

Magic Valley ATV Riders

September & October 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

I cannot believe summer is winding down and we are about to delve into fall. This year started out slow with record snowfall, spring flooding, and rain in the mountains. I hope everyone was able to get in plenty of riding. I know for me it was busy summer, trail riding and camping seemed to be on the back burner.

As we transition into fall, I want to remind everyone that big game hunting season will begin. As you ride the roads and trails, be mindful of hunters and be visible.

Kent Oliver - President

Idaho State ATV Association

The state association held its 2017 meeting in Pine and Featherville this year. Several MVATVR members joined in on the meetings and a few of the rides. It was great to meet new people and see folks from around the state with like interests in keeping our public lands open to all users.

The state association board of directors and representatives from eight of the sixteen member clubs met and discussed a variety of topics. The most discussed of these were trail stickers and reciprocity. If you are wondering what this is, it deals with obtaining your annual trail user sticker for each OHV machine in Idaho and being able to ride in other states without purchasing that state's trail

user sticker. In recent years other states that have reciprocity with Idaho, and other states, have been considering dropping from the program. The main reason cited is the need to generate funds to maintain the trails systems and amenities associated with OHV's.

Over the past couple of years, clubs, the state association, legislators, and state, and county governments have discussed this issue. As a result, the Idaho Recreation Counsel sent surveys to all the owners of OHVs in Idaho with approximately 70% returned.

After reviewing the results of the surveys, discussions with the Idaho Parks and Recreation representatives, David Claycomb and Troy Elmore, as well as Sandra Mitchell, Idaho Recreation Council, the state association voted to support the following legislation:

1. Withdraw from reciprocity on OHV Trail User Sticker Fees program.
2. Non-residents pay same price as residents for user fee.
3. Commercial OHV rental companies pay \$24 per unit annual user sticker fee
4. Two year user fee instead of every year
5. All non-resident fees be treated as resident fees and go into the general OHV fund at the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

We talked about fundraisers, both state association and club, as it appeared that clubs have received different information from the Lottery

Commission. All clubs do fundraisers each year as a way to keep membership fees low, support open access, and give back to their respective communities. ISATVA Vice President of Government Affairs, Frank Axtell, is going to look into the matter and get one clear direction for member clubs to follow.

We also discussed club liability insurances. Only a few clubs actually have insurance to cover them in the event of some unforeseeable lawsuit. Many were surprised when we heard stories of clubs being sued and going bankrupt. The board suggested clubs look into investing in two types of insurance, general club coverage and one to cover the board of directors. The estimated cost to each club was \$1500 to \$1700. Frank Axtell reminded everyone to look any policies over closely so you do not pay for something your organization does not need.

Discussion on the 2018 State meeting location suggested either Mackay or Elk City. The actual location will be determined at a later date and sent to the clubs.

Kent Oliver - President

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The club's board of directors has been busy looking at ways to stream line our funding issues while staying within a zero based budget. In the last couple of newsletters, I shared with you our concerns and the actual costs for mailing monthly newsletters. As a result, we began sending newsletters out every two months. Other considerations are to add a mailing fee to the members who request the newsletter mailed to them.

I have had several members who were receiving both emailed and USPS mailed newsletters to only email them. We are currently emailing the newsletter to all our supporting dealerships, and working towards all government agencies. At the summer picnic in July, I asked for direction from the membership to the board of directors. The board is



still looking for input and encourages each of you to contact any board member for more information.

The board is well aware of our current financial status. We are trying to put together a package that will keep us financially stable and be prepared to fund litigation to keep our lands open to ALL users. We hold a firm stance on not losing any trails already in use and have provided financial support to those organizations who are fighting the good fight.

On October 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM, I want to meet with all our ride leaders and anyone else who is interested in either leading a ride or wants to learn more about leading rides. We will be setting up the 2018 ride schedule and discussing participation in the Southwest Idaho ATV Rides Meetup. What is Meetup you ask? Well the ATV Clubs in Southwest Idaho have gone to an internet-based website where they set up their rides for all the members to see. It has been successful for them and the MVATVR is joining them. The goal is to give our members and members from Southwest Idaho more riding opportunities and an opportunity to meet/ride with other riders. I will announce the meeting location on October 11, 2017 at our club meeting.



