



NEWS TIME M V A T V R

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RIDE REPORT

The Hammett Bruneau ride was really cool, Actually just a little bit cool. The fog lifted just as we were getting ready to head out. Nice sunny day very little wind.. We had 25 machines, about 30 riders and Gus. Great lunch and neat views at the canyon overlook. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Lots of grins every time we stopped. Things got a little interesting on a couple of down-hill's that had some ice on them, but everyone did just fine.

We did have to make a detour towards the end of ride due to a huge tumbleweed blockade right in the gulley we were riding, but we managed to get everyone turned around and on their way.

The rider of the day award would have to go Bobbie Crawford who rode the whole ride on a 200cc , 2 wheel drive machine. GREAT JOB.

A COWBOYS GUIDE TO LIFE

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance

NEXT MEETING

FREE FOOD

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2008

Wes and the gang at Adventure Motor Sports will be cooking up some of their world famous, secret recipe, Sloppy Joe's. This gourmet delight will include not only the incredible Sloppy Joe's but will be served with chips, drink, and desert.

The address for Adventure Motor Sports is:

**2469 Kimberly Road
Twin Falls, Id.**

They will begin serving at 6:30 pm, but you are welcome to come early and browse the showroom for good deals.

The meeting will begin as soon as everyone is served.

We have lots of good things to talk about and sure hope you will be there.

Please invite a friend to come check us out.

Please bring a lawn chair or folding chair or you will probably be

Standing up as there is no seating at the dealership

Please welcome our new members

Evert Adams/Susan Bergen

Todd and Cleta Allison

Shawn Applewhite

Roy Applewhite

John and Heidi Bishop

Dave and Linda Burgess

Tim and Cindy Carter

Jose and Becca Duch

Jack and Kay Flavel

Greg and Katrina Greene

Duane and Susan Haakenson

Randy and Gayle Hacking

Greg and Stephanie Habel

Lee and Jan Heider

Dave and Joan Howard

Darryl Jacobsen/April

Twitchell

Dick and Quita King

Kully and Christie Kulm

Kevin and Melissa Kuykendall

James and Bonnie LaRue

Jim and Vivian LaRue

Robert and Colleen Leitch

Rob and Nicole Leitch

Leroy and Vicky Luper

Tom and Naomi McGinnis

John and Marie Pello

Kevin and Shambra Utley

Tim and DeAnn Zollinger

Laurie Mounce

Kent and Janan Claiborn

Andy Hoffman/Virginia

Roy Kleuemoen

UPCOMING RIDES

March 15: Bonanza Bar Lake Channel: This is a Snake River Trail Machine Riders, SRTMRA, event, which we are always invited to their rides as they are always invited to ours.

Leave Ridleys shopping mall in Rupert at 9:00am, Travel to Minidoka to unload. Ride length about 45 miles. Contact: Lanny Carlisle, 312-3709

March 16 : King Hill: directions from I84. Take exit 129, go towards King Hill approximately 4 miles. Immediately after crossing bridge take first road to right and go about 1 mile.

Ride start time is 10:00 AM. Ride length will be 30 to 40 miles depending on snow conditions and creek levels.

Contact: Larry Drexler 733-2297

March 22: Sid Crossing:SRTMRA Ride. We will meet them at the unloading sight. Unloading sight is about 15 miles east of Dietrich on highway 24. Look for Sid Crossing sign, turn north go across railroad to unload sight.

Ride will be towards Richfield ,possibly Sand Butte or Black ridge Cave. Contact Lanny Carlisle 312-3709

March 30: Minidoka crossing, Laidlaw park: Meet at Chevron Station in Paul. Be ready to leave there at 9:00am. Travel north to Kimama to staging area.. This is an excellent ride across lava flows.

Correction: Gooding City of Rocks Ride listed for April 9 should be April 19

We have been contacted by the Twin Falls County Search and Rescue to see if we would be interested in becoming a volunteer search organization. The board of directors voted that we would be willing to do this if there was interest by the membership. I would like to stress that this is strictly voluntary even if you sign up to be a volunteer you are under no obligation to respond if called. We feel this would be a very worthwhile endeavor for our club and would encourage you to think about being involved. We are also in need of couple members who would be willing to be the contact person for the club. The Search and Rescue does not have time to call all volunteers so they need someone they can call in the club who will then notify other members.

