# Magic Valley ATV Riders





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 6<sup>th,</sup> 2018 led by Jerry Kriegh.

Some of the 40+ members who helped on the South Hills Work Weekend



#### President's Message

Our weather started turning for the better about halfway through June. The late snows and

spring rains were a welcome relief for the mountain vegetation. As the temperatures begin to climb, we can expect the grasses to start drying. The taller grasses will be more susceptible to wildfire. As we are out enjoying our



off-highway adventures, be ever vigilant to do your part to prevent wildfires. Remember to stay on trails and roads, avoid parking in dry grassy areas, and check your machines regularly for dry material building up near the engine and exhaust, as these are some of the ways fires can start. On June 29, we worked our first project with the Sawtooth National Forest, Cassia Ranger District where the club will receive payment from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. We had thirtyeight club members work with the Forest Service on the trails in Third Fork, Martindale Canyon, Trout Creek Canyon, and removed a large tree hanging over the First Fork Trail. We spent several hours on the projects and accomplished a lot. We exposed several rocks alongside the trail, brushed back overgrowth, removed several logs, and repaired sections of trails that were narrow and off camber. The trails look better, safer, and more enjoyable. I know many of our members wanted to return to certain areas on Sunday and finish what they started; however after a long busy Saturday, Sunday was a day to enjoy riding. We will see what happens after the Trail Cat has a chance to work on these trails. Currently, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Trail Cat will be working trails in the south hills July 10 through 17, and July 24 through 31. If all goes well there should be a lot of much needed trail work accomplished by the trail cat. I want to thank Renee Catherin, Allison Sweeny, and Ryan, employees with the Forest Service for coming out to work alongside our group, and for their guidance on these projects.

On August 9th and 10th, the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders will be hosting the 2019 Idaho State ATV/UTV Association meetings. Many of our club members volunteered to work on a committee to put together the event. The committee has put in several hours and has many more hours to go before

the event is over. They have solicited several door prize items and several welcome gifts participants will receive upon check in. There is a free dinner on Friday and one on Saturday night. To attend these dinners we need you to register.



We have also had some of our members put together rides and we have extended invitations to all ISATVA members who are attending. Please let us know if you are coming so we have plenty of food for the dinner. In addition, it is our intention to keep the ride participants to a manageable level. The only way to insure these two items get accomplished is for you to register. Registration is

free! A commemorative T-Shirt is available for a nominal fee. The registration for MVATVR members is in the members section of the website. Please join us and meet some great people from other parts of the state



As always, be careful as you ride, as the number of OHV crashes in the state appears to be on the rise. We want the MVATVR to set the example for responsible OHV riding and be ready to help those in need.

Have a safe summer See you on the trail

Kent Oliver – President

#### 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

#### **MVATVR** Recognition

The Magic Valley ATV Riders Club was recognized with a check for \$500.00 from the Southern Idaho Tourism group on Tuesday June 11, 2019 for their help in setting up, tearing down and directing folks who attended the Laser & Light Show at the Shoshone Falls Park event earlier in May. Shown in the picture below this article are club members Aaron Larson-Vice President, Marvin Barnes-board member, Brad Stimpson-board member, Linda Stimpson-Treasurer receiving the check, Melissa Barry-Executive Director of Southern Idaho Tourism, Rob Hendrickson-Secretary, Gary Aufderheide and Kent Oliver-President.

The club provided help in transporting bleachers to the site of the show from the Filer and Jerome fairgrounds and return to the fairgrounds after the show was complete. In addition, members of the club provided assistance to those attending the show by helping them board buses from a parking area above the grounds down to the show at the Falls. Thanks to those who were involved in the assistance with the show: Kent & Lorrie Oliver, Wayne Fischer, Mark & Julie Donahue, Gary Aufderheide, Rob Hendrickson and Marvin Barnes. The funds will be used in support of the Idaho State ATV Association meeting the club is hosting is August.

