

Magic Valley ATV Riders

March and April 2018



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

Well, February is officially over and March is coming in like a lion. It has been four weeks since Ground Hog's day and two more weeks of his prediction for winter. I hope that in the weeks to come we can finally get out and start riding. I know I am ready to hit the trail and start enjoying the great Idaho outdoors.



There are a couple of bills making their way through the Idaho legislature this session. House Bill 509 is the bill to require non-residents to purchase the OHV Trail Sticker before they can ride on trails in Idaho. Non-residents will pay the same fee as an Idaho resident when purchasing the sticker. The bill will also require rental companies to purchase the OHV Trail Sticker at a fee twice the amount as a private owner. The monies generated will go into the Idaho Off-Highway Vehicle Fund and administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. It is not known at this time how much funding this program will add to the OHV Fund, but any amount of money is needed to help keep up with the demand for trail maintenance projects and equipment. This bill has left the committee with a due pass recommendation.

The second bill, House Bill 539 makes changes to the Trespass Laws. It more clearly defines terminology in the law and how private

landowners post private land bordering public lands. At the time of this writing, the bill went back to committee for revisions. It appears, this bill has support to pass once it leaves committee and goes to the legislators. Within the bill is Idaho Code 36-1603(b) which reads, "No person shall post, sign, or indicate that any public lands within this state, not held under an exclusive control, lease, are privately owned lands."

These bills are working their way to the Governor and at the link below, you can read the bills and track their progress:

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2018/legislation/>

We are still on track to receive funds from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for trail work we do. We have some members attending saw training in March and I am working with the Sawtooth National Forest Service on potential projects. I am still in the beginning stages on putting together a Disabled Veterans Ride this summer. I am hoping for the ride to take place in late August or Early September.

Kent Oliver – President

Q: What do you call a laughing motorcycle?

A: Yamahahaha.



Updated Membership Info

We have not asked for new membership information from the members in a very long time. We would like to make sure our records are accurate and get an updated count of how many members we have altogether.

In the back of the newsletter you will find an updated copy of the application. Please fill it out and bring it to a club meeting, give it to a member of the board, or mail it to the address on the bottom of the application. You can also find an editable copy of the PDF on the club website if you would rather type in the information.

Public Lands Report

There are 7 National Forests in Idaho. In 1978 they had a total of 11,785 miles of motorized trails in inventory and open for use by the public. In 2017 these same 7 national forests had 6,950 miles in inventory and open for use by the public. This means that in the last 40 years we have lost over 40% of our motorized trails on forest land in Idaho. Pretty sad in a time that has seen a phenomenal growth in the numbers of motorized users access has gone down. The above figures are not entirely accurate as they only represent designated system trails on forest lands. In 1978 there were many miles of legal usable trails on public land that were not part of the designated system. When the forest service adopted their closed unless open policy a lot of historical popular trails were lost to the public.



Part of the reason this has happened is due to the process that public land agencies use to decide what is open and what is closed during what they like to call Travel Management Planning (TMP). This process should be called (ARP) Access Reduction Planning because every time there is a new plan, we lose.

This is how it works. The managing agency sits down with maps and decides what they feel should be left open. They then go to the public with alternatives. One is what they want, usually called the preferred alternative, they also include two

other alternatives. One closes a little more and one opens a little more.

The decision basically has been made by the managing agency (usually BLM or US Forest Service) before the public even gets to comment. The process is totally flawed and wrong. They should go to all users and ask for input of all known trails and roads. These should then be placed on a map and the public should be given the chance to comment on whether there is anything on the map that will have to be closed because there is no possible way that it could be left open even with a mitigation process. The map should then go the public as a draft to again let them make public comment. The forest service has been using travel management planning for 40 years and we are seeing the results.



The BLM is now doing travel management planning locally and using the same process the forest service has used. They are eliminating many roads and trails before we get a chance to be a part of the process. Again, this is a totally flawed discriminatory process. We have repeatedly requested to be part of the travel planning process from the beginning, but it has not happened.

At the same time as this Access Reduction Planning process has been occurring on public lands, figures show that motorized users are the biggest contributors to the economy of any group of recreationists. Statistics from the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (ORSA) released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) show that the outdoor recreation economy accounted for 2.0 percent (\$373.7 billion) of current-dollar GDP in 2016. In addition, the outdoor recreation economy grew 3.8 percent in 2016, compared to growth of 2.8 percent in the overall economy.

