





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

#### MAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# MAY CLUB **MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Idaho Pizza Company

1859 Kimberly Road Twin Falls, Idaho

Dinner at 6:00pm Meeting at 7:00pm

### ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

There will be door prizes in honor of Mother's Day so don't miss this meeting!

The meeting speakers will be Steve Frost, Recreation Planner and Jennifer Hulme for the Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. They will discuss trail updates and details on our bridge project in September.

More inside!





# Welcome to our newest MVATVR Club Members:

- Bob, Jr. & Lisa Nelson
- Floyd Gambrel
- Robert & Sonya Tamcke

# **MVATVR CLUB INFORMATION**

www.mvatvr.org

### MVATVR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### MVATVR DISCLAIMER

All members and quests please read:

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 CLUB RIDES

# Thorn Creek Ride Leaders Frank & Sherry Stone April 11, 2015

It may have been a little cold the sky's may have been a little overcast yes, the wind may have been blowing a little too hard and sometimes the road dust just didn't want to blow the right direction.

However, the 37 MVATVR that came to the Thorn Creek (Version 3) ride still managed to have a great day on the prairie and a chance to talk with old friends and meet new ones along the way. The morning started off with some tasty treats and a cool northwest wind. After a brief safety meeting, Frank & Sherry Stone lead the group past Divide and Snake Reservoir and to our first rest stop at Brailsford Well. Traveling south to a one-track jeep trail, we experienced our first (one of two) unpleasant incidents of the day. One of our members accidently hit the "James Bond" eject button on her ATV when maneuvering over a rutted section of the trail. You know that little red button on the gear shift. The result was a quick leap over the seat and a very safe 10point landing in the sagebrush. Although the embracement level rating was calculated at 5.7, this was nothing in comparison to the foe paw our ride leader made after our lunch stop at Mammoth Cave. Soon after departing the cave, he was deep in conversation with his ride companion and managed to completely miss a very important turn. Such a mistake on a new uncharted trail is to be sometimes expected. However, having pre-road this very trail just 2 weeks prior makes one wonder. The mishap was soon discovered and thanks to that well known discovery we all sometimes initiate, "The Infamous U-Turn," we were all soon back on the trail once again. The rumor being circulated within the cab of the lead vehicle was an embracement level rating of 9.8. From what I've experienced during the past six years riding with the MVATVR, this may be a new club record.

After navigating 60+ miles of some very nice level 1 and 2 trails, the group managed to safely find their way back to their vehicles and start to reflect on the fact that Frank was correct about one thing leading into today's ride......

Any day on the trail is always better then a day on the couch.

## PAST CLUB RIDES



# PAGARI BRIDGE Ride and Campout Leader Jerry Kreigh April 24-26

Due to poor weather conditions and forecasts, there was a small turnout for the campout and 5 dedicated riders on Saturday for the club ride. Fortunately, the weather was great on Saturday for those that attended.

### **UPCOMING RIDES**

# THERE AND BACK AGAIN LEADER: FRANK STONE DATE: TBD (END OF MAY) WATCH YOUR EMAILS

Let's do ANOTHER "*There & Back Again*" MVATV Ride. Some members were not able to attend the first seminar, so a second will soon be scheduled!

- \* Do you own a tablet or perhaps just thinking of purchasing one? Would you like to learn how to utilize a tablet with the free Avenza PDF Mapping/GPS App to locate your position of the trail?
- \* Do you own a GoPro camera and want to learn more about creating photographic presentations for family members? Would you like to see how to show an upcoming ATV ride or other special event with pictures and maps?

When creating an image showcase of your special event with a GoPro camera and Tablet, your days ride can be shown on your television that same evening or saved to disk and sent off to family and friends.

Are you interested? If so, let's get together for a "short ride." The event will take place soon. A final notice will be sent out via eMail. To prepare for the ride, have the Avenza PDF Maps App installed on your tablet. Then go into the mapping feature and install the following free maps; Twin Falls and Falls City. Frank Stone will discuss this segment of the seminar. Also, have your GoPro camera charged up and ready to go. David Fait will discuss this segment of the seminar. This spring time ATV ride will be short on miles (<10 miles) but long in confidence building. We'll discuss the features of the GoPro camera and the Avenza PDF Maps. While on the trail, we'll stop often to take pictures/video, see our track and make several waypoints along the way. If you have had any previous reservations about the GoPro camera or safely navigating back to your starting point while on an ATV ride, this little adventure will give you the self-reliance you need to insure you will not only be able to record the day's events with great pictures, but always be able to get safely **There & Back Again**!

