

Magic Valley ATV Riders

Oct 2022



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: October 2, 2021, YE 100 Ride.

Presidents Message

As September draws to a close. October and hunting season are just around the corner, I encourage riders to be cautious and try to be visible.

We had a great turnout for our annual picnic at the Kimberly city park. Special thanks to Linda Laudert who prepared the tasty pulled pork. Also thanks to everyone that helped with the picnic.

September 24, 2022, was Public Lands Day and our club had over 20 people turn out to help with trail maintenance. Our club also furnished lunch to all who participated. Thanks to the lunch crew and the five teams that worked on the trails. Dave Meyers and I were a team, and we worked the 920 trail. I'm looking forward to the trail cat coming later in October to help us with the trails in need of more serious work.

Gary Aufderheide – Interim President

Elections

At our November club meeting we will hold our annual election. We will vote on board members to fill the ten board positions for the year 2023.

Anyone who wishes to have their name on the ballot will need to contact Gary Aufderheide at 208-731-4109 or garya2adfndr@gmail.com

Dues Going Up

At the September board meeting, it was decided it was time to increase our club dues. FYI, dues have not been increased since the inception of the club.

Effective January 1, 2023, the dues will go up \$5 per individual and family membership. If you pre-pay your dues before that date, you will be grandfathered in under the old rate.

See the last page of this newsletter and/or a later article for information on the dues. You may pay your dues by mail or at any club meeting.

Board of Directors

Website

At the August board meeting the website was discussed and after a month of going through options, it was decided it was time to simplify the club website.

Last week the new website went live. Over the next several months we will slowly add more information, but for now, it will be kept fairly simple.

Eventually, the members link will return but when it does we will most likely go back to a single username and password that will allow you access to the newsletters and the membership database.

M V A T V R October Club Meeting

When?

Weds. October 12, 2022

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Where?



YOUNG
POWERSPORTS

How to Get There: They are few blocks farther down the road from their old location. They are at 333 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 go a few more blocks and on the left you will see the Young Automotive building, and the next block will have the GMC dealership, and the next building you see will be their brand new Power Sports building. It is also right across the street from Commercial Tire.

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 will have representatives from the Sawtooth National Forest come and talk to us. 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!

Other Info: For those that have not attended in the past, we highly suggest you come this year. They are very anxious to show off their new building and see how everyone's new machines that you have purchased from them have been running. They have also fed us very well in the past! It is WELL worth the drive to Burley.

Please be patient as we slowly add more material and pictures to the website over the coming months.

Board of Directors

Forest Service Information

Two weeks ago I met with Jed to talk about how we could help the Forest Service. Here are some highlights.

The trail cat will be in the Minidoka Ranger District from October 19th to the 26th. Some trail work will take place in Sublett, Albion, and in the Cassia Divisions. In the Cassia Division, our first priority is getting the 849\Bear Gulch West trail fixed since it is the worst trail in the division. They would like someone to go and be with the trail cat operator on as many of the days as possible. The work is easy. As the operator works on the trail, you just need to move his RZR from where he left it to wherever he is working so he doesn't have to go back and forth. You also just need to be in the area so you can trim the occasional branch or things like that so he can spend more time on the trail cat moving dirt. If you wish to help, please contact Gary via phone or email.

On Public Lands Day the forest service trails crew assisted the motorcycle club with building foundations for two bridges to replace the ones burned at the bottom of Third Fork. Later this month a helicopter will be flying in the beams and other parts so the Forest Service trails crew can finish the bridges before winter weather hits.

They have five gates that they acquired from someplace up in the Sun Valley area. They also have a skid steer and attachments scheduled for the first of November. If the weather cooperates, they will get the gates installed in the Porcupine area (we hope) and get that area locked up so the bigger machines will stay out (we saw a 72" four seater on one of the Porcupine trails last Sunday).

They are also going to try and get some grants written that will allow us to put in ATV crossovers on the Kirkham trails in the next year or so.

Aaron Larson

Facebook

At the September board meeting, it was decided that we need to move into the 21st century and finally join Facebook.

Public Facebook Site

First, you will find our public site located at <https://www.facebook.com/MVATVR> This link will be our public site. Posts that are made here will be seen by the public. We intend to use this as a way to have more interaction with the public and those that are not members of the club.

We will probably post generic ride and campout notifications without stating where the campout or ride will be, and that those interested must contact a board member for information. After the ride we will post some photos and a brief writeup so the public can see what we did.

We hope that this will help draw more members to the club.

