

# Magic Valley ATV Riders

September 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 led by Jerry Kriegh.

## President's Message

As summer starts to close, the weather is cooling down and the crowds are beginning to dwindle. Nevertheless, we the Magic Valley ATV Riders INC. are still riding ahead. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer the best you could with all the heat and smoke.

As we look to the future, I will be working with the Sawtooth National Forest, both the Minidoka and Fairfield Ranger Districts, to finalize project plans to receive funding from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Our plans this year got somewhat derailed by the early onset of the wildfire season and other unexpected interruptions.

Some upcoming events in September will help pave the way to next year's projects. As we discussed early this spring the MVATVR agreed to provide 100 hours of volunteer work in the Fairfield Ranger District. On September 22, 2018, we will be going to Fairfield to work towards those hours and hope to complete them next spring. Items to bring are shovels, Pulaski, hedge trimmers, hand clippers, cut resistant gloves, and good pair of boots to support your ankles. If all works out, I would like this weekend to include camping and a couple of riding opportunities.

Then on September 29, 2018, I will lead my annual YE100 Ride. The information is further down in this newsletter and on the website. Both of these

events are weather and wildfire dependent so watch for updated information in your emails and on the website.

Now for the next club endeavor; I have committed the MVATVR Club to host the 2019 Idaho State ATV Association annual meeting. We, the board of directors, have discussed our options on location and how we want to proceed in our planning. At our October 10, 2018 club meeting, we will talk about it more. Depending on how we proceed, I may ask for volunteers to be on various committees. Our goal would be to have a plan in place by February 2019 so the information is sent out to the various clubs along with the annual ISATVA dues notices. So be thinking about helping on a committee. I hope to have more information to you in the October Newsletter prior to our club meeting.

Have a great September and hope to see you on the trail...

Kent Oliver – President



## Mackay Ride Report

Our MVATVR joined forces with the Pocatello Trail Machine Association August 9th thru the 12th in Mackay, Idaho. The groups camped out at the Mackay Tourist Park and other RV Parks in the area. We had Jerry Kriegh leading our group with Ron and Lisa Mothershead, Jerry and Nancy Duffy, Rob and Lola Hendrickson, Lee, Nila and Haylen Heinselman and Kathy and Marvin Barnes.

On Thursday four of the units rode roads west of Mackay. Lesson learned on the ride was if you are turning around make sure you know where the little gear lever is before you hit the throttle. Jerry Kriegh found himself sliding down the side of the trail and being trapped between his ATV and a tree needing the help of the other riders to wrench the ATV off him. His blessing was the tree limb that had pinned him in his left side was only an inch long and big enough around as not to penetrate the skin. Another lesson learned was several passed him by before one of the units heard his call for help. As we ride we might want to keep an eye on the one in front and back of us, if dust will allow, just for safety's sake.

On Friday with all 7 units present, the group found themselves portaging their rides north of Mackay to the Earthquake Interpretative Site to unload. This area is a day use area with interpretive signs describing the 1983 Earthquake. From the site they headed east over the Doublespring Pass to Carlson Lake and then behind Borah Peak to the West Fork Pahsimeroi River canyon for lunch. The trip back to the vehicles took the group by Mud Spring Canyon and over the Horseheaven Pass for a 55-mile ride.

On Saturday, 6 units headed across Highway 93 to the Pass Creek Summit to the old homestead and then on to the Chicken Creek area and eventually to a canyon just west of Massacre Mountain for lunch. The return trip took the group by Buck Springs and joined the Dry Creek Road and then on to the Wet Creek trail back to the confluence of the Wet Creek and Big Creek. From there they traveled the Pass Creek road back to Mackay for a total of a 84 mile ride. On the way back just prior to the Pass Creek camping areas, a couple of the riders detoured to the Big Mouth Cave and

did some exploring. "Huge" was the word most used, next to "straight up climb" to describe the side trip. Saturday night our group joined the Pocatello group for Sloppy Joe pot luck. Thanks PTMA for the invite. Oh by the way, for those of you driving a RZR and climb a steep hill only to find your unit overheating and pull alongside another RZR and pop the cowling off your unit, don't forget to put it back on. If you do forget you will find yourself mulling over the GPS files that night in preparation for your ride the next day to retrieve said cowling, won't you Marvin?

