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More Moab Area Events

October Events

Oct 1-30 Bee Quilt Challenge Quilt Show-

throughout the month of October the quilts will be shown at Gallery Moab on Tuesday & Wednesday 12-4pm & Thursday-Sunday 12-8pm. You will also be able to view the show on the website at itssewmoab.com. Vote for your favorite submission. See ad pg, see article pg.

Oct 3 Second Annual Chalk Drawing

Competition- check in 9:30am, Drawing from 10am-4pm, winners announced at 5pm. Drawing will take place at the Moab Information Center, corner of Center & Main Streets. For info & advance registration: moabarts.org

Oct 6 Tuesdays at the Museum VIRTUAL- 6:30pm on Zoom. Topic: State of the Vote, Then and Now with Carey Dabney, League of Women Voters. Back by popular demand these live storytelling events will be held on Zoom & Facebook Live. Visit moabmuseum.or or our Facebook page for the links to attend.

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Skate Moab: Disco Night/Adult Skate- 7-10pm. 18+ roller rink event. Three 1-hour sessions. \$8/session. Includes entry & skate rental. Music to move to & free skate

instruction! Old Spanish Trail Arena Open-Air Pavilion: 3641 S Hwy 191. **PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE** skatemoab.com.

Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 Skate Moab: Friday Family Skate- 6-9pm. All ages roller rink event. Three 1-hour sessions. \$5/session. Final Fridays of the month are free for locals. Includes entry & skate rental. Music to move to & free skate instruction! Old Spanish Trail Arena Open-Air Pavilion: 3641 S Hwy 191. **PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE** skatemoab.com.

Oct 16, 17 Softball Tournament- at the Old Spanish Trail Arena, 3641 S. Hwy 191. All day tournament starting at 8am. For info: 435-259-1311

Oct 22-24 Jeep Jamboree- off-road adventure weekends that bring together the outdoors, downto-earth people, & their Jeep 4x4s. These off-road treks have a long tradition dating back to 1953. For info: jeepjamboreeusa.com

Oct 23-25 Barrel For Bucks- come watch some of the fastest horses and their riders compete for top spot in the popular sport of Barrel Racing! It is free to come & watch, we love the support! Old

Spanish Trail Arena, 3641 S. Hwy 191. For info: 970-216-0072

Oct 27 Tuesdays at the Museum VIRTUAL-

6:30pm on Zoom. Topic: Air Mail: An Exchange Between Authors with authors Pam Houston & Amy Irving about their new book. Back by popular demand these live storytelling events will be held on Zoom & Facebook Live. Visit moabmuseum.or or our Facebook page for the links to attend

Oct 29-31 Moab 4X4 Expo- is about bringing the public & the brands together to experience an outdoor adventure together! We have brought you all of the top companies to one location. You will get to shop Thursday-Saturday from 8am-12pm. We will hold a special party on Friday night open to the public. Come in & join us for one of the biggest raffles around! For info: moab4x4expo.com

Oct 31 HALLOWEEN

Oct 31 Madness in Moab - 24, 12, 6 hour & kids run with trunk or treat. For info: madmooseevents.com

by Sand Sheff

Bluegrass, Magic and More at Moab's Backyard Theater

Locals and tourists alike are discovering that Moab is providing some of the only live entertainment in the west! That's right, Moab has its own outdoor old-time entertainment venue right downtown. **Moab Backyard Theater**, 56 W. 100 South (right behind Zax), provides entertainment four or five nights a week Tuesday through Saturday in a relaxed safe setting beneath a big cottonwood tree that's older than the town itself.



Wednesday, Bluegrass night features Quicksand Soup, a local collection of some the best pickers in the area. Sand Sheff, who owns the venue along with his wife Sunnie, provides vocal, guitar and banjo. David Steward, a renowned local songwriter and guitar virtuoso, is on the lead guitar. Eric Jones, a native of Dinosaur, Colorado plays mandolin while young local sensation Alan Snow plays upright bass. Classically trained Tamara Frieda plays fiddle. The band just released 4 new CD's of American acoustic music last year.

Thursday nights features Saints and Sinners, an unusual mix of country and country gospel. Fridays features the honky tonk, jazz inflected stylings of Juniper Drive. On

Saturdays, magic returns to America with the amazing Rick Boretti.

