

Magic Valley ATV Riders

December 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.

Presidents Message

December is upon us and 2020 is coming to a close. This year has been trying for everyone, by doing the right things to stay safe and keeping our spirits up. I hope 2021 will prove to be a year for recovery and prosperity for our nation, state, and communities. The Corona Virus has proved to be a game changer and with news of vaccinations on the horizon I want everyone to be cautious. Because of all the publicity and fears associated with this pandemic, scammers will prey upon the vulnerable. Remember, DO NOT give anyone your personal information over the phone to anyone you did not initiate the conversation with. Always check your sources. Always confer with your physician as they will be your best source of how to get the vaccination if you choose to do so. Holidays are always a prime time of the year for scam calls. If you feel you have been victim to a scam, please do not hesitate to contact your local law enforcement and as well as your financial institution to report it.

Since the beginning of this pandemic, the Board of Directors has constantly evaluated the needs of the Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc. to adhere to the restrictions place upon us. We have had many discussions interpreting these restrictions on how they affect us and how we can accomplish them during our events and rides. The number one aspect we use to guide our decisions is the safety

and well-being of our members. From the beginning, social distancing, small numbers at gatherings, and personal protection have been highly suggested. From the entire board: these decisions are very difficult to make, but necessary to protect our members and be part of the solution to get through these trying times.

At our November Board of Directors Meeting we discussed our future events. With the confirmed and probable cases on the increase we could not imagine how we would be able to provide a safe environment for upcoming meetings. We have decided to cancel the December Social gathering and found it necessary to postpone our January Winter Banquet. Rest assured, we are only *postponing* the Banquet and not cancelling it. Our plan is to move it to the spring in 2021. This is a win-win kind of solution that we felt was necessary. By moving the Banquet to the spring, we hope the pandemic will have subsided considerably and the Magic Valley ATV Riders members can celebrate a fresh new start to our riding season. This means we would like to wait until our snow-bird travelers have substantially returned home. Keep reading the newsletters and watching your emails for updates regarding our events and activities.

Be safe this holiday season,

Kent Oliver - President MVATVR

First Lady Message

Mother nature is getting ready to lay her robe of white on the land. The trees have dropped their last colors and are standing bare in the cold. The ground has turned dormant and is ready for the long winters sleep. The last month of the year, December, is arriving, jingling her way in and bringing with her all the festivities of the season. I have seen lots of homes with their Christmas trees up and homes all decked out for the holiday with colorful lights and greenery. Stores have their Christmas displays in the windows and holiday music playing. Children are checking out the newest toys and getting excited to see what Christmas morning brings them. Let's all look at the month of December through the eyes of a child.

Tonight, I am sitting in front of a warm snapping crackling fire deciding what I should write about. Maybe I'll share what we have been up to around our home. We have been busy getting some outdoor cleanup chores done around the house. Kent worked on cleaning leaves out of rain gutters, we took the cover off our back deck, and blew the leaves off the trailer to get it ready to put the cover on it. Did I mention raking leaves...again! A week ago, we spent the afternoon raking and bagging leaves in our yard. It was almost like chasing a two-year-old around the yard. We would get them raked into a pile then a whisper of wind would move them from our pile. We chased the leaves around with the rake and got what we could. But then the weather changed, and the rains and the wind brought down more leaves. For now, they can just stay where they are as more fall from the trees. We have managed to do some Christmas shopping as we need to get a jump start on it as a lot of our gifts have to be shipped to Alaska and Washington. We will get ready to put our Christmas décor up after Thanksgiving is all done, and the last bites of leftovers are eaten. It will be chaos as all the totes packed with decorations fill the rooms and each room becomes an obstacle course to get through. But in the end, it will all be festive and merry and bright.

As you have all heard, Gov. Little moved Idaho back to Stage 2. I understand that some

people are having some difficulties dealing with everything going on with this Covid-19. You are not alone. I had to make a change in my workplace at a minute's notice. I was on a day off, and was working on chores around the house, when I received a call from my boss saying our shifts all got changed and I was no longer on a day off, but now on the clock working. So, from there, I now work two and a half days from home and the other two and a half days at the office. I understand and can feel the frustration of having to cancel holiday travel plans, and dinner arrangements. As a club, our board members have had to make decisions to cancel events to stay within guidelines, but more than that, to keep our members safe. Our main focus is doing everything we can to keep everyone healthy. It's difficult to have to cancel events and take the opportunity to socialize away. However, we will do our part to assist in getting through this and being able to come together soon and spending time with each other. I will make the offer here...If anyone needs help getting supplies or needing errands run, please call. We will get you the assistance you need no matter what it is. We are here to help each other. Together, we got this!

With the long days of winter coming, as we find time on our hands, maybe take a minute, and share a story or a Christmas memory of your childhood with a family member. Better yet maybe share a photo of that memory if you have one. If you want to share one with me, I would love to hear it. If you have read a good book, let me know that too. I am always interested in what other people are doing to pass the time. If you have currently explored a new place, I would be interested in seeing it. More importantly, stay safe and healthy.

