



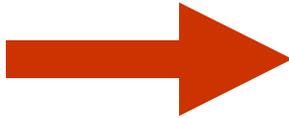
QUAD NEWS

Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. P.O.Box 0767
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Please welcome our newest Members:

*Fran Adams
Bruce & Marcia Hahn
Mike Peters
Mel & Helen Quale
Steve & Jeanette Wills
Kris & Dorthea Larson*

**Urgent, action needed
Please try to attend the
April meeting.**



Final Notice

If you have not paid your 2014 dues this will be your **last newsletter.**

The website password will be reset on May 1, 2014.

Only members in good standing will receive the new password.

If you have not paid your 2014 dues please consider doing so. We need your support.

Thank you for helping us keep our public lands open.

Next meeting
Wednesday April 16 th
Action Cycles n Sleds
2540 ADDISON AVE E
Twin falls, Idaho

If you only can make one meeting this year. This is the one to attend.

Action will be providing a **free** Potato Bar with all the toppings.

Dinner will be served at 6:15 PM

Meeting will follow the meal.

Action will be giving a special one night only 15 % discount on all parts and accessories.

The April meeting could help determine our access to a large area of public land. For many years those who wish for motorized vehicles to be banned from the Boulder /White Cloud mountains have tried many ways to accomplish their goal. Their latest tactic is to do an end around on the public and our elected officials and get the President of the United States with one fell swoop of a pen to forever change the way the Boulder/White Cloud mountains are utilized by citizens of this country. Sandra Mitchell, Executive Director of the Idaho Recreation Council will be our special guest speaker. Sandra will be fresh off a trip to Washington DC to learn all the latest facts regarding the proposed Boulder, /White Clouds National Monument. Please plan to attend this important and educational meeting to learn what we need to do to continue to utilize our public land in the Boulder White Clouds area.

Please bring a chair to sit on

Please feel free to invite anyone uses a motorized vehicle on public land to attend

Pastrides

LAKE CHANNEL. On March 8th the MVATVR group met at Ridley's Mkt. in Rupert for a short jaunt to Minidoka wildlife refuge near Minidoka dam. 23 riders followed Jerry along the reservoir towards Lake Channel dunes. We took a short ride to a different part of the sand hills, had to do some cross country because of a fence across canyon. (actually our leader was semi lost) but got us to the road out. Proceeded on to Lake channel and met up with the Pocatello club for a hot dog roast. Thanks to them the fire was going when got there. Had one mishap rollover. Jeff and little gal were thrown off, luckily nothing serious, little scary though. Proceeded back to loading area after 70 miles or so ride. A special thanks to Sparkle (Jean Wagner) for the great donuts. Jerry Kreigh

On Saturday, March-15 Ron and Lisa Mothershead took us on a ride in our own backyard. The weather was warm but a little windy. Thirty machines were there to play in the desert. The ride started just east of Highway 93 and Golf Course Road taking us through the desert and under Interstate 80. Winding around on little used roads, we stopped at the **Clay Cave** for lunch and a little exploring. After lunch we crossed over the interstate back into the desert, stopping at a view point high above Vinyard Lake. Continuing on, we visited Devil's Coral where we played on some sandy trails and studied some petro glyphs. The rest of the ride consisted of more playing and wandering back to the parking area.



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 ruddy 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.

Our regular newsletter editor, **Jessica Minor**, has taken a short leave of absence to care for her growing family including a new baby. Hopefully this will be the last of the amateur newsletters and next month will see the return of Jessica's fantastic newsletters. Thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding.
Stan Mai, temporary newsletter editor

PASTRIDES

Winter Camp / Indian Hot Springs Ride
March 22, 2014

The morning started out a bit on the cool side at approximately 30 degrees in the shade at the Balanced Rock Viewpoint (our gathering location). As riders started showing up, I started wondering if there was going to be enough room in the parking lot. By 9:00 am we had 18 rigs, with most of them towing trailers. In all, we had 23 machines to include 2 Razors and 26 riders. Great turn out.

While we caravanned into the desert to our unloading place we came upon a band of sheep being herded down the road. For the next mile the going was slow. No one wanted to get hit by a marauding ewe looking for her baby and visa versa.

We finally made it to our unloading and promptly prepared for our journey. The going was fast as we were on good roads. The drawback to going fast was that the already cold weather was even colder. With a temperature of 35 degrees and riding at approximately 35 miles per hour the wind chill factor was approximately 20 degrees. Needless to say at our first break near Winter Camp Butte riders were putting on warmer clothing. We then checked out the large pond at the top of Winter Camp Butte. The water contained in this pond is pumped approximately 5 1/2 miles from Clover Creek. The pond is a stock pond for other smaller livestock troughs in the area.

Our next leg of the ride took us across the desert to the Clover Creek Draw. After logging in we proceeded to ride through the Winter Camp Ranch property to the old Winter Camp station/ranch house. Riders were able to get a look into the past as they explored the old buildings and checked out the sights.