In the overview from the ISATVA Annual Meeting, I talked about club liability insurance. As a board, we discussed insurance needs and are gathering information on costs and types of insurance the club would require. We also talked about how to fund the annual insurance premiums. Part of the premium would come from the savings on the newsletter mailings. How to fund the remaining premium is still up for debate. Our current options would be to increase club annual fees, hold more fundraising projects, and possibly obtain work grants through the IDP&R. The grant would require the club to work on trails or OHV projects through a government land managing agency. The club would be paid when the work is completed. Not sure, what this would look like but I am seeking more information form IDP&R.

Kent Oliver - President

Wells Summit Ride Report

You have to love it when a plan comes together. The Well Summit campout turned out to be a great long weekend.

The original plan had been to do a Saturday ride up Willow Creek but the word was that the trail was washed out. Thanks to some help from the Forest Service (Steve Frost) and some great folks that showed up for the Saturday ride we were able to do a reroute around the washed out section and complete the ride which included riding down to Warm Springs Road a visit to Carrie Town and a stop at the Tyranza mine before heading back to camp. Several of the riders hung around a while and roasted some hotdogs before heading for home.



On Sunday we headed to Couch Summit then to the Smokey Dome mountains over to Boardman Pass and made a return trip on Miller Creek back to Couch Summit. We then decided to visit the bridge that we helped build on the Front Trail. When we got to the bridge the group decided that they wanted to see some more country, so we continued on down the trail to Ear Creek Corrals and then followed Chimney Creek and county roads to Fairfield where we all enjoyed a late evening supper at the drive-in in Fairfield.

After supper we continued on riding back to camp as dusk was falling. Even after 105 miles everyone was smiling and having a great time. On Monday we did some mine touring, visiting the Liberal Creek Mine, and some mines up Little Smokey Creek. We took time to check out the road washout near Big Smokey and then visited Worswick Hot Springs.

Being a ride leader at times can be a little stressful and aggravating. The group of folks that

attended the Wells Summit campout was probably the most fun, easy to lead group I have ever had the pleasure of taking on a ride. No complaints, just take us riding and we will follow. Thanks to everyone who attended, and a special thanks to everyone that helped with the trail repair on Saturday.

Stan Mai, Ride Leader

Elections

At our November club meeting we will hold our annual election of the board members.Anyone who wishes to have their name on the ballot will need to contact Kent Oliver 208-731-0089 or mvatvriders@outlook.com

New Members

We would like to welcome Dennis & Kathy Hensley, Donald & Tracy Thurlo, and Jim & Doris Sommer 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

Membership Dues

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

Thinking of You

Dave Burgess – Sister in Law passed away

My boss told me to have a good day...



So I went home.

If Plan A fails, remember that you have 25 letters left.

2017 YE 100 Ride

I cannot believe it is that time of year again for me to lead the year-end ride, YE100. Because of the early big game hunting season opens the first Wednesday in October, I have had to move this year's ride into September. This year's ride is going to be a true adventure, a test of stamina, and skills.

This year we will ride in a different area that offers great views, weather and smoke permitting. The route will feature old two track roads, rocky terrain, water crossings, steep downgrades, and steep upgrades. The route has tracked between 120 and 145 miles. In the coming weeks I will be doing some scouting to ensure the routes accessibility. The overall rating will be 3 with some 4 thrown in. Machines of all widths are welcome. Those with over 60 inch machines might find parts of the course narrow and more difficult than those riding 50-inches or less.

The ride will stage at the junction of Three Creek Road and Monument Springs Road approximately 10 miles west of Rogerson. Because of the distance, we will be leaving promptly at 8:45 AM. A mandatory driver's meeting will be at 8:30 AM.

Camping is available at Salmon Dam Recreation Area, Cedar Creek Reservoir, and various dispersed locations on BLM land.

Agenda & Location:

When: Saturday, September 30, 2017

Location: Monument Springs Rd and Three Creek Rd,
Approximately 10 miles west of Rogerson

Driver Meeting: 8:30 AM → **MANDATORY**

Departure: 8:45 AM

What to Bring:



Plenty of Water/Juice, Lunch & Snacks, and Weather Appropriate Clothing.

Extra Fuel is Mandatory, you know your machine and its capabilities. I am requiring every participant to bring extra fuel.



Last year's YE 100 Participants

Jarbidge Ride

It was a good day for a ride to Jarbidge. Seventeen machines staged at the parking lot above Murphy's Hot Springs and we left there at 9:32 headed for Jarbidge.

