

Magic Valley ATV Riders

June 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: Pagari ride on May 6th.

President's Message

A lot has been going on and the board has been very busy working on projects. First, I want to thank our spring meeting sponsors, Adventure Motorsports, Action Cycles and Sleds, and Century Motorsports and Marine for providing the Magic Valley ATV Riders with a place to meet and for the great meals. Secondly, I want to thank all the MVATVR members who volunteered their time on the North Rim Park cleanup, the Ag-Safety Days in Hagerman and Clover. If it were not for the selfless acts of our members to do great things, our club would not be where it is today.

In previous newsletters both VP Stan Mai and I have talked about how the Bureau of Land Management is beginning their Travel Management Planning process. We have also discussed and reviewed various final TMP decisions by the BLM. The Mission of the Magic Valley ATV Riders is to work on ensuring OHV access to public lands for future generations. Stan is busy writing comment letters on several BLM TMP planning projects and most recently the Bears Ears Monument review. He is currently looking into the best avenue to comment on the Craters of the Moon Monument and Reserve. Yes, if you look at a map Craters of the Moon has two designations. The Monument designation allows the BLM more involvement as to best land use practices. The Reserve designation only gives land use practices to the National Park

Service; essentially area under this designation becomes a wilderness.

The MVATVR is a member of the Idaho State ATV Association, the Idaho Recreation Council, and the Blue River Coalition. Each year we donate funds to each of these organizations to help further our ability to keep public lands open to all users. As we move forward, the MVATVR is continuously looking for ways to move our cause forward.



This year we will be working with the Southern Idaho Tourism, City of Almo, Idaho Parks and Recreation, and City of Jackpot on a route to allow OHV users to ride to Almo, Idaho to Jackpot, Nevada. We have a couple of routes using main travel ways. The issue here is these routes make the one-way drive at or over 100 miles. Our goal is to get this down to 80-90 miles. This is the short-term goal. Our long-term goals would be to document other routes that would be 100-120 miles one-way. The longer routes would be more of a challenge, yet have sections of easy driving.

To accomplish both the short and long term goals means working with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Lands, the Bureau of Land Management, and US Forest Service. Fortunately, we have a very good working relationship with most of the organizations. Melissa

Barry at the Southern Idaho Tourism has done a great job of getting the cities and Idaho Parks on board with this idea. We are continually working with other public land managers to build our working relationships with them now that new impacts to OHV use on public lands keep coming up.

The question now is how do we support these new organizations and efforts? Our Vice President and Director of Public Lands, Stan Mai, does a great job of keeping informed of the issues. We have written several letters in support for projects furthering OHV use on public lands. We have supported other projects that gain us support as well. Stan submits comments on land management issues during public comment periods making sure our club's opinions and philosophies are considered.

The other question we as a board deal with is the financial responsibilities both to the club and for open access to public lands. As we move forward, the board is looking at reducing our overhead expenditures and keeping our dues where they are currently. First, the prizes we give at our Valentine's and Mother's Day recognition meetings are proceeds from the annual raffle held each January at the club's banquet. Very little funding for these prizes come from the annual dues fund.

It is estimated that the club spends over \$500 annually in printing and mailing costs to send out our newsletter to members, supports, and interested groups. Recently we have worked with many of our supporters and some interested groups so we are now emailing them the newsletter.

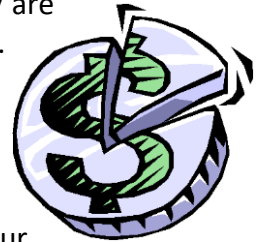
The board looked at the success of our new website, thanks to Marvin Barnes (Club Member) and how our newsletter is mostly a duplication of what is online. The board is reaching out to our members for suggestions on how we can keep those members who do not have internet access informed.

We have discussed going from a monthly newsletter to a newsletter every two months; adding a mailing fee to the dues of those receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter; and discontinuing to send newsletters to those who have internet access or can have readily available internet access.

Again, we have made no definite decision yet and we are looking for input from the members;

and for those having both internet access and receiving mailed copies of the newsletter to voluntarily discontinue receiving the mailed newsletter. So you know, each year approximately \$13 of our \$25 family membership dues goes to mailing the newsletter to them.

Currently, the MVATVR club does a good job maintaining a balanced budget. At the end of the year, our financial levels usually are consistent with previous years. Our goal is to do more with what we have and still be ready for the big fight. Please think about what I have said here and we can start the discussions at our summer picnic in July if you wish and it will be on our agenda for the club meeting held in October. To recap, our goal is to be involved in the process of keeping our public lands open to OHV users while maintaining a sustainable club membership and assisting others in the sport of OHV use on public lands.



