



Thursday, March 6, 2025

NUATV Ride Notes

Notes to riders:

ALWAYS begin each ride with a full tank of fuel and bring spare fuel.

ALWAYS check the weather in the ride area and bring wet weather gear and warm jackets, etc. It is always cooler at altitude and rides frequently go to high altitudes.

MEALS - riders are responsible for their own meals on and off the trail unless indicated in the notes below. Where any other arrangements have been made (socials), the details will be in the ride notes below.

RIDE PREPARED!

Ride location and date: (REQUIRED)

Bryce Canyon Spectacular July 29-Aug 2

Preliminary or Final Ride Notes

Final

Ride Leader(s): (REQUIRED)

Paul & Pam Keoppel/Betsy & Fred Panucci (BFPP)

Ride Leader Email

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Ride Leader Cell Phone

801-599-6108

Machines: (REQUIRED)

ANY size machine OK

Ride briefing time: (REQUIRED)

9:00 AM

Ride start time: (REQUIRED)

9:20 AM

Ride length:

varies 45-110 miles each day

LODGING - riders are responsible for their own lodging. Where any other arrangements have been made (discounts), the details will be in the ride notes below.

Lodging notes - if applicable:

We will be staging from Ruby's Inn on all rides. I have made special arrangements with Ruby's Campground and hotel.

We have worked with Ruby's Inn hotels and Ruby's Inn Campground for discounts.

The hotel is the Bryce Canyon View. The rate is \$135 per night for Tues, Wednesday and Thursday. It is \$220 per room on the Monday night and the Friday night. This is why we planned the majority of our ride to occur during the week.

The rate includes a free buffet breakfast at the Cowboy Café in Ruby's Inn each morning.

To make your reservations use the following link.

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=16696&nights=5&checkin=7/28/2025&group=NUATV&lang=en-us>

or call them directly at 435-834-5180 and tell them you are with NUATV for the discount.

You don't need to book the entire block of days, just change the dates to the ones you want. The group rate will expire on July 7th and any unused rooms will go back to the general public.

There are also other less expensive hotels down by Red Canyon or Panquitch which is about 25 minutes from Ruby's if you want to trailer from there each day.

We have a 20% discount at the Ruby's Campground. That makes it about \$65 per day including taxes.

They are holding 12 sites for us until June 28th, so reserve before then - first come, first served. They are all the big 60 foot pull-in sites in the new section - all together.

To make a reservation do it on line or call them. They don't staff in the winter, so online is best right now. The group code is NUATV2025 to get the discount. You must reserve using the dates between July 28 and Aug 2 for the code to work. If you want to extend on either end, book the block we have reserved and then call them to extend. They will honor the discount price for any extended days.

Reserve at Rubys Inn Campground.

<https://app.fireflyreservations.com/Reserve/Property/RubysInnRVParkandCampground?groupCode=NUATV2025&arrivalDate=7/28/2025&departureDate=8/2/2025>

Or go to <https://www.brycecanyoncampgrounds.com/> and enter the code NUATV2025 in the group code box.

Staging area notes/location - GPS coordinates IF available:

All rides will stage from Ruby's Inn. We will meet at the Ebenezer's Barn and Grill parking lot which is just across the street from the main Ruby's Inn on the east side. If you are trailering, please don't park right in the Barn's parking lot. They will be using the parking lot later in the day for the evening show. It will be empty in the morning when we stage there.

Trail Difficulty Ratings-

1. Easy - Well maintained trails or improved gravel roads, suitable for all skill levels
2. Intermediate - Rough sections with small rocks, moderate ruts, water crossings, moderate hills
3. Advanced - Narrow, rocky or off-camber sections, ledges, deep ruts, deeper water crossings, steep hills. some obstacles may require spotters
4. Expert - Washouts, loose unstable slopes, extreme ruts, challenging ledges, boulder fields, frequent need for spotters
5. Extreme - Rocky or undulated surface, ledges over 3 feet tall, extreme steepness and poor traction. - The club does not offer extreme rides

**Trail Difficulty - 1 = graded road 5 = 2 / 5
4WD Low Range**

Trail summary including difficulty or challenges:

We have four great rides planned this year.

