

Magic Valley ATV Riders

Dec 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 November comes to a close and Thanksgiving is in the past, we can still remember to give thanks for All the great things God has given us. I like to thank God for everything he has given me, for everything he has taken away, and everything he has left for me. I must remember to be thankful in all circumstances.

Our hunting season was very difficult because we didn't fill our tags. We put lots of miles on the pickup, saw a lot of moose and deer but we absolutely could not find an elk. The fall colors were great this year and then snow added to the beauty and danger of the landscape.

Veteran's day was highlight for me. I enjoyed some free food and comradery with veteran friends. I also attended the Concert the Magic Valley Symphony gave to especially honor veterans and active military. It was very well attended by veterans.

I would like to thank the club and board for allowing me to serve as your interim president. I wish all our members the happiest holiday season!

Gary Aufderheide – Interim President

Elections\Budget\Etc.

At the November meeting we had approximately 45 members in attendance along with a couple that is investigating the club. Sergeant Ken Mencl of the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department spoke to us about law enforcement in the mountains, along with many other things.

At the meeting, a motion was made by Wayne Fisher that the club retain all the current board members In-Lew of going through the motions of having the paper ballots filled out. Glenn Fisher seconded the motion and Gary Aufderheide asked those in attendance to accept the motion. All were in favor with no "No's." As a result, everyone that is currently a member of the Board of Directors will continue as board members during the 2023 year.

At the November board meeting the following week, and after much discussion, the following board members were asked, and are willing to serve in the following capacities: Aaron Larson – President and Newsletter\Website, Robert Leitch – Vice President, Linda Laudert – Secretary and Ride Co-Ordinator, Linda Stimpson – Membership and Treasurer, and Dixie Best – Event Co-Ordinator.

Currently we are unable to take PayPal to renew your memberships. For the time being we

can accept cash or checks. We are looking into the feasibility of using Venmo and/or Zella in the future.

The January banquet planning is going well. The menu will be pork loin provided by the club. The members will be asked to bring salads and side dishes, and the club will provide the desserts. Door prizes are being gathered and we will announce in January what the raffle will be (rest assured there will be at least one raffle geared to the ladies). If you have a raffle prize suggestion, let a board member know! If you would like to donate a prize, or, have a relationship with a local business that might be willing to donate a prize, let us know that as well.

Since we have changed how the website works, you will not be notified automatically of changes to the website. We will, however, try and let you know via email when something important is posted.

The newsletter will generally be posted on the website sometime between the last few days of the month to sometime into the first week of the month depending on the logistics of gathering the information and the creation of the newsletter.

Due to technology issues with your email, if you DO NOT get an email saying the newsletter is posted, check and see if it is on the website. Check your junk mail to see if the notification was sent there, and if all else, please check with Linda Stimpson to make sure the email address that she has for you is current.

Over the years the club membership roster has been in decline and it has affected the income of the club. This year we did not earn any money from working on the trails and in 2023 we hope to return to getting some income for our trail work since the state has the money available.

As part of these things, the board is going to develop a budget, so we have a better idea of how much we spend every year and what our income is.

As part of this process, we are going to create a spreadsheet to categorize our income and expenditures. We will also go back in history and research how much we have spent on past banquets, donations we have made as part of the raffle income, donations to other entities such the Blue Ribbon Coalition, etc.

Once we have a better understanding of our income sources, as well as necessary and optional

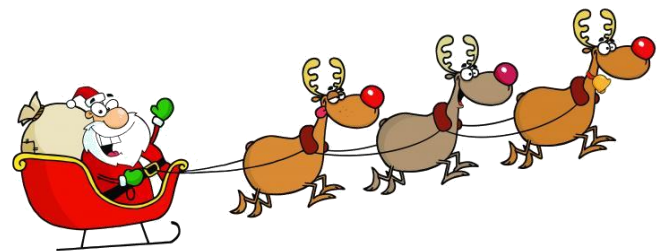
expenses, we will determine a reasonable “emergency” fund amount to set aside (the last time we used this was to buy an ad in the newspaper about the seasonal closure changes a few years ago). We may set some aside money for the wind farm situation. We also intend to donate a large amount to the Blue Ribbon Coalition and/or other organizations that support the reason our club was founded as stated in our bylaws.

As we go through this process, we welcome suggestions on how to be fiscally responsible and spend club funds appropriately.

Linda Laudert is planning a tentative date for the 2023 ride leader meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 11th. Watch for further details as this tentative date is set in stone as well as the time and location it will be held. As part of this process, we welcome suggestions as to where we can ride and camp.

Buhl will have their annual Light Parade on December 3rd. Although the club is not officially participating, we invite anyone that would like to either enter your machine in the parade as a participant – or – go and support Buhl and watch the parade.

Board of Directors



Utah OHV Training

An FYI, Utah has a new law that requires everyone that is riding an OHV to take a free, once-in-a-lifetime online class in order to ride an OHV in their state.