If you wish to sign up we will have a sign up sheet at the meeting or you can email at: mvatvs@msn.com or call Stan Mai 733-5981

At the last meeting Karla Bankhead gave a presentation on a cpr class she conducts. Karla is a certified cpr instructor. If you would be interested in taking the class please contact Karla at: 208-948-9065. If enough members sign up we will receive a better rate

Urgent news

The Sawtooth Forest Travel Plan has been released. It is available for appeal for the next 45 days. They plan on having all appeals handled and the plan implemented before Memorial weekend. The travel plan is just about what we expected it is basically Alternative 2, which was the preferred alternative. The plan is not great, but we can live with it. Supposedly there will be yearly updates to the plan and we can recommend changes in order to get back some of the good riding opportunities we have lost. That is the good news.

NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS::

The ink is not even dry on the travel plan and we have already received notice from the Minidoka Ranger District of **proposed closures.**

Initially when the travel plan process began we were told by the Minidoka Ranger District that they planned to leave all system roads open on the travel plan. **This did not happen.** Later they met with the motorized community and discussed the possibility of closing some of the spur roads to decrease the road and trail density. The road and trail density figures used to justify this is are not written in stone. There is no unbiased sight, and species, specific research which proves that motorized use is detrimental to game. In fact in some areas an increase in wildlife has paralleled the increase in ATV traffic. We spent quite a bit of time with the folks from the Minidoka Ranger District deciding which roads should be closed.. The words from the District Ranger were that if we would agree to these closures they could then have the road density low enough to add some of our proposed changes.

Now they have not only proposed to close all of these spur roads but they also want to **close Bear Hollow road (72008) permanently. They also want to close the Winecup road (70452), a very scenic popular loop ride for the whole month of October (exactly when the fall colors are at there best).** This should not be allowed to happen.

We feel that we have been misled by the Minidoka Ranger District. We believed what they told us. We worked with them and this is the response we received. We need your help. We will be contacting other local clubs, state organizations, national organizations, local and state politicians, and our elected officials to congress to address this situation..

We would suggest that your comments to the Forest Service should include the fact that the closure of 70452 and 72008 have never been mentioned before. The closure of 70452 during October has no factual basis. Recreational ATV riders should not be subject to seasonal closures to appease others. (We have never asked for restrictions to other users on the forest and feel that we should be treated the same way.)

You may also want to include that the following spur roads should not be closed because they are actually not spur roads and in some cases connect to roads outside the forest boundary: 72101, 72102,70639,72098,72106, 70648c(connects to road 72128 which is actually a through road) 72190 and 72191 (these two roads form a loop),72230 and 72231 form a loop,72228, and 72237.

We would ask that you please take the time to comment on this issue. You might also want to mention that you are a member of MVATVR and you support their position.

You have 2 ways to comment either by email at:

comments_intermtn_sawtooth_minidoka@fs.fed.us

Or by mail: District Ranger, Minidoka Ranger District, 3650 S. Overland Ave. Burley, Id. 83318. Please submit comments as soon as possible time is of the essence.

Application For Membership
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Name (Please Print) _____

Spouse (Print) _____

Mailing address (Please Print) _____

City / State / Zip (Please Print) _____

Home Phone _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Would you like to receive your newsletter by Email? Yes No (saves money)

What type of riding and other activities do you enjoy?

Would you be interested in committee or board member positions? _____

Type of Membership (Circle One) New Yearly Renewal (Membership Year is January to January.) New memberships received after July 31st will be half rate after November 1st will be credited for next year.

(Circle One) Individual \$20.00 per year Spouse/Family \$25.00 per year

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: I/we fully understand that ATV activities involve risks and dangers of serious injury up to and including death. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the Activity. I/we (to include all family members and guests) hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. its directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, other participants, any sponsors, advisors, and if applicable owners and lessors of premises on which the activity takes place, (each considered one of the "releasees" herein) from all liability claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of "releasees". I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim. I am 18 years of age or older, have read and understand the terms of this agreement, understand that I am giving up substantial rights, have signed it voluntarily and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

By signing this agreement I/we agree to abide by all club bylaws and rules

Signatures _____ **Spouse** _____ **Date** _____

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