Not only was it a rainy night in Georgia as the old song goes, it was rainy days and nights for those helping out.

**Marvin Barnes** 



#### Declo Ride

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, six machines met at exit 216, the Declo exit. We left the parking area to an unloading area east of Declo. There were no problems while unloading except one. Someone left their keys on the bumper at home and lost them. Caution about where to put keys when loading your machine, since without them, your ride is going to be short! I still haven't found them, and it was a good thing I had an extra key hidden on the machine.

The ride was approximately 45 miles in length. We had good weather all the way. The leader could not find the trail off mountain, so the group had to ride highway back a few miles to take an alternate route. The leader eventually navigated Cottrell mountain and found our way back across the Declo hills. Thanks to all who made the ride.

Jerry Kreigh





#### Larson Family Report

After being laid up for shoulder surgery since April 19<sup>th</sup>, I finally felt good enough to try and go camping. Kris headed up on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> and hung out at camp, then went to Twin Falls for some appointments on Wednesday. Thursday, three club members went up to join on a ride.

That same day, I was in Twin Falls when the phone rang. It was Carol. She said Dave was separated from the group and needed help. Fortunately, he was in an area with phone service. After getting ahold of him, he explained where he was and I got him oriented. Fortunately, he did reunite with the group a few minutes later. So, the moral of the story, don't lose your travel companions, and if you do get separated, go back to the last spot you were all together so you can get found!

Friday, after physical therapy, I headed up to Diamondfield Jack's. Amy came up separately with a friend to go hiking. They came to camp, and then went to see the hummingbirds. After their return, we discovered that they had a flat tire. They changed the tire and went on their hike. The second moral of the story – know where your spare tire is, and how to change it (and also check it once in a while to make sure it has air in it).

That night, we built a fire and "enjoyed" the snowstorm until we gave up and went in the trailer for the evening.

The next day, Amy and I took a friend's 4seat Polaris General on a ride up to Bostetter Campground and back. That afternoon my brother came up with his wife and kids and Kris and I took four of the kids on a ride and they had fun playing in a snow drift on Wahlstrom Hollow.

I also took a few of the youngsters on a hike. We hiked from camping spot #5, over to the gravel pit campground, up to the Balsam Bench road, and then a loop up and over to the warming hut. We found dozens and dozens of trees that were knocked down. Kudos to the Forest Service for opening the campgrounds as quickly as they did given all the downed trees we saw in just this small area we hiked.

Sunday, Amy and I, and Kris, went on a short ride on the West side of Deadline Ridge and saw a doe with her fawn, a cow and three bull elk, and a moose.

After our ride, we packed up and headed home.

#### Aaron Larson



Amy not having fun in the snow



#### Ride Report – Friday Work Weekend

On Friday, several of us headed out to look at the trails we were going to work on the following day.

We cut across the ATV trails from the FS Flats outhouse to the Telephone Canyon trail, and then headed down to Third Fork. As we traveled down the trail, we met another group of riders from the club head on, in the worst possible spot. After some creative and skilled driving, the members of the opposing group finagled themselves off the trail so we could continue past them. We made it to the end of the trail and headed over to Martindale.

On Martindale, just 300 feet past the creek crossing, one member of the group decided to teach his RZR a cool trick, the "Roll Over" trick. After a 20minute break to rescue the driver and his passenger (and teach RZR how to roll back over), we continued up the trail with no further issues.

We made our way back up Telephone Canyon and then cut our way across the Porcupine trail system back to camp where the rider and his passenger tried to relax.

Aaron Larson – Ride Participant



A spider was in my tent and my girlfriend told me to take it out instead of killing it. We went and had some drinks. Cool guy. Wants to be a lawyer.





#### Work Report – Aaron's Group

Saturday morning after the meeting, I took my group (Kris Larson, Dave Warren, Glen Duggan, Mel Quale, Gary and Linda Aufderheide, and Randy and Jeanette Graham) to the upper end of the Martindale trailhead.

