Magic Valley ATV Riders





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.

Presidents Message

want to thank Lorrie for stepping in and giving everyone refreshing articles to read and enjoy. I know I have genuinely enjoyed watching her excitement as she puts her experiences and encouragement into great words.

This year has been challenging for everyone and especially the MVATVR Board of Directors. We have labored over the ever-changing stages of the COVID-19 restrictions. We have tried to tailor events accordingly



and, in many cases, we had to cancel events. Even when we thought we had figured out a way to complete our work projects the rules changed, and we got shut down.

In July, we were able to do our work project in the Fairfield Ranger District. I appreciated the turn out and the work we got done. The crew cleared trails across the Soldier Mountain front and put sealer on the bridge we helped install several years ago. Shortly after our projects were completed a wildland fire impacted the area. I was fearful that all the hard work we did would, literally, go up in smoke. But favorable winds pushed the fire Northeast away from where we worked. The weekend was not just for working as some members got to do some riding and enjoying the area. If you

missed it, Lorrie did a great article in the August Newsletter about Carrietown, one of the ride destinations.

Now on to more depressing news, sorry. The Badger Fire in the Cassia Ranger District has impacted over 89,000 acres of which impacted a large percentage of the 50-inch or less trails. To what extent we do not know for sure. However, we know the fire is spending a lot time in the Third-Fork and its tributaries. Once we can get into the area with the Forest Service and Magic Valley Trail Machine Association, a complete assessment will be made.

We are fearful the true impact will come with the spring runoff. I am sure, some trails will be closed until repairs can be made. We plan to work with the trail machine association to ensure ALL TRAILS WILL BE REOPENED! I anticipate it will take the collective work from all our clubs and the public to help get the tasks completed in the coming year(s). Our hope is the spring runoff is slow as to minimize any significant impact, so the spring and summer months can get new vegetation growing again to stabilize the soil. Please be mindful of all closures and the sensitive soil conditions.

We are planning to go ahead with the upcoming campouts and rides. Please check the calendar and watch your emails for updates.

Kent Oliver - President



When?

Weds. October 14, 2020

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.



POWERSPORTS

How to Get There: 111 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho 83318 - 208.243.8814. Get off at exit 208 in Burley, turn South and continue for about 1 mile. After you cross the river, you will need to make an immediate left (east) turn-as soon as you get off the bridge. They are located in the old John Deere dealership building next to the new John Deer dealership.



What to Bring: Your favorite lawn chair, and a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice if you want something other than what they may have for us that night.

Agenda: We hope to have someone from the Sawtooth National Forest come and talk to us about the fire. We will also have our regular topics as well.

RSVP: To assist them with their catering service, we ask that you RSVP like we did for the picnic. Click here to fill out a Google Form to let us know how many in your party expect to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks! We would also like to thank Young Powersports for donating an extra \$50 gift certificate for the picnic!

First Ladies Message

ctober is here! Time to get your pumpkin on! It seems like everything is now pumpkin related. Pumpkin spice coffee, pumpkin ice Cream Blizzards, pumpkin décor and carving Jack-O-Lanterns. October brings in so many changes to this time of the year. The cool fall air is whispering across your face and down your neck. It's smelling the musty decaying leaves in the forest as we drive over the leaf carpeted trails. The trees are dressing in new gowns of color getting ready for their last curtain call of the season. It's wearing a fuzzy warm sweater or jacket in the mornings and maybe even turning your heater on in your car or house. Celebrating Octoberfest and all the great German tasting food is definitely a favorite too. I love to drive through Ellensburg, Washington during October and take in all the German festivities that go on there.

As you have all seen and read about the fire in the south hills, we recently took a ride up on Deadline from the west and walked over to look out over the area. I was saddened that the fire has caused such devastation to our land. I was happy though to see patches of green amongst the burned hillsides. It is going to take time to heal the land and get vegetation growing again. I understand we all want to get back out and ride our favorite trails, however we need to respect and obey the orders to stay out of the area. There are still fires burning and dangerous situations with falling trees and rocks and such. So, let's do our part and assist the firefighters by staying away. There have been lots of pictures posted of the areas that portray the fire damage.

