



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.

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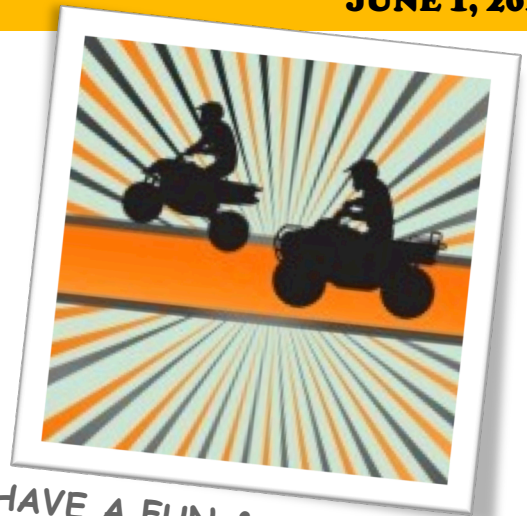
QUAD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1, 2014

NO MORE CLUB MEETINGS UNTIL OCTOBER!

We will not have regular meetings during the summer months. This time of year everyone is busy with exciting summer activities and adventures, so regular club meetings will resume in the fall. We will still have monthly board meetings and publish a monthly newsletter to keep you informed. We are planning a summer club picnic in August so plan on attending and catching up with new and old friends. We have lots of rides and campouts planned this summer so take advantage and get out there! Have fun and be safe!



HAVE A FUN & SAFE SUMMER!

Please welcome our newest club members to MVATVR:

- Dave & Sherry Austin

PAST RIDES

North Rim Clean Up

May 10, 2014

It was a cool and blustery day, but that did not stop the dedicated members of MVATVR from showing the valley that they care about their riding areas.

Many hardy souls met across the Perrine Bridge for the annual cleanup of the area north of the bridge and east of highway 93. We started out with donuts furnished by the Southern Idaho off Road Association. After a safety meeting from local BLM officials we headed out to pick up illegally dumped trash. It is amazing what folks will dump on their public lands. Once again we had quite a variety of trash, new this year was a pool table. Quite a bit of the trash was left by folks using it for target practice and then abandoning it. After gathering about 7 tons of trash we had a great pizza lunch. The process went much faster with the help of Gary Aufderheide and Robert Leitch who donated the use of their dump trucks.

Without the connection and help of the Southern Idaho off Road Association all this would not be possible. We must also thank the Jerome County Commissioners who budgeted money to help us with this cleanup. We were also assisted by BLM personnel and Jerome County Sheriff's department.

There are folks that would like to transform this area into something much different than it is now. That is why it is so important that we show the public that we care. Thanks to Cindy Snyder of the Times News and KMVT for their excellent coverage of the event.

Thank you to the great members of the MVATVR.

Stan Mai

JACKPOT GOLLAHER MOUNTAIN RIDE

MAY 31, 2014

The area South of Jackpot was green and full of flowers as members of the MVATVR headed out for a ride on May 31. The group was small with only 7 machines but we had a great time. Weather was cool and overcast which made for great riding. Beautiful vistas from the top of Gollaher mountain, wildlife including, sage grouse, deer, elk and antelope and lots of ground squirrels made the ride very interesting. Visited the old hermit cave and made a trip over Devils pass. Everything went well except Val and Cleo Judd's machine didn't want to fit between a couple trees and the mirrors are no longer attached to the machine. Ron Mothershed's machine got a little tired half way through the ride and need some help from Dixie's jumper cables to get it going. All in all a great ride. We rode through some of Salmon River Cattle Companies Land. We are so lucky in this area that most of the landowners are allowing us to cross their land. In return all they ask is close the gates, do not damage their property, and pack out your trash.

If you know any of these folks take a minute to thank them for their courtesy. Always remember that it is a privilege not a right to cross private land.

