

# 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 20, 2020, Horsethief Canyon, Arco Campout.**

## First Lady's Message

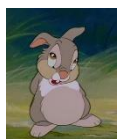
**H**ello Summer!! We are now in the summer solstice 2020. It's time to get out and ride and camp and enjoy the great outdoors. Take advantage of the longer days, more sunshine, and warmer temperatures. Remember to wear your protective sun gear, i.e. sunscreen, long sleeve shirts, and hats. We don't need ugly sunburns or skin cancer.



This last weekend MVATV Riders did just that. We held our campout and work event in the South Hills. About 20 plus members showed up to help brush and clear trails to improve rider safety and sight distances. We worked on Pike Trail, Kirkham Trail and Little Fork Trail. We accomplished a lot of work on Saturday. Thank you all for showing up and volunteering. Kent and I worked on the Little Fork trail. He brushed and I followed behind him lopping branches close to the trail. We talked about how these trails are multi-use trails and how many people do use them. While we were working, we had horsemen, hikers, single track riders, ATV riders, and UTV riders all come down the trail. Many stopped and commented on the work we were doing. We told them all the trails we were working on that day and the work we do with the forest service. Each one of these people complimented the

MVATV Riders for all they do. I was proud to say I am a member of this club and each one of you should praise yourself for also being a part of this club and all you contribute to the community. Great job!!

Lately it seems people are on edge with each other. I am sure it is from changes in our lives due to COVID-19. We have had to change the way we are accustomed to and how we have always done things in the past. However, we are all tough and resilient and can overcome the obstacles that are thrown at us. I had an incident happen to me the other day at Walmart in Jerome. I got out of my car, with a mask on and started walking towards the store. This man was walking towards me and as we got closer, he looked at me and said, "f\*\*\* you and your f\*\*\*ing mask." Wow!! Not what I thought I was going to encounter. I turned to give him a piece of my mind and caught myself before any words came out my mouth. I turned and kept walking towards the store. I felt good that I had not stooped to his level of behavior. Then it made me think of the movie Bambi and what Thumper said to Bambi. "If you can't say something nice, don't say nothin' at all." We all need to remember to say nice things to people. We don't know what is going on in their lives or what they have been through. Be the positive in someone else's day.



The topic of trail etiquette came up again the other day. While we were out for a ride we came across some debris in the trail. It was toilet paper right there in the middle of the trail. I was upset to think that someone had actually gone to the bathroom in the middle of the trail. It wasn't just one time seeing this type of debris on a trail, as we have seen it numerous times while riding. I don't understand why people have to go right there!! Get off the trail and away from the area in a discreet location to go. I also see quite a bit of toilet paper near the sights of old building and spots of interest. If possible, dig a hole and cover it up, or at least hide it the best you can.

We took a drive over to the hummingbird feeders on Sunday. A coworker of mine had told me there were two spots in the south hills. What?! Why hadn't I heard this before. So, we visited the main one, then took a walk down the trail that leads to the right. It had rained all night and morning, so the tree branches were heavy with water and we got quite wet on this trail. Low and behold, there is a second hummingbird feeder sight. There are chairs and a bench and plenty of feeders and little bird feeders at this one too. In the midst of everything, it was so peaceful to just stand and watch and listen to these tiny li'l birds feeding. If you are in the area, take a meander down the trail less traveled to the second spot. You won't be disappointed that you did.

Summertime riding is great. Something to remember though, is machine maintenance. After riding in the dust, and weeds and brush, take the time to clean out your machine when you get home. Take the air compressor and blow out all the debris in and on your machine. Check your air filter often, cleaning it out and replacing it if need be. It will help keep it running smoothly.

Thank you all for allowing me to come to you in the newsletter. I felt Kent needed a break from some things as his plate has been quite full lately, so I told him I would write the President's letter. I have enjoyed talking with each of you and hearing what is new in your life, sharing a recipe, showing a picture of your family, or just visiting with me. I hope to be able to appear on some more pages of the

newsletter. Until then, be safe, happy, and enjoy everything to the max!

Lorrie Oliver

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## Upcoming Rides

1. July 10-12 - Fairfield Work Weekend. More info to come.
2. Several other rides are in the works...
3. 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 day's 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

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## Fairfield Work Project

**F**airfield Ranger District, Sawtooth NF Work Projects and Ride Plus Campout

**Project Coordinator:** Kent Oliver 208-731-0089

**Dates:** Friday July 10 through Sunday July 12. (Potential workdays Friday and/or Saturday)

**Where:** Please join MVATV Riders for a weekend of Camping, Working, and Riding in the Fairfield Ranger District. We are trying to make arrangements to camp and stage at the north end of the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort.

