

Hello All!

This is our second 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

The agreement with the Cibola National Forest has been signed and approved! Flagging of the new trails has been conducted, and groundbreaking will be under way in the near future! Be on the watch for volunteer trail work opportunities to help smooth out the initial construction, while also maintaining the existing trails! Be mindful and respectful of any equipment that may be near the existing trails off of 10k, once trail work has commenced.

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=IwAR2HVoA2L8h7bVBaaUZ04MMce5PKAepyW7Hx0p2M433CqAa8uhZGF_z8NXI

Albuquerque Enduro Series

The spring race series kicked off to a great start! Huge shoutout to all the racers, volunteers, and sponsors that made the spring races such a success! Special thanks to the Search & Rescue team members, Fat Tire Cycles, High Desert, Bikeworks, Specialized, SRAM/Rockshox, and Deity! Also, thank you to the photographers that were able to snag some cool shots over the three races!

We had over 100 participants compete in at least one of the three races, reaching our cap of 65 racers at the third and final stop! The fall series is currently in planning, and more details will be available in the next few months. With the surprising turn out, we are working with the Cibola National Forest to permit the fall series – allowing for an increased number of participants. Please check our Instagram handle and Meet-up page for more details as the fall get closer. Both racers and timing/course marshal volunteers are welcome!



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 – and sign a race waiver. An additional benefit includes all proceeds from membership dues going directly back into local trail systems!

IMBA 2023 Spring Membership Drive Winner

AMBA member Ben Ridout was one of the 6 prize winners! Ben won prize package 1 with the Yeti SB140, ABUS Mo-Drop helmet and Camelbak Mule 5 Waist Pack. Awesome!!

Open Forum Meeting

During the open forum meeting on May 23rd we discussed the following topics:

- AMBA History
 - FOO to AMBA
 - Social Club, Trail Work
- Board Member Introductions & Responsibilities
- Group Ride Leader Requirements
- IMBA vs. AMBA
- Membership
 - We are currently at ~400 individuals
 - Updates coming to Email Notifications and Membership Levels
- Enduro Race Series
 - 3 more Races in the Fall
 - Discussed potential for weekly series and necessary insurance requirements
- E-Bikes
 - AMBA will follow USFS guidelines and E-Bikes will only be allowed on group rides in designated motorized vehicle areas (i.e. Cedro, Tunnel, Otero, Glorieta)

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or would like further elaboration on any of these topics. We look forward to our next open forum meeting in the future, to gain further insight from our members!

Socials/Reminders

ABQ Zia Ride Dirt Fest Event:

- AMBA will be present during the Zia Race this coming September, offering information about the organization to potential new members, while also giving away free cow bells to add to the energetic support of the racers! Stop by to see us!

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 Carley Parriott @ carley@ambanm.org.

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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