While we are on the topic of firefighters, our club donated cases of Gatorade and sports drinks, protein bars, and wet wipes to the Rock Creek fire department. The call went out that they were in need of drinks and snacks and the people of our community filled that request and then some. They were overwhelmed with the response and their fire truck bay was filled with these items. We wanted them to know our MVATVR club was here for them if they needed anything. We passed along our words of thanks and appreciation to them all. They did say if people wanted to donate, they could do so

to the Wildlands Firefighter Association: https:/wff.givecloud.co/products/DONATE-QUICK/donate today.



Speaking of riding, Kent and I went out exploring for his year end 100-mile ride that will be coming up. Read about his ride in this newsletter and watch your emails for more information. We rode all over and then some. We went this way then that way, turned around and back tracked and I swear we rode down the same trail several times. I felt like he was searching for the Northwest Passage without the water. Towards the end of our ride, we came across a slithery snake on the trail. That snake thought he was the king of that area and took his sweet time crossing the road. Just so you all know I HATE SNAKES!! He finally got across the road and we got on our way. After 95 miles we called it a day. We still have some mapping to do to get this ride figured out.

Lorrie Oliver

Elections

t our November club meeting we will hold our annual election of the board members.
............ All the current board members will be on the ballots. Anyone else who wishes to have their name on the ballot will need to contact Kent Oliver 208-731-0089 or mvatvriders@outlook.com



Huge Thank You!



As we were buying things at Costco to donate to the fire fighters, the manager at Costco gave us \$100 worth of gift cards to help purchase items. We appreciate their willingness to help our community!

Special Request

orrie Oliver was recently contacted by a member asking her to do an article for the November Newsletter, honoring all of our veterans. This is going to take some assistance from all of you who are veterans. If each of you would contact her with your information, she would so appreciate it. What she is looking for is: Name and rank, years served/deployment years, branch of military, and your specific job title/duty. Please share this request with as many club members as we can. She does not want to miss anyone. She will need this information no later than October 25th, 2020. Please call Lorrie at 208-731-2290 or send her an email kentlorrie84@msn.com.

Lorrie Oliver

Tentative Club Meeting Schedule

Nov 11 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin Falls

Dec 9 – Idaho Pizza Co (informal get together)

Jan 16 – Club banquet\Twin Falls Reformed Church

Feb 10 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin

Mar 10 – Probably at Adventure Motorsports\Twin

Apr 14 – Probably at Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin

May 12 – Probably at Let's Ride\Burley

At a regular club meeting, dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Meetings usually conclude at 8:00 PM.

Picnic

We would like to thank everyone for attending the picnic last month. We had approximately 65 folks in attendance.

Due to Covid-19, we were not sure how many would attend, so I made a few visits with club members and most said that they still wanted to go, so go we did!

Thanks to Dixie for making arrangements for the meal. With Covid, we tried to make it as "hands free" as possible. I enjoyed the sandwiches, potato salad, and all the rest.

It was a lot of fun hanging out with everyone, even though we didn't get a lot of time to visit since we were helping with the food.

With luck, we can be back to our normal next summer and enjoy some fresh grilled burgers.

Thank you to everyone that came, and hope to see you all on the trails soon.



Board of Directors



Snake River Canyons Park Clean UP

n Saturday, September 12th, members of Southern Idaho Off-Road Association, and the Snake River Canyons Park Board joined forces to pick up trash in the snake river canyons park. We all spent four hours in various spots picking up trash and debris. Some items we hauled off were a refrigerator, a bed mattress, lots of articles of clothing, lots of spent shells, a K&N air filter that must have fallen off its machine, and general trash items. In the short time we spent cleaning, I feel we made a big difference on the area. The numbers of volunteers were a little disappointing this year. Thank you to Pat and Stan Mai, Gary Aufderheide, Ted MacNeil, and Kent and Lorrie Oliver who came out and spent time on this effort.

