

# Entertainment calendar is full year-round



*Events such as rodeo, jazz and blues fests, air show, Pro-Am golf highlight the best*

**A**spirited parade of entertaining Monterey County happenings marches non-stop through the four seasons.

Rodeo to air show, bull riders to fighter jets, motorcycle races to jazz and blues fests, golf tournaments and wine and food tastings.

They may be smaller, community-centered events, but

even those tend to draw people from more distant towns. They may be county-wide, such as the Salinas Valley Fair in King City. They may enjoy national and even global stature — the Monterey Jazz Festival or the Big Sur International Marathon, for examples.

Think, too, of storied venues such as Pebble Beach and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca,

each the site of its own busy event calendar.

Given the rich mix of cultures in the county, many happenings come ethnically flavored. The Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival in July in Salinas, for example, features activities such as Japanese flower arrangement, tea ceremony demonstrations, martial arts and other activities.

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