



We are a family organization and welcome social interactions among all our members. Riders of all ages are welcome to join us. We are a growing, vibrant organization of almost 400 members.

MAGIC VALLEY ATV RIDERS, INC

Quad Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 1, 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NEXT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

No host dinner 6:00 PM

Meeting to follow ~7:00 PM

The club meeting in November is the election meeting and your attendance is important. Board members will be elected at this meeting for the 2014 term. Please attend this meeting so you can vote!

All incumbent board members have agreed to serve again. If anyone wished to run for the 2014 Board, please let us know and we will add your name to the ballot as a write-in on the night of elections.



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Everyone welcome. Bring a friend!

NEW MEMBERS Of MVATVR:

- Craig and Susan Musselman

Be sure to welcome them at the next

PAST RIDES

Jackpot, NV Sunday, October 6

The Jackpot ride was a last minute email ride but we still had a good group of ATV's and UTV's. We unloaded South of Jackpot and headed to the summit of Ellen D Mountain, which has beautiful views of the old town of Contact, Nev. and the surrounding area. From there we worked our way off the back side circled around on some great trails and roads until we found our way to Henry Harris's old cabin. We then wound our way back to the starting point.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Salmon River Cattlemen's Association for allowing the public to ride across their land. Anytime you are in this area, always remember being allowed to ride on private land is a privilege, not a right. Please respect the land, do not harass the livestock, stay on the road or trail and please close all gates.

Thanks to those who attended.

Ride Leader: Stan Mai

MVATVR held 4 club rides in the month of October. Thank you so much to those who volunteered to lead a ride; Lanny, Dixie Best, Jerry Duffy & Stan Mai. These rides would not be possible without folks like you.

Thorn Creek Saturday, October 12

The Thorn Creek Ride started differently than any other previous ride. When we pulled into the unloading area, we were greeted by Frank and Sherry Stone and a table full of donuts! What a way to start a beautiful day of riding in the high desert!

We had 15 ATV's, 1 UTV and Scruffy out enjoying a very easy, pleasant ride of 46 miles. The ride included lunch on top of a butte overlooking Magic Reservoir and the surrounding area.

Ride Leader: Dixie Best

Middle Mountain, South of Oakley

Saturday, October 19

A large number of ATV riders accompanied Lanny and Jerry on a trail ride to Middle Mtn, south of Oakley. Many of those who showed up had never been to Oakley, let alone ridden there. Approximately 27 machines, some with 2 riders, made the trek. We traveled 7 miles south to the unload zone. From there we went east and ended up at a rock cabin on top of Middle Mtn. The cabin was built many years ago to give shelter to the men who worked at one of the oldest rock quarries. It is not in use now and in great despair due to vandals. At the bottom of the hill we had lunch. Traveling down towards Goose Creek we went farther south to Emery Canyon to Goose Creek. We crossed Goose Creek at Coal Banks. Going west from Coal Banks, we went past a closed coal mine. A poor grade of coal was mined there and transported to schools and the Albion College in the early days. Across the west desert we finally came back to the Goose Creek Road and traveled north to the waiting pickups and trailers. I believe all that attended enjoyed the Oakley valley. Trees were brilliant with fall colors, there was little wind and dusty at times, but good weather. Thanks to Lanny for being the ride leader.

PAST RIDES, cont.

Hoppers Gulch Sat., October 26

Its hard to give up summer with the forecast looking so good. At the last minute, Jerry Duffy decided to go wheeling in the South Hills. An email invite was sent out Friday morning and we met Saturday morning at Hoppers Gulch at 9:30. 16 machines showed up. The day was perfect. We saw a few deer even though hunting season is open. We rode Hoppers to Cottonwood back to Hoppers then over to Bear Gulch Campground. We made a fire and roasted hotdogs and made smores. After lunch, we rode up Bear Gulch to Indian Springs and took a couple of loops by the Cattleman Association Cabin. Next we went across the dam at Williams Reservoir then up to Hoppers and back to the pickups by 4:00 PM. We rode a total of 49 miles. It was a fun ride! Thanks to all who came.

Ride leader: Jerry & Nancy Duffy



BUHL LIGHT PARADE

THE ANNUAL BUHL LIGHT PARADE WILL BE HELD IN BUHL, IDAHO ON SAUTURDAY, DECEMBER 7. WE WANT TO BE AN OVERWHELMING PRESENCE AGAIN THIS YEAR SO START PLANNING YOUR DECORATIONS FOR YOUR ATV. AND REMEMBER, THE MORE LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS, THE BETTER!