Lorrie Oliver



Southern Idaho Lights and Lasers Show:

Recently we partnered with Southern Idaho Tourism and assisted them with the 2020 Lights and Laser show at Canyon Springs Golf Course. A BIG thank you to Ted and Carol MacNeil, Kathy and Marvin Barnes, and Kent and Lorrie Oliver for stepping up and volunteering. We drove the tractor and trolley to shuttle people from the drop off location to the Club House and back. We visited and laughed with all the people who got the opportunity to ride with us. Our tractor drivers learned how

much tractors have changed from their days out on the farm. We all were invited to stay and watch the show which we did, and a fun night was had by all! Saturday Night's event was a sold-out crowd. Marvin and Kathy experienced several traffic jams and had to park the shuttle earlier than planned. Melissa with Southern Idaho Tourism was so grateful for the help. She loves being in a partnership with our club.

Lorrie Oliver

Upcoming Rides & Events

- 1. Oct 2-4 Roseworth Camp and Ride
- 2. Oct 14 Club meeting Young Powersports
- 3. Oct 16-18 Fall Color Campout and Ride
- 4. Oct 24 YE100
- 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 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

Roseworth Ride

Kent and Lorrie will be camping and riding at Roseworth this coming weekend. The departure time will be 9:30 AM sharp on both Saturday and possibly Sunday.

Camping/Staging: Travel south on US 93 to Rogerson, ID. Turn west and head towards Salmon Falls Reservoir and Dam. Cross over the dam and continue west for approximately 8.7 miles. Turn right going towards the Cedar Creek Reservoir boat launch. Drive for approximately 3/4 of a mile. Watch for the MVATVR signs to the camping/staging location.

This is a weekend to camp along the shores of Cedar Creek Reservoir and to ride the desert and mountains in the area. On Saturday night we will have a dessert social starting at 6:30 PM and going until the fire goes out. Please bring some firewood to contribute to the campfires.

Snakes are known to live in the area, so be extra vigilant while outdoors.

Jarbidge Campout Report

erry wanted me to pass along that his Jarbidge campout on August 11-14th was a lot of fun.

He had 8 campers with 13 people riding on or in 8 machines. He said that they rode a total of approximately 200 miles over the weekend.

They were fairly lazy and at dinner at the diner in town most nights, and that back at camp the ladies made some really tasty desserts!

For those that did not come, he is very sorry you missed a really nice weekend!

Adapted from an e-mail that Jerry sent

Aaron's Ride Report

was not going to include this, but since we need something good to think about, I came across a trip I went on in early August. It was supposed to just be a trip with a friend of mine, but several club members called and asked if I was doing anything, so they came tagging along.

Here are some highlights of the trip. On the night of August 5th, we were in camp when we could hear sheep. A lot of sheep. Suddenly, to the south of FS Flats, here came the sheep. Hundreds of sheep. After a bit, they made their way right to the group site, after which the sheep herder arrived to shoo them away.



The next day, we went riding and found this beautiful view, which has since burned.



One of the riders found this egg, nestled in a hole in a rock. It had been there for a very long time since the egg was intact, but very hollow inside based upon how much it weighted. We left it there.



The next day, we found ourselves at the hummingbird station. On the way back, on Magic West Side, we noticed the bushes were shaking violently. Upon stopping, we found an amazing sight! We found the bushes COVERED with thousands upon thousands of caterpillar chrysalis. The little butterflies inside were coming out! In order to get out, they were shaking VIOLENTLY back and forth. Hundreds on each bush were shaking to get out making the whole bush shake about.



We hung out for a while and watched as the butterflies emerged, spread their wings, pumped them full of blood, and waved them back and forth to dry. Once dry, away they went. What a sight! I do feel bad though, because over the previous two weeks myself and several others used hedge trimmers to trim these same bushes back. We hope we didn't kill too many of them...



Back at camp that night, we enjoyed each other's company, as well as the sunset.



On the next day of our adventure, we saw a bull moose and two cows out on Trout Creek road. A young person took up a challenge after a discussion the night before at camp which earned him two dollars. The challenge? Lick a salt block from one side to the other. As you can see, it was a fairly new one so the amount of cow, deer, moose, and elk slobber was probably pretty low! He said it didn't taste to bad.