PAST RIDES

BROWNS BENCH

MAY 3, 2014

Blue skies, sunshine, some wind, and some patches of snow. Sounds like the perfect day for a ride to explore Brown's Bench. On May 3, 2014 nine machines with riders met at the Monument Springs Road and headed southbound to explore. Travelling along, a snowdrift beckoned us to come play in its depths. Some of the riders plowed through the snow, slipping and sliding, whooping and laughing, while one wasn't so lucky. After some time spent digging, lifting, and towing, the grasp of the snow let go and we were on our way again. There were more adventures of playing in the snow, and more challenges of towing stuck machines out of the drifts. What is it with snow and ATVs? A few deer were seen amongst the trees, and some yellow and purple flowers on the edge of the trails. Lunch time brought us to an old cabin site and a bubbling brook that literally bubbles right out of a boulder rock. Nature is always so amazing, offering us such intriguing finds. Winding around on dirt roads and up and down hills, we took a break and explored a natural made arch on a hillside. Looking through it like a lens of a camera, it gave view to the valley beyond. Some members crawled and goofed around on top of it, while others took pictures and marveled how nature had made this formation out of rock. The day proved to be a good exploration adventure. We want to thank our leaders, Dixie Best and Jerry Duffy, for sharing their knowledge and treasures of the area on this ride. We rode approximately 63 miles.

OAKLEY RIDE

MAY 18, 2014

An invitation to go on an unexplored, not yet ridden, atv ride...Yes! Let's Go! On May 18, 2014 seven atv riders accepted the challenge. Riders were warned that due to no pre-ride, there may be areas of snow, rough terrain and maybe even some turning around and back tracking. The group met at the Oakley City Park then caravanned to the unloading area near the Oakley Dam. Once geared up, we were on our way to find new trails and see new country. Most of the trails were old jeep trails, rough in some places, but overall good conditions. We traversed hillsides and overlooked deep canyons covered with contrasting colors of the spring growth. We rode on trails that wound through Junipers and rock formations that looked like a beehives. These rock formations were like no others in the area. The group made up stories as to how they got there. Best guess was they were dropped from outer space. We then headed towards Trapper Creek, where we crossed the running creek waters and continued on to the area known as Beaver Dam Pass. Along the way a herd of eight deer crossed the hillside and stood on the ridgeline. We broke for lunch in a lush green meadow like area and took the time to relax and enjoy visiting. We checked the maps and decided to ride to the "three corners". We all got the opportunity to check out the marker that designates the point where the three states meet (Idaho, Nevada, Utah). After a short break we turned our machines and started the trek back towards Oakley. We turned onto a trail that hadn't had use on it for many years. We picked our way through the brush and downed trees and the washed out road and found our way back on the main road. For some this was a more challenging trail. Our last challenge was crossing Goose Creek. We sent the first rider across the unknown waters, tethered to a machine on the bank. Once safe on the other side, the rest of the group crossed the creek and continued on. A quick stop above the Oakley Reservoir to check out the view and the water level, and then back to our vehicles to call it a day. The unexplored trails proved for a great adventure and one to log in the GPS to maybe do it again. We road approximately 70 miles.

UPCOMING RIDES

FS FLATS Work Party & Club Ride

Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8, 2014

Camping, Working, and Riding in the South Hills. We will be camping at FS Flats.

To get to FS Flats, take Rock Creek Road south from Hansen, go past Diamond Field Jack campground, past Porcupine Springs to FS Flats. Watch for MVATVR signs. We have folks who will be going up earlier in the week to secure us a camping spot.

On Saturday we will be doing a trail project with personnel from the Forest Service.

We will be doing a realignment where the Martindale trail 002 and trail 240 intersect with the 500 road. There has been a lot of confusion in that area as to what is ATV and what is single track because the 2 trails cross and separate. We will be moving the trailhead for 002 slightly and eliminating the crossing. We also plan to install new signs in that area. We will also work on Martindale trail where it seems to slope every year and any other areas we can improve to make it a better ATV trail. Also in the area of the junction of 002 and 004 maybe some work there including trail and signing. The intent of the project is to eliminate confusion, possible conflict and make it easier for the ATV rider to utilize the 002 trail. Hopefully more of the ATV community will utilize this very scenic and fun trail after the changes are made.

