



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

SEPTEMBER CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPT. 1, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

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. The meetings typically will be at Idaho Pizza on Kimberly Road. No host dinner at

6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM. Watch the newsletters for location changes.

More inside!



See you in October!

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWSEST MEMBERS TO MVATVR:

➤ Don & Kathy Loveland

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MVATVR CLUB INFORMATION

MVATVR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

■ Stan Mai	President/Public Lands	733-5981
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MVATVR DISCLAIMER

All members and guests please

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. Rides are open to current MVATVR members and invited guests.

MVATVR CLUB RULES & GUIDELINES

The Magic Valley ATV Riders (MVATVR), 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 then 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 therefor 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.

PAST RIDES / EVENTS

Cottonwood Canyon, Oakley, Idaho

Ride Host: Aaron Larson

August 2

On Saturday August 2, 2014, 6 ATV's with Aaron Larson in the lead, left from Cottonwood Canyon just north of Oakley.

The ride was originally planned to be a 60 mile tour of the South Hills over a combination of ATV trails, main roads and little used roads but after traveling a little quicker than anticipated the ride turned in to a 71.1 mile trip through the forest.

We spent a total of 5 hours and 16 minutes on the move and 2 hours and 22 minutes enjoying the vistas and our lunch. The pace was a modest 13.5 mph on average. Our starting elevation was 4719 feet with a maximum altitude of 7422 feet.

We enjoyed breathtaking views of many canyons, traveled through a combination of desert and forested areas (including several areas burned in the fire two years ago). Although wildlife was sparse on this trip Aaron did see a wild turkey on Fuller Peak road. We saw some beaver dams and an old cabin on Corral Creek road as well.

Although we did travel through several areas where the grass was still green most of the vegetation was dry due to the time of the year. On several roads (056, 074, 077 & 529A) the grass had overgrown the roads and those following commented "How did you even find the road?", "GPS my friend" was the answer!

For those that were unable to come, Aaron plans on hosting a ride very similar to this one next spring when the grass is shorter, greener and the wildflowers are in bloom.

MVATVR CLUB PICNIC

Filer City Park

August 20

Rain has been the prominent subject in our desert valley during the month of August. Our scheduled date for the MVATVR picnic was cancelled and rescheduled because of heavy rain. On August 20th we gathered at the Filer City Park for our annual picnic. As picnic time approached the skies got darker and more ominous. We adjusted seating to try and get as many folks as possible under cover. Then we started feeling raindrops but our tough outdoor cooks, said no way a little rain is going to slow us down. I guess Mother Nature decided to give us a break because after a brief shower the skies cleared and we had a beautiful evening. The food as usual was outstanding. A special thanks to all the board members for jumping in and helping with setup, cooking, and cleanup. Makes it easy when everyone helps. Dixie Best, awesome job coordinating everything for the picnic. Pot luck, what can I say, we could have fed half of Filer with all the great food. It was hello picnic, goodbye diet. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the picnic.

It was really great to see old friends and make some new ones.

We had about 80 folks in attendance plus some guests. A special thanks to Action Cycles n sleds, Adventure Motor Sports and Dairy Queen on Blue Lakes for helping us out with some fantastic door prizes.

As I am sure most of you aware Minidoka Ranger District, District Ranger Scott Nannenga retired this summer. We were excited to have the new District Ranger, Loren Poppert join us for the picnic. Loren gave us a summary of his Forest Service career, which has been in recreation and in the west. Loren has 27 years with the Forest Service so has a wealth of knowledge about recreation. We look forward to working with Loren to keep improving OHV opportunities in the south hills.

PAST RIDES- GOAT LAKE, August 9 -10

The Goat Lake ride was a complete success. Almost anyway, after all due to a recent flash flood, we didn't even see Goat Lake.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. The pre-ride was outstanding. Thanks to my ride assistants, Ron, Lisa, Vonda, Dixie and Robert, we were able to cover not only the scheduled routes to Goat Lake and Trinity Lake but also to Atlanta and several other shorter trails near camp. The abundant trails and beautiful scenery in the Pine/Featherville area is very special indeed. With the help of several recent rain storms, the ground vegetation/colors were impressive. As fate would have it, that Atlanta side excursion was a good call (thank you Dixie and Ron). The morning rides were the kind of cool where a light weight coat was appreciated. By mid day the warmth of the sun was at full strength and lots of vitamin D was being generated. A few miles into the pre-ride, Dixie claims that an elk crossed the road just in front of her. The group was spaced apart enough where no-one could verify her story. We were all a little suspicious if the sighting really occurred as her recollection regarding the elk's direction of travel, seemed to vary as her story unfolded. We all thought it best just to humor her and go along with her rather shaky recall of this undocumented event.

A few days before we were going to leave for the scheduled ride, I received an email from Jessica. She informed me that the road between Goat Lake and Baumgartner was now closed. After calling our good friend Steve Frost (U.S. Forest Service), I was able to confirm the bad news. The first thought going through my head was the fate of last years ride being cancelled due to a forest fire, and now a road being washed out on the very trail we needed to access Goat Lake. This is when Plan B kicked in. Goat Lake was out this year (again) and replaced with a very scenic ride to Rocky Bar and continuing on to Atlanta.

