

# Magic Valley ATV Riders

December 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

Well, it feels like winter outside and that means by the time you read this we have already had our first real snow fall in the valleys. I want to start this month's message by thanking everyone who submitted comments and attended the open house meetings sponsored by the Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. Access to our public lands is important to all users and especially important to the motorized user. It is disheartening that every effort can be put to close access to motorized users because a very small number of people complain. These are the same folks who are well aware they are going to recreate in an area that has some of the best motorized trails and roads in the Pacific Northwest. Yet they choose to use motorized trails and demand these trails be closed to the very ones who developed and spend numerous hours ensuring users have access to maintained trails. Every year we hear from public land managers on the deterioration and disappearance of trails in non-motorized areas. Idaho has some of the highest numbers of roadless acres in the nation, both designated as wilderness or wilderness study areas. Yet public land managers continue to broaden non-motorized areas.



Recently, the Mountain Home Ranger District of the Boise National Forest opened the

Wilson Creek ATV Trails west of Pine, Idaho. To the dismay of many users the Mountain Home Ranger District is implementing a seasonal closure to a trail network which did not have such designation under the current travel plan. The Ranger District says this is a temporary closure and it will last as long as they deem necessary. The Rally in the Pines posted to their Facebook page a list of rides that will possibly be closed in 2021 when the Salmon-Challis National Forest implements its new forest travel plan in 2021. The recent actions of the Forest Service give the appearance they are developing wilderness areas without legislative action.

Now is the time for motorized users to join forces and be more involved in demanding our motorized access be important and stop catering to the few people who dislike motorized use. I, for one, would hope our public land managers would learn from the devastating fires we have seen in recent years. Areas no longer motorized have made fighting wildland fires more frustrating. I hate to think what would have happened to Ketchum, Idaho if there had not been the roads available to battle the Castle Rock Fire. I know public land managers will disagree with me, but it is hard to argue with the fact that fire fighters have had to watch wildland fires racing across the landscape with no access routes to get ahead of a fire. This can make access slow and dangerous.

Before I close, I want to review some riding etiquette topics. I attended both open house meetings hosted by the Minidoka Ranger District. I listened to public comments and other officials regarding motorized users on public lands. As motorized users, we are constantly under scrutiny regarding the way some riders treat our public lands and other users. As a club we believe in promoting safe and responsible ATV/UTV riding. We believe that public lands are to be open and accessible to ALL USERS. As a club we promote the Stay On Trails program and have seen the rewards of following that practice. Unfortunately, we have also witnessed the destruction caused by others who do not. The tax dollars spent to reclaim the land destroyed by these users could have been used to improve existing trails, create new trails systems, and improve or create new trailheads.

Just a reminder regarding trail etiquette. When riding trails and roads be courteous to other users. When approaching or meeting other motorized users slow down and consider a safe place to pull over and stop. Many trails are narrow and passing in opposite directions can be tough. On a few rides, the leader has stopped the group and ridden through a narrow section of trail to insure there is no oncoming traffic. When meeting hikers,



bicycle riders, and equestrians on trails or narrow roads you should stop and turn off your engine. Most of the time these users are small in number and will pass by in a few seconds. If you come up behind any of these users slow down and pass with caution. In most cases, these users will

move off the trail and allow you to pass by. Be patient! We want to avoid conflict and be the courteous ones. If the other user persists to stay on the trail consider stopping and taking a break or taking another route at the next junction. It is upsetting to be riding along and slow down when meeting another motorized user, only to have them blow past you. It is annoying to be dusted and have gravel and sand thrown into the air for you to ride through. Think about this when you ride past a hiker, bicycle rider, or equestrian.

I am proud to be the President of the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders and it is a privilege for me to work alongside some great goal-driven individuals. The accomplishments we obtained this year are because you care about our public lands and you want to see it remain open to all users.

