

Magic Valley ATV Riders

August 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.

President & First Lady's Message

Here we are in the depths of summer! Gardens are producing (some are receiving zucchini on their doorsteps), we are roasting marshmallows over campfires, slapping mosquitos, and enjoying the outdoors. There is no place better than Idaho to enjoy all these things. If you have been out and about, please send us a photo. We would love to see the places you all have been visiting. Maybe it's your backyard, or some new place you went exploring. We want to hear where and what you have all been doing.



The MVATV Riders attended a work campout on July 10th-July 12th in the Fairfield Ranger District. We want to give a GREAT BIG thank you to the members who showed up and worked on the trails and the bridge. We watched the members head down the trail and the movie Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs came to mind. Not that we are dwarfs, but it was the spirit of the workers heading out that made me think of the movie. Lorrie sang her own version... Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's down the trail we go. With tools in hand and game plans on, Hi Ho, Hi Ho.

Members of the Fairfield Ranger District also came out and visited with us at our safety briefing prior to the work. It was good to meet the new District Ranger, Marty Gmelin and get a background of his journey from upstate New York to Fairfield, Idaho. Jennifer Stevenson spoke to us and is very appreciative of the work we provided. A big thank you to the two trail rangers that worked on the trails with us Saturday. A work crew headed over and did a seal coat on the bridge. This bridge was built by our club in 2016. It was good to see it was still standing and in good shape. Other members cleaned up trail 631 by trimming back brush, low lying branches, and tree limbs hanging out into the trail. The weather was hot and the bugs were biting, however you, the members, gave it your all to make this work detail a success.

On Friday before the work detail, eight of us went exploring the trails. We had heard Stan talk about Carrietown but didn't know where exactly this was. So we did some map searching and found it. Lorrie tried to find out information on it prior to the campout, but not knowing how it was spelled made it difficult. We all walked around exploring the sight and started guessing and speculating how and why things were there. I really liked the one idea that the bigger building was probably built after the guy married to keep the new wife happy. The little building next to it had fallen in and it probably

just wasn't big enough. The bigger building was probably a very nice place back in that era. We all loved the bicycle hanging between the two trees. Again, the stories we all came up with as to why it was there. Maybe the mother told the child if you don't stop riding that bike through here, she would hang it in the tree. Well there it was...hanging in the tree. If only these old townsites could talk, the stories they would tell. Please read Lorrie's article on Carrietown in this newsletter. She was able to find some history and facts about the town and mine. After riding and exploring, and fixing a broken-down machine, we all enjoyed some yummy ice cream in Fairfield before returning to our camp.

Lorrie and I want to thank all of you who ventured out to help on these work weekends. If it were not for your selflessness and desire to keep our trails open to all users, the work we accomplished would not be possible.

Summer is passing by rather quickly. We can't believe it is approaching August already. Get out and enjoy the nice weather while you can. Go camping, a day ride, explore a new area, anything to get out and enjoy the summertime sun. It won't be long before we start grumbling about the cold weather and slick roads. Stay healthy and be safe.

Kent and Lorrie Oliver

Carrietown Facts

After exploring Carrietown while on our Fairfield Campout and work detail, I wanted to find out more about it. With the help of the Idaho Historical Society, I was able to obtain some information.

In reading Carrie Huston Leonard's obituary, she was the daughter of the late Judge Huston. Judge Huston was one of the early federal judges of the territory. Carrie was a matron at the Albion Normal School for a time. Soon after she moved to Boise in the late 1870's, she and Emmett Leonard were married. I was told by several people that the mine was named after her and Carrie Creek and Carrietown were both named for the Carrie Leonard mine.

In an article published July 30, 1885, it described the Carrie Leonard mine as the best opened mine in the Little Smokey District. They reported there was plenty of ore in sight. It was discovered all the tunnels and shafts were in ore bodies. Regular shipments to the Ketchum smelter of Carrie Leonard ore was being made. At the time this article was published, there was some 26 tons of \$300 ore on the dump ready to be shipped and many tons of \$75.

August 26, 190, an article talked about the Dollarhide Company building a mill at its Carrie Leonard group of mines. The management intended to have it completed before the snow fell. By building this mill it would permit the ore and concentrates to be shipped all winter. The road down Carrie Creek, up Little Smokey and down Willow Creek into Hailey could be kept open all year.

July 17, 1907, an article stated important developments had been made at the Carrie Leonard mine. During the winter of 1906, a small group of men were hired to do some work to reach the lead beyond a fault. This work was done under the supervision of C.C. Ruthrauff, who had taken over as manager. The group of men found lead beyond the fault and 175 feet on the ore shoot. The ore shoot was over 34 feet thick. The ore was good quality, with it running from 50 to 77 ounces of silver.



I was not able to find details of the town sight itself, as to how many people lived and worked there. Information was scarce and some articles were not able to be pulled to read. Overall, it is kind of fun to learn about a place that once in time thrived and we were able to explore it.

Lorrie Oliver

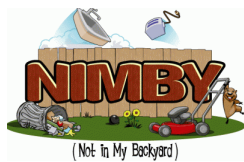
Public Lands

I have often mentioned the reason this club was formed was to have a voice in land management decisions. Within the next month the club, and its members will have a chance to make a difference. The Shoshone BLM Office has announced they are

preparing to make changes to OHV travel and camping in the Wood River Valley Area. We have commented on this before, but it is imperative that we take this opportunity to let the BLM know that we care and are willing to do what it takes to see this area become a viable OHV use area.

The area we are most concerned with is the Stanton's Crossing area and North and West to Sawtooth National Forest, and the area east of Hailey. There are several routes that if managed correctly, would improve loop opportunities if both the BLM and Forest Service are on the same page. We will be sending out details on what the concerns are and our recommendations. Please take few minutes and send comments to the BLM.

It is well known this is a non-motorized hot bed and the "Not in my backyard" folks will be out in force on this one. Watch your emails and be ready to comment. If you have ever visited this area and have personal knowledge please, include that in your comments.



We will be up against the big powerful, well-funded groups with paid staff many of whom would love nothing better than see OHV use disappear in this area. More details to follow. Be ready.

On another note, a big thanks to Rob Hendrickson, and Randy and Jeanette Graham for their help in putting up the carsonite trail signs in the Snake River Canyons Park.

Stan Mai

Upcoming Rides & Events

1. Sept 9 – Club Picnic
2. Sept 12 – Snake River Canyon Park cleanup
3. Sept 25-27 – South Hills Work and Ride
4. Oct 16-18 – Fall Color Campout and Ride
5. Several other rides are in the works...
6. 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

Club Picnic

As of right now, we are planning to hold the club picnic on September 9th at the Kimberly Park.



If the State of Idaho, Twin Falls County, or the City of Kimberly require that we not hold the event due to government regulations, it will be canceled.

There will be more to come on this in the September newsletter, but here are a few highlights.

The club will provide ALL the food. We will ask that if you are sick or have health issues that make you especially susceptible to illness, to please stay home. Everyone should social distance and wear a mask if possible.

Board of Directors

New Members

We would like to welcome Wendy Hanger and John Holland as a new members of the club!

Linda Stimpson

Thinking of You

Roger and Rhonda Eldridge, Mel Quale, Linda Reese, and Dave Burgoyne.

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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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: _____