When the actual ride weekend finally arrived, the Saturday ride to Big Trinity Lake and the Trinity Mountain Lookout started off with a cool and brisk ascend up Fairview Creek. Soon the temperatures began to increase and the entire day was postcard perfect, almost anyway. The final push to the lookout station brought us to an elevation of 9,500 feet. Although the skyline was a little hazy, we still had a beautiful seat atop the mountain. As we began our plunge from the mountain top, storm clouds began to roll in so it was decided to make our return to camp and not to continue any further. As is the case with most decisions regarding the weather, we soon "un-decided" our previous decision and re-decided to tack on some additional miles as the storm clouds began to clear. Once again, as is the case with most decisions regarding the weather, this turned out to be a very big mistake. Most of the riders arrived back to camp only mildly damp, while others were not so lucky (Rusty and Frank). It had something to do with hitting the creek crossing (at the camp site) doing 15 mph! Undocumented sources recall the splash being heard all the way back to Pine. For a better appreciation of just how beautiful the scenery was leading up to Trinity Mountain, venture over to the MVATVR website and check out the pictures from the ride.

Sundays ride to Atlanta started out much like the day before. Once the sun broke out, the morning chill was but a distant memory. We did manage to see several deer and one very cooperative black bear. The yearling bear was very interested in us and stayed in sight for several minutes. In case you're wondering, several people can indeed verify this wildlife sighting actually occurred. Unlike some other MVATVR members (DB) that claim to have seen an elk but were unable to accurately verify the sighting. The Atlanta ride was outstanding and provided our riders the opportunity to log in 133 miles for the day. Need further verification of the actual millage? Check out the pictures on the club website.

If you were not able to participate in this years ride, please stay tuned. We will schedule the event again next year but with a much broader format. For those who are interested and can manage a long weekend, next years ride will be a three day event (Friday through Sunday). Possible destinations could include, Goat Lake, Big Trinity Lookout, Atlanta and several additional trails in the area that Aaron has christened A++. As you may already know, Aaron is a middle school teacher and that's just how he talks.....

UPCOMING RIDES

JARBIDGE, MURPHY HOT SPRINGS

Ride Host: Ron & Lisa Mothershead

SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 7

We will camp on the rim above Murphy's just before you start down the grade. This is in a big flat open area with no protection. On the plus side, it's easy for the bigger rigs to maneuver and plenty of room to park.

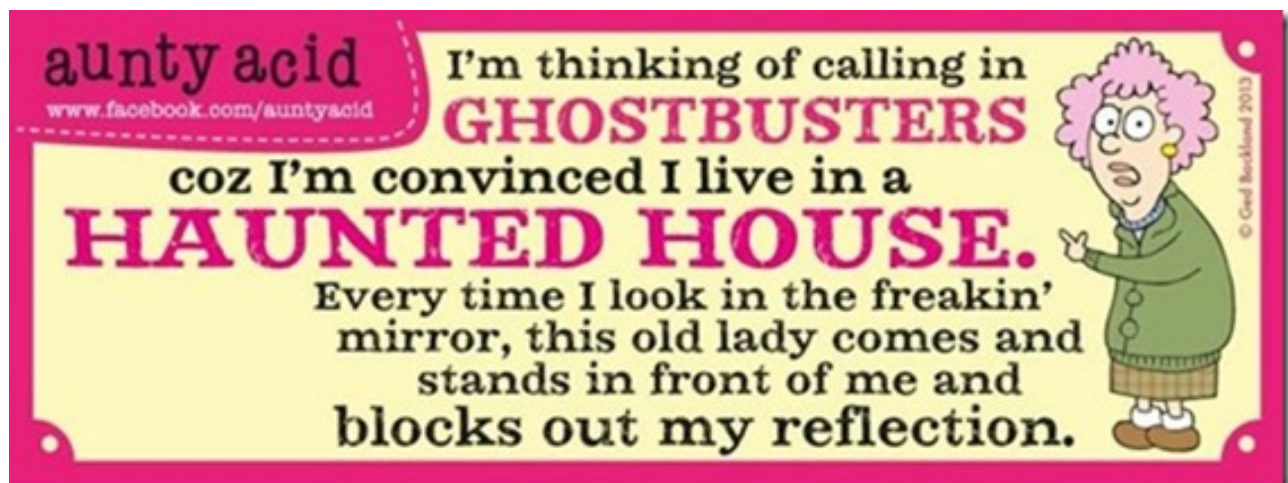
To get there, go south from Twin Falls on highway 93 to Rogerson, turn west on the 3 Creek/Jarbidge RD and continue west for approx. 50 miles.

We will have a wiener roast/pot luck on Sat. evening at about 6 or when ever we get back. Bring your own meat, bun and a side dish, something easy or that can be made in advance. We don't want you to have to cook after a long days ride. Any wood for the camp fire, will be appreciated

Saturdays ride will start at 9:00 am sharp. If you're coming for the day, allow at least 2 hours from Twin Falls. This will be an 80 mile ride down and through Robinson Hole, up and over the Island, down into Jarbidge, up to the ridges West of town, back down past the Diamond A and head for camp.

This will be a challenging fast paced ride for the more advanced rider. The ride is rated mostly 3 and 4. You will need four wheel drive. Expect very steep climbs and descents along with lots of rocks, ruts, off camber sections, water crossings, a water obstacle and awesome views. Be sure you have the skills, ability and confidence to join this ride. We want everyone to be safe.

Sunday we will make a group decision on where to ride. Possible rides include Altitude Mine, Black Rock Crossing, The Bruneau Arch, Pole Creek Area or just go exploring. Any questions? Call Ron at 731-4404



UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS:

National Public lands day, work and play weekend. Saturday and Sunday September 27th & 28th Porcupine Springs Campground, South Hills

NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy.

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 to remove some old sheep corrals on Deadline Ridge that have not been used for many years and are an eyesore and falling down. The road to the corrals was closed as part of the spur road decision and once the corrals are removed they would like to reopen the road for camping. In addition, there are wooden trail signs at the rock creek workstation that we could put up. These are not numbered signs but creek, mountain, and stream signs.

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. Chili and all the fixins, baked potatoes, cookies and drinks

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 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.

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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