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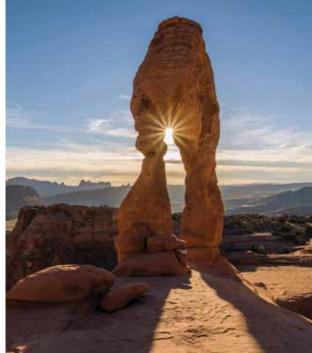


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STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

Night skies around Moab are among the clearest and darkest in the country

Written by Jenna Talbott and Sharon Sullivan / Photos by Joshua Snow

Cover: "Star Gate," Delicate Arch, Arches National Park frames the galactic center of the Milky Way during spring months.

This page: "Mesa Madness," Mesa Arch, Canyonlands National Park.



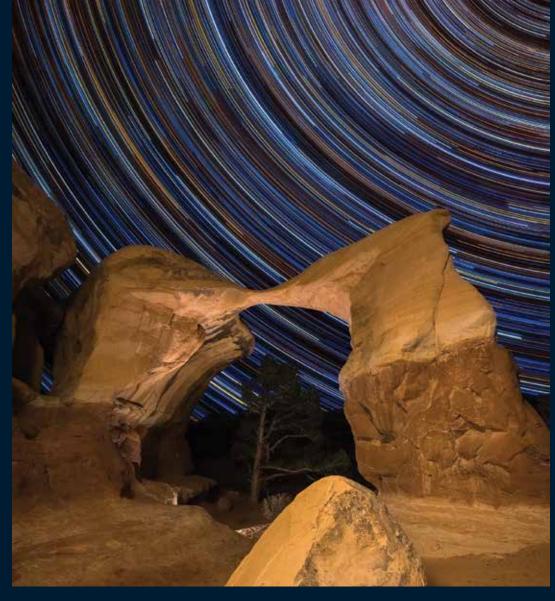
The local Moab Dark Skies group seeks to promote the region's night sky cultural heritage by encouraging government entities, businesses, and homeowners to use night sky friendly lighting. Moab Dark Skies identifies the benefits of quality lighting design to include "long-term cost savings, energy efficiency, improved safety, and enhanced health and wellbeing of people and wildlife," not to mention "the economic benefits of astro-tourism to local businesses."

In the spring, Moab's Community Development Director, Zacharia Levine, sought students from the University of Utah to carry out a "lighting audit" for Grand County. Master students Adam Dalton and Nathan Jellen, with the university's Consortium for Dark Sky Studies, spent a month surveying public lighting in Grand County and the City of Moab. "The Milky Way is awe-inspiring — even a little frightening — to a city kid like me who went almost 10 years without seeing it," Jellen says.

Dalton and Jellen worked from 6:30 am to noon, and again from 9 p.m. into the early hours of the morning, inspecting approximately 2,100 light fixtures. They surveyed public schools, Moab Regional Hospital, the recreation center, city and county government buildings on Center Street, the Old Spanish Trail Arena, local cemeteries, and a recycling facility. Dalton and Jellen collected a long list of data entry points on every fixture, including color temperature (CCT), light height, light shielding, light type and purpose and more. The findings will be used to rate the effectiveness and efficiency of light sources in the public domain. Unnecessary or undirected light is considered "light pollution."

"The findings are very transparent," Dalton says. "We are going to present (our analysis) to the Moab City Council on September 29, and will likely present them at the Moab City Science Festival."

Professional photographer Joshua Snow, of JSnow Photography, teaches landscape and nighttime photography at Arches National Park – both private and group classes. Snow moved to Moab from upstate New York, where, although he lived in a rural region, the skies there were not as dark as what he finds in Moab. "In New York, I had to drive for two hours to get a sky that was a third, or fourth as good as here," he says. "The



skies here are exponentially better than in New York."

Snow says when he shoots at night he often "stumbles" upon interesting compositions. "I usually look for a strong, anchor or foreground element to balance the Milky Way and sky, whether it be an arch, rock formation, gnarly juniper or a mountain,"

Snow says. "Something that helps lead the eye and the viewer into the frame and up to the sky." (To learn more about Snow's photography and see a schedule of workshops visit: www.jsnowphotography.com.)

Snow additionally enjoys photographing Dead Horse Point State Park, which was recognized as an





International Dark Sky Park in 2016. Southern Utah remains a "last refuge" for dark skies, and the park's "high plateau, mountains far in the distance, and cities out of sight yields a nearly full view of celestial sphere," according to the park's web site. Canyonlands National Park is also an International Dark Sky Park.

