

Magic Valley ATV Riders

May 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

The weather is finally cooperating with us, giving us positive riding weather. Members have ridden some good rides and we have more to come. I appreciate Rusty Faircloth and the Mountain Home ATV/UTV club for inviting us to join them on the Gooding City of Rocks ride. It is always a great opportunity to meet and network with other OHV enthusiasts. I have extended an offer to assist the Mountain Home ATV/UTV Club with a work project on the Danksin Trail system. We'll see how much damage was done this winter.

This year we are working on plans for several trail projects with the Sawtooth National Forest. On our June work weekend we hope to start the preparation work on the new connector trail in the Jones Creek Drainage. Later this summer the trail cat will build the trail. The current Jones Creek trail ends in a basin near the stock water tank. The new connector will follow the snowmobile trail towards Monument Peak and Bostetter junction for a short distance then climb up the hill to the west. This new connector will join a road that will allow riders to tie in with the Monument Peak Road. The hopes for the connector is that the conflict for multiple users is reduced and make it safer for everyone.

We may also get involved with the Trout Creek Trail realignment project. This realignment of the trail will reduce the number of stream crossings in hopes of reducing the amount of sediment that is

washed downstream. If we can help expedite the preparation work on this project it will let the trail cat work the area more efficiently.

I'm looking at the adopt-a-trail program. With all the trail work we do in the South Hills and all the work possibilities this program would give the club more recognition among OHV users. Not sure what that will look like, but I figure volunteers could work with the Forest Service trail crews once or twice a month during the summer. Our focus would be working on trails, fixing issues like off camber and sight restrictions.

This winter, we have worked closely with Melissa Berry at Southern Idaho Tourism to promote ATV/UTV riding in our area. We have given them tracks in the south hills for new adventurers to ride that give them a sampling of what there is. Another project is to develop a route from Almo, Idaho to Jackpot, Nevada. We are currently planning to use some of the route used by others riding from Oakley to Jackpot. Our goal this year is to find an equitable route from Almo to the Goose Creek Road. The Southern Idaho Tourism is a strong supporter to promote recreational opportunities, including off highway vehicle use, in southern Idaho. Melissa has already worked with stakeholders in Almo, City of Rock National Reserve, and Jackpot.

Over the years we have performed several public service projects. This year we provided members to help with the Ag Safety Day in Hagerman, Idaho. This event was sponsored by the

Simplot Corporation and St. Luke's Safe Kids Coalition. A representative from the Simplot Corporation complimented our members for their time and allowing the students to climb on their machines. We have another request for an Ag Safety Day event at the Clover Lutheran Church for the lower grade students. If you are interested in being considered to help on future events please let me know.

Recently, Glen and Wayne Fischer gave a presentation to the Board of Directors about sponsoring a veterans ride. Other clubs and the state snowmobile association have sponsored such events. The board decided to pursue more information. What we do know from other clubs is the veteran and the OHV owner would sign waivers to not hold each liable for any damage or injury that might occur. The ride would be a one day event with a short ride that would give disabled veterans the opportunity to experience what we enjoy every time we hit the trail. Either during the ride or after the ride a meal would be provided for everyone. We have two contacts with veterans organizations we are talking with. We will keep you all updated as we get more information.

With all these proposed projects we are asking for your input. The board would like to know if these are somethings the MVATVR should get involved in. If you have a skill or knowledge in any of these areas you wish to share, and are interested in volunteering your time, please let us know.

Please keep an eye on your emails for upcoming rides and events. I hope to see everyone on our upcoming rides and camp outs.

Kent Oliver - President



May Meeting

CENTURY

MOTORSPORTS & MARINE

Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Century Motorsports. Their address is 299 Addison Ave West in Twin Falls. The parking lot access is from Blake Street.

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

Century Motorsports is our local Artic Cat and Suzuki 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.

After dinner, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Melanie Gonzales. She is the MSTI Community Cancer Education Coordinator with St. Luke's, Mountain States Tumor Institute. Melanie will be on hand early to conduct some skin scans. If you are interested, she is going to try and be set up between 5:15 and 5:30 PM. There may be some time after she speaks to do more scans.

We will also have LOTS of door prizes in honor of Mothers Day. Rumor has it that Golden Corral gift cards, as well a bunch of CASH will be some of the prizes available. Also, please note that this will be the last meeting we will have until fall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Public Lands Director

First I would like to thank Nathan Jayo from the BLM for attending our April meeting and bringing everyone up to speed on where the BLM is at on Travel Management Planning for the Jarbidge Field Office. They are still working on inventorying roads and trails. They would like our involvement in this process. If you have routes or GPS tracks I would appreciate it if you can give them to me so we

can have one data base of all routes in the area. If you have favorite routes please let me know.

