

Magic Valley ATV Riders

September 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: June 29, 2019 Work Weekend participant group photo.

Presidents Message

Where did our summer go? September is now upon us, county fairs are coming to an end, and the farming season is in full harvest time. Fall is just around the corner and this will bring shorter days, longer and cooler nights. We have a busy month ahead of us with a picnic, work weekend, a few rides and hopefully a few more opportunities for everyone to go camping before the snow falls.

I want to thank our Idaho State ATV/UTV Association sponsors for helping us make this year's event a success. Their support, donations, and sponsoring our dinners is greatly appreciated. I also want to especially thank the MVATVR members who found the time to attend the various meetings, helped get the ISATVA sponsors, and put in the time to get all the check-in bags ready. Because of your selflessness this year's ISATVA was a real success.

Now, as we forge ahead into the future, I want to ask you, the MVATVR members a question. We on the Board of Directors are always interested in what you say. So, what do you want to see the MVATVR do or continue to do? Simple question. All you have to do is contact any one of the Board of Directors and have a chat.

Our monthly meetings will be starting up in October and in November we will vote on the next years Board of Directors. If you are interested or



know of someone who would make a good board member please let us know. There will be more information further down in this newsletter about the Board of Directors duties.

I want to remind everyone as we venture out on the trails and roads to watch out for other riders and hunters. More and more folks are enjoying OHV riding and sometimes a little too much. In recent months the news media has reported sad news about OHV crashes. Please watch out for the other driver and have a safe riding experience.

Kent Oliver, President MVATVR

Public Lands

Please be very careful what you post on social media. A picture of what you may think as fun and exciting can be used by those who do not like motorized recreation against us in their never-ending quest to eliminate motorized recreation from public land.

Stan Mai - Public Lands Director

Teacher: Johnny, please use the words "letter carrier" in a sentence.

Johnny: Yes, ma'am. "My dad said that after seeing how many things my mom was bringing on vacation, he would rather letter carrier own luggage."

MVATVR Member Appreciation

When?

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019
Social Hour: 5:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.



Where?

Kimberly City Park
Intersection of Madison and
Birch streets

Dinner:

MVATVR will be furnishing **ALL** of the food! We will have pulled pork, buns, coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, dessert, water, and table service!

What to Bring:

Please bring a beverage of your choice (no alcohol please!). We will also have small bottles of water if you forget to bring your own beverage. Also, bring your favorite lawn chair!

Prizes!

Five, \$50 gift cards, from each of the following dealers as well as Elevation 486



POLARIS ARCTIC CAT

Pick your favorite, drop your ticket in their jar, and cross your fingers!

We sincerely hope all of you can attend our annual picnic. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, and have a great meal. Invite a friend! If you have any questions or would like to donate a prize, please contact Dixie Best at 308-6418.



Please note that Kimberly does not allow pets in their park. Therefore, please leave your pet dog\cat\fish home while you attend the picnic.



Upcoming Rides

1. September 11th – Club Picnic
2. September 12, 13, 14 – Jarbidge Campout. All width machines ok. Camp will be at the top of the grade before Murphy Hot springs. Go towards Salmon dam west of Rogerson; approx. 50 miles to the end of oiled road. camp will be on right. Bring firewood, plenty of water, extra gasoline as rides will be 50+ miles each day. I plan on going there from the picnic on the 11th. Jerry Kriegh 312-5235
3. September 28th – Public Lands Day – Fairfield (work project)
4. Sept or Oct – Fall Campout (Aaron Larson)
5. October 12th – YE 100 (Kent Oliver) Gooding City of Rocks and Fairfield area.
6. Several other rides are in the works...
7. See the calendar on the website for more details, and other anticipated, but not scheduled rides and events.

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 cannot guarantee that it will get on the calendar or e-mailed to the club as we may be in the mountains and unable to get to it.

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator

Changes to the Board

At our board meeting in August, the board accepted the resignations of Rodger Eldridge and Rob Hendrickson. Roger's resignation was effective immediately and Rob will finish his term which will go to the end of December. We would like to thank both of them for their service to the board as well as the club.

On the same night, the board voted to nominate Ron Mothershed to take Rodger's seat pending his acceptance. We are happy to report that Ron has accepted this responsibility and is now a member of the board.

