

# Magic Valley ATV Riders

March 2017



**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

It is already March and for some of you this will be your last club newsletter. If you have not already done so, please get your dues paid by March 31, 2017 to avoid interruption in your membership benefits.

You can submit your payment along with the application to the club post office box or if you access your banking information over the internet, most banks have a bill pay option. Some banks offer this service free of charge while others may charge you a nominal fee. If you set up a bill pay account for MVATVR the bank will send a bank draft to our post office box on your behalf near the date you set up. If you do submit payment through your bank's bill pay service, please email us the information on the renewal application. This will let us know to expect payment and it will give us your most up to date information. In the past, members have moved and/or changed their email address without letting us know. By not letting MVATVR know of the change(s) has resulted in them not receiving ride notices, newsletters, and other pertinent club information.

Speaking of benefits, for a \$20 single person or \$25 household membership, you get the opportunity to meet others who share a common desire to ride and see the sites our country has to offer. Networking with club members or members

of other clubs is a great way to learn and ride new areas. It is our goal to aid these opportunities by giving everyone the chance to meet one another at meetings, our winter banquet, summer picnic, campouts, and day rides.

The Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc. is one of the largest, if not the largest, OHV clubs in Idaho. As a club, we want to provide and preserve OHV riding opportunities on public lands. Your membership helps provide the finances needed to make this happen. The MVATVR has memberships with the Idaho State ATV Association and the Blue Ribbon Coalition, only to name a few.

A few other things we do with our money is; donate to the Filer QRU, MSTI, and Blue Ribbon Legal Defense Fund; write letters in support of various OHV projects that benefit the use of OHVs on public lands; participate in public comment periods on various land access issues, and write letters to oppose any rule or legislative action that would limit or eliminate our riding opportunities on public lands. We also work closely with the forest service in trail projects, both maintenance and new trail designation. If it were not for the memberships of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, none of this could be possible.

Kent Oliver - President

## Public Lands Director

Ology is a discipline of study, as indicated **MEET THE Ologist** by having the -Ology suffix. "Ologist, the person who does Ology." Ologists come in many styles, flavors, sizes and shapes.

Our public land agencies are awash with Ologists. We have waterologists, bugologists, weedologists, skunkologists, deerologists, sagehenologists, skyologists, rockologists, dirtologists, dustologists, treeologists, snailologists, bulltroutologists, snakeologists and the list goes on and on.

Many of these ologists think that what they are the Ology of is the most important thing. They sometimes have trouble understanding that what they do is really not anymore important than what non ologists do. They also sometimes think that other uses and users of public land are less important that what they are an Ology of. This is especially true of motorized recreation.

For some reason they seem to think that a motorized recreationist will cause more of a disturbance to their Ology than non motorized users. The problem we have is that we have no motorologists, no vehicleologists, no motorized recreationologists, no multiple useologists, and no atvologists. As you can see motorized use on public land pretty much has the deck stacked against itself when it comes to representation in public land management.

Sometimes it's almost like fake news. An Ologist thinks that maybe something bad will possibly happen if a certain activity is allowed to happen and suddenly it becomes the real substantiated news. Fake News?

It really is amazing with the amount of ologists ready to condemn anything motorized that anything ever gets accomplished. No wonder it takes years and maybe never to get anything approved that would give motorized recreationalists more opportunity to experience their public land. Let's adopt President Trump's idea on regulations. If you add one Ologist you must get rid of two. The side benefit of this is money would be available to hire folks to go out and work on trails. What a novel idea.

Maybe it is time to drain the swamp and get rid of all the Ologists. Level the playing field and make our public land great again.

Hopefully our public land agencies will start focusing on ways to improve access instead of ways to reduce opportunities for the public to enjoy their public land.

As always the motorized community stands ready to do anything we can to promote and facilitate improved access to our public lands.

Stan Mai, Public Lands Director

## BLM Closure

The Burley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office will implement a seasonal road closure Jan. 16 to March 15 in the South Hills area.

The following roads, as well as any two-tracks or trails tied to these roads, will be closed to motorized travel from Jan. 16 to March 15, 2017: Dry Creek, Cherry Spring, Indian Springs (Closure begins 1.5 miles south of Foothills Road) and North Cottonwood Creek.

The seasonal closure applies to all motorized vehicles except those specifically authorized to access the area. The area is open to the public for non-motorized use.

For more information regarding the road closure, please contact Dennis Thompson, BLM Burley Field Office recreation planner, at (208) 677-6600.

## New Members

We would like to welcome Tim & Teri O'Connell and Karen Daniel 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!

Linda Stimpson

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? A rash of good luck.

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun? Because they're always a little short.

## February Meeting



Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Adventure Motorsports. Their address is 2469 Kimberly Road.

The social hour and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. They will be serving sloppy joes, chips, cookies, and pop\water. Please bring a chair to sit on.