Private Facebook Group

Next, we created a Facebook Group that will only be available for members of the club. The URL is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mvatvr> and you will need to submit a request to be added to the group. Be patient as it may take anywhere from a few hours to several days to be accepted to the group. Please make sure your name is clearly part of your Facebook account so we can verify who you are.

Feel free to submit a request and look around.

Right now we don't have any rules but will be developing them as we go through the next several months. In the meantime, use your best judgement as to what you post.

For now, feel free to post if you are going riding and don't mind if other club members come. Feel free to post pictures of your private ride if you and a friend went riding yesterday for example.

You can also post something for sale if it is ATV related.

Be patient with both the public and private group as we move forward.

Board of Directors

Picnic Report

Our annual MVATV Riders Club Picnic was held in the early evening on September 14, 2022 at Kimberly City Park.

Approximately 70 members were in attendance to enjoy beautiful fall weather and the company of friends.

The board cooked and served pulled pork sandwiches along with the many delicious potluck food items provided by the club members.

Eight \$25.00 gift certificates were given as door prizes and the lucky winners were, Jacob Metcalf, Robert Leitch, Gregg Roessler, and everyone else that we can't remember!

There were other miscellaneous door prizes given as well. The Board would like to thank all those who were able to attend and assist with the food items.



Linda Laudert

Public Lands Day Report

On Tuesday, September 20th, club members secured the large group site at FS Flats. Through the week those that camped spent time riding.

Friday morning as we all prepared to go riding, a cow moose and her youngster walked through camp which meant the day was going to be good.

We broke into two groups. One went riding, and one went to look at things in preparation for Saturdays work detail. Those that went on the "official business" ride explored the Porcupine trail system between Pike Mountain, Porcupine Campground, and on up to the top of Martindale to see where we needed to suggest to the Forest Service to install gates and to determine which trails needed maintenance.

That evening upon the return of both groups, an impromptu potluck dinner was held, and we had a good time hanging out around the campfire. Aaron broke out the drone he has on extended loan and got some nice looking photos of the camp!



Saturday morning rolled around, and we had a brief meeting and headed out to our respective work areas.



One group started at Diamond Field Jack parking lot. They trimmed up to trail 239, then up to Pike Mtn. Trail (241). They worked our way down 241, fixing an off-camber spot with Pulaski and shovel. At trail 163, they met with other club members and proceeded back to camp.

One group spent the day on 004\Third Fork and brushed the trail and did some other minor trail maintenance.

One group went down 015\Trout Creek and did quite a bit of brushwork since the quaking aspen trees are growing in nice and thick and also did some dirt work on the trail.

Another group of "older folks" as they referred to themselves, rode the entire length of 920\Telephone Canyon and trimmed anything that caused obstructed views going around the corners.



Trout Creek Trail

The final group brushed out 911\Blind Creek and then headed down onto 865\Goose Creek where they worked on issues related to water on the trail. In addition to the beavers that are flooding the trail, there are a number of springs on the uphill side of the trail. Some drainage channels were dug where water was collecting on the trail to keep the water from pooling.



Goose Creek

The first crews started coming back in around 12:30 p.m. and once all four crews were in, everyone enjoyed a nice baked potato lunch!

After lunch, several short rides took place and that evening another potluck was organized.



We think we had 22 folks participate and from the aerial photo, 13 campers were in attendance.

That evening a Sunday morning breakfast was organized. In the morning, Ron built a fire and everyone brought out all the food that they cooked. We had enough bacon, eggs, and fried potatoes to feed a small army.



After breakfast, everyone broke up into small groups and went riding for various lengths and upon their return, most packed up and headed home.



We would like to thank everyone that attended any part of the Public Lands Day event. We would also like to note that the colors started to turn over the weekend and right now is a good time to go see the leaves!

Dixie Best – Event Co-Ordinator & Aaron Larson – Public Lands Day organizer

Jarbidge Ride Report

This year on my annual Jarbidge campout I had four campers attend. On Thursday it rained and hailed off and on. Friday was a beautiful day for riding. We left camp going east towards Pole Creek ranger station. Stopped at an old homestead. Many gates were opened and closed along the way and we reached our lunch break at 12:45 at the Pole creek

campground. After that we headed back to camp and took an offroad trail back. As usual the trail ended. Lost never... Proceeded further and again found the main road to camp and finished our forty-five mile ride.

On Saturday it was a nice day as we rode across the island to the crater. We viewed the canyon at the entrance to the crater.

We also saw the new road at bottom of canyon put in by mine exploration company is being put back to its original condition. We left the island and rode into Jarbidge for lunch and tour of town where we visited the shopping center and jail next door. Ride was about 60 miles. Thanks to the riders who came each day for a day ride.