As the Christmas season is upon us, let's all remember the reason for the season. Celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Every Christmas season there is one word that seems to be everywhere. It's on wooden signs, on shirts, in stories, and even in songs. BELIEVE! This same message is heard in the true Christmas story of the birth of Jesus.

From our house to yours, Merry Christmas!!

Lorrie Oliver - First Lady MVATVR

2021 Board Members

We would like to thank all those that participated in the November election for the 2021 Magic Valley ATV Riders Board of Directors.

All current board members have been retained. At the November Board of Directors meeting we voted to make no changes to those that are on the board.

Board of Directors

Buhl Light Parage

To the best of our knowledge the Buhl Light Parade will still take place, but that could have, or could, change at any moment.

Due to this, the club will not officially take part in the parade. If you, as an individual member, would like to take part, you are more than welcome to do so.

Board of Directors

December Social

Due to restrictions placed upon the size of groups meeting and the difficulty for restaurants to meet the social distancing requirement, it is with reluctance we have to cancel the December Social Event that would have been held at Idaho Pizza.

Board of Directors

January Banquet

After much deliberation at the November Board of Directors meeting, we reluctantly announce that we are going to postpone the January Banquet.

We would like everyone to know that this was probably the most difficult decision we have had to make in a long time.

Our current goal is to reschedule the banquet to sometime in early spring and have our regular meeting on the second Wednesday as usual, and then the banquet on a Saturday.

As to when this will happen is up in the air at the current time.

Given that since we had the meeting to make this decision, an announcement about various companies creating a vaccine have taken place, we really hope to get back to our normal lives.

We have scheduled the 2022 banquet for Saturday, January 15, 2022, so put that on your calendar.

Board of Directors

2021 Ride Calendar

As of the time of this writing, I have been trying to figure out when and where we could meet to create our 2021 Ride Calendar.

Those who are interested in leading a ride, or would otherwise like to help participate in creating the calendar, please contact Aaron Larson.

Depending on how Covid-related restrictions are, it might be possible for us to meet someplace and spread out to safely have a meeting. 208-312-4867 or aaron@atlcomputing.com

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator

Christmas Season



With Christmas coming up soon, we would like to encourage all our club members to find some time during the hectic month of shopping, wrapping presents, entertaining, and all of the other

hustle and bustle that occurs during the month of December, to stop and remember how Christmas came to be.

Even though we don't all share the same religious denomination, here are some things we can all do to share the true spirit of Christmas.

Donate: If you don't have a favorite, The [Salvation Army](#) has their kettles out, and is one of many worthy charities that help local members of our community.



Volunteer: This covers so many areas we can't list them all, but spend some time helping a group or individual.

Visit: Do you know someone in a nursing home or hospital? Go see them! Got a neighbor down the street you haven't seen in a while, go see them as well! (do what you can given Covid).

Write a letter\give a card: Is your mail person\delivery driver especially awesome? Well, give them a card or write them a letter! What about an old friend that you have not seen in ages since they moved? Do you have a former teacher that you looked up to, or someone else that was a good example to you? Let them know you appreciate(d) them!

Others: Give blood, participate in a food drive, shovel the neighbors sidewalk, invite someone that lost their spouse to dinner, pay it forward, adopt a family for the holidays, help someone wrap their Christmas presents, take flowers to a nursing home (the workers will know who needs them the most), donate stuffed animals to the police\fire department, drop off a bag of cat\dog food to the animal shelter, be more generous the next time you tip your waiter\waitress, take some coloring books\crayons to the hospital waiting room, and many others.

And last, but not least, attend your personal religious denominations Christmas service!

Merry
Christmas

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2020 Event Recap

Although the current pandemic has hit us pretty hard, we did get an opportunity to have some fun activities this year.

We were able to have the January banquet as well as the February meeting.

We had the Grindstone ride in February, and the Kimama ride and March meeting before things nailed us.

With some social distancing we were able to have the Pagari campout and Sublet Campouts in May.

In June we had campouts and rides in Nevada, Arco, and the South Hills.

We were able to have the picnic in August, along with the Jarbidge campout.

Our September Work and Ride Campout was canceled due to the Badger Fire.

In October we were able to go on a campout to observe the aftermath of the fire once the closure was lifted, along with another campout at Cedar Creek Reservoir.

We would like to thank everyone that helped by leading a ride or campout, or was able to participate in any of our 2020 activities.

Aaron Larson

Tentative Club Meeting Schedule

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

Upcoming Rides & Events

1. Ride Leader and Ride Calendar planning meeting sometime in January when we can once again meet together
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 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

2021 Membership Drive

We would like to remind everyone that you may pay your 2021 dues online or by mailing a check.

An application is attached to this newsletter.

Board of Directors

OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up on January 1st of the new year!

Registration stickers are available at some of the OHV dealerships and local DMV offices. You can also renew online through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website.

<https://idpr.idaho.gov/Renewal/>



New Members

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

Linda Stimpson

Thinking of You

Bernie Herman, a member of the club, passed away.

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 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

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: _____