRINCESS:** **Nick**

## OLD BUSINESS

Discussion around what is available to non-members via E-mail, current list of e-mail recipients provided by Montego to secretary and clean-up will be undertaken and discussed next meeting.  
Ham Radio for club but guest not available and possible vanity call sign KB6TRW

## NEW BUSINESS

Clean-up of Guest Membership Requirement Status  
And discussion of emailing link for newsletter to perspective members  
Refreshments: June 11: Montego  
July 9: Tuvia  
Aug 13: ?  
Sept 10: Mike Lynch

Fines Collected: 25 cents  
Next months run: Vacation Run TBD

# GUESTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT STATUS

NAME	MEETING	RUN/EVENTS
Gary Neese	1/2019 4/2019	5/2019 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area
Jed Douglas	7/2019	
Eric Hymouritz	8/2020	
Mike Costigan	8/2020 11/2020	
Brian & Stacy Keown	8/2020 9/2020 10/2020 3/2021	5/2020 – Non High Desert Roundup 1/2021 – El Mirage OHV Recreation Area

# ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

**Note that when first joining... YOU ARE NOT ON MUTE!**

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Zoom meetings scheduled every second Friday of the Month:

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Oct 8, 2021 07:30 PM  
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# **Sand Hollow State Park Vacation Run**

## **Trail Options for Sand Mountain OHV Area**

**All trail info is from the member's area of The Utah Public Lands Alliance website which provides trail reports, maps, pictures and GPX files of each trail in the Sand Mountain OHV area and many other areas of Utah and SE Nevada which include:**

**Kanab-North Rim, Mesquite, Moab, Sand Mountain, St. George, Torrey-Maze and Winter 4x4 Jamboree upon a \$25 donation.**

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### **Arrowhead Canyon**

This is buggy territory! The trail earns its 10 rating with climbs up to the top of deep slot canyons with tires spanning both walls. One slip here, and you will find yourself wedged with the cage on one wall and the tires against the other. After a short drive on the sandy road along the Sand Hollow State Park, the wash to the south takes you up to bottom of the canyon, where the fun begins. The trail really doesn't go up the bottom of the canyon that much, it goes OVER the bottom of the canyon as you climb up above on the sidewalls. 37"+ tires, front and rear lockers, and winch are required.

### **Bzzackwards**

This trail rated 5 traverses the West Rim in reverse and is rated higher. Numerous rock face climbs and descents. Very popular in Winter 4x4 Jamboree. Starts at the tunnel and ends near the water tanks.

### **Chain Reaction**

This rated 9 trail teeters on the edge of being buggy territory. Very skilled drivers in heavily modified full-size rigs have successfully negotiated it, but few of them escaped body damage. Many rigs have had big fails here. This trail begins and ends at the bottom of the rock formations just to the south of Sand Hollow State Park. While not as high rated as Arrowhead Canyon in the next canyon to the east, it still has plenty of adrenaline factor for buggies and heavily modified full body rigs. Chain reaction begins in a sandy wash by Sand Hollow Reservoir. The first obstacle is one gigantic waterfall. This obstacle is buggy only. The waterfall is easily bypassed by entering into the wash a little further up.

### **De Kleined**

The name comes from a noted buggy driver who, when he was introduced to this new trail, was declined on his first attempt. Apparently, this is not usual, as he has led trips on some of the most hardcore trails the southwest has to offer. So, to poke a little fun at him, we named the trail after him... kinda! Needless to say, this is the most difficult of the difficult. Come prepared to be "DeKleined" by this trail. DeKleined has many of the most difficult climbs and off camber in not only our area, but anywhere! Be prepared for tip-overs and breakage on this rated 10 trail.

### **Double Sammy**

Non-stop rapid fire challenges with some extra-hard options, Double Sammy packs about as many difficult challenges as possible into a relatively short distance. Rated 7, it also has fantastic scenery. The views from the trail are beautiful, but the drivers are honed in on the trail 10 feet ahead of them anytime they are in motion. Lots of off camber and max steep climbs and descents.

Double Sammy will begin at Sand Hollow State Park and make its way up some deep sand

dunes until it turns left into the nearby rocky sandstone. The first obstacle consists of a vertical wall and a consecutive series of steps, which are by passable. The trail will meander its way through the sandstone cliffs with a beautiful and picturesque view of Sand Hollow Reservoir. There is an abundance of descents and accents. Midway through the trail, there is an optional obstacle called the Traverse as well as a pretty impressive and tricky 70-foot chute that is also by-passable. Rigs should have front and rear lockers, 33" tires, and a winch. Expect possible body damage and/or mechanical breakdowns.