Motorized vehicles were the largest activity within conventional outdoor recreation in 2016, accounting for \$59.4 billion of gross output.

Why are we losing trails and access to our public lands?

I wish someone could give us a logical answer.

Stan Mai – Public Lands Director

Banquet Recap

We would like to thank everyone for attending our annual banquet on January 20th. After counting how many name tags were given out, we had 154 people attend!

We would like to thank everyone who brought salads, casseroles, vegetable trays, chips, beans, desserts, etc. to share.

We would also like to thank "Act IV" for providing music, our sponsors for the prizes that were donated, Terry for letting us use her school, everyone for helping to clean up, and all that donated food for the Filer Food Pantry.

We had a TON of prizes to give away that were donated from Rocky Mountain ATV, D&B Supply, Sportsman's Warehouse, Adventure Motorsports, Action Cycles 'N Sleds, Let's Ride, Kent and Lorrie Oliver, Rugged Radios, Cactus Pete's, Watts, Aaron and Amy Larson, Stan and Pat Mai, Larrie and Peggy Ragain, Fran Smith, Fran Adams, and Dave and Kristi Burgoyne (if we overlooked you, we apologize!)



Of the many prizes, Mike Peters won the solar panels and Steve Wills won the ramps. Please see the club website for photos of all the prizes and their winners! We suggest that you support the businesses that support us by buying local when possible.

The fundraiser was also huge success this year. We sold \$1,475 worth of tickets for the radios and the tire package. Steve Osborn won the tires Cory Brodine won the radios!

After paying for the prizes, we donated \$708 to Jubilee House in Twin Falls and the club was able to deposit \$175 in our account to help pay for prizes at our club meetings and summer picnic.

We have already started planning next year's banquet. If you have any suggestions or comments, PLEASE let a member of the board know.

More pictures of the banquet are on the club website.

Aaron Larson – VP & Newsletter Editor

As a club, we don't approve of political jokes.
We've seen too many of them get elected! ☺

BLM Closure

The Burley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office has implemented a seasonal road closure until March 15 in the South Hills area.

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

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

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

March Meeting



Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Adventure Motorsports. Their address is 2469 Kimberly Road.

The social hour and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. As of right now we are not sure what is on the menu, but in years past they have served sloppy joes. Some beverages will be provided, but you can bring a non-alcoholic drink. Please bring a chair to sit on.

After dinner, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will probably have a speaker that will go over ATV\UTV service and maintenance.

Adventure Motorsports is our local Yamaha, Honda, and KTM 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, get a fuel pack to extend your riding range, or all other sorts of accessories that might improve your ride.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Rides

As usual, spring riding is totally dependent on the weather and trail conditions. Watch the calendar and your e-mail for ride updates.

Right now, Kent has a ride in the Hammett/Bruneau area on March 18th, and Jerry is going to offer a ride to Lake Channel on a Saturday sometime this month, or early April, when the roads are clear of snow and mud.

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator

April Meeting



Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, April 11th 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. Some beverages will probably be provided, but you can bring a non-alcoholic drink. Please bring a chair to sit on.

After dinner, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Steve Frost, recreation ranger for the Fairfield Ranger District may be our guest speaker.

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.

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Spring Riding

It has been a very mild winter here in the Magic Valley and that seems to be causing the riding juices to start to flow early. Remember it has been winter no matter how mild it was or is. When you ride be careful as some of the trails have sloughed off to a point where you may get thrown off camber

and end up off your wheels. Also, as you ride in the desert areas, the tumbleweeds may have piled up from the winds and cover up hidden dangers. Even the most experienced drivers get a surprise occasionally.



In this accident, the seat belts and the helmets that were worn saved the riders from almost certain serious injury.

Riders and passengers on an ATV, UTV, or motorbike who are under age 18 must wear a helmet under Idaho State Law. Even though you may be over the age of 18, we encourage you to also use them.

Wherever and whenever you do ride, be careful and check out the trails before you go running off like a spring buck or doe and get yourself into an unwanted situation. We need you to be here safe and your vehicle in good shape for the summer fun coming up.

Marvin Barnes

New Members

We had a ton of new members join the club in the last few months! Thanks for joining, and if you see them at a ride, introduce yourself to them.

