

Magic Valley ATV Riders

February 2019



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

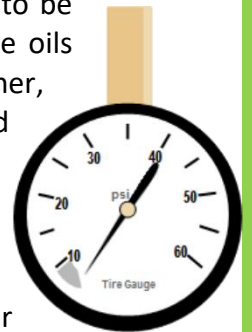
January is over and we have had our fair share of cold weather, however, it has been a mild winter. I hope the adventurous ones who were able to get out and ride and enjoyed the challenge of winter riding. I, for one, hope February will bring some warm weather so the snow can settle, and we can get out and play in the desert.

Our annual members' banquet was a huge success. Our new venue gave a big boost by having seats with back support. Everyone who attended enjoyed the Twin Falls Reformed Church so much we have already reserved our date for 2020. Did I say 2020? Where have the years gone? It was great to see everyone and get a chance to speak with many of you at the banquet. I want to welcome several new members to the group, and I hope to spend some time on the trail getting to know you better. We are happy to announce we made enough money with the raffle to donate part of the proceeds to the Mustard Seed, Beds for Kids Ministry. The remaining portion of the proceeds will help offset door prizes at our Valentine's meeting in February, Mother's Day Recognition meeting in May, and at our summer picnic in July.

Every year members submit photos and videos of our club's rides and events. As you look at the photo gallery on the MVATVR website, you can see the fun and exciting things we have done

throughout the year. This is possible because of the submission of photos by our members. The MVATVR Board of Directors wants to send a special thank you to each of you who have submitted your memories over the years. We are glad to get our club's history recordings in so many ways and from so many perspectives. Please keep submitting the videos and photos.

As we forge ahead this winter, I want to remind everyone to take the time to get your machines ready for spring riding. If you like to take winter rides, make sure you use caution. Snow can be deceiving and hazardous. It can hide rocks, holes, and trick you into taking the wrong trail. With colder temperatures, the air pressure in your tires can be reduced to the level that could run a wheel off the rim. Another maintenance item to be aware of is the engine oil. Some oils work great in warm and hot weather, but will not thin down in cold weather to properly lube your engine. This could cause engine failure and even worse, a blown engine. If you ride in cold weather, please check your operator's manual or with the dealership for the proper oil to use during cold weather. Another maintenance item to be aware of while riding is snow build up. As you ride in the snow, snow can be thrown up or scooped in around the engine and the



undercarriage. This can cause your engine to not cool properly, plug your air intake, or cause icing of the carburetor/injection systems. As with summer riding, please be vigilant to the survival needs of riding in the winter. In the snow and cold temperatures of winter, a simple shelter may not be enough. You may need to start a fire to survive a very cold night and shelter to protect yourself from the winds. Researching and taking classes on winter survival are an option. Remember the famous Boy Scout saying, "Always be prepared".

Have a great February and keep watching your emails for short notice rides and events.

Kent Oliver – President

Public Lands

Several things are happening on the public lands front. With the state legislature being in session there are a couple bills that will impact us. There will be a bill introduced that will separate our license plates and stickers. License plates will be handled by DMV and the OHV stickers will be issued by and under the control of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR).

A bill will be introduced which will require all out of state OHV riders to purchase an Idaho sticker. Some feel that out of state users are getting a free ride for using our trails.

IDPR is starting to do more ATV/UTV trail maintenance which costs more than single track. The added revenue will better enable them to keep up with needed trail maintenance and construction.

Hopefully this will include increased emphasis on brushing as this is becoming a serious problem in some areas. The down side of this is we will probably have to start buying an OHV sticker in every state we ride in.

IDPR is also working to get the Forest Service to allow them to do the required chain saw training for volunteers clearing trails. This is very important because as we all know the Forest Service cannot keep up with trail maintenance.



We have a serious problem on BLM lands with roads disappearing. With all the fires and other issues that have impacted our BLM lands the last few years many of our roads are becoming overgrown with vegetation, adding to the problem is the fact that BLM has allowed their contractors to seed across secondary roads which in effect closes them over time. Our land management agencies have used this to close roads in the past. If you can't find the road then you can't use it, therefore, it is no longer a road and should be closed to motorized traffic. This is not the way to manage our land. Lack of maintenance on their part should not cause us to lose access. I have asked the BLM to immediately institute a policy of going back and removing vegetation from all current and previously existing roads. We will keep you informed as what the response from the BLM is, and if we need to further escalate this issue.

