



May 2021

MOAB Rally



Moab – The Good, Bad and The Ugly

The good was obvious – great RV park, great members, new and old and wonderful activities. The bad was we didn't get to stay longer and do more things. The ugly was the overgrowth of Moab and the loss of it's small town charm.

Activities included hiking, UTV rock climbing, zip line, sightseeing, fellowship around dinner or a good bourbon, book club and who can forget Friday night's Dance Contest.

In no particular order are some photos to remind us of all this fun



Sunset in Arches NP & The 3 Gossips



Dance Contest

Many thanks to Nancy Porthan for getting things started on the Friday Nite Dance. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a good time. This might be a tradition in the making - who knows?



Nancy Porthan cutting a rug

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Slo Dance

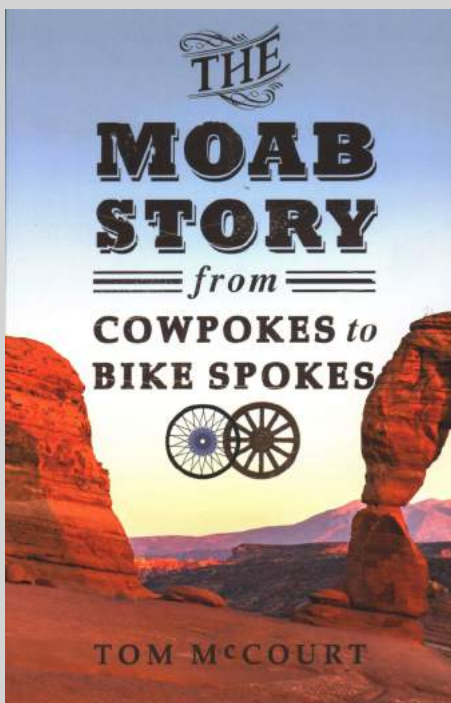


Fast Dance



Book Club

The town of Moab is a fascinating place with a fascinating history- there is no place like it. Author Tom McCourt gathers the reader 'round the campfire to spin the true tale of Moab from the town's humble, sometimes violent, beginnings to its rise as the nation's Mecca of outdoor recreation. Discover secrets like: The naming of Moab and what it may or may not mean (depending on who tells the story); Old legends retold, and don't be surprised if you encounter the Moki Scream and the Ghost Wolf while camping around Moab!; How the Uranium Boom began, who was crowned Moab's Uranium Queen, and how the Uranium King figured out how to watch Leave it to Beaver at 10,000 feet; The magical properties of Moab's water-from binding a couple in matrimony to **granting dancing skills** (see above) and sparking history-making movements.



Tom Balchak leading the discussion

UTV ride with Ian - One of the most exciting off road experiences I've experienced. The Mantra of the day was "Trust Your Machine" which came in handy a bunch of times. Equally exciting was to here the story of Ian our guide. He'd been a bounty hunter, thrown in jail, everyone one in his family dying within a month of each other, raming his Camaro into one of the rocks in Arches, getting kicked out of the hospital with only his hospital gown on, then being picked up by a trucker. So of course I'm gonna give him a big tip. Then someone at Happy Hour suggested that this was all BS to get that bigger tip - the story was worth it though



Ernie Nitka Vicki Ottoson



Ed and Kathy LeBlanc



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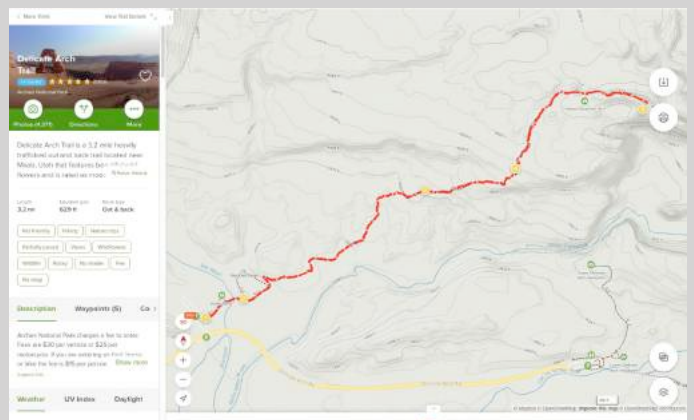
Scott and Nina Kunze



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Hiking is the quintessential Moab activity. Even your author got in on this. I couldn't have made it without Michael and Becki Carmichael's help. Especially the way back when it was dark and the Nitka/Ottoson team didn't bring a flashlight ! DOH!!



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Michael Carmichael with Ernie Nitka on the hike down Delicate Arch

Zip Line : many said they were interested but only the brave showed up. Vicki Ottoson and Elliot Actor were those brave souls



Sightseeing





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Fearless Leader Tom and his faithful sidekick Peggy Silvers



Peggy Silvers in a Fret

Vicki and I clueless about what's to come.

"Trust your Machine"





Brenda and Rob



Tom, Nancy Anderson, Janice and Scott Trumpeter, Rob



Chuck Anderson and Nancy Porthan



Tom, Peggy, Brenda and Rob



The Andersons, Rob Hughey and Carolyn Beardshear



Peggy and Tom looking for their Happy Hour



Dave and Mary Rose

A big thank you to Tom /Peggy Silvers, Ernest Nitka and Vicki Ottoson for hosting. Personally want to thank Tom for thinking outside the box in terms of this and future rally destinations.

Photos from Attendees





Ideas for the next rally - it is after all the Maintenance Rally



Sent in by Elliot Actor - he really knows how to have a good time