

Magic Valley ATV Riders

October 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

Fall is here and making a huge impact. Deep snow to the north and coating our higher elevations. This is not surprising after having such a great summer with enough rain in the mountains to keep the forests green and many flowers blooming longer. I'm glad many of you took advantage of the great weather and ventured out to camp and go riding.

Please be careful as you ride this fall. Our weather has already proved to be unpredictable. I do not want to see anyone get into a bad situation. Also, as we move into winter, take the time to perform thorough inspections of your machines. The wintertime is the best time to get those repairs and maintenance items done so you are ready for our spring rides. As fall begins to move towards winter the trees and bushes will start to change color. This is the time many seasonal road and trail closures on Federal and State Lands will begin. Be sure to review the Motor Vehicle Use Maps to make sure you are on an open trail. Know before you go. Remember, weather and trail conditions may cause some closures to begin earlier than scheduled.

This winter, I will be meeting with representatives of the US Forest Service and Idaho State Parks and Recreation once again to start



planning for the 2020 trail maintenance projects. We had a good year working with forest service representatives alongside us on the various projects. I would like to see this interaction continue between the Magic Valley ATV Riders and Forest Service. Please take a moment to reflect on the trails you rode this year. If you remember any trail or portion of a trail that needs some attention, please let me know. I want to add your concerns to the list I have compiled for my discussion with the Forest Service.

Each November, the MVATVR elects the Board of Directors for the coming year. This year we have some board members who are retiring. This year we will have open positions on the Board of Directors. If any member of the MVATVR is interested in becoming a Board of Directors member, please let me know so I can put you on the ballot.

Have a wonderful fall and see you at Young PowerSports for our next meeting...

Kent Oliver, President MVATVR

Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

A: He didn't have any guts!

Q: Who did Frankenstein take to the dance?

A: His "ghoul" friend!

M V A T V R October Club Meeting

When?

Weds. October 9, 2019

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Where?



How to Get There: 111 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho 83318 - 208.243.8814. Get off at exit 208 in Burley, turn South and continue for about 1 mile. After you cross the river, you will need to make an immediate left (east) turn-as soon as you get off the bridge. They are located in the old John Deere dealership building next to the new John Deere dealership.



What to Bring: Your favorite lawn chair, and a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice if you want something other than what they may have for us that night.

We would like to thank Brad Whitaker, the current manager of Young Powersports, for hosting this month's meeting, as well as for their generous donation of \$400.00 to help pay for the ISATVA dinner we had on that Saturday night in August.

Public Lands

Those of you who attended the MVATVR Picnic got a chance to meet and visit with several members of the Sawtooth National Forest Staff. Some of the folks are new to the area and it was great for them to take the time to attend the picnic and interact with the members.

As most of you know, one of the prime motivators for starting this club was motorized access to public lands. Retaining and improving access to public lands is still one of most important aspects of this club. If we have no place to ride, nothing else we do matters. Staying engaged with local land managers and their staff is an important part of solving access issues. Another part of this equation is our club's willingness to do our part and help with volunteer projects on trails.

I have been told more than once that land managers are more apt to help those that help them. I do hope the newer Sawtooth officials will find a way to speed up opening new trails. The Kirkham Trail that was recently opened took many years of waiting and frustration to finally be open and available.

We have trails in the Fairfield District that we have been working to get completed for many years and we are still waiting. I would like to see the Forest adopt a ladder approach to new trails. This would mean several trails in various stages of completion so that every year one of the trails would be open of public use. It seems that many times we work on one trail for several years, and when it is finally opened then the Forest Service starts on the next one. Our sincere hope is that the Staff of the Sawtooth National Forest is open to improving expanding the current trail system and reopening some of the hundreds of miles of road and trail that have been closed in the Sawtooth National Forest. We have always been ready to help this process in any way we can.

Thanks to our president Kent Oliver for continuing and expanding our commitment to volunteer trail work. We look forward to working with the members of the Sawtooth National Forest in our never-ending quest to improve access, and add opportunities for motorized and all other users

to experience their national forest. I say all, because unlike some user groups, we have no problem sharing our trails with other users.

Stan Mai – Public Lands Director

Donation



We would like to thank the manager at Home Depot in Twin Falls, for donating six pairs of Fiskars PowerGear2 bypass loppers worth \$240 to the club. They will come in very useful on our work weekends!



Upcoming Rides

1. Oct 6th – Oakley Ride (Jerry Kreigh). Weather permitting, meet at pivot corner straight west of stop sign in Oakley; about 2 miles west of Oakley. From Murtaugh go East to wildlife management sign, turn right (south) to bend in road and proceed east to 600 west road. Turn right (south) and continue to stop sign. 10 miles. Turn towards Oakley for 100 yards. Pivot is on left. Leave time 9:00 a.m. sharp. Five minutes later and you may be left riding alone. The ride is approximately 45 miles give or take 20. Temp

in 60s hopefully. Come prepared for weather.
Jerry Kreigh 312-5235

2. Oct ?? – Fall Campout (Aaron Larson)
3. October 12th – YE 100 (Kent Oliver) Gooding City of Rocks and Fairfield area.
4. Several other rides are in the works...
5. 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

Elections

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

2019 YE 100 Ride

When: October 12, 2019

Ride Departure: 9:00 AM

Safety Briefing: 8:45 AM

Staging Area: Drive North of Gooding on HWY 46 to County Road 1400 S, approximately 3 1/2 miles. Turn left, going west, onto 1400 South and follow it to a right-hand curve. Take the curve and drive North approximately 1/2 mile. We will be parking along the Bray Lake/Dead Horse Cave road. Parking is limited so please park responsibly.