After a visit at Piney Cabin, we headed for the cemetery for a visit. What cemetery you say? Well, let's just say you have to find it yourself sometime.



On our final day of our trip, we went back to see the butterflies. There were not nearly as many, but they were still wiggling themselves out.

Aaron Larson

Firefighter Death

n September 23, 2020, Ricky Fulton was killed when the T-857 air tanker crashed he was flying crashed while fighting a bush fire near Emmett Idaho.

We are unable to verify where he was from, or if there is a way to donate to his family.

We ask that you include his family in your prayers.

Board of Directors

First Snow!

On the morning of August 29th, I went riding with a small group. This was the morning after a good rainstorm that went though. As we rode down Little Fork, we discovered that the first snowfall of the season had occurred that previous night. It wasn't much, but it was definitely snow!



We also found that the Forest Service had finished installing a new culvert on Dry Creek Road near Bostetter Campground. They got rid of the cobblestone crossing installed a 3' diameter culvert, and then built the road up a TON in order to cover it up.



Unfortunately, I have not been riding now for an entire month $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}}$

Aaron Larson

Badger Fire

On the afternoon of August 12, 2020, the Badger fire started in our South Hills. A co-worker was riding in the area and they came up to the fire (they are estimating) well within an hour of it starting.

The starting point was on Dads Hump (267), not more than 100 feet from the Trout Creek junction. At the time they arrived, the fire was on both sides of the road.

They took some photos and went up Dads Hump to call it in.

They said that when they called it in, 911 told them they had several other folks that had called it in, but not given them very good directions to the fire.

The photos have been given to the authorities, and an investigation is ongoing at the current time. There is more to the story, but I don't want to say more because of the investigation at this time.



Since the fire has started, it has a burn perimeter of 89,623 acres. It is 84% contained, and there are 462 people actively working the fire.

Over the course of the fire, it has traveled 23 miles north! At its widest point, it is just over 10 miles.

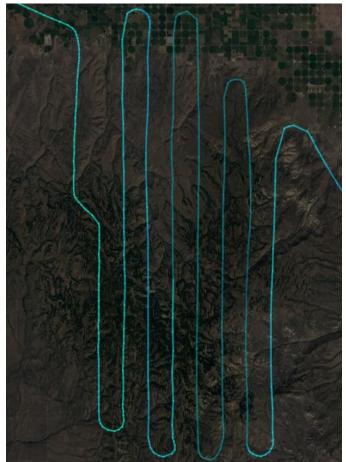
Last Saturday, a friend of mine went on a drive to see if we could see the fire, with staying out of the firefighters' hair. As we drove down Golden Valley Road toward Murtaugh lake, a steady stream of firefighting equipment was heading to Oakley to the staging area. These folks had been fighting all day and were headed back for some rest.

As we got close to Dry Creek road, we saw two airplanes heading south, very low to the ground. It dawned on us that they were heading to Murtaugh Lake. We headed to the lake and watched two Water Scoopers picking up water. I tell you what, it was an amazing sight. We watched the pair come in three times and also timed them. It only took 11 minutes to pick up the water, head out, dump it, and come back for another load. We came back the next day to watch them some more. On Sunday they were taking 14 minutes for the round trip.

Saturday they were going to the Buckskin\Sagehen area, and Sunday they were in the Magic Mountain area.



Over the course of the fire I have been watching www.flightradar24.com as the planes have been flying. It was interesting to watch the spotter plane flight tight circles, the retardant planes dumping their loads, the scoopers picking up water, as well as the planes that would come fly a pattern at night to pick up heat signatures.



The other morning the Forest Service posted on Facebook that some low life scum (my words, not theirs) vandalized a feller buncher that was cutting dangerous trees by the road in the Bostetter area. They did \$10,000 worth of damage. Who knows why someone would do this...



Last week I asked the Forest Service some questions. They verified that Bostetter Campground and Father and Son campground both had the fire go through them and are not in good shape. They said that the campgrounds below Third Fork had burned. At the current time, FS Flats, Diamondfield Jacks and Porcupine are all safe. Let's hope they can keep it that way.



