

Magic Valley ATV Riders

November 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

Idaho is truly the "Gem State". Many areas of Idaho get to experience all four-seasons in a variety of ways. Those visiting our public lands do so in a variety of ways and for various reasons. Most agree there is something refreshing about getting out in nature, away from the crowds of the malls and heavy traffic. There is nothing better than enjoying the great outdoors and what our public lands have to offer.



The seasons begin with a blanket of snow in the mountains and many of the valleys. Winter snows and frosted trees create an impressive winter wonderland. The weather starts to warm as the sun begins to climb towards the north marking the arrival of spring. Spring is a time when the trees and bushes begin to leaf out, wildflowers begin to bloom, and grasses transition from browns and grays to lush greens. All these beautiful colors create spectacular landscapes to frame the viewing of wildlife and the sights of various animals and birds show off their young. Spring also marks the start of melting mountain snows.

The weather is now getting warmer as summer presents colorful landscapes. It is the summer months when more and more visitors enjoy our public lands. It is a great time to camp, hike, bike, ride motorized vehicles, and create new

memories. Sharing our public lands with other users is time to have positive interactions.

The weather is starting to cool, marking the start of fall. In my opinion, fall and spring are the two most colorful seasons. The cool weather triggers the various trees, bushes, and plants to start going into a dormant state for the winter. The new colorful landscapes of fall are usually vast, full of variety of brilliant colors. This is a great time to get out and experience the colors. The season ends as the temperatures reach freezing and the snows begin to bury the mountains and valleys with a blanket of snow.

Southern Idaho is no exception to the four-season experience. Users of public lands do so in a variety of ways, hiking, biking, riding equine, motorcycles, ATVs, side-by-sides of various sizes, high-clearance vehicles, and regular passenger vehicles. Each user enjoys the privilege to choose how they desire to experience our public lands. As public land users we need to respect one another.

Public land managers and politicians put into place rules and laws regulating the use of our public lands. As users it is our responsibility to know before we go what these regulations are. These regulations are there for a reason and as responsible users it is our inherent responsibility to follow them.

As a motorized user and advocate for motorized public land access, we constantly go up against the effects of improper motorized use.

Environmental damage to roads, trails, and non-motorized areas creates a reason for public land managers to create more and more motorized regulations and closing access to public lands. Other areas of concern come from noise and dust complaints. Of the thousands of motorized users visiting our public lands only a small percentage create these problems for other motorized users.

Every year, we, the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders, and many other organized motorized user groups and users, spend hundreds of hours repairing, improving trail safety, and cleaning up our public lands. It is disheartening to see the efforts exhausted be the result of damages caused by other public land users.

Know before you go. Most public land managers restrict motorized use to roads and trails. There is a limited number of areas in Idaho where open, cross-country travel is allowed. It is here where one can experience the rush of conquering a hill climb, the invigorating feel of navigating a boulder field obstacle course, or the satisfaction of driving or riding at high speeds.

As motorized users, we must remember Public Lands are open to all users. This is the very concept that defines "Multi-Use". Huh, you ask? When you look at the various public lands use, you see area set aside as non-motorized, most commonly designated as wilderness, and restricted motorized use. Motorized use is restricted in a variety of ways. There are trails open to single track or motorcycle, 50-inch or less, trails for high-clearance vehicles, and general roads. When you look at public land use it is easy to see where motorized users fall, but it can sometimes be difficult to see on the ground. It is the motorized user's responsibility to know before you go where these boundary lines are.

Motorized Vehicle Use Maps are available at various Forest Service offices and vendor locations throughout Idaho. These maps can also be downloaded onto smartphones, tablets, and computers for free. The Bureau of Land Management has similar maps available in some areas. So, multi-use means that everything a motorized user has access to a non-motorized user has that same privilege. As a result several non-

motorized users choose to use motorized trails and roads as well. As a motorized user we have a responsibility to operate our machines safely. Showing respect to other users is vital for everyone to enjoy our public lands.

As a kid growing up, I learned the Golden Rule: "Treat others as you want yourself to be treated." No matter if you are a motorized or a non-motorized user, being courteous to everyone improves the experience of being on the trail or road.

Over the years, my wife and I have enjoyed the experience of taking those motorized users to areas where they never thought they would go. Many of these folks have physical limitations where motorized travel is the only way they can enjoy the great outdoors. We owe it to ourselves, our children, friends, and like users to get along, be courteous to one another and other users.

Get involved, be the example setter, and protect our right to enjoy our public lands the way we choose.

Kent Oliver - President MVATVR

Public Lands

Hopefully you are all aware of the Minidoka Ranger District's proposed changes to seasonal closures in the south hills. I think some history is in order, especially for those of you who are new to the club or new to the area. The south hills prior to the latest revision of the Travel Plan was considered an open riding area. In other words, for the most part you could ride most of the forest.