Do you enjoy working in the mountains with friends, laughing and storytelling while you work? Now is a great time to get outdoors, do just that, and show the community we do more than just ride. This is the summer for the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders to finish our 100-hour commitment we made with the Fairfield Ranger District.

We will be working on projects for the Forest Service to make the trails more accessible to ALL riders. It is not all work and no play. I hope to begin on some of the projects Friday, time to be



determined, and finish on Saturday. We will be doing rides on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Finishing our projects is the number one goal for this weekend and with lots of participation will be successful.

Please check back to confirm where we are camping and staging for this event.

Kent Oliver, President



## Sublet – Thursday Ride Report

On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, we headed out to Mill Flat Campground for the first ever Sublet Campout. For those that are not aware, Sublet is on the East side of the freeway about eight miles past the Salt Lake I84/I86 junction.

The road to get there is paved for part of the way, and then gravel for about 16 miles. This spring, the county had not graded the road and it was full of potholes for nearly the entire way.

After those that arrived set up camp (Kris Larson, Aaron Larson, Ted and Carol MacNeil, Jerry Kriegh, Jerry and Nancy Duffy, Ron Mothershed, Stan and Pat Mai), we went on a short exploratory ride.

We found that the trails in the Sublet division are not in very good shape. We found that the trails are not marked very well either, with several trail markers in the wrong place directing people to actually ride on illegal trails. We found one trail that has had no use, and on the lower end the landowner had placed a “Keep Out” sign on his land.

During our exploring, we also did some trail maintenance on one part of the trail to make it safer to ride on.



After our short 17-mile exploratory ride, we went back to camp and had an enjoyable evening.

Aaron Larson

## Sublet – Friday Ride Report

On Friday morning seven machine and nine riders took off on an adventure. We departed camp and headed down the Sublet road to Farwell Road. Along the way, we saw little signs telling us to stay off private property and that it was also a hunting reserve. On the road, we saw several rattle snakes that had been run over by vehicles.

When we came to the Calder Creek Road, a county road, we found that they had placed the signs at the beginning of the road to make people think they could not go down the road. We went anyway. As we went up the road, we came to a dead-end road and I decided to take the group and check it out.

We found a really nice trail that lead up the side of the hill to a spot you could see the Raft River valley. After enjoying the view for a while, we headed back on our adventure and traveled up Fall Creek road. We saw several dry farm fields along the road, and then took another road and climbed a large hill and then back down to the road.

After coming to the end of Fall Creek, we went on a really nice BLM trail that then tied back into the forest. We had lunch here where everyone agreed that they really liked this trail.

After lunch, we headed up Howtz road, and saw several groups camped along the road. As we came to the top of the road, we headed down Green



Canyon. We encountered sheep. Thousands of sheep. After dealing with sheep in the road, along with their "sign," we decided to turn around, and head back up the canyon, which was a good thing.

When we came to the top of the road, we could see dark clouds gathering. We kicked it in gear and headed back to camp even though we were not done with our ride. After a riding for a bit, we felt rain drops dancing on our heads. I decided it would be good to put rain gear on, so we stopped and did so.

As we headed back, the infrequent rain drops turned into very frequent rain drops, and then a really good rainstorm.

As we pulled into camp, we found Dixie waiting for us with her canopy out. I stopped to visit, and then Ron arrived. He thought he would save some time, so he took a shower right there under Dixie's canopy. We were glad he left his clothes on for this one, but we are not sure how clean he got given he didn't use any soap....



After traveling for 47 miles, I took a short exploratory ride and found a truck stuck in the mud. Fortunately someone had already come to the rescue and I headed back to camp and we had an enjoyable evening around the campfire. Kris even made cobbler for his birthday.



Aaron Larson

## Sublet – Saturday Ride Report



On Saturday, the afore mentioned group, plus a few day riders (Dave Warren and Rusty Wilkinson) showed up and we headed out on the trail. I almost changed our planned route due to the wet trails but decided to continue as planned.

Amy drove the Maverick with me taking the navigator position for the day. We headed up the Indian Fork trail and once we crested the top, we headed down Line Canyon where we rode on the part of the trail we fixed several days before.

We stopped by an old cabin, and then continued on our journey and rode up the Mud Spring trail, and then down Antelope which gave us some spectacular views of the Malta area, as well as the top of Mt. Harrison.

