

Magic Valley ATV Riders

April 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

March lived up to its reputation coming in like a lamb and left like a lion. If our weather pattern holds true we might be in for the traditional April showers. As we delve further into 2017, we will be faced with new possibilities and the need to stand united. The Bureau of Land Management has begun travel planning for all lands they manage. The travel planning will be like what we have on forest service lands. Many of you played integral roles when the Forest Service started working on their travel plans and developed the Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM).

As we continue into these planning processes, I want to ask everyone to be vigilant in following the club's Mission and philosophy. The Mission of the MVATVR is to Bring Together ATV/UTV Riders to Promote, Enjoy and Protect the Sport of ATV/UTV Riding. As a club of nearly 400 members, we are only a small portion of the total ATV/UTV riders who visit our public lands each year. However, those of you who fly our club's flag as you are riding, exhibit the spirit of an organization who fights for the right of all users to have access to our public lands. With that said, it is very important that we set the example for others to follow. Never pass up the opportunity to educate others and promote our purpose to others. Remember, a field of grain began by planting one seed and over time, the entire field became prosperous.

Now getting back to the BLM travel planning process, I want to remind everyone there are groups who want nothing better than to keep all motorized users off public lands. These groups will go to all lengths to expose how motorized users are bad for the environment and the peacefulness of outdoor tranquility. By following the simple philosophy of "Stay on Trails" and "Tread Lightly", we can help minimize the negative publicity these groups use to

keep OHV from areas we have enjoyed for many years. We have all seen the scars left by others



who chose not to follow these simple ideologies. These groups will use these

scars and roughed up land as reasons OHV users need more restrictions. It is these issues we have to address, as they will hamper our efforts to improve riding opportunities on public lands.

As the trail planning process proceeds, we will try to keep the club membership up to date on planning meetings, public comment periods, and decisions the BLM make regarding OHV use on BLM managed lands. If we don't set the example, who will???

Kent Oliver - President

Ps. We are getting a new website soon!

April Meeting



Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Action Cycles 'N Sleds. Their address is 2540 Addison Ave East in Twin Falls

The social hour and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. It will be a mystery dinner. Meaning they have not provided us with a menu. Please bring a chair to sit on.

After dinner, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a member of the BLM speaking to us.

Action Cycles 'N Sleds is our local Can-Am, Polaris, and Kawasaki dealer. They are offering a 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, 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.

Public Lands Director

Spring, what a wonderful word. It would appear that winter has finally given up and Spring although a bit soggy has arrived. I have said this many times but I think it bears repeating, as you venture out on our public lands please do not do anything to make us look bad. Stay on legal roads and trails, respect private property and all those who share our public land with us.

Speaking of public land, representatives of MVATVR met with officials of the Minidoka Ranger District and it would appear that some of the trail changes we have been requesting are going to happen in the near future. This is great news. These changes will improve opportunities for folks to enjoy more of their public land.

The Jarbidge Field Office of the BLM will soon begin Travel Management Planning for their area. If you are not familiar with this area it is basically south of the Snake River and west of Highway 93. This covers a lot of great riding area

that the public and our members frequent quite often, it is vitally important that you get involved in this process. Travel Plans routinely close viable roads and trails for various reasons. Sadly



the Travel Plan process on public land is approached bass ackwards. Instead of approaching travel with the mind set of it is open and it should stay open.

Most land managers now approach it with we are going to close unless you can convince us to leave it open. With a new President and Secretary of Interior hopefully the direction from Washington DC will be more about making our public available instead of lets close it so our future generations cannot use it either. Representatives from the BLM will be at our April meeting. I would urge to attend the meeting, meet your local BLM folks and let them know we feel strongly about the future of this area and want to be involved in the process going forward. Hopefully there will be ample opportunities for you to comment as the process moves forward.

As always ride safe, have fun.

Stan Mai, Public Lands Director

BLM Closure

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burley Field Office has lifted the seasonal road closure in the South Hills area. The following roads, as well as any two-tracks or trails tied to these roads, are now open to motorized travel: Dry Creek, Cherry Spring, Indian Springs (Closure began 1.5 miles south of Foothills Road) and North Cottonwood Creek.

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

Remember the USFS closures are still in effect through May 15, 2017 and Dry Creek road through May 31, 2017.