Assistant park manager and night sky ranger, Crystal White, says improved lighting practices means better views for the night sky programs at the parks, where the public can learn about exoplanets, take a constellation tour, view various objects such as the planet Jupiter, clusters of ancient stars, or distant galaxies.

She says inefficient lighting compromises the night sky, whereas, "a fully shielded light directs it where it's intended to be, reduces glare, and actually makes it a lot safer for travel and helps prevent crime. A fully shielded light doesn't mean less light necessarily, it means better lighting practices."

Alice de Anguera is a park ranger at Arches National Park, and also works with Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse Point State Park to run several night sky programs throughout the year.

"A dark night is a window for us to see out beyond our small part of the world," Anguera says. "We can look into the vastness of our universe, see the constellations that so many generations of humans before us told stories about, and imagine what other planets in other solar systems might be like. Most visitors have never looked through a telescope, never seen the Milky Way, and are hungry to experience it. There is a lot of mystery still out there."

Stargazers will view some of that mystery during the 2017 Perseid meteor shower that is currently happening across the northern hemisphere through August 24. Its peak is expected to occur on August 12 or 13. The best time to look for the meteors is between midnight and dawn, when the sky is most dark, and the radiance of the meteors high, according to cosmosmagazine.com. For the best viewing, the site recommends waiting for a clear night and getting out of town. The less ambient light, the more meteors you will see.

Anguera would like to see the burgeoning interest in dark skies inspire action in local businesses and citizens. "It would be amazing to follow in Flagstaff's footsteps and become a Dark Sky City," she says. Flagstaff is the world's first International Dark Sky Place, receiving its designation in 2001, and has long been a leader in outdoor lighting policy.

Meg Stewart, director of the Moab Art and Recreation Center, located at 111 E 100 North, says she is excited to be involved in the local movement in support of dark skies. On September 9, the MARC will host an Art Walk with the theme: "Dark Skies Bright Stars." For the exhibit, Stewart will be accepting artwork from the public through September 1. A juried art show will award cash prizes starting at \$400 in the categories of "photography" and "visual art." The artwork will be displayed during Art Walk on September 9, and winners will be announced at the MARC, at 7 p.m.

Stewart says the Moab Dark Skies committee reached out to the city to plan the event. "They are trying to find creative ways to help our community be aware of dark skies and the importance of maintaining them," says Stewart.



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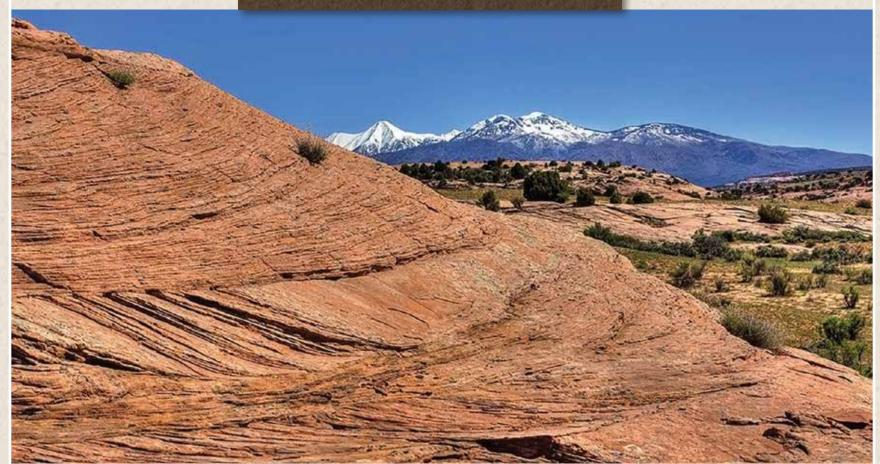
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ABOUT FRIENDSHIP, SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Written by Sharon Sullivan / Photos by Murice D. Miller

Sergeant-of-Arms John Fogg peers around the room to see whom he might hit up for a buck or two. Members are just arriving to the Moab Rotary Club meeting and it's Fogg's job to "levy fines" for small "infractions" like arriving late to the meeting, or sitting down too soon, or, perhaps something a little more personal if Fogg can dig it up. It's a light-hearted roasting that adds up to scholarships for Moab students.









"My job is to research any dirt I can find on anybody," Fogg says, with a chuckle. "We had a member, the late Dick Unger – he was a charter member of Rotary, founded in 1952 – a wonderful guy. I never could find any dirt on him. He had a life that was flawless."

