MVATVR Annual Member Appredation Banquet

When?

Saturday, May 22, 2019

Social Hour: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m.



Where?

Twin Falls Reformed Church

1631 Grandview Drive North Twin Falls, ID 83301

Corner of Pole Line and Grandview

Dinner

MVATVR will provide ALL of the food this year. We will have roast beef and ham, all the sides, as well as cake and cookies. We will also provide the table service, water, hot chocolate, tea, and coffee to drink.

Bring a non-alcoholic beverage if you like.

To help us make sure we have enough food, please fill out this <u>Registration Form</u> by Sunday, May 6th if you think you will attend. It is not mandatory, just helpful to us. No internet? Call a board member to sign you up!



Raffles

Hey guys and gals - we have two raffle items this year!

1 - DeWalt 16" 60 FlexVolt chainsaw, battery, and a charger.

2 - Dewalt 20 FlexVolt cordless blower.



Door Prizes

Prizes are still being finalized, but may include:

\$300 in gift certificates from each of our local dealers (Action Cycles and Sleds, Adventure Motorsports, Let's Ride, and Young Powersports). Also, tons of physical prizes such as straps, camp chairs, first aid kits, tool kits, and much more! Last year every person that attended won a prize!

Please note: Due to the cancelation of the January banquet, we have changed the requirement to be eligible for the drawings. You simply must have been a paid member during 2020 -or- be current with your 2021 membership. You must be present to win. You can pay ahead (this will speed up the sign in) or you can pay at the banquet. Every membership that is current on their dues will receive a ticket for the door prize drawings. One ticket per membership (family). There is an updated membership form on the website, please download it, and fill it out to save time.

Giving Back to the Community

This year the raffle money will be split 80\20. 80% of the money will be donated to the East End Providers – they provide help to those in the Kimberly area – and are in need of a walk-in freezer. Last year we donated \$468 to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council another \$468 to the East End Providers from the proceeds of the raffle. Let's see if we can top that this year!



We are asking everyone to bring a non-perishable food item(s) to contribute towards the Mustard Seed's food pantry as well. We understand that their shelves are pretty bare after helping many local community members get through the holiday season. Let's see if we can fill the foyer with food, which will in turn help refill their shelves! Greeters will collect your canned food donation(s) as you enter. Please make sure to check the expiration date!



We sincerely hope all of you can attend the banquet. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, have a great meal, and possibly win a prize! Invite a friend!

If you have any questions or would like to donate a prize, please contact Dixie Best at 208-308-6418.

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: March 27, 2021, Brigham Point ride.



President's Message

Well, it has been a long year working through the various restrictions placed upon groups due to COVID-19. As we work our way into 2021, I hope we, the Magic Valley ATV/UTV Riders can enjoy the great outdoors Idaho has to offer. As I am writing this, Lorrie and I are in Southern California taking care of our two-year-old grandson, Noah. He is a great young man and incredibly fun to be around. I am sure Lorrie, and I will be looking forward to some great nights around the campfire recuperating.

We have taken some trips while in this part of California and marveled at the beautiful views and landscapes. The one thing that set Idaho apart from California is the ability to get out, recreate and see the country. As we drove around two different National Forests, we saw several large green gates with signs saying, "Road Closed." I am sure, these roads have a purpose, but it causes me to wonder

what the reason is to keep the motorized community out.

Getting back to our home state, Idaho. As an organized off-highway-motorized group we constantly get blamed for the overt willful destruction of the few. Even as you read this, some motorized user is out riding a closed or muddy trail or road. They may even be tearing up a lush green meadow, which maybe a meadow wildlife and livestock need to survive. I ask each of you to continue being the example and the teacher for others to follow. Idaho is too great of a Gem State to be shut down because of the few.

To update you on the work on trails and recreational infrastructure post Badger Fire. Most of the work groups will be heading to the burn area in May to make assessments and start restoration planning. As we get closer to our June work weekend, I hope to have more information to report. We are still in the planning stages for more sawyers in the club. Because of restrictions placed on the Forest Service it looks like the training will take place early to mid-summer. Our current sawyers' certifications were extended to October 1, 2021.

Please be safe, have fun, see you on the trail...

Kent Oliver - President

Message from First Lady

way. I can't believe how fast the time is passing by. Let's do some fun facts about May. It is the third month out of seven to have 31 days and it is known as the month of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the start of summer, flowers are blooming, gardening is beginning, birds are chirping, and its time you can start entertaining outdoors. Some days to keep in mind for May: May 1st is May Day, May 2nd - National Truffle Day, May 5th -Cinco de Mayo, May 8th-Iris Day, May 9th -Mother's Day, and May 10th - Stay up All Night. I hope you can all get out and do some gardening or planting flowers, eat some good Mexican food, or stay up all night and do something fun. Enjoy the month of May!!