We are facing a huge loss of access in the Salmon Challis National Forest. They are looking at making a very large portion of the Salmon Challis Forest into recommended Wilderness. If this were to happen and they manage it as Wilderness we would lose about 90 % of the motorized trail system in that Forest.

Many popular riding areas near Stanley, Custer, Bayhorse, Challis, Cobalt, Salmon, Mackay, Arco, and Leadore would lose a big share of their motorized trail systems. You can view the documents on this at:

<https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ac08187487ef4e42bbbd82804dde8147>

Because of the government shutdown the comment date on this has been extended to February 28, 2019. To comment, go to the above website and click on Evaluation tab. I would ask that you take a few minutes and let the Forest Service know your thoughts on this. Anything will help. Personal motorized experiences in any or all the

recommended areas would be great. This would be a tragedy if allowed to happen.

It will not be long, and a new riding season will be upon us. Please remember that any time you are riding on public land you are representing the OHV community. Please do not do anything that could be viewed as a negative by other users.

Hopefully warm weather, less wind, more sun and spring are in our near future.

Stan Mai – Public Lands

February Meeting

Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Idaho Pizza Company.

The social hour and dinner start at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

This is our annual Valentines kickoff. We will have prizes for all the ladies in attendance!

We look forward to seeing you there.



BLM Closure

The Burley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office will implement a seasonal road closure Jan. 16 to March 15 in the South Hills area.

This closure, which has gone into effect each winter since 2000, is designed to prevent resource damage and to protect crucial mule deer winter range and sage-grouse habitat. Signs have been posted in the area notifying the public of the closure, and gates have been installed to prevent trespass.



The following roads, as well as any two-tracks or trails tied to these roads, will be closed to motorized travel from Jan. 16 to March 15, 2019: 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.

Banquet Highlights

- 126 people in attendance
- 19 pounds of turkey
- 4 Falls Brand hams
- TONS of side dishes!
- TONS of desserts!
- \$994 worth of chain saw raffle tickets sold
- \$236 worth of quilt raffle tickets sold
- \$664 donated to the Mustard Seed to buy beds
- \$161 profit from the raffles to be used to buy Valentines and Mother's Day gifts
- Enough prizes that EVERY family or individual membership won a door prize
- A whole truck bed full of food was donated to the Mustard Seed food pantry
- TONS of pictures taken (see club website!!!!)



Banquet Sponsors

We would like to thank the following businesses or individuals for donating prizes this year!

- Aaron and Amy Larson
- Action Cycles 'N Sleds
- Adventure Motorsports
- Cactus Petes
- Chad's Mobile Service
- D&B Supply
- Fall Apart
- Golden Corral
- Jerry Kreigh
- Kent and Lorrie Oliver
- Kris and Dorothea Larson
- Let's Ride
- Marvin and Kathy Barnes
- Rob and Lola Hendrickson
- Rocky Mountain ATV
- Sportsman's Warehouse
- Anyone we accidently overlooked

Upcoming Events

1. Feb 9 – Brigham Point ride (Aaron Larson)
2. Feb\March – Crystal Ice Caves (Aaron Larson)
3. March – Lake Channel ride (Jerry Kreigh)
4. March – Hammett – Kent Oliver
5. March\April – Someplace (Aaron Larson)
6. April – Thorne Creek ride (Randy Graham)
7. May 2-5 – Pagari Crossing (Jerry Kreigh)
8. May 31-June 2 – Big Cottonwood (Aaron Larson)
9. See the calendar on the website for more details, and other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

Ride Ideas

As you can see, we have a bunch of rides on the Upcoming Events list. All will depend on the weather.

We are still in need of ride leaders, or ride suggestions if you don't want to lead it yourself. If you want to do either, PLEASE give me a call @ (312-4867) or send me an e-mail (aaron@atlcomputing.com) or talk to me at any of our meetings!

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator

OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up during 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/>



Registration Renewal Login For Sticker Year 2017

Pin:
 Sticker Number:



2019 Club Meeting Schedule

- Feb 13th – Idaho Pizza
- March 13th – Adventure Motorsports
- April 10th – Action Cycles and Sleds
- May 8th – Probably at Let's Ride in Rupert

New Members

We would like to welcome Emily Grosshans and Connor Zumwalt, and Roger and Liz Mandelkow 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

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)

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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: _____