Kent Oliver - President

Public Lands Director

First, if you have not read the letter from the President in this newsletter please do so first. Kent has covered a lot of what is going on regarding public lands issues and what the MVATVR is doing in regards to these issues.

I have expressed several times in the past and did so again in the last board meeting that my priorities are regarding what the club should focus on. If you were to poll the membership I am quite sure most folks would say they joined to find new places to ride and new folks to ride with. This is great and it has been so gratifying to watch new friendships grow in this club. Club rides, events and meetings are fun and a great way to promote our sport. However, this is the big one! If we do not have any place to ride none of the above makes any difference.

My feeling is access to public land still needs to be a very high priority in MVATVR. The motorized community has made great strides in making our elected officials and land managers aware that we

are a legitimate, large, organized and dedicated group. However, sadly we are still small fish in a big pond. The anti-motorized groups still are very powerful and very well-funded, with lots of big name corporate sponsorship. The no group seems to be dedicated to use whatever means is available to close more of our public land to motorized use.

Some folks have mentioned that sometimes I seem to be a little hard on public land managers. Sadly, there is a reason for this.

Imagine if you are going into a fight knowing that you will lose the fight, your only hope is to try and minimize the beating you will take.

Normally when a public land agency announces they are going to develop a new plan or update a plan it means we are going to lose access. It is very hard to remain upbeat or positive when you know the whole process is stacked against motorized users. We are constantly fighting for our life when it comes to motorized access to public lands.



It is very frustrating when over the years we have worked very diligently to develop a relationships to show that motorized use on public lands is proper use of public lands and still because we are motorized users the process to open a trail is very long and can be delayed in numerous ways resulting in a wait of several years, if ever, to open.

We have also spent countless hours both on the ground and developing maps to help them make a proper decision. Our past record shows our commitment.

To our politicians and public land managers in regards to Public Land Management: Please remember that closing public land to the motorized public is easy. Sometimes it takes a little more work to keep it open, but in the long run it is worth it. You do not need a reason to leave a road or trail open but you had better have a really good reason to close.

The weather is great, get out and enjoy your public land.

Stan Mai, Public Lands Director

New Members

We would like to welcome Bernie Hermann and Jim & 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

Big Cottonwood Ride

Aaron Larson is hosting a "Camp and Ride" on June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

The camping area will be the Big Cottonwood parking area just north of Oakley. No water or restrooms are available at this camping location. Please bring firewood.

From Burley (exit 208), travel due South on Highway 27 until you come to 1600 south (a large "Big Cottonwood" sign will be on the right side of the road just before the turn). Turn west and travel 5.5 miles until you come to Mountain Road. Turn north and 400 feet later turn back on 1600 south for another 1.5 miles to the unloading area. GPS coordinates: N42° 18.253' W114° 01.235'

Friday's ride is an unofficial exploratory ride to Dry Creek road, which re-opens that morning. The goal is to see if any of the roads that intersect with it are blocked with snow. There is no set length or destination after that. This ride will be fast paced and duplicate part of Saturday's and Sunday's rides. Those who wish to bring guns and ammo are welcome to do so as we may stop and do some plinking. I'll probably leave about 9:30 a.m. for those who wish to attend.

Saturday's ride will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp for those with machines 50" or less in width. This ride will be on a combination of ATV trails and well-maintained roads and will be a level 1 through 3 ride with a length of approximately 70 miles. We will spend time in the Mikes Cabin area, the Horse Hollow area, and with luck make it to the end of East Line Spring West overlooking Rock Creek road. There will be a short section of level 4 conditions. Those who wish, can skip this dead-end road and wait for us for about 20 minutes.

Sunday's ride will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp for those with machines 50" or less in width. This ride will be on a combination of ATV trails and well-maintained roads and will be a level 1 through 3 ride with a length of approximately 63 miles. We will spend time on the Cave Canyon trail, and make our way to Bostetter Campground, back to Horse Hollow, and eventually down Robber Peak and back to camp.

Amy would like everyone to know that if you don't like to go on such long rides, she will be "sitting out" sections of Saturday and Sundays rides which will keep each ride to about 50 miles in length with plenty of time to read a book, catch bugs, look at flowers, knit some socks, play in the dirt, or simply take a nap.

During a pre-ride on Saturday the 27th, snow was encountered in many parts of the planned rides. Please be aware that conditions on the ground may cause us to backtrack if some of the drifts that I hope are melted are still unpassable with a winch!