It is good to hear the critters are moving back in. The Forest Service posted this picture of a bobcat that found himself a burned tree to hang out in.



Aaron Larson



Badger Fire Pictures







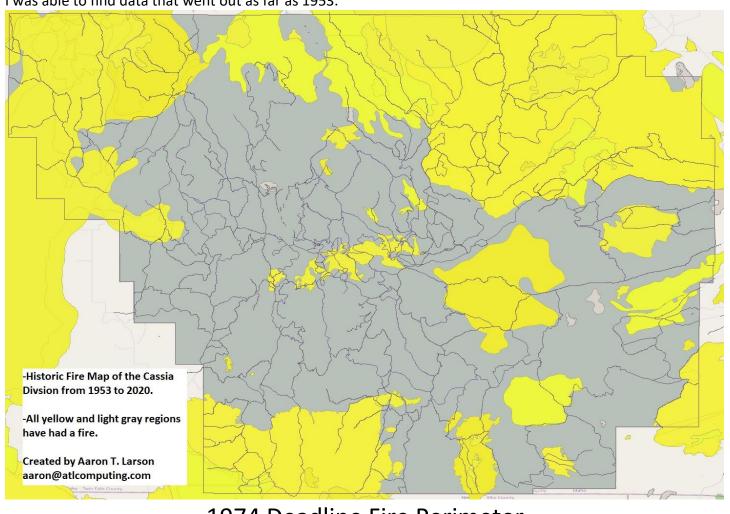
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On the next page you will see a map showing the perimeter of the Badger fire as it currently sits, as well as an overlay of the 2012 Cave Canyon fire.

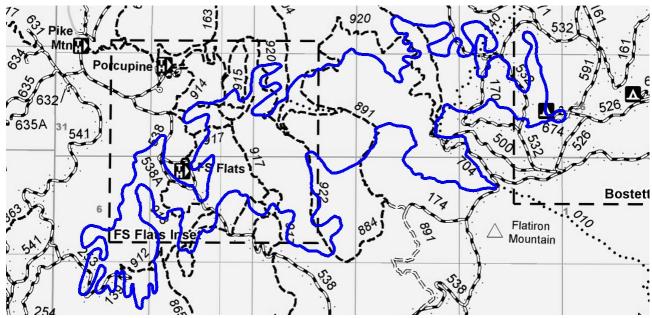
The page after that shows how much of the forest has burned since 1953, as well as the perimeter of the 1974 Deadline fire.

Historic Fire Map of the Cassia Division

The dark gray area shows the Cassia Division, all the yellow and light gray areas show where a fire has occurred. I was able to find data that went out as far as 1953.



1974 Deadline Fire Perimeter



New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: None this month.

Linda Stimpson

Thinking of You

Stan Mai – 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 <u>pay online</u>. Debit & credit cards accepted. <u>Click here</u> 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

f 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.

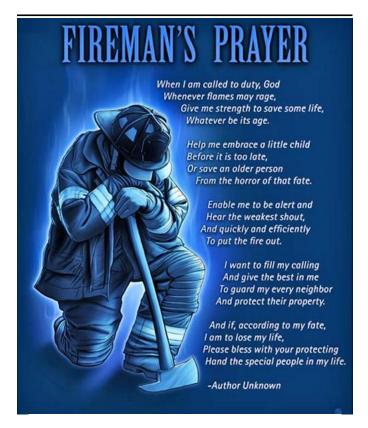
They are located at 3790 N. 3386 E. in Kimberly. 208-735-8804.

Pictures

If you want to see all of the pictures of past club rides and events, go to the club website and they are 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

\ 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

evel 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 obstacles. Four-wheel drive on highly recommended.

Level 5 - Expert: camber, high water crossings, large ruts. Large obstacles in trails, narrow with big drop offs. Four-wheel drive required, may need winch.



KNOW THE ZULES!

Very rocky, steep, off

Club Rules

he 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.
- Generator should be with use 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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PLEASE PRINT ALL ENTRIES

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