Have a great Holiday Season

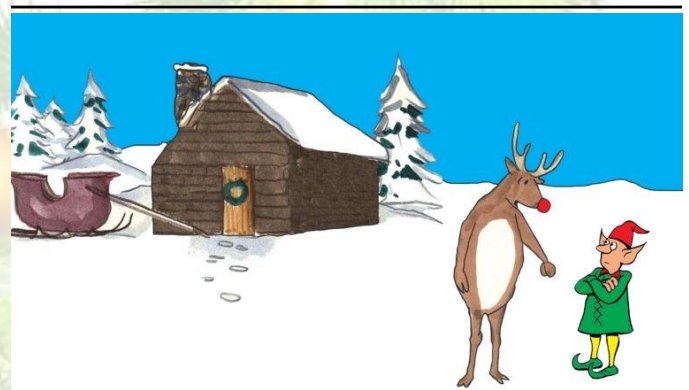
Kent Oliver - President MVATVR

## OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new year!

Registration stickers are available at most of the OHV dealerships and local DMV offices in your area. You can also renew online through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website.

<https://idpr.idaho.gov/Renewal/>



**"Don't even complain about your workload until you've pulled a sleigh in rush hour traffic."**

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Because it soots him.  
 What would you get if you ate the Christmas decorations? Tinselitis.



## Banquet Info & Raffle

We are in the planning stages of our annual banquet. Here are some of the basics:

### Date and Time

Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.  
Social hour from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., awards and prizes shortly thereafter.

### Location

We will hold the banquet at the Twin Falls Reformed Church located at 1631 Grandview Drive North.

### Food Drive

We still plan on having a food drive, so keep an eye on the grocery store sale fliers and stock up on the much-needed essentials that will be donated to an undecided local charity. **Please check the expiration date, if it is expired, don't donate it because they just have to throw it away due to various food safety policies and regulations.**

### Raffle

Probably a Dewalt battery powered chain saw! We are still finalizing the details on this part. We do know that 80 percent of the proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit charity and the club will keep the other 20 percent of the proceeds to help offset the costs of the meal, and other club expenses.



Why the strange 80/20 split? Well, state law, and our constitution stipulate this arrangement in order for us to have a legal raffle without running afoul of fines, etc.

### Door Prizes

We will have tons of door prizes. If you have something you want to donate, let a board member know. If you were in Sportsman's Warehouse, or one of the dealers, and you saw something you

thought would make a cool door prize, let a member of the board know so we can try and acquire one!

Aaron Larson

## Christmas Season



With Christmas coming up soon, we would like to encourage all our club members to find some time during the hectic month of shopping, wrapping presents, entertaining, and all of the other hustle and bustle that occurs during the month of December, to stop and remember how Christmas came to be.

Even though we don't all share the same religious denomination, here are some things we can all do to share the true spirit of Christmas.

**Donate:** If you don't have a favorite, The Salvation Army has their kettles out, and is one of many worthy charities that help local members of our community.



**Volunteer:** This covers so many areas we can't list them all, but spend some time helping a group or individual.

**Visit:** Do you know someone in a nursing home or hospital? Go see them! Got a neighbor down the street you haven't seen in a while, go see them as well!

**Write a letter\give a card:** Is your mail person\delivery driver especially awesome? Well, give them a card or write them a letter! What about

an old friend that you have not seen in ages since they moved? Have a former teacher that you looked up to, or someone else that was a good example to you? Let them know you appreciate(d) them!

**Others:** Give blood, participate in a food drive, shovel the neighbors sidewalk, invite someone that lost their spouse to dinner, pay it forward, adopt a family for the holidays, help someone wrap their Christmas presents, take flowers to a nursing home (the workers will know who needs them the most), donate stuffed animals to the police/fire department, drop off a bag of cat/dog food to the animal shelter, be more generous the next time you tip your waiter/waitress, take some coloring books/crayons to the hospital waiting room, and many others.

And last, but not least, attend your personal religious denominations Christmas service!



Merry  
Christmas

## Cold Springs & Big Cedar Ride Report. Nov 23, 2019

It was a great day for a Fall Ride as seven MVATVR met south of Murtaugh. This staging area is not used much and is a great location for fall and spring riding into the eastern side of the Cassia Division of the Sawtooth National Forest. As we prepared our six machines for the days' adventure it became apparent the cold weather clothing layers might prove to be too much. The forecast called for mid-twenties at 10:00 AM, but temperatures were already reaching the mid-thirties and the skies were clear.