At our November club meeting we will hold our annual election of the board members.

Anyone who wishes to have their name on the ballot will need to contact Kent Oliver 208-731-0089 or mvatvriders@outlook.com

Board of Directors

ISATVA Meeting August 8 – 10

On Thursday, August 8th, we woke up to rain. The ride lead by Kent Oliver was completed without a hitch except for rainy weather most of the day. The registration crew set up and was kept busy once the ride was completed. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the ride in spite of the wet weather.



On Friday, August 9th, the rides were started and the day was beautiful for the riders. There were many compliments regarding the rides. While setting up for the dinner on Friday, the rain began again. Thanks to Gary & Suzette Miller, owners of Magic Mountain Ski Resort, we had a dry place to eat. They opened up the ski lodge for the crowd of attendees to have a wonderful BBQ rib meal provided by Southern Idaho Tourism and Scarrow Meats. After dinner the rain continued. However, when the rain stopped a campfire was built and enjoyed by many.



On Saturday, August 10th, the ride leaders took many riders out to see the beautiful trails and wildlife. Due to all the rain there was not much dust! Everyone seemed to enjoy all the beauty in the south hills. On their return, everyone enjoyed

another great meal thanks to the generosity of Action Cycles & Sleds, Adventure Motorsports, Let's Ride and Young Powersports. Thank you to Farmer's Corner Catering for preparing and serving a great meal.

After the meal on Saturday, Spencer Gilbert, the Executive Director of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, spoke about what is happening with recreational areas in which Blue Ribbon Coalition is involved with. He is truly excited to work to champion responsible use of public lands for the benefit of all recreationists into the future. Donations were presented to Spencer for the Blue Ribbon Coalition legal defense fund by the Idaho State ATV Association and Magic Valley ATV Riders.



David Claycomb, IDPR, spoke about keeping trails open for public use and reminded all the clubs that there is money available to assist with maintaining and clearing trails. He is excited to work with the ATV community to see that all trails are kept open and maintained.



Door prizes were given away during the ISATVA meeting. Everyone commented on enjoying the time they spent in the south hills at the ISATVA event and thanked the Magic Valley ATV Riders for inviting them to attend the meeting and the rides.

Linda Stimpson



ISATVA Annual Meeting City of Rocks Ride

This ride started at the entrance to loops A and B of Porcupine Springs Campground. The morning hours brought about a few scattered rain and thunder storms. The rain was welcomed as it helped settle the dust on the roads and trails, we would be riding. The ride tracked out at 110-120 miles. The morning portion would take us along various 50-inch trails and roads from Porcupine Springs Campground to the Coal Banks area and Goose Creek Crossing at the Goose Creek Road.

A couple participants decided the rain forecast was a bit much and decided to take one side by side back to camp leaving their husbands to ride together in the other side by side. After a short safety and ride briefing, MVATVR member Wayne Fischer led three over 50-inch machines along the main road past FS Flats and onto the Trapper Creek Road. Kent Oliver, the ride leader with the help of tail gunner Rob Hendrickson led nine other machines along the telephone canyon trail (trail 500) to the Third Fork Trail and up to road at Grouse Springs. The goal was to meet up with Wayne's group at 10:00 at Beaver Dam Pass. The group numbered 15 machines with 22 adventurous riders. All but one dressed in warm rain gear. Every group has that one "Guy" and this group was no different.

One person was dressed in shorts, rain coat, floppy hat, and sandals. Yes shorts. The temperature at the start of the ride was 51 degrees.

From the Grouse Creek Junction with Telephone Canyon Kent led his group along the jeep trail towards Monument Peak. They dropped into to the headwaters of Trout Creek via the ATV/Snowmobile groomer trail and came out on the Trapper Creek Road. They road down to the junction to Trout Creek Pass where Kent realized he forgot to get the cones from Rob at the last break.

From here Kent's Group rode up to Trout Creek pass then took the Going to the Sun Trail on the ridge past Trout Creek Peak and onto Willow Creek Peak. Up to this point they had a constant light rain and some intermittent fog. They descended down towards Beaver Dam Pass going past Joes Mountain. They had brief periods where they could view the area of the Goose Fire in Northern Nevada. There was no smoke noticeable so hopefully the rain helped slow the spread of this fire. They met up with Wayne's group at 10:05 a.m.



