



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

NOVEMBER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 1, 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NEXT CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Idaho Pizza Company
1859 Kimberly Road
Twin Falls, Idaho

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

The club meeting in November is the election meeting and your attendance is important. Board members will be elected at this meeting for the 2017 term. Please attend this meeting so you can vote!

Ten of the current board of director members are running for reelection. Jessica Minor will be stepping down as a board member at the end of her term. In addition, Gary Winn (Buhl) and Aaron Larson (Mini-Cassia) have offered to be on the board of directors. Elections will be held at our November club meeting. If you wish to be considered, contact Kent Oliver no later than November 5th to have your name put on the ballot.



Everyone welcome. Bring a friend!

NEW MEMBERS Of MVATVR:

- David & Sandra Warren

Be sure to welcome them at the next club meeting.

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 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 RIDES

Ellen D Mountain/Jackpot Ride

October 22

Stan Mai

On October 22, seventeen ATVs and UTVs met at Club 93 in Jackpot and headed south into the desert in search of adventure and the summit of Ellen D mountain. As we unloaded our machines about 8 miles south of Jackpot glimmering in the sun to the south was a high peak with towers on top and covered with snow. We headed in that direction following a not so straight path of two track roads that follow the terrain up, down, back and forth. Along the way we surprised a very nice buck deer that did not seem too concerned about us as he slowly trotted away. As we got closer to Ellen D it became more apparent that snow would play a part in reaching the summit. When we made the turn to head to the top on the gravel road, we could immediately tell that wind combined with snow had left drifts exceeding a foot across the road. The leader with foot on the floor and passenger with a death grip plowed into the first drift only to come to a sudden stop. Undaunted he backed hit again with the same result. But, as they say the third time was a charm and we made it through the first drift. This procedure was repeated several more times as we continued our assault on the summit. Just as pioneers of past days we persevered and were successful in conquering Ellen D Mountain.

Oh, it was worth it. We were greeted with sunshine very little wind and a spectacular 360 degree view of northern Nevada. After spending some time at the top of the mountain we headed down a different route toward lunch. We stopped in a low spot along a wash, got out our supply of wood, got a fire going and everyone enjoyed cooked or in some cases, burnt over the fire hot dogs. We then headed south to Natural Arch where we made a short stop. We then passed some very rugged canyons know as the badlands as we headed along Salmon Falls Creek toward the old mining town of Contact. We traveled through the old mining area above Contact and just below Ellen D. Mountain. We then began the last leg of our adventure as we turned north towards the vehicles. The leader being concerned that maybe some folks were getting bored arranged for a small herd of Elk including two bulls to cross through our group with some folks getting an up close and personal view of one bull. Shortly after the elk encounter Marvin Barnes, being kind of a tech guy, decided to conduct an experiment. Marvin wanted to see whether the required angle of approach into a dip could be altered by appropriate speed, weight of passenger, degree of steering input and superior driving technique. It has been determined that further study is needed for this experiment to reach a positive conclusion. We then traveled north reaching the vehicles. The leader would like to thank all those who attended. Everyone seemed to have a great time. It was great to see some of our newer members join us.

Stan Mai, Ride Leader

MVATVR held 4 club rides/events/work projects in the month of October. Thank you so much to those who volunteered to lead a ride, volunteered for an event, and participate in a club work project. The club would not be successful without folks like you.

A special thanks to Senator Lee Heider for being our club meeting guest speaker in October. He presented great information pertaining to OHV access to public land, OHV use while hunting, Idaho's view about managing public lands and concealed weapons update. Senator Heider has always been an advocate for keeping our public lands open to all. Thank you.

PAST RIDES

Year End 100 Ride

Leader Kent Oliver

October 1

The goal is for the YE 100 to take place every year on the first Saturday of October. As the time grew closer for the third Annual YE100 ride Mother Nature began flirting with the weather. Rains, wind, and cool temperatures teased the weather reports for weeks. With bewildering emotions and tasked with making yet another ride decision, the ride coordinator decided the ride must go on. The ride leader stomped his foot and said, "If the mail can be delivered in stormy weather then so can the MVATV Riders YE 100 go on."

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, the weather prediction was for 50 to 60 degrees and possible rain showers for the riding area. As the group assembled at the staging area near Porcupine Springs Campground, the sun began to peek from behind the clouds. The day was already looking better than expected. Eighteen guests and members of the MVATVR met for a safety briefing. Randy and Jeanette Graham were the only riders with a machine over 50 inches and true to the ride leaders word they were given a map showing bypass routes around the 50" and less trails and rally points. In addition, there were six Razrs with ten riders and five ATVs with six riders.

At 9:00 AM, after the briefing, the Grahams took off on the first bypass route. The remaining machines headed down the Little Fork Trail and eventually onto the Third Fork Trail. As we approached the next turn onto Martindale Canyon Trail, it was a welcomed relief to see our first trail hazard in great shape. This trail hazard is close to the creek and historically sluffs off during rainstorms and as grazing animals pass through causing an off-camber situation to maneuver. However, in June of this year members of our club took to the trail and did a reverse camber construction to it. The result, after the days of rain and grazing animals had passed through, the trail was still safe for riders to pass through.