Then one day both men happened to be in Grand Junction, Colorado, when Fogg spotted Unger at a gas station. Fogg watched while Unger drove away from the pump with the nozzle still attached to the car. "He ripped it off," Fogg recalls. "At the next meeting, after 10 years of never finding anything I could fine him for, finally, I told the story – I said, 'you have a problem, Dick – you're supposed to take the gas nozzle off before you drive away.'"

The normally calm, self-possessed Unger was flabbergasted – "How did you know?" he exclaimed.

Another time, member Joe Kingsley attempted to slip out before the start of the meeting after he realized he had forgotten to put on his signature bowtie. "He snuck out and called his wife to bring it – he didn't think I'd see him," remembers Fogg. "That was worth a big fine right there." Kingsley paid a whopping \$5 for that slipup.

It's all in good fun, of course, and most importantly, it raises funds for four scholarships each year for Moab students attending both liberal arts colleges, and vocational schools. Two scholarships are given to Grand County High School students, and two are given to Utah State University-Moab students for furthering their education. Scholarship money is mostly generated from the annual Moab Car Show, (formerly known as the April Action Car Show), which Fogg directs.

Members raise additional funds for various good causes by parking cars at Moab's Jeep Safari event – the majority of which goes to support the Moab Free Health Clinic – a key project of Moab Rotary. The clinic, which serves the uninsured and underinsured,

moved into a new building next to Moab Regional Hospital thanks to the generous support of one Rotary member with \$100,000 to donate to a worthy cause. Another member pitched in \$10,000 for the new clinic.

"Service Above Self" has been Rotary's motto ever since a Chicago attorney, Paul Harris, founded the organization in 1905, so that professionals of diverse backgrounds could come together to "share ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities." The international organization has grown to more than 35,000 Rotary clubs worldwide that work to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene, protect mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies. Moab's own Rotary club was founded in the mid-1950s.

The name "Rotary" came from the organization's early practice of rotating meeting places, among the offices of its members.

Top photo: Moab Rotary Club members at July 2017 meeting, after assembling "new home starter kits" for families transitioning from living in a shelter. From left to right: Dave Bierschied, Mary McGann, Bruce Louthan, Joe Kingsley, Gordon Beh, Dave Schipper, Britta Kingsley, Danette Johnson, John Fogg, Mike Badger and Steve Getz.







The four-way test

The four-way test (a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use in their personal and professional relationships, according to rotary.org) is something we go by," member and past president Dave Bierschied says. "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

A portion of money that Rotarians raise goes to support international projects such as eradicating polio from the planet. Rotary has been immunizing children against the disease for decades, including in Syria, Bierschied notes. Rotarians also support clean drinking water projects throughout the world.

Locally, in addition to the scholarships given to Moab students, Rotary paid for a skate park for kids in Swanny City Park, and sponsors a Grand County High School senior party each year. Members have been giving dictionaries to elementary students for the past 40 years.

Rotarians have also supported the Moab Multicultural Center, as well as the Grand County Mentoring program. In July, individual Rotarians donated their own money for 10 large baskets of household supplies for clients of Seekhaven (a family crisis and resource center) who are in the process of establishing new residences.

Rotarians are especially proud of the Moab Rotary Park – known for its array of wooden musical percussion instruments that people can play. Installed by Grammy award winner Richard Cooke, of Durango, Colorado, the collection has expanded to roughly 30 instruments since the first xylophone was placed there in 1995. The park was 20 years in the making, while the club purchased land as it became available. Located at 680 E. Mill Creek Drive, the 3-acre sanctuary also includes a hummingbird garden and a tree house gazebo. The Mill Creek Bike Trail, which begins at the Matheson Nature Preserve, runs through the park.

During Kingsley's tenure as president, (1994-96) the park was deeded over to the city. "I'm proud to be part of a team that works for the community and gets things done," Kingsley says. "A lot of people don't realize the personal satisfaction of giving to the community – it's a worthwhile endeavor."

Rotarian Danette Johnson had her own project in mind for the club when she joined two years ago. As president of the board of directors of the Moab Free Health Clinic she had given a presentation about the clinic to the club. Both of her parents were Rotarians, and she was already involved in the community so joining Rotary was a natural fit. Community service "is part of my make-up," she says.

Through Rotary, Johnson says she has made connections statewide that have benefited the Moab clinic. "Being in Salt Lake City at Rotary functions have made a difference in finding volunteer doctors and grants," says Johnson, a real estate agent who works with Bierschied.

Rotary is not the "stodgy" organization that some might believe, Johnson says. Founded by businessmen, the club has evolved over the years to include women and professions of all types. Local Rotarians include the superintendent of Arches National Park, local bank presidents, Realtors like Bierschied and Johnson, motel owners, and a school superintendent.