The next leg of the ride took them into Beaver Dam Basin and over Dave's Pass. This area is historically known for flour like dust. After the light and periods of heavy rains the area was a little muddy and allowed the group to make better time than expected. They arrived at the Goose Creek Crossing at 11:07 a.m., right on schedule, as if we really had one. After washing our machines, oops, I mean navigating the creek crossing we took a short break so everyone could group back up.

After a short break they rode on towards Granite Pass. The riders crossed the Goose Creek Road and headed up Devine Canyon, a rarely used road. They then turned onto the Old Goose Creek Road and followed it for a ways turning onto a couple of other desert roads, paralleling the California Trail, a pioneer trail used in the late 1800s. Just before noon, the group stopped at Granite Pass and took the opportunity for a group photograph around the monument. To this point the rain was constant making some of the off camber sections a tad bit slick. The group elected to continue on to the City of Rocks for lunch.



The group descended into the Birch Creek area. The rain was now heavy. Kent made a brief stop near the Twin Sisters Peaks and consulted with many of the riders. He decided it was best to continue on to Almo where the riders could get a hot meal and out of the weather. As they started out Kent's machine over heated and would not run. Thanks to Rob Hendrickson the rest of the group was led to Almo.

After Kent's machine cooled down, he and Wayne met up with the rest at Rock City Cafe. The time was now 1:00 p.m., the time Kent had planned to be in the City of Rocks area. The weather in Almo was still heavy rain and 59 degrees. Lunch consisted of hot pizza, lots of hot coffee and hot chocolate. This was a well-deserved break from the weather and turned out to be a great decision.



An hour and twenty minutes later, the group walked out of the cafe to be greeted by sunshine and 62-degree weather. The group rode through the majestic City of Rocks Reserve. While doing so the temperature rose to 69 degrees, a HEATWAVE. Because of the heavy rains Kent decided the road in Almo Park and the descent into Birch Creek would be too slick. The ride was to have ridden through here. Instead the group rode the main roads all the way to Oakley.

The group arrived in Oakley shortly before 3:00 p.m., right on schedule. It appeared everyone took advantage of the ethanol-free gas and topped off their gas tanks. Oh, the weather was sunny, hot at 79 degrees. A few folks, Kent included, enjoyed some ice cream. The group then headed west out

of Oakley staying on the main roads back to Porcupine Springs Campground. They arrived just before 4:30 p.m. just as Kent had planned. Total distance, according to Garmin GPS was 110 miles for the 50 inch or less machines and close to 120 miles for the over 50 machines. It was a great day considering all the weather changes road conditions.

Oh, one last item of interest. Even after all the rain, the group still kicked up some dust coming back to camp.

A great ride with lots of scenery, challenges, and weather changes.

Kent Oliver - Ride Leader



Ooohhh Ahhhh Ride Report (Friday)

Friday morning, I and my tail gunner (Kent Oliver), took off on a 62 mile jaunt through the forest where we led a group of folks from the Mountain Home ATV club on a tour of the forest.

Without going into all the details of which roads and trails we went on, we made our way down Little Fork to "The Spot" where we had our first break. We signed in, then headed to the gate at the top of 920\Telephone Canyon, where we headed over Wrigley Corral, and then down to 142\Fuller Peak where we saw the aftermath of the Cave Canyon fire that occurred in 2012.

We had a lunch break at Basin Patch, then took a tour of the Cave Canyon trail and stopped at the lookout point where we looked at Mt. Harrison, the Burley valley and as much of the Oakley valley we could see, as well as Cottonwood Canyon.



We took a quick drive through the collapsed cabin at the top of the Cave Canyon trail, and then drove past the beaver ponds on Big Cedar road. After going on a few roads behind Bostetter Campground, we had another break at Father and Son campground, and then headed down 922\Buttars Spring.

We were a bit ahead of schedule, and the riders were not in a hurry to get back, so we took an extended trip through the Porcupine trail system where we made some of the ladies from Mountain Home's day. Just off the 914 trail was a moose. Some of the group members had never seen a wild moose before so cameras were quickly taken out, and pictures were taken.