The ride took us up the East Dry Creek Road (also known as Cold Spring Road). It was nice to see the precarious gates replaced with cattleguards. The days ride would take us across various BLM and USFS Grazing allotments but given the time of the year, nearly all the gates were open allowing the cattle to begin migrating to the lower elevations. Our first turn came approximately 3 miles into the

ride, where the trail would take us to Medley Creek Canyon and up to the forest service boundary. This trail proved to be fun as we traversed rocky hillsides and dry creek crossings. We rode up Medley Creek (077) and connected with Buckhorn Road (079). We then took off on road 074 towards the East Fork of Dry Creek. This trail runs along the canyon rim and has great views for wildlife and spring flowers. We stopped at one of the better viewpoints and Eagle Eye Dixie spotted what might have been a good-sized deer working its way through the thick brush up the west side. We then began the rocky hill climb back towards Buckhorn Road. Sometimes I wonder if we should put Eagle-Eye Dixie near the leader. Once again, her keen eyesight located a herd of elk making their way up the west side of Dry Creek. We rode up Buckhorn Road (079) to the Big Cedar Road (528). After riding Big Cedar Road a short distance, we turned right towards Horse Hollow and Coal Pit Creek (145 & 065). We rode in some snow that was still lingering in the shadows from previous storms. We crossed Ramshorn Ridge Road (530) and turned onto Old Squaw Road (063) and onto the main Dry Creek Road (527). Starting December 1 until June 1, the main Dry Creek Road is under seasonal closure to motorized travel. Portions of this ride will have to be altered to avoid this road during this time. We rode up Dry Creek Road and turned left onto Coal Pit Creek road (142). We arrived at Tugaw's Cabin where we took a break for lunch. After lunch we started out heading towards the Fuller Pasture area (142). With full bellies and anticipation to what lay ahead, it was not long before we encountered our first and only obstacles of the day. On a slightly muddy steep hillside we had to remove five trees that completely blocked our way. Up for the task everyone pitched in and we made quick work in clearing the way. It was unanimous, we all had too many layers of clothing on for such work. We rode to Sawmill Flats (528, 147) and made a stop at the Cabin near Terrell's Corral Creek. Our next adventure came as we took off on the Cave Canyon Trail (812). This is the first 50-inch trail of the day. It was in good shape, with some off-camber and rocky sections as usual. We stopped at the North Cottonwood Vista Point to take in the views of Mount Harrison and Cache Peak. We continued our

ride down Cave Canyon and turned left onto Robbers Peak Trail (801, 082) going past Mud Springs.

We rode to the Big Cedar Road (528) where we turned left. As we neared Buckhorn Road, we made a quick right turn onto North Franks Canyon Road (072) and onto Robbers Gulch jeep trail (079). It was a welcomed relief to see the work at the hazardous boulder. This greatly improved the safety of the ride. We took a break upon arriving at Buckhorn Road. Everyone was in good spirits and elected to ride the East Plateau going back to the vehicles. We rode up Buckhorn Road (529) and upon arriving at the top turned right onto 524). We now left the USFS managed lands and started our final trek across BLM managed lands. The sad part of riding BLM areas is that many of the roads and trails do not have numbers. Unless there is stream or mountain peak associated with these routes it is hard to describe the routes. We rode across the high plateau which offered great views of the Mini-Cassia and Magic Valleys. Due to the incoming storms and inversion, views of the Smokey and Boulder Mountains were mere silhouettes to the north. After making the steep decent to the valley floor we rode back to our vehicles. Yes, we did encounter dust on this trip. The ride was 57 miles long and got cooler towards the end, especially in the shadowy areas. It was a great time with all the great riders. We got to see lots of wildlife and views of the surrounding area.

Kent Oliver – Ride Leader



## Club Meeting Schedule



### **Dec 11 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin Falls**

This is our annual Christmas Social Gathering from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

This is the time to come hang out with our friends and visit, talk about the work we did this year, and the rides we went on, and just have a good time.

No minutes will be read, no finances will be discussed, and no official business will take place.

**Dec 4 – Ride Scheduling meeting. 6:00 p.m. @ Idaho Pizza. Anyone who would like to be a ride leader, lead a ride, or provide input on where to have a ride is invited to attend.**

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.

## New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Tracy and Connie Hansen.

Linda Stimpson

## Thinking of You

Kris Larson – Knee replacement surgery on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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!

Brad Stimpson

## 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.



We would like to thank  
EVERYONE who supported  
the club this past year!

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# 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_