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MAGIC VALLEY ATV RIDERS, INC.

QUAD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPT. 1, 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Our club meetings will resume in October!

Don't miss it!

Starting in October, the MVATVR will resume normal monthly meetings for members and guests on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The meeting will be at Idaho Pizza on

Kimberly Road. No host dinner at 6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM.



More inside!



See you in October!

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWSEST MEMBERS TO MVATVR:

- Wayne & Robin Stanhope
- Val & Cleo Judd
- Fred Mohr & Debbie Broner

PAST RIDES

Bay Horse in Challis, ID

August 16-18

For those of you that wanted to ride the Bayhorse but were afraid it would be smoky from the nearby wildfire missed an amazing day with clear blue skies and no smoke! Luckily the smoke from the fire blew in a different direction all day. Jessica Minor and Butch and Donna Humphries made the trip to Challis for the ride. The Idaho State ATV Association meeting coincided with the ride so there were a lot of people attending and a few speakers on hand.

Friday night there was a wonderful ice cream social at the Land of the Yankee Fork Interpretive Center followed by a BBQ in the park with many great door prizes being raffled off.

Saturday, we had a record turnout of ATV and side-by-side enthusiasts for the ride over to Bayhorse. It took about 2 hours of crossing beautiful mountains to arrive at the Bayhorse mine location. A lunch was provided by a local business for a donation only. After lunch, everyone split into small groups and took off on their own to tour the area. We chose to tour the Bayhorse Lake, Ramshorn Mine, Skylark Mine and up to a 10,000 ft lookout. We got to see a mine that had 3 feet of snow on the floor and had an ice cold wind blowing from deep within. We had an enjoyable ride back down to the Interpretive Center and were able to attend the state general meeting. A dinner for the riders was hosted at the Y-Inn after the meeting with Chicken Fried Steak and all the fixings.

On Sunday, there was another hosted ride that folks could participate in if they had time.

Overall, this is a beautiful location, excellent, safe trails, clear trail maps provided, and a host of very helpful folks happy to see you there enjoying the area.



Goat Lake Walk-About Cancelled – "Here's Your Sign....."



After arriving at the Pine on Thursday, we set up camp and started to settle in for a much anticipated ATV ride along the Boise River, among the pine trees and up to Goat Lake. At that time my only concern were of the two new fires we noticed just north of Fairfield. I figured at most, we would have a little smoke in the air to contend with during our two day ride and anticipated some very nice sunsets for the coming evenings. **Here's Your Sign #1.**

Friday morning I left camp early to help the Forest Service post 6 new signs on the Kelly ATV Loop trail. I had stopped at the Fairfield office the day before and thanks to Steve Frost was given the signs. This was a big win for all ATV riders in that the signs specify that portions of the Kelly Loop are One-Way travel only. As I was getting into the RZR to leave camp, I noticed the seats were covered in ash. This seemed odd in that the Fairfield fires were over 40 (road) miles away. **Here's Your Sign #2.**

During my time on the trail, it did seem unusual that the amount of smoke now filling the valleys was more than what I would have expected from a fire that was 40 miles away. **Here's Your Sign #3.**

After posting the Forest Service signs, I returned to camp about 3pm but was surprised to see that Dixie had not yet arrived. She had mentioned previously that she had planned to arrive by noon. **Here's Your Sign #4.**

After hearing that the town of Pine had lost electrical power, that yet another fire was much closer than I was aware of, and that the Forest Service was positioning fire fighters in Pine, I drove to town to ask some questions. **Here's Your Sign #5.**

After talking with the Forest Service staff and several "locals," I was told that a section of Highway 20 had already been closed. **Here's Your Sign #6.....** the North Pine Featherville Road (Fh 61) at Curlew Creek was now blocked off and no traffic was being allowed to enter the area. **Here's Your Sign #7.....** that the Forest Service was considering if an evacuation of Pine was needed. **Here's Your Sign #8.....** that the best option for leaving the area was to drive east over Couch Summit. **Here's Your Sign #9.**

