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SPEAR Members and Friends Enjoy Great Spring Riding Adventures

SPEAR members and friends enjoyed two wonderful rides this spring.

On Saturday, March 29, thirty riders rode out to the San Juan River overlook, and then on to Valley of the Gods. Later in the day, several of the riders met and continued their adventures along the San Juan River to River House Ruin.

Another ride took place on Saturday, April 26 to Dripping Springs and on to Red House. Twenty-two riders enjoyed the day together.

If you would like to receive information on future rides or work projects, contact Brent Johansen at 678-2810 or Harold Frost at 587-2654. Or send an email to: subscribe@SPEAR4All.com, and you will be put on our instant notification email list.

We'll see you on the trail. Ride safe!



Riders take a break to view the spectacular scenery at the San Juan River overlook.



San Juan County recently donated a few surplus picnic tables to SPEAR.

The tables were badly weathered, but volunteers worked hard sanding and painting them. The finishing touch was the letters 'SPEAR' routed into the tops and painted white.

At the last meeting, SPEAR members discussed where the tables might be best used. The county and federal agencies responsible for public lands must agree with the placement of the tables.

This is yet another worthwhile project taken on by SPEAR members. Please join us on these efforts to keep our public lands open and to do improvements projects like this one.

Know Before You GO!

Who can legally operate OHVs on Public Lands and Roads?

Well, you've purchased new ATVs for the family. You have maps, and a good idea where you're heading for the weekend. You load up the machines on your trailer. Everyone in your family under 18 has a properly fitted helmet (it's the law, you know). In fact, all the adults have helmets, too (because it's a good idea for everybody to wear one).

The family is ready. You're ready. "Let's roll!"

Wait a minute. Did you forget something? What about ATV safety training for children eight to 15 years of age. Utah law requires youth ages eight to 15 to complete the Utah State Parks and Recreation "Know Before You Go!" OHV education course before operating on public lands, roads or trails. (It is illegal for any child under age eight to operate an OHV on public land.) Ages 16 and over need either the education certificate or a valid driver's license.

Education certificates will be issued to anyone eight years old and older who completes the state-approved OHV education course.

Sheriff Deputies John Laws and Mike Harris are the local certified trainers for San Juan County. Classes will be held throughout the summer. For more information contact the San Juan County Sheriff's office at 435-587-2237 or the Utah Department of Parks and Recreation at 1-800-OHV-RIDE.

Now you're ready for that family outing you've been planning. Have a great time and remember to ride safe!



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You're on a family outing -
Do you know where your children are?

You wouldn't just grab anyone off the street and allow them to baby sit your children, would you? Of course not. Well, it doesn't make any sense to turn your kids loose on a powerful 500 pound ATV either.

A new law, HB 291 (Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments) has recently gone into effect. This law simply defines and requires that OHVs operated by persons under the age of 16 be directly supervised by a responsible adult (age 18 or over).

From the actual bill:
"direct supervision" means oversight at a distance:
(a) of no more than 300 feet; and

(b) within which:
(i) visual contact is maintained; and
(ii) advice and assistance can be given and received.

The law also raises the Fine from \$50 to \$100 for operating an OHV in violation of this section.

In addition, children between the ages of eight and 16 are required to pass an OHV safety course.

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SPEAR Board Meetings
Open to All Members

All paid-up members of SPEAR are welcome and encouraged to attend our regular monthly Board of Directors meetings. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, and alternate between the Blanding Library, and the Monticello Library.

The June meeting will be held Tuesday, June 3 at the Monticello Library. The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1 at the Blanding Library. The schedule for the meetings and other events can be found at www.SPEAR4All.com. If you would like to be put on our instant email notification list, send a blank email to: subscribe@SPEAR4All.com.

Not sure of your membership status? Everyone receiving this newsletter by mail should have also recently received a letter indicating your membership status. If you're still not sure, or have membership questions drop an email to memberships@SPEAR4All.com.

... And don't miss out on the fun!

You can clearly see in this newsletter what you're missing out on if your not a member of SPEAR. Work projects, fun rides, and much more. And don't forget the monthly meetings!

Your annual dues of \$20 and active participation means a lot to SPEAR. Working together, we can maintain access to our public lands ... and have a good time while we're at it!



Everyone had a great time on a recent ride to Dripping Springs.

SPEAR Volunteers Work With Local Rancher

Zeb Dalton, a San Juan County rancher, has been having problems for years with keeping a gate up. Since this is an area used by ATVers, Dalton asked SPEAR if they could help him out. A group of SPEAR volunteers got together and hauled out a cattle guard provided by the county.

The area needing attention was totally on slick rock. Holes had to be drilled in the rock to stabilize the cattle guard and to install some fence posts. Dalton came out with SPEAR and worked along side the volunteers and gave some extra effort to make sure the job was done right.

This was a great opportunity to prove that working together accomplishes more than fighting. This is not the first cattle guard SPEAR has installed while working with local stockmen. We will continue this fine practice!



SPEAR volunteers Harold Frost, Gaylen Schaugaard, and Brent Johansen work with rancher Zeb Dalton putting up fence and installing a cattle guard. Bob Turri (behind the camera) also pitched in on the project.



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