As you all are reading this, Kent and I are in Bakersfield, CA taking care of our Grandson, Noah while his parents are at a conference in Northern Idaho. It has been a long time since we have been around a two-year-old. I forgot how fast they can move when they are told not to do something. The game is on to see if they can accomplish the task before you get to them. I must admit that he has been really good for us. Sure, we have had our little incidents along the way, but overall, it has been fun.

We took a trip from Bakersfield to the 100 Giants. Along the way on the windy mountain road, we learned he gets car sick. That was quite the experience cleaning out the car on the side of the road. We will attempt a trip to the ocean this week too. Kent and I took a scenic trip up through the Los Padres National Forest. It was so pretty, and we got to see country we never have seen before. California does have some beautiful landscapes when you get off the main travelled roads.

Speaking of California roads...I don't know which was worse. The drivers in Utah or the ones of California. Whew! I felt like the ball in a pin ball machine game. They see you are from out of state, and it was game on to see how fast they could go by us then cut us off. It was a lot of stop and go traffic through Utah until we got to Cedar City where we were able to grab one of the last rooms in the city for the night. Next day we got up and went zooming through Nevada and on into California. I do believe

Kent must be a reincarnated Californian, as he is doing a fine job of driving like them. I kept reminding myself of the word from last month: patience!!

As I was thinking of what my word for the month should be for May, I decided on the word "respect." It means a feeling of admiration for someone or something. As we were driving across states, we saw where the land had been abused by off road machines and vehicles. There were deep ruts in roads, hillsides torn down by driving off the trails, and trash everywhere. It saddened me to see the land in this state. Remember to tread lightly on tender ground and pick up after yourselves. Let's all leave it better than we found it too so that future generations can enjoy it. Also let's respect each other. Share a smile with someone. If they don't have one, give them one of yours. We all need to be kind to one and other.

Here's to more riding and sharing time on the trails together.

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

Lorrie Oliver

Snake River Canyons Park Sign Project

A big thanks to Mark Reyes, GIS specialist with Jerome County, Gregg Moore with the Southern Idaho Off Road Assoc., and Rob Hendrickson and Ted McNeil with MVATVR for giving a day to help me with putting up signs at the park.

We installed another 30 carsonite signs, added decals and American flags. We still have a little more to do. Part of the problem is we had to replace some signs that were destroyed by vandalism. The weather was great and it was quite interesting to see where the old wagons had traveled and left their marks on the rocks. If you have not visited the park I would encourage you do so. We have finished the next phase of the parking lot at the trail head. This will be a continuing project as funding becomes available. It is very green and pretty in that area now. Get out and enjoy our public land.

Please remember MVATVR will be helping with the cleanup in that area on Saturday May 22nd. FREE Pizza for lunch for all workers.

Stan Mai



Our next club meeting will be held at Let's Ride in Rupert on May 12th @ 6:00 PM dinner & 7:00 PM Meeting.

Address and directions: 270 S Hwy 24, Heyburn, ID 83336. Get off exit 211 and turn North. They are about 1.4 miles or so up the road on the right.

We do not know what is on the menu yet, but two years ago they had a Mexican burrito buffet. Please bring a lawn chair.

In honor of Mother's Day, we will have our annual gift card drawing. We will have a total of five, \$20 gift cards to the mall!

We should once again have someone from the Forest Service speak to us.

This will also be our last regularly scheduled meeting until October.

We would like to give them an approximate number of people that will be attending so they can have enough food. Please click here to complete the following Google Form before this coming weekend if at all possible. If you do not have the Internet, please call Aaron Larson (208-312-4867) and let him know.

Thanks!

Aaron Larson

Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

Dad: No.

Son: Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!



Winter Camp\Indian Hot Springs Ride Report

• Wintercamp/Indian Hot Springs ride 4/17/21

Ride leader: Ron Mothershead

• Tail gunners: Kent and Lorrie Oliver

Weather: Sunny with a breeze
 Startpoint: 2 miles NW of Palanced Re-

Startpoint: 3 miles NW of Balanced Rock

Mileage: 103 miles

At 9:00AM, 10 side by sides and 3 ATVs started across the desert to Winter Camp. Winter Camp is located in a shallow canyon along Clover Creek. Pastures and old farm equipment as well as a cabin that looks like it might still be used, are along the creek bottom. At the southern end are some old rock cabins built along the hillside.