May will be the month we spend a day cleaning up the North Rim Jerome County Park. This is the closest riding area to us and it is vital that we show the public that we care about this area and are willing to do our part to make sure it is open and usable to all. Please make plans to help out if possible. (Oh, probably free pizza for lunch!!!)

You may have already heard but President Trump signed an executive order that will help keep more of our public lands open to the public instead of locked up in monuments. This is one more sign that the current administration may be actually in favor of making more of our public land accessible for the motorized users.

Remember ride safe, ride legal, have fun.

Stan Mai, Public Lands Director

New Members

We would like to welcome Stanford and Susan Watts, Mike and Annie Colvin, Robert Bunkers, and Jim and Cookie Schuck 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

North Rim Park Cleanup

Saturday, May 20, 2017 we will be working with the Southern Idaho Off Road Association and other folks to clean up trash that has accumulated over the past year. We will be concentrating on the BLM lands leased by Jerome County and will become the North Rim OHV Park.

Start time is 8:00 AM. It will probably take until early afternoon to finish the project. Do not feel that you have to stay the whole time; whatever you can do will be appreciated. Pizza will be furnished for lunch at noon.

Drive north of the Perrine Bridge on US 93 to the traffic light at Golf Course Road. At the stop light, turn east towards Devil's Corral and Shoshone

Falls. We will be at the first parking area as you turn off Hwy. 93.

All participants must wear long pants, have leather gloves, no open toed shoes, and be over 16 years of age.

Things that have proven valuable during past clean ups include, but not limited to, bucket, shovel, rakes (both leaf and metal), and small tarps.

YES, there is a lot of trash! It is very important that we show the public that we care enough about this area to spend a day cleaning up.

This is a very popular OHV use area and the closest riding area to Twin Falls. We will concentrate on the BLM lands, but still clean the area on Idaho Department of Lands that borders the main access road to the area. The Jerome County Commissioners and BLM personnel will be on hand to assist.



BLM will furnish garbage bags. Loaders will be on site to load trash into the big dumpsters.

There will be large loaders and dump trucks available. If you have a dump truck that you would like to bring, that would be great. You can bring your ATV that would be helpful, but is not required. If you have a trailer to pull behind your ATV, that too would be helpful in transporting trash to the loaders. Please plan for any kind of weather. Bring water, sunscreen, and rain gear.

Bring your smile. There is a good possibility the news media will be there so let us have a good turnout. In the past, we have had the most participants and it would be great if it happened again. It is important that we participate to help make this a great OHV open use area, one that all users can enjoy.

Tablet Class

The class on tablet navigation using Avenza was held on Saturday April 22, 2017.

At 9 a.m. nine units with 13 riders met on the north side of the Snake River Canyon just across the Perrine Bridge on the Shoshone Falls Road. Those attending were there to take the opportunity to learn about using tablets to track a ride, plot photos,

mark trails and many of the other features of the Avenza Maps Mobile App.

Questions were asked about the types of tablets, their other uses and buying options. Riding the area trails and stopping to view recorded tracks was somewhat of an adventure in itself. Riders soon discovered plotting a photo they took up the road worked out according to directions.

Amazed at what the program could do and what they learned, the group was asked to have a "Show and Tell" at the next club meeting. The day ended around 1 p.m. with all in attendance experiencing a new method of tracking a ride, marking trails and capturing photo moments.

David Fait, Ride Leader



Ag Safety Day

On April 19, 2017, the Simplot Corporation and St Luke's Magic Valley Safe Kids teamed up to host an Ag Safety Day at the Hagerman High School.

This was an all-day event beginning at 7:30 AM. Magic Valley ATV Riders Club members Brad Stimpson, Rob Hendrickson, and Gary Aufderheide provided safety instructions and photo opportunities to the kids.

There were approximately 110 kids, ranging in age from third grade through sixth grade. Our club members brought their machines to assist with the presentation of OHV safety. The machines consisted of a single rider ATV, a Razr, and a two-up ATV and for safety purposes, the keys were removed from the machines.

The students were given fifteen minutes at each of the various stations. Our members spoke on the topics of safety gear, mainly helmet use, protective clothing, and the OHV Training Course. After the short lecture, the kids were allowed to climb on the machines and play with all the switches and controls.

