



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

JULY CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 1, 2016

### CLUB PICNIC ON JULY 27

**WHAT:** Annual club member potluck picnic in the park

**WHERE:** Kimberly City Park. From Highway 30 travel towards Hansen. Take a right and head south on Ash Street. You will see the park ahead.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

MVATVR will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs and table service. Bring a non-alcoholic beverage, a dish to pass for the potluck, and the utensils for it. **Don't forget your chairs!**

There is a playground nearby for the little ones.

**The club will be giving away gift certificates as door prizes so be sure you don't miss this event!**



More inside!



We are excited to welcome our newest club members to the MVATVR:

- Jacob Metcalf
- Don & Marilyn Sargent
- Dennis Groneman & Marcia Lanting
- Jeff Jacobsen
- Marvin & Kathy Barnes

Be sure to welcome them at the club picnic on July 27.

# MVATVR CLUB INFORMATION

## MVATVR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

■ Kent Oliver	President/ Ride Coordinator
■ Stan Mai	Vice President/ Public Lands Director
■ Pat Mai	Secretary
■ Linda Stimpson	Treasurer/Membership Chairman
■ Dixie Best	Event Coordinator
■ Jessica Minor	Newsletter Editor
■ Robert Leitch	Sergeant at Arms
■ Gary Aufderheide	Board Member
■ Brad Stimpson	Board Member
■ Rob Hendrickson	Board Member
■ Roger Eldredge	Board Member

## 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 CLUB RIDES

## SOUTH HILLS:

### OHV SAFETY FAIR, WORK DAY, CLUB RIDE & CAMPOUT

June 11 & 12

The week leading up to our South Hills work weekend was unseasonably warm with record breaking temperatures. On Saturday the temperatures made a dramatic change to the cooler side. Gone were T-Shirts and out came the jackets, but that did not dampen the spirits or enthusiasm of our members. On Saturday we had multiple events.

One group headed down to the Magic Mountain ski area to help with the OHV training and safety fair. One group headed over to Martindale and Third Fork to repair some areas on the trail that were becoming a safety issue because of being off camber. They also did some trimming and did minor repair on other portions of the trail.

The third group headed up over deadline to trail 242. The brush had grown over the trail so far that it was getting very hard to get through the trail. This group used loppers and hedge trimmers to cut the brush back. There are still many more trails that need to be brushed. The weather the last couple years has been very conducive to growth and has caused many areas to become overgrown.

**A special thanks to all of you that gave of your time to help us out on these important projects.**

On Saturday evening we had a dessert potluck while everyone sat around the campfire.

On Friday Kent Oliver and Stan Mai gave the new Minidoka Ranger District Recreation Planner, Darlene Bridges, a welcoming tour of the area and showed her some of the areas and issues we're concerned about.

On Sunday we had various groups go riding. Some of us accompanied Steve Stubener on a ride as he filmed a promotional video of ATV/UTV use in the south hills. The finished product came out great and can be seen at:

<http://visitsouthidaho.com/south-hills-tons-trails-big-camping-areas-atv-side-side-enthusiasts/>

**Again thanks to everyone to participated in a great weekend!!**

## *Thinking of You.....*

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to members that are going through difficult times, such as illness, surgery, medical issues, or loss. Please feel free to submit names to be included in this section (with permission of the member, or course).

We are thinking of you:

- ✚ Dixie Best- upcoming knee surgery on July 12
- ✚ The family of Haden Clairborne- Haden served as the Idaho State ATV association vice president- he recently passed away

If you would like to submit a member's name for this section, once you have obtained their permission, please contact Jessica Minor, newsletter editor.

Email: [jessica.klingener@yahoo.com](mailto:jessica.klingener@yahoo.com) Cell: (208) 490-0626

## PAST CLUB RIDES

### SOUTH OF OAKLEY/CITY OF ROCKS JUNE 4

We had 23 machines with many more riders. Left loading area and travel to below the Oakley dam. We resumed towards Goose Creek heading south of Oakley. 7 miles south turning left towards Worthington springs we followed middle mountain on the west side. Going toward the top of the mountain towards Granite pass was a little tricky at times. Lots of intersections, but didn't get lost for once. Had lunch in the trees on top of the pass. After lunch the trail took east to the old community of Moulton. Just a couple of buildings left standing in disrepair from days gone by. This was part of the California trail over the pass. Continuing on to the City of Rocks through the south entrance past the twin sisters rock formation before going through the rock. On the west side of the park we made a turn to the north into Almo park and then down the west side to the Birch creek road taking us back into Oakley from the east side of middle mountain. Total mileage was about 60 miles. Good weather all the way. Thanks to all who participated. Jerry



### SOUTH OF JACKPOT RIDE JUNE 17, 18, 19

The camp out had 10 campers. It was a nice weekend despite the rain and wind.