Wow, can you believe it is time for me to lead another YE100? I try to lead a year end 100-mile ride in September or October each year. This year we will be riding from Northwest of Gooding to Fairfield for lunch. We will travel through the Little City of Rocks and pass by the old town site of Fir Grove. The route will be on old and little used two-track roads, as well as good desert and county roads.

After lunch will visit Mormon Reservoir then head for Bennett Mountain. After taking in the view from the mountain top, weather permitting, we will head for Bray Lake, Dead Horse Cave, and if time permits, Tea Pot Cave. We should see lots of wildlife along the way. Please remember it is hunting season. I am anticipating this ride to be 90 to 105 miles long. It is open to all width machines. Keep watching your emails for any updates.

Kent Oliver – Ride Leader

Tentative Club Meeting Schedule

- Nov 13 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin Falls
- Dec 11 – Idaho Pizza Co (informal get together)
- Jan 11 – Club banquet\Twin Falls Reformed Church
- Feb 12 – 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.

Picnic

We would like to thank everyone for attending the picnic last month. We had approximately 76 folks in attendance.

Based upon the many comments we were given; the board has decided to no longer have the club picnic in July. We will have the annual picnic in September instead!



Board of Directors

Snake River ATV Club

The Snake river ATV club (which is no longer active) has donated their left over funds to the Blue Ribbon Coalition (\$1,000.00) and to the Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue (\$1,000.00).

Jerry Kreigh

Jarbidge Ride Report

The Jarbidge campout was a great success. The weather was very cooperative; and we had very little wind which allowed us to have a campfire each night.

Thursday, September 12th, we had five machines that went across the island to Dave's creek. We rode down the creek to the Indian corrals then to the Palomino Princes rock formation continuing back to camp and covered 35 miles.

On Friday, eleven machines made their way across the desert to the Indian writings on the canyon wall. Back to camp after a 60-mile ride down Deer Creek grade to the Jarbidge cemetery and on into the town of Jarbidge.

On Saturday we rode west with seventeen machines to the starting point of riding the ridgeline to Bear creek summit. The first hill was very steep and rutted with washouts in road. Level 5 but all made it safely. We continued across the top to Bear radio towers, and Coon Creek Summit. The return route took us to Jarbidge and back to camp for a 70-mile trip.



Sunday's ride had eight machines going across towards Pole creek ranger station. We had lunch on canyon that looks out over wilderness area and Robinson hole and covered 38 miles.

Thanks to the 10 campers and those that drove up for a day ride.

Jerry Kreigh



Fall Color Ride 1 Report

On Friday, September 20th, Kris hooked up the camper and headed up to find us a campsite with Dixie not far behind him. After I got off work, I went home and threw my stuff in the truck and headed for the hills. As I got to the forest boundary, I found three trucks with flashing lights (sheriff & FS trucks). I wondered what could be going on.

As I got up the mountain, and approached Magic Mountain, the downpour hit, and the mountain was drenched. It was also at this point that I figured out what was going on. This weekend was the Idaho Interscholastic Cycling League races. The Magic Mountain parking lot was JAM PACKED with sponsor canopies and a ton of folks were directing traffic. As I passed Diamondfield Jack Campground, I saw the ENTIRE parking lot FULL of camp trailers and outhouses. The day use parking area was marked off, and tons of cars were there as well.

As I went up the road, I could see that the gravel pit was also full of campers. At this point, I was wondering where the heck my dad might be! As I proceeded to FS Flats, I found him in the usual club spot, with only two other trailers besides ours, and Dixie's. Across the way, in the other group spot, were about 13 trailers!

After unloading my stuff, we invited Dixie over for dinner and then had a fire and stayed up in the cold air until about 9:00 p.m. and then we all headed to bed.

Saturday

On Saturday morning, we arose to a cold, wet morning. Since the ride was scheduled to start

at 9:00 a.m. at the Diamondfield Day Use area, I packed up my ATV wearing my cold weather gear. When I got to the day use area, I drove through the campground to take some pictures and talk to the guys directing traffic.



After gathering up all the riders (six SxS's and my sole ATV), we headed up in the 39-degree weather on what would become a 67 mile ride. I should also preface it with a note that since the leaves had not started to change, this was just a regular ol' ride, instead of a color ride.

We passed the Gravel Pit and headed south on Deadline Ridge where we took 863\Bear Hollow Burn, then 133\Big Spring, and then down 648\Eagle Creek and then down 224\Lime Spring. Given that everything was still wet, no dust was experienced, and we continued to do a bit of zigzagging on the three Sheep Spring roads in this neck of the woods.