# **UPCOMING RIDES/EVENTS**

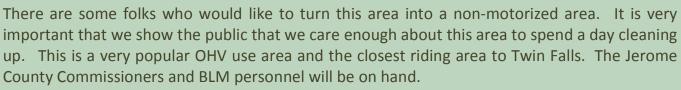


### **North Rim Cleanup**

Saturday, May 9

Drive just North of the Perrine Bridge. After crossing the Perrine bridge going north on Highway 93 take right at the new stop light and we will be at the first parking area as you turn off Hwy. 93. We will be working with the local jeep club and other folks to clean

up all trash that has accumulated over the past year. And yes, there is a lot of trash!



#### Start time is 8:00 AM. Doughnuts will be served.

It will probably take until early afternoon to finish the project. Do not feel that you have to stay the whole time; whatever you can do will be appreciated.

#### Pizza will be furnished for lunch at noon.

Garbage bags will be provided by BLM and loaders will be on sight. All participants must wear long pants, have leather gloves, and be over 16 years of age. No open-toed shoes. These requirements are for your safety. There will be 2 large loaders and 2 dump trucks available. If you have a dump truck that you would like to bring that would be great.

If you can bring your ATV that would be helpful, but is not required. If you have a trailer you can pull behind your ATV, that too would be helpful in transporting trash to the loaders.

Please plan for any kind of weather. Bring water, sunscreen, and rain gear. Bring your smile. There is a good possibility the news media will be there so lets have a good turnout. In the past we have had the most participants and it would be great if it happened again. It is important that we participate to help keep this area open to OHV use.



# FS Flats Work Day & Ride

Please mark your calendars for a work party in the South Hills in June.

We will be helping the Forest Service on **June 6 & 7** and possibly doing a club ride.

More information to follow in the June newsletter.

### **UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

- MAY 9
  NORTH RIM CLEAN UP
- MAY 13
  CLUB MEETING AT IDAHO PIZZA
- FIND OF MAY POSSIBLY
  THERE AND BACK AGAIN RIDE BY FRANK STONE.
  DATE YET TO BE DETERMINED.
- ➤ JUNE 6 7
  WORK WEEKEND IN THE SOUTH HILLS
- ➤ JUNE 13 -14 ATV SAFETY WEEKEND AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN IN THE SOUTH HILLS. KENT OLIVER HAS DETAILS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER.
- ➤ JULY 29

  MVATVR MEMBERS ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC.

  NEW LOCATION: KIMBERLY CITY PARK

  DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER.
- ➤ AUGUST 15 20 CLUB CAMPOUT AND RIDE EMIGRATION NEAR MONTPELLIER, ID

MVATVR WOULD LIKE TO THANK ADVENTURE
MOTOR SPORTS AND ACTION CYCLES 'N SLEDS FOR
HOSTING OUR CLUB MEETINGS AT THEIR BUSINESS
AND PROVIDING A GREAT MEAL FOR US!
THANK YOU!

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's May 2015 Message,

There has been a lot said about leading ATV trail rides and many comments about some of the rides we have had. When Lorrie and I decided to join the Magic Valley ATV Riders, we based our decision on several factors. Primarily it was the opportunity to ride new rides and learn new areas. Since we joined, Lorrie and I have ridden areas we did not know existed and some areas I have not been to in twenty-plus years. Along the way we have enjoyed the scenic vistas that were individualistic to each ride. We have met some great people and made several new friends.

If it were not for all the people who have stepped up to lead rides, I do not think Lorrie and I would have had the opportunity to enjoy what we have. Every time we head out on another club ride, we are filled with excitement and enjoyment. I cannot say enough about, nor can I ever compliment all the Ride Leaders who have stepped up to lead the club to new sights and new challenges.

Our second reason for joining was to belong to an organization whose mission is to keep our lands open and accessible to current and future motorized users. Recently, I sent out an email outlining legislative successes by the Idaho State ATV Association. As members of the MV ATV Riders, we maintain membership with the ISATVA and can revel in these successes. The email also contained a final court decision regarding the Clearwater National Forests Service's closure to motorized travel in "Wilderness Study Areas". We can thank the Idaho State Snowmobile Association, Idaho Parks Council, and the Blue Ribbon Coalition for the successful overturn of this closure. We, the MV ATV Riders, are members of the Blue Ribbon Coalition and can again revel in this favorable court decision. Each volunteer work project the MV ATV Riders perform does not go unnoticed. As I travel around southern Idaho meeting with public land managers, it is great to hear our club being recognized for the work we have done and will be doing.

Over the existence of the MV ATV Riders history, Stan Mai has contributed greatly to keeping our lands open for motorized access. Along that long road, he has not waivered and stands firm to any opposition that limits our abilities to enjoy what our public lands has to offer. When Stan decided to step down as the president of the MV ATV Riders organization, it was to pursue his lifetime ambition of standing up against any closures of our public lands to motorized use. If anyone has tried to keep up on all the issues facing our open access knows how tasking it is. As our clubs Director of Public Lands he is able to do more and work harder.