On Saturday, we had 16 machines and Brad lead the way to the east to reach the summit of Gollaher Mountain where it was very windy and then on to a ravine of greenery and beautiful flowers. The scenery was breathtaking, oh it could have been the wind that took our breath away! Wildlife was spotted along the trail during the 50+ mile trek. Once back at camp we all enjoyed a dessert potluck including homemade maple nut ice cream with sugar. Ha ha!

On Sunday, Stan lead the way to Tijuana John peak and on through the granites putting on another 40+ miles with 14 machines.

Fun was had by all!



# UPCOMING RIDES

## FAIRFIELD RIDE & BUILD WEEKEND JULY 28-31, 2016

Would you like to go camping and riding and help build a bridge all in the same weekend? MVATVR has volunteered to help with the construction of a bridge across Rough Creek on Trail 631, also known as the Soldier Front Trail. All the materials will be flown in by helicopter. We will be responsible for putting it all together. We should be able to complete the construction in one day. There is also a need to do some work on the trail leading to the bridge. We will probably split our forces and work on both.

The construction project will happen on **Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**. On Saturday please be ready to head down the trail by **9:00AM**.

Here is the cool part, **The Soldier Pioneer campground** is reserved for our use from Thursday, July 28 through Sunday, July 31. This campground is fairly small but we also have access to the ski hill parking, which is next door. The Pioneer Campground has a great group site, which is perfect for a MVATVR supper on Saturday.

Yes you did read it right. **MVATVR will be furnishing supper** for those helping on our trail project.

We will be serving Hamburgers, Hot-Dogs, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, dessert and water. This is a very beautiful area with lots of riding. *Many of the trails including the one we are working on are 50 inch.* There are also lots of roads for wider vehicles.

Great opportunities to go riding on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. To see an MVUM of the area go to [http://mvatvr.org/SawNF\\_FairfieldRD.pdf](http://mvatvr.org/SawNF_FairfieldRD.pdf)

We will try and have an organized club ride on Friday and Sunday.

Great way to spend some time on our public land and help with an important project. We have always prided ourselves on our commitment to help improve riding in our area; here is a chance to show we mean it.

To get to the area follow these directions: It is good road all the way to the campground. From Fairfield go north through town on Soldier Road (looks like main street). Jog to the right about a ½ mile and then head north on Soldier Road. Stay on Soldier Road; follow signs to Soldier Mountain Ski Area. Just past the ski area is the Pioneer Campground.

It is about 10 miles from Fairfield to campground.

See you all there for work, play, food, fun and all around good time.

If you have not ridden or camped with the club this would be a great time to start.

Need more info please call Stan Mai 733-5981

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**July 9 and July 16 are open weekends that we would like to go on a club ride. But we need ride leaders to volunteer! Please contact Kent Oliver to volunteer to lead our club on a ride in July. 731-0089**

## **PUBLIC LANDS DIRECTOR: STAN MAI**

I have always viewed my job as public lands director for MVATVR as multi pronged.

One portion of that is trying to convince land managers, elected officials, bureaucrats and the public that we are a large legitimate user of public lands.

The main thrust for this portion is trying to stop restrictions, reduction of access and out right closure of public lands to the motorized public. This is why we try to be a part of any land use planning involving public lands. An example of this would be two weeks ago I was invited to be a part of a meeting called Sawtooth Vision 20/20. This is a group of folks that get together to influence the future of the SNRA. This group is quite diverse. The impression I came away with from the conference was that the group would like to see the SNRA managed more as a National Park instead of a National Recreation Area. The focus was more on preservation than access for the public. I was able to convince the group that an OHV trail was needed from the Headwaters of the Salmon to Redfish Lake along the west side of Highway 75. This would allow OHV user to connect all the various roads and trails along the highway. This was voted on and is one of the priority items. When and if it happens, time will tell.

Another part of my job is relaying to public land officials what we see that needs to be done and what needs to be changed so they can see our side of land management.

I had an opportunity to spend the day with Darlene Bridges the new Recreation Planner for the Minidoka Ranger District. Hopefully she has a better understanding of what her district looks like, historic use of the area and some future planning ideas that would help more of the using public to access their public land. Last Saturday I spent the day in Boise at a meeting of the Idaho Recreation Council.

From this meeting it was apparent to me there are two major problem we as motorized users of Public lands face: reduced access and reduced funding. The Forest Service continues to reduce the amount of money allocated to motorized recreation on lands managed by them. This of course means less maintenance and less access improvement. Sadly it would appear that some of this shortfall of money is going to have to be made up by the users. Some forests are using the lack of money as an excuse to reduce motorized access on their forest. We are also facing access issues from private landowners closing roads that access public land. I again blame the public land managers for not being proactive on this issue and seeking out access easements with private land owners. This is not only federal land; our own Idaho endowment lands have not done a good job of requiring. Lessees to leave state land open for public access. Its summer, get out and enjoy your public lands. Please be a responsible representative of our sport.