As a long time resident of northern Wisconsin, admittedly, I have very little experience with forest fires. However, what I have learned from the yearly lake effect snow storms that run through Lake Superior, is that when an escape route is no longer available to you, its time to consider if you really need to be wherever you're at. **Here's Your Sign #32 from a Wisconsin resident, but it only partially applies to this story because I'm only on #9 (see above).**

As I was driving from Pine back to our camp, I looked over by left shoulder. What I now could see were much darker smoke clouds and a very distinctive "reddish" tone in the clouds just above the hills. **Here's Your Sign #10.**

Arriving at camp, I advised the other MVATV members of the facts at hand and then decided that its time to admit that I really don't need to be where I'm at, and its now time to get out of Dodge. **Here's Your Sign #11.**

As we crested the top of Couch Summit, we could "actually see" the fires coming over the hill from that Fairfield fire I had seen earlier in the week. It wasn't until we reached the bottom of the hill that we passed a County Sherriff that was stopping all traffic attempting to come up the mountain. The road to Wells Summit was also closed to up hill traffic. **Here's Your Sign #12.**

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My thoughts go out to the folks in Pine and Featherville for having to go through this kind of stress yet once more. Let's all hope they and their property are all unharmed.....

PAST RIDES

Mackay, Idaho August 18-25

The club had 6 members that attended the yearly Mackay ATV ride. The weather was good with just a little smoke to contend with. Both Lanny and Jerry had minor accidents with ATV trailers and camp trailers on the trip but otherwise the ride and camp week went well for everyone.

MVATVR rode with the Mackay club the first day and discovered a brand new trail that everyone will have to check out next year. On the 2nd and 3rd days, the group rode on their own.

Overall, this was a great ride and a beautiful area to explore on your own with a provided map of the area.



Mackay, Idaho



RALLY IN THE PINES

Island Park, Idaho

August 23-25

I've always wanted to explore the Island Park area but just never had the right opportunity until recently. Rally in the Pines is a very well attended ATV/OHV rally held in the heart of Island Park with folks coming from all over the US as well as Canada to enjoy 3 amazing days of exploring the area, meeting new people and taking it easy in one of Idaho's

most beautiful areas. About 8 members of the MVATVR attended the ride. We rode lake shores, explored parts of Montana, climbed to high peaks, crossed the Continental Divide and enjoyed some beautiful rivers and also Big Springs. We even got to Geo Cache and go on a photo scavenger hunt for raffle tickets. Saturday night was an exciting time. There was a band playing, food vendors, product vendors, and a raffle with over \$9000 worth of prizes. This event was very well organized and I highly recommend it for 2014!



Tom, Vonda, Dixie, Bobby & Jessica



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National Public lands day, work and play weekend. Saturday and Sunday September 28th, 29th Porcupine Springs Campground, South Hills

NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2012, 150,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, planted trees and restored our water resources.

Would you like to take part in this? Here is your chance. The Minidoka Ranger District is reserving the group sites at the Porcupine Springs for us to use that weekend at no cost to us.

You got it! The group sites are reserved and free for National Public Lands Day workers (Friday-Sunday ONLY)

On Saturday morning at 8:00 we will gather at Loop C of Porcupine Springs Campground for a Welcome and Safety meeting by the Forest Service. After the meeting, the various groups will head out to work on projects with other volunteers. Our group will be working on Trail 912 between Goose Creek and Deadline Ridge. This trail has developed some issues that we will work on to make the trail safer and more fun. At noon we will all return to Porcupine Springs for lunch. Our club will be in charge of lunch. If you would like to help with lunch please contact Dixie Best 308-6418.

Lunch will be something special. Sloppy Joes, Dutch oven potatoes, Dutch oven cobbler

After lunch those that wish can continue to help with projects.