"The point is, business people have hearts and give their valuable time to assist those in need," Fogg says. "All Rotary Clubs are about that."

Several decades ago local Rotarians appeared as "extras" and "disciples" in the 1965 movie *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, which was shot in Moab and the surrounding area. Moab resident and former member Izzy Nelson actually had a speaking part, Kingsley tells. "It was a big deal for the club."

Top: The long-running Moab Car Show is sponsored by the Moab Rotary Club and serves as a fundraiser for many of the scholarships and other causes supported by the club. [Photo courtesy of Moab Sun News] **Middle:** Toby, left, and Cali Blackmon enjoy the super-sized percussion instruments in Moab Rotary Park.

Bottom: AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers Margaret Jala, left, and Zoe Huston working at the Moab Free Health Clinic in July. The clinic relies on volunteer medical staff to provide non-urgent medical care and mental health services to uninsured and underinsured patients, and receives support from Rotary club fundraising.



Membership

oab's Rotary Club currently has 30 members, and new members are always welcome. "We're looking for service-minded people," Fogg says, "people who abide by the four truths."

Unlike the old days, when meetings were weekly and dues were higher, "it's not a huge time commitment," Bierschied says. "It's more user-friendly for busy schedules. In the beginning everyone had to come to weekly meetings and there could only be so many people from any one profession." It's more lax these days, although members are expected to attend meetings regularly.

The Moab Rotary Club used to meet at noon on Mondays. There was always a luncheon and a guest speaker. As people got busier, and priorities changed, the club adapted. In January, the club decided to meet twice a month, instead of weekly. There's even a Salt Lake City club that is Internet-based. Its members never physically meet.

In July, when the new club president, Steve Getz, took the helm, the club changed again. Monday meetings had become problematic with many holidays falling on that day of the week. These days the club meets every first and third Wednesday at 7 a.m., over coffee and bagels. Members gather in the basement of the new Bierschied Building at 301 S. 400 East.

Getz became a member 12 years ago after he was invited to a Rotary meeting in Nevada, where he was living at the time. "I liked the fact that they care about their community and do a lot of service projects. It looked like fun, and a bunch of good people," he says, which prompted him to join.

A retired chemist, Getz also volunteers three days a week at the Grand County Food Bank, where he recently ran into Stephen Stocks who was dropping off food along with his postmaster father – provisions collected during a recent food drive. The 27-year old Stocks, who graduated from law school last year, experienced Rotary as a high school student when he attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp where young people learn about leadership and public service.

"It was a phenomenal experience," he recalls. "There were kids from all over the country, and the world. There was a lot team-building." Stocks says he appreciated the diversity he found at camp, meeting people from all different backgrounds. He volunteered to return the following year, as an alumnus to help lead the camp. The teenager attended the camp with four other local high school kids, who were accompanied by retired USU-Moab professor and student advisor Sam Sturman.

Rotary Youth Exchange is another program for young people, where Rotary sponsors students to live abroad for a year. Over the years, Fogg has hosted five exchange students, each for a year. He continues to receive Christmas cards every year from a student from Jakarta, Indonesia. "It's a great experience. They come and see what Americans are really like – not what they see on TV. We hope that they will return to their countries and join Rotary and bring the world together for world peace," says Fogg. "It is a life-changing event for these high school students," Kingsley adds.

Political persuasions of members vary, but politics – and religion – are generally checked at the door. "We do argue, debate; but we also want to break bread together and do good for the world," Bierschied acknowledges.

As the new president, one of the things that Getz says he wants to accomplish is recognizing and giving thanks to other individuals or groups in Moab that are serving the community in various ways. "With our connections we can do some pretty amazing things," he says.

Moab Rotary Club meets in the morning, twice a month.