A representative from Simplot Company complimented our members for allowing the students to play on the machines. The sponsors of the event provided a pizza lunch. The day provided us with nice weather and the opportunity to teach these students about OHV safety.



Wagon Trail Ride

The Wagon Trail Ride with fourteen units and nineteen riders started off from the Bell Rapids Corrals west of Hagerman at 9:30 a.m. on the 15th of April, 2017.

Starting weather was lots of sun and a bit cool. From the corrals we headed over to the area near the Snake River. Our ride took us in the area of the Oregon trail. It was amazing to see the actual trail route and the deep indentation left by the pioneers as they traveled from Independence, Missouri to Oregon.

Our first stop was near the Pilgrim Stage Station. Like the pilgrims, we wandered in a westerly direction from there through Rosevere Gulch, by Flint Mesa and had lunch at the overlook for the Three Island State Park. If you have never viewed the islands from the south bank, it is worth the ride, the links below will attest to that.

The Three Islands or Stepping Stones as they were called, was one of the crossing points of the Snake River for the Oregon Trail pioneers. On our meandering ride back to the corrals we spotted wild horses on a ridge away from us and several Elk cows as they crossed over a another ridge into the next valley. We arrived back at the corrals around 4 p.m.

Stan Mai, Ride Leader

Upcoming Events

1. May 5th through the 7th will be the Pagari ride.
2. Club meeting on May 10th.
3. May 13th will be the Thorne Creek\Chili ride. Ride will start at 9:30 sharp. Expect rough roads. Randy Graham will be the ride leader. Watch for a follow-up e-mail from Kent for more details.
4. May 17th and 18th will be a Jackpot ride.
5. May 20th will the North Rim Park cleanup.
6. June 2nd through the 4th will be the Cottonwood Creek\Cave Canyon (Oakley) Camp and Ride hosted by Aaron Larson.
7. June 9th through the 11th 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!
8. June 16th through the 18th will be a Camp and Ride with a location TBD.
9. June 24th will be the Magic Mountain OHV Safety Fair.
10. July 26th will be the annual picnic at the Kimberly city park.
11. 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. The club has reserved a group site at Elk Flats campground. If you wish to camp with us you will need to let Kent know. We only have 22 spots and the final fee will be divided up between all that stay (estimated to be about \$10 each per night). See the club website for more details on this trip.



Pagari Bridge Camp & Ride

Jerry Kriegh (312-5235) will hosting a ride on May 5th through the 7th at Pagari Bridge.

The rides should be about 45 plus miles long, mostly level 2-3 dirt roads through the desert. Rides are open to all widths and will start at 9:30 a.m.

To get to the camping area, go past Richfield towards Carey on State Highway 26 about 7.5 miles. Turn right at the sign for Pagari Bridge. The camping/staging area is about ¼ mile east down the road from State Highway 26. (GPS Coordinates N43.12533° W114.06132°)

Jerry asks that you bring please bring firewood, and also mentioned that fishing will be available.

Communication Equipment

When we purchased our Polaris RZR 900 and took our first ride we discovered a problem area. It had nothing to do with the RZR itself but the ability for Kathy and me to communicate as we rode. Kathy is hearing impaired and wears hearing aids as do many other club members. The hearing aids just didn't work while we were riding because their job was to amplify the audibles around her. Engine noise is an audible to the aids and the noise made talking difficult.

To solve the problem, I considered several "intercom" applications. The results from the one I tried did nothing to resolve the problem. In addition, they did not have the ability to allow the radio to be connected to the intercom. That meant one ear for the intercom and one for the radio. Upon researching the web, I found the Rugged Radio site with products for everything from the racing venue to aviation.



Upon calling them I found a staff that was willing to take the time to help me find the exact solution I needed at the lowest cost possible. Looking at the products I found their two-place intercom system (RRP686). It includes the intercom control, two helmet kits (headset speakers and flex boom mic), two 12-foot intercom extension cables and even a

cable to connect an mp3 player for music. The intercom is VOX which allows for hands free communication between riders.

Another problem I found was the FRS (Family Radio Service) radios I had had poor reception. I opted to replace them. Rugged Radio has their own line of radios (RH-5R) that have the capacity to be programmed for the FRS frequencies plus much more (A little more research led me to find the BaoFeng UV-5R which is identical to the RH-5R but for less). These radios seem to have better reception and transmission capabilities than the usual FRS radios.