Jerry Kriegh – Ride leader

New Forest Supervisor

Intermountain Region Regional Forester Mary Farnsworth is pleased to announce she has selected Jake Strohmeyer as the Forest Supervisor for the Sawtooth National Forest.

Prior to his selection as Forest Supervisor, Strohmeyer served as the District Ranger for the Cascade Ranger District of the Boise National Forest, a position he held since 2016, where he was responsible for all aspects of management of the district's resources including an active forest health and hazardous fuels reduction program, rapidly growing recreation use, and fire management.

Strohmeyer started his career with the USDA Forest Service in 1994 as a firefighter on the Boise National Forest and went on to work in a variety of positions on the Idaho Panhandle, Nez Perce, and Salmon-Challis National Forests. Prior to becoming a District Ranger, he had been a staff officer for the Payette National Forest where he worked on a wide variety of projects and issues including collaborative travel planning, wilderness management, large scale mining exploration projects, and the Payette's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project.

Over the years, Strohmeyer has performed several temporary assignments such as Deputy Forest Supervisor, Deputy Chief of Staff for National Forest System in Washington D.C., and Bipartisan

Infrastructure Law Coordinator for the Intermountain Region.

Strohmeyer said, "I am honored to be entrusted with the responsibility for managing the Sawtooth National Forest and I am looking forward to getting to know our partners, state agency personnel, congressional legislators, county and city representatives, and communities that use and enjoy the Forest."

Copied from the press release.

Sagebrush Planting

Volunteers are needed to help plant 20,000 sagebrush seedlings.

Fall is right around the corner which traditionally brings cooler temperatures and fall rain, making it the perfect time to plant sagebrush to restore big game winter range lost during the Badger Fire. The Sawtooth National Forest, Minidoka Ranger District and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Magic Valley Region have set a date of Saturday October 22, 2022 for a volunteer planting project in the area burned during the 2020 Badger Fire. The goal this year is to plant 20,000 sagebrush plants during this one-day event.

According to Scott Soletti, Minidoka district wildlife biologist "last year's planting project was a great success, with 110 volunteers participating and planting approximately 15,000 plants. Planting success was one of the best on record with over 90% survival on many of the planted sites. These projects result in improved big game and sage-grouse habitat on some really important winter range."

The planting site will be in the Dry Creek Area south of Hansen; the Forest Service and Fish and Game staff will meet volunteers at the bottom of the Dry Creek Road before heading up to the planting sites. Work gloves and planting tools will be provided. Volunteers should bring a lunch and water. Porta-potties will be provided at the planting sites as well. A map with directions is below.

First Lite, a locally based national outdoor wear manufacturer who is committed to conservation will be offering a \$200 gift certificate to one of the volunteers who helps plant sagebrush on October 22.

To sign up for this volunteer planting opportunity contact Alberti at (208) 324-4359 to ensure enough planting tools and materials are available on the day of the project.

Copied from the press release

Upcoming Rides & Events

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

BLM RAC meeting on October 19th. Call Ted MacNeil for more information! 208-293-6349

We will update the calendar on the website with more details on rides and other events as information becomes available.

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

October Meeting

Please see the flyer that was emailed to everyone last week! It will be held at Young Powersports in Burley on October 12th. RSVP via the following link: <https://forms.gle/V5hmPaNYKwDJBCYR7> or go to the club website and click on the Meetings link.

Club Meeting Schedule

- Oct 12 – Young Powersports (Burley)
- Nov 9 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin
- Dec 7 or 14? – Informal get together
- January ?? – Ride Leader Meeting sometime
- Jan 21 - Banquet\Twin
- Feb 8 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin
- Mar 9 – Probably at Adventure Motorsports\Twin
- Apr 13 – Probably at Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin
- May 11 – Probably at Let’s Ride\Rupert

At a regular club meeting, dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM or a little sooner if we finish eating. Meetings usually conclude at 8:00 PM.

Membership Dues!

Dues are \$20 for a single person and \$25 for a family until the end of the year at which point they go to \$25\30!

Please mail your payment to PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303, bring your payment to the next meeting. Debit & credit cards accepted.

Linda Stimpson

Flags & Hats

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.

Hats are also available for \$17 each!



Call Brad Stimpson (208-308-8526) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

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.

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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Only valid until December 31, 2022. After that, it is \$25 individual\30 family!



Magic Valley ATV Riders, INC. (MVATVR)
PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0767
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: _____