The class will be available in January and the URL to take the class will be at <https://stateparks.utah.gov/activities/off-highway-vehicles/ohv-education/>

Sitting by the Lake

Sitting here at camp, looking out towards the lake, taking in all the landscape has to offer, you can definitely see fall is here. Fall is my favorite season, displaying the vibrant fall color finale of the year. The trees are shedding their gowns of leaves, paving the trails and roads in mats of gold. The wind is blowing the leaves on the trees and its like a million golden tambourines.

I love riding under the canopies of golden dressed trees, the sun shining through the leaves, giving everything a golden ember glow. Camping in the fall is wonderful! The days start out chilly and frosty then ending the day around an evening campfire. The fire is giving off a nice warmth, but the chill in the air is whispering, "winter is coming".

October has been a fun month of corn/straw bale mazes, pumpkin lattes, and Halloween parties, but now we are moving into November. Time to start getting things winterized for the cold freezing temperatures.

What do you think of when you hear November? Warm snuggly blankets on the couch to curl up in with a good book. Getting all your fall clothing out of storage and maybe buying some new fall accessories. Who cannot think about Thanksgiving?! A time to give thanks for all the blessings in your life. Maybe start planning the big Thanksgiving dinner and who to invite, and what will be on the menu. Many will think about the sales the day after. Enjoy the day and everything it offers. Let me give you some fun facts that you can all talk about and laugh at around the dinner table.

1. It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (I bet some will try)
2. Some lipsticks contain fish scales.
3. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
4. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"
5. The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language. (Have your guests try it)

May all your fall days be filled with warmth and a golden glow. Go rake the leaves and jump into

the pile. Be silly!! Try licking your own elbow. Enjoy every day no matter how serious or silly it is.

Lorrie Oliver

Editor's note: This article didn't quite make it into the November newsletter, so we are including it this month.

Wind Projects in the Magic Valley

Magic Valley Energy really wants these projects to go thru. They put their info under the term advertisement. This way they can give us half - truths with no fact checking. They don't want you to know it will destroy some lively-hoods and our way of life. They brag about the tax dollars they might generate, but they are billions in debt. Our state has a tax surplus. Why should we give our multi-use lands up for the benefit of Nevada and California? We could use our tax surplus on the things they mention. One interesting fact, Luc from LS power is from Nevada. If this is such a great project, why not push to put it in Nevada? That should tell us something. Idaho Power has to use their lines to get the power out of our area. We will pay an inflated price if we need to use this power. Use common sense, we give up our multi-use land, our water, our lifestyles for a New York based company. All the benefit of this project goes out of state. Does that seem like a good deal for our Magic Valley?

Carol MacNeil

Note: Carol submitted this as a letter to editor in the Times News a few weeks ago.



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!

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? 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!

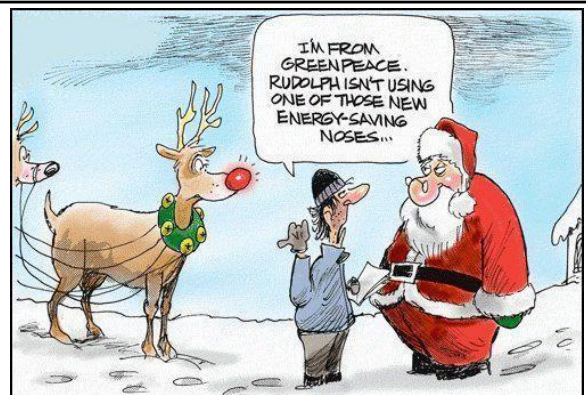
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OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up in January 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. You can also renew them for TWO years now!!!!

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



State Parks Passport Stickers



To purchase a State Parks Passport, you will need to call **1-800-247-6332** and ask for a State Parks Passport (\$10 one) for your ATV or SxS.

Also, make sure you get one for your tow rig as well.

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.

There are no rides currently scheduled due to the weather.

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Trans-Siberian Orchestra, otherwise known as TSO to all their fans, recently uploaded a narrated version of their third Christmas album to YouTube. This year we were in row 4 center seats, and I have been to at least fifteen concerts over the years.

I'd encourage you to find about two hours and kick back on the couch and click the following link in YouTube and enjoy some good music and a good story to go along with it. Oh, and turn the volume up ☺ [The Lost Christmas Eve](#)

Aaron Larson

Club Meeting Schedule



Dec 14 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin
This is our annual informal get-together at 6:00 p.m. The buffet will NOT be available. We will hang out and visit and eat until 8:00 p.m.

January 11 – Ride Leader Meeting sometime

Jan 21 - Banquet\Twin

Feb 8 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin

Mar 8 – Probably at Adventure Motorsports\Twin

Apr 12 – Probably at Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin

May 10 – 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.

Thinking of You

Everyone that is ill, recovering from being ill, family that is ill, lost a friend or family member, or otherwise needs extra support. Also to Kris and Dorothea Larson – their house flooded when a pipe burst.

New Members

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

Linda Stimpson

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing—it was on the house!

How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh on the day after Christmas? They use Santa-tizer.

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.

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

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

Thank You Dealers for Supporting the Magic Valley ATV Riders



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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)
 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: _____