We finished our ride at 4:40 p.m. in the afternoon, just in time to clean up and head down to Magic Mountain Ski Resort for supper.

Our day was also very dust free for most of the ride given the huge downpour we had the previous evening.

Also, thanks to all the folks who participated in my ride, and to Kris Larson for being a passenger in his RZR while I drove his machine.

Aaron Larson – Ride Leader



Eagle Springs Ride Report (Friday)

Gary Aufderheide - ride leader, Randy Graham - tail gunner. 4 machines from the Boise group - 5 people, one machine from Nevada - 2 people, plus Wayne and Glenn Fischer, for a total of 9 machines. Six club members and 7 out of town people.

We met at the gravel pit and after introductions we headed south on deadline and then west and south toward Eagle Springs. It was a beautiful morning for riding with no dust because of the Thursday rain. We had lunch on the picturesque Meadow Springs trail. After lunch we headed toward Winecup, crossed Goose Creek, back up on piney cabin road, down Swanty (872) and back up Trapper Creek road. We took a detour down 912 to try to see a moose, but no luck.

Everyone enjoyed our great trail system, and we had many compliments from the out of town participants. Thanks to everyone that attended.

Gary Aufderheide – Ride Leader

Easy Rider Ride Report (Friday)

The Easy rider ride was supposed to be three machines. We waited till 9:45 a.m. and left. It was me, Frank Zambic and his grandson, David Fait and his friend. Dave was my tail gunner.

Went up to Deadline and drove by 116 three times since the ride leader was lost already, but we got down on the Kirkham trail.

We did not have to use the gate ribbon as Dave was right with us. Came out of Kirkham on the Oakley-Rogerson road to 232 and on up to top, we decided to go on out further west and come back down on 547 and came back to the Oakley road and turned on 512, but the ride leader was going little fast missed turn to Fawn Springs and kept going to Wild Horse Springs and came back up to Deadline and back down to gravel pit. All riders said they had a good time, short ride only 35 miles in length.

Rob Hendrickson

Ooohhh Ahhhh Ride Report (Saturday)

Saturday morning before my ride, I was at Kents trailer talking to him when two folks from the Boise group came over. They wanted to know who to talk to about switching rides since their ride today was in the same region as the previous days ride. After a bit of discussion, they decided to join me on my ride.

Since my dad was going on another ride, I had a small problem. How was I going to lead this ride since I still was not up to riding my ATV for 60 miles. Steve Osborne came to my rescue since he had an empty passenger seat in his RZR. Thus, I was navigator, while he was race car driver!

I will not mention all in my group, since I cannot recall all their names from the other clubs, but Dixie and Bobby were with me, as well as Gary as my tail gunner, with a bunch of machines in between.

Some items of note right off the bat. Due to me thinking everyone had arrived, we left about 6 minutes early. About three minutes later, Dixie relays a message to me that two ATV's are behind the group so I pull over at the Little Fork Cutoff to let them pass. They pull up and apologize profusely that they were late for the ride, and after a quick introduction, off we went!

Now, did I mention that Steve likes to drive fast? I was holding on for dear life as the speedometer hit something like 30 mph down and up the trail until we came to "The Spot". Fortunately, everyone in the group said they enjoyed riding fast so everyone had a good time.



After signing in, we continued on our ride which was a repeat of my previous days ride. At each spot Steve and I stopped to let the group catch up and regroup, Bobby was right on our tail with a

huge grin on her face, obviously enjoying burning the carbon out of her engine!

After lunch, well, you might as well read the article titled "Uhm.. Gary and Linda are Missing!" and then come back and continue with the next paragraph.



After finding Gary and Linda, we continued on my intended route from that point on. We were also ahead of schedule, so we also meandered through the Porcupine trail system a little bit. The riders mentioned that they didn't mind rocks, so I took them on 915b\Porcupine East.

After that, we went back over to 917 and not only found the moose we saw yesterday in the same spot, but her calf was in the middle of the trail. Cameras were extracted from their storage locations and lots of photos were taken.

We arrived back to the gate at 3:55 p.m. My group covered 56 miles on my trip. Gary and Linda had 65 miles on their slightly altered version of their trip!