As you have heard in the news, there is a forest fire burning west of the Tropic Reservoir at this time. It does not affect the trails we are planning on riding. The trails south of Highway 12 are now open. We never had planned on riding in the burn area, so our plans can now proceed as planned. The order of the rides will depend on weather conditions and if all the roads are accessible. We will do the shortest ride (ride 2)

on Saturday to get back to the staging around 3 pm to give people time to drive home if that is their plan.

Ride 1 – Griffin top - We are going to ride up on Griffin Top on the Boulder mountains. This is a forested area north of Escalante over 10,000 feet. It should be nice and cool for the last week of July. Coming from Ruby's Inn it will be about a 110-mile ride more or less. Those who want to trailer a bit can meet us at the turn-off and save about 20 miles in each direction. There will be an option when we get back to the blacktop for those who want to ride back on hardtop to checkout there. We will lead anyone who wants to stay on dirt back to staging. It will be about 1/2 hour faster to go back on the hardtop. It is a county road with little traffic and is OK for any type of ATV to use it. This ride is 20% hard top, 70% forest road and maybe 10% trail. Those trailering will see 60% forest roads and 40% trail.

Ride 2 – Clay Creek - This ride will be south of Ruby's Inn. It will be on roads that were closed 2 years ago due to wildfire road repairs. We will ride in the Straight creek and clay creek loop areas, both well south of the fire area. This ride is all dirt, 20% gravel forest road and 80% forest roads. Very scenic with views similar to Bryce Canyon National Park. This is about a 60-70 mile ride.

Ride 3 – Under the Point - This ride will be north. We will travel to the intersection of where the Powell Point Road takes off. We will travel east down into the Escalante side of the range on the Corn Creek drainage. This ride is about 20% hard top, and 60% forest roads with 20% two track. Mileage is about 95 miles. Trailering to the dirt is an option, taking about 20 miles of blacktop off of the mileage. Again, those who want to checkout and take the hardtop back to staging can and we will lead those who want to stay on dirt back to Ruby's. It is a different dirt road than the one taken for Griffin Top.

Ride 4 - Crawford Pass/Pink Cliffs/ Podunk loop - We started on this trail on the 2023 but were hit with heavy rain and decided not to go up on top and be exposed to lightening. Hopefully this year mother nature will cooperate better. We will ride the Podunk Cougar Hollow loop (not on most maps). We will do a loop to the Pink Cliffs, which are spectacular, and drive along the mesa ridge for a bit before hitting another trail back to Ruby's. This ride is about 75 miles.

Thursday Social – 6 pm

We are planning on a social to be held at the Ruby's Inn Campground. We are working with Ruby's for a location. It will be at a group campsite close to where those who are camping are located. There is plenty of parking for those who are coming from the hotels. Right now, the club is providing hamburgers and hotdogs. We are working on the sides. More info will follow to those that are signed up for the ride.

Wednesday Dinner Activity - 7 pm

Several of us will be attending the western dinner and show at Ebenezer's Bar and Grill on Wednesday evening after the ride. This is a dinner (steak or salmon or chicken or pork) and the show for \$58. If you just want to go to the show alone, that is \$25. For more information and to reserve seats, go to this website. <https://ebenezersbarnandgrill.com/>

We plan on riding on Tuesday and Wednesday and then take Thursday off as a rest day. People can plan their own day. Last time some of us took a bike ride down into Red Canyon on a fantastic bike trail (e-bikes help with the climb back up) There are also bike trails going right from Ruby's to the main overlooks into Bryce Canyon (park admission may be required). Other people drove into the park, some drove to Zion, others just chilled at the campground. Some went on rides on their own. There are lots of other trails in the Bryce area that we won't have time to get to this time.