

Hello All!

This is our first newsletter of 2023, in which we would like to share with you what we've been up to the last couple months, as well as upcoming events! As always, we welcome any feedback!

## Accomplishments/Events

### **Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant**

AMBA is currently working with the Cibola National Forest trail management team to finalize the necessary agreements before project groundbreaking can begin. Trail design, planning and flagging will soon move to the field once the snow melts. Stay tuned for more details and information on proposed volunteer dig days!

If you missed the press release last fall, the full article can be found here:

<https://edd.newmexico.gov/pr/outdoor-recreation-investments-set-to-benefit-20-communities-create-175-jobs/>

The grant was also discussed on KRQE: [https://www.krqe.com/news/albuquerque-metro/albuquerque-mountain-bike-association-receives-grant-for-upgrades-to-local-trails/?fbclid=IwAR2HV0A2L8h7bVBaaUZ04MMce5PKAepyW7Hx0p2M433CqAa8uhZGF\\_z8NXI](https://www.krqe.com/news/albuquerque-metro/albuquerque-mountain-bike-association-receives-grant-for-upgrades-to-local-trails/?fbclid=IwAR2HV0A2L8h7bVBaaUZ04MMce5PKAepyW7Hx0p2M433CqAa8uhZGF_z8NXI)

### **Albuquerque Enduro Series**

AMBA's goal with providing a local race series is to create an inclusive, fun, and organized race series comprising of 4-6 races with 1-3 stages at varying locations within the Albuquerque area.

To participate in the 2023 races you must be an active AMBA member – the one year \$40 membership covers all proposed races for that year. An additional benefit includes all proceeds from membership dues going directly back into local trail systems!

One important detail to note is that these races will NOT be permitted through the National Forest. This means we will have a strict cap of 75 participants! The Spring Race Schedule is as follows, but please check our Instagram handle and Meet-up page for more details as the race dates get closer. Both racers and timing/course marshal volunteers are welcome!

- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Tunnel/Otero
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Tunnel/Cedro
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – TBD (location is weather dependent)



The poster for the ABQ Enduro Series features a mountain bike gear icon with the text 'ABQ ENDURO SERIES' inside. To the right, the text 'ABQ ENDURO SERIES' is written in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'ALBUQUERQUE MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION'. The race schedule is listed as follows: 'AMBA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED', 'APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> - TUNNEL / CEDRO', 'APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> - TUNNEL / CEDRO', and 'MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - TBD (WEATHER DEPENDENT)'. At the bottom, it says 'COURSE INFO & SIGNUP 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH EVENT' and features the SRAM logo. On the left side, there is a vertical banner that says 'SPRING SEASON' and a 'ROCK SHOX' logo at the bottom left.

### **Taos Bakes Collaboration**

AMBA recently developed a partnership with Taos Bakes! If you haven't tried their tasty bars, we will soon be offering their bars as trail snacks at the enduro race series and our weekly rides.

Taos Bakes: <https://www.taosbakes.com/>

## **Socials/Reminders**

### **AMBA Open Meeting on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Come join our board of directors to learn more about our organization and how you can get involved! This meeting is open to members and non-members.

#### Agenda

- 5:00-5:30pm - check in and mingle
- 5:30-6:30pm - hear from board members, ask questions, and visit with committee leads to learn more and sign up to get involved.

#### Learn about the following committees:

- Trail work
- Social media and marketing
- Sponsorships and memberships
- Ride leaders

#### Location

- Juan Tabo Public Library, 3406 Juan Tabo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

### **Bike maintenance classes:**

- AMBA will be offering two mountain bike maintenance classes this summer, which are organized and run by Zach Ratzlaff of Two Wheel Drive bike shop in Nobhill. We will be posting these on Meetup soon!

### **Group Rides:**

- AMBA offers group rides that can vary in distance and difficulty and are planned by our gracious Ride Organizers when they are able to take time from their busy lives! These are offered via our Meetup.com website, which can be found here: <https://www.meetup.com/AMBANM/>. We are accepting applications for new Ride Organizers, however we do require that you: are an AMBA member, have attended at least 5 group rides in the past, are an intermediate to advanced rider, and familiar with the trails and trail etiquette. If you are interested in organizing group rides, please reach out to Tami Taylor @ [tami@ambanm.org](mailto:tami@ambanm.org). Below is a pic from one of our rides this summer.

## **Get Involved**

### **Upcoming trail opportunities:**

- In conjunction with the US Forest Service, Albuquerque Open Space, the Placitas Area Trail Association, and other trail-oriented organizations, AMBA will be working to schedule and participate in local volunteer trail work opportunities. Keep an eye out for further information about these events on our social media pages:
  - Instagram: @albuquerque\_mtb\_association
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AMBANM>

**Events Meetup Page:**

- Looking for upcoming group rides and volunteer trail work opportunities? Make sure to check out and join our AMBA Events Page: <https://www.meetup.com/AMBANM/events/>

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