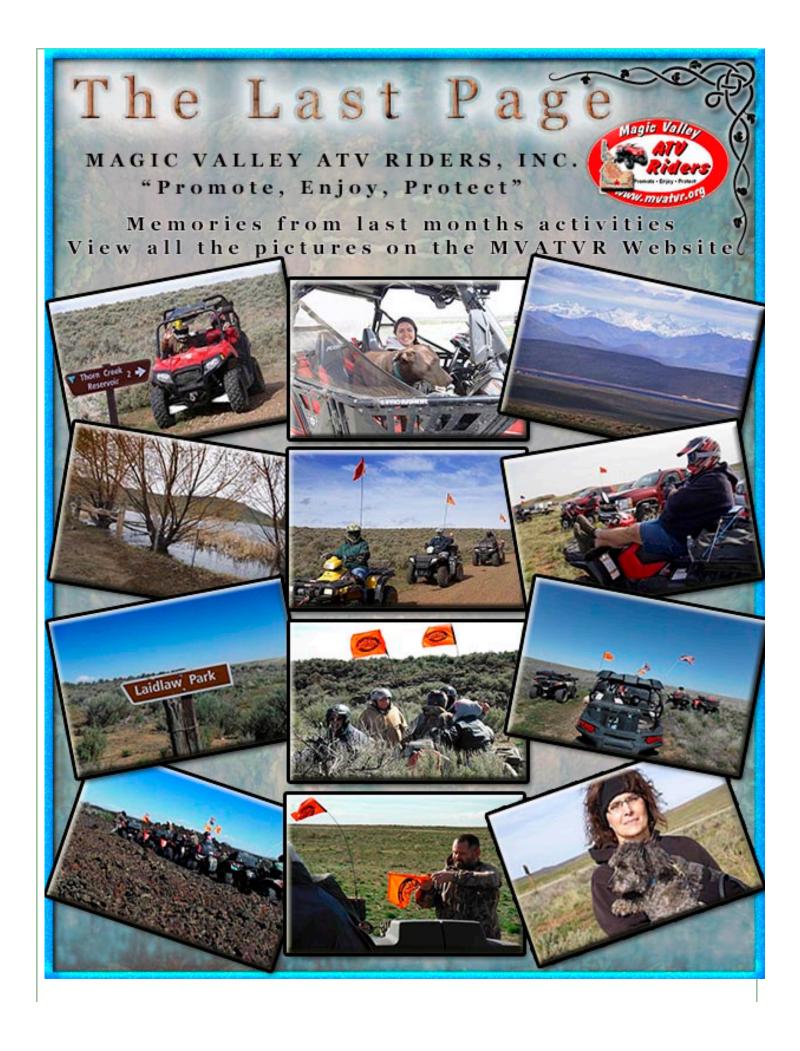
# FROM THE PRESIDENT.....continued

Our last and final reason for joining, well maybe it was just mine, was to have an opportunity to push my riding skills and to learn what I could from the veteran riders the club has. During our time with the MV ATV Riders, I have learned more about trail reading, ride planning, route selection, technology, emergency skills, only to name a few. As I look towards planning my two big rides of the year, I try to take into account the riding skills of the various riders within the club. I try to design the spring destination ride for basic riding skills. Because ATV riding is inherently dangerous and terrain changes over time, it can challenge your skill level. For my fall "YE 100 Ride", I plan this for a fast pace ride with levels of difficulty to test the skills of those participating. It is definitely not for the slow or beginner rider.

I have high expectations for the Magic Valley ATV Riders Organization and am proud to be your president. I want to thank all those members who volunteer at our work projects, step up to be ride leaders, bring new ideas to the board, are compassionate about open access to public lands, only to name a few. You, as members of the MV ATV Riders Organization, can be proud of the club, its members, and of your personal sacrifices. If it were not for you, the club would not be what or where it is today.

Thank You Members of the MVATV Riders Organization Kent Oliver, President

Please watch your emails for any last minute rides or changes to scheduled rides. Sometimes we will plan a short notice ride if the weather looks good for an upcoming weekend. If you would like to lead a ride of your own and invite the club, please let Kent Oliver know and he can send an email to the club. 731-0089





Application for Membership Referred by:\_\_\_\_\_ Return to: 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 To reduce mailing cost would you like to receive your newsletter by Email? ( ) Yes Would you be interested in committee or board member positions? Yes What type of riding and other activities do you enjoy? New (or) Yearly Renewal Type of Membership, Please Select One: Membership year is January to January. New memberships received after July 31st will be half rate and after November 1st will be credited for next year. Please Select One: ( ) Individual \$20.00 per year Spouse/Family \$25.00 per year 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 leasers of premises on which the activity takes place, (each considered one of the release's herein) from all liability claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in party the negligence of release's. I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Release's 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 Signatures \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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### 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.