Stan Mai, Public Lands Director

### **Trail Clearing Invitation...**

Susan James, Recreation Planner for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, is looking for some help. The SNRA experienced a lot of trees being blown down. Ms. James is encouraging volunteers to clear trails when they are riding them. If you happen to be riding a legal trail (refer to the SNRA MVUM) and find a tree across the trail/road or leaning in a hazardous manner she is allowing you to use a chainsaw to clear the tree. Remember, when removing an obstacle only open that area for the intended use (50 inch or less, road, etc..). If you are on a closed trail and remove a tree you could be cited. This is not an official club work detail, but you are encouraged to help if you are riding in the area.

For more information contact Susan James at 208-774-3037

## Letter from the President:

Where has 2016 gone!! Seems like just yesterday we were battling cold wet weather to try and get some spring riding time in. Though we have not gotten off to a good start with a lot of club rides we have been able to get in some fun and rewarding new riding. It has been great watching our club members network and get out and ride with our newest members. I really appreciate those members who have put together and led rides both in 2015 and so far this year.

In June, the club participated in a great program designed to prepare young and mature riders for the challenges of riding ATV and motorcycles on the trails. Some of our members lead the new graduates of the program on a short, hands on, practical trail ride. If you ask them about it I am sure they have lots of fun stories to tell.

Also, in June the club completed our work detail in the South Hills. In the weeks since, I have received several compliments from the public on the work we did. I made a special trip to see how our efforts had held up the heavy use the South Hills is getting. The work we did has held up well and should be able to handle the use and hopefully withstand future weather related issues.

Before I close, I want to review some riding etiquette topics. In the last few months Stan and I have been approached by various groups and news media outlets. One of the topics that seems to come up is trail etiquette. As motorized users of public lands we are constantly under scrutiny regarding the way some riders treat our public lands and other users. As a club we believe in promoting safe and responsible ATV/UTV riding. We believe that public lands are to be open and accessible to all users. As a club we promote the Stay On Trails program and have seen the rewards of following that practice. Unfortunately, we have also witnessed the destruction caused by others who do not. The tax dollars spent to reclaim land destroyed by these users could have been used to improve existing trails and creating new trails systems.

Just a reminder regarding trail etiquette. When riding trails and roads be courteous to other users. When approaching or meeting other motorized users slow down and consider a safe place to pull over and stop. Many trails are narrow and passing in opposite directions can be tough. On a few rides, the leader has stopped the group and ridden through a narrow section of trail to insure there is no oncoming traffic. When meeting hikers, bicycle riders, and equestrians on trails or narrow roads you should stop and turn off your engine. Most of the time these users are small in number and will pass by in a few seconds. If you come up behind any of these users slow down and pass with caution. In most cases, these users will move off the trail and allow you to pass by. Be patient, we want to avoid conflict and be the courteous one. If the other user persists to stay on the trail consider stopping and taking a break or taking another route at the next junction. It is upsetting to be riding along and slow down when meeting another motorized user, only to have them blow past you. It is annoying to be dusted and have gravel and sand thrown into the air for you to ride through. Think about this when you ride past a hiker, bicycle rider, or equestrian.

We have a great opportunity of changing OHV rider behavior by setting the example and take the initiative to get involved in educating others.

Kent Oliver, President  
Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc.

**FOR SALE**

2014 RHM, LLC ATV trailer  
6 feet wide x 9 ft. 5 in long  
\$1200  
308-2835



# FOR SALE

## Can-Am ATV & Trailer

2014 Outlander Max by CanAm 1000 Limited with 1732.9 Miles, 149.4 hours, with rear box, lighted, brush covers and passenger wind deflectors, storage cover, excellent condition. Always stored in trailer. \$13,000.

2005 Loadrunner enclosed ATV trailer by Interstate. 6 X 10 single axle, ramp trailer with brand new tires. \$2,900 Randy will make a deal for both or sell separately. Please call at 208-734-3613. You can leave message.



If you would like to advertise something for sale, contact Jessica at 490-0626.

Recently my granddaughter, Sarah, our RZR dog Sammy, and myself (Ed Robertson) entered our RZR in the Mackay Rodeo Parade (last Saturday) under the banner of MVATVR. Here is a picture representing our club!

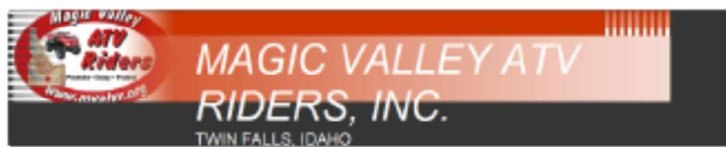


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## Application for Membership

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  No

Would you be interested in committee or board member positions?  Yes  No

What type of riding and other activities do you enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership, Please Select One:  New (or)  Yearly Renewal

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 \_\_\_\_\_

MVATVR, INC

# 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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