The Travel Plan changed that to a designated system where everything was closed unless specifically allowed by the plan. Several years of study, comments and interaction between the users and the Forest Service resulted in a loss of about 200 miles of roads and trails in the south hills. Immediately following the signing of the Travel Plan the Minidoka Ranger District then closed another 100 miles of spur roads. Depending on who you ask, the motorized community lost between 250 and 400 miles of access in the south hills.

In addition to that loss new and different seasonal closures were added which further reduced motorized access to the south hills. Now the Forest Service is asking for more seasonal closures. Obviously, we feel the motorized community has given up way too much access in the past and is totally opposed to this proposal. In addition, we are requesting that current seasonal closures dates and areas be revisited and eliminated or changed, to more appropriate dates and places.

We would urge you to take a few minutes and let the Forest Service know your thoughts on this very important subject. As usual there will be those that feel motorized access should be eliminated sending in comments. That is why it is very imperative for you to get involved and help us save our riding areas.

To look at the official comments from MVATVR go to: www.mvatvr.org

To submit email comments: comments-intermtn-sawtooth-minidoka@fs.fed.us

Comment period ends November 11, 2019. For further information and an opinion of this proposed action:

http://www.minicassia.com/opinion/article_28d37118-f41d-11e9-ac7d-e751f677f992.html

Thank you for getting involved and remember without places to ride nothing else matters.

Stan Mai – Public Lands Director

Forest Open House!!!!

The Sawtooth Forest will have an Open House on November 7th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cassia Commissioners Chambers, 1459 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho and on November 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisors Office at 370 American Avenue, Jerome, Idaho.

We urge all club members to attend any of the meetings that they can.



Elections

At our November club meeting (in just a week or so!) 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 Report

Planning this year's ride started a few years ago. Lots of time was spent both on the computer looking for routes and on the ground checking OHV access opportunities. On October 12, 2019, seventeen members of the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders met northwest of Gooding on the desert road leading to Deadhorse Cave and Bray Lake. The weather was clear, with a temperature in the 30's, and we watched a beautiful sunrise. At about 8:45 AM, after unloading, prepping our machines and a safety briefing, we loaded the thirteen machines and headed out for a fun filled day of adventure and challenges.

The drought and good snowy winters over the last couple of years really changed the road and trail conditions. Our ride this year turned out to be an international experience. The days ride took us across cobblestone roads of Europe, to the rocky crags of the Himalayas, the savannas of Africa, and deep canyons of the Grand Canyon. Our route took us across the desert to the Little City of Rocks. We took a route not many riders had ridden before. We crossed Dry Creek then turned north where we saw Antelope and Sage Grouse. As we got closer to the City of Rocks, the road became much rockier than on previous rides, but was fun and challenged our skills. Upon arrival at the Little City of Rocks, we took a break, enjoyed the scenery of the rock formations, and looked at one of the arches in the area.

Our next leg of the ride took us past Fir Grove. This once was a community on Goodale's Cutoff wagon trail, which earned its name for the grove of Fir trees on the hillside to the west of the old town site. Pioneers hauling freight and passengers between Fort Hall and Fort Boise servicing the various communities along the way

used this trail. We arrived in Fairfield, Idaho close to 11:30 a.m. Some enjoyed a hot meal at the Wrangler while others enjoyed the sunshine and 62-degree temperature.

After lunch, we rode to Mormon Reservoir to see this body of water located in the Camas Prairie valley. We rode along gravel roads heading west towards our next destination, Davis Mountain. As we rode up the narrow, steep, and rutted two-track road of Long Gulch we met a hunter who seemed to be lost. This hunter was driving a four-door, four-wheel drive, long bed pickup pulling a two-place ATV trailer with two ATVs on it. As I approached the vehicle the first words from the driver was, "Where the hell are we?" We had a brief conversation regarding our location and what the jeep-trail conditions were ahead for them. The driver made a good decision to turn around and drive the short distance back to the Davis Mountain Road and on home. These hunters began their trek at Hammett and up on Bennett Mountain. We followed them back to Davis Mountain Road to ensure they were safe.

We then headed up to Davis Mountain where we had spectacular views of the Danskins, Trinities, and Greylock mountains. It was easy to pick out the mountaintops where various lookouts are located. We continued our journey by following the road down Pole Creek and into the Clover Creek basin. We rode past a rock building built in the late 80's as part of a survival school and an old foundation on the banks of Clover Creek. At this time, the origin of this foundation is a mystery and could be part of the survival school as well. After our exploration, we continued and crossed Clover Creek to the Hill City Road. We started our southern route and before we crossed back across Clover Creek we made a side trip to see the memorial site of the US Airforce Crash on Summit 38. In May 1995, a C-130 experienced an engine fire that caused the aircraft to crash, killing the crewmembers.