We rode past Sublet Reservoir and found it full of campers, and then took a potty break at the Sublet Campground. We then headed up the South Fork Sublet road where we found it as green as everything else we had ridden the last few days.

As we came to a junction, I need to back up a little bit in our story. I decided to try a new system. I had a club flag and as we came to a junction, Amy or I would hold it out the window and the person behind us would stop at the junction to direct everyone behind them down the right path. It was working really well until we came to one spot where Stan and Pat were waiting patiently, but the rider behind them took a short cutoff and left Stan and Pat continuing to wait patiently for those behind them.

About a mile down the trail we took our lunch break, and after a minute, several riders realized that Stan and Pat were missing. We pondered for a few minutes if we should go look for them, or pretend that we didn't realize they were missing, but after a minute they both came down the road and found us. We learned a lesson to keep a better eye on our fellow riders and don't let Jerry and Nancy Duffy take short cuts 😊





After lunch, our adventure continued as we headed up and then down Black Pine A road. We left the forest and headed into BLM land. We rode up BLM trail 209 which is along the top of the mountain ridge kind of like Dad's Hump in the South Hills. We came to our break spot that offered a spectacular view of the Black Pine mountain and gold mine area, as well as the freeway.



We continued on our way, and after going down a road we hit another trail system that was colorful as could be with tons of flowers. After connecting to the frontage road, we headed up Juniper road where we took a break on Indian Spring. The break spot was a bit farther down the road than planned due to the sheep occupying my planned resting place.



After our break, our voyage continued up Cold Spring Canyon where we had our first, and only gate of the day. After crossing our earlier path, we

went up Sublet road and then ran up Ward Canyon to take another break in the lush green meadow.

After our rest, we headed back to camp where we completed a 71-mile jaunt through some very pretty country.

That evening we had another rainstorm or two, but we still had a nice fire. At the fire, Stan and Jerry reverted to their teenage years, and used the electric weed blower to play in the fire.



After an exhausting day, everyone enjoyed their nice warm beds.

Aaron Larson

## Sublet – Sunday Ride Report

Sunday morning rolled around, after everyone crawled out of bed, enjoyed some breakfast, and prepped their machines for the days voyage. Greg and Cheryl Roessler drove up for the day as well.

The day's route took us up the Summit Donkey road where we saw a logging operation going on. We had a good view of the canyon, and then headed over to the Sublet Ranger station where we explored the old building.



After our short stop, we headed up Station Fork road where we were again blessed with green hillsides and damp roads.





From here, we left the forest and headed toward State Highway 37 in order to make a loop back into the forest. After driving on some very well made county gravel roads, we headed into the Caribou-Targhee forest for a while, and then back into BLM land.

We had lunch at a very lovely meadow with tall grass on Wildhorse Spring Road.



We continued our journey and drove past the Sublet Campground and on our way to Hartley Canyon where one rider broke off from the group and headed back to camp. The rest of us wound our way down Upper Side Canyon where we found a small snow drift still on the side of the road!

We crossed a county road, and then up Hartley Canyon where we stopped and cut out several trees that were blocking our path.



Our service work complete, we headed back to camp via Sheep Canyon where we completed our 71-mile ride.



That evening Pat chopped firewood for us and we enjoyed another nice evening by the campfire before heading home Monday morning.

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the weekend. I look forward to hosting this camp and ride again in two years! Next year, I think we will be back to Big Cottonwood!

Aaron Larson

## Jackpot Ride Report

On June 12th, we lead a ride south of Jackpot. The four machines left the camping area and headed north through Jackpot and wound our way to a concrete bridge. We crossed the bridge and made a loop back to the camping area. We saw a couple pronghorn on this ride.

On June 13th, we headed out on our ride at 9:30 a.m. with 12 machines. We rode toward Gollahar Mountain, at our first rest stop Kris Larson's machine would not start so he jumped in with Rusty to enjoy the ride. The weather was quite cold and windy. We didn't do our regular stop at the top of Gollahar Mountain due to the high winds. We meandered through the hills and spotted several deer and pronghorn. At the end of the ride, we went back to get Kris' machine started and headed back to the camping area. At 7:00 p.m., we enjoyed a dessert potluck.

On June 14th, 7 machines headed out on a short ride so everyone could load up to leave. Fun was had by all!!





Brad and Linda Stimpson

## ATV Safety Laws

**H**i, we are from the Government, we are here to **help** you! As you all know, this sentence usually causes most Americans (the smart ones anyway) to roll their eyes and dig out the bucket of hot tar and a big bag of feathers (well, in the good old days we used to be able to do that....) and solve that little problem pretty quickly.