We worked until about 3:30 brushing the trail, cutting back downed trees, trimming sagebrush, and kicking boulders off the trail.

Just as we were sitting down to lunch, Allison Sweeney (trails manager for the FS) and Ryan arrived and ate lunch with us. Jeanette asked her a whole bunch of questions about her job and we found that she is trying hard to balance keeping all the users of our trail systems happy. She noted that there is not enough money or time to work on them, and she really appreciated all the help we offered this weekend.

After lunch we continued working until, we were all exhausted at which point I decided that even though we were not done (we had about half a mile of trail left), it was best to stop before any injuries occurred.

After arriving back to home base, we all sat in the shade and took a well-deserved break.

Thanks to all in my group who helped today!

Aaron Larson – Task Master and Morale Officer



Allison and Ryan from the Forest Service



#### Work Report – Kent's Group

On Saturday morning after a brief safety meeting, I took my group (Lorrie Oliver, Nancy and Jerry Duffy, Kelly Moore, Dixie Best, Bobbie Duke, Lee and Nila Heinzelman, Vonda Thomas, and Renee Catherin) to the Third Fork Trail. Our work consisted of lopping saplings and trimming branches interfering with the trail. Kent and Renee were the sawyers for our group and they cut out bigger tree stumps and branches along the trail.

Vonda and Lorrie were the buckers cleaning up after the sawyers. At noon, we took a quick lunch break, and all but four of our group joined Stan's group and went to work on the Trout Creek Trail (015). The four remaining ones continued down the trail clearing anything that looked suspicious. We then headed over to the Little Fork Trail (163) and removed a large tree that had fallen across the trail and riders were barely able to get under. We worked until 3:00, when our two buckers said, "we done" and was stopping for the day.

Kent Oliver

#### Work Report – Stan's Group

On Saturday morning after receiving instructions and a safety briefing from President Kent Oliver our group headed out to our assigned area. We started at the bottom of the Third Fork ATV Trail and worked on Third Fork (004), Telephone Canyon (922 and 884) and down Trout Creek (015). Ron

Mothershead, Ted and Linda Reese, Steve Wills, Bill and Sue Rehwalt, Dixie Best, Bobbie Duke, Brad and Linda Stimpson, Stan and Pat Mai, Becky Koopman and her grandson Steven, Lola Hendrickson and of course our designated saw man Rob Hendrickson made up our fabulous group of workers.

We trimmed trees and bushes, moved rocks, removed overhanging trees and bushes that were growing out in the trail. We removed vegetation that was blocking trail obstacles and obscuring vision around corners. We hit the trail a little after 9:00 a.m. and did not finish until 3:30 p.m.in the afternoon. A great effort by our group, especially Rob Hendrickson who had to cut a lot of trees that were partially blocking the trail.

Thanks to all who gave up their Saturday to help us make the South Hills a safer and more enjoyable place to recreate.

Stan Mai



#### Ride Report – Sunday Work Weekend

**G**ary and Linda Aufderheide lead a short ride on Sunday. This in attendance were Randy and Jeanette Graham and Kris and Aaron Larson. We left FS Flats at 9:45 a.m. and headed for Trout Creek on the main road. On Trout Creek we took a short break in a very green section by the creek. After a nice visit, we headed down the trail and found the creek crossing on the lower end to be very filled in and a not a steep descent and rise as it has been in the past.

We then headed to the Swanty Peak ATV trail and found that the beavers have turned in the lower end into a nice swamp. After riding to the top, we had another short break and enjoyed the view of the surrounding mountain ranges.

We then headed up the Little Piney road and found a nice spot for lunch before heading down the new Jones Creek trail. We then headed back to camp and arrived at just after 1:00 p.m. after covering 22 miles.

Thank you, Gary and Linda, for an awesome ride!

Aaron Larson – Ride Participant



At the top of the Swanty ATV trail.



