

Magic Valley ATV Riders

June 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.

First Lady's Message

Hope you are all doing well and being safe and healthy during the COVID 19 phases. I was thinking about the phases we have all been going through with the Rebound Idaho to open our state back up. It made me think of the card game, Phase 10. The object of the game is to work through all the phases of the cards and whoever gets to the final stage, WINS! It's kind of like Rebound Idaho. We all have to work through these phases to get our state opened up, but in the end, we are all winners.



A topic that I feel strongly about is trail etiquette. Lately I have seen several posts on Facebook of people commenting about etiquette on the trails or the lack of. We have personally observed the inadequate knowledge on the trails of other riders. When we meet oncoming riders we always use our hand signals to alert them on how many riders are behind us. This is demonstrated by holding up the number of fingers of how many riders are behind you. So if there are three, then the leader would hold up two fingers, the next rider one finger, and the third rider a closed fist indicating no others after him in the group. We have received so many different acknowledgements from people we meet. We have gotten anything from a head nod, to a wave, to a finger pointed at you like "back at you".

The other day while we were out riding we actually got the appropriate hand signals from some riders. It felt good to know others had learned these. Some other items of trail etiquette are:

- When encountering others on the trail, yield to the passing group or those traveling uphill.
- On the trail, when you meet horses or pack animals, look and listen for any instructions from the handler. Stop on the outside edge of the trail and turn OFF your engine. Remove your helmet and speak in a quiet, calm voice so the animals know it's just a person under all the riding gear. Try not to stop in a position that puts you above a horse or pack animal and remember sudden movements can startle animals.
- Leave gates as you find them (open or closed) unless posted otherwise. Seasonal closures can occur due to wet conditions, snow, and summer fire hazards.
- Be courteous when passing hikers or other trail users. One burst of the throttle can leave a trail of dust.
- Even a quiet ATV can sound noisy to other trail users so keep in mind your speed and engine rpm low and steady when near houses, cabins, campgrounds, or anytime you are around non-riders.

If you would like to know more about trail etiquette, please check out:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/lei/motorized-use.php>

I have been wondering what has been going on with our club while we all have been sheltered in and social distancing. So, I did a lil detective work and a lil bit of spying and eavesdropping and found out what has been going on. I heard Kent talking to Aaron about upcoming rides, campouts and work details. It was good to hear that they are working behind the scenes to keep planning events for when we can all get out in groups again. I snuck up to the door where Kent was on the other side on a Zoom conference call to find him discussing public and private land access with Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership. I know they discussed a lot because he was on there for 2-3 hours.

I am sure it is safe to say that Linda Stimpson is keeping our books up to date too. I have seen pics on Facebook of members of the club out recreating in small groups enjoying the outdoors. We have spoken to several who shared their stories of riding and camping in snow and getting rained on while riding. We know that the ones riding in desert lands have seen the snakes are out and about and the desert flowers are blooming.

Kent and I escaped and went camping at Featherville. We took an evening ride and got to see plenty of deer, and a fox that crossed the road then stood there and watched us. We had two geese in our campsite one morning and we enjoyed watching them wander around while we drank our coffee. I am happy to hear you are getting out into the fresh air and yet are adhering to the orders from the governor. Keep enjoying what you all like to do.

I just want to take a minute and say what a great club we have and to thank each of you for doing your part during this COVID-19. It takes each of you to come together and help to get us all through it. I hope to see you soon on a ride or a campout.

Lorrie Oliver

Public Lands

If I say Snake River Canyons Park; do you know where I am talking about? If not, you should. This is the closest riding area to Twin Falls. It lies just north and East of the Perrine Bridge. This area has been an off-road riding area for many years, longer than I can remember. The first time I was there was in the 70's sometime. In 2003 the BLM was wanting to get away from managing this area. The fear was that it could wind up in the hands of developers. The Jerome County Commissioners decided to lease the land from the BLM and make a park.

Committees were formed and a park board was established. The problem was the folks on the board and the committee were wanting to turn the area into something it was not. Their idea was to make it a Central Park West with all kinds of touristy type attractions. Off roading was not very high on their priority lists. Needless to say, not much happened with the land. I have been involved with the planning of the park for several years.

A few years ago I was asked to be a member of the Board of Directors. About that same time former Jerome County Commissioner, Roger Morley made the park one of his priorities and some other changes were made to board positions. The focus of the park became a park everyone can use. This is when things started happening. We have a website: <https://www.snakerivercanyonspark.org> We have a small parking lot on the 700 East road.

We have a new trailhead and a small parking lot just as you enter the park from Highway 93. We have a picnic table and shelter at this site. It has a small parking area with plans to make it substantially bigger. We have put no dumping signs, and signs for the no shooting areas. We have GPS'd the old stage road and the Hudson Bay Trappers Trail (Emigrant Trail) and will be marking them soon.

