

Magic Valley ATV Riders

Mar 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

At the board meeting, we were talking about what we should put in the newsletter since March is usually pretty sparse on things to talk about. One of them said I should write about that my goals were for the club.

So, what are my goals for the club? Well, I can't say that I have actually sat down and typed out a list. However, I would say that over the last few months I think the following things would be some goals that I have:

One – Increase the membership of the club. Today we have Facebook and other social media that allows everyone to connect much more easily than we used to. We have to compete with 208 Adventure Shares, Idaho Off-Road & UTV/ATV Trails, The Idaho RZR Crew, the Magic Valley UTV group, and the many others that are probably available that I don't know about.

These groups are free to join and although not all of them host rides, some do. Why join a club that requires paid membership when you can join one of these for free? Well, we all know the answer to that question. It comes down to having a voice. We have the ear of the Forest Service, along with other entities because we are a formal group. Our voice stands out. So how do we get the people that will join a free group and not ours? Well, that is a

good question, and it is one that we can all help answer.

The first thing, I would say, is to actually join some of these groups. When someone asks a question about where to ride, weave in the club. Today someone in one of the groups, that I assume was new, asked where they meet. I posted that our club meets every second Wednesday of the month. Other times I try and weave the club into a post if it is relevant. Hopefully this will get a few people looking at our club or other clubs in the area where they live.

Second, if you know someone with an ATV that is not a member, keep talking about the club. Invite them to events. Heck, just pay for their first year of membership if you're in a position to do so.

Amy has been talking to several folks for the last several years that she knows that have machines, and in December one of her friends did join our club. Her other friend is planning on joining sometime in the future.

Two - another goal is to get more ATV crossovers in the forest and do away with gates. Get more barriers on some of the trailheads, and connect a few trails and roads together, and maybe even get a brand new trail approved as well as the road to Three Corners on the map. Some of these



things are already in the works, even though it may take a few years to get these things done.

Three – Continue to be involved with everything we have participated in that puts our name out to the public. Events such Public Lands Day, the Snake River Cleanup, helping with ATV safety, and all the other things we participate in.

These are just a few of the goals that I can think of off the top of my head.

Various other things

Last week as I was doing a little maintenance on the website. Please go to the Members page and scroll down and find the ride list. You will see that some rides are in blue lettering. Click on one and you will see that we have added information about this ride. It will tell you the starting location with a link to the GPS coordinates so you can route yourself there via Google Maps. You will also see a link to the weather forecast in that area as well!

For about the tenth time, I logged into Google Photos to see about adding pictures from the last six months. Once again, I gave up. I hate Google Photos. I am not going to bore you with the details, but Google Photos is just not user friendly to sort and manage when you have the volume of pictures that we have.

Our web host offers unlimited server space, so I have been experimenting with creating our own photo gallery and hopefully we will have photos of our events posted sometime soon.

On March 1st, the password for the Members area of the club website will change. Linda Stimpson will email everyone that is current on their dues to let you know what the password will be. Please *do not share the password* with anyone.

We are in the process of setting up Venmo as a payment system. Because we have a business based bank account, we have to pay a service fee for every transaction. To cover the cost of the fee, \$1.50 will be added to each transaction. We hope to have this setup sometime in March.

At the board meeting in February we talked about looking into getting an AED (defibrillator). Shawn took on this role and is going to look into some grants that are available that we might qualify

for. We think this would be an important safety device to have on hand on rides and campouts.

We are also in the process of getting a large American flag, Idaho flag, a large version of our orange club flag, and stands for the flags. We plan on having them posted anyplace we camp, and probably where we park on rides. We think it would be a good way to promote the club by showing our patriotism.

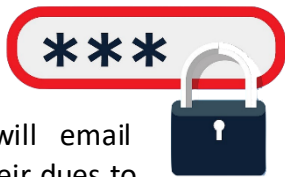
As I write this, I am sitting upstairs and looking out the window at the light rain that is falling. My driveway is a muddy mess. This is a reminder that if my driveway is muddy, the places we like to ride this time of year are also probably muddy. Please take care if you go exploring to not cause damage to the roads. Not only does it make your machine hard to clean, it reflects poorly on the riding community when roads are torn up or people travel off trail to go around mud holes or snow blocking the trail.

Going along with that, this time of the year the weather is unpredictable, so please keep an eye on the Members page on the website for ride updates. Although we really hate to cancel rides, if the weather is not good, or the road conditions are not good, we will cancel the ride. If you are going to go on a ride, please contact the ride leader several days ahead of time so they can let you know of any last minute cancelations or changes that you might need to be aware of in case we cannot email you in time. Please watch the Facebook group for ride updates as well.

Daylight Savings Time will take place on Sunday, March 12th. Although most of you have cell phones that automatically update the time, don't forget to change the plethora of clocks you might have at home, or in your vehicle. After all, you don't want to be late to church, or arrive after the ride has already started!

A shout-out to *Let's Ride* in Rupert. I stopped in after work to see how far backlogged they were on getting my Maverick aligned. They said drop it off in the morning and it would be done by the end of the day. Thanks *Let's Ride*!

And now for a few personal items. Last month, some friends and I went to the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo in SLC. It made for a good "guy trip" and we spent all day looking at the



500,000 square feet of booth space for everything you can imagine that dealt with the outdoors.

