

Magic Valley ATV Riders

September 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.

FirstLady's Message

Here it is the first of September. I think summer passed us by in the fast lane while we were out driving in the slow lane. Don't know how it got by us so fast. Now school is in session, some fall canning is going on, and the weather is starting to whisper cooler air in. It won't be long before fall weather is upon on us. There is still time to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

The warm days and cool evenings make fall my favorite time of year. I love going for rides in the south hills where there are stands of Aspen trees and they are adorning their golden gowns. I like to ride through the golden carpeted trails of leaves and take in all the beauty there is. I enjoy having a fire in our fireplace on cool evenings, snuggled up with a warm soft afghan. These are all things I am looking forward to.

I hope you all have been out enjoying the great outdoors of Idaho. Kent and I have taken some adventures to new places and explored new trails. We spent a weekend in Leadore and Gilmore exploring the old mines and ghost towns. We rode to tops of mountains, and down steep trails, we examined old cabins and walked around old mines and towns. If we stood still for a moment, we could almost hear the miners at work. We didn't get to go to all the places we had planned to go due to a



mechanical issue with our RZR. We had to cut our ride short and resort to exploring in our pickup. At the time of this newsletter we are in the Spencer area north of Idaho Falls exploring it to see what it all has to offer. Our first day riding we rode to the continental divide between Montana and Idaho. There is a lot of rugged beautiful country to be seen. There are a couple of ghost towns we will explore too. Can't wait to see where the next twist and turn and fork in the road takes us.

So, you may be asking what the MVATVR board has been up to while we have all been separated because of Covid. They have been monitoring the guidelines on what we can and cannot do. They have been planning the summer picnic and adjusting it so we all can still attend and be safe. We all saw the devastating fire in the Fairfield area. We checked on the area where we did our work detail and that area was not touched by the fire. Aaron is still taking input for rides and getting members notified when one comes up. Kent and Rob Hendrickson have been doing repairs to each of their RZRs getting ready to hit the trails again. I think I saw something about Aaron getting a new ride to cut grass??? The board is doing what they can to keep our club up to date during this Covid pandemic. If any of you have ideas, want to lead a ride, submit an article, or just to say hi, please contact a board member.

So, while we are all still adjusting to new ways of life with this Covid, find something you enjoy doing. Maybe it's reading a good book, gardening, taking a walk, watching television, cooking a new recipe, or whatever brings you joy...DO IT!! Don't let this pandemic get you down. WE are all tougher than it is and I am hoping it won't be long until we can all get back together. I can't wait to hear what you all have been up to. Until next time, be safe and get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Kent and Lorrie Oliver

Upcoming Rides & Events

1. Sept 9 – Club Picnic
2. Sept 11-13 – Jarbidge (Yes, again!)
3. Sept 12 – Snake River Canyon Park cleanup
4. Sept 25-27 – South Hills Work and Ride
5. Oct 2-4 – Roseworth Camp and Ride
6. Oct 14 – Possible club meeting (tbd)
7. Oct 16-18 – Fall Color Campout and Ride
8. Several other rides are in the works...
9. 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

Snake River Canyons Park Cleanup

Saturday, September 12 we will be working with the Southern Idaho Off Road Association, Snake River Canyons Park Board, and other folks to clean up trash that has accumulated over the past year. We will be concentrating on the BLM lands leased by Jerome County and is now the Snake River Canyons Park.

Start time is 8:00 AM. It will probably take until early afternoon to finish the projects. Do not feel that you have to stay the whole time; whatever you can do will be appreciated. Pizza will be furnished for lunch at noon.

Drive north of the Perrine Bridge on US 93 to the traffic light at Golf Course Road. At the stop light, turn east towards Devil's Corral and Shoshone Falls. We will be at the first parking area as you turn off Hwy. 93.

All participants must wear long pants, have leather gloves, no open toed shoes, and be over 16 years of age.

Things that have proven valuable during past clean ups include, but not limited to, bucket, shovel, rakes (both leaf and metal), and small tarps.

YES, there is a lot of trash! It is very important that we show the public that we care enough about this area to spend a day cleaning up. This is a very popular OHV use area and the closest riding area to Twin Falls. We will concentrate on the BLM lands, but still clean the area on Idaho Department of Lands that borders the main access road to the area. The Jerome County Commissioners and BLM personnel will be on hand to assist. The BLM will furnish garbage bags. Loaders will be on site to load trash into the big dumpsters.



There will be large loaders and dump trucks available. If you have a dump truck that you would like to bring, that would be great. You can bring your ATV that would be helpful, but is not required. If you have a trailer to pull behind your ATV, that too would be helpful in transporting trash to the loaders. Please plan for any kind of weather. Bring water, sunscreen, and rain gear.

Bring your smile. There is a good possibility the news media will be there so let us have a good turnout. In the past, we have had the most participants and it would be great if it happened again. It is important that we participate to help make this a great OHV open use area, one that all users can enjoy.

MVATVR Member Appreciation

When?

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020
Social Hour: 5:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.



Where?

Kimberly City Park
Intersection of Madison and
Birch streets

Dinner:

MVATVR will be furnishing **ALL** of the food! We will have sandwiches*, potato salad, chips, and cookies. Items will be made at local food establishments and will be individually wrapped or will be served by board members that will wear gloves and masks. *For safety sake, please bring your own toppings such as lettuce\onion\tomatoes\pickles for sandwiches if you like.

What to Bring:

Please bring a beverage of your choice (no alcohol please!). We will also have small bottles of water if you forget to bring your own beverage. Also, bring your favorite lawn chair!

Prizes!

A \$50 and a \$25 gift card from each of our four local dealers!



We sincerely hope all of you can attend our annual picnic. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, and have a great meal. Invite a friend! If you have any questions please contact Dixie Best at 308-6418.



Please note that Kimberly does not allow pets in their park. Therefore, please leave your pet dog\cat\fish home while you attend the picnic.



South Hills Work and Ride

We will once again do some service work in the South Hills. Technically it is Public Lands Day. However, since the COVID-19 situation, and the lack of a having a permanent replacement for Allison at the Forest Service, we will probably be doing this one on our own.

Tentatively, we plan on working on Saturday September 26th, and camping from sometime earlier in the week until at least Sunday.

The 865\Goose Creek Trail is getting very overgrown in several sections and we plan on brushing out the bad spots.

Everything from the bridge on 912 through 139, 253, and 254 are also getting very overgrown and several corners are impossible to see around

Our goal on this 5ish mile section is to try and get the really bad sections brushed out and then do some more work on it in the spring if necessary.

Please bring hedge trimmers if you have them. Otherwise, bring the usual loppers, gloves, etc.

We will probably have snacks and drinks like we had for the spring cleanup, and we will probably have some sort of a get-together on Saturday night for those that are camping.

We will have a ride planning for Sunday, and depending on who shows up earlier in the week, there will be other rides you will be able to participate in.

As we get closer, we will have more information. Until then, please plan on helping as many hands make light work.

Aaron Larson

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

Snow

On the morning of August 29 a small group of riders discovered that the South Hills received its first snow fall of the year when they arrived to go on a day ride. Winter is on its way everyone!

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: _____