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed our fast paced ride, Steve for being my driver for the day, Dixie and Gary for being tail gunners, and for all the riders for still enjoying a much different than intended ride for the day.

Aaron Larson – Ride Leader (and rider loser)



Uhm.. Gary and Linda are Missing!

So, let's just say you are a ride leader, or on a ride with a group, and after a while, well, you discover that someone is missing? As we all know, it NEVER EVER happens, right?

We all have probably experienced this in the past, and for the most part, the rule of thumb is for the lost rider to either (1) stay put! Or (2) go back to the last intersection they were at with the group.

Well, as we discovered on Aaron's Saturday ISATVA ride, this does not always work.

So, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Here is the rest of the story"....

Saturday, Gary Aufderheide was my tail gunner. After lunch at Basin Patch (12:15 p.m.), there was a miscommunication between him and the second to the last rider. Somehow this rider thought that Gary would catch up to us right after we were heading back out on the trail after lunch.

Instead of waiting at the next intersection as Gary intended the rider to do, the rider kept on a going...

At 12:53 p.m., and 5 miles later on, I was waiting on 801\Robber Peak Connector so we could all go through a rough portion of the trail together, I heard on the radio that Gary\Linda was having a bathroom break. We waited, and waited, and waited. I went back to the last person in the group to find out where exactly this bathroom break was taking place (assuming it was a quarter mile back over the ridge at a gate that needed to be closed). Nope, it was back at the lunch spot (and about 4 road junctions from where we were).

After talking to Dixie, we decided that I would take the group and continue on a portion of the ride while the last two riders from another club back tracked to the lunch spot in the hopes that Gary was there. If he was, they were to meet us at a designated junction that my group would get to after going up the 812\Cave Canyon trail.

After regrouping, and not finding Gary, (obviously, both groups tried contacting him on the radio with no luck), we all headed back to the lunch spot. After arriving, we talked to a camper that was

there. He said that Gary did not come back. We scratched out heads. Where was Gary? Did he go all the way down Buckskin road and just not come back yet? What about going all the way down Big Cedar Road and just not come back yet? Or, did he shake his head after realizing we lost him, and head straight back to camp on the main road (but if he did, did he really take the main road, or did he take the 920 trail through the gate?)

We decided that we would go to the bridge over Sawmill Creek to see if he was there since it was on the only main road back to camp. No Gary. We decided to wait 15 more minutes for him there and then a side by side was coming down the trail, so we asked them (my neighbor down the road ironically) and they had not seen them. So, we made a sign and attached it to the sign by the road that said "Gary – Gone to camp to find you, taking 528 to 527 to 500 to 920. Date and Time" and headed down the road (Oh, we intended to split up at the gate and one group go down 920 and the other group take the Trout Creek road to the FS Spring road back to camp in case he went that way).

As we came up onto a high portion of the 527 road, we stopped and tried every channel the groups were using that day in hopes someone found Gary. Nope. So, we headed down the road.

After many more "Aaron to Gary" on the radio, I heard something like "This is Gary, we are the warming hut at Bostetter Campground".

WAHO! We found Gary (or did he find us?)

We were only about a mile away from the campground when we heard the good news. So, we all headed for the warming hut.

Upon arrival, we found Gary and Linda sitting on the picnic table.



The first question, after thanking the dear Lord for letting us regroup, was what happened?

Well, Gary had a good story to tell us. After lunch, Gary then headed down Big Cedar road to find us, and came upon that big SxS with a torn off front wheel and A arm after apparently taking a flying leap and taking a bad landing. After passing the carnage, he encountered a truck and trailer going up to recover the damaged machine. Upon coming to Big Cottonwood Wild Life Management Area and not finding us, he decided that he would probably not be able to go back up the road to our lunch spot since the recovery procedure was taking place in a narrow portion of the canyon, so, he and Linda went up Mountain Road to the Oakley Rogerson road, and then on up to Bostetter Campground in the hopes of us finding them there since he knew we were headed in that general area.

Now, keep in mind that Gary knows this area pretty good, as well as had his GPS with him. He said that he was planning on waiting another 15 minutes for us, then heading back to camp.



Now, although there are more details missing from this story that you are probably wondering about (such as why we didn't do this or that, and several other things we did do), suffice it to say, we decided that both groups did the best we could in this particular circumstance.