Janet Ploss

Nick and GayLynn Telleria

Bill and Susan Rehwalt

Ted and Carol MacNeil

Joshua and Melanie Mani

Steve and Bobbi Mani

Michael Metcalf

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

Roger Eldredge – Surgery

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 Dixie Best (208-308-6418) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

Dixie Best

For Sale



Rear Axle for Polaris RZR 800. Brand new. Bought as spare part and sold the machine before I needed to use it. \$50.00

Stan Mai - 208-293-5669 or sapmai@msn.com

Pictures

If you want to see pictures of past club rides and events, go to the club website and they are under "Latest News" or "Image Gallery"

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.

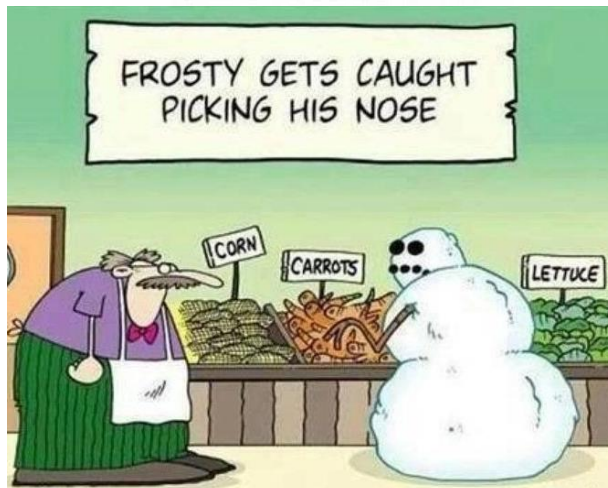


Most have reciprocity with neighboring services should you be on a trip to Utah, for example, and need service while there.

Over the years we have had several members use this service and the small price you pay now, could save you a significant amount of money down the road!



OK, Show of hands... Who's tired of snow?



Young riders pick a destination and go! Old riders pick a direction and go!

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\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. Rides are open to current MVATVR members and invited guests.



Magic Valley ATV Riders, INC. (MVATVR)

PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Application for Membership

PLEASE PRINT ALL ENTRIES

Spouse 1 Name: _____ Spouse 2 First Name (and last if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State Zip Code: _____ Total Family Members: _____

Home Phone: _____ Spouse 1 Cell: _____ Spouse 2 Cell: _____

Spouse 1 Email: _____ Spouse 2 Email: _____

If you have no email address your club newsletter will be mailed to you via USPS.

Type of membership. Select One: New Yearly Renewal

Membership year is January to December. New memberships received after July 31st will be half rate and after November 1st will be credited for next year. Your email address will be taken off the mailing list as February 1st of the new year if dues are not paid current.

Please select one: Individual \$20.00 per year Spouse/Family @25.00 per year

Photo Release: I / We grant MVATVR or its representatives to take photographs of me / us in conjunction with club activities. I / we agree that MVATVR may use such photographs of me / us with or without my / our name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. If the listing of my / our name is protected by password, my / our phone and email may also be listed with or without my / our pictures.

Please initial: _____ Yes, I agree _____ No, I don't agree

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK / HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I / We recognize that riding an ATV is a hazardous activity that can result in serious personal injury or death. I / We accept the risks inherent to riding with a group including, but not limited to, obstacles on and off the roads and trails, rapidly changing weather, limited visibility, variation of slope and steepness on and off the trails, surface or sub-surface conditions on and off the trails and roads, collisions with other ATVs including other riders, and collisions with devices used to mark the boundary of trails or roads.

In consideration of my / our participation in the events and rides of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc., and related club rides/events, I / we hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc., its volunteers, officers, directors and agents, and all club members of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc., and their volunteers, officers, directors and agents from all claims and demands related to my / our participation in rides and events organized, sponsored, supported and/or promoted by Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. and/or its club members.

I / We have carefully read this agreement and the release of liability and fully understand its contents. I / We are aware that this release of liability is a contract between Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. (and its club members) and myself / us and I / we sign it of my / our own free will. My / our signature signifies that I / we have read and agree with this release.

The above and foregoing shall also apply to any minor child of mine accompanying me or participating in the events and activities above-described.

By signing this agreement, we agree to abide by all club bylaws and rules.

Signature: _____ Spouse: _____

Date: _____



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