

Magic Valley ATV Riders

April 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

On March 20, 2019, spring officially arrived. Even with spring's arrival, our normal spring riding areas are still experiencing deeper than normal snow packs, cooler temperatures, and as Aaron has experienced, muddy conditions. We are looking forward to the day we can all get out and ride more often.



I want to thank the group of MVATVR members who are actively helping with the planning of the ISATVA annual meeting. They have met a couple of times now and are on a great timeline to accomplish all the tasks necessary for this event to be successful. As we near the August 9-11, 2019 meeting dates, the committee will be looking for others to assist with the logistics of the various tasks. A few of the tasks will include signage, stuffing welcome bags, dinner organization, etc. If you are not interested in the planning stage, please consider helping with some of the other tasks.

From the little feedback I have received, it looks like we should get a good turnout from other clubs. If you are interested in leading a ride on Friday or Saturday, please let Aaron know as soon as possible. Different ride leaders can lead the same or similar ride over the two days. The registration form

is in the development stage, to include a list of riding opportunities so we can plan accordingly.

With the August ISATVA meeting, the MVATVR Board of Directors decided we would not hold our annual picnic this year. Resources and our focus will be on the state meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend the social on Friday and dinner on Saturday. Come out represent our club as ambassadors for our area.

We had our second meeting with Allison Sweeney and Darlene Bridges from the USFS Cassia Division. This meeting focused on trails the IDPR and possibly the USFS trail cat will work on. We also discussed trail work for our June work weekend. The problem with planning at this time is the current snow pack. If we have a slow release, we can work on our projects list. IF, the weather warms too fast, the damage caused by a fast snowmelt and run off could refocus our efforts to repairing trails. As soon as we can get to the hills to look at the trails, we will set our work projects. We are still hoping to reinforce sections of the Martindale and Third Fork trail systems. This should alleviate the need for us to repair these trail sections every year. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to the work season.

We have set May 18, 2019 for our annual Snake River Canyons Park clean up. We will be working with the South Idaho Off-Road Association for this project. On March 19, 2019, we did a ride

with Jessica Flammang, an Editor with Times News. During our trip around the park, it was disheartening to see the amount of trash that accumulated since last year. There was not one area in the park we did not encounter some form of trash, large and small. We have our work cut out for us this year. I hope that we can get the message out so other groups will join in our cleanup efforts.

Kent Oliver – President

Public Lands

I have just returned from Arizona. It is tough to go from 75 degrees to cold and windy.

It was interesting to ride down there. It was mostly BLM with some state land and Indian land and some private. About 3 years ago the BLM was doing travel management planning and the prospects were not good. It looked like lots of closures coming. The local off-road clubs (which there are a lot of them there) along with the cities, counties, tourism and Parks and Rec. got together and presented a united front for keeping everything open. The main reason was economics. They realize there how important the off-highway dollars are.



The BLM changed their attitude. The plans that have been completed are for the most part good. Just about everything was left open. I saw almost no closed or no motorized signs while we were there. A lot of old mining roads in the area makes for some great riding. We rode about 1,000 miles while we were there and did very little trailering to unload areas.

This demonstrates that in fact, the BLM can come up with a decent motorized travel plan if they want to. This is not the normal outcome for travel planning or MARP (Motorized Access Reduction Plans) as I think they should be called. Some BLM areas in Idaho have already seen very big motorized access loss as a result of travel management planning.

We have been losing access to our local lands because of overgrown trails. One of the excuses that land managers like to use to close a

road or trail is lack of use. Well, duh, if it is overgrown and you can't see it you can't use it. This is closure by neglect, or a failure of the land management agency to maintain access.

Fire has impacted this overgrowth with drill seeding across roads and aerial seeding following a fire we are losing roads at an alarming rate. I have contacted our elected officials and other groups to help mitigate this problem. We will be meeting very soon with local BLM officials to correct the problems.

I am asking that not only should all seeding of existing roads and trails stop. All trails that have been lost to overgrowth be returned to a usable state by removing vegetation.

Oh how I long for the good ole days when the decision was, "Where do you want to go riding?" Instead of "Where can we go riding?"

Speaking of riding. Please remember it is spring and that means sometimes soft and muddy conditions. Many times, our public land is checkerboarded with private land. Please do not do anything that would make a landowner want to put up closed signs.

Stan Mai – Public Lands

April Meeting



Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Action Cycles 'N Sleds. Their address is 2540 Addison Ave East in Twin Falls.

