

Magic Valley ATV Riders

2021 March



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

Well, it appears our society is doing okay now with the Covid-19 virus and all its mutated strains. I can assure you the board of directors have labored over and over what is the best for our membership and how do we properly navigate all the local, state, and federal restrictions. Every chance we get to try and get back to some form of normal a new strain or restriction gets imposed. We will overcome these obstacles and come back even stronger.

We are making lots of plans with rides, campouts, and work details. The Badger Fire burned over 90,000 acres of Public Lands managed by the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and State Lands as well as some private land parcels. As a result, several campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, as well as trails and roads were damaged. After the fire, a BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) assessment was completed. This prompted fire damage rehabilitation to lands and trails, mitigation of hazard trees in campgrounds, picnic areas, along roads and trails. The post fire management team successfully submitted funding requests to repair several infrastructures, like stock tanks, toilets, fences, bridges; trail and road signs, to name just a few of the items. The one big thing the funding will not cover is the labor to complete the installation of all the projects.

I participated in a conference call with over 30 other stakeholders impacted by the Badger Fire. There is a lot of work we know that will need to be complete and a lot of unknowns we will begin to assess as the spring runoff begins. Once we can get teams in the burn area to look at trails and roads, we can get a better idea of how effective the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation trail cat operations were. We will also see what trail work, if any, will need to be completed. I am anticipating, our club sawyers and members will be utilized to assist fire crews with hazard tree removal. If we can, I would like to see if any members will be available to help with rehabilitant campgrounds, picnic areas, and trailheads. Other areas where we can be of assistance is helping allotment holders with stock tank installation. There will be opportunities for persons to help plant tree and brush seedlings in key habitat areas as well.

I know this sounds like a lot of work. I can assure you there are many other organizations who are also committing to assist in these projects. The Post Badger Fire Management team is also looking at private donations, as well as state and federal grants to help reduce the workload and labor costs. We, the Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc. are prepared to submit letters in support of these requests to help assure funding is obtained.

Each year the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation sets aside funds for clubs who do trail work and improve recreational opportunities. The Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc. were awarded \$2155.00 for work completed in 2020 on the Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. We will once again submit a Trail Maintenance Agreement for work in 2021 on the Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest.

I am hoping by the May meeting of the Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc. we will have more of a plan for action. Some projects may get started in early spring while others may be closer to late spring early summer. We, the Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc. have invested a lot of time and sweat in the South Hills trails systems. We have fought the good fight to keep access open and to gain more access to improve visitor safety and riding opportunities. We are not and will never be done working on trails, attending meetings, and holding public land managers accountable. In the recent meeting, Sawtooth National Forest, Minidoka Ranger District, District Ranger Randy Thompson said it best; “this is your guy’s land, public lands, we just manage it.”

On to more club business. Lorrie and I are excited to get out and start riding. Of course, all rides will be weather dependent and favorable riding conditions. It saddens us to see posts on social media where OHV riders are riding in areas with seasonal closures and muddy conditions. Lorrie wrote in the last newsletter about a couple of larger side-by-sides were leaving the desert so muddy we could not tell what brand they were. The desert is a great place to ride during the winter months, but it has its limitations as well. With that said, when planning trail rides, we try to pick the areas with sandy conditions to reduce the adverse impacts to the area. Besides, I for one, and I am sure there are others, hate to have to spend so much time removing all the mud from my machine not to mention all the extra maintenance and repairs.

Let’s pray for a slow runoff in the south hills so we can enjoy riding and less time on trail maintenance projects. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and on the trail.

First Ladies Message

Look what the wind has blown in! The month of March! The saying is “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” March is kind of in the middle of winter and spring and tends to produce unpleasant weather at the beginning of the month and milder weather by the end. This phrase can be rearranged to having it come in like a lamb and out like a lion. Besides this phrase, what else do you associate the month of March with? Daylight savings time begins, Pi Day celebrates 3/14 with math jokes (and of course pie), and St Patrick’s Day to name a few.

I was standing out on our back deck the other night waiting for our dogs to come back in, and I was amazed at what a clear sky there was. It was full of twinkling stars and the moon, and I thought to myself, how lucky I was to live where I do to be able to take in the evening sky. Even though we live in the city, I was still able to see all the stars. I remember being in Yellowstone sitting next to this family from New York. The little boy looked at his mom and asked what “those” were in the sky. They were stars and where they were from they never get to see the stars at night. I think he was more impressed by looking at the stars than watching Old Faithful. So the next time you are out at night, take a minute and look up. May you enjoy the stars and the moon through the eyes of a child.