For those that are not aware, in Australia, as of October 2021, all ATV's must have one of the following anti-rollover devices installed on them.

A quick search shows that Honda, Polaris and Yamaha have either threatened to quit selling utility ATV's in Australia due to the new law, or actually plan on withdrawing from the market.

Hopefully, we don't have anyone here get this bright idea and want us to do it as well.

Aaron Larson





## Arco – Thursday

On Thursday, June 18th, a number of us headed to Arco for our camp and ride. After an early lunch break at the Snack Bar, most of us met at the LDS church in Richfield before heading to Arco. Gary Aufderheide had some bad luck and had a trailer tire disintegrate on him (he also had one do the same thing on the way home as well!).

As we sat around that night, we were trying to decide where to ride Friday since nothing was set in stone. Jerry and Nancy Duffy volunteered to take us on a ride. However, it took several hours of debate to finally decide where to go since there is so much good riding to choose from!



Aaron Larson

Q: What did Polly the parrot want for the 4th of July?

A: A fire cracker

## Arco – Friday

On Friday morning, Jerry and Nancy Duffy, and the rest of us loaded our machines up and trailered them to the Copper Basin area. We unloaded at Antelope Campground and went to explore the Right Fork Iron Bog road.

We found this road to be more closely related to a jeep trail than a road, so it was lots of fun! We came to the top at the Brockie Lake Trailhead where we took a snack break.



After our snack, we headed down the trail and stopped at a tree stump and took some photos. As you can tell, it is a pretty big tree stump.







We then headed over for the Left Fork Iron Bog road where we had our lunch break at the end of the road.



After lunch, we headed back to the parking area, and then up Copper Basin Road. As we traveled up the road, we encountered a deer that, well, just plain didn't care that we were there. She stood on the side of the road eating her lunch while we parked about 25 feet away from her. After lots of photos, she finally went up the hill so we could continue our journey.



At the top of the mountain, we took a break, and had another group photo opportunity before heading back down the mountain. As usual, Amy took a nap on the trail. She reminds me of a much younger rider that is in the club like likes to take naps on the trail as well 😊



After a 56-mile ride, we returned to our parking area, loaded up and headed back to camp.

That evening we had an enjoyable night visiting with friends.

Aaron Larson

## Arco – Saturday Ride Report

Aaron and Amy led the ride, with the ride leaders "leading from behind." There were 12 machines and 19 riders ready to explore the area. We traveled to Wood Canyon and then we took a trail to the top of Howe's peak.

From there we rode to Jump Off Peak, an area the hang gliders frequent to fly like eagles and enjoy the breath-taking scenery below. We had lunch on top of Jump Off Peak and continued our ride on trail 559. We came upon riders from Pocatello club during their lunch break and were



thankful we did not encounter them 20 minutes later.



The trail we were on took us to a steep, open hillside, with no pullover spots. We continued to an old rancher's cabin for a break, I heard one person say "they had lost one of their "pajeezes" coming down that trail".



At the cabin, the group gathered up for a photo. We tried a trail that had not been traveled and had to turn around. Unbeknownst to us, we moved a herd of elk and later encountered them while they were on the move.

We arrived back at camp after a full day of riding and enjoying the fun trails. Unfortunately, we did not encounter any wildlife, except for the elk. Estimated miles: 68.



Linda Laudert

Q: What did one firecracker say to the other firecracker?

A: My pop's bigger than your pop.



Q: What was the most popular dance in 1776?

A: Independence.



## Arco – Sunday Ride Report

Big Southern Butte

a.k.a. "Riding through the big ugly to get to the top" (Linda Laudert's title)



On Sunday June 21, 2020 (Father's Day) 3 ATV's and 4 side by sides took off from their campsite in Arco, Idaho at about 9:20 a.m. They made the long ride through the dusty desert to a famous Idaho Landmark known as Big Southern Butte, or sometimes just the Big Butte. Only one thing slowed the riders down as they followed the path proposed by ride leader Aaron Larson. They crossed a cattle guard and saw a small yellow sign which read, "Road Closed Except for Authorized Personnel." Since the riders had no authorization from anyone but themselves, they opted to take an alternate route. Upon further review, Aaron discovered that the sign was posted at the edge of Department of Energy property. Therefore, the riders made a wise decision and avoided any incidents with INL security teams or black helicopters!





