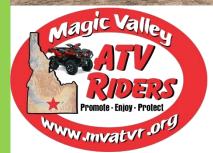
Magic Valley ATV Riders





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, and active organization!

Photo: April 16, 2023 – Lake Channel Ride hosted by Jerry Kriegh.

Message from the President

Well everyone, now that I have the newsletter mostly finished, I know how much space I should take up this month.

As of today, Bostetter has 49 inches of snow compared to 22 inches last year. Magic Mountain has 60 inches compared to 26 inches last year. In the last thirty days, Bostetter has lost 20 inches of snow and Magic Mountain has lost 28 inches of snow. We hope it keeps melting, but we also hope that it doesn't melt so fast that it washes out our trails and roads. At the current time, we do not know when we will be able to enjoy the South Hills.

We finished a major update on the club's trifold brochure that we keep at the dealers and give to prospective members. It is on the club website at the <u>following link</u> if you would like to download it and take a look. This version will look MUCH nicer than the old one, unfortunately, it is also much larger in terms of download size due to the quality of the photos. We hope everyone likes it.

A huge thanks to the Board of Directors for donating \$2,000 to the Blue Ribbon Coalition! Some months ago Stan Mai, past President, emailed us about a donation. We also have been talking about

how to assist with the Lava Ridge 'battle' financially as well. Both Robert and Ted had been in contact with BRC for various reasons and both extended



invitations to come talk to us. They had two possible speakers, one from Boise and one from Utah that would be able to come depending on the date. We found that it would be better for the rep to come in April to avoid traveling farther. After deciding on a date, we went through the books and decided that a \$2,000 donation would be a good start.

We would like to invite everyone to join the BRC as well. They do offer a discount for club members, but after looking at it, we suggest that you join as an individual as it allows you to more easily get the emails and other notifications.

They offer two main memberships. A basic one for \$25 and a premium one for \$50. The great thing about the premium membership is that you get a \$25 gift card from Rocky Mountain ATV as well as a discount on OnX OffRoad if you use that app on your phone.

Please look at their website <u>https://www.sharetrails.org</u>

Although a lot of the things they are fighting for are not around here, all of the things they are fighting for are great causes. Some of things can affect us though the court cases they win. For example, if they win a case, such as in New Mexico that deals with dispersed camping, it will help keep our dispersed camping open here.

We are also working out the bugs that will allow you to pay for your memberships and renewals with Venmo. For those that are not familiar with Venmo, it is kind of like PayPal, only better. We still get hit with a fee, so each membership will cost an additional \$1.50 to cover the fees since we are a business account instead of a personal account.

A separate article will deal with the passing of Mel Quale. I would like to add a personal note that I enjoyed riding with him and the humor he had. One day a few years ago I was riding on the new Jones Creek trail when we came upon a fellow rider heading toward us. This person stopped and I quickly recognized Mel, riding by himself. After a short visit, an invitation was extended to ride with us and we enjoyed our ride together. I also had the opportunity to attend some campouts with him, as well as working with him one year on the Martindale Trail. I hope we all recognize the contributions he has made to the club over the years, as well as to the outdoor community as a whole.

Unfortunately, my Cottrell ride has been postponed twice. Friday night, after stewing about it, I made a few calls and my dad and my brother, Dave and Carol Mayer, and Jerry and Nancy Duffy accepted an invitation to see if I made a bad decision by canceling the ride.

Well, I didn't. A week and a half ago, Bill Mefford and Kris went up to check things out for me since I had to work. They only made it 3.4 miles up the road before being turned back by snow. Saturday, we made it a little farther even after busting through a bunch of smaller drifts in the road. We got to mile marker 10.1 (just kidding, there are no mile markers, just GPS tracks) before we hit a snow drift we simply couldn't get past. After digging my machine out, we had a snack and did a little more exploring on a few side roads before turning back.



As you can see by the preceding photo, Dave didn't hit this drift fast enough and high centered and needed winched out. All told, I was winched out once, Kris was winched out twice, and Dave and Carrol once. Thanks to Jerry for yanking us all out!

Later in the newsletter, Linda has a ride update. Due to various weather concerns and other ride postponements and cancelations, we re-did the ride schedule for parts of May and June. Thanks for understanding.