Contact Aaron at aaron@atlcomputing or 312-4867 for more information\questions.

Upcoming Events

1. June 2nd through the 4th will be the Cottonwood Creek\Cave Canyon (Oakley) Camp and Ride hosted by Aaron Larson.
2. 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! This is a camp-ride, so come and spend the weekend.
3. June 17th through the 18th will be a Camp and Ride at the Jackpot corrals. Dessert & potluck!
4. June 24th and 25th will be the Magic Mountain OHV Safety Fair.
5. July 4th at 1:00 p.m. Buhl will host their annual Sage Brush Parade. Club members are welcome to participate in the parade. The theme is "Celebrating the American Farmer" and will start at the visitor center by the Valley Co-Op. Please contact Gary Winn at 208-308-2649.
6. July 22nd will be a ride in Jarbidge. Unload at the airport at Murphy HotSprings.

7. July 26th will be the annual picnic at the Kimberly city park.
8. August 12th through the 14th will be the Wells Summit campout at Fairfield.
9. August 17-20th. Idaho State ATV Association Annual Meeting in Pine\Featherville. A flyer 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.

Please check on the club website for updated information all all rides. They will be posted on the calendar link!

South Hills Work & Ride

Saturday, June 10 & Sunday 11, 2017 will be our Annual Work & Ride.



Camping, Working, and Riding in the South Hills. We will be camping in the South Hills. We hope to be at FS Flats and if anyone can travel up on Wednesday please contact me, so we can get our camping spot secured. We want to get the Club Banners Up at the site ahead of the weekend rush. Drive up the Rock Creek Road South from Hansen. Go past Diamondfield Jack Campground and parking area, watch for the MVATVR Signs.

On Saturday, we will work on various trails with personnel from the Forest Service. The group will meet at the campsite at 8:30 AM for a meeting and safety briefing. We will then break out into our groups and head to the work locations. We will be brushing some trails so bring clippers and if you have a hedge trimmer, they work great. We will also be repairing some trail damage so shovels and Pulaski are great tools to have.

Any time you wish to donate will be appreciated. Please wear leather closed-toed shoes and gloves for you protection. The club will have some tools on hand to use.

Trail projects are a very fun and rewarding way to spend a day in your national forest. Please try and join us.

We will provide pastries at the morning briefing and cookies at the evenings campfire.

If we get our projects completed early on Saturday, we can take a short ride. On Sunday, we will go riding. No definite plans have been made and this is an open ride.

Need more information call Kent Oliver 208-731-0089

Safety Message

As we venture out his spring, remember other public land users are heading to the trails as well. With the lingering snowpack, washed out trails and roads, user interactions will be higher. Our mission is to work diligently to keep our public lands open to OHV users, both motorized and non-motorized.

When you come across non-motorized users on the trails and roads reduce your speed to minimize the noise and dust. If necessary, pull to the side of the trail or road and stop, allowing the other users to pass by. This usually only takes a few seconds and has a positive impact with the other user group.

In the event you meet persons riding horses or mules pull to the side of the road or trail and stop, turn off your engine, and remove your helmet. To the horse or mule, you are not a natural creature and could startle the animal causing the rider to be bucked off. Greet these folks in a positive manner and smile, you will feel better and they will have a more positive experience to tell their friends.



We believe in the “Stay on Trails” campaign and encourage everyone to promote and follow this concept. It is very simple, stay on the designated trail or route. I know it easily said, but “what ifs”

always come up. Let’s discuss some “What ifs.” This spring you are riding along and the trail is submerged under water or covered by deep snow. What are our options? We could proceed and see how stable the snow is, look for a way around, start shoveling, or turn around. All are possible options, which one could negatively affect the perception of OHV users? Going around can have a negative impact depending on what it takes to accomplish it. If you can simply drive around and not leave any trace and the distance is very short, that might be an option. If you have to climb over brush or through soft soggy soil, then turning around is the best option.

As we get out and riding I want to remind everyone of some simple rules to help keep everyone on route and safe. Each ride leader will have a pre-departure safety briefing on the day of the ride. At the briefing, the ride leader will cover some of the safety concerns (i.e. off camber, steep routes, etc.). The ride leader will then take into consideration the size of the group, trail and weather conditions to determine which method to use at intersections during dusty or inclement weather conditions.

The MVATVR Club uses two methods; stop-n-wave and orange cones to ensure all riders stay on route and with the group. Stop-N-Wave is a simple concept. When the route turns at an intersection, each rider makes the turn and stops. After stopping, that rider will wave to the rider behind them. The following rider will return the wave and the stopped rider then proceeds. Each rider making the turn repeats the process.