We left this humble location crossing Clover Creek, riding past the Hole in the Wall basin and on to Bray Lake. We arrived at Bray Lake at about 5:30 p.m. Some of the riders called it a day and headed back to the staging area. The remaining riders were eager to continue the planned ride. We rode to Tea

Pot and Deadhorse Caves, taking lots of time to explore both caves.

The YE100 2019 turned out to be a true Sunrise to Sunset ride. We arrived at the staging area at 7:00 p.m. The ride was approximately 95 miles long and covered approximately 143 square miles. The day started out cold, experienced a high of 75 degrees, and finished the day at 56 degrees. As a ride leader, you are always concerned the participants are safe, riding within their capabilities, and having fun. Throughout the day, I spoke with many of the participants and was excited to hear how much fun everyone was having and their desire to continue on to see what challenges were ahead.

Great day of riding,

Kent & Lorrie Oliver, Ride Leaders



October Club Meeting Report

For those that were unable to attend the meeting last month that was hosted by Young Powersports, you missed one heck of a meeting.

When I arrived, I got out of the truck and was getting my chairs out of the truck when Ron came walking up with his chair and told me that I could leave them in the truck, that they had one heck of a setup for us.

When I walked in, they had tables, chairs, tablecloths, plates, water bottles, decorations, and a keychain at the table for each of their guests!



Everyone mingled around looking at the ATV's, side by sides, and snowmobiles, until dinner was served. Youngs had (if I remember right), Smoke-N-Bones cater the food, and brisket, beans, coleslaw, and cookies were on the menu. They had enough food that NO ONE went away hungry, and I reckon the dealer employees didn't have to bring lunch to work for several days!



We enjoyed dinner, and then the meeting commenced. We covered the usual meeting stuff, the folks for Youngs spoke about various topics, and during the course of the meeting we celebrated Bobbie's 80th birthday. Stan even sang to her.



After dinner, prizes were given out. Yes, you read that right, prizes! They had a HUGE pile of gloves, stocking hats, shirts, and other assorted items. Out of the 46ish folks that attended, only a few of us didn't get a prize. At the end of the meeting several people were shopping for new machines and we hope they came away with a new set of wheels to enjoy riding.



We would like to thank Brett Whitaker and all the folks at Young Powersports for hosting our meeting, supporting the ISATVA event, and we look forward to seeing them in the future!



Aaron Larson

Oakley Ride Report

On the morning of October 6th, I led a ride in the Oakley area. There were three ATV's and 3 side by sides that came to brave the weather. When we left at 9:00 a.m. it was a pleasant 39 degrees.

We headed through Oakley, and up the Birch Creek road until we came to the 727\Fish Creek road and proceeded to go to the top of Almo Park. We

ran across some hunters in a jeep, and also some snow that was on the side of the trail in a few spots.

We took a short break at the top, and then we went up to the weather station on the top of the mountain where we had a good view of the surrounding area, including right down into the City of Rocks.

After pictures were taken, we headed down the mountain and then took the Granit Pass Road where we had lunch in the sunny 60-degree weather.

After lunch, we went down some trails that ended up having some no trespassing signs, so we ended up going down Upper Goose Creek road, and finally back to Oakley.

We ended up back to the parking area after covering 66 miles at a little after 3:00 p.m.

Thanks to all that came riding.

Jerry Kreigh – Ride leader (Aaron\author of report)



One of our other ISATVA sponsors from Burley.

Upcoming Rides

1. Several other rides are in the works, weather and schedule permitting.
2. 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

Club Meeting Schedule



Nov 13 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin Falls
We will have representatives from Senator Risch, Senator Crapo, and Congressman Simpson's office here to speak with us!

- 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.

Kent: Why did the farmer run a steamroller over his potato field on Thanksgiving Day? **Stan:** Why?
Kent: He wanted to raise mashed potatoes.
Linda: What is a turkey's favorite dessert? **Brad:** I haven't a clue. **Linda:** Peach gobbler!

Banquet Raffle

We are in the planning stage of our annual banquet and we are looking for ideas for prizes for our raffle and drawings.

If you have ideas for prizes for both the raffle, and the regular drawings, please let a board member know!

Aaron Larson

Ag Safety Days

Gary Aufderheide, Rob Hendrickson, Randy & Jeanette Graham, and Brad & Linda Stimpson, did presentations to 1st through 5th graders at Filer Fair Grounds on October 22nd and in Oakley on October 29th for the Safe Kids of Magic Valley and Simplot. The kids all enjoyed learning to be safe while riding or driving ATV's and climbing on the 4-wheeler and SXS.



New Members

We did not have any new members join the club in October. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining, let them know!

Linda Stimpson

Thinking of You

Kris Larson – Knee replacement surgery on Monday, November 3rd.

Membership Dues for 2020!!

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)

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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: _____