Last but not least, friendship and maintenance. Friday morning I went and helped a friend install his Can-Am rear trunk and pivoting rear rack on his new Maverick Trail. It took about four hours and he really likes them.

After that, I went home and installed two new front axles on my Maverick. I would rate it as a easy task if you have a heavy duty impact gun to remove the axle nut. All told I think I spent just a little over three hours installing them. I put in Rhino 2.0 axles, and they were right about \$500 for the pair. As you can see, the new ones are much more beefy! I also changed my front differential fluid while I was at it even though I changed it a few hundred miles ago.



See you all on the trails, and thanks for everything everyone does to contribute to the club!

Aaron Larson – President

Mel Quale

With great sadness, we announce the loss of our friend, and longtime club member, Mel Quale, on Wednesday, April 26th. Mel's full <u>obituary</u> <u>can be found at this link.</u>

short А is excerpt as follows: Mel's hobby enduring was riding dirtbikes where he explored countless trails up close and personal. Utah's red rock desert a favorite was



destination. He was a charter member of the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association (MVTMA) and a tireless advocate for responsible motorized recreation. At 80 he reluctantly gave up dirt-bikes and opted for 4 wheel (ATV/UTV) adventure machines. He was a Rotarian for 30 plus years, a Paul Harris Fellow, active in Republican politics and the Idaho Recreation Council. Mel was a member of the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for a number of years representing off-road vehicles. He had great respect for BLM staff and considered many to be personal friends.

As quoted from Stan Mai on Facebook "Mel was a pioneer in trying to insure motorized access on public lands. We have him to thank for many areas that we are riding now. Mel was my mentor when I got involved in advocating for the motorized users about 30 years ago. His knowledge of the land and workings of government entities was amazing. Going riding with Mel was like having your own personal history book. I spent many hours in many places riding and camping with Mel. His infectious grin and the effect he had on strangers was a joy to witness. He loved motorized recreation on public land, but he also loved his family. He was a great father and a smart businessman. I will miss him, but I am so glad I was able to enjoy his company for many years."

Friends may attend his viewing on Wednesday, May 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Thursday, May 4th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel

Lutheran church in Twin Falls. His funeral will take place on Thursday, May 4th at 10:30 a.m. at Emanual Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

We would like to extend our condolences to the Quale family and pass onto them that we will miss his presence at campouts, rides, and on our work days, and especially his friendship with us.

As a FYI, the Board of Directors has pooled our personal funds and will be sending flowers to the family on behalf of the club.

Cassia Division Road Closure Extended!

Effective April 30, 2023, the Sawtooth National Forest has extended the seasonal closure for all of the roads on the MVUM in the Cassia Division from the normal May 15th date, until May 25th!

This basically encompasses all the roads in the Northwest portion of the forest, such as the 500 road, Indian Springs, North Cottonwood, Hopper Gulch, and Langford Flat.

Details of the closure can be found at the following links:

- 1. <u>Closure order</u>
- 2. Map of the area

Club Meeting Schedule Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at:



To get there, get off exit 211 and turn North. They are about 1.4 miles or so up the road on the right hand side of the highway. We will try and have our club banner outside for all to see.

Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Kirk, the owner of Let's Ride, has asked his mother to prepare dinner

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once again and we anticipate a Mexican style meal which over the years has been a hit with all that have attended the meeting. We will start the meeting as soon as everyone has their dinner.

We anticipate having a member of Idaho Parks and Recreation to speak with us at the present time.

We do ask for a couple favors though.

1. **RSVP by clicking here**

- 2. Please do not arrive earlier than 5:30 to allow them get ready for the meeting and to allow their customers to complete their business.
- 3. Please bring a chair and water if you like.
- Visit their parts department and stock up on all you Yamaha, Can-Am, Suzuki, and other things you need to tide you through the summer season.

Thanks, and see you all there.

Dixie Best – Event Co-Ordinator

UTV Safety Donation

would like to report that the club members were very generous in giving toward the purchase of gloves for the kids participating in the upcoming Kids UTV Safety Training classes. The Board of Directors donated \$300 from the clubs account, Gary Aufderheide and Josh Glauner each donated \$100, Kris Larson donated \$50, and five others donated \$20 each.

Thank you to each of you and to the club for giving to this cause. We ended up with a total of \$650.00 to buy gloves and other gifts for the kids.