The free Chirp software is very easy to use and can program the radio with very complicated settings to simple FRS frequencies. We can help with the programming. It is nice to have NOAA weather just in case. Another feature of the radio is we can listen on two frequencies and transmit on one of the two. Most riders don't know that FRS channel 1 is the unofficial national calling channel for the FRS. If you are in trouble on a ride and only have your radio, there is a good chance someone is listening to FRS channel 1. With our radios, we can monitor channel one as we use channel 6 to talk to the other riders and switch back and forth very easily.

Another option I chose was the Ducky long antenna. With the RZR the antenna length wasn't a problem as the radio would be attached to the RZR with a bracket and clip and not clipped to an article of clothing. The last items needed were the cables to connect the radio and a push to talk button for the steering wheel (PTT-VM-WP-CCXL). The passenger can push the talk button on the radio to transmit.

The helmet speakers and flex boom mic mounted very easily into our helmets. There are quick disconnects from the helmets to the intercom extensions. As for the actual intercom, I choose to mount it in the glove box. I ran the helmet connection under the console and up behind the seats for easy access. We also have headsets that can be used without the helmet. All connections are the same and the quality is great.

We recently installed just the radio, push to talk switch and helmet kit for Jerry Kreigh. We found this makes a significant difference in his being

able to hear and elimination of background noise when he transmits.

The price for the intercom with radios and options I selected is in the is right at \$600. Pricy, yes but we have the security of being able to hear each other, either of us can use the radio and if we want, listen to music as we ride. I talked to Rugged Radios and told them who we were and they graciously offered our members a 20% discount off retail. Just mention you are with the Magic Valley ATV Riders. Rugged Radio telephone number is 888-541-7223 or ruggedradios.com.

Marvin Barnes



To The Most Important Person In Our Life. We Love You!

Unofficial Ride Report

Last Saturday, myself, my dad, and two other club members embarked on a quest to discover what the snow conditions were like (and to get out of cleaning the house) in the Oakley area of the South Hills.

What did we find? Well, we found that Buckhorn Canyon road from the Mountain Road junction was snow free to the Big Cedar road junction. Medley Creek was VERY moist with lots of water flowing down the creek which is usually dry, as well as lots of water on the ground which leads me to guess that the frost layer is preventing the moisture from soaking into the ground.

We found that as you traveled down Big Cedar road and got to the Corral Creek road junction, that your trip was over. As you tried to continue down Big Cedar road we found that it had a very large drift, and the Corral Creek road also had too much snow to cross.

Because of this, we headed back down Big Cedar road We also found that upper part of the North Franks Canyon road was blocked by the usual drift that accumulates there each winter. We then jumped on the Tub Spring road and found that it was passible (I was surprised since there is usually a drift in the trees on one section!). We then jumped on the Cave Canyon trail and made our way to the west and made it to the lookout area. We then tried to make it to the end of the trail. We had to turn back at the steep drop into the creek where we found too much snow. We would not be able to safely make our way out if we had to turn around a bit up the road where a drift usually blocks this trail at this time of year.

We continued back down the trail and then jumped onto the Cave Creek Connector and found it was nice and clear.

Our journey then lead us back up Big Cedar road, back down Buck Horn, and back to the staging area where we attempted to see how far we could make it up Robber Gulch since we were blocked at the top with the snow drift. We made it quite a ways until one of the machines complained of a low oil situation so we turned back (also due to time).

We spent exactly 8 hours on our trip, of which 4:41 was spent on the move, and 3:18 eating lunch and enjoying the scenery. Average moving speed was 13.3 mph with a 39 mph sprint on our 62.4 miles quest.

As a follow-up, I went back on another ride in the general area yesterday and found that the snow was still not melted enough to make it through Corral Creek and could still not make it past the Big Cedar junction either. We also found the usual drift on the upper part of the Cave Canyon trail that is .2 miles from the Corral Creek junction has about 3-5 feet of snow. Needless to say, this trail is going to be closed for several more weeks (hopefully in time for my June ride!)

Aaron Larson

Thinking of You

Lola Henrickson – Surgery
Dennis Cogswell - Surgery

Snotel Facts

The Bostetter Snotel site reports that as of April 30th, that they have 40 inches of snow with a 16.7” water equivalent and a 49 degree daytime and 24 degree nighttime temperature. This winter this site has received 167% more snowfall that average and the last time they had this much snow it was 1984.

Needless to say, it will be a while before we are riding in this part of the forest!

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



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 _____



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