

# Magic Valley ATV Riders

October 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

Well fall is definitely in the air and the trees and bushes are changing colors. I think this has been one of our worst years for heat, wildfires, smoke, dust, and LONG PERIOD of no rain. I am glad to hear many of you ventured out and got to do some trail riding. Lorrie and I were busy this year with trips to see our girls and trying to sneak a ride in when we could. Like many of you, we did visit some different riding areas. We did a weekend trip to Salmon, Idaho in September and had a great time. Lots to see and it does require you to put in many miles in a day. If traveling to the area, please be careful of the ATV trails and expect some difficult roads. We encountered an ATV trail that lacked maintenance and is now a single-track trail. Remember, as you ride be cautious and prepared for the unexpected.

Beginning in October and lasting through September 2019 the Boise National Forest will be conducting recreation surveys to gather information for the National Visitor Use Monitoring Program (NVUM). For more information, I will have a copy of the news release put on the website. If you encounter one of the survey sites, please take the time (approximately 10 minutes) to participate.

We have a couple of activities coming in 2019. In August, date to be determined, the MVATVR will host the Idaho State ATV Association annual meeting. We will be looking into location,

dates, and what we want to offer (i.e. rides and activities). Historically, there is an ice cream social for everyone to attend on Friday late afternoon. This is a great time to meet members from other clubs. The ISATVA Board will meet later Friday night. On Saturday evening, there is a dinner for everyone to attend. In the past we have had potlucks and in 2017 a prepared dinner. Therefore, it is up to us to decide how much work we want to put into hosting the event. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and events. I will talk more at the upcoming October meeting.

This winter, I will be meeting with representatives of the US Forest Service and Idaho State Parks and Recreation to start planning for the 2019 trail maintenance projects. One of the things I will be insisting on is more participation from the Forest Service. In the past, we have always had a forest service representative or two working alongside us on our projects. I would like to see this interaction between the Magic Valley ATV Riders and U. S. Forest Service again. Please take a moment to reflect on the trails you rode this year. If you remember any trail or portion of a trail that needs some attention please let me know. I want to add your concerns to the list I have compiled for my discussion with the forest service and want to make sure we add your concerns.

Each November, the MVATVR elects our Board of Directors for the coming year. The current board members have expressed a desire to remain.

If any member of the MVATVR is interested in becoming a Board of Directors member, please let me know so I can put you on the ballot.

Please be careful as you ride this fall. Our weather can be very unpredictable and I do not want to see anyone caught in a bad situation. Also, as we move into winter, take the time to perform thorough inspections of your machines. The wintertime is the best time to get those repairs and maintenance items done so you are ready for our spring rides.

Have a wonderful fall and see you at the next meeting...

Kent Oliver – President

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## Late Newsletter

**S**orry for the late newsletter, as you can tell, we didn't have much to include so we held it back so we could get the YE100 ride report in.

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## Public Lands

**H**opefully by the time you are reading this we will have had some much-needed rain. It has truly been a very dry summer.

This month's subject is a little different than most and maybe I am one of few that is concerned about this. I love camping on public lands, I also enjoy dispersed camping. This is my favorite because it is more like real camping. Thankfully many areas are open to dispersed camping. The problem is the public is using many of these areas improperly.

Dispersed camping is designed so that you can head to your favorite camping area, pull off in a spot and camp. What is happening is more and more folks are pulling their travel trailer to their favorite spot, parking it and leaving it there for an extended time, sometimes all summer. This is wrong. These areas are for camping not parking or trailer storage. We had an experience this summer where I am sure there were several hundred trailers sitting with no one using them for the whole time we were there.

We had an extremely difficult time finding somewhere to camp. Most areas have a time limit on use, normally 14 days. This is fine if the spot is

being used for 14 days, not use for 2 days, abandon for 12, and then use for 2. I am not a fan of more regulations, but something needs to be done. There needs to be regulations which say occupy your trailer or take it home. Apparently, some forests are not enforcing the time limit, nor are they requiring that the trailer be occupied while parked in a dispersed camping area. I plan on trying to get this changed from the top down. This change will probably have to come from Washington DC to get it done.

I will be heading to Boise next week to participate in a trail seminar at Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. It should be an interesting time. If you think the non-motorized folks are relaxing a bit you are wrong. We have a very serious problem in the San Rafael Swell area of Utah. This is a great riding area, but somehow the non-motorized folks have convinced both Utah senators they should support more Wilderness and less motorized in this area. I have contacted the Utah senators regarding this.

Time will tell.

Get out and ride. It is your public lands, make the most of it.

Stan Mai



**"Sorry. Bigfoot or not, only one piece of candy per trick-or-treater."**

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Q: What's a ghosts favorite ride at the carnival?

A: The roller ghoster

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Q: What does a ghost put on his cereal in the morning?

A: Boonanas and Booberries

## Elections

**A**t 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](mailto:mvatvriders@outlook.com)

## Upcoming Events

1. October 6th – Hagerman Fossil Days Parade
2. October 13th – Aaron’s Albion Ride
3. October 20th – Aaron’s Color Ride
4. November 3rd – State meeting
5. See the calendar on the website for more details, and other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

## Club Meetings Schedule



Idaho Pizza Company, Twin Falls

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - 4-7 PM (Club Social, not a Meeting)

## YE100 2018

**S**aturday, September 29, 2018 brought about our Annual Year End 100 mile ride lead by MVATVR President Kent Oliver. The weather called for sunny skies, temperatures in the lower 70s, and breezy conditions with possible high winds in the afternoon.