Those that are tired can take the afternoon off. This is a good chance to have some fun, meet members of other organizations in the area and help improve the recreation experience for all users. On Sunday we have a 45 mile ride to see the fall colors. This is good time of year to visit the South Hills as the Aspen should be in full color at this time. You can come anytime from Friday on. We will be camping in Loops A and B. Lunch and headquarters will be in Loop C. This should be a fun weekend, and I hope you all can make it. If you have questions call Stan Mai 293-5669, 733-5981. David Ashby (Minidoka Ranger District) 208-678-0430.

Directions to Porcupine Springs campground: From Hansen go south on Rock Creek Road for about 29 miles, it is on your left.

If you wish, you can come up earlier in the week and camp and ride (camping will NOT be free earlier in the week).

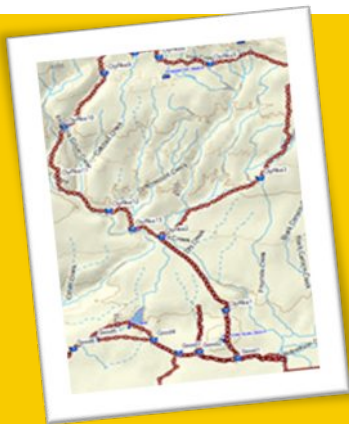
MVATVR members here is your chance to spend some time getting to know other members of our club plus members of other clubs. It is also a chance to show everyone we care about our trails and are willing to our part in maintaining them. If you have never done any trail work this is a great time to find out how much fun it is. You can work at your own pace and stop when you wish. Plus you get free lunch. How much better can it get? If you have any questions please call Stan Mai 293-5669

See y'all there.

Where is the Wildfire?

So you're planning an ATV ride or a cross country get away and you need to know if the recent fire you just heard about will interfere with your plans. The MVATVR website has been updated to provide just the help you may need. Go to the **"Safety"** page and look for the **"Where is the Wildfire link."** This new page shows two Internet websites that provide geospatial datasets relevant to "on-going" fire management activities.

These active fire mapping programs provide a near real-time geospatial overview of current wildland fire situations at regional and national scales. Locations of current fires and the extent of previous fire activity are ascertained using satellite imagery.



Do We Have A Track For You?

The MVATVR website offers the option to download several GPS tracks from previous rides. We realize not everyone is able to go on our rides on the day scheduled. We also realize not everyone wants to ride in a large group. The purpose of the GPS download section (found only in the Members page) is to help you know where to ride on your own. However, not all our rides have been saved for this purpose. **Our question for you is**, do you have a location where you would like to ride (that is NOT yet listed) and just lack the extra help needed to venture off into uncharted country? If so, please let Stan know so we can be sure to add new GPS tracks for your specific areas of interest. On a related note..... Would it be helpful to also have access to an "on-line" image library that shows pictures of the predominate lay-of-the-land for these areas? Is the technology available to accomplish such a need? I wonder.....

Application For Membership
Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc.
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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 E-Mail? Yes No (email saves postage costs)

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. If received after November 1st it will be credited toward the next year.)

(Circle One) Individual: \$20.00 per year Spouse/Family: \$25.00 per year
Make checks payable to: Magic Valley ATV Riders

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

Signature _____ **Spouse** _____ **Date** _____

TRAIL DIFFICULTY GUIDE

Level 1, Beginner:

Gravel or dirt surfaces that are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface. Ride distance will be short, speeds very slow.

Level 2, Advanced Beginner:

Mild ups and downs, some narrow, mild rock, mostly roads and jeep trails, minor off camber. Two-wheel drive ok.

Level 3, Intermediate:

Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or rutty surface. May have short sections that are narrow. Can have blind turns, switchbacks, steep or roller coaster grades, some off-camber side hills, minor drop-offs, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame. Four-wheel drive may be needed depending on conditions. Pace of ride will be a little faster, distances and length of ride will be longer.

Level 4, Advanced Intermediate:

Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Four-wheel drive highly recommended.

Level 5, Expert:

Very rocky, steep, off camber, high water crossings, large ruts. Large obstacles in trails, narrow with big drop offs. Four-wheel drive required, may need winch.



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