Future improvements include an overlook above Shoshone Falls. MVATVR has been a big supporter of the park by partnering with the Southern Idaho Off Road Association for the annual spring cleanup. The area is only a few minutes from Twin Falls, so it makes a great place to go when time is short. I would urge you to visit and explore sometime.



Stan Mai, Public Lands

New Machine

On April 30th, Dixie drove to Burley and bought herself a new 2020 Polaris Sportsman 850 Premium model from [Young Powersports](#). As you can see from the picture, it is a copper color called Matt Orange Rust.

So far she has been on several rides, and very much enjoys her new purchase.



Aaron Larson

New Machine

Last week Bobby Duke had to upgrade her machine as well. She bought a new 2020 Polaris Sportsman 570 from [Action Cycles and Sleds](#). I hear she finally got a chance to use it as of the time of this writing. We don't have a picture of new her machine, so you will just have to check it out when you see her on a ride.



Aaron Larson

New Machine

On Tuesday, May 26th I was at [Let's Ride Powersports](#) picking up my Grizzly from the shop when Randy and Janette Graham came in. After a little bit of negotiating, they signed the papers on a new 2020 Maverick Trail 1000 DPS.

Here is a picture of Randy enjoying his new purchase. I wish him well in getting all the goodies transferred from his old machine to his new one!



Aaron Larson

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?
There is no menu – you get what you deserve!
I took the shell off my racing snail, thinking it would make him run faster. If anything, it made him more sluggish....

Redneck Ideas

I was reading the Maverick Trail group on Facebook, and someone asked a question about how to haul extra stuff. Here are some of the suggestions people posted.



This one I saw on Facebook and they claim it was taken on the freeway in Meridian!



Our friends down in the swamp lands do this to their machines. Huge lift kids, portal gears, and 42" tires seem to be the norm. I don't think this would handle to well here in Idaho 😊



Aaron Larson

Pagari Ride Report

Jerry Kriegh held his annual Pagari Camp and Ride on May 7th through the 10th and it was quite a success with 11+ total campers spending all or part of the weekend.

Friday we tried a brand new route. We left camp heading south past the diving board on Little wood river to Richfield. We traveled north through town to the desert north of town and when we made it back to camp we had covered 45 miles.

Saturday camp was left behind as we headed east; eventually reaching the Kimama Carey desert road. Turning north we reached the Carey highway. Taking the Fish creek road we turned west until we came to the Little Wood highway. Continuing west over the mountain south to Picabo, back thru the desert via the old railroad bed and back to camp. About 75 miles traveled on this trip.

Sunday we headed west thru the lavas and rolling hills; took wrong road for a new adventure; got lost as usual. Eventually we manage to have lunch at Magic Reservoir east side. Water was still 100 yards out from reaching dam. Back to camp where half the trailers loaded and went home. Some 60 miles ridden on Sunday.

All rides left camp each day as scheduled. Good weather, dusty, and no rain.

Thanks to the two couples that showed up to ride on Sat and Sun.



Jerry

Upcoming Rides

1. June 5-7 – Work and Ride. Work day is Saturday the 6th. Bring tools and a smile!
2. June 12-14th – Jackpot Camp and Ride.
3. June 19-21 - Arco Camp and Ride.
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

Work Weekend

This coming Saturday we will have our annual Work Day in the South Hills.

This year our main objectives are to:

- Brush out the 856-Kirkham Connector trail

- Work on the two spots on 002-Martindale that tend to get off camber. Also brush out the bottom ½ mile that didn't get done last summer.
- Maybe do some brushing on 242-Magic West Side (road).

Dixie is preparing a “grab bag” for all those that come. Each bag will have (based on what Dixie finds in stock) bottle of Gatorade, a cheese stick, granola bar, trail mix, fruit snack, and a Rice Crispy Treat.

We will still encourage social distancing while working and riding this weekend.

For those interested in riding, we are sure there will be a ride planned for Friday, one for Saturday afternoon, and one on Sunday as well. Figure on a departure time of 9:30 on all the days.

Although we will have the basic tools, if you are like me, you have your favorite clippers and shovel, so bring those if you prefer.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Larson.

Aaron Larson

Before and Now



The top picture was taken on a ride on June 1, 2008. The next two were taken on the Sublet Campout and Ride this past weekend.



Aaron Larson

Sublet Ride Report

Wow, for those that missed the Sublet Camp and Ride this past weekend, you missed ONE HECK OF A TIME! You will have to wait until next month for the ride report though!

Aaron Larson

Product Review

I picked up a can of [Maxima SC1](#) high gloss coating to try on my machine.

For those that have not ever used the stuff, they claim it helps keep mud and stuff from sticking to your plastics. They also claim it makes your machine nice and shiny after you have it washed.

After a few trips getting the Maverick covered in mud, I gave it a half decent wash job, and let it dry for a day.

I followed the directions and sprayed it on a test section to see what it looked like. It looked fabulous, so I used most of the can spraying things down and wiping it off after a minute like it said.