Twenty-One MVATVR Members and guest, riding 13 machines met at the intersection of Monument Springs Road and Three Creek Road west of Rogerson, Idaho. The group consisted of one motorcycle, three ATVs, one UTV, and nine RZR's. After a drivers briefing, we loaded up and headed south towards the Brown’s Bench area. We took a side trip to Monument Springs where most saw two nice sized bull elk and some deer, both bucks and does. We then turned south where we

rode upon China Mountain. This leg of the trip gave us great vistas of the Raft River Mountain Range, the Granites and Ellen Dee Mountain. We wandered south into the eastern portion of O’Neil Basin area. We followed the O’Neil Basin Road to the area above Wilson Creek and near the Elk Mountain Range.

Along the way, one of our riders experienced a tire problem and upon closer inspection found a missing lug nut and stud along with three loose lug nuts. After a search of all the machines, after finding a lug wrench the remaining lug nuts were tightened. The driver made a comment we all should remember, inspection of the machine prior to the ride might have found the loose lugs before the start of the ride.

We found a sunny place out of the breeze near Guerry’s Corral in Wilson Creek for lunch. We had time to wipe off the dust and enjoy eating our lunches and visiting with each other. It was here that we captured a group picture. Upon leaving our lunch sight, we had a minor casualty on the trail. A lunch cooler that never got secured, came off the leader’s machine and landed, scattering its contents in the road. So glad it didn’t hit the motorcyclist behind them, who graciously picked up the food items. After getting the cooler secured again, we continued our trek upward and into a basin in the Chimney Creek just north of Elk Mountain. We turned north, following Cave Creek, and made our way into Deer Creek where we crossed the creek.

After stopping to make sure everyone made it down the steep rocky section of road, the group then headed south back towards the Elk Mountain Range again. We climbed up to a high point between Deer Creek, Deadman Creek, and Lime Creek Basin just to the south of Elk Mountain. Here we had a great view of the Jarbidge Wilderness. The peaks, Jarbidge, Jumbo, Square Top, Matterhorn, Cougar, and Prospect were standing grand in the western horizon. We could also see the Three Creek School and make out the Jarbidge and East Fork Jarbidge Canyons. We rode the ATV trail south along the ridgeline before joining up with a road heading towards the Pole Creek Guard Station. At the main intersection we turned southwest on an old two-track road and began our decent into the Western edge of O’Neil Basin and the Pole



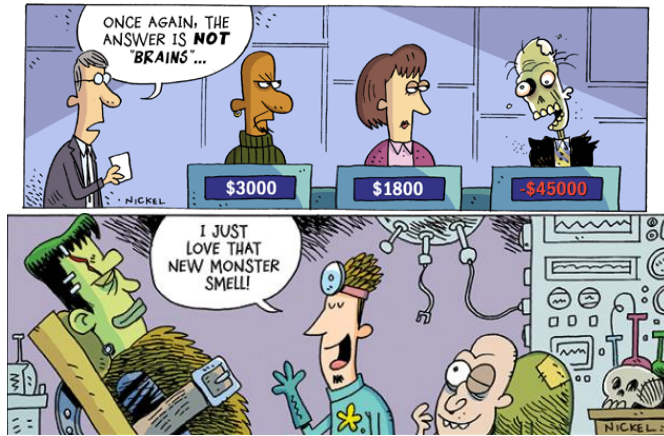
Creek/O'Neil Creek area. Once in the bottom we rode a short distance to the east and began our climb up towards White Elephant Butte.

We took a break near White Elephant Butte. As we were making the climb from the main road, Lorrie asked if we were going up the road ahead. After I hit the gas pedal, and made the climb, I turned to her and said, "Yes and back down." I did not get a warm response. From this vantage point, we could see the mountains to the east and west. It was fun to point out areas we had previously ridden today and in the past. Our guest was amazed with the area and surprised by the riding possibilities our area has to offer.

After the break, we continued down to the main road again and then descended into the Lime Creek Basin before riding back to the headwaters of Wilson Creek. Because of one machine having engine problems, Kent asked Ron Mothershed if he would lead the group back to the vehicles and he agreed. Kent wanted to stay with the problem machine to ensure he made it back to camp. Our last leg, approximately 23 miles was on the main gravel road leading from Wilson Creek to the Monument Creek area and down to the Three Creek Road. Everyone arrived safely back to the staging area. This year the ride was approximately 97 miles long.

The roads and trails were in great shape. The hunting season traffic made finding the trails and roads easy. We did encounter some steep sections and some rocky areas along with some off-camber. It was a great day and the high winds never materialized. One sad note, we did not see any antelope all day. This is sad because in all our pervious rides antelope sightings were an hourly occurrence.

Kent Oliver – Ride Leader



## 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

Kris Larson - Recovering from ATV Crash  
 Roy Cogswell – Medical issues  
 Dennis Cogswell – Medical issues  
 Red (Walt) Hamby - 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 Brad Stimpson (208-308-8526) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

Dixie Best

## 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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## Board of Directors

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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: \_\_\_\_\_