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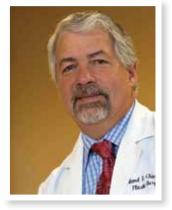
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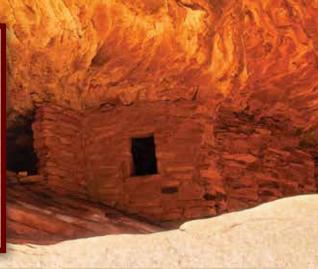
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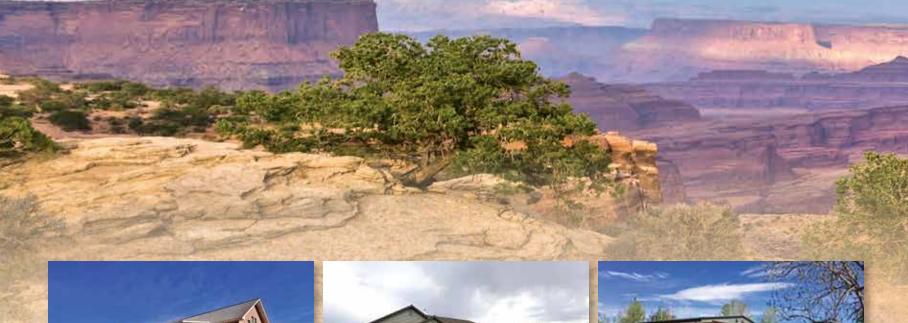
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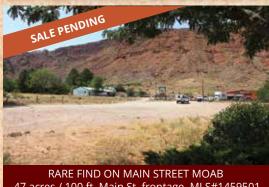
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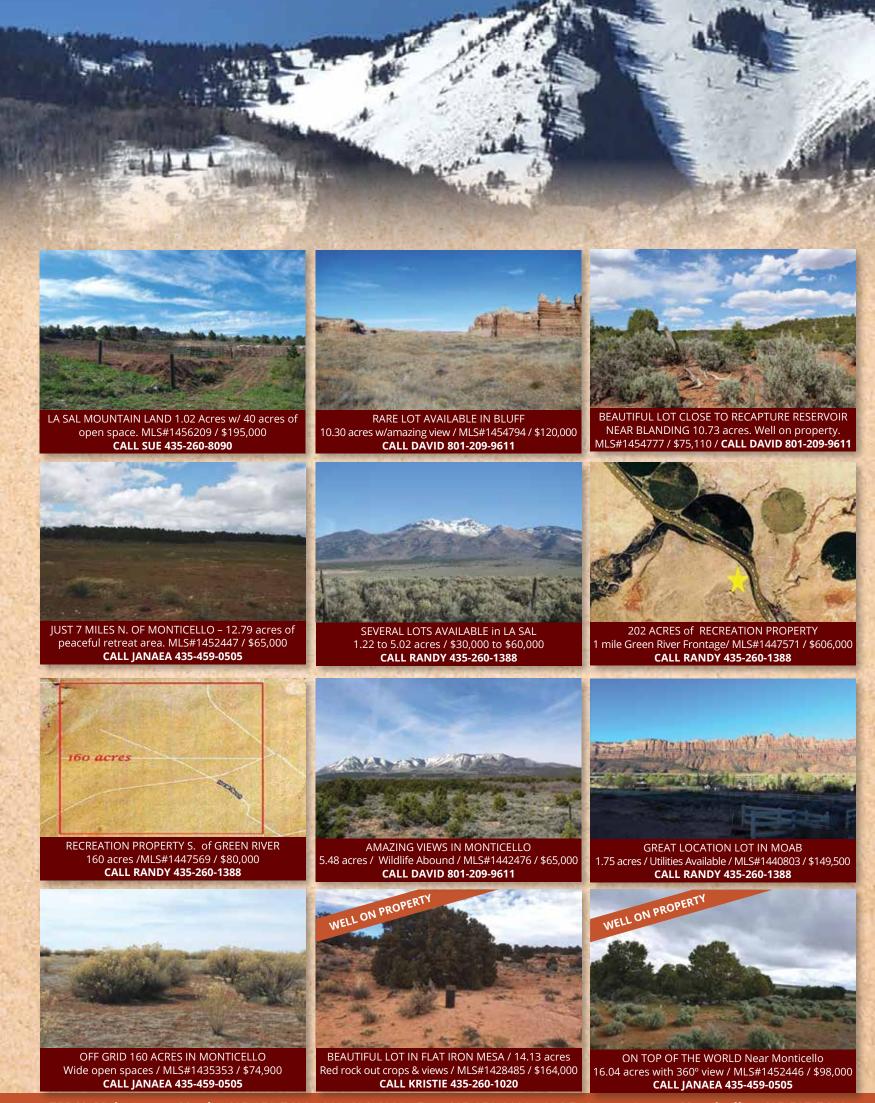
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Moab resident Jana Knowles stands next to her Chevy Volt that she powers up with energy collected from solar panels on her home

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ay what you will about that ball of fire blazing above the high desert, there's no avoiding its staying power. This time of year, as daylight adds up to triple-digit afternoon temperatures that remain high through the evenings, a cloud or two can be a very welcome sight. But even monsoon season and short winter days don't change what more and more businesses and homeowners are learning — there's a lot of power in Moab's skies.