Q: How do you know the Easter Bunny is really smart?
A: Because he's an egghead.

New Members

We would like to welcome Dave Meyer & Carole Sherman, and Stanford and Susan Watts 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

Safety

This month I want to remind everyone to be sure and come up with a pre-trip checklist. A couple of good reference lists are on our club website. On the main homepage click safety and the documents are in a box located near the lower right corner. The shop supervisor at Adventure Motorsports developed these lists a few years ago. By doing a thorough pre-trip maintenance and a post trip inspection can help reduce issues out on the trail, many miles from your vehicle and spare parts.

While you are riding this spring, be sure to take extra clothing, food, water, and your rain gear. Our weather has proven unpredictable several times already this year. The Boy Scout motto comes to mind, "Always Be Prepared"

Kent Oliver

Life Flight Membership

As a member of the club you qualify for the \$45 a year group rate for an Air St. Luke's membership.

We encourage all members of the club join either Air St. Luke's, Life Flight, or any other emergency service. Most have reciprocity with neighboring services should you be on a trip to Utah, for example, and need service while there.



See the attached membership application for all the details and to sign up.

Q: How do bunnies stay healthy?

A: Eggercise

Hammett to Bruneau Ride

On March 18, twenty-five members of the MVATV Riders INC met in the small town of Hammett, Idaho. The gathering was so impressive it prompted the local sheriff's deputy to stop and ask for our parade permit. Good thing our Sergeant at Arms, Robert Leitch was on hand to keep the situation under control. At 9:30, the group started making their way to the staging area off the Browns Creek/Pothole Road.

After a short safety briefing, the ride started just after 10:00. The weatherman said we could expect sunny skies in the morning and early afternoon with rain showers in late afternoon. However, we had overcast skies, 5 to 10 mph breezes, and warm temperatures, in other words a perfect spring day to ride. The desert was starting to green up and the wildlife was scarce. We were fortunate to see four deer and seven antelope along the way.

Our first leg of the ride took us west to the southeast side of the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park. We saw people lining the ridge of the big sand dune, but not sure for what reason. I later found out there was a large gathering of folks taking advantage of the sand conditions and warm weather to sandboard (sister to the snowboard) down the dunes.



After lunch, we worked our way across the public access area of the Sailor Creek Bombing range to the north edge of the restricted area. Here we had a glimpse of various targets set up for practice by our military members. We then headed north along an old road and back near our staging area. In a basin not far from our vehicles is a group of sand dunes that lie on approximately 25-30 acres. Some of the group played on the sand for a while and others left for home. This was a great first club ride with hopefully many more to come.

In total, we road approximately 40 miles and were back to the sand dunes by about 3:30.

Kent Oliver – Ride Leader

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 19th 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. Club meeting on May 10th.
4. May 13th will be the North Rim Park cleanup. More details to come as we get farther into April.
5. June 10th 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!
6. July 26th will be the annual picnic at the Kimberly city park.
7. August 17-20th. Idaho State ATV Association Annual Meeting in Pine\Featherville. A flier with all the information will be posted on the website in the near future.

Thinking of You

Dorothea (Kris) Larson for the loss of her father
 Aaron (Amy) Larson for the loss of his grandfather
 Amy (Aaron) Larson for the loss of her grandmother

Trailer Maintenance

Last summer on our first camping trip of the season, I got up to the large group camping area just past Diamondfield Jack and proceeded to get the trailer setup. As I wandered around the back I noticed that one of the fresh water tanks looked funny. Upon further inspection, one of the nuts on the support bracket had worked loose and had fallen off someplace on the trip up there. While it was not at risk of falling off the trailer, I wanted to get it fixed anyway. With no nuts, I made my way up to Pikes Peak to call my dad who was coming up the next day so he could bring some parts.

After the call, I was sitting at the trailer in my lawn chair when a stream of water came past me. I quickly found that the hose that connected the two tanks was being stressed from the pressure of the tank hanging down and had caused the old hose to

crack. After running around looking for something to fix the crack, I found a roll of electrical tape and after using nearly the whole roll, I was able to get the water to quit leaking.

With ATV and camping season coming up, we have all probably got our ATV and UTV's all ready for the upcoming rides but have we checked our trailers?