We then started making our way up Martindale Canyon Trail. About half way, we found the trail blocked by a fallen tree and no route around. This required us to get out the saws and go to work clearing the way. Afterwards we continued to the trailhead at the 500 road where we met up with the Grahams.

After a short break, we took off riding towards the northeast. We rode various roads passing Wrigley Corrals, Fred's Mound, and Coal Pits. We continued north on Dry Creek Road then took a right turn and looped around Indian Springs (not the same as south of Kimberly) and over to Basin Patch Springs area. After a short ride on Buckhorn Road, we pulled off and had a great lunch.

After Lunch, we made the loop around Stump Hollow and then started our decent down Medley Creek and past Buckhorn Butte. This took us off the forest service lands and onto BLM lands. We experienced some showers along this leg of the ride. As we neared the northern boundary of public lands, we cut across to the Cold Springs Basin area. From here, we rode east along the fence bordering Funk's feedlot to the Mountain Springs drainage where we turned south.

PAST RIDES

YE 100 Ride report by Kent Oliver continued.....

We experienced deep washes and steep climbs as we rode the trails and roads in this area. After making a steep climb, we stopped on a plateau where we had a good view of the Murtaugh area. Adverse weather conditions obscured or views of the Magic Valley and Northern Mountains.

We then continued our trek south through the Mountain Meadow creek area heading for the Buckhorn Road. This trek proved once again how preplanning and pre-riding still never proves flawless. The growth of grasses hid the road and the ride leader had to rely on his previous pre-ride track to find the route. After reaching Buckhorn Road, the group descended once again to the valley floor. At junction of Buckhorn Road and Robbers Gulch, we took a break.

Here the second bypass route for the Grahams took place. They would travel out to Mountain Road heading towards Oakley then turned up Big Cedar Road, travel up to the Buckhorn Road, and join up with the group at the top of Cave Canyon Trail. During their trip up Big Cedar Road, the Grahams had to navigate a series of rock slides that blocked the road to regular motor vehicles but their Maverick...

The rest of the group headed up Robbers Gulch. This trail used to be a road but the wildland fires in the last few years coupled with the heavy rains since has left this route accessible by 50 inch or less. Areas along the route would prove extremely difficult for any wider machines. After topping out of Robbers Gulch, we cut through to the top of Franks Canyon. We then road part way down Big Cedar Road and cut over to Mud Springs then up the top end of Cave Canyon. Along the way, a few riders missed the cone indicating a turn off Big Cedar Road and luck for us they met with the Grahams who got them back on track.

After all riders were grouped back up we rode past Terrell's Cabin and through Billy's Hole. In addition, we encountered more trees to clear from the road. This took longer to complete, as we had to open the entire road width. We then road past Sawmill Creek, through Bear Flat Creek area, Ecklund Creek and Cabin Springs Creek, finally arriving at Bostetter Campground for our final break of the day. After our break, we continued southbound towards Porcupine Springs Campground. A short distance from Bostetter Campground the group got to see a bull, cow, and calf moose grazing a short distance from the road. We rode on into Trapper Creek and turned up Grouse Springs road. Here is where the Grahams left the group and finished their final leg of the trip. I believe they rode 108 miles that day.

The rest of group rode down Telephone Canyon then took the 920 trail. At the 920 and 921 junction, part of the group left the ride and rode to Porcupine Springs Campground. The last remaining diehards wandered through the various routes in the FS Trail System. The riders were treated by seeing a small heard of deer who had stopped to see what was going on. The group then joined the 500 road near Blind Creek and rode past FS flats and on the backside of Porcupine Springs.

PAST RIDES

YE 100 Ride report by Kent Oliver continued.....

Again we were treated to seeing another bull, cow, and calf moose on a hillside in the Quaking Aspen trees. We arrived at Porcupine Springs Campground just after sunset and had ridden approximately 98 miles.



Anything Potato Event

October 15

Filer Fairgrounds

Twin Falls annual Anything Potato event was well attended with over 150 attendees. With 12 participants showcasing their favorite potato dish, many amazing dishes were available to try. The potato samples ranged from potato salad, to potato candy, to rice crispy treats with potato chips on top. But the winning dish was potato shrimp bacon balls by our very own Linda Stimpson. A great time was had by all. Thank you club members that attended this fun event and supported our club.

Bear Gulch Club Work Project

October 29

Neither Rain, nor muddy road could keep members of the MVATV Riders from completing the fence rebuild project at the Bear Gulch Campground in the South Hills. On Saturday, October 29, 2016, 15 members of the club met to complete the fence rebuild project. Members arrived by pickup, motorcycle, and Razr. The day turned out sunny and contrary to popular belief, the soil conditions for doing this project were just right. Because of the heavy rains from the day before it was thought the project would prove muddy, but it was not. After working for two hours, the project was completed. The club treated all the workers to hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and cookies for lunch. Afterwards, a few of the members took a ride enjoying to sunny fall day and changing fall colors.



