

Magic Valley ATV Riders

March 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

Hello fellow Off-Highway-Vehicle enthusiasts. I apologize for the delay in getting our March/April newsletter out so late. There has been a lot happening and we wanted to give you the most up to date information. I want to thank those who participated at the ISATVA booth at the 2019 Sportsman Expo in Garden City on Sunday March 3, 2019. We had a great time talking with other OHV users from all over. Many of the folks we spoke with were looking for people to ride with and many took applications for membership for the various participating clubs. It was a great time by all.

Many of you have watched the bill to end reciprocity for OHV use in Idaho. As of this writing, the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate passed HB 75 and it is waiting the Governor's signature. Another bill, HB 74 that deals with OHV Stickers and OHV rental companies, passed by the House of Representatives failed in the Senate. HB 74 would have put the OHV sticker management under the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. It allowed for a two-year sticker registration, and assesses a \$22.00 registration fee per OHV used as a rental.

Many of you are aware, Utah has passed HB105 that removes reciprocity for OHV registration. This change will take effect on January 1, 2020. This means, you ride your ATV, SXS, or UTV

in Utah, you will have to purchase the \$30.00 trail sticker. I am not sure what this means for those of you going to Moab, UT. I have not been there so there is a chance you will have to purchase a user permit there as well. I know if you ride in Wyoming, you will have to purchase a permit. I am looking into what Montana, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon are doing on the reciprocity issue. This is not something new, we have heard talk about states following the snowmobile plan of Pay-To-Play for a couple of years now.

We had our second meeting with the forest service on March 6 to set up our trail maintenance projects for 2019. We have a lot to do and I am hoping the spring runoff is gentle so it does not add to our projects list. My goal is to divide the projects into trail maintenance and trail repairs. The maintenance projects will most likely be our volunteer service projects. The trail repairs will be the more labor-intensive projects where the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation pay us. Once we can get the agreement approved, we can get to work when the snow melts off the trails. We will do an on-ground trail review once this happens. In the meeting we identified several trails that will require heavy maintenance with the use of the trail cat.



Just a reminder, with our wet springtime weather, please be good stewards of the land.

Tread lightly when encountering muddy trail/road sections and Know Before You Go what the conditions are. Heavy rain or snowmelt causes a soft roadbed and thus riding this can cause deep ruts. Let us keep our roads and trails in good condition so all may enjoy.

See you on the trail,

Kent Oliver – President

March Meeting



Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Adventure Motorsports. Their address is 2469 Kimberly Road.

The social hour and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. As of right now we are not sure what is on the menu, but in years past they have served sloppy joes. Some beverages will be provided, but you can bring a non-alcoholic drink. Please bring a chair to sit on.

After dinner, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Todd Wernex. He is the OHV/Recreation Program Specialist for the Idaho Department of Lands.

Hopefully I don't spoil part of what he is going to talk about, but IDL has a constitutional mandate to manage 2.4 million acres of land in Idaho. The money they earn from selling timber, grazing rights, and other activities, supports public schools in Idaho.

Adventure Motorsports is our local Yamaha, Honda, and KTM dealer. They are offering a discount on all parts and accessories you purchase while at the meeting. This is a good opportunity to stock up air and oil filters, outfit your rig with a new set of wheels or tires, get a pole for your club flag, get a fuel pack to extend your riding range, or all other sorts of accessories that might improve your ride.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Idaho Sportsman's Show

This past weekend, the Idaho Sportsman's Show was held in Boise. Vendors from all types of outdoor actives such as hunting, fishing, camping, ATV's, etc. had booths to exhibit their goods.

Our club was asked to man the booth for a total of 4 hours on Sunday, and Kent and Lorrie Oliver, Aaron and Amy Larson, Jens and Alana Steffensen, Marvin Barnes, Dixie Best, Bobby Duke, and Linda Laudert answered a ton of questions from those that stopped at, or in some cases, were dragged into, our booth.

With luck, each of the clubs that took part will have some new members join, or have people come check our respective riding areas.

Here are some pictures to check out.



Aaron Larson

ISATVA Annual Meeting

Event Tee Shirt Design Contest

Kent Oliver, our club president, has talked about the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders hosting the 2019 ISATVA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be August 9 through 11, 2019. It will be in the South Hills. At our recent planning meeting we discussed having Event Tee Shirts available for participants to purchase. So, we are looking for a logo to have printed on the tee shirts to commemorate this year's event.

If you are interested please email your design to Kent at mvatvriders@outlook.com no later than April 19, 2019. Our plan is to announce the winner at the May 2019 meeting at Let's Ride in Rupert. So now is the time to show off your artistic abilities. More information about the contest and the meeting will be available in the coming months.

MVATVR State Meeting Planning Committee

BLM Closure

A friendly reminder that the seasonal closure that affects 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.

We assume the closure will be lifted on March 15th, but you might want to call the BLM just to make sure. The reason I say this, is that with all the snow and moisture we have received, they could extend the closure.

For more information regarding the road closure, please contact Dennis Thompson, BLM Burley Field Office recreation planner, at (208) 677-6600.

Q: What did the tree do when the bank closed?

A: It started its own branch.

Q: Why did the pine tree get in trouble?

A: Because it was being knotty.

Q: Why do trees hate tests?

A: Because they get stumped by the questions.

Upcoming Events

Uhm.... If Mother Nature would cooperate, we might be able to do some actual riding. My Brigham Point ride was been postponed for 7 weeks now due to extreme cold temps, extreme blizzard snow depths, and now a ton of rain and mud!!!!

1. Spring – Brigham Point ride (Aaron Larson)
2. Spring – Crystal Ice Caves (Aaron\Kent)
3. March 16th – Hammett – Kent Oliver
4. March\April – Lake Channel ride (Jerry Kreigh)
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

2019 Club Meeting Schedule

April 10th – Action Cycles and Sleds

May 8th – Let's Ride in Rupert

New Members

We would like to welcome Kelly and Carol Lee and Randy and Carla Irish 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"

Aaron's Brigham Point Pre-Ride



Jerry Kreigh's Wilson Lake Ride



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: _____