After an extended break from the breeze and feeling the warmth from the lava rock walls we crossed Clover Creek and headed to the USAF Explosion Test Crater. The crater is a result of a non-nuclear bomb test on September 30, 1965. The test was done to determine the effects of a bomb on hard rock.

After eating lunch we continued our trek across the desert to the Jarbidge River. The road into the canyon was littered with rocks of various sizes. After descending slowly and meticulously into the canyon floor we arrived at our destination, Indian Hot Springs. We spent time admiring the hot springs and talking about our adventure of the day. We then slowly and meticulously ascended the road out of the canyon without incident. We returned across the desert to our vehicles well before the sunset.

Kent Oliver
Magic Valley ATV Riders
Board Member/Ride Coordinator

The Danskin OHV area, a popular 60,000-acre recreation site located east of Boise in last year's Elk and Pony Fire Complex area, will continue to be closed this year. The closure applies to motorized and mechanized use, which has been in place since the late-summer fire due to public safety concerns. The highest concerns are eroded trails, softened soil, burned roots creating trail depressions, damaged bridges and infrastructure, and snag trees.

Our March meeting was a fantastic evening. Thanks to [Wes Wall](#) and all the gang at [Adventure Motor Sports](#) for feeding us some great sloppy Joes. Some great buys were found at the parts counter, [Kevin Balls](#), service manager, provided us with some great tips on keeping your ATV running the way you would like it. Thanks to [Kent Oliver](#) for his presentation on proper riding etiquette.

If you would like one of our new orange MVATVR flags we still have some available.

Price is \$20.00 Contact Robert Leitch 539-6066



The Idaho State Legislature has wrapped up this years session. While no one is perfect our local legislatures, several who are members of MVATVR did a pretty decent job of remembering who elected them and what is best for those of us who live, work and recreate in Idaho.

upcoming rides

Eden to Dietrich Ride – Saturday – April 12, 2014

We will meet in a gravel parking area off State Highway 25 near milepost 17.5. **The ride will start promptly at 8:30 am.**

Directions to Departure Location:

To get to the parking/departure area you will need to head North on State Highway 50 from Exit 182 on Interstate 84 (Garden of Eden/Travelers Oasis Interchange). You will negotiate two sweeping curves (first one to the right and second to the left). After the left hand curve you will travel approximately one mile to where you will come to State Highway 25. Continue northbound onto State Highway 25. After crossing a set of railroad tracks the parking area is less than a quarter of a mile further on the left. It is clearly visible from the rail road tracks.

If you are coming from the Burley/Rupert area, take the Valley Road Interchange, Exit 188, on Interstate 84. Turn right at the stop sign at the end of the off ramp, go two miles and turn left at the stop sign just north of the Valley School. This will put you on State Highway 25. Just continue west through Eden to the parking area.

Parking Area Coordinates: 42 37'43.50" N 114 15'40.03" W

General Ride Information:

The ride length will be approximately 65 to 70 miles depending on our travel time. The ride will be mostly two track desert and canal bank roads. The ride difficulty will be 1 with some 2. We will be crossing state highways four times, so be alert to cross traffic. We will also cross the main rail road tracks twice, so be aware of the trains.

Lunch Plans:

Our destination will be the Eagles Nest in Dietrich and hope to arrive between 12:30 and 1:00. Those of you going on the ride who plan to bring your lunch please allow those who are purchasing meals at the Eagles Nest first priority for seating inside as seating is limited to 53. There is some patio seating available as well. There is a city park approximately 6 blocks to the North of the Eagles Nest with picnic tables or you can join the rest inside if seating permits.

Due to the limited seating, I will need to contact the Eagles Nest with an approximate head count. So please **RSVP** me at either the telephone number or by the email below as soon as possible. Let me know who you are and the number of riders in your group.

Ride Host:

Kent Oliver 208-731-0089

Kentlorrie84@msn.com

PAGARI BRIDGE CAMP OUT- APRIL 26, 27

Ride- Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27

Ride Time: 9:30 AM

Ride Leader: Jerry Kriegh 312-5235

Lanny Carlisle

The rides should be about 50 miles long, mostly Level 2 dirt roads through the desert. Camping will be along the Little Big Wood River and fishing is available. From Shoshone go east on Highway 26, go past Richfield on Hwy 26 about 7.5 miles. Turn right at the sign for Pagari Bridge. The camping location is about ¼ mile from Hwy. 26.

Bring firewood, Bring smiles

Safety Topics - Article I

Kent Oliver

MVATVR Ride Coordinator

Spring has officially arrived and that brings the urge for the Magic Valley ATV Riders to get out and ride. This year we have had five successful sanctioned club rides. At our March meeting, I spoke briefly on several safety and trail etiquette topics. I want to expand on those areas and get members thinking about how we can be safer on the trails and make a positive impact with other public land stakeholders. In this article, I will cover the topics about speed and following distance.

