

Magic Valley ATV Riders

December 2016



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 active organization of almost 400 members! – Photo: 2016 YE100

President's Message

As 2016 comes to an end the Magic Valley ATV Riders board of directors continue to work on activities for our club members to participate in and improve riding opportunities. We are working with Southern Idaho Tourism on a trail map that will give visitors some suggested trail rides in the South Hills. This is the first step in promoting the area we enjoy riding and sharing our vast playground.

Our Public Lands Director, Stan Mai, continues to keep track of issues that affect our ability to access public lands. Currently he is watching and commenting on several Travel Management Plan projects being done by the Bureau of Land Management. Under the current proposed TMP we would lose many of our trails we ride in the Hammett area.

During an Idaho State ATV Association conference call I participated in I learned the proposed BLM TMP will cause the Eastern Idaho clubs to lose a significant amount of their riding access on BLM lands. Keeping track of all the TMP projects going on across Idaho is no small task and I give Stan my appreciation for all he does in this endeavor. We are continuing our relationship with the Forest Service Rangers with the Sawtooth National Forest and have submitted several letters of support with other National Forest officials for OHV projects across the state.

In November a group of volunteers met at Maxie's Pizza and Pasta in Twin Falls and put together a proposed 2017 Ride Schedule. I hope to have it published by the end of December 2016. I would like to thank Gary Aufderheide, David Fait, Rob Hendrickson, Aaron Larson, Stan Mai, and Bill Mefford for their input and willingness to work on this project.

Kent Oliver - President

National Christmas Tree

Jade Sumsion local law enforcement officer with the Sawtooth National Forest has been selected to escort the National Christmas Tree on its trip from McCall to Washington DC.

The tree was cut on Nov 3 and arrived at the capitol on Nov. 28.



Q: Why can't Christmas trees sew?

A: They always drop their needles.

Public Lands Director

On November 8th 2016 the American voters went to the polls and decided who would be directing our country.

We as OHV users should be excited. The possibility now exists for our federal government to make some significant changes in how federal lands are managed. For way too long, we the motorized users of our lands have been relegated to second place as far as priorities of use are concerned.

The focus has been of preservation and limited use rather than allowing and encouraging use of our public lands by all. Blue Ribbon Coalition says it best in their motto: Managing public land for the people instead of from the people.

We can only hope that president Trump appoints good multiple use folks to lead the management team of the Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture. You can be assured the so called environmental folks will be campaigning hard for the “keep on doing what you are doing managers.” I would encourage you to contact your congressman and ask them to move quickly to return public lands to the public for us all to access and enjoy.

I trust you all have had a great riding season, and sincerely wish you all a very Merry Christmas and for the first time in many years have real hope for improved management of public lands.

Stan Mai, Public Lands Director

Monuments Springs & China Mountain Ride

On Saturday November 5th, 22 machines departed from the junction of Three Creek Road and Monument Springs Road in search of fun and adventure. Along the way we visited the arch and then down one canyon and back up another and then dipped into Nevada before heading back up into Idaho and higher ground.

As we were heading up into the higher country we happened to see some elk on a bluff ahead of us. They soon moved to the other side but luck was with us as we traveled down the road they crossed right in front of us, and I mean right in front.

If the ride leader’s navigator had not insisted he stop they would have almost been in the machine with us. There were around 100 elk with several bulls including at least two big ones. Great weather for November. Thanks for coming along.

Stan Mai, Ride Host



Many elk were seen on the ride.

Buhl Light Parade

Everything Merry and Bright is what it was at the Buhl Light Parade. Lots of smiles, waves, cheers, and warm wishes for a Merry Christmas greeted the people lining the streets. The children were standing at the edge of the sidewalks in hopes of catching candy that was thrown their way.

I must say; there was a lot of candy tossed by our group. The MVATVR showed up in force to give the people of Buhl a splendid showing of lights. There were 25 machines and around 50 people who braved the cool temperatures and wind to participate in the parade. We were the largest entry in the parade this year.

The machines were decorated from simple lights to a whole fancy array of decorations. The creativity of our members is amazing. Kris Larson was the overall most decorated machine in the parade.

After the parade, we all met at the First Christian Church in Buhl for cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and tea and some warm conversations. We were even entertained by some piano music by none other than Stan Mai.

Thank you to everyone for coming out and participating in the parade. The people of Buhl enjoyed all of our decorated machines. A thank you to Gary Winn for getting the entry paperwork filled out and submitted. Be sure to check out the pictures on the website.

Lorrie Oliver



Kris and Dorothea Larson at the Buhl Light Parade

OHV Renewal Stickers

It is once again time to get your OHV stickers renewed so you can enjoy the outdoors during 2017. Registration stickers are available at most of the OHV dealerships and local DMV offices in your area. You can also renew online through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website.

<https://idpr.idaho.gov/Renewal/>



Registration Renewal Login For Sticker Year 2017

Pin:
Sticker Number:



New Members

We would like to welcome Leslie Preston and Kim Baugh to the club as new members.

If you know anyone that has an ATV and enjoys the outdoors, we would love to have them as members of the club!

December Meeting

Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Idaho Pizza Company.

This will be an informal social gathering for the members to mingle and celebrate the Christmas season.

Please join us and visit good friends and make a few new friends this holiday season.

David Fait and Aaron Larson will be there to help with using your tablet and GPS to find the trails using electronic version of our MVUM's.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Membership Dues

It is time to renew your club membership to MVATVR. Dues are \$20 for a single person and \$25 for a family.

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 dues.

Flags

If you would like to buy a brand new orange MVATVR flag for your ATV/UTV, there are still a few available. They are \$20 each. Call Robert Leitch 539-6066.



Poles can be found at your favorite local ATV\UTV dealer!

For Sale

Too lazy to sell on Craigslist! Price to high? Make offer! Proceeds pays for toys Aaron already bought.

1. \$100 - Set of Maxxis Bighorn tires. (2) 26x9x12 and (2) 26x12x12. Between 1/2 and 5/8 of tread left depending on where you measure. One of the rears has a tire plug.
2. \$100 - Bushnell Yardage Pro 1000 range finder.
3. \$1,000 – Rock River Varmint A4 .308 w\26" barrel & 5 magazines. Buy it and get the range finder for free!

Aaron Larson 312-4867 aaron@atlcomputing.com

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.



Club Rules

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 than 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 therefore 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.

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The Fine Print

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.



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 _____



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