

Magic Valley ATV Riders

Feb 2023



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.

Message from the President

Well everyone, I had planned on writing a lengthy article this month, but, with everything going on in the last week, this one is going to be brief, but I will at least give you a rough overview of what I was going to talk about in length.

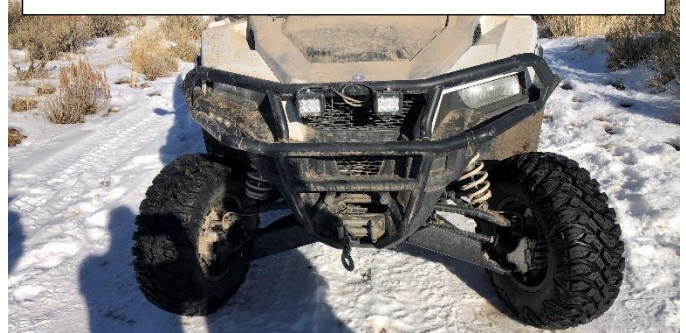
First, gun safety... This would be a long story, but this is the really short version... Dad's camp trailer has a .338 Lapua sized hole in the front bulkhead, along with a pillow and comforter that got perforated. No one was injured, except for the pride of the gun owner (not me). Trailer repairs are forthcoming.



Second, the next hunting trip at the end of November, due to a "following too closely" issue while hunting, my Maverick got rear ended and suffered some damage along with the machine that hit me. My machine was drivable, the other, well, not so much. It had to be trailered out of the mountains. Both machines are nearly fixed – I just need to get one of the rear shocks rebuilt and I should be back in business.

That same day, a friend got a phone call this his new Can-Am Defender, which had been back ordered for an entire year, had arrived. We picked it up the next day. Future club member BTW.

Bent bumper, damaged fender, scratched hood, and bent tie rod that snapped when loading it in the trailer



Third, later that week in preparation for another hunting trip, we discovered that some low life went to my friend's house where the trailer was parked and stole the propane tanks. Now, for those paying attention, AFTER telling Kris we shot his trailer, we then got to tell him that we have to buy new propane tanks. It did make us feel better that both tanks were bone dry so the thief probably didn't get what he was actually after. They have since been replaced by 30 lb. tanks, and a tank lock.

Fourth, regular maintenance. Since the rear ending accident, the damaged parts have been replaced (except for the shock of course). This also led me to the conclusion that it was time to do a bunch of other maintenance as well. Over the last month or so, I have replaced all the suspension bushings installed new ball joints, as well as tie rod ends. Thanks to Bill Mefford for coming to Burley to help with the job.

I also tore the entire front end of the machine apart to permanently (I hope) fix the leaking heater hoses that are tied in to the radiator to the heater in the cab. This was a story in itself. I think it took a dozen trips to town, and about half a dozen on-line orders from various suppliers to keep things leak free. Don't ask what that job cost, because it wasn't cheap. I think I have all the air bubbles out of the system, but I need to do one more test run out in the country to make sure.

After replacing the tie rod ends, it was time for an alignment. After messing with that, I think I am giving up on this and having the pros do it for me. Too much of a pain to deal with myself anymore.

Bill and I replaced all the bushings in Kris's RZR over Christmas as well. Several bushings were pretty much gone so they were due.

Over Christmas Amy and I went on a snow coach tour of Yellowstone National Park. Lots of fun, and we suggest everyone try it sometime. Amy said I was not allowed to buy one of the trucks either. (Look at the size of those tires!)



That leaves the other thing taking up some time other than the usual Yearbook and Ski Club items that make life busy in January through March. In December a cat was sitting on the back step. We opened the door, and he came in. Long story short, he is still here and after some visits to the vet, and a

fortune spent on cat items, Tigger is now a member of the Larson family. Yes, he is spoiled. No more money for UTV parts now, but that is OK with us 😊



Well, so much for a brief article. I will leave off with a few other things.

One – Thank you to everyone that made the banquet a success. Dixie and the crew put in a lot of time and effort planning for it, as usual.

Second – I wrote several letters of support for the forest service as they are submitting grant requests. Two were not directly related to us, but we support them anyway. One was to rebuild the Pettit Campground and the other one is to continue the work on rebuilding the Skyline hiking\biking\motorcycle trail on Mt. Harrison. The letter that applies to us is to commit 400 hours of labor in the summer of 2024 to do major maintenance and trailhead work in the South Hills.

It sounds like a lot of hours, but we count the time it takes to travel from our home to the mountains, as well as time we spend in the morning safety meeting, the actual work time, and the time to travel home. I think we will spend more than the 400 hours very easily if the club members spend as much time helping as they have in the past on these projects.

Third, the ride and camp calendar for this year is jam packed with rides and campouts. Thanks to Linda Laudert for spearheading the Ride Committee and also to those that volunteered to take us camping and riding. As always, we could always use more rides.

Aaron Larson - President

Banquet Review

I would like to thank everyone that braved the cold weather and came to the banquet on January 20th.

We had a little over seventy members that came this year, including quite a few new members that joined that night!

Thank you for the food you brought, and for the time Linda Laudert spent cooking the delicious pork loin.

Although we didn't get a firm count on how many cans of food were donated, there was a pretty large stack of boxes that the Mustard Seed picked up afterwards.

Everyone won a prize, and a special thanks to all the dealers, local businesses, and club members that donated prizes this year. Thanks to the young people that drew the tickets!