All shows are at 7 pm. Social distancing is easy. Tuesdays through Friday shows are free. There is an admission charge for the Saturday Magic Show.





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** visit website for exact times and more info!

MOABBACKYARDTHEATER.COM
56 W. 100 S. (1/2 Block off Main next to Zax)

Skydive Moab Hosts 17th Annual Skydiving Festival!

In the past 16 years, Skydive Moab has learned a thing or two about how to throw a party. They are inviting some of their closest skydiving friends to come out and celebrate

life, love and the pursuit of happiness. And what better way to do that than through the freedom of flight.

Experienced skydivers are participating in some of the most unique skydives in the world, over the spectacular landscape that only Moab has to offer.

During the event, Skydive Moab is offering licensed jumpers the unique experience of skydiving into Mineral bottom

canyon, Castle Valley, and the Gemini Bridges area. If you happen to be in either of those areas during the event, make sure to look up and watch planes drop up to 15 skydivers

from 13,00ft. You can find the schedule for all the jumps at motherofallboogies.com

If you'd like an opportunity to be part of the fun then feel free to head on out to the Moab Airport, just north of town. If you'd like to do more than just observe then you're in luck! Skydive Moab is offering tandem jumps during the event, where you can be secured to one of their licensed tandem instructors and take the plunge alongside with everyone else.

Talk about a once in a lifetime experience! These tandem jumps will be discounted to \$199, with locals receiving an additional \$49 off. So whether you'd like to just watch as colorful canopies and equally colorful people fly in the sky or you'd like to experience the excitement and euphoria that



skydiving has to offer, we encourage you to come out and celebrate with us!

Visit us at skydivemoab.com to purchase your tandem jump, and feel what it's really like to fly.

Moab Century Tour: Landscape Worth Training For

Fall. The changing of seasons signals the time of year when life in Moab enjoys cooler temperatures, autumn foliage, and the beginning of crisp evenings. It's a good time to take a deep breath and get out into the desert or

the mountains. At the Moab Century Tour, you can do both! With additional health and safety precautions in place given the pandemic, road cyclists will physically distance easily on a road bike as they relish in the amazing landscapes Moab has to offer September 21-22 at the sixteenth annual cycling event. From gaining elevation into the La Sal Mountains and Dead Horse Point State

Park to carving down red rock canyons and finishing along the Colorado River, this event has landscape worth training for!

You'll appreciate the grand scale of this place once you've ventured far from town under your own 'skinny' power down byways known only to a lucky few. Your mind naturally slows down to enjoy the sights, and in the slowing down, you'll unwind a little. This shift in perspective from the fast pace of our modern lives soaks in slowly and happens best when it's cool enough to be present in the desert comfortably and enjoyed with close friends.

Diane Dispain wrote "What is more fun than riding a road bike in such an amazing area! You get to see the beautiful scenery, stop and take pictures whenever, and be treated to great snack and lunches!

The Moab Century Tour is the fall road cycling event Skinny Tire Events organizer Mark Griffith founded after losing his older brother to cancer. Along

with the spring Skinny Tire Festival, the events have been organized to support the fight against cancer, creating an experience where survivorship and research toward a cure is the focus. Every participant contributes to the Moab Healthcare Foundation/Cancer Treatment Center and many groups use the events to fundraise for cancer survivorship programs in their own communities.

Jessie Walsh, Moab local and registered nurse at the Moab Regional Hospital says "I feel so fortunate to have this event right here at home. It draws my friends and family from near and far. We ride miles and miles



through beautiful, awe-inspiring red rock country with lots of support and great food!!! The impact of the event reaches far beyond the participants. As a nurse at the hospital I am privileged to see daily how this one event directly effects our local community. The money raised allows our people, who are already suffering, to stay home to receive their chemotherapy treatments, instead of traveling for miles while burdened by their cancer diagnosis", adds Jessie.

Whatever your reason for coming to the Moab area this fall or spring, be it the physical challenge of a bike ride or the chance to make a difference against cancer, let yourself relax into the beauty and be restored. For more information visit skinnytireevents.com.