After leaving Winter Camp we continued on to our next destination, the Blast Crater. (Kent and Lorrie will do a separate report on the history of the Blast Crater in this newsletter.) Using my not-sogood memory to guide us, I missed a turn. After consulting with Kent, he got me on the right track and we made it to the crater for lunch.

After lunch, it was off to Indian Hot Springs. Shortly after starting down the long, narrow, rocky, nowhere-to-pass road, we encountered a flatbed pickup coming up the grade. With very limited spots to pass, some of us turned around and went back to the top, where we could let the pickup by. Others were able to find a way to squeeze around. One couple showed off their backing skills and backed out for approximately 100 yards over the roughest and steepest section. Once we all safely passed the pickup, we crossed the new bridge that spans the Bruneau River. After a long break at the hot springs, we started back towards our trucks and trailers. It was a good day!

Ron Mothershead



Desert Blast Crater

or those of you who have taken the ride to Winter Camp and Indian Hot Springs and had the opportunity to stop at the blast crater, well here is a bit of information on the site. This article was written by Kimberly Williams Brackett and appeared in the Times News and on the Magic Valley website, April 2017.

Q: Straight west of Castleford, nearly to the Bruneau Canyon on a wide-open flat is a massive crater. The crater is just west of Clover Crossing on the Indian Hot Springs Road. What is the story behind the crater?

A: "The crater was created on Sept. 30, 1965, when the Atomic Energy Commission detonated more than 80 tons of a liquid chemical explosive that had been placed 70 feet below the surface of the Bruneau desert," said Jan Boles, Archivist for the College of Idaho.

"Known as Project Pre-Schooner II, a component of the Atoms for Peace program called Operation Plowshare, the event was well publicized in advance." Boles said. In the Oct. 1, 1965, edition of the Times-News you will find full front-page coverage by O. A. Gus Kelker, an eminent photojournalist for the paper. The Idaho Statesman also gave the event A1 coverage.

Project Plowshare was the development of techniques to use nuclear explosives for peaceful construction purposes. It was a non-nuclear cratering experiment with the high explosive nitromethane in Owyhee County. The depth of burial was 71 feet in rhyolite. The 85-ton charge obtained data for cavity growth, seismic effects, and air blast.

"Driving to this site involves proceeding south of Bruneau on the Clover-Three Creek Road," Boles said "After you turn west you are into serious four-wheel-drive territory. The route essentially follows the track used by expeditions floating the Bruneau River. The put-in for those river trips isn't far past the PSII site. The USGS Stiff Tree Draw quadrangle map has the best detail. The nearest landmark is a ruin called the Bengoechea Cabin.

"My interest in this story stems from a remark that I heard chatting with an old timer," Boles continued. "This was back in the early 1970s. This fellow thought that there had been an atomic bomb exploded 'somewhere on the desert south of Bruneau.' At the time I knew that this was not true, but his description of an enormous crater had the ring of truth and I never forgot it. Just a few years ago, after the internet allowed convenient access to government reports, I happened to be surfing with the right key word and found out the name and location of PSII.

"In 2013 I visited the site on two occasions, gathering the materials and photographs that became the basis for my recent presentation at the Bruneau Valley Library last month," he said. "My big happy surprise at that gathering was to meet a local resident who had worked to help prepare the site. At that time he was a U of I student who had landed a well-paying summer job. He gave me some great information, the kind of stuff that doesn't get into government reports.

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"Most of the lifelong residents of the Bruneau Valley had never heard of PSII," Boles said.

Click on the photo to load it in Google Maps.



A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

Pee Wee: What did the digital clock say to

its mother?

Westy: What?

Pee Wee: "Look, Ma! No hands!"

Q: What did the Egyptian kid say when it got lost?
A: I want my mummy.

Brigham Point Ride Report

On Saturday, April 3, nine machines and bunch of folks left the parking area north of the railroad tracks past Paul. We headed out on the main road, then jumped onto one of the side roads. We did a little bit of wandering around and enjoyed each other's company at several breaks before lunch. One of which was the remains of Brigham Cabin.

We ate lunch on the edge of the lava then embarked to do a bit more exploring. We wandered along the southern edge of the lava field and at one break spot took a group photo.

After a bit more exploring, we continued our journey back to the parking area. This part of the trip was pretty bumpy since the track didn't get enough ATV traffic to put the third rut in the trail.

When we made it back to the parking area at just before 4:00 p.m. we had covered a total of sixty miles.