Here is what it looked like when I was done. Nice and shiny. I took what was left of the can and used it on my old 2013 Grizzly that the plastic has faded pretty bad on. Although it doesn't look new, it sure does look better.



I'd suggest picking up a can or two at your local dealer the next time you stop and give your

machine some TLC on the next warm day you come across.

Aaron Larson

Q: Why do cows wear bells? A: Because their horns don't work!

Q: What is the difference between a well-dressed man on a bike and poorly dressed man on a unicycle? A: Attire!

More Local Businesses

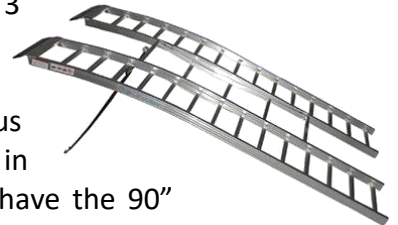


A few newsletters ago I had an article that focused on some businesses that were based in our regional geographic area such as RotopaX and Ryfab.

The other day I ran across another local business that focuses on the ATV\UTV scene.

Boski Built is that company, and they are based out of Caldwell, Idaho. Some of you might recognize one of their 3

name brands, and that is the RevArc ramps that many of us have. They come in various styles, and I have the 90" HD RevArc version. In addition, they have a cheaper ATV version, along with ones that work with motorcycles and snowmobiles.



Their second subsidiary is the ATV Wagon brand. You have probably seen them at Cabela's. The one in the picture retails for about \$1,600 that can

haul 800 pounds, but they also have two versions with four wheels that can haul either 1,600 or 2,000 pounds!



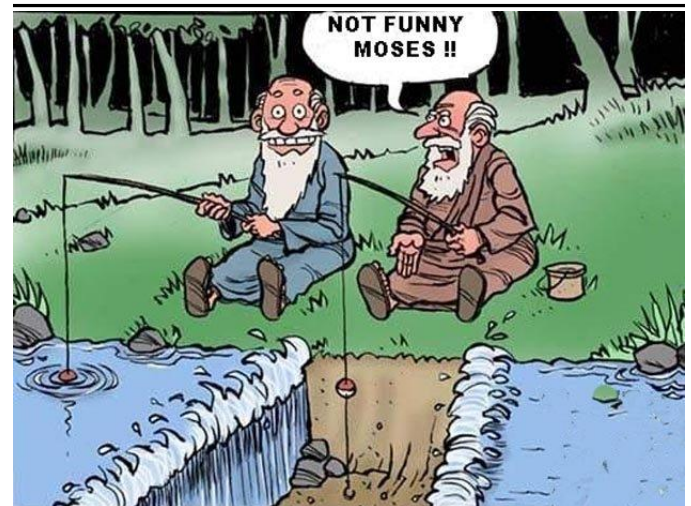


I don't know about anyone else, but I think it would be pretty cool to have one of these. Load it up with fuel, food, water, and a tent, and go on a multi-day camping trip in a big loop.

Their third product is called the Bosski BbackPACKS SxS storage system. As you can see in the photos, it consists of a storage box, a rack, a spot for a 3-gallon RotopaX, and a tire carrier that folds up so you can still access everything. They sell them for \$799.99 on their website. They also have a [YouTube video](#) of it in action.



Aaron Larson



There is a senior citizen driving on the highway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "Herman, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there is a madman driving the wrong way on Route 280!" Herman says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"



Another Local Business

This morning as I was checking Facebook, I ran across a post that was very interesting. There is a place called [UTV Mountain Accessories](#) that has some pretty interesting products, and on top of that, is based out of Orem Utah!

They make a universal roll cage clamp that you can use to mount pretty much anything to your roll cage. Right now they are on sale for \$29.99



What led me to this company was a post I saw on Facebook. They make a rear seat and roll cage that goes in\over the rear bed to allow you to carry two additional passengers as long as they are under 5' tall. Obviously, you wouldn't want anyone taller than that or their heads would stick up past the roll cages.

This would be an awesome product for Randy and Jeannette should their grandkids come up for the weekend and they want to take them riding. They want \$1,700 for it.



For you RZR people, they have the same thing for \$1,600.



They have some really nice front bucket seats for \$600 that will allow you to install a harness.



They also sell a front bench seat for \$800 which would allow someone to carry a small child, or your dog, with you.



Aaron Larson

For Sale

I have 2 brand new rims for sale. They have never been used. They're both "14 x 8" with a "+3 inch offset" & a "4/137" lug bolt pattern. Asking \$180.00 for the pair. Pictures attached. If interested contact me at dgwoods234@gmail.com.



For Sale

I have a brand-new set of Carlisle ACT 26x10x12 and 26x9x12 radial tires that I took off my Maverick Trail for sale. \$250 for the set.

Contact Aaron Larson. 312-4867



Thinking of You

We hope everyone dealing with the Covid-19 situation is doing well, and hope to see everyone in the not so distant future!

We would like to welcome Brian Watson as a new member of the club.

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)
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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 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: _____