Thus far in 2017, nearly 40 residential and commercial solar photovoltaic installations have been permitted in Grand County. Professionals in the field say there's good reason for the technology's popularity here. The cost per watt of solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation has decreased dramatically in recent years with improvements in system design; meanwhile, state and federal tax incentive programs implemented nearly a decade ago continue to be available for the next few years.

That's to say nothing of the particular advantages Moab has always enjoyed for solar PV production, says professional solar photovoltaic installer and owner of Sunset Power Solutions Jeff Tobe.

Those who track the sun as a resource are in awe of the number of sunny days in the Four Corners region of the United States, Tobe says. Every area has a different solar power production potential, depending on its orientation and where trees or structures cast

shadows. Moab receives an average of six hours of daily sunlight – enough to create 1,000 watts of power across every square mile, every single day – making the potential for solar power production better here than in much of the rest of the world.

Homeowners Jana and David Knowles saw their electricity bills disappear after placing solar panels on their home; their reason for investing in solar power is simple. "It works," David says.

The couple hasn't paid a power bill other than the standard monthly connection fee in three years. The solar installation on their previous home actually produced more electricity than the family used monthly, David says. The solar panels on their new home not only fully supply their household electricity requirements – including for a hot tub - but also supply power for Jana's Chevy Volt. "It's been a dream of mine for years," Jana says.



"People want to be self-sufficient."

f course, solar power isn't always available. Just like the Chevy Volt has a backup hybrid gas/electric engine for rides that exceed the battery's power, most solar PV systems are connected to the power grid and tap into traditional power sources when the panels don't produce – such as at night or on cloudy days. That's why even households like the Knowles' continue to pay a connection fee supporting maintenance of the grid.

This month, Rocky Mountain Power will announce a new net-metering policy and the rates it will pay for generated electricity. Net-metering allows customers who produce their own power to sell it back to the utility in exchange for a discount on their bill. The prospect of a less favorable rate for net metering, or even a fee charged just to homes equipped with solar power, has caused concern among solar industry professionals and advocates.

The utility's long-range planning program, called the Integrated Resource Plan, is completely rewritten every other year and seeks the least-cost, least-risk solutions for ratepayers, says Rocky Mountain Power spokesperson David Eskelsen. All of the power plants the company has constructed since 2000 have been either natural gas or wind, he points out. Although the company is also investing in solar production, wind has a higher energy density and translates to lower costs overall for large-scale production, he adds.

Nevertheless, professional installers like Andrew Austin, owner and operator of Austin Solar, are optimistic about the future of solar, and renewable power in general.

Years ago, Austin saw the potential of solar and began taking night classes at the local community college toward becoming a professionally certified solar photovoltaic installer. Today, he runs his Moab-based company full time, installing solar PV arrays on new and existing residential homes throughout Grand County.

A solar PV system may not pay for itself as quickly if net-metering rates decrease, Austin acknowledges. There's also the ongoing concern that international trade policy or other industry issues could affect the price of solar panels, which are largely manufactured overseas or from parts acquired abroad.

Yet Austin sees renewable energy as an inevitable part of the future, with benefits outweighing setbacks. Design improvements mean more power is being produced per panel, and wi-fi enabled sensors mean maintenance is more simple and cost-effective than ever.

Moreover, the desire of the consumer to play a role in the production of the electricity necessary to power modern life isn't going to go away. "People want to be self-sufficient," Austin says.

Eco Logic Design Build owner Eric Plourd wires all of his new homes for solar production, even if the owner isn't ready to install solar when the house is first constructed. He says building a house to be energy efficient in the first place is the biggest change he has seen in residential construction. Heating and cooling make up a large part of household power demand, so a well-sealed and insulated house that holds its temperature uses less electricity overall. "People like smart design," Plourd says.



Top and above: Andrew Austin, owner of Moab-based Austin Solar, works on a photovoltaic installation at a Spanish Valley home in July.



Moab City Facilities Superintendent Chace Gholson inspects one of the city's rooftop solar installations.



Mayor Dave Sakrison, front, spoke at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in February, as he and others officially dedicated the new 25-kilowatt solar power array at the Moab City Center. [Photo courtesy of Moab Sun News]

City onboard with renewable energy

he City of Moab has been committed to innovating power generation solutions for nearly two decades. With solar arrays already installed on all but two of its municipal buildings, this year the city proudly announced an official resolution to fully power the city with renewables by 2032.

"It's part of a larger effort to drive a conversation about ways to move the grid to more renewable resources," says City Council Member and architect Kalen Jones.

Rocky Mountain Power is a ready partner in the goal, with several years of work already behind them working toward similar resolutions made by Salt Lake City and Park City. With this resolution, Moab will have a voice in the conversation about powering whole cities with renewables, Jones says.