### [East Rim](#)

This is an incredible trip along the Sand Mountain cliff edge and has many sights such as the Flintstone House. It is rated a 3, but could be a 4 with many rock steps that have less challenging bypasses. Air down low to traverse the sand dunes toward the end of the trail. Starts at the end of the pavement near Sky Ranch in Hurricane and exits at the tunnel in Sand Hollow State Park. Flag required.

### [Fault Line](#)

The first quarter mile will wake you up! The Fault Line is one of the favorites of many who have attended winter events in the St George area. It is actually a short entry trail that feeds into the West Rim Trail, but since the obstacles on the Fault Line are more challenging, we rate it 6, with plenty of optional challenges on West Rim to keep the full length consistent with the Fault Line. Fault Line presents some challenges, beginning with a climb up a two-foot ledge that often reminds drivers they need to shift to 4-wheel drive. Soon after, there is a very steep incline up a clay and sandstone hillside. Once on top, a driver is presented with the task of traversing across the edge of a jagged outcropping, a fault if you will. Once conquering the shelves on top of the fault, the driver is faced with a very steep descent. After the steep descent, drivers can do an "S" turn and go back up the steep wall, around a cluster of big rocks, then back down another steep descent. From there, a sandy road lets you catch your breath on the way up to West Rim. On West Rim, there are several waterfall options and lots of challenging ledges and off-camber sections to match the challenge of the Fault Line. Rigs should have at minimum a lift and 31" tires. One locker is good for driving up the steep incline with one side of your vehicle on dirt and the other on sandstone.

### [Fawltly Towers](#)

Fawltly Towers takes new routes, exposing a dozen new obstacles through three common areas of Sand Mountain; Fault Line, Johnny's Hot Tub and the West Rim Rock Garden areas. With steep climbs, descents, a handful of off-camber obstacles and even a few blind notches, experienced driving and a trusted spotter are a must to get through this exciting new trail! This is rated 8 and 35" tires and 2 lockers is a minimum requirement for this trail.

### [Johns Trail](#)

John's Trail is located in the heart of the Sand Mountain (aka Sand Hollow) OHV Area. There are a few bypasses, and many optionals. It is a fairly short (10 miles) trail with a chance for many optional obstacles, including climbing sand dunes, descending steep sand dunes, a very steep hot tub, many steep slickrock climbs, and lots of technical off-camber challenges. This trail is good for modified stock jeeps and more built-up rigs. Body damage is possible with this rated 7 trail. Rigs should be equipped with two lockers, a winch, and 33" tires minimum. Bypasses are available for the more difficult obstacles.

### [Ledges](#)

You'll travel across the dunes that have made Sand Hollow so famous. The Ledges is a challenging trail that ramps up in difficulty the further you go. The trail is packed with puckered moments from off-camber sections and steep drops. Careful tire placement and spotting are important throughout the entire journey.



The trail delivers continuous challenges and incredible scenery. ONLY experienced 4x4 drivers should attempt this rated 8 trail.

### [Maze](#)

The Maze has quickly become known as one of St. George's 'must do' trails for those who enjoy a more technical and hard-core challenge. If you aren't bothered by steep ascents and descents, extremely off-camber situations, and exposure to 1,200-foot cliff edges, then this trail is for you! The obstacles come one after another with consistent difficulty. As you approach the first obstacle (The Drop), you may glance down to your right and between two rocks to notice that you are within a few feet of a cliff that is 1,000 feet above the valley below. This is a trail to delight those who can appreciate adrenaline at 1 mile an hour. Rated 8, this trail needs 35+ tires, both lockers, and a winch.

### [Milts Mile Lite](#)

Most of Milt's Mile Light Trail follows along the edge of Milt's Mile Trail. Several sections are part of the original Milt's Mile, and a couple of sections are shared with the current Milt's Mile. This trail affords spectacular views of Pine Valley Mountain, Sand Hollow Reservoir, Hurricane Cliffs, and Zion Park. During the Jamboree, there is a great spot to watch the "entertainment" when the 6-rated Milt's Mile vehicles negotiate a tough section in the canyon below. A couple of intimidating sections at the beginning earn a 4 rating. With good spotting on a few obstacles, stock high clearance 4x4 vehicles with competent drivers can successfully negotiate this trail. Much of the trail is easy slickrock and some sand. 31"+ tires are all that is required.