One funny item of note, after discovering that we were separated, I had cell phone reception at the lookout on the Cave Canyon trail. Gary also had reception for probably 30-60 minutes once he was traveling down Big Cedar Road, up Mountain Road, and then up the 500 road. For that time period we probably could have called each other on the phone to say "Hey, where the heck are you at?" but neither of us thought about it.

So the next time you lose a rider in your group, well, good luck finding them before a bear eats them! 😊

Aaron Larson – Ride Leader (and rider loser)

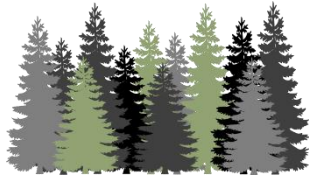
NE Corner Ride Report (Saturday)

The ride started from Diamondfield Jack parking lot south end at 9am, with 6 SxSs (5 wide and one narrow) and 11 people. Wayne Fischer lead with Gregg (& Cheryl) Roessler as tail gunner(s). Two riders were from Lake Tahoe, Nevada and 6 from the Boise Club. The ride was 56 miles long and returned at 3:45 p.m.

The first 6.5 miles was going west on the 500 road towards Rogerson, then zigged & zagged north & west towards Williams Reservoir. After a short stop, then zigged & zagged south & west towards Hopkins Road, and then on to the Hummingbird Feeders, where the group had lunch with the Hummingbirds.

After lunch the ride continued zig & zagging south & west towards the west edge of the South Hills NF, and then worked the way back home. The last few miles was going south on Deadline Ridge, where the views were spectacular, enhanced by all the cool weather and rain the previous days.

The ride provided a variety of narrow mountain roads with lots of tree cover to open desert roads. Some road sections were freeway at times followed by very rocky conditions. One short section was a very steep and rocky climb. Another section gave us some "South Hills Pin Stripping" (adjacent to the Fawn Springs Loop). Also, due to the rain the previous two days, there were hundreds of water crossings that provide a little extra decoration to the machines during each crossing.



One of the riders said this was the best ride she has been on for over a year and said that the MVATVR's club is so lucky to have such a beautiful riding area in their back yard.

It is recommend that the ride would be well worth doing again next year. The ride is open to all machine widths, with no off camber sections. 4 wheel drive a must.

Wayne Fisher – Ride Leader



Tri State Ride Report (Friday and Saturday)

On Friday my ride to tri state had 3 machines from Boise and 1 from Mountain Home. Tail gunner was Steve Osborn. Thanks Steve. The ride was about 65 miles in length; traveling to Adams ranch for lunch. We rode then to tri state monument and then to Big Piney Cabin. Loop brought us back to Porcupine camp. Total machines were 6.

Saturday ride was basically the same route with 6 machines. Marv Barnes made up the tail gunner. Early in ride we came upon a large bull moose standing in the middle of the road about 50 yards away. All got good pictures.

Jerry Kreigh – Ride Leader

Eagle\Meadow Springs Report (Saturday)

Two RZR's and two ATVs met at the gravel lot just south of Diamondfield Jack Campground. The weather was cool and sunny. After several days of intermittent evening rain, the trails and roads were

starting to dry out and the riders experienced some dusty conditions.

The riders rode off towards Deadline Ridge via the 541 road. They turned west onto road 133 into the headwaters of Big Creek and then onto road 648 towards Eagle Springs. The clear weather gave great views of the Jarbidge and Elk Mountain Ranges. This ride took them down into South Cottonwood Creek onto Road 224 then over to Sanitary and Cliff Springs via Road 224.

After a break near Cliff Springs the group rode on towards Big Creek Road 543 taking Roads 222, 226, 294, and 122. The group stopped at the cabin on Big Creek to take advantage of the history here. Ride leader Kent spoke to a group of individuals who appeared to be having vehicle problems. Kent learned their vehicle was okay, they just disabled it so it could not be stolen.

The group headed up Big Creek Road and before the first curve Kent noticed two RZRs on a decommissioned road south of our group. Kent stopped to make sure the persons on these RZRs were okay. The road used to travel down the steep hill side and it appeared both RZRs were in a precarious position. Kent and Rob Hendrickson were wearing the high visibility vests and stood in a place where they were clearly visible to the occupants of the RZRs. Using a pair of binoculars, Kent determined the people were walking around and discussing their options.