The riders continued on their way and eventually arrived at the base of the large landmark at 11:14 a.m. A sign there read, "Big Butte National Natural Landmark," and, among other things, said "The butte has been registered as a National Natural Landmark. To help assure preservation of its significant geological and other natural resource values, vehicles must stay on designated roads."

According to the book *Geology Underfoot in Southern Idaho* by CSI Geology Professor Shawn Willsey, (a read highly recommended by the author of this article) Big Southern Butte is a lava dome formed approximately 300,000 years ago when "an intrusion of rhyolitic magma pushed its way upward through basalt flows" of the Snake River Plain. "As the extrusion of rhyolitic lava continued, the lava dome grew wider, taller, and steeper and its flank periodically collapsed." Today, Big Southern Butte rises "2400 feet above the desolate plain and has a diameter of about 4 miles." According to calculations made by the author of this article using the equation for the circumference of a circle- $2\pi r$ -it is about 12 miles around the base of Big Southern Butte!

That's it for the science, now back to the ride report..The riders embarked on the sometimes steep, and often rocky, climb to the top of Big Southern Butte. Beautiful wildflowers and green desert plants covered the steep slopes. The blue-purple penstemon and lupine were especially attractive. The road soon reached a saddle in the mid-section of the butte and the group took the right fork in the road first. More climbing took them to the southwestern side of the butte-a lookout from which hang gliders occasionally launch. The sign on the butte said, "Attention Hang Glider Pilots: Big Southern Butte is an advanced and potentially hazardous hang-gliding site. Know your capabilities, existing weather conditions, and play it safe." Surprisingly, not a single rider mentioned anything

about wanting to go hang gliding off Big Southern Butte in the future.



The riders were, however, interested in lunch! They found a nice spot in the sun where they were sheltered from the wind by some trees. They enjoyed lunch there along with a brief geology lesson about the butte (just like in this article). After lunch, most riders drove to the summit of Big Southern Butte where the trail ended at a small parking area with a low rock wall & a rock fireplace! The riders walked around enjoying the view and taking photos. They even used the timer on Aaron Larson's iPhone to take a group picture! And, it only took 2 tries to get it to work!



The riders continued to enjoy the scenery as they slowly descended from the giant lava dome. According to *Geology Underfoot in Southern Idaho*, "The instability of their overly steep slopes and repeated collapses tend to keep the height of lava domes in check. They seldom exceed 1,500 feet. The tremendous height and girth of Big Southern Butte make it a rarity." (Oops, just slipped in a little more science there, sorry 😊.) After reaching the bottom of the butte, on the north side, the riders took a right and drove clockwise about three



quarters of the way around the butte. Then they took off on the desert roads and headed for Arco. Sightings on the desert portion of the ride included 4 antelopes, including one that almost took out ATV rider Ted McNeil! (You will have to talk to him for details.) The riders also observed A LOT of bovine wildlife (a.k.a. cows) watering stations, a large study area surrounded by electric fence, dust, wind, and wildflowers. The riders pulled into their campsite at 3:21 p.m. Total miles for the ride: 86.7 miles. The general opinion was that the 'on the butte' portion of the ride was fabulous, but the desert portion wasn't as great, and it was a bit long. Maybe next time we visit the awe-inspiring Big Southern Butte, we will start the ride in Atomic City instead of Arco.

Amy Larson

## Arco Afterthoughts

We had a good turnout of campers. We enjoyed our Friday ride on Antelope Creek and saw Copper Basin. It was all beautiful with wildflowers galore!

Saturday's ride was beautiful with eleven machines and had lunch at the top of Howe Peak. As we rode down the other side, we passed several SxS from Idaho Falls, and coming back we even saw some elk! We enjoyed our evening at Honey's.

Sunday's ride to the top of Big Southern Butte we could see all over from the top.

Thanks to Linda Laudert for organizing this trip to Arco, we all had a great time!

Dixie Best

## Work Weekend Ride Report

On Thursday morning several of us headed up to grab a spot at FS Flats (which was successful). That evening a few of us took a short 20-mile ride up Trail Canyon, Third Fork, Buttars Spring, and then High Loop. That evening we all visited and had a good time together.

Friday we (three ATV's and 4 SxS's) headed out on a 58-mile loop down into Nevada and back. The route we took was the reverse of a ride I had led

last fall so I will not go into great detail, but here are some of the highlights.