Ski Club at school is over, so my Fridays are now free. One more month and the school yearbook is going to be done and I should have more free time on my hands. Amy and Tigger are doing well and they, as well as I, anxiously await warmer and drier weather so we can all spend more time outdoors. And last but not least, I, and one other club member now have about 830 days left to pay for our trip to Africa with six other friends 😊

Aaron Larson – President

February Meeting Report

February 8th was our first regular club meeting of the year. We had about fifty-five members in attendance at Idaho Pizza. Idaho Pizza had their usual pizza and salad buffet for us. We covered the regular business items and Ted and Carol MacNeil filled everyone in with a Lava Ridge Wind Farm update.

Representatives of the West End Senior Center in Buhl were in attendance, and we presented them with a check for \$400. They told us a little more about the center and were very appreciative of the donation.

At the end of the meeting, everyone received a Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup Heart, and we held a drawing for some gift baskets and plates of homemade spud nuts (donuts) that Linda Laudert made.

We would like to thank everyone that came, and give a huge shout out to Idaho Pizza for hosting the meeting, Linda Laudert for the donuts, and Jeannette Graham for taking pictures.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

Dixie Best – Event coordinator



Upcoming Rides & Events

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

March 18 – [Minidoka Crossing](#) – Jerry Kriegh

March 20-25th – Possible Spring Break ride depending on skiing, travel plans & weather - Aaron

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

BLM & South Hills Closure

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

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

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

As a reminder, all of the above mentioned roads, as well as the 500\Oakley-Rogerson road in that portion of the Cassia Division of the forest are closed until May 15th. DryCreek does not open until June 1st as well.

Please check your MVUM before you ride.

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 a.m. Thursday July 27th. Check out is before 10:00 a.m. Tuesday August 1st.

More information and agenda in an upcoming newsletter.

Ron Mothershead

Club Meeting Schedule



Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at Adventure Motorsports in Twin Falls.

Please bring a chair, and a friend that might be interested in joining the club!

They are in the old D & B Supply building at 2964 Addison Ave E, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. They have usually had sloppy joes, cookies, and pop for us in the past.

The meeting will start at about 6:45 p.m. and will consist of our regular agenda items at the current time.

We look forward to seeing them in their new building this year!

The meetings for the remainder of 2023 are as follows:

- Mar 8 – Adventure Motorsports\Twin
- Apr 12 – Probably at Action Cycles and Sleds
- May 10 – Probably at Let’s Ride\Rupert
- June-August – No meetings
- Sept 12 – Picnic in Kimberly
- Oct 11 – Young Powersports\Burley
- Nov 8 – Idaho Pizza\Twin
- Dec ? – Idaho Pizza\Twin

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.

Other Events of Interest

- March 2-5 - [Sportsman’s Show in Boise](#)
- April 1-2 - [Idaho UTV Expo in Caldwell](#)

Lava Ridge Update

- Meeting Feb. 28 Room 276 & 277 Taylor Bldg. CSI at 7pm on how to stop Lava Ridge.
- Meeting Mar. 9 and 17 with RAC & Subcommittee at the BLM office Twin Falls at 9AM. I believe anyone can come and observe.

The period to submit comments has been extended to April 20.

Mar. 1 & 2 will have meetings in Portland, OR & Mercer Island, WA. If anyone is interested, you can contact Heather at 208-736-2352.

Ted MacNeil

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- 1 - Why did the deer have braces? It had buck teeth!
 - 2 - Congress finally had a meeting about daylight savings... it was about time.

Trailer Maintenance

This is a partial reprint from back in April of 2017. With ATV and camping season coming up, we have all probably got our ATV and UTV's all ready for the upcoming rides, but have we checked our trailers?

Does the coupler open and close after sitting through the winter? Do you have the right sized ball for your coupler? What about the hitch pin and coupler pins, do you know where they are and do you have extras? What about your tongue jack, is it working like it should? Are the safety chains polished and waxed (just kidding) and the hooks the right size for your truck?

Do the lights still work? Have the squirrels chewed up the wiring? Do the brakes work? What about your brake controller, is it set correctly?

When is the last time you checked the tire pressure (and the air in the spare tire as well!) and greased the bearings? Do the tires have plenty of tread? Do they have any dry rot? What about wheel chokes in case you have to leave the trailer on a slight incline? When is the last time you checked to see if the lug wrench you have in the vehicle is the right size for the lug nuts on your trailer?



What about the license plate, does it have a current sticker on it?

Tow straps? Do you have plenty of those? Are they the GOOD ones, not the crappy "30 lb." capacity ones in case you have to stop suddenly?

When is the last time you flushed your fresh water tank with sanitizer? Restocked the TP? Got extra fuses? Duct tape, electrical tape, nuts, screws, bolts, twine, wire, batteries, screw drivers, wrenches, etc.?

Is the fridge working? Water heater tested? Generator oil changed and full of fresh gas? Are the batteries charged up and tested so you don't get on a 6 day trip and find out one has a bad cell and now you have no power? Does the pilot light on the oven work?

You did fill the propane tanks and check for leaks? You closed the grey/black water slide valve right?

What about bullet holes? Any of those in your trailer? If so, is it fixed?

One could go on and on, but the moral of the story is, check your trailer and do some maintenance before the trip gremlin bites your keyster!

Aaron Larson

PS. Rumor has it that some club members - that shall remain nameless - bought a new motorhome that is a fixer-upper last fall. We can neither confirm nor deny that we found of photo of it in the parking lot where they found it:



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.

- Gary Aufderheide – Hospital stay

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Dave and Joan Howard, and Val and Cameron Kellogg.

Linda Stimpson

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.

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.

Thank You Dealers for Supporting the Magic Valley ATV Riders – In the order of meetings this year.



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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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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: _____