The raffle was a success as well. At the board meeting the week after the banquet, the board voted to do two things. First, to donate the full amount we made off the Raffle to the Buhl Senior Citizens center. As part of the vote, we also rounded up the amount from the \$380 we earned and will be donating \$400 to them. Thank you for your support in buying raffle tickets.



Dixie Best – Even Co-Ordinator

Editor's note: We had some issues converting the photos. We uploaded a bunch to the club Facebook members group. We will hopefully have more posted next week.



Check out the wood ATV that Dennis Woods carved and donated as a prize!



Bylaws

In September, the Board of Directors began the task of updating the bylaws. When they were originally written when the club was formed, they were copied and modified from the motorcycle club. We decided that we would not rush through the process, and every month we would re-read everything and find something else that could use a little polishing.

We deleted things that still talked about what to do if the club was dissolved within a few years of forming, re-organized where various topics were, and did a LOT of grammar, spelling, and other corrections.

After months of polishing, we finally voted for, and approved the bylaws as currently written. They are currently located on the website under the "[Documents](#)" area.

Board of Directors

Utah OHV Training

As you have seen, for the last several months we have posted about the upcoming Utah OHV training that you will be required to complete if you EVER plan on driving an OHV in Utah.

Their website URL is now active, and Gary Aufderheide and Aaron Larson have completed the training. It takes about 30 minutes and is pretty straight forward. You have to read through some laws and answer a few "quiz" questions. You will also watch several three-minute long videos as well.

Once you pass, you will be able to download your certificate that you will need to have in your possession while driving your OHV.

Here is the current, correct URL for the training:

<https://secured.utah.gov/utoutdoorredirection/Forms/Page/utoutdoorredirection/utohvcourse/0>

Linda Laudert – Ride Co-Ordinator

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.

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.

Aaron is hoping to do a President's day ride someplace. With the current weather conditions, the chances are slim that we will find a place to go riding with all the snow on the ground and all the cold weather we have been having. Watch the calendar on the website for updated information.

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

Ride Planning Meeting

We would like to thank everyone that came to the Ride Planning meeting in January. The attendance was good and have a large number of rides and campouts on the calendar.

As usual, the rides and campouts are subject to change if the weather is bad or other situations arise. Also, some of the events in April and May are "penciled in" with the understanding that it may be moved around as we get closer to those dates so we can see what the conditions are in those areas.

The current ride schedule is posted on the club website under the "[Members](#)" link. You will find a list, as well as a PDF (click on the bright blue "[Ride Schedule](#)" graphic).

See you all on a ride or on a campout this year!

Linda Laudert – Ride Co-Ordinator

Mackay Campout and Ride

Ron Mothershead has once again volunteered take us all to Mackay this July from the 27th to August 1st.

We will be staying at the Mackay Tourist Park. Ron has reserved the entire park which consists of 24 individual sites. One RV per site. Dry camping only.

Cost will be determined by how many sites we fill. Park rent is \$200 divided by the number of sites used. You can pay Ron at the event once we have a count on the number of sites used. In past years, the cost has been \$9 to \$12 total for all five nights.

Reserve your spot by contacting Ron Mothershead - call or text (208)731-4404 or email at ron.mothershead12@gmail.com. Reservations will be accepted for members of MVATVR in the order received.

Check-in is after 10:00 am Thursday July 27th. Check out is before 10:00 am Tuesday August 1st.

More information and agenda in an upcoming newsletter.

Ron Mothershead

Club Meeting Schedule



Feb 8 – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin Falls
The buffet will be available.

We will have a treat for everyone that comes!
Dinner at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

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.

Lava Ridge

The draft EIS was discussed at the January 25 meeting. The BLM wants to go with up to 400 3MW Turbines 740 feet tall with 486 miles of new access roads, 147 miles of improved roads.

The project will cover 84,387 acres and consume 130,390,000 gallons of water. The BLM will be holding meetings Feb. 8th and 22nd in person and by ZOOM. Anyone wanting to participate can call BLM at 208-736-2352. A meeting on Feb. 22 will be at the Lincoln County Community Center in Shoshone. 2-4 PM. Another on Feb. 23 at the Canyon Crest Event Center in Twin Falls 5-7 PM.

A separate public meeting will be held on Feb. 2 at 7PM at the Jerome Airport, Precision Aviation Hanger. There will be updates on Lava Ridge, Taurus, and Salmon Falls projects. You can learn about the EIS statement, and how to respond.

Ted MacNeil

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.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Nathan and Stacie Green (they own [Bulldog Performance and Oil](#) in Kimberly), Larry and Joetta Abo, Rod and Linda Childers, and Berry and Celia Spalding! Wow, lots of new members this last month or so!

Linda Stimpson

Last Newsletter

This is a reminder that if your dues are not current as of March 1st, you will no longer receive ride notifications or copies of the monthly newsletter. Please pay your dues promptly to ensure that you do not have any disruption in your membership benefits.

Membership Dues!

Dues are \$25 for a single person and \$30 for a family.

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.



What do you call sweets that can keep a beat?"
"Candy rappers."

Pictures



[Baaer Products Propane Tank Lock](#) Available at etrailer.com at the link above. \$14.77 each



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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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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 \$25.00 per year Spouse/Family @30.00 per year

Photo Release: I / We grant MVATVR or its representatives to take photographs of me / us in conjunction with club activities. I / we agree that MVATVR may use such photographs of me / us with or without my / our name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. If the listing of my / our name is protected by password, my / our phone and email may also be listed with or without my / our pictures.

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 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 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: _____