

Magic Valley ATV Riders

December 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, 2018 led by Jerry Kriegh.

President's Message

Hello Magic Valley ATV Riders Members and Supporters:

The Board of Directors and I want to thank both present and past members for your support to the organization. Our organization is where it is today due to Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts like you. Our mission is two-fold, keeping public lands open and enjoying motorized recreation. We are always active in working with public land managers, elected officials, and like-minded organizations to make and keep our Public Lands open to "ALL USERS." We perform over 200 hours annually of volunteer service to help maintain trails and facilities associated to motorized recreation.

As an example, in 2017, we helped construct a bridge in the USFS Sawtooth Division Fairfield Ranger District and each year we clear and reconstruct portions of the trail system on the Cassia Ranger District. These hours do not reflect all the maintenance work performed by our club members while enjoying a ride with family and friends.

We also facilitate riding and camping opportunities for our members and invited guests. We logged over 400 miles of club rides. In the late spring and early summer, we were able to get a



couple of club campouts together. The summer months were plagued with higher than normal temperatures and smoky air quality so we postponed some of our campouts.

Not only has your volunteerism and sweat, but also your willingness to offer suggestions, insight, and a desire to maintain motorized recreational opportunities for future generations lead to the success of the organization. Without your support, we, the MVATVR, would not be amongst the leading groups of Motorized Recreational Users in the state. Your support has allowed the MVATVR to support the efforts of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, Idaho Recreation Council, Idaho State ATV Association, Sierra Access Coalition, only to name a few. Due to your direct support, we have provided financial donations to Magic Valley Safe Kids, Jubilee House, Local Quick Response Units, St Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, and many others.

As a MVATVR Member and Supporter, we again express our gratitude for all you do to allow us to continue our success. To our past Members and Supporters, we welcome and encourage you to come back and again be part of our Motorized Recreation Family, to help take the organization to new adventures and growth.

Onward into 2019 - See you on the trail

Kent Oliver – President

Public Lands

Sometimes I think to myself maybe you are being too hard on public land managers. After all they are just folks doing their job. Then something happens and I must ask myself, what is their job. Are they there to make things better for the users or do they have a different agenda, or is it pressure from up the food chain that makes them manage the land the way they do. We have a very serious problem on BLM lands is this area. A problem that seems to be ignored and if anything is getting worse. The question is why. Why is the BLM not doing its job? Why are they closing access by allowing roads to close with no action from them?

We all know fire has changed the looks of BLM land in our area. But fire is no reason to restrict use by motorized folks.

Every time we have a fire the BLM seeds the area. The problem is they seed across secondary roads. This has been happening



for a long time. I have been told it should not happen, but we have proof it is still happening. Last week we were riding in the Paradise area and found another road with seeding across it following a burn. This is bad, but what is worse is the vegetation grows up in the road and makes it impossible to find. I had a GPS track for a road that we had previously ridden. The grass was so tall we could not find any trace of the road. Why is the BLM not doing their duty and keeping these fun scenic secondary roads open and available to the motorized public?

Maybe they are letting mother nature close them and then they can take them off the map and we will never again be able to ride them. I do know that lack of use can be a reason for closure during the travel planning process.

All I know is that I am upset with the lack of responsible action by the BLM. I am preparing documents that explains what is happening and going up the chain to upper management and elected officials and other groups to see if I can find anyone who cares about keeping our public land roads and trails open. If something is not done immediately, we are going to lose a big share of our

riding in the Jarbidge District. What I am asking for is simple; restore the roads and trails to what they were. Stop seeding roads and treat every road with vegetation killer to get rid of the overgrowth of vegetation. Very simple solution. Everyone must also remember that virtually every road on the ground in the Jarbidge district has been inventoried by the BLM. Those roads are to remain open as existing roads until a Travel Management Plan is implemented. This obviously is not happening as every day another road disappears.

On a somewhat more positive note. It seems the federal government may have over reacted a bit when they formulated regulations for Managing Sage Grouse. It is over kill that some folks seem to think managing under the guidelines that no new roads or trails can be opened or built in Sage Grouse Focal Areas is over kill. They are finding that in some cases total closure is not necessary. Within the focal areas there are places that are not sage grouse areas. They are also seeing that hours of use during the day can alleviate conflicts to the bird. Restricting use to after 9:00 AM seems to be working. We will be filing comments on the Draft EIS to get changes made in the language regarding motorized transportation and recreation within Sage Grouse areas. Then maybe we can get some closed trails opened and who knows maybe even open a new trail or two.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Stan Mai – Public Lands

Upcoming Events

1. Dec – Possible “Freeze your Keyster” ride on a weekend of an unknown location
2. January 12 – Banquet
3. See the calendar on the website for more details, and other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

Q: What do you get if you mix a vampire with a snowman? A: Frostbite!

Q: What’s the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet? A: The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

Problem Resolved

As many of you know we have been dealing with a problem with the web site and getting you access to the pages that are specifically provided as part of your membership. The problem is now resolved after many hours of research and failed corrections.

Now instead of having the protected “member only” pages interspersed with the public pages, we have developed a new site for “Members Only”. Depending on production and resolution of last-minute issues, you may have already received an email telling you of your login and password.