Sunday found the group splitting into two groups. One on the east side of 93 and the other doing the mine area. The east side group explored about every trail there was due east of Mackay. The mine hill group found most of the hill closed as some of the mines were being reevaluated for the production of copper.

Marvin Barnes

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## Murphy Hot Springs Ride

September 18 will find Jerry Kriegh at the top side of the Murphy Hot Springs Grade camped out. He will be leading non-club sanctioned rides in and around the Jarbidge area from the 19 through the 23. He plans on day rides departing the camp location at 9 a.m. sharp or maybe just close to that time each day. You can join Jerry for the camping or just come down for the day rides. Jerry expects rides to be less than class 4 and be somewhere between the distance of the start and end of the ride. If you are coming to camp, bring firewood in case the fire restriction is lifted by the date of the ride.

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## Upcoming Events

1. Sept 8 – Back to School Safety Day @ Con Paulos from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
2. Sept 19-23 – Jarbidge ride (unofficial)
3. Sept 22-23 – Public Lands Day @ Fairfield (more info to follow)
4. Sept 28-30 - YE100 on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
5. October – Aaron will host at least 2 rides 😊
6. See the calendar on the website for other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

# 2018 YE 100 Ride

It is that time of year again for me to lead the year-end ride, YE100. Because the big game hunting season opens the first Wednesday in October, I have again moved this year's ride into September. This year's ride is going to be a true adventure, a test of stamina, and skills. We will ride from Browns Bench area into Nevada and on towards the Elk Mountain Range then back.

This ride will offer great views, weather and smoke permitting. The route will feature old two track roads, rocky terrain, water crossings, steep downgrades, and steep upgrades. The pre-ride tracked this ride between 100 and 105 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. Because of the High Fire Danger, campfires may be restricted and/or prohibited.

## Agenda & Location:

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Location: Monument Springs Rd and Three Creek Rd

GPS Coordinates: 42.21261, -114.78683

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 Suggested**, you know your machine and its capabilities.



Last year's YE 100 Participants

## ATV Crash

Since many people have asked, and various rumors have been floating around: on Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>, Kris Larson was going down a steep incline when he lost control of his ATV and hit a bush. He fell off his machine and landed on his back on a pile of rocks. He broke his helmet and after getting him out of the mountains he found that he had two fractured vertebrae in his neck and 14 rib fractures to the right side of his spine in his back.

He spent part of the next week in Pocatello and then was sent to rehab in Burley. He did well until he had a bowel obstruction which put him back in the hospital. After a bunch of procedures, some not very fun, and letting things heal, he should be home by the time you read this newsletter.

Thanks to all who called, visited, or sent cards.

Kris Larson family

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## Picnic

We would like to thank everyone who attended the club picnic last month. Although it was a hot day, we enjoyed all of the wonderful salads, sides, and desserts that everyone brought.

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## Club Meetings Schedule



Idaho Pizza Company, Twin Falls

10/10/18 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting

11/14/18 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting

12/12/18 6:00 PM (Club Social not a Meeting)

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## New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Shawn and Shannon Swaford.

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

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## Thinking of You

Kris Larson - Recovering from ATV Crash

Gary & Linda Aufderheide - Loss of family member

Walt Hamby (Red) - Loss of this mother

Garrett Peters, Harry & Wanda Sanders - Loss of family member

Linda Aufderheide - Recovering from surgery

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## 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 Brad Stimpson (208-308-8526) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

Dixie Best

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## 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

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## Pictures

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



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_