In my 30 plus years as a law enforcement officer, I have been on way too many senseless crash scenes. In many of those crashes the driver was going too fast for the conditions or for their abilities. The laws of nature make one thing perfectly clear; speed will enhance the effects in a crash.

As we ride the trails and roads we must be diligent at constantly assessing the conditions. Never take for granted the trail is the same. Increased trail users and severe weather conditions can change trail conditions overnight. While riding, remember loose gravel is different from packed soil. In some of our recent rides, I have heard members talking about how “squirrely” their off highway vehicle (OHV) was on the gravel roads. This usually comes from higher speeds which can cause a lift to your OHV and your tires to balloon up. When this occurs, reduce your speed until your OHV feels stable again. When riding on pavement remember OHV tires are designed for dirt and can cause handling issues when turning on pavement.

Weather can play a significant part in trail conditions as well as your ability to clear assess conditions. Last year, I was on Deadline Ridge when a rain and hail storm hit. The dust that was in the air and on my goggles made it difficult so see any potential obstacles such as potholes, loose piled gravel, and large rocks to name a few. You might think that rain would reduce the amount of dust in the air, but a group of riders can still cause dust to lift into the air.

The size of the group will also contribute to how fast you want to travel. A relatively small group of experienced riders will definitely ride faster than a larger group. This is because of the various rider experience and hazards that might exist. If your trail/route is relatively level, your speed might be somewhat faster with the members staying closer together. But, if a trail/route is hilly and/or curvy you will want to travel slower. This is due to the riders increasing their following distance to avoid dust in the air and hazards created by the trail geometrics.

It is very important that riders adjust their following distances to accommodate for the trail and weather conditions. In dusty conditions, the dust can build up on you brake light to the point that if you apply your breaks the light might not be seen in the daylight. The dust can also build up on your goggles or helmet shield limiting your visibility to see obstacles and other riders. Dusty trail conditions are why the MV ATV Riders organization has adapted two methods to help keep riders on the same route (wait/wave and orange cones).

When riding curvy or hilly trails or roads, following distance plays a significant part in being safe. In hilly conditions you may not be able to see obstacles down in the dips. By following at a distance that allows a rider to see the rider ahead ride up out of a dip is ideal. The last thing you want to do is slide into someone who is slowing for an obstacle because your following distance and gravity pulled you down the hill. During the Lake Channel ride, we experienced a couple instances similar to this. The first one was when we were riding downhill on a sandy trail when we came upon a metal fence half way down. By being spaced out, only a few riders who were committed on the steepest part of the trail had to turn around and climb back out. Had we been too close together, we might have been in this spot for a while turning around. The second time was when one of our riders miss judged a sandy dip and had to back down into the dip to make another attempt. If our riders had been too close this would have caused some of those riders to try backing in the sand.

Speed and following distance play significantly when dealing with trails and roads that have blind corners. These blind corners might be caused by tall vegetation (Pike Peak trail) or a rocky out cropping. Slowing for these corners will give you the best chance of avoiding a head on collision with another trail user and following at a safe distance will allow you to see the rider ahead slowing for a potential hazard

Remember, many of our members have various degrees of riding experience. While riding in large groups, please be considerate and respectful of other rider's abilities by adjusting accordingly. By doing this we can all have an enjoyable and positive riding experience.

Be safe, see you on the trail.

R **Rules and guidelines** The Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. would appreciate you being considerate of others and observing the following rules/guidelines while participating in club activities. Obviously, any actions that are unlawful or unsafe are prohibited.

- 1.** Pets should be kept on a leash of no longer than 6 feet during any rides, campouts or other MVATVR events. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect the rights of others.
- 2.** Idaho State law states that being under the influence and/or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs while operating an OHV is illegal and therefore will not be tolerated by MVATVR, Inc.
- 3.** Generator use should be with consideration for others in camp and a recommended quiet time from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM needs to be observed.
- 4.** By operating your machine in a safe responsible manner, waiting at intersections and corners, you can insure that fellow riders will not be left behind and everyone will have an enjoyable ride.
- 5.** Being a responsible member means, abiding by state motorized laws and obeying regulations for the area you are riding in, not disturbing wildlife, respecting the land and any private property that is crossed and closing any gates you open.
- 6.** Please conduct yourself in a proper manner and strive not to be offensive to anyone, and respect the rights of others.

Please observe these rules and guidelines. Do not make your board of directors have to be the bad guys and inform you that you are not following the established rules and guidelines All OHV operators are encouraged to follow these rules/guidelines anytime you are operating an OHV. Thank you.

Please feel free to contact officers or board members with concerns, questions ideas, or even compliments.

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Frank Stone 208-934-5491



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 _____



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