#### Trail Clearing work weekend ride report.

The weekend was not all work and no play. On Thursday, Friday and Sunday I took some of my fellow MVATVR members on rides around the area. We had a great time and a chance to see the south hills at its very green and beautiful best. All three days were small groups of folks that love to ride which makes leading easy. Thanks for following me around.

Stan Mai

Everyone talking about something



#### Work Weekend After Thoughts

As I sit up here in my office working on the newsletter, I thought about this past weekend. When I arrived on Thursday, many club members were already there. Some arrived on Monday to make sure we had the large camping spot at FS Flats.

Over the four days I was there, I had an opportunity to make some observations.

We have a very diverse group of members. We have ATV riders, UTV riders, and even one member, Jacob, that doesn't even have an ATV and rides a motorcycle!

We have members that have or have retired from a very diverse job history. We have members from different political persuasions (believe it or not!), along with dozens of other differences.

One thing we all have in common is our love for riding and with that in mind, I enjoyed interacting with everyone this past weekend. Although our club can be broken down into numerous "groups" of people, I spent time moving around to the different groups either hanging out at their campfires, their trailer, visiting with everyone in the morning as we checked out and prepared our machines for the day's activity or ride, and the joking around with each other.

I thought that Jacob Metcalf did an awesome job converting a utility trailer into a toy hauler camper. If you see him on a campout, ask for a tour and see his handywork (along with Bill who helped him).

Everyone wondered where Amy was, and if she was coming. I also heard many others ask how other members of the club that were unable to come were. People ask how those that are ill are doing, send cards, and call to see how people are doing. We care about each other!

Thanks to all those that brought dessert to share on Saturday night. As usual, there was enough for first's, second's, third's, and even fourth's! Everyone is anxious to show off their cooking, or shopping ability!

And last, we give up our time to ride to work on the trails that we love to ride.

Thank you to everyone in our club that contributes to making our club what it is, a family!

Aaron Larson



Nancy got her marshmallow just perfect!



#### Upcoming Rides

- 1. July 6<sup>th</sup> Brigham Point Ride (Aaron)
- 2. July 19-21<sup>st</sup> South Hills Campout (Aaron)
- 3. Aug 9-11<sup>th</sup> ISATVA rides (must register)
- 4. See the calendar on the website for more details, and other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

Please remember, we welcome and encourage <u>spontaneous rides</u> 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 Kenneth and Angie Turner, Kenny and Virginia Millhouse, Scott and Tammy Bartlett, David and Kristi Cederstrom, and Steve and Jeanette Wills 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

Kelly Lookingbill – Blocked arteries

#### 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 <u>pay online</u>. Debit & credit cards accepted. <u>Click here</u> to download an application.

Linda Stimpson

#### Flags

f 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

f anyone wants to have the club logo printed\embroidered on a t-shirt, jacket, etc., <u>Quick Draw Embroidery & Screen-printing</u> 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 8 1

f 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"

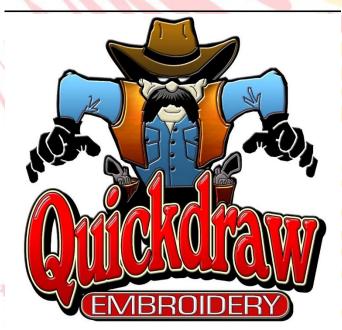
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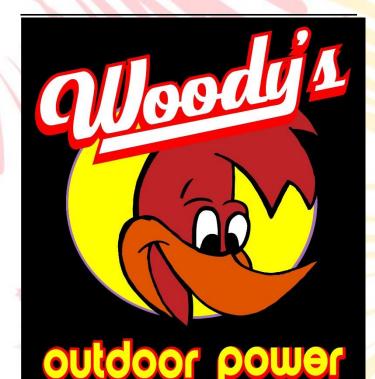
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**Evel 1 - Beginner:** Gravel or dirt surfaces that are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the 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

he 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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