### [Milts Mile](#)

This trail was one of the first developed in the Sand Hollow area of Sand Mountain. It was developed by Milt Thompson, a local 4x4 shop owner. When he first ran it with his CJ3, it was a great challenge, but the scenery was even better. Since then, the trail, and the scenery have evolved. Sand Hollow Reservoir was built in 2003 and filled by 2004. The latest changes Milt added to the route made this trail much more challenging, and now it has almost continuous obstacles from the bottom to the top. The trail now drops into the canyon above the 9 rated "Nasty Half" trail, adding some challenging obstacles that bump the rating up to a 7. 33+ tires and both front and rear lockers required.

### [Nasty Half](#)

Nasty Half is just that--nasty. This trail has earned its name and is full of intense climbs and steep waterfalls. It begins in a wash to the south of the dunes at Sand Hollow Reservoir. The close proximity to the dunes creates a combined hazard of sand upon the slick red sandstone, challenging the skill of any driver. Rated 9 this trail requires 37"+ tires, both lockers, and a winch.

### [Plan B](#)

Plan B is located at the far south edge of the Hurricane Sand Dunes. The trip from the Hurricane Water Tanks is bumpy until you reach the upper dunes, and then you get to try out your dunes capability. Once you reach the trail, you start right off with an off-camber ditch that leans you close to a rock ledge on your right. Then, you get to climb a max steep hill, then drop down to a max steep drop and a max off-camber turn with an imposing rock on the right. From there, the trail delivers continuous challenges and incredible scenery. After the trail, you can drive down the dunes and enjoy the views of Sand Hollow Reservoir with Zion Park in the background. 35"+ tires with front and rear lockers recommended for this 7 rated trail.

### [Razzle Dazzle](#)

This fun trail is a razzle of moderately challenging obstacles, followed by fabulous

scenic dazzle! The run also includes a segment of Fathers Dominguez and Escalante historic trail. Razzle Dazzle offers 360\* views of Sand Hollow Reservoir, Hurricane Cliffs, Warner Valley, Pine Valley Mountain, Kolob Cliffs, and Zion Canyon Mountains. On a clear day, you can see forever! A mixture of sand and rocks will offer something for everyone. Razzle Dazzle is a 4 rated trail, suitable for rigs with a lift and 33" tires, and starts at the Pink gate. Lockers are not required. There will be obstacles in tight washes, and some deep sand travel, in addition to rocky climbs.

### [Renegade](#)

Renegade Trail got its name for drivers who don't want to sit on one trail all day. Instead, Renegade hits the hot "optional" obstacles, driving from one end of Sand Mountain to the other. The trail starts off with a trip up the "Launch Pad" which is almost impossible to crawl. From there, you go over and give Johnny's Hot Tub and the steep climb next to it a try. The obstacles keep coming until you reach the 70' max steep chute at the end of Double Sammy. For an 8-rated trail, this one will test drivers and rigs to the max. 35"+, both lockers, and a winch.

### [Risky Biz](#)

A new part of Sand Mountain nestled between John's Trail and Milt's Mile. Many of your views will be straight up looking at the sky! Mostly Rock; smooth, jagged, slanted and stepped, all protruding from patches of sand at the base. Few patches of mild dirt road between sections. Rated 8, it is a combination of sandy washes, slickrock obstacles and a couple of technical challenges. Be prepared for some vehicle damage if you don't pay attention to your spotter!

### [Sliplock Gulch Lite](#)

This is a rated 3 version of the much tougher rated 6 trail. Fun trail to also watch the skilled Jeepers climb the rocks.

### [Sliplock Gultch](#)

This extremely fun trail features a series of steep slickrock waterfalls with plenty of challenges. The trail has three sections.

The first section is the scenic rim road from the dunes to the bottom of the gulch. It has a couple of steep waterfalls that will build your confidence on the slickrock.

The trail enters the second section after crossing into the bottom of the gulch. After entering the gulch, you will come to a series of tight climbs. The second one is Horseshoe Falls.

Take the bypass if you want to keep your sheet metal straight. After completing the rest of the climbs in that gulch, the trail exits the gulch and takes the road back down the west side, until turning west and travelling past the start of John's Trail. There is a steep sand drop into a wide slickrock gulch that begins the third section.

The third section starts with a couple of tough ledges. Bypasses are commonly used on them. Towards the end of this section, there is an optional area with a couple of climbs and a tight slot before a wide V-notch. Careful driving is needed to avoid body damage.

This challenging trail is a lot of fun. Be careful, and take the bypasses when you are not confident about an obstacle. Rated 6, 33"+ tires, and rear locker required.

