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EXPO New Mexico Jam Packed with Exciting Events in February
Great events include Shrine Circus, SuperNationals Car Show, Monster Jam and Cheerleading Competition

The month of February is packed with exciting events at EXPO New Mexico, including the circus, car shows and a cheerleading competition, confirming that EXPO is the place to be for a variety of local as well as nationally renowned entertainment. To complement these events, the Flea Market remains a great place to shop for unique finds and is open every Saturday and Sunday with the exception of during the New Mexico State Fair.

The Route 66 Casino/Hotel SuperNationals Custom Auto Show takes place the weekend of February 6 – 8 starting at noon on Friday. It is a premier indoor hot rod and custom car event, attracting over 200 vehicles on display at six venues throughout EXPO New Mexico. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12 years old.

Also happening in February is the *Spirit of Hope* cheer competition. On February 7, the event brings together cheerleaders and drill teams, including elementary through high school teams from throughout the state to compete in several different categories. The New Mexico Activities Association sanctioned event will be held in Tingley Coliseum with doors opening at 9:00 AM and competitions beginning at 10:00 AM. Admission is \$10.00 with the exception of children under the age of 2, who will be admitted free of charge.

The very popular Shrine Circus provides exceptional entertainment for the whole family and offers 8 shows during the weekend of February 13- 15. The event which takes place at Tingley Coliseum includes three rings, high wire acts, animals, clowns and much more. Tickets start at \$18 for adults, and kids younger than 12 years old are \$8 each. Box seats add \$10 to the base cost.

Later in the month, on February 20 - 22, Tingley Coliseum will host Monster Jam. The sights and sounds of Monster Jam deliver a thrilling experience for the whole family. Participants include Monster Jam® Trucks El DiabloSM driven by JP, Obsession driven by Rick Swanson, Obsessed driven by Eric Swanson, Felon driven by Mark Schroeder, McGruff driven by Rod Wood, and Bounty Hunter® driven by Trent Montgomery, just to name a few (all are subject to change as the date approaches). Advance tickets start at \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

If you are an expectant or even long time parent, grandparent or favorite aunt or uncle, you won't want to miss the Baby Bonanza and Kids Fair on the afternoons of February 21 and 22 at EXPO New Mexico in the Manuel Lujan Building, Complex A. The Bonanza has evolved from an event specifically geared to new and expecting moms to a great place for the whole family to enjoy learning about the many local resources available to parents and families. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, and children 12 and under are free.

EXPO New Mexico Barrel Racing is a recurring event, with the next one scheduled on February 20. Barrel racing is a great spectators sport and a unique opportunity to experience rodeo events outside of the State Fair. Barrel Racing takes place at the Dairy Barn with exhibitions at 6:00 PM and races at 8:00 PM. There is no cost to attend though barrel racers interested in competing can find more information on the EXPO New Mexico webpage at www.EXPONM.com for relevant entry fees.

If folks need more incentive to make the short drive to EXPO, don't forget about our fantastic Flea Market. EXPO New Mexico is home to the largest outdoor Flea Market in the State – open every Saturday and Sunday at 7 AM.

“As is once again evidenced by this month's events, the range of creative, exciting and entertaining options that you can experience at our venue is extraordinary,” said Dan Mourning, General Manager at EXPO New Mexico. For more information, log onto www.EXPONM.com.