

Magic Valley ATV Riders

February 2021



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 Ladies Message

February has arrived!! Can you believe how fast January went by? I am not sad January is behind us, as that means we are one month closer to getting out and riding. Maybe some of you have already been out riding. I am waiting for it to be a little warmer and less muddy. Speaking of warmer...what do you all think of the warmer temperatures we have been having? I am not complaining at all because it makes my commute and work easier with no snow or slick roads.

What do you all think of when you hear February? February comes from the Latin word Februarius; "to purify". It's also known as the month of new beginnings. The February calendar has an assortment of days to remember, such as Groundhog Day, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, George Washington's Birthday, Susan B Anthony's Birthday, and Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) just to name a few.

But the most popular one is February 14th, Valentine's Day. This day is celebrated with love, flowers, and chocolate. Chocolate and Valentine's Day seem to go hand in hand kind of like Peanut Butter and Jelly, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and Kermit and Miss Piggy. OK, OK, you get the point. But do you know there is approximately 58 million pounds of chocolates purchased in the seven days leading up to Valentine's? That's a LOT!! And I did

not forget the sports group. February is also Super Bowl Game month. A day to get together and feast, hang out and cheer for your team. Whatever this month means to you, enjoy it. Do something fun!

Kent and I took a drive the other day to just get out of the house. The temperature was cool, but the sunshine felt good. We decided to drive out towards Jarbidge. We drove to Castleford, then across 13-mile road and came out at Three Creek. The road was a little soft and bounced us around a bit. The edges of the road still had snow and ice was still on the water puddles. I was surprised that there were several other vehicles on this road. Once we got to Murphy Hot Springs, the decision was made to stop for a picnic. We pulled into the Big Cedar campground outside of Murphy and ate our lunch. It was too cold and windy to sit outside, so we enjoyed it in the pickup parked next to the river. Then we continued on to Jarbidge.





This area takes on a whole new look during winter. The river still had snow and ice and the water was tunneling through the channels making for a nice wintery picture. The road was wet and muddy and snow/ice covered in places. We arrived in town and it was pretty deserted so we turned around and headed out. On the edge of town "NewCrest Exploration" has set up business. Several work shacks and big equipment were parked there. Across the street several travel trailers were parked, which we assumed was housing for the workers. Will have to research what all they are exploring. On our way home we saw some ATVs on trailers that were caked with mud. Not sure by the looks of them, that they left any mud in the desert. I wouldn't want to be the one to clean those. Our pickup wasn't exactly the cleanest either. It looked like Kent had put on a Rhino wrap of brown marbled design on the lower half of it. It looked pretty cool, however the carwash brought it back to the clean white truck that we own. It was a good day to break the cabin fever and see the area through the eyes of winter.

Speaking of cabin fever... I know this time of year we are all getting antsy to get out and ride. It is still winter and we have had some thawing in the ground that leads to soft ground. Let's all be stewards of the land and not ride where we will leave a track or rut. It may be fun at the time to ride and cut cookies and such, however it's not fun for the rest of the people to ride in those hard ruts in the summer. Let's respect the land and others and let it dry before recreating outdoors.

We are all excited to go on a ride and enjoy being with other riders. Have you ever thought about leading a ride? I bet you all have a favorite place that you like to go. Why not be the leader and take a group to that special area? Think of it as a show-and-tell type of ride. Lead us on the ride and share with everyone why this is your favorite place. I am planning on leading some this year. Well actually, I will plan it and Kent can chauffeur me. I will admit it's a step out of your comfort zone. Don't be afraid of making a wrong turn, going too slow, or worrying about people not liking it. Most people will be happy to get outdoors!

And speaking of going on rides...we have new members in our club and they have joined to meet new members and ride new places. Think about the next time you go out, maybe making it a club ride. Expand your regular group to include more people and even new people. This is how new friendships are formed. Kent and I joined this group to meet new people and find new places to ride. We were the new ones and kind of felt out of place not knowing anyone. We started going on rides and soon we started fitting in and were meeting new people. So while you are out and about, let's foster the friendships we have and plant new ones by inviting people to go with us. We need to plan more rides and get our club out riding. There is strength in numbers and those numbers come on ATVs, and UTVs. Let's keep MVATVR great!!

Lorrie Oliver - MVATVR First Lady



2021 Ride Calendar Meeting

The 2021 Ride Calendar Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. via a Zoom online meeting.

Those who are interested in leading a ride, or who would otherwise like to help participate in creating the calendar, please contact Aaron Larson (208-312-4867 or aaron@atlcomputing.com) so he can get you the code to let you in the meeting.

Aaron Larson – Ride Coordinator

OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops during 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/>

IDAHO PARKS & RECREATION

Registration Renewal Login For Sticker Year 2017

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Vaccinations

Are you 65 and older? Do you want to get vaccinated against Covid-19? If so, click [HERE](#) to go the South Central Health District's website and fill out the form.