Does the coupler open and close after sitting through the winter? Do you have the right sized ball for your coupler? What about the hitch pin and coupler pins, do you know where they are and do you have extras? What about your tongue jack, is it working like it should? Are the safety chains polished and waxed (just kidding) and the hooks the right size for your truck?

Do the lights still work? Have the squirrels chewed up the wiring? Do the brakes work? What about your brake controller, is it set correctly?

When is the last time you checked the tire pressure (and the air in the spare tire as well!) and greased the bearings? Do the tires have plenty of tread? Do they have any dry rot? What about wheel chokes in case you have to leave the trailer on a slight incline? When is the last time you checked to see if the lug wrench you have in the vehicle is the right size for the lug nuts on your trailer?

What about the license plate, does it have a current sticker on it?

Tow straps? Do you have plenty of those? Are they the GOOD ones, not the crappy "30 lb" capacity ones in case you have to stop suddenly?



When is the last time you flushed your fresh water tank with sanitizer? Restocked the TP? Got extra fuzes? Duct tape, electrical tape, nuts, screws, bolts, twine, wire, batteries, screw drivers, wrenches, etc?

Is the fridge working? Water heater tested? Generator oil changed and full of fresh gas? Are the batteries charged up and tested so you don't get on a 6 day trip and find out one has a bad cell and now you have no power? Does the pilot light on the oven work? You did fill the tanks and check for leaks, right?

You closed the grey\black water slice valve right?

One could go on and on, but the moral of the story is, check your trailer and do some maintenance before the trip gremlin bites your keyster!

Aaron Larson

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

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

For Sale

Track system for CanAm. Please contact Steve Soelberg at 208-539-4745. He is asking \$3000 for the complete set.



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 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 part 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 _____

Magic Valley ATV Riders
\$45.00 Group Rate



Group Membership Agreement and Application

Air St. Luke's Membership Agreement

By becoming a member, I understand that:

- Air St. Luke's Membership is not an insurance or investment program and has no guaranteed benefit. The purpose of membership is to support Air St. Luke's.
- **The membership benefits are for me, my spouse or domestic partner and any unmarried dependent children, claimed on my income tax return and listed on the enrollment form. Dependent children must be younger than 19, or younger than 24 and a full-time student claimed on your income tax return. Non-qualifying dependents will need their own membership.**
- The benefits of Air St. Luke's Membership covers air ambulance and ground ambulance charges for medically necessary services provided by Air St. Luke's or partnering affiliates only. Local 911 emergency ground ambulance response is not included.
- Medical necessity can only be determined by a physician or EMS personnel.
- Reciprocity among partnering member programs is subject to the reciprocating program's rules.
- Both ground and air emergency medical transports are based on medical need, not membership status. Not every illness or injury requires air transport. Patients will be transported to the closest, medically appropriate facility as determined by a physician or emergency personnel.
- New member enrollment and benefits take effect three days (72 hours) after receipt of a completed enrollment form with payment and continues for one (1) year thereafter, unless purchasing a lifetime membership.
- Per government regulations, individuals covered by Medicaid are not eligible and should not apply for membership.
- I transfer directly to St. Luke's my rights to insurance payments due to me for air or ground ambulance transport. Such payments shall not exceed Air St. Luke's regular charges. I will cooperate with Air St. Luke's in obtaining any insurance payments that are available to me. Failure to provide necessary insurance information or failure to cooperate in obtaining insurance payments, may void any Air St. Luke's Membership benefits.
- The Air St. Luke's Membership benefit is secondary to all other insurance payments.
- Conditions that are the result of being engaged in an illegal occupation; commission or attempted commission of an assault or other illegal act are excluded from receiving membership benefits.
- While every reasonable effort will be made, service cannot always be guaranteed due to weather conditions or commitment to another transport. Memberships are non-refundable, non-transferable and may not be assigned to other individuals.
- Memberships are non-refundable, non-transferable, and may not be assigned to other individuals.
- Proof of membership is not required at the time of transport.

Air St. Luke's Group Membership Application Member Information (Please print)

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Family Members (spouse and/or dependent children claimed on income tax)

First Name	Last Name	Relationship	Date of Birth

Please complete application and return to: Air St. Luke's 190 E Bannock, Boise, ID 83712



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