On Saturday, the group will meet at FS Flats at 8:30 AM for a meeting and safety briefing from the Forest Service. We will then head over to the trailhead to begin working. We will probably be there most of the day so please pack a lunch. This is not forced labor please do not feel you have to work all day. Any time you wish to donate will be appreciated. Please wear leather closed-toe foot gear and gloves for your protection. The club and the forest service will have some tools on hand to use. If you wish to bring your own hand tools that is fine.

Trail projects are a very fun and rewarding way to spend a day in your National Forest, Please try and join us.

Come for the weekend or for the day. This is a big and important project and we need all the help we can get!

A group hamburger dinner will be provided at FS Flats on Saturday night at 7:00 PM for all the volunteers and workers who help with the project. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, chips, cookies and water will be provided by MVATVR.

On Sunday June 8th we will go riding. No definite plans have been made. Depending on the number of folks wanting to go riding we may have several different rides.

Need more information call Stan Mai 733-5981

UPCOMING TOUR / RIDE / DRIVE

THREE CREEK STORE TO JARBIDGE, NV

JUNE 28, 2014

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gusbrackett@rtci.net

THREE CREEK—The Owyhee County Historical Society is hosting a field trip following the old mail stage route from the Three Creek Store to Jarbidge, Nev. The field trip will be June 28 starting at 8 a.m. at the old Three Creek Store 35 miles west of Rogerson. It is free of charge and open to the public. The route will include:

- **The Three Creek Store**—built in 1901, the Three Creek Store was the community center in the Three Creek area for over six decades.
- **The Hodge Place**—built in the 1870's, the Hodge Place is the oldest standing structure in the Three Creek area and was the original stage stop from Bruneau to Three Creek.
- **Murphy's Hot Spring**—summer headquarters for Kitty Wilkins, horse queen of Idaho, and the legendary Wilkins Horse Ranch.
- **Crippen Grade**—this hidden trail is the location of the last mail stage robbery in the United States on Dec. 5, 1916. The grade will be viewed from the bottom of the canyon and an optional hike will be available to see the steep and harrowing grade.
- **Jarbidge, Nev.**—Lunch is on your own and available from the Outdoor Inn or Pioneer Park will be open for picnic. The tour will end in Jarbidge with a walking tour of the old part of town. You will see remnants of the last gold rush in the lower 48 states. The town includes the Jarbidge Commercial Club, the Jarbidge Jail, remnants of the Elkoro Mine and several old cabins and shacks. There will also be activities for children at Pioneer Park.
- **Pavlak and the Bluster Mine (optional)**—For those with an ATV, there will be an ATV ride from Jarbidge to the small settlement of Pavlak and a climb to the Bluster Mine. This ATV ride will be led by Stan Mai, President of the Magic Valley ATV Riders Association. This scenic ride will climb high above the Jarbidge Canyon and end at the edge of the Jarbidge Wilderness.

The field trip will be led by Gus Brackett, local Three Creek historian and author of two historical fiction novels for kids. The tour will approximate the route of his most recent novel "Badger Thurston and the Runaway Stagecoach." In addition to the buildings, Gus Brackett will talk about many of the colorful people who lived at these historic sites.

The tour route is 30 miles and the last 18 is gravel road. Last services are in Rogerson, so come prepared. Bring your own water and sunscreen. The tour begins at 5,500 feet elevation and climbs to 7,000 so mountain appropriate attire is recommended.

For more information, questions, or accommodation information, contact Gus Brackett at (208)308-4962 or at gusbrackett@rtci.net.

Safety Topic – Article 3
Kent Oliver
MVATVR Ride Coordinator

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Over the last 3 months I have talked and written on ways Off Highway Vehicle drivers can be safer. I hope that many of you listened to what I said and have read my articles in the newsletters.

I for one AM TIRED of reading in the newspaper and various media sources about tragic events involving Off Highway Vehicles. Many of these tragic events have occurred right here in our playground. The effects have left devastating consequences for families, friends, and Off Highway Vehicle user communities. I also wonder how many crashes that happened never made it in the news. Over Memorial Day weekend I learned of two crashes in the south hills that didn't appear in the news.