We then headed up 543\Big Creek where we stopped to examine the work of some beavers that have taken up residence just East of the old cabins. They have been cutting down a lot of trees.



After that short break, we continued up the road, and headed south on Deadline Ridge where we took the 885\Deadline Ridge ATV trail. The view of the surrounding valleys were spectacular, as well as the 49 degree temperature. We continued on and made the loop on 542\Winecup and had lunch just before entering Nevada at the old "Nodding Donkey" water pump.

After lunch, we ventured south again into Nevada on some trails that I have never ridden on before (in other words, we went exploring!). I had

ridden this area a few weeks prior but decided to take a different route. The path I decided to take turned out to be spectacular! One of the trails was hard to find at a junction, but after that, we rode on a very little used road along a currently dry creek. We encountered a dead, and pretty smelly, calf in the trail, and then rode in a flat desert area for a while.

We came to a junction, and I headed back to the east. The canyon we traveled in was beautiful. It had a section full of trees, a creek that was running, and was in the bottom of a steep canyon that the trail ran in. Everyone enjoyed this particular stretch, and I marked this trail on my GPS as a "must return" trail. We stopped to have a break at the end of this trail, where one of the rider's dog decided to play in a fresh cow pie and got his jacket pretty gross.

We continued on our journey south and crossed Goose Creek where we found the water level much higher than it was two weeks ago. Everyone had fun crossing the creek, and we continued down to the main Goose Creek road where we then headed east for a while, and then back north where we passed through the burned area that was on fire during the ISATVA event.



We then headed up 536\Trout Creek road and back to Idaho where we took a small detour on yet another road I had never been on and took a break at a spring that was just off the side of the road in a nice area full of trees. After our break, we continued back into Idaho and took the 537\Big Piney Spur, then 261\Pine Tit where I spooked two fawns that stood very still about 10 yards of the road for me to take pictures of. Oh, from this point forward, we kept an eye on the clouds since they were starting to get dark. Fortunately, things were in our favor since we didn't experience a single drop of rain all day long.

We then made our way to the very end of 256\Humphrey Spring where we took a short break and enjoyed the view of all the surrounding area.



We then stuck to the 671\Little Piney road all the way up to the new 867\Jones Creek trail where we had our next break at "The View", where we signed in, and then headed back to the camp via the 917\High Loop trail. On the trail, we found that some idiot pulled one of the gates out of the ground, so we stopped and put it back in. If no one has ever lifted one up, it took three of us to move just one side of the gate! Those suckers are heavy.

We made our way back to FS Flats at 5:35 p.m. and at a lovely 60-degree temperature. After everyone loaded up their machines and headed home, dad, Dixie and I enjoyed dinner and a campfire until about 9:30 p.m. when we all went to bed.

Thanks to all those who went riding with me today! For those that couldn't make it, I'm happy to take you on this route as it was such a fun ride!



Sunday

On Sunday morning, we awoke to a nice 26-degree morning with everything covered in frost! We packed up and headed to Diamondfield to see if any riders were going to show up. After examining the campground and finding that a large number of the campers had left, and no one else was going riding with us today, dad and I headed back to camp to get Dixie.

Seeing as how Dixie didn't bring her machine this weekend, Kris jumped in the passenger seat and stuck Dixie behind the wheel of his RZR. Since I didn't care where we went riding today, Dixie volunteered to be the ride leader! So, off we went, one RZR, and one ATV!

During the course of our travels, we stuck to the main roads and headed to Father and Son campground where we found every spot full of folks camping! For those not familiar, this is a rare event since this campground doesn't get a lot of use.

After looking around, we headed up 591\Biggs Corral and then to 532\First Fork, and then on to 528\Big Cedar where we saw a cow and calf moose by the creek. After a short look, we then headed up to Sawmill Creek and took a break by the arched walking bridge. After we had stopped for a bit, we were treated to the sound of two elk bugling! I hiked up the motorcycle trail a ways with my binoculars with the hope of spotting them, but they were pretty far up the trail and too far to see. After listening to them a while, we continued on our journey.

We continued up Big Cedar and made the 148\Dry Flats loop and then back down to Sawmill Creek, back up Dry Creek where we found a nice toolbox that fell off someone's truck and got smashed to pieces. If anyone knows who has license plate 126 UTT, there license plate is sitting on the top of the box at the 154\Ecklund Fork junction!

We then stayed on Dry Creek, and swung down the 526\Bostetter Loop road where we took a short break, and then down Trapper Creek, took the 015\Trout Creek trail and then 883\Monument Peak East, then up the main FS Spring road, made the 913\Pine Loop, and then back to camp.

Our trip ended up being 42 miles long, and we arrived back at camp at 1:00 p.m. where we all packed up and headed back home.

Aaron Larson – Ride Leader (with Dixie as assistant)



New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Reed Coleman and Frank and Gayleen Zambic.

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.

They are located at 3790 N. 3386 E. in Kimberly. 208-735-8804.

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.

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: _____