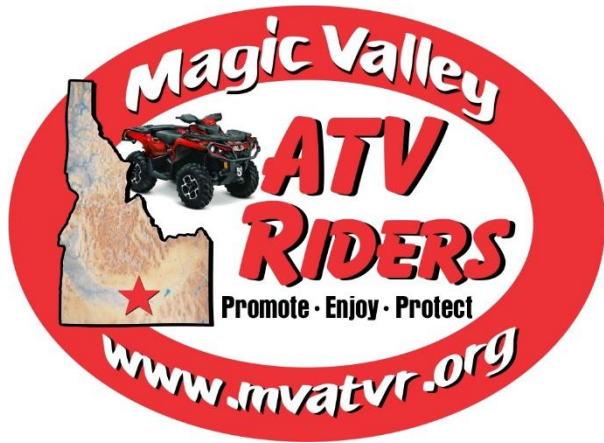


Magic Valley ATV Riders

June 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

It is a very busy time of year for MVATVR organization. The club is busily planning campouts and rides, and the biggest event of the year, the state ATV meeting in August. I am not so busy that I cannot take a minute and thank the people who sponsor us and help us on our meetings and for all our volunteers that work the events.



I want to thank our local establishments, Adventure Motorsports, Action Cycles and Sleds, and our newest one, Let's Ride for hosting a meeting and providing a meal for our monthly spring meetings. It is always amazing for these sponsors to thank us for our patronage to their establishments by hosting these meetings.

This spring we had several opportunities and many of our members volunteered to help. In August, we, Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders, will host the 2019 Idaho State ATV/UTV Association's annual meeting in the South Hills. We formed a committee to take on the task of planning for this event. This committee has met several times and have some great activities planned. In an effort to keep the cost down to host the meeting, the committee looked into some moneymaking projects. Southern Idaho Tourism approached us, looking for volunteers to help with the Shoshone Falls Lights and Lasers show

as a way to make money for our club and to assist them with this event. I am grateful to the nine MVATVR members who stepped up to work this event. We helped haul bleachers from the Twin Falls and Jerome County Fairgrounds to Shoshone Falls; we took tickets and helped park cars at the staging areas. We want to thank Southern Idaho Tourism for giving us the opportunity to help at this event.

When asked about who MVATVR is, one only needs to look at our logo to find some great talking points. We *Promote* safe, family orientated OHV activities; We *Enjoy* our public lands by riding and camping; and We *Protect* our rights to enjoy public lands and our trail systems. We do this in many ways. One Saturday in May, we join members of other organizations, local officials, the Bureau of Land Management, and other volunteers to clean up the Snake River Canyons Park area. This year, 15 MVATVR members showed up and helped on this annual event. Even though this was our lowest number of participants, we were still the largest organization at the cleanup. Thank you to each of you for taking the time to help clean up our lands. As supporters of the Snake River Canyons Park, we will be participating in more projects at the park as they come up.

We are working on volunteer service hours with the Fairfield Ranger District in hopes new trails will be opened up for us to enjoy. We have already

performed some of our committed hours and look forward to completing the remainder this year. We are also forging ahead with a new project of doing contract work with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. We will be doing trail clearing and brushing in an effort to make our trails safer for all users. We are also working on a couple of related projects to build supporting walls on the Third Fork and Martindale Canyon trails systems.

I am proud of the MVATVR members who step up and volunteer to help make our organization great. I am also proud of all the members who support the organization's cause. As we move forward with our various projects please consider helping.

As spring is "washing away" towards summer, I hope each of you can get out and enjoy the trails. Remember, we all work together to keep these trails and lands open to enjoy. Treat these trails and lands with respect as you ride and camp.

See you on the trails!

Kent Oliver – President

Public Lands

For those of you that have been reading the newsletter for a while, you know that we have concerns about disappearing roads on local BLM land. I asked for a meeting with local BLM officials.

Last month Kent Oliver and I met with supervisors from the BLM along with representatives from Senator Crapo's and Senator Risch's offices. I think it was a productive meeting and very educational. I can't say I agree with National BLM policies on road and trail management, but I do feel the local BLM folks are doing the best they can given the parameters they must operate under.