Our group headed up Big Creek road to the third sharp turn and stopped again to view the occupants of the RZRs. Again, they did not make any attempt to contact our group or appear to be in need of assistance. Our group rode on.

Upon reaching Deadline Ridge Road 541 we turned south towards Timber Butte. The views and weather were great and the ride was enjoyable. Just past Timber Butte we turned east onto Jeep Trail 243 also known as the Meadow Springs Trail. About half way down the group stopped for lunch out of the wind and in a shady area.

After lunch the group rode down to the Wine Cup Road 542 then took Road 893 towards the Monument Peak and Little Piney Road 671. Upon reaching 671 the group rode down to Swanty Creek Trail 872. David Claycomb with Idaho Department

of Parks and Recreation rode with the group. This trail still needs some work done on it. It was sad to have a breakdown and then vandalism done to the trail cat the last few days it was in this area. David said he wants to see if they can schedule the trail cat back to our forest to finish the trails that were missed.

The group rode north on the Trout Creek Road 536 and then up to Trout Creek Trail 015. The trail cat had worked this trail over and it was still in great shape. The entire group commented on the work done and how fun this trail is. After reaching road 538 the group returned to Porcupine Springs. The ride was approximately 55 miles long. Great day and a great bunch of folks to ride with.

Kent Oliver – Ride Leader

ISATVA Sunday Ride Report

On Sunday morning, after talking to Dixie and find out where she wanted to go, we headed out at 9:45 a.m. in the morning on what turned out to be a six hour and forty-five mile jaunt through the forest.

Dixie Best, Linda Laudert, Vonda Thomas, Corbin Thrall, Janet Ploss, Ron Mothershed, and Kris Larson rode down 163\Little Fork, up 002\Martindale to inspect a famous rock at the bottom of the trail and to see the work the trail cat did. We then rode 533\Trapper Creek Road and took some photos at the big rock just past the 536\Trout Creek road junction. After this quick photo opportunity, we had lunch at the Trapper Creek Road and Trout Creek junction. After lunch we rode up 015\Trout Creek trail where Kris went “off trail” briefly when navigating a roller coaster portion of the trail. We saw the sheep sleeping in the trail and one rider saw a sheep that was not in the best of health.



After regrouping at the top of Trout Creek, we then headed up 538\FS Spring road so we could go down the new 867\Jones Creek trail. As you all know, the club put a picnic table on the 004\Third Fork trail several years ago, and shortly after that an unknown person put a sign "The Spot" as well a box on a trail that has a visitor log book. Well, that same unknown person put another sign "Welcome to the View" in, well, a spot that has a perfect few of the west. After photos and signing the book (someone else was also there the same morning according to the book), we traveled down 912\FS Spring, crossed the bridge, and then up 254\County Line. We then went down 133\Big Spring, and then down Deadline Ridge to the 116\Kirkham trail.

We took a break at the beaver ponds and then made a mad dash down the 500 road to Magic Mountain Ski Resort, and then the paved road back to Porcupine.

Some notable items not previously mentioned: Two sheriff deputies stopped and talked to me before the ride (one of which was my neighbor, and the other Jerry Kreigh's neighbor) not wearing seat belts nor wearing helmets! Several riders saw deer and elk, Aaron made the whole trip riding his Grizzly (arm didn't hurt much when the ride was done), Trout Creek trail was pretty dry indicating the rain was not as heavy over there, the temperature reminded both Dixie and I of riding in October) we saw quite a few cars, motorcycles, ATV's and SxS's out enjoying the forest with us.



Aaron Larson & Dixie Best (ride leaders)



Lost Rider or Lost Cone, The Rest of The Story

About 5 years ago I was on a club ride led by what will remain an unnamed leader (he has been known to lead a 100 mile ride every fall). Well into the ride I discovered that I seemed to be on a different trail than everyone else. We were using orange cones that day and I had been faithfully making turns when the cones directed me to. How in the world did I get lost by following the cones?

After some trial and error, I was able to reconnect with the rest of the group. I was chastised by many for my inability to follow the cones that everyone else had followed. I tried without much luck to convince everyone that there was no cone where everyone else turned. I eventually hung my head in shame and dealt with the realization that I must have missed the cone.