After dinner, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Scott Packer, a Adventure employee, will be our guest speaker.

Adventure Motorsports is our local Yamaha, Honda, and KTM dealer. They are offering a 15% discount on all parts and accessories you purchase while at the meeting. This is a good opportunity to stock up air and oil filters, outfit your rig with a new set of wheels or tires, get a pole for your club flag, get a fuel pack to extend your riding range, or all other sorts of accessories that might improve your ride.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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## Safety Topic

It is hard to believe another month has gone by and the weather still is wreaking havoc across the Magic Valley. It first started with deep snow, and then came the deep water, and now deep snowdrifts, not to mention the cold temperatures. Some folks were brave enough to have ventured out and played in the snow and sand in between the storms.

As the weather becomes more favorable, be cautious as to the road conditions getting to your riding area. With the warmer weather, the frost layer in the ground will soon start to thaw; making the roadways soft and driving through them can cause deep ruts.

The February thaw already caused enough damage to roads, trails, and environment that our public land managers already have a summers

worth of repair projects. And, who knows what the rest of spring will do as the snow pack melts in the high country. Let us be good stewards and try not to add more repair work for them to do.

With that said, as you do get out and ride please be extremely cautious of trail erosion. Creek crossings and some trails may not be as easy to ride as last year. Creeks running full have a tendency to erode creek banks, encroaching upon trails and in some cases destroying a trail section.

A gentle stream crossing may become deeper and water currents faster. If you do encounter a section of trail that needs attention, please note the location on your GPS and take photos of the trail problem. Once you return home, please email Stan or me the pictures, GPS coordinate, and a brief description of what you encountered. Stan and I will take the appropriate actions to get the situation fixed.

Have a great March, and I hope to see you on the trail.

Kent Oliver

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## Upcoming Events

1. Tech seminar sometime in April. Dave and Aaron will have more info and a date as we get closer to the flooding season turning into the dust season ☺
2. April 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Ag Safety day in Hagerman. A ATV\Motorcycle safe booth will be available. Contact Jennifer Westendorf at 208-814-7640 or westendj@slhs.org for more information.
3. June 10<sup>th</sup> will be our "Work Weekend" in the South Hills. We will be brushing out trails and doing general trail maintenance. If things work out, we could be involved in helping build a brand new trail to ride on this season!
4. July 26<sup>th</sup> will be the annual picnic at the Kimberly city park.



## Member Projects & Toys

There has been a rumor that our club President has been having truck problems and has had trouble getting his Can-Am to his riding spots. Someone snapped this photo the other day, and I'm not sure about you, but that ATV might just be his.



We also heard that since the mountains have so much snow, Jerry Duffy decided to use his Jeep building skills and build a new toy to play in the snow. He didn't want this getting out until he put the final coat of paint on it, but an anonymous source snapped this picture as he was hauling it to the hills for a pre-paint mechanical test.



Aaron Larson's wife told him if he brought another gun in the house he would "be in a lot of trouble." Technically they don't go in the house so he should be just fine when Amy see his new guns.



We also heard that Rob Hendrickson has had grandkids over for an extended stay and they wanted to go sledding in the yard after the last snowfall. His neighbors sent us this picture of a little something he rigged up.



Jerry Kriehg likes to carry his 2 way radio with him on rides. Word is that he has been experimenting with a better speaker system than those tiny ones you install in your helmet. His wife was kind enough to send us a picture of version 2 of his speaker setup.



Last but not least, Bobbie Duke decided to give her ride a little facelift. We hear she is REALLY proud of it and anxious to show it off at the next club ride. We assume it is the ATV, not the sports car...



## Thinking of You

- Steve Osborn – Recent hospital stay.
- Tim Lent – Surgery
- Pat Mai – Surgery
- Rob & Lola Hendrickson – Loss of their nephew
- Mike Hutchings – Cancer treatment.

## 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.

Linda Stimpson

## 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.



We also have American flags printed on the same material the club flags are printed on. They are also \$20 each.

Call Robert Leitch (539-6066) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

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

Robert Leitch



What Santa should have brought this year....

## For Sale



\$10,500. 2006 27' American Freedom Toyhauler. 4k generator, 26 gallon fuel station, double electric rear queen beds, CD stereo with in and out speakers, power tongue jack, awning, stove, microwave, fold down couch-bed, fold down dinette set, carpet, two 12 bolt batteries, sliding drawer in storage compartment. 17'8" of toy hauler space. Plenty of room for an ATV and a RZR. Selling because I bought a brand new one.

Contact Kris Larson at kdrental@msn.com or 208-312-7250

## OHV Sticker Reminder

We realize that with the cold and miserable weather we have been having, you may have put off registering your machines. This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up.

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:



# 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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## Board of Directors

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## The Fine Print

I 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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