The problem is that we are losing our two track roads due to vegetation growth. Many roads have gotten to the point we cannot see where they are. We asked the BLM to do some sort of maintenance to rectify this situation. We were informed that they are not allowed to maintain primitive roads, which is the type of roads we enjoy

riding. We have expressed disappointment that burned areas have been reseeded across existing roads. It was explained to us that they do this to give permanent vegetation a head start on things like cheat grass.

The other concern has been the new BLM rules which state that motorized travel is only



permitted on designated or existing roads. The BLM stated that any road that is on their map is legal to ride even if it is not visible on the ground. This is good news. The main area we are having issues with is

the Jarbidge Field Office area. This is basically the area south of the Snake River to the Nevada border and from Highway 93 to the Bruneau River. There was a good road inventory of this area done in 2010 for the Resource Plan. The map shows most roads including many that have disappeared.

The BLM is working on a geo-referenced map of the area so that when we are visiting the area we will know where we are and where the roads are, even if they are not visible. We would encourage you to get a map and go ride the legal routes. If we do not use them, keep them visible and show the BLM the roads what we want left open, we will have a problem keeping them open when travel planning begins. Please if you can, any time you ride BLM areas use a GPS and keep the tracks so we will have a record of which roads we are using.

Stan Mai – Public Lands



We hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day

ISATVA Registration OPEN!!!

You can now register for the ISATVA event we are hosting in August. [Go to the club website, log into the Members area, and click on the link](#) to register.

Aaron Larson

May Meeting



We would like to thank Let's Ride for hosting last month's meeting. They put on a spectacular burrito buffet.

We would also like to thank Michael Robinson from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for speaking to us, as well as Scott Solettie, Wildlife Biologist, from the Forest Service for speaking to us as well.

We had roughly 55 people in attendance and look forward to visiting Let's Ride again next year!

Aaron Larson



Snake River Canyons Cleanup

Mother Nature did her best to convince us that cleanup day was going to be a muddy cold mess. She was wrong, yes it was a little muddy at the start sight, but overall not bad at all. Temperature was good for working. It turned out to be a very nice day. We had a decent turnout due to the jeep club and others stepping up this year.

The turnout from the ATV club was way down from a high of 60 a few years ago to only 15 this year. I am not sure why this happened. The Southern Idaho Off Road Association did a bang-up job again this year. The jeep club handles all the logistics for the event. The cleanup would not happen without them.



We had doughnuts, rolls, burritos and cookies for breakfast along with hot coffee and water. Pizza, of course, for lunch. We had two loaders, several trucks and several trailers. Thanks to Gary Aufderheide for bringing his trailer for us to use.

We collected over 9 tons of trash this year, which is about what it has been the last few years. We wound up working later in the day due to having less folks on the ground. It was a fun and rewarding way to spend a Saturday and it helps the using public understand that we are more than just a riding club.

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to help out.

Stan Mai



Cheers from the Times News

Cheers to the Magic Valley ATV Riders, who had the largest turnout of any group in the Snake River Canyons Park annual cleanup. The crew hosted by the Southern Idaho Off-Road Association cleared nine tons of trash from the north rim. "Looking at the trash, I felt we were getting a significant amount of material that had been missed in previous years," said Greg Moore of the Southern Idaho Off-Road Association. "Maybe because there was more walking and less riding through the park." This group deserves a huge pat on the back for a job well done in cleaning up this community gem.

From the Times News opinion page

ISATVA T-Shirt Winner

We would like to thank the following for submitting t-shirt ideas for the upcoming ISATVA meeting: Lorrie & Kent Oliver, Dave Fait, Amy Larson, and Donna Rodriguez.

And the winner is..... Amy Larson! As announced at the club meeting held at Let's Ride in Rupert in May, out of seven entries hers was selected by a group of members of the ISATVA Planning Committee. Aaron, our VP and ride coordinator, is Amy's husband.



Rear of the shirt. The front will have a small club logo on the chest.



Closeup of the design

Campgrounds CLOSED!

Minidoka Ranger District had quite the snow storm over the weekend that brought down trees and filled most of the campsites with snow.