No internet? Call them at 208-737-5900 in Twin Falls, or any of their local health offices in your local community.

Aaron and Amy Larson got the shots on Wednesday, January 27th. So far, the only side effects were sore shoulders, the ability to shoot short bursts of laser beams from their eyes, and the ability to leap small buildings in a single bound. OK,

OK, just kidding on those last two things. Both had a slightly sore shoulder for a few days, and Aaron had a scratchy throat on Friday. They both get the next shot on February 17th and supposedly people tend to have some flu like symptoms after that shot. We will provide an update next month on the results.

In slightly off-topic, but related, news at school we spray the desks with some sort of disinfectant that is safe for kids but deadly to the virus. As I was finishing the spraying and the kids came into the classroom, one joked that in a few years we will see ads from lawyers that say something to the effect of "did you get exposed to too much (insert generic name for whatever disinfectant you can think of) or alcohol-based hand sanitizer? Did you grow a third arm, or horns, or do your kids have x-ray vision now? If so, call this number, you might get compensated (after a lengthy lawsuit where the lawyers get rich you and you get a \$5 coupon for more disinfectant... (lol).

Aaron Larson

February Meeting

Well, we call "UNCLE!", well, sort of.... We have not had an official club meeting in nearly a year. After much deliberation, here is our plan for February.

Unless some sudden federal, state, or local government overlords, ahem, leaders, come out with some far-reaching mandates, some of us plan on meeting at Idaho Pizza on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

First, lets be perfectly clear on several things.

1. This is NOT an official club meeting and no club business will be presented.
2. It is simply a social event and anyone that would like to come is welcome to do so.

Having said that, if you show up, and you're the only one to come because you are the only one to say "I'm tired of being stuck at home, I'm old enough that if I catch Covid-19 from anyone that shows up, I've lived a good life, and bury me in my ATV or SxS, so be it..."

There will be a limited salad bar and you will have to order from the menu. Social distance the best you can, and obviously don't come if you are ill, remotely ill, or possibly have been around anyone that might have exposed you to Covid-19.

Retirement

Ted Bell, one of the founders the club and board member for many years, retired from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office on January 29th this year. We wish Ted a very relaxing retirement.



Tentative Club Meeting Schedule

- Mar 10 – (possible) Adventure Motorsports\Twin
- Apr 14 – (possible) Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin
- May 12 – (possible) 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

As a reminder, we hope to have the club banquet sometime this spring as soon as it is safe to do so.

Upcoming Rides & Events

1. Monday, February 15th – So here is the deal, if the weather is conducive to skiing, Aaron and Amy are going skiing, if not, Aaron is going riding someplace, probably the desert.... Watch for details.

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

ATV For Sale



Amy and I have discussed it, and her 2013 Yamaha Grizzly 700 with power steering is going up for sale since we bought the Maverick and we have only put a little over 100 miles on it since July.

It comes with the machine, nearly new Sedona Rip-Saw tires, ITP SS112 wheels, Kolpin Outfitter storage box, Warn 2500 lb winch (brand new motor), two mirrors, a Cycle Country snow plow, and a thumb extender!

Current mileage is 8,834 with 734 hours. At 7,863 miles I changed the entire clutch system, one

way bearing, and belt. At 8,385 miles I put in two rear axles, replaced the front brake master cylinder and lever, rebuilt the front brake calipers, and put in brand new front brake pads.

Runs awesome. Just needs a new owner that will be able to ride it. Kelly Blue Book says retail price on just the machine is \$6,000.00 so that's what I am asking (but it comes with all the stuff plus all the new parts). I'm going to post it on KSL next month for \$6,500 expecting to be talked down. Call me if your interested or know someone that might want it.

Aaron Larson (208-312-4867)

Idaho Sportsman Show

Just a heads up. The annual [Idaho Sportsman Show](#) is still scheduled to take place in Boise. It will be on Thursday March 4th through Sunday March 7th.

We are not officially participating this year, and it might be cancelled due to Covid-19.

If you are interested in going, watch their website for updates.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Joyce and Deborah Stanfill.

Linda Stimpson

Thinking of You

John Gibson 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.

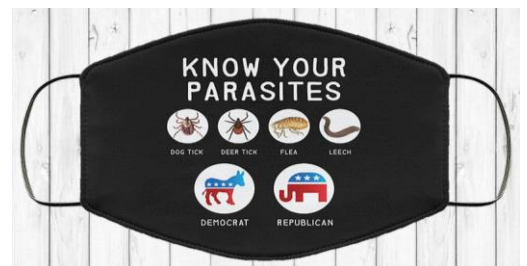
They are located at 3790 N. 3386 E. in Kimberly. 208-735-8804.

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: _____