Kent and I have been taking drives in the pickup on the weekends to break up the boredom of sitting around. We had a wild hair idea a couple of weeks ago and decided to take a drive to the Little City of Rocks. Well...there was more snow in that area than what I thought. It was cold and the wind was blowing, which was good, because we could drive on top of the snow and it wasn’t muddy. After driving half way there, I told Kent it wasn’t worth it. No way were we going to get out and walk around in this frigid cold air and wind. So we turned around and headed back home.

A few days ago, we decided to take a drive out towards Grindstone to check the area out for one of our rides coming up. The weather was

absolutely gorgeous. Plenty of sunshine and not much wind. We started out by taking the Magic Waters road and headed west. The desert side roads were too muddy and soft to take so we just stayed on the main gravel roads. We drove past Twin Buttes area, past Grindstone Butte then wound our way over towards Bliss. We were fortunate to get to see the wild horse herd. We then took the old Bliss Grade road and then stopped in Hagerman to grab some food to take down to the boat ramp at Hagerman. We enjoyed a picnic in the sun and watched some fisherman out on the river. We ended our drive at WestPoint at the Eagle Tree. There were quite a few eagles roosting in the trees. A good day!

With the arrival of March comes some club rides and looking at the calendar, there is a ride planned for every Saturday. Now let's convince Mother Nature to cooperate so we can get out and enjoy the outdoors. I am hoping the ground dries up some and we won't be buried in mud on the trails. Just a reminder to know what trails are still closed for the seasonal closures and to respect the trails we do ride. Remember to pack your trash out with you. We have seen quite a bit of trash out in the desert and blowing across the country. As always, let's leave the area better than we found it.

Be safe and stay happy. See you around the next bend in the road.

Lorrie Oliver - MVATVR First Lady

March Meeting



Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Adventure Motorsports. Their address is 2469 Kimberly Road.

The social hour and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. As of right now we are not sure what is on the menu, but in years past they have served sloppy joes. Some beverages will be provided, but you can bring a non-alcoholic drink. Please bring a chair to sit on.

Adventure Motorsports is our local Yamaha, Honda, and KTM dealer. They are offering a discount on all parts and accessories you purchase while at the meeting. This is a good opportunity to stock up air and oil filters, outfit your rig with a new set of wheels or tires, get a pole for your club flag, get a fuel pack to extend your riding range, or all other sorts of accessories that might improve your ride.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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

Tom: What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy? **Pee Wee:** I don't know.

Tom: A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.

For the friend that never gets his bike fixed but you feel a little sorry for them lol



January Banquet

At the February board meeting we discussed the Annual banquet. Our current plan is to try and hold the banquet in May. We are going to talk to the church and see what dates are available and go from there.

Further details will come.

Board of Directors

BLM Closure

The Burley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office still has a seasonal road closure until March 15 in the South Hills area.

The following roads, as well as any two-tracks or trails tied to these roads, will be closed to motorized travel from Jan. 16 to March 15, 2020: Dry Creek, Cherry Spring, Indian Springs (Closure begins 1.5 miles south of Foothills Road) and North Cottonwood Creek.

For more information regarding the road closure, please contact Dennis Thompson, BLM Burley Field Office recreation planner, at (208) 677-6600.

Steph: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day? **Jack:** Why? **Steph:** 'Cause real rocks are too heavy!

Helmet Hands

As I have previously mentioned, when Amy and I are driving the Maverick, she drives in the morning, and I drive after lunch. Shortly thereafter, she tends to "rest her eyes" for a while. As her eyes are resting, her head tends to nod down like she is sleeping. I have joked that I need to put a hook in the back of her helmet with a string strategically routed so I could pull the string and tie it to another hook to hold her head up.

Apparently she, and Haylen, are not the only ones to suffer this malady because Knuckles Up Side X Side has an actual product called "[Helmet Hands](#)" that cost \$20 that pretty much serves this same purpose. Although I have not ordered a set yet, I will probably get a set ordered soon.



Aaron Larson

Thinking of You

We would like to let the members of the club know that Dave Burgoyne, a long time club member, passed away last month. Please keep Kristi, his wife, in your prayers.

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

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



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.



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: _____