Also thanks to Action Cycles and Sleds who will be donating items to give to the kids as well as to Adventure Motorsports for giving us discounts on items for the kids participating!

A BIG THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Robert Leitch - Vice President

Editors note: If you still wish to donate, you are welcome to do so. Contact Robert.

April Meeting Report

We held our April meeting at Action Cycles and Sleds in Twin Falls.

We had approximately eighty people in attendance and we saw a lot of folks that had just returned from their winter homes down south.

Big Fatty's BBQ once again prepared a really nice dinner of BBQ pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, various small desserts, and drinks.

William Schuster, an Administrative Manager of the Blue Ribbon Coalition was our guest speaker and spoke to us about how the BRC was formed, and all the things they do. He told us that he just started working for them in January and this was his first speaking assignment. We think he did a great job answering the questions we provided.



At the conclusion of his speaking and Q & A session, we presented the BRC a check for \$2,000. We specified that \$1,000 was to go to their general fund to assist them in operating the BRC and the other \$1,000 was earmarked for their Legal Defense Fund.

This donation was the culmination of months of discussion by the board on how to best use our funds to assist with Lava Ridge, along with all the other things that we need to support.



Robert then took a few minutes to show us the new flag the club purchased that will display when we are one campouts, rides, and work events to promote the club. He also talked about the kids ATV safety training coming up in June.

After a few other items of club business, Action held a raffle and Josh Glauner won a \$100 gift card that he quickly donated back to the club to assist in our donation to the Safe Kids safety weekend! Thanks Josh! A large duffle bag was also given out, as well as ten 50% off service certificates.



We want to thank Rob Gladowski, the owner of Action, and Elliot Tudough, the sales manager, for hosting our meeting and supporting the club. See you all at Let's Ride on May 10th.

Dixie Best – Event Co-Ordinator

BRC Thank You

Posted on Facebook on April 13th. Last night our Administrative Manager, William Schuster, attended the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. meeting held in Twin Falls, ID. We are excited to announce a generous donation from Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc of \$2,000! Thank you!

William spoke about Blue Ribbon Coalition and our efforts to keep motorized recreation open on public land in Idaho. Thank you Magic Valley ATV Riders for your generous donation which gives us the privilege to Defend Your Ground!

Team BRC

Lake Channel Ride Report

On Sunday, April 16th we had our first club ride after cancelling rides twice. We met at Ridley's parking lot in Rupert with 15 machines. As we waited for everyone, lots of folks went in and bought donuts. We left towards the Minidoka parking area to unload.

We ventured no more than two miles when our first machine was stuck in a sand dune.



After pulling him out, we headed north towards the gravel road east of the town of Minidoka and on to the east towards Wapi tower. This old water tower was once used to fill old locomotives with water. At one time years ago there was a couple homes and a small schoolhouse there.



After a brief stop, we headed north into the desert. LOST. NEVER! However we traveled on some trails that the leader hadn't ridden in some time. We came to the main road and proceeded south to the lake channel dunes.

Entering the dunes we found the sand very soft. It was hard to climb the dunes without getting stuck.

We had lunch at the south end by the little lake after which we left to go to the upper dunes to play. Ted MacNeil, Linda Laudert, and Aaron Larson took turns riding with Steve Osborne in his new-tohim turbo Maverick. All three were smiling at the end of their ride.

We then traveled west and road past Gifford Spring to Smith Springs for last break before going on to loading area.

Our ride was approximately 70 miles. The weather was good with dust flying. We had no breakdowns or injuries either.

Thanks to all who came riding with me.

Jerry Kriegh – Ride leader

Minidoka Crossing

Due to weather conditions, I asked Jerry Kriegh if I could take everyone out to the Minidoka Crossing that he had to cancel due to weather since I had to cancel my Cottrell ride, and he said yes.

So, on a brisk Saturday morning on April 22nd, ten of us met at West Minico Middle School in Paul and ventured out to our unloading area out by the Kimama fire station.

While unloading at the corrals with overcast skies and a brisk 37 degree temperature, workers were sheering sheep. We met some very friendly sheep dogs that wanted scratches and pets so we obliged them. Dixie Best was planning on riding with me, but Steve Osborne still had two of his machines on his trailer and he was