The social hour and dinner start at 6:00 p.m. It will be a mystery dinner. Meaning they have not provided us with a menu. Some beverages will probably 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. Glen and Joy Duggan's son, Kris Duggan, from Air St. Luke's, will be our guest speaker. No, we don't think he gets to bring the helicopter.



Click on me 😊

Action Cycles 'N Sleds is our local Can-Am, Polaris, and Kawasaki 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, 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.

Snake River Canyons Park Clay Cave Ride Report

On March 19th, eight MVATVR members met at the Snake River Canyons Park parking area. Our goal was to meet with Jessica Flammang an editor with the Times News to do an ATV/UTV tour for upcoming articles on motorized recreation in our area. Miss Flammang wanted to write the articles from the point of view where she was experiencing the ride. Kent allowed her to drive, by herself, his CanAm Outlander two-up ATV.

The article appeared in the [outdoors sports page of the Times News](#) on March 28th, and in the 2019 Adventure Guide Magazine due to release in May 2019. Our first adventure took us northeast out of the Snake River Canyons Park and onto BLM lands north of Interstate 84.

We wound around some interesting lava mounts, old growth sagebrush, and high upon some lava hills. We reached our first destination, Clay Cave, at about 11:45. A few members and Jessica Flammang ventured into the cave, an ancient lava tube. After working our way around the fallen debris, it was actually a good trail with low ceilings, we made it to the main tube. The feeling and size of the tube was breath taking. We had lunch before continuing our area tour.



We left Clay Cave and crossed over Interstate 84 using the Vineyard Road overpass and entering the BLM land on the east end of the Snake River Canyons Park. We stopped to admire the clear waters of Vineyard Lake and our first sighting of the Snake River. We continued our westward trek

across the desert and got to see a large group of deer.

We stopped at the Devil's Corral trailhead. Three members of our group made the two-mile round-trip hike to the petroglyph writings. The hike is on sandy soil and on this date the sand was firm which made walking easy.

We then made our way back to the parking lot. From here, Kent and Miss Flammang rode onto the Shoshone and Pillar Falls Viewpoint. The ride was 27 miles long, traveling on mostly two track roads and trails. The route was mostly dry with the occasional mud hole. We were able to ride around most of the mud holes, but there were some we could not avoid.

Kent Oliver – Ride Leader

Click on me 😊



My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away. What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.

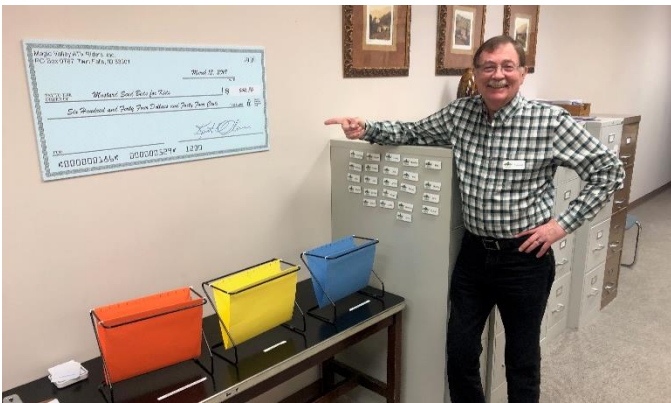
Good News Report

I dropped by the Mustard Seed today for some volunteer work. One of the areas I visited was the Community Services area. Imagine my surprise when I walked in there and the check we presented to Liz Mandelkow, Manager of the Mustard, at our March meeting was up on the wall for all to see.

I asked Dennis Moon, Community Services Manager, "Why?" Seems he has found as folks who may be waiting to see a consultant seeing our check lets them know that the community is there to support them. In addition seeing the check may also instill in them a sense of giving even though it may be months or years before they can pay it forward.

Good Job Magic Valley ATV Riders!!!

Marvin Barnes



ISATVA Annual Meeting Event Tee Shirt Design Contest

Kent Oliver, our club president, has talked about the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders hosting the 2018 ISATVA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be August 9 through 11, 2019, 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 meeting will be available in the coming months.

MVATVR State Meeting Planning Committee

ISTVA Registration

Our committee members that are planning the upcoming ISTVA meeting in August would like me to go over a few key points with everyone.

First, EVERYONE in the club that wishes to participate will be REQUIRED to register. Although we are hosting the event, every club member must register to attend the meeting and the rides like anyone else in the state.

The online registration form will be available in early May.