Going to our site (mvatvr.org) you will find it looks just like it has. Nothing appears to have changed. Here is where the solution steps in. Now when you click on Member Pages instead of seeing a list of pages you will be whisked off to the new site. There you will get a login page. All logins have been setup using your last name and first initial of your first name as your user name. Mine is barnesm. User names must be unique so if there is another barnesm, the user names would have an additional letter or number. There will only be one login per member (family) and we used what is listed as the first spouse for the user name initial. Please note the login is all lower case. In the email you will or have received you will also see your temporary password. We encourage you to change it as soon as time allows.

To change your password, once you have logged in, click on the “Profile” link in the menu. You will be presented a page where you can change your password. You will also see we do not have any other information other than your first and last name. For the purpose of the membership page we do not require, and will not keep, any of the other information so no need to enter it.

When you close your browser, you will be automatically signed off the system.

The new site has only the password protected pages from what was on the main site grouped into one site. Now you can check out any of the pages provided as part of your membership in the Magic Valley ATV Riders club without having to enter a password for every page.

A great feature of the new site is you have control over your password. Change it when you like. If you forget it, no more waiting for us to tell you what it is, click and you will get a temporary password in your email. And best of all, no more annual emails with a new password. Your access to the new site is yours and yours alone as a member of the club. As you pay your annual dues (by the way, you pay now and avoid the rush at the annual banquet in January) your membership will simply extend for another year automatically and you still have the same login and password as you do today.

If you have any questions, please email webservant@mvatvr.org.

Marvin Barnes

OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up on January 1st of the new year!

Registration stickers are available at most of the OHV dealerships and local DMV offices in your area. You can also renew online through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website.

<https://idpr.idaho.gov/Renewal/>



Banquet Info & Raffle

We are in the planning stages of our annual banquet. Here are some of the basics:

Location

First, we are changing the location this year. We will hold the banquet at the Twin Falls Reformed Church located at 1631 Grandview Drive North.

Why the change? Well, how shall we put this politely, our rear ends are much bigger than elementary school rear ends and we have had a hard time sitting comfortably at the school's lunch tables. The church has much nicer, and more comfortable large round tables, and much nicer folding chairs to sit on. They also have lots of large coffee makers, a built-in audio system in their gym, and other amenities that should make it more comfortable and convenient for the club members.



Food Drive

We still plan on having a food drive, so keep an eye on the grocery store sale fliers and stock up on the much-needed essentials that will be donated to The Mustard Seed.

Raffle

Probably a Dewalt battery powered chain saw! We are still finalizing the details on this part. We do know that 80 percent of the proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit charity and the club will keep the other 20 percent of the proceeds to help offset the costs of the meal, and other club expenses.



Why the strange 80/20 split? Well, state law, and our constitution stipulate this arrangement in order for us to have a legal raffle without running afoul of fines, etc.

Door Prizes

We will have tons of door prizes. If you have something you want to donate, let a board member know. If you were in Sportsman's Warehouse, or one of the dealers, and you saw something you thought would make a cool door prize, let a member of the board know so we can try and acquire one!

Aaron Larson

Christmas Season



With Christmas coming up soon, we would like to encourage all our club members to find some time during the hectic month of shopping, wrapping presents, entertaining, and all of the other hustle and bustle that occurs during the month of December and to stop and remember how Christmas came to be.

Even though we don't all share the same religious denomination, here are some things we can all do to share the true spirit of Christmas.

Donate: If you don't have a favorite, The Salvation Army has their kettles out, and is one of many worthy charities that help local members of our community.

Volunteer: This covers so many areas we can't list them all, but spend some time helping a group or individual.

Visit: Do you know someone in a nursing home or hospital? Go see them! Got a neighbor down the street you haven't seen in a while, go see them as well!

Write a letter\give a card: Is your mail person\delivery driver especially awesome? Well, give them a card or write them a letter! What about a old friend that you have not seen in ages since they moved? A old teacher that you looked up to, or someone else that was a good example to you? Let them know you appreciate(d) them!

Others: Give blood, participate in a food drive, shovel the neighbors sidewalk, invite

someone that lost their spouse to dinner, pay it forward, adopt a family for the holidays, help someone wrap their Christmas presents, take flowers to a nursing home (the workers will know who needs them the most), donate stuffed animals to the police\fire department, drop off a bag of cat\dog food to the animal shelter, be more generous the next time you tip your waiter\waitress, take some coloring books\crayons to the hospital waiting room, and many others.

And last, but not least, attend your personal religious denominations Christmas service!



2019 Club Meeting Schedule

Jan 12th – Banquet

The following are tentative dates and locations

Feb 13th – Idaho Pizza

March 13th – Adventure Motorsports

April 10th – Action Cycles and Sleds

May 8th – Probably at Let’s Ride in Rupert

No meetings from June through September

New Members

We would like to welcome Richard Keck and Penni Aufderheide, Al Fassler and Steph Compouris, and Mike and Dianne Schlund, as members of the club.

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

Cindy Birch – Loss of father

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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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: _____