As I read and listen to the press releases about these events I can't help thinking about the messages I have sent out to you. Just to recap the biggies;

Helmet Use – Speed – Dust – Obstacles – Following Distances – Your Abilities – Alcohol Use

Helmets can make the difference in any crash, even if caused by some else's actions. Helmets must be worn by all operators and passengers under the age of 18. Speed reduces your chances to react to a hazard and increases the effects in a crash. Dust makes it difficult to see other shared users and obstacles. Obstacles can be lurking under the brush, around curves, and hidden by the dust in the air or on your eye protection. Following distances can mean avoiding other shared users or reacting in time to stop safely. Knowing your abilities and riding accordingly can greatly improve your riding enjoyment. It is a proven fact; the use of alcohol does and will impair your ability to be safe in anything you do. Off Highway Vehicle operation is inherently dangerous and when mixed with alcohol can become even more catastrophic. I want to clear up some misconceptions regarding alcohol. It is an arrestable offense to be operating any motor vehicle, even an OHV, while under the influence of alcohol and/or other intoxicating substances. It is also illegal to be in possession of an open container of alcohol while driving or riding an Off Highway Vehicle.

YOU, the Off Highway Vehicle operator, need to take a stand and say; ENOUGH IS ENOUGH and pledge to make a difference. Be the example for others to follow...

The Mission of the MVATVR ...

...is to Bring Together ATV Riders to Promote, Enjoy and Protect the Sport of ATV Riding

The Magic Valley ATV Riders

- Promotes the sport of ATV'ing and informs the public in the safe and proper use of ATV's on public lands.
- Brings together ATV riders who enjoy meeting and riding ATV's with others.
- Represents ATV riders to local, state and federal politicians, and agencies to keep our lands accessible.



There seems to be a rumor going around that MVATVR is anti UTV (side by side).

Nothing could be further from the truth. This club has always welcomed UTV'S and has no intention of changing that. Yes, there are some rides that UTV'S will not be able to go on because of width restrictions dictated by the managing land agency.

We are a proponent of multiple use on public land and believe that everyone should be able to experience their public land in as many different ways as possible.

NEW MAP FOR THE SOUTH HILLS

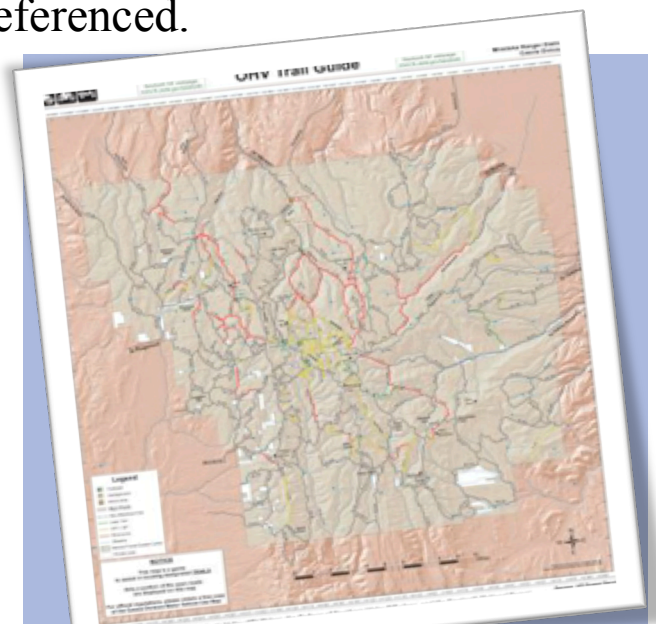
Thanks to the College of Southern Idaho, Sawtooth National Forest and the MVATVR, we now have a revised Minidoka Ranger District (Cassia Division) high resolution, geo-referenced OHV trail map. The geo-referenced version can be downloaded as an app (via Avenza PDF Maps) to your Smartphone or Tablet device for use on the trail. Should you need a printed copy, Magic Valley Printing in Twin Falls will have them available for a reasonable price. The MVATVR website (Trails page) also has a pdf version of the map. However, this version of the map is not geo-referenced.