Aaron Larson



Club Meeting Report



n April, Action Cycles N' Sleds graciously hosted our monthly meeting.

We had approximately 75 members in attendance. Action once again had Big Fatty's serve their famous pulled pork sandwiches with all the trimmings.

In addition to our regular business, Scott Soletti, from the Forest Service, talked a little bit about the Badger fire as well as a new app for your phone that they are working on. This app will allow us to take a picture of a trail that needs work, enter in a few details, and when you get back in cell phone range, submit the information to the Forest Service. I don't know about anyone else, but I think this will be an awesome tool for us!

Thanks to all who came, we look forward to seeing you in May.

Aaron Larson



Chris: Why is a computer so smart? **Mom:** It listens to its motherboard.

New Machines!

We have had quite a few members get new machines over the last several months.

Jerry Kriegh ordered a new 2021 Suzuki KingQuad 750 from Let's Ride way back in January. Thanks to Covid, and all the shutdowns and shortages, it arrived earlier in the week and he was able to pick it up two days before his Pagari ride. Here is what it looked like after he broke it in on his first ride. Thanks to the folks at Let's Ride for installing all his accessories quick enough he could take it!



Wayne Fisher picked up a new 2021 RZR from <u>Action Cycles and Sleds</u>. He added a roof, tires, wheels, and a few other cool accessories.



Glenn and Joy Duggan also picked up a new 2021 RZR from <u>Young Powersports!</u> They have also added a bunch of accessories.

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Dave and Carol Meyer picked up a 2021 Maverick Trail from <u>Action Cycles and Sleds</u>. So far he added a roof, a windshield, storage bags, trunk, and a few other things that are still on back order.



We would like to thank our local dealers for supporting the club and helping these folks enjoy their new machines!

Wildflower of the Month

This month's flower is....the White Mariposa Lily. You may have learned it as the Sego Lily, which is a very similar, but different species. The White Mariposa Lily doesn't usually get very tall, but they are often noticeable because the single flower can get quite large. It has 3 large white petals with purple spots on them. Here's the description from the Forest Service website. "White Mariposa Lily (Calochortus eurycarpus) By Gene Yates Often

found in masses, white mariposa lily provides a striking foreground standing proud among the grasses and herbs of mountain meadows, grasslands, and open forest throughout the intermountain west.

A member of the lily family, white mariposa lily grows from a perennial bulb with a single grasslike stem up to 20 inches (50 cm) tall bearing 1-5 flowers. The flower features three large white petals each with a prominent purple blotch in the center. Near the base of each petal a small, yellow, crescent-shaped gland attracts beetles by secreting a nectar-like substance. However, mariposa lilies are believed to be pollinator "generalists" and attract a variety of insects including bees, wasps, bee-flies, in addition to several kinds of beetles. White mariposa lily blooms from late May through July, depending on local conditions such as elevation and aspect. White mariposa lily is difficult to cultivate either by seed or bulb and is not suited for the home native plant garden."

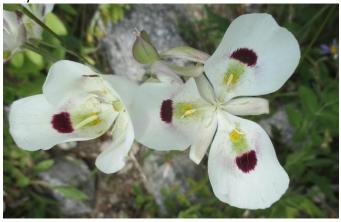
For More Information

<u>PLANTS Profile - Calochortus eurycarpus, White</u>

Mariposa Lily

Look for this month's wildflower when you're out riding this summer!

Amy Larson



Q: How do you know flowers are friendly?
A: They always have new buds!

Q: Why couldn't the flower ride a bike?
A: It lost its petals.

Upcoming Rides & Events

ere are the rides and campouts that are penciled into the calendar. Please watch the calendar on the website for up-to-date information.

- 1. May 8 Crystal Ice Caves Aaron (ride change!)
- 2. May 15 Thorne Creek Grahams
- 3. May 19 Danskin Bobby & Ron
- 4. May 28-30 Oakley Campout Aaron
- 5. June 4-6 South Hills Work and Ride Aaron
- June 12 Diamondfield Jack to Oakley & Back Wayne Fisher
- 7. June 19 Jackpot (possible campout) Brad
- 8. June 25-27 Antelope Ranger Station Linda & Dixie
- 9. Aug 19-23 Mackay Ron
- 10. Sept 9-12 Jarbidge Jerry Kriegh
- 11. Sept 24-26 Public Lands Campout
- 12. Oct 2-3 Pole Creek Kent

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

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Larry Laub and Dee Hansen.

Linda Stimpson

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

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

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.



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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 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.

Board of Directors



Magic Valley ATV Riders, INC. (MVATVR) PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0767 Application for Membership



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