

# Magic Valley ATV Riders

March 2020



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

Hello March!! March makes me think of springtime which arrives on March 19th and with spring comes many things. The awakening of the earth from its winter sleep, flowers start emerging from the frozen ground and the chirping of birds in the yards. But it also means spring ATV/UTV riding. For those of you getting out and doing some riding there are some things to remember as you are out riding.



There are monsters in the desert waiting to break free from the fences and gates and lurking in the washes and draws. They are known as TUMBLEWEEDS! If you enter a wash or draw that is full of them, know what is under them before driving through. It may be a drop off or a hard bank of dirt that is being hidden by them. IF it's safe, give it the gas and drive through them. As you are approaching gates that are covered by tumbleweeds, get off your machine and kick or throw them away from the gate opening to make it safe to open the gate and drive through. And if you are lucky and the wind is blowing, you can race them across the desert.

Keep your machine clean of tumbleweeds and grasses. Desert riding can be fun; however, you may be the one forging through the high grasses for the first time of the season. Seeds and debris can get caught in and around everything on the

machine. Weeds like to be freeloaders and hang on to the inside of your tires and under the front bumper. Check your machine regularly to get rid of any additional stuff. After a ride, clean your machine of all the debris and native plants of the desert that just happened to come home with you.

Springtime is also a time for calving in the desert. Cow herds have been moved to the deserts and baby calves are being born. Keep this in mind as you are riding across the desert that a newborn calf could be laying in the grass or brush. Also, as you are approaching a herd of cows, instead of scattering them just to stay on the road/trail, try meandering off the trail and around them if possible. No need to separate the mommies from their babies. And remember If you opened the gate, close the gate!

With everyone getting out and enjoying the weather riding, now is the time to remind everyone of trail etiquette. On club rides we may use one of two methods to communicate where we are turning. One being the cones, where a cone is dropped at the turn so the rider knows which way to go. The other is the stop and wave. The first rider waits at the turn until a wave is confirmed from the next rider, then that rider stops and gets a confirmed wave with the next rider and this continues until everyone gets through. Think about being on the trail and the trail drops down an embankment but the next rider doesn't know which

way they went. Wait and make sure everyone is going the right direction. We want no one left behind!

Be courteous on the trail to everyone. We all want to be out enjoying the trails and it only takes one bad experience to ruin it. Don't crowd people on the trail. Don't park in the middle of the trail when visiting or eating. Pick up your trash when you are done. Let's make riding a great experience in the outdoors.

Get out and enjoy some fresh air. Enjoy a club ride and meet new people. Now is the time to get out and play.

Kent Oliver - President MVATVR

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## South Hills Seasonal Closure Change Update

**O**n February 18, 2020 a meeting was held with the Sawtooth National Forest Minidoka Ranger District and other stakeholders to begin discussions for the proposed seasonal South Hills Closure changes.

We discussed various options to each of the proposed areas. Due to the lack of support, the proposed Tunnel Hill closure is likely to be removed from consideration like the Langford Flats proposal. There were a lot of suggestions to the current Winecup closure (formerly Thoroughbred Creek seasonal closure) and this is still part of the discussions.

As we move forward, I will keep the club informed. Our next activity on these proposals is to tour the areas and see what exactly is on the ground to make them definable.

Kent Oliver, President MVATVR

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## BLM Closure

**T**he Burley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office still has a seasonal road closure until March 15 in the South Hills area.

The following roads, as well as any two-tracks or trails tied to these roads, will be closed to motorized travel from Jan. 16 to March 15, 2020:

Dry Creek, Cherry Spring, Indian Springs (Closure begins 1.5 miles south of Foothills Road) and North Cottonwood Creek.

For more information regarding the road closure, please contact Dennis Thompson, BLM Burley Field Office recreation planner, at (208) 677-6600.

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## Grindstone Ride Report

**T**he day started off kind of cold at 24 degrees and a chilly breeze. A total of 24 machines & 34 people (7atv's, 1 motorcycle, and 16 SXS.) were set to ride. We had a full parking lot, and everyone was excited for the first club ride of the year. We left the parking lot headed west for Twin Butte. A short ways in, we saw a small herd of wild horses. They crossed the road a ways in front of us and stopped so we all could see them a second time. As we were stopped to watch the horses, a herd of about 20 antelope took off running away from our location. It was good seeing so much wildlife.

We continued on to the top of Twin Butte where we took in the vista of the area. After the break on Twin Butte we got on the trail again which took us down into the wash to ride. Some of it was technical riding, maneuvering through the tumbleweeds. After getting through the last large amount of them we took a break for lunch. We built a small fire in the sand of the wash of Sailor Creek and roasted hotdogs. Everyone seemed to like the hotdog roast. After putting our fire out and loading up we hit the trail again riding the wash and heading towards Grindstone Butte. This is where we saw the wild horses on the bluff. What a view of them. We continued on to Grindstone Butte.

After a break there, we hit the road heading back to the parking lot. There was a commotion on the trail and I found out a good friend of mine, lost his back rack off his RZR. His rack broke off scattering his items on the road. With help from some other riders, they got it all picked up. It was a good day for a ride.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the ride.

Dixie Best – Ride Leader



## Upcoming Meeting Schedule



Mar 11 – Adventure Motorsports\Twin

Apr 8 – Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin

May 13 – 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.

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## New Machine

As many know, I have been thinking of getting a new side by side for a little over a year now.

After much research and talking to several members that have had all three brands, I decided some time ago to get a Can-Am Maverick Trail.

Well, after much scrimping and saving, and paying extra, I logged into the website and made my very last truck payment! Wahoo! No more truck payments!