Porcupine, Upper and Lower Penstemon, Pettit and Diamondfield Jack are not accessible due to snowy and wet conditions and hazard trees caused by the storm. We feel that these campgrounds are unsafe for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend.

Porcupine Campground will be closed until June 14th, reopening on the 15th. If possible and we can get it open before then we will, but for now it is Closed.

All campgrounds that are below Lower Penstemon (Third Fork, Schipper and Steer Basin) will be open for the holiday weekend. For safe measure bring your own water and plan to take your trash home with you. Temperatures are chilly so plan for that. If you have questions, please contact the Minidoka Ranger District office.

Pagari Ride Report

On Friday, May 3 we headed out with 10 machines. Following the old railroad tracks we eventually crossed the highway to the Magic Reservoir where we had lunch at the dam. From the dam we returned to the campsite. The ride was a total of 63 miles and was level 2 & 3.

On Saturday, May 4, we left camp with 21 machines following the railroad bed northeast to the Preacher's Bridge. From there we turned east toward Wagon Butte. We stopped at Spud Butte for lunch. As we road after lunch one of the units developed what appeared to be an electrical problem. Three other units split off to take the problem unit back to camp. The rest continued on to the Sand Butte. Arriving back at camp found we had traveled 52 miles.

Jerry Kreigh



Thorn Creek Ride Report

Eleven machines started the ride on May 5th at 9:30 AM. The leader, Randy Graham, made a mistaken turn 15 minutes into the ride. I discovered the mistake quickly and turned around. We went down the road to the next right-hand turn on the Jeep trail. The ride went smoothly the rest of the day.

The first two machines saw some elk in the early part of the ride. The roads were dusty that day and the riders had to spread out. We had lunch at the Reservoir. We went through the water over the road after lunch. Some of the riders got to get wet and have fun. The afternoon went well and ended up at Magic Dam looking at the water coming over the dam. Thanks to everyone that rode.

Randy and Jeanette Graham



Big Cottonwood Campout

It is our deepest regret that we had to cancel the Big Cottonwood Campout and Ride scheduled for the weekend of June 1, 2019. Aaron and I checked several weather forecasting websites, snow level reports, USFS information, and local OHV users to make this decision. Trail and road reports indicate deep snowdrifts still block access.

As OHV enthusiast, we want to protect our ability to access public lands and enjoy the adventure. Blocked trails causes a lot of inconvenience by having to backtrack and find alternate routes. In some cases, people have caused land damage by going around these obstacles and in some cases through wetlands. Muddy conditions with several machines riding through can cause ruts in the trails and roads. Rainwater and snowmelt can follow these ruts and cause trails and roads to erode and ruts can become deeper.

For these reasons, we decided the best action is to cancel this weekend and hope to schedule it at another date.

Kent Oliver

Ride coordinator note: Last night as I was driving home, Mount Harrison to as far as I could see to the West was a black mass of clouds. It poured rain last night at my house, so I can only imagine how much rain the mountains received.

As I sit here Saturday morning looking out the window of my office, I see a beautiful sunny morning. Although I am not going to be on an ATV for several more months, I look forward to enjoying the trails once again, when it quits raining!

Aaron Larson



Upcoming Rides

1. June 8-9th – ATV training at Magic Mountain
2. June 28-30th – Work and Ride in the South Hills
3. July – Nothing planned
4. Aug 9-11th – ISATVA rides (must register)
5. See the calendar on the website for more details, and other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

KMVT has a good article about the upcoming OHV training. [You can read it here](#) and [download the flier here](#).

Due to the recent snow in the mountains and the closure of the campgrounds, we have opted to move the “Work and Ride” weekend to June 28-30th. We hope to see you there.

Please remember, we welcome and encourage [spontaneous rides](#) if you decide to go riding. Please give us three days’ notice though. Keep in mind that we don’t guarantee that it will get on the calendar or e-mailed to the club as Marvin could be in the mountains and unable to get to it.

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator

New Members

We would like to welcome Ed and Janet Neel, Gregg and Cheryl Roessler, and Dan and Wendy Carrol as new 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

Dave Burgoyne

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

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: _____