

Magic Valley ATV Riders

June 2018 Newsletter



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, 2018 led by Jerry Kreigh.

Abbreviated Newsletter

You spoke, we listened! Ok, here is the low down. For much of the fall and winter we simply don't have enough information to include in the newsletter so we decided to go with a bi-monthly newsletter. Well, that doesn't work in the busy months. So, here is what we are going to do. One month will be the full length newsletter with the presidents message, public lands report, and all the other jazz. The next month will be an abbreviated newsletter with upcoming events, thinking of you, and a few other small items.

Now some background info. Since we are in the technology age, we have tried to move the club into that age as well. Yes, we have experienced some growing pains and have tweaked things as we have gone along.

One of the biggest problems we run into is simply e-mailing members of the club. With junk mail running rampant, we simply cannot send out single message to 150 e-mail address.

Problem 1: MSN, the e-mail host of the main club e-mail system automatically tags outgoing messages sent to "too many people" as spam. Thus, we have to send it in smaller groups and still have to wait so long between each group of e-mails he sends out to keep them from being marked as spam.

Problem 2: Your own internet provider will also mark the e-mails Kent sends out as spam because the system sees that he has sent the same message to a large number of people. Either the

message gets delivered to you, but thrown in the spam folder, or, your ISP simply doesn't even attempt to deliver it to you.

Problem 3: On the internet, many ISP's subscribe to a "Black Hole" system. Anything that is obviously spam gets permanently blocked. We have had this happen to us before and it is nearly impossible to get removed from the black hole.

Problem 4: Attaching a file (such as a newsletter) further increases the risk that the e-mail isn't delivered for several other reasons.

Thus, the calendar system we use on the website has a function that allows us to automate the sending of e-mail about club events. This automated system sends out a single e-mail to each member in small groups to avoid these problems.

Another problem: Money. Many of the services we use are free and include limited functionality. Sure, we could pay for the paid version, but if we did, we would be paying huge sums of money every year. (end boring tech stuff)

If you ever have comments, concerns, or suggestions, please let Kent and Aaron know. For problems with the website itself, let Marvin know.

We also need some rides in July. If you have a suggestion, even if you don't want to lead it, please let Aaron know so we can see if someone would be willing to lead.

Thanks for being patient with us, and thanks for being a member of our wonderful club!

Upcoming Events

1. June 1st-3rd - Big Cottonwood ride and campout.
2. June 9th - "Work Weekend" in the South Hills. We will be brushing out trails and doing general trail maintenance.
3. June 15-17th - Brad and Linda's Jackpot ride.
4. July – Nothing yet! Want to lead a ride or host a camping trip? Call Aaron!!!!!!!
5. August 1st - Annual picnic at the Kimberly city park.

Thinking of You

Wayne Fisher – Surgery
 Bruce Owens – Illness
 Bobby Duke - Illness

Big Cottonwood Ride

Aron Larson is hosting a "Camp and Ride" in the Big Cottonwood area of Oakley on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. No water or restrooms are available at this location so plan accordingly. Please bring a small amount of firewood to share.

From Burley (exit 208), travel 20 miles 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 will be an exploratory ride that will duplicate some of Saturday and Sunday's rides. The length and difficulty level are unknown. Bring guns and ammo as some target shooting may take place. Ride start time is 9:30 a.m.

Saturday's ride will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp for those with machines 50" or less in width. The ride will be on a combination of ATV trails and well-maintained roads and will be a level 1 through 4 ride. There will be one short and steep descent, and some possible washed out areas on the BLM roads we will travel on. There will also be one water crossing that might get the UTV riders feet wet! The length of the ride will be approximately 65 to 75 miles depending on how many spur roads\trails we have time to explore. The pre-ride

has been ruined due to sickness one weekend, and rain on two weekends, so I have not been able to verify the condition on parts of the BLM roads we will travel.

For those that attended last year, you will note that I have NOT timed our stops to +/- 5 minutes like last year due being unable to complete a full pre-ride. I have no idea where lunch will be, nor do I know what time we will be back to camp. Stan will be very pleased to know that Robber Gulch will be on the itinerary. (insert Stan clapping)

Sunday's ride will leave at 9:00 a.m. sharp for those with machines 50" or less in width. The ride will be on a combination of ATV trails and well-maintained roads and will be a level 1 through 4 ride. The current length is between 60-65 miles depending on if we take a dead end spur road. Sunday's ride will be on forest service land and will take a route that I like to go on in the spring.

On the pre-ride on Saturday May 26th, I saw 9 elk, 2 wild turkeys, and little traffic on the side roads. The grass is green and the trails were moist so there was very little dust. Unlike last year, no snow was encountered ☺.

Oh, weather! Current forecasts call for small amounts of rain and cool weather this week. For the weekend, small chance of rain and cool weather. If the forecast holds, the dust will be low. Bring rain gear and warm clothes just in case.

For more information, call\text Aaron at 208-312-4867, or e-mail him at aaron@atlcomputing.com

South Hills Work Day & Ride

Saturday, June 9 & Sunday, June 10. Please join MVATV riders for a weekend of Camping, Working, and Riding in the South Hills. We will try to camp and stage at FS Flats.

Do you enjoy working with friends, laughing and storytelling while you work? Now is a great time to get outdoors, do just that, and show the community we do more than just ride.

We will be working on projects for the Forest Service to make the trails more accessible to ALL riders. It is not all work and no play. We will be doing rides on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Did I mention food? We will all be gathering Saturday evening for a Dessert Potluck. What a great way to end the day by spending the evening sitting around and eating desserts. So please mark your calendar and come join us.

We will try to get FS Flats to camp and stage for our work projects. To get there, take Rock Creek Road south from Hansen to Diamondfield Jack campground. FS Flats is past Porcupine Springs. Watch for our MVATVR signs! They will lead you to the camping and staging areas and if the location changes. We are hoping to have folks who will be going up earlier in the week to secure us a camping spot. If you are able to go on June 6 or June 7 please let Kent Oliver know.

On Saturday, the group will meet at the staging area at 8:30 AM to sign in, go over the projects and safety briefing. We will then head over to the project location(s) to begin working. We will probably be there most of the day so please pack a lunch. This is not forced labor, so please do not feel you have to work all day. The Club and Community will appreciate any time you wish to donate. Please wear leather closed-toe shoes and gloves for your protection. The Club will provide some hand tools and possibly some from the forest service. If you wish to bring your own, feel free to do so. We will be trimming brush in overgrown areas and some trail repair.

Dinner is on your own Saturday night. There will be a potluck dessert where we are camping at 7:00 PM.

On Sunday, June 10th, we will go riding. Departure time is 9:00 AM. Depending on the number of folks that want to ride, we may have several different rides available.

Need more information call Kent Oliver at 208-731-0089.

Jackpot Ride and Camp

Brad & Linda Stimpson would like to invite you to join them for a ride and camping weekend south of Jackpot, NV on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 - 17.

Camp location: Go approximately 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 MVATVR signs along the road.

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

ATV's and UTV's welcome. Riding difficulty mostly 2 some 3 & 4. Rides on both days will depart camp at 9:30 AM Mountain Time and should be around 50 miles.

There will be a dessert potluck around 7 PM on Saturday. Brad will be serving his famous homemade ice cream!

We hope you can join us. For more information call Brad at 208-308-8526 or Linda at 208-308-5350.

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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.