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER.



Tires shown above are not the actual tires for sale

FOR SALE

Carlisle ATV All Condition Tires

Tires are 1/2 used

Rear size: Radial 26 x 10.00R x 12

Front size: Radial 26 x 8.00R x 12

\$100 for set of 4 tires

Two sets of tires available to choose from

Call Jerry Duffy 731-9962



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The MVATVR club banquet will be held in January 2014 at the Filer School. Please plan on attending. We will update you with more information in the upcoming

2014 CLUB DUES ARE DUE

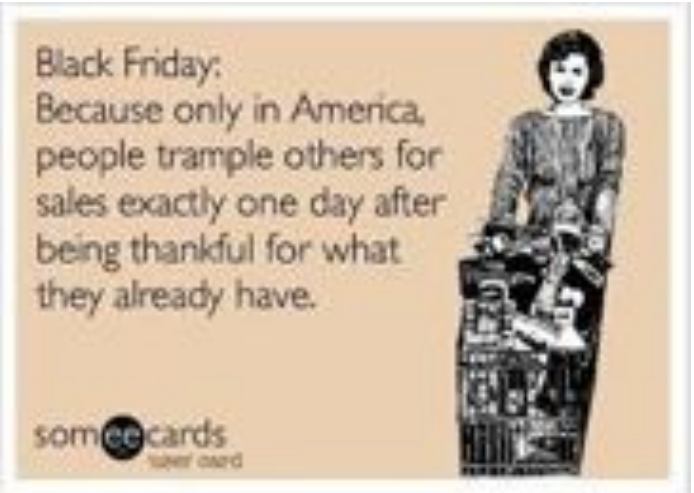
It is time to renew your club membership to MVATVR.

Dues are as follows:

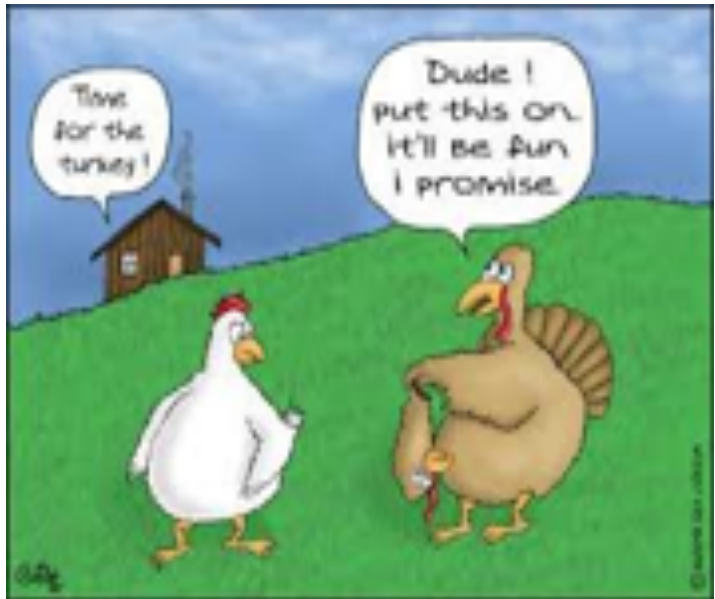
\$25.00 for a family

\$20.00 for a single

Please mail your payment to:
PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303
or bring your payment to the next meeting. To be eligible for the big prizes at the January banquet, you must be current on your membership dues. If you pay before the banquet, you can avoid waiting in line to pay there.



THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO CLUB RIDES PLANNED. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR RIDE INVITES IN YOUR EMAIL INCASE WE PLAN A LAST MINUTE RIDE SOMEWHERE.





MVATVR Technology Seminar

Date: December 14, 2013

Location: Idaho Pizza

Presented by:

Aaron Larson & Frank Stone

~ Start time to be announced ~

Pre-Registration is Required

Objective: Discuss GPS, Computer, Internet, and Software Questions.

Anything Goes! Do you have questions regarding the use of a GPS, saving/using GPS tracks, email, saving your important files as backups, making a DVD, use of Flash drives, bookmarking frequented websites into folders, buying a new computer or other device, protecting your computer from Internet viruses, enhancing your dreary photographs, creating a home video of your recent ATV trek?

Contact Aaron Larson (aaron@atlcomputing.com) or Frank Stone (fstone@videofrompics.com) with any "specific topic issues" that you would like to have addressed.