We went up Jones Creek, up Trout Creek, and then down into Nevada. We headed up a road on private property and was visited by the rancher kids, then back to Idaho and up the Deadline ATV trail where Kent's machine decided it needed an extra break. Kent also got a phone call from the Forest Service about the Saturday workday. We found that one section that was off camber is a user created path and not the official trail, so we are not going to bring the trail cat to fix it. We also learned that another section of the trail is not evident enough and people are again riding on a user created section. This will be fixed with some signs.



We then hit the Winecup road and Winecup Spring trail, and then down into FS Spring to check out the work the beavers have been putting into the creek. We stopped and with some slight digging, helped divert the water from their dam off the trail a little better.





That evening we hung out and had an enjoyable evening. We also helped rescue a family. Their truck decided to leak all the ATF fluid out right at the FS Flats junction. Kent pulled their truck into camp, and then went and got their trailer and pulled it into camp for them.

Saturday was our workday, and that will be described in another article.

Sunday, we awoke to overcast skies, and after much debate, several of us decided to go for a short two mile ride. After that we decided to go a little farther. When we got to the top of Pike, the clouds decided to let a little more moisture out, so we headed back to camp where several of us packed up and headed back home.

Two groups decided to stay until Monday morning and awoke to a small amount of snow.

Thanks to everyone who went riding this weekend.

Aaron Larson



## Work Weekend – Work Report

**O**n Saturday morning we prepped for the day's work. Dixie bought Gatorade, cheese sticks, Rice Crispy Treats, and a granola bar for everyone. We had clippers, hedge trimmers, and assorted tools as well.

After a brief meeting, we broke up into two groups. Aaron led one group, and Stan led the other. Aaron's group was responsible for the Kirkham Connector and consisted of Aaron and Amy Larson, Lee Heinzelman, Glen Duggan, Bill Moore, Dave Warren, Dave Mayer, Rob and Lola Hendrickson, and Randy and Jeanette Graham.

This group worked from 9:00 a.m. until a little after noon trimming the trail. It looked really nice when it was completed.



After lunch, we headed over to help the other group.

The starting point for Stan's group was the Diamond Field day use parking area. There we met up with our unofficial trail guide, a Bull Moose waiting at the trailhead pointed us in the right direction. Part of us started at the bottom of the trail heading up, the rest of the group went to the first junction and headed down. We trimmed brush from the sides of the trail, concentrating on the corners to improve visibility when meeting other riders.

We then headed toward Pike mountain to do brushing on that trail. After having lunch under the pine trees, we started working down the trail to Porcupine campground. We met up with Aarons group to finish up the trail. We did have one minor incident; we had a roll over. Mel Quale started to sit down on a borrowed chair at lunch and it rolled him off and over and over. It was a beautiful day and felt good to get out and make our trails better.





After we were done, we headed back to camp for a short break before several of us headed over to Jones Creek to take care of a wayward tree. Amy loaded Lola into the Maverick for this part of the journey.



After blocking the trail for safety, we took care of the tree (which took longer than expected), and then stopped at "The View" and then back to camp.

We would like to thank EVERYONE that helped in any way. We estimate that we spent 121 hours helping to make our trails nicer to ride on.

We encourage everyone to do what they can while riding. If you see a branch sticking out into the trail, cut it off. If you see garbage, pick it up. If you see something major let Aaron know and we will see what the club can do about it, or what the Forest Service can do about it.

Aaron Larson and Stan Mai

### Road Signs

One of your club members had been heading up a project to install road and trail markers. If you are in the forest and notice that one is missing at any intersection, please make a note of it and let Aaron Larson know and he will pass the information along this this person.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July

We hope everyone has a safe, and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July with your friends and family. Also, don't forget the sacrifice that went into allowing us to have this holiday!

## Lost and Found



## For Sale

2009 Can-Am two up 650 ATV. Great shape. Has about 3,200 miles on it. Brand new tires and comes with the storage box, gas can, and a winch. Asking about \$4,500.



Call Gary Aufdereide at 208-731-4109

## For Sale

Zeman trailer that will fit two ATV's or two snowmobiles. Asking \$1,100



Call Gary Aufdereide at 208-731-4109



## 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.



## Thinking of You

Roger Eldridge - Surgery

## Membership Dues!

Dues are \$20 for a single person and \$25 for a family.

Please mail your payment to PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303, bring your payment to the next meeting, or [pay online](#). Debit & credit cards accepted. [Click here](#) to download an application.

Linda Stimpson

## Flags

If you would like to buy a brand-new orange MVATVR flag for your ATV/UTV, there are still a few available. They are \$20 each.



We also have American flags printed on the same material the club flags are printed on. They are also \$20 each.

Call Brad Stimpson (208-308-8526) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_