Once that was taken care of, it was time to convince Amy to let me buy a new machine and have another payment in place of a truck.

After visiting with Kirk at [Let's Ride](#) back in December, I had a good idea what it would cost, and after another visit with him yesterday, I had some solid numbers.

After another visit with Amy, and with some more convincing, I had permission to buy a new machine!

Today, Wednesday, I stopped back in and finalized the deal. A short time later, a new 2020 Can-Am Maverick Trail 1000 DPS was parked on the trailer, along with a roof and trunk.

It is all currently sitting in the garage ready to be installed sometime next week. By then, I hope to actually have time to start thinking of starting the installation process.

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## Upcoming Meeting Request

We would like to thank our dealers ahead of time for hosting our next three meetings.

As we all know, our dealers treat us REALLY well, and we would like to treat them really well in return.

As such, we, as a board, would like to humbly and respectfully ask that you not arrive any earlier than 5:45 p.m. for the meetings at the dealers over the next three months.

Each dealer is still conducting business in most cases until 6:00 when our official social hour begins.

We do not want to inconvenience any of their non-club member customers by arriving at 5:00 to get "a good seat," or by taking up all the parking spaces before they have had a chance to actually get ready for us.

Now, obviously, if you are going early to buy a new machine, or, a pile of accessories, feel free to arrive any time through the day.

The Board of Directors

So now you know why the newsletter is a bit late coming out – I was shopping! Next month I will have a writeup on how the installation of all of the accessories went, and a report on the first ride! In the meantime, enjoy the pictures!

By the way, our two Grizzlies still have a home ☺



Aaron Larson

### Idaho Sportsman Show

Just a heads up. The annual [Idaho Sportsman Show](#) will be taking place in Boise. It will be Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The club will be manning the booth on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you happen to be in Boise, stop by and check out the booth.

Aaron Larson

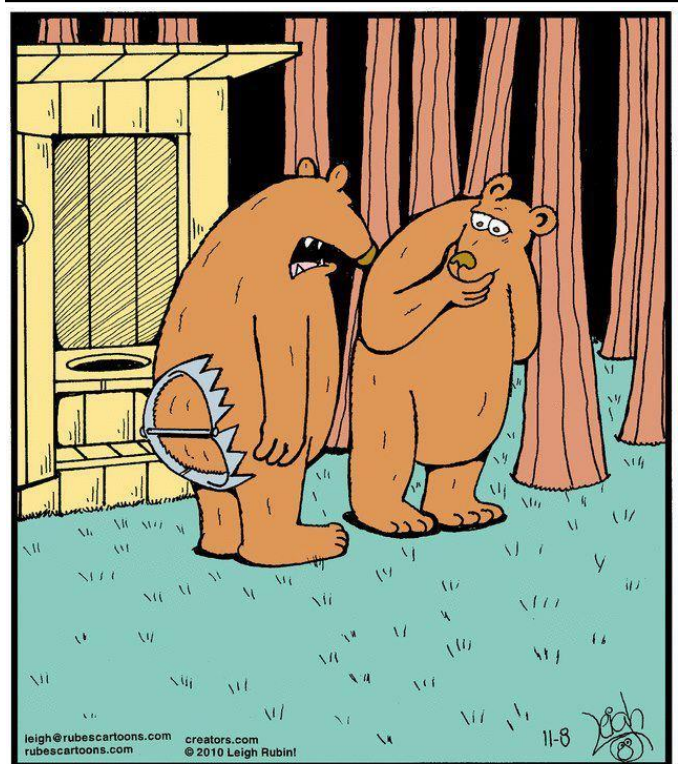
## Upcoming Rides

1. March 7 – Kimama Desert (Jerry)
2. March 14 – Hammett\3 Island (Kent)
3. March 21 – Hammett\Bruneau (Kent)
4. March 28 – Lake Channel (Jerry)
5. April 4 – Possible ride (Aaron)
6. April 18 – Crystal Ice Caves (Aaron)
7. April 25 – Brigham Point (Aaron)

See the calendar on the website for more details. That's the 'official' place to find information about rides and events!

Please remember, we welcome and encourage [spontaneous rides](#) if you decide to go riding. Please give us three days' notice though, if you want it on the calendar. We can't guarantee that it will get on the calendar or e-mailed to the club any sooner, as we may be in the mountains and unable to get to it.

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator



**"Apparently, they possess detailed knowledge of our most intimate woodland behavior and use it against us when we are at our most vulnerable."**

## Another Ride Option

Are you interested in a 'shorter than normal' ride during the Oakley Campout in May? Do you want to stop and enjoy the wildflowers instead of cruising by them? If you answered 'YES', let Amy or Aaron Larson know and we will plan a 'Stop & Smell the Flowers' type ride as part of that weekend!

## New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Scott and Martha Jackson as new members of the club.

Welcome to the club everyone!

Linda Stimpson

## 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!

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 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.



## 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

# 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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**Magic Valley ATV Riders, INC. (MVATVR)**  
 PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0767  
**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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 31<sup>st</sup> will be half rate and after November 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited for next year. Your email address will be taken off the mailing list as February 1<sup>st</sup> 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 understand MVATVR cannot control who takes pictures and of what on the rides. We also understand MVATVR cannot control what is placed on social media. We understand MVATVR receives photos and video from members which is posted on the web site. We understand it is our responsibility to tell anyone who is taking pictures or video on a ride or at a function we do not want to be photographed. We do give MVATVR consent to use our picture on the website with our name and limited demographic information in the "members only" section of the website.**

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/UTV 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/UTVs 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: \_\_\_\_\_