This is your opportunity to discuss these or other technology questions, at the first MVATVR Technology Seminar

Please register now to save your seat for this first time event!

(Starting time for the seminar will be announced once we know how many members are planning to attend)

To register, call Frank at 934-5491 or email your request to fstone@videofrompics.com



Letter from your President:

At last month's MVATVR club meeting it was mentioned that the sign project, which several members of the club have been involved in, had come to a halt because the local Forest Service office ran out of signs and had no money to buy more. One of our members asked that the Board of Directors look into the club financing the signs and report back to the membership on our decision. We did discuss it at our last board meeting and decided to delay the decision for a while due to the riding season coming to an end in the hills and to give the Forest Service a chance to rectify the situation. The decision was the right one, as the sign issue has already been resolved by the Forest Service. We must remember we are already paying for those signs. We pay income taxes that fund the Forest Service. We pay gas taxes on fuel that is used off-road.

Thankfully both our state government and the Federal government have provisions for our gas tax to be used for projects that will benefit the ORV community. Grant money from these programs is available for agencies to acquire needed funds for projects that will benefit us. Signs would fit in this category. In the past we have provided input to the Forest Service regarding projects we would like to see happen. We have also given our support for the grant requests. In 2014 there will be \$800,000.00 state money available and 5 million dollars of Federal money available to applying agencies. Financially our club may not contribute a lot to Forest Service projects but we contribute quite a bit in volunteer hours. This year the amount of volunteer time this club contributed would amount to several thousand dollars. We also provide and fund the food at National Public Lands Day. These are some of the ways we give back and do our part to help make ATV riding better for all.

The request that we donate money for the signs got me thinking about our club, and its purpose.

Let us return to the year 2007. The Forest Service had made the decision to adopt a "closed unless open", designated trail system for all National Forest Land. Locally we did not have a strong unified voice advocating for the ATV community. I personally felt the need for an ATV club was paramount if we were to be represented in the decision making process of deciding what was going to be open and what was going to be closed. On January 1, 2008 the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. was born.

By having a local club we are able to network with other clubs and national organizations to present an even stronger voice. Have we made a difference? Yes! You are currently riding many trails that probably would have been closed had it not been for this club. The benefits of having a rather large club such as ours are numerous. We have the opportunity to meet and socialize with folks of like interests. We have the opportunity to ride new areas.

We have the opportunity to keep informed about products, events and changes on the subject of ATV's.

These are the benefits of having and joining our club. With that being said we must always remember that the mission and purpose of this club is to do whatever we can to insure that current and future generations will have a place to ride. Without a place to ride, all the benefits do not matter.

There is an old saying that "Freedom is not free" and this is very true in our case. There are people, organizations and agencies that would prefer that ATV's go away on public land. Unfortunately many of these folks are well organized and well funded and will not hesitate to file suits and appeals and use litigation to accomplish their goals.

Fighting to keep our land open is not cheap. MVATVR contributes every year to organizations such as Blue Ribbon Coalition, Idaho Recreation Council, and Idaho State ATV Association to help them with the very expensive job of keeping public lands open to the public.

One of the upsides of having a large successful ATV club such as ours is that we have a fairly healthy treasury. The question has been asked why do we have this money just sitting in our checking account. Why not spend it?

As I said before we contribute every year to organizations that help us and we will continue to do so. Litigation is not cheap. The money sitting in our checking account is our war chest. We need to have that money available to combat a threat to our access of public land.

Please remember your officers and board of directors are here to serve you and are always willing to listen to what you have to say. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members with questions or concerns.

We currently have a very good board of directors. They are excited about being on the board, and are bringing new ideas to our club. They have all decided to continue as board members in 2014 if you wish to have them do so.

Stan Mai, President

<u>MVATVR BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>		
■ Stan Mai	President	733-5981
■ Dave Burgess	Vice President	733-9183
■ Pat Mai	Secretary	733-5981
■ Dixie Best	Event Coordinator	308-6418
■ Jessica Minor	Newsletter Editor	490-0626
■ Linda Stimpson	Treasurer/Membership	308-5350
■ Gary Aufderheide	Board Member	734-4108
■ Linda Burgess	Board Member	733-9183
■ Brad Stimpson	Board Member	308-8526
■ Kent Oliver	Board Member	731-0089
■ Robert Leitch	Board Member	539-6066

Application For Membership
Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc.
P.O. Box 0767, Twin Falls, Id. 83303-0767

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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