Fast forward to June of 2019. I was leading a group on a ride in the same area that my alleged error had occurred. The only difference was we were heading in the opposite direction. Out of the corner of my eye I happened to catch a glimpse of orange.

Further investigation showed a rather faded weather-beaten orange cone hiding behind a bush on the corner I missed. I now feel redeemed, my life is so much better now that I know I was right and everyone else was wrong because the cone somehow had managed to move behind the bush where I could not see it.

Stan Mai

Ride Leader Kit

We are preparing some ride leader kits that you may choose to use on your rides (club or not).

They will have a bag of some sort that will contain some cones (probably around 20), a set of "Ride Leader" and "Tail Gunner" vests, as well as a set of "Close the Gate" and "Open the Gate" tags you can clip on the fence as you go through a gate.

For those that ride with folks without a radio, these gate tags work awesome. As many of you know, most gates have a loop of wire that goes

around the fence post and then you hook it over the gate post to keep the gate shut. Simply hook the clip on that loop of wire and the last person in the group knows whether they need to leave the gate open, or shut it.

The clips pictured on the left are the ones I made for myself, and the ones on the right are the ones that will be in the kit. The ones for the kit have carabiners and mine have snap hooks. The carabiners were free as part of a ISATVA donation, and the snap hooks cost me \$10 for 10 of them off Amazon if you want to buy some and make a set for yourself.

The duct tape can be found at Ace Hardware and I paid \$5 for each small roll. Personally, I like the snap hooks better as they take up less space, but to each their own as they say.

Right now, our tentative plan is that Kent will have two kits at his house, and I will keep two of them at my house. Please let us know if you want to borrow a kit for your own use.



Tentative Club Meeting Schedule

- Sept 11 – Club Picnic\Kimberly (5:00 PM)
- Oct 9 – Probably at Young Powersports\Burley
- Nov 13 – Probably at Idaho Pizza Company\Twin
- Dec (???) – Idaho Pizza Co (informal get together)
- Jan 11 – Club banquet\Twin Falls Reformed Church
- Feb 12 – Probably at Idaho Pizza Company\Twin
- Mar 11 – Probably at Adventure Motorsports\Twin
- Apr 8 – Probably at Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin
- May 13 – Probably at Let’s Ride\Burley

At a regular club meeting, dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Meetings usually conclude at 8:00 PM.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Jim and Cheryl Blakeslee.

Linda Stimpson

Thinking of You

Rob Hendrickson - 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. [Click here](#) to download an application.

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" Many of the photos this newsletter are hyperlinks to the image gallery the photo can be found in as well.



Dixie invited me in, but my boots were muddy, so I stuck my head in the screen door opening! No cookies were served though ☹️



Volunteers manning the registration booth



Look who is afraid of a little thunder.

ISATVA Friday Meal Sponsors



ISATVA Prize Donors

- [Argo Company](#) – Duffle bag & other items
- [Cactus Pete's](#) – Overnight stay for 2 & dinner
- Dave and Kristi Burgoyne – 3 Cabela's folding knives
- Dave and Kristi Burgoyne – Cabela's Camp Kitchen
- Dave and Lucy Fait – 4 buckets of tools & stuff
- Gary & Linda Aufderheide – 10x10 canopy
- [Idaho Potato Commission](#) – Spuddy Buddy
- Julie Donohue – Norwex and Plexus products
- Kent & Lorrie Oliver – RZR door bags
- [Quale Electronics](#) – 32" LG tv & inverter
- Ron and Lisa Mothershed – Camp chair
- [Rugged Radio](#) – 2 hats
- [Rugged Radio](#) – 2 RH-5R radios
- [Rugged Radio](#) – 20 Koozies
- [Rugged Radio](#) – Duffle bag
- [Southern Idaho Tourism](#) – 4 coffee mugs
- Steve Osborne – Detailing package
- [Visual Rides](#) – Recovery rope package

Thank you to everyone that donated prizes to the event!

ISATVA Saturday Meal Sponsors



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270 ID-24, Rupert, ID 83350 -
208.678.3858
www.letsride-idaho.com



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youngpowersports.com

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: _____