### [TNT](#)

For years, people in search of Milt's Mile would miss the turnout of the wash, and come to a tiny little slot canyon at the head of the canyon. They would look at it and say, "No Way! A few years ago, a local group of rockoholics decided to see if there was something passable beyond the gatekeeper. They used the entrance of Milt's Mile, hung a right where Milt had turned left, and dropped into

the canyon. Voila! The New Trail (TNT) was born!

Since then, this little trail has devoured a lot of parts. Enter with a windshield and straight body, exit with a lot of glass on your lap and "interesting" contours on your side panels. Welcome to TNT! Rated 9 for good reason. 37" tires. lockers and winch.

### [Triple 7](#)

Triple 7 is one of the newer trails at Sand Hollow. Although this trail is a little shorter than some of the other trails at Sand Hollow, it is packed with 7 rated obstacles. Generally most trails give drivers a little breathing room between obstacles, however Triple 7 keeps the drivers on their toes with not much easy terrain between each obstacle. This would be considered one of the more difficult trails rated as a 7, however, a Full Body FJ-40 and full body Land Cruiser FJ-80 completed the trail with no breaks or body damage. There are many obstacles on this 7-rated trail, with little to no room in between for relaxing. There are bypasses for several of the obstacles for those looking for a break. The trail starts with "Cam Country" (a series of slickrock ledges and rolling rocks) and then to "The Dipper" (a Crack that can swallow up a vehicle, on the edge of a cliff ). From there, participants will drive up the narrow slick rock fin with cliffs on each side to the "Stairway" which sits at the summit of the trail. This is generally a good stopping point for lunch as you can also watch other vehicles on trails near by. Shortly after the summit, drivers will drop into a small sandstone valley and make the climb out the other side. A series of twisty gullies and ledges called "The Gauntlet" finish the difficult sections of the trail. From there drivers will enjoy the view as they drop a few ledges back down towards the lake. The trail riders will enter the park entrance and go through the tunnel, once through the tunnel, turn hard left and follow the signs to the Trail Head. To access the Trail Head, drivers will head along the highway fence line until they get to the first major wash on the right. The first two obstacles are 100 feet into the trail. Rated 7, 35" tires and lockers recommended.

### [Waynes World](#)

Wayne's World was developed on Sand Mountain in the spring of 2018 by the Desert Rats and UPLA. The trail starts at the Red Gate (next to the Green Gate) and ends at the Green Gate in a 6 ½ mile oblong loop through a part of Sand Mountain that has not received much attention in the past. It is rated 6 and needs 33"+ tires, and front and rear lockers.

### [West Rim Lite](#)

Rated 3, this trail is not that much lighter than West Rim rated 4, but you can get in close to some of the more difficult obstacles and watch how others do it. The rock face climb at the beginning is probably the most daunting part of this trail.

### [West Rim](#)

There are many obstacles on this 4-rated trail, with twice as many optionals just off the trail. The trail starts with "The Steps" (slickrock ledges) and then to "The Funnel" (a rounded 30" step that requires stacking rocks for stock vehicles). From there, the climb is up a couple more steps to the "West Rim Boulevard", which is a rocky road that feeds several other trails. After turning down onto West Rim, the trail travels along the rim on an alternately rocky and sandy road that is on the rim. You leave the rim to travel between a set of evenly spaced pinnacles, called the "Toll Booths" that tower above the trail and have a ledge that can challenge stock rigs. A pullout called the "Scenic Loop" has beautiful views of St. George and the airport, and can be a challenge for stock rigs on its entry steps and a short climb out on dirt. From there, the challenges are various, winding through a rock-walled labyrinth until you reach the Lunch Room. Great views from here, surrounded by rock walls. There are several challenging obstacles after the Lunch Room, starting with "The Squeeze" that can leave a rock rash on wide vehicles. The trail ends in an area called the "Rock Garden." This area has many various obstacles surrounding an open natural courtyard, allowing spectators to walk from one show to the next. After leaving the trail, the way back is down the Hurricane Sand Dunes, affording a chance to increase the pace and blow out the dust.

## **Map of Sand Mountain OHV Area**





# FUTURE RUNS

<b>June</b>	<b>19-26 26</b>	<b>Vacation Run - Sand Hollow Utah Miller Jeep Trail / Frazier Park</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>23-25</b>	<b>Big Bear</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>27-29</b>	<b>Sierra Trek / Rubicon / Sherman Pass</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>24-26</b>	<b>Big Bear - Garden of Eden / Motino Wash</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>9 22-24</b>	<b>Run Planning Meeting El Mirage Clean Up Day</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>12-14</b>	<b>Panamint Valley Days</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>11 30-Jan 2</b>	<b>Christmas Party Logandale</b>