Moab was an enthusiastic early adopter of the utility's Blue Sky Program, which allows subUtah personal tax credit:
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scribers the choice of purchasing renewable power credits to offset the impact of coal-fired power. Recently, Rocky Mountain Power successfully subscribed nearly 100 percent of its first Solar Subscriber program.

Given that the need for power isn't going away, being in a position to help innovate ways of generating it is a good bet, says City Council Member Rani Derasari, who wants to see energy production generate local income.

Like Austin, American Solar Power owner Kevin Hansen is optimistic about the future of renewables in Moab.

"Moab is a "green" city," he notes. People in Moab care about their impact on resources and the environment, and will do what they can to be part of the clean energy solution, Hansen says, adding "The single most impactful way to minimize emissions in Utah is to produce power with solar."



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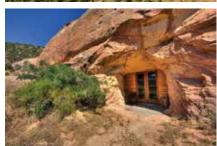
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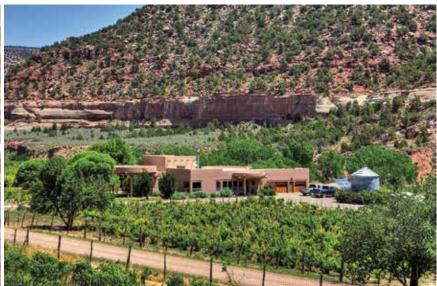
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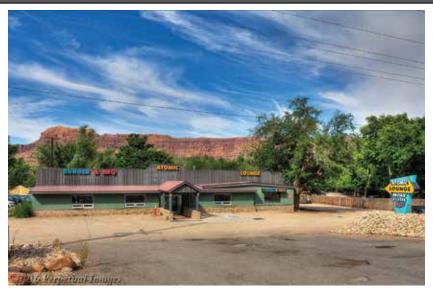


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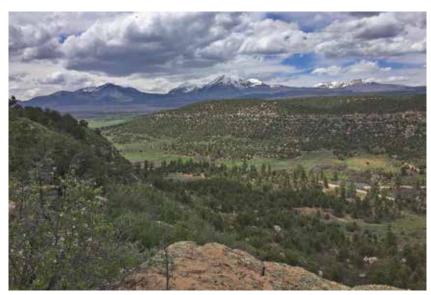


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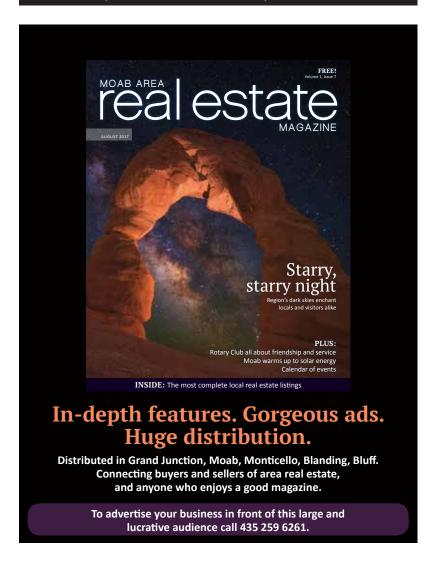


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County: Grand Zip Code: 84532 Elevation: 4,025 feet Year-round population: 5,000

MOAB CITY NUMBERS

All Emergencies: 9-1-1 Police: 259-8938 Fire Dept.: 259-5557 City Hall: 259-5121 Post Office: 259-7427 Library: 259-1111

Chamber of Commerce: 259-7814 City Planning Dept.: 259-5129 City Recreation Dept: 259-2255

GRAND COUNTY NUMBERS

Sheriff: 259-8115

Grand County School District: 259-5317 County Clerk (Voter Reg.): 259-1321

County Assessor: 259-1327

County Administrator's Office: 259-1346

County Recorder: 259-1332 County Treasurer: 259-1338

Building/Development Permits: 259-1343

Building Inspector: 259-1344 Economic Development:259-1248 Travel Council: 259-1370 Recycling Center: 259-8640

UTILITY CONTACTS

City of Moab: 259-5121 Questar (gas): 259-7137 Rocky Mtn. Power: 888-221-7070 Grand Water & Sewer: 259-8121 Moab City Public Works: 259-7485 Monument Waste Services: 259-6314 / 7585 Frontier (Phone): 800-921-8101

Emery Telcom: 259-8521 Green Solutions: 259-1088 Amerigas Propane: 259-6756

MEDICAL AND DENTAL CONTACTS

Moab Regional Hospital:719-3500 Moab Dental Health Center: 259-5378 Merrill Hugentobler, DDS: 259-7418 Arches Dental: 259-4333 Red Rock Dental: 259-4059