We headed down the road and as we made our turn to go through Murphy's there was Jerry Kreigh waiting to join us. We wound our way along the dusty road, up across what the locals call the Island, then stopped for a break at the old homestead. There we ran into some guys in Jeeps that we had met at the staging area. A couple of them were from our ATV club, but had decided to be Jeepsters for the day.

We then rode to the top of the mountain to the Jack Creek Crater viewpoint where we took in the beauty of the mountains and the colors. Then we headed back off the hill and down towards Jack and Jenny Creek. Along the way, we saw a lone antelope running across the grassy hillside.

As we descended into Jack Creek Canyon, we came across a doe deer that was standing really close to the trail. She stayed in that spot for quite a while, giving several riders a chance to see her. The trail was a little rough and rocky, but we finally all got out on top. Randy had to see if his big machine could climb a really steep trail and it did. We then continued down the old jeep trail into Jarbidge. At the bottom we ran into a group wanting to go up this trail, and they were told we had a large group still coming down it. They were surprised we had such a large group.

Arriving in Jarbidge, we found some shade and enjoyed our lunch. It seemed like everyone was having a good time at this point. After a good lunch, we headed out of town and thought we would stop at the old post office, however someone had decided to take the sign down.

We headed up on top of Bear Meadows pass and on up the Deer Mountain Ridge Line road. There were a couple of steep places, but we all managed to get up them. At the top, the cone had blown off its mark over to the other trail, causing one of the riders to go down the wrong trail. Kent, Marvin, and Jerry went back to find him. Jerry caught up to him and radioed us that they were going to ride the ridge line on out to the north and

would meet up with us. We did not meet up with them so Jerry just took him on out towards Diamond A Ranch.

The club continued down through the trees and on down to the line shack (trailer). Along the way at the top of Deer Creek, there were many clear cuts done by the Forest Service for fire prevention. This had removed the much-anticipated shade we had hoped to ride in. The hill down to the trailer is long and steep. Dixie really liked the trail, but some of the other members, not so much. We stopped at the bottom for a much-needed break. The cows there were not happy with us disturbing them.

We then came out on top where I scared out a large herd of elk, approximately 80-100 cows and calves. Marvin was able to get a video of them. I was too far in front of them and in the trees to get a good picture. We then came on out Buck Creek road to the main road where I took a break to clean the seeds out of the radiator. Some members went ahead and took off to head back to their vehicles.

We caught up to them where the roads meet at Diamond A Ranch and Marvin told me the road was closed. As the ride leader, I went on down the main road where a large bulldozer was working on the road. I waited for him to make a pass back up and we all went around him. We came out on the main road from Murphy's to Jarbidge, headed back to the staging area. We ran into Jerry and he said he had gotten our lost rider back to his pickup.

Just past the rest area, Steve blew a tire on his Razr. Kent and Ted helped him get it back to the staging area. A thank you to Ted for bringing his pickup and trailer to load Steve's machine to haul it back to his motor home. The ride was 58.2 miles and we only had to back-track twice. Thank you to all that came out and rode.

Rob Hendrickson



Club Meetings Schedule



Idaho Pizza Company, Twin Falls
10/11/17 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting
11/8/17 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting
12/13/17 6:00 PM (Club Social not a Meeting)

Upcoming Events

1. 9-30 – YE 100 (see full page ride description)
2. September – We have no confirmation about Public Lands Day so we are participating in the YE 100 instead.
3. October 19 – Riding Schedule Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. Location to be announced.
4. October – Aaron Larson will host a “Fall Color” ride in the South Hills. Weekend to be determined.
5. Sept\Oct – Dave Fait will host a ride to look at petroglyphs when the mosquitos are dead ☺

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

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

An item on craigslist: "Antique sewing table refinished by my wife, \$30. If she's home, \$100."

For Sale



Kolpin 4 gallon gas can. \$50.00 and it is yours!

Contact Rob Hendrickson at 208-420-9402
henry69@cableone.net

For Sale



Jerry Duffy has a Tusk hinged windshield for 2015+ RZR 50" models. He bought it, installed the mounting hardware, never mounted the windshield, and decided to go another route so he is selling it for \$100.

It is Part #1312900007 at Rocky Mountain ATV for full specs.

Call Jerry at 208-731-9962



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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