Orange Cones require a little more attention. Orange cones are dropped on the trail or road that the ride turns onto and should be within 10 feet of the intersection on the outside of the turn (turn right – cone on left, turn left – cone on right). When you approach an intersection on a ride and cannot see which direction the rider ahead of you turned slowdown and check the side trails for the orange cone. In most cases, but not all, you can see the tracks of the previous riders on the trail and if they turned or not. By following these simple rules,

everyone can have an enjoyable ride and have great memories to share.

One more thought for everyone to consider. We post rides as they become available and ride leaders submit them to me. We try to give you plenty of information to make informed decisions about the ride (i.e. do you want to go, proper clothing, how much fuel will I need, decisions on food-water-snacks, to name a few). We try to give you the best information about the trail conditions and expected duration of the ride. Everyone enjoys riding and seeing what the area has to offer.

Our ride leaders will make every reasonable effort to keep participants informed. Sometimes, weather or conditions beyond our control can influence that information. There were times when rides were rerouted because of stream crossings were too deep, a trail became too dangerous, or trail/road work occurs without our knowledge. Be patient with the ride leaders as they try to find a new route through that area. Sometimes a ride is progressing better than planned and the day is still young. The ride leader may decide to extend the ride. The ride leader should keep the group informed of that decision and pick a point to stop and discuss this with everyone. That location should be at an area where riders wishing to end the day without going any further can easily find their way back to the vehicles.

I discourage single riders not familiar with an area from leaving the group, but it is ultimately an individual's choice. After the group's discussion, the ride leader can either extend the ride or stay with previously planned route. If participants do break from the group, they must inform the ride leader or his sweep person of that decision. If that occurs the original ride leader is no longer responsible for that group. The group who breaks away should designate a leader, someone who can safely get them back to the vehicles. Our goal is for everyone to have a safe, exciting, and enjoyable experience. Please ride responsibly and get home safe at the end of the day.

Kent Oliver – President

The ultimate camping trip was the Lewis and Clark expedition – Dave Barry

Jackpot Ride

Brad and Linda Stimpson would like to invite you join them for a ride and camping weekend south of Jackpot on Saturday and Sunday, June 17th and 18th.

To get to the camping location, go 2 miles south of Jackpot, turn left on DelaPlain road and follow for 4.4 miles. DO NOT turn at the Middlestack/Canyon Ranch Road, instead stay to the left. We will put up the MVATVR signs along the road.

You are invited to come for either or both of the days rides, camp or take advantage of the accommodations in Jackpot.

ATV's and UTV's are welcome. Riding difficulty mostly 2 with some 3. Rides on both days will depart camp at 9:30 a.m. and will be around 50 miles.

There will be a dessert potluck Saturday night. Brad will be making his famous homemade ice cream.

We hope you can join us. For more information, call Brad or Linda at 208-423-6243

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!

Robert Leitch

Thinking of You

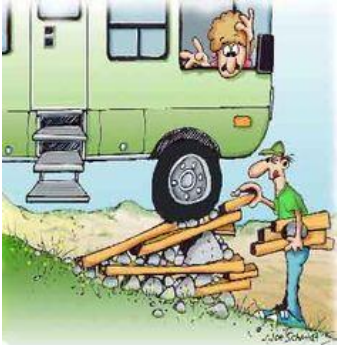
Lanny Carlisle – Hospital visit
Mike Hutchings – Hospital visit
Lorrie Oliver – Recovering from a fall

For Sale



\$10,200. 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





YOUR OHV STICKER WORKS!

On January 1 of each year, every dirt bike, ATV, UTV or specialty off-highway vehicle operated on public or private land must be numbered to legally operate.
The cost of the OHV sticker is \$12.
The program is managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR).

BACK TO YOUR SPORT

Your \$12 goes back to your sport to maintain trails, fund grants, educate riders about OHV safety and responsibility and advocate for access.

\$12



MAINTAIN TRAILS

IDPR Trail Ranger and Trail Cat programs work to maintain, clear and keep OHV trails open and accessible for maximum enjoyment.

FUND GRANTS

IDPR provides OHV grants that fund trail improvements such as restrooms, bridges, signs, maps and trailheads.





EDUCATE

IDPR teaches more than 1,000 students each year on the safe and responsible use of OHVs.

ADVOCATE FOR ACCESS

IDPR advocates for access by doing all of the above and by representing OHV interests during federal planning processes.



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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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"Promote, Enjoy, Protect"