Moab Regional Health Center: 719-5500

TRANSPORTATION

Canyonlands Field Airport: 435-259-4849 Great Lakes Airlines: 435-259-0566 Amtrak (Green River): 800-872-7245 Greyhound Bus (Green River); 800-872-7245 Red Rock Express: 800-259-2869 Moab Taxi: 435-210-4297

Enterprise Rent-a-Car: 435-259-8505 Arches Car Rental: 435-259-4959

UTAH STATE NUMBERS

Motor Vehicle Div: 259-3743 Drivers License Div: 259-3743 Hwy Patrol: 259-5441 Health Dept: 259-5602

Moab Employment Center: 719-2600

District Court: 259-1349

NAT'L & STATE PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Arches Nat'l Park: 719-2299
Canyonlands Nat'l Park: 719-2100
Dead Horse Point State Park: 259-2614
Bureau of Land Management: 259-2100
U.S Forest Service: 259-7155
To Report a Wildfire: 259-1850
Poaching Hotline: 800-662-3337

LOCAL SHUTTLES:

Coyote: 259-8656 Porcupine Shuttle: 260-0896

CITY INFO:

Moab City: 259-5121 www.moabcity.org Monticello: 587-2271 www.monticelloutah.org Blanding: 678-2791 www.blandingutah.org

GRAND COUNTY

Building Inspector: 259-1344 Economic Development:259-1248 Water and Sewer: 259-8121 Sanitarian: 259-5602 Assessor: 259-1327 www.grandcountvutah.net

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Building Inspector: 587-3225

Economic Development: 587-3235 x5006

Water and Sewer: 587-3221 Sanitarian: 587-2021 Assessor: 587-3221 PEST INSPECTORS

Spanish Valley Pest Control 259-8255 Orkin Pest Control: 877-250-1652

INSURANCE COMPANIES

Farmers Insurance: 259-6192 Central Utah Insurance: 259-5981 Markle Insurance: 259-5241 State Farm Insurance: 259-5161

LENDERS

Fidelity Mortgage: 719-4100 www.fidelitymortgage.com

Primary Residential Mortgage: 259-0259 www.primaryresidentalmortgage.com Eastern Utah Comm. Credit Union: 259-8200

www.euccu.com

www.wellsfargo.com

Mountain America Credit Union: 259-1500 www.macu.com Zion's Bank: 259-5961 www.zionsbank.com Wells Fargo Bank: 435-2708

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Moab Property Management: 259-5955

www.moabutahlodging.com

Premier Properties Management 355-0269 www.premierlodgings.com

Vacasa: 866-937-6622

CONTRACTORS

Ben Byrd 259-0224 Chuck Garlett: 259-5014 Henderson Builders: 259-4111 Craig Haren: 259-1537 Jared Ehlers:259-9499 Jim Keogh- 260-8127 Joe Sorensen: 260-5948 Triple J: 259-9988

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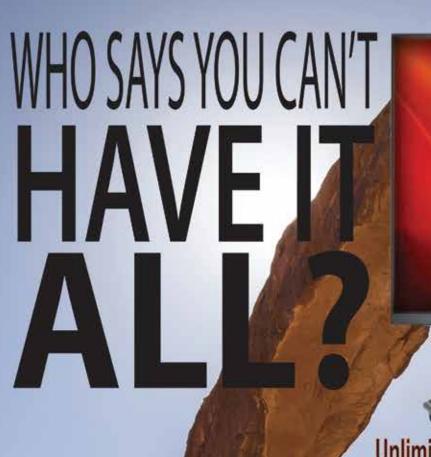
WELL DRILLING:

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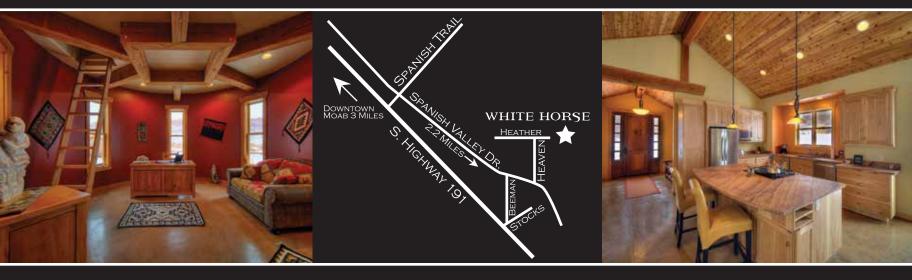
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