If you would like to buy a brand new orange MVATV flag for your ATV/UTV, there are still a few available.

Call Robert Leitch 539-6066

Price \$20 each



FRANK'S TECH CORNER

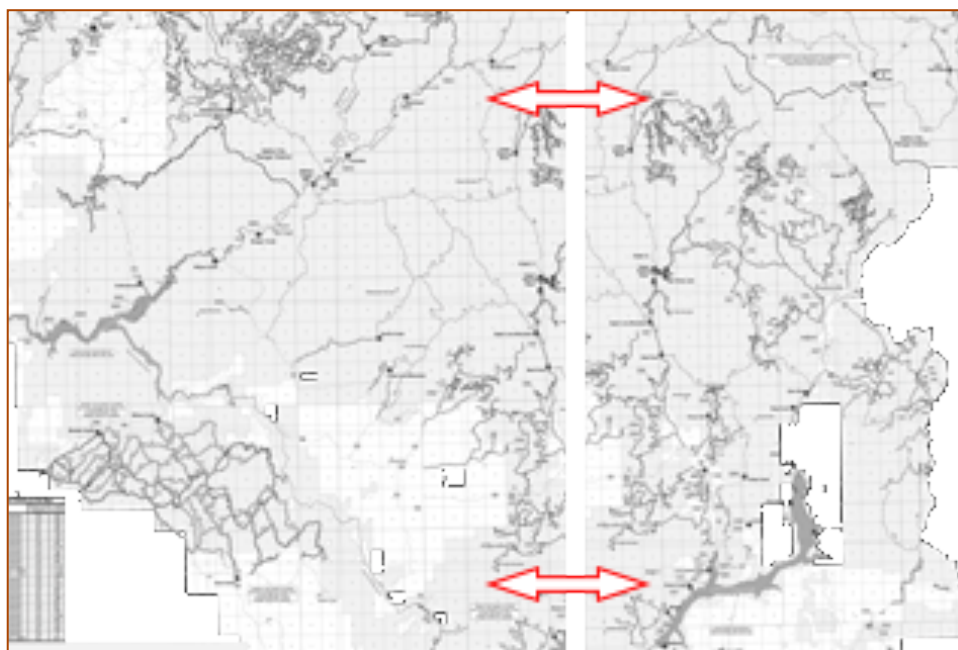
Where Am I?

A recent email from our club President, reminded us of the need to always be aware of where you are while traveling on Forest Service trails that are closed to all ATV traffic. One more quick reminder to all our members, is that if you have a Smart Phone with full GPS capability (or a tablet device), the free app "Avenza" works with all Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) to precisely pinpoint your exact position. These maps will also create tracks and show you the numbered trail you are currently on. If you would like to see this feature in action, track down Frank Stone on your next ATV ride.

Get It Together!

Using the Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) is a great way to visualize the numerous trails open to ATV riding. However, these maps end as the east/west borders of a specific district are reached. Using a software program, Frank Stone has

"COMBINED" some of these maps with (joining



borders) into one larger pdf map. Although these maps are not georeferenced, when downloaded onto your Smart Phone or tablet device, they could prove to be a more convenient way to see where the trails lead into the adjoining district. Should you wish to have a printed version of these combined MVUM, just copy its pdf file and take it to commercial printer who could then make an enlarged copy. These maps are ready for download on the "Trails" page of the MVATV website. If you are aware of other east/west MVUM that have not yet been combined, please tell Frank about them.

Current Trail Closures

The MVATVR website now has a link (Under the Hot Topics Section) that shows the current trail closures for 2014 within the Sawtooth and Boise National Forest. If you're planning an ATN outing that may be within a 2013 fire burn area, you may first want to check out the links provided to verify your intended riding area is open.

The Last Page

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Some pictures from last months activities
View all the pictures on the [MVATVR Website](http://www.mvatvr.org)

Browns Bench:



North Rim Cleanup:



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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