The online registration form will:

1. Collect your name, phone, etc.
2. Let you choose your t-shirt size.
3. Let you choose which rides you plan on participating in.
4. Tell us if you are going to attend the dinner so we actually have food for you.
5. Pay your fee.

If you do not register by the deadline, you will NOT be able to attend any of the events.

Aaron Larson

Summer Picnic

We have had questions about our annual summer picnic. As a reminder, because we are hosting the annual ISATVA meeting in August, we will not be holding our annual picnic this summer. We look forward to seeing everyone on the trail, and on our various other camping trips instead.

Aaron Larson

The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.

Online Application

Guess what everyone? You can now pay for your club membership online! Whether it is a new membership, or a renewal, go to the club website, and click on "Come Join Us".

Fill out the application and go to the next link and put in your payment information.

Since the bank does charge us a fee for the online payment system, an extra dollar is added to the transaction. So far, we have already had one new member signup and pay via the new system!

We also have a card reader that Linda can also use. This will make it much easier to pay for your membership, buy flags, and buy raffle tickets at next year's banquet.

Aaron Larson

BLM Closure Lifted

The Dry Creek, Cherry Spring, Indian Springs (Closure begins 1.5 miles south of Foothills Road) and North Cottonwood Creek closure has been lifted. Be aware that some of these roads are still closed on Forest Service land until May 16th and June 1st. Check your MVUM to make sure you are legal.

Aaron Larson

Upcoming Rides

On January 12th, I had a ride all planned out. From that Saturday on, every single weekend, it either was freezing cold, a blizzard, pouring rain, nice and sunny but a mud bog, the State Sportsman's Show, or Kent's Hammett Ride.

Now, for the fun part – On March 1st, while taking 85 young people to Pomerelle on a ski trip, I had a spectacular wipeout (at least that is the story I tell people, I was actually going really slow, caught an edge and fell down) and hurt my shoulder. After a couple of weeks with no improvement, I found out via an MRI that I tore a tendon. Surgery is scheduled for April 19th, and I'll be down for 6-12 weeks.

So, my Brigham Point ride is going to be postponed for a bit.

As for my Big Cottonwood trip, even if I cannot ride, I can still plan the route and have someone else be the ride leader while I stay at camp and drink Cherry Coke if I am still not in a condition to be a passenger.

The annual Spring Work and Ride is currently scheduled for June 8th – assuming all the snow melts by then!

I talked to Randy Graham about his ride, and he is still planning on taking us to Thorne Creek, and will pick a date based upon road conditions and the weather. Watch your e-mail for updates on this one.

For the ISATVA meeting we will also have rides on Thursday through Sunday. Several people have volunteered to lead some rides and we are currently working out the details.

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!

1. Spring – Crystal Ice Caves (Kent)
2. April 7th – Lake Channel ride (Jerry Kreigh)
3. April – Thorne Creek ride (Randy Graham)
4. May 2-5 – Pagari Crossing (Jerry Kreigh)
5. May 18 – Snake River Canyon Parks Cleanup
6. May 31-June 2 – Big Cottonwood (Aaron Larson)
7. June 8-9th – Work and Ride in the South Hills
8. Aug 9-11th – ISATVA rides (must register)
9. See the calendar on the website for more details, and other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator

2019 Club Meeting Schedule

April 10th – Action Cycles and Sleds

May 8th – Let's Ride in Rupert

Worried about an IRS audit? Avoid what's called a red flag. That's something the IRS always looks for. For example, say you have some money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That's a red flag.

Jay Leno

March Meeting

We would like to thank Adventure Motorsports for hosting last month's meeting, and Todd Wernex for speaking to us. We had roughly 70 people in attendance and were well fed in both food and information about how our state lands are managed. We also presented our check to the Mustard Seed as well.



New Members

We would like to welcome Larry and Lauri Hazen, Randy and Carla Irish, Del and Robbie Hansen, and Ken and Donna Rodrigues, 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

Thinking of You

Rob Hendrickson – Upcoming surgeries
Jerry Kreigh – Cataract surgery
Aaron Larson – Upcoming shoulder surgery

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, bring your payment to the next meeting, or [pay online](#). Debit & credit cards accepted.

Linda Stimpson

- Q. Why did the chicken cross the playground?
A. To get to the other slide!

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

Club Logos

If anyone wants to have the club logo printed\embroidered on a t-shirt, jacket, etc., [Quick Draw Embroidery & Screen-printing](#) has our logo on file.

You can buy the shirt\jacket\hat from them, or, bring your own. The price is reasonable and depends on how large you want the logo to be.

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: _____