UPCOMING RIDES & EVENTS

BUHL LIGHT PARADE

November 26, 2016



THE ANNUAL BUHL LIGHT PARADE WILL BE HELD IN BUHL, IDAHO ON SAUTURDAY, NOVEMBER 26. WE WANT TO BE AN OVERWHELMING PRESENCE AGAIN THIS YEAR SO START PLANNING YOUR DECORATIONS FOR YOUR ATV. AND REMEMBER, THE MORE LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS, THE BETTER!

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW SOON BY EMAIL.

BLACK MAGIC CANYON ATV ride

Date to be determined.

Please watch your emails and newsletter for ride updates and invites.

FOR SALE



- ATV trailer with heavy duty axle and rims
- New tires
- 7' wide x 12' long
- Lights work
- Front jack
- Asking \$500
- Dennis Klingener (706) 476-7201



FOR FREE

- 4 experienced Kenda HTR ATV/UTV radial tires
- 2 tires 25x8x12 and 2 tires 25x10x12
- Used but still some good life left in them
- Tires are free, but 2 of them need to be dismounted at your cost from rims
- Stan Mai 733-5981

2017 CLUB DUES ARE DUE

It is time to renew your club membership to MVATVR.

Dues are as follows:

\$25.00 for a family

\$20.00 for a single

Please mail your payment to:

PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303
or bring your payment to the next meeting. To be eligible for the big prizes at the January banquet, you must be current on your membership dues. If you pay before the banquet, you can avoid waiting in line to pay there.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO CLUB RIDES PLANNED. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR RIDE INVITES IN YOUR EMAIL INCASE WE PLAN A LAST MINUTE RIDE SOMEWHERE.



From your Public Lands Director

The fun part of having a club like MVATVR is club meetings, rides, social interaction, making new friends, having new places to ride. All these things are great and is the reason many folks decide to join a local OHV club. But, and this is a big but if you have no place to ride none of the other things matter. This is why the public lands side of our club is important. It is boring to most folks and they really do not want to hear about it. This month I wanted to bring you up to date on what we are currently doing to keep our riding areas open.

- North Rim Canyon Park: It appears the park may finally be going forward. We are working with the Jerome County Commissioners, the BLM and Idaho department of lands to make this park a true multiple use park where OHV use will be allowed and welcomed throughout the park.
- Idaho Department of Lands. We will be meeting with the management of the Idaho Department of Lands regarding the \$1.00 of our sticker money that goes to IDL for OHV improvements. We are also working to insure that IDL leases require that all exiting roads and trails stay open to motorized use.
- Sawtooth National Recreation Area. I met with representatives of the SNRA in regards to there proposed Travel Management plan for the Wood River Valley, We are very concerned that the SNRA's management plan is more concerned with preservation than maintaining and improving access for motorized travel.
- Manti LaSalle National Forest in Utah will be revising there Forest Plan and we will be involved with this process. This area is home to some fantastic ATV/ UTV riding
- Salmon Challis National Forest will soon be starting on their Forest Plan revision and we have notified them that we want to be involved in the process.
- We are working with Shoshone Field Office of the BLM on maintaining and improving access to their land north of Highway 20. There is a lot of private land in this area and we would like to see the BLM become more proactive in acquiring easements for motorized travel across this land.
- Jarbidge Area of BLM. In the near future Travel Management planning will be starting in this area. This is in our backyard and heavily used by our members.
- Minidoka Ranger District of Sawtooth National Forest. Again a very popular area for our members. We are working to get some proposed trails on the ground and usable, we also are working to make improvements to existing trails.
- Fairfield Ranger District. Many of you helped with the Bridge project last summer. I am happy to report the bridge is now fully completed and ready for use. Thanks to Steve Frost, Recreation planner for working to get this project completed. We have other projects in the works that hopefully will result in some improved access in the very near future.

This is just a snapshot of last month's activities. It is a constant battle to keep our public lands open for our use. This is why it is so vital that our club remains large enough to have a voice in Public Land management decisions.

Stan Mai, Public Lands Director, MVATVR

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:

- Maggie Lookingbill- she is recovering from surgery
- Dennis Cogswell- he is recovering from a recent hospital stay

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: KENT OLIVER

The leaves have changed, gardens are done, and the temperatures are getting cooler with a whisper of winter coming. November is peeking around the corner and with it comes plans of Thanksgiving Dinners, digging the sweaters out of storage, and getting out to vote.

Speaking of voting, it is election time for the Magic Valley ATV Riders. At the November meeting on Wednesday, November 9, we will be holding our annual elections. So please plan on attending the meeting and voting. Also a reminder to get out and vote on November 8th for the Presidential and general elections.

Safety Tip:

As the weather gets cooler and more unpredictable now is the time to make that to-do list and get your machine ready to ride when the weather permits. Remember when you get out to ride this winter to first check the USFS MVUM and BLM website for seasonal road and trail closures. Most of the northern and western range of the South Hills will close to motorized users the end of November. Be winter ready when you ride. Dress for the weather, pack plenty of water and extra food, and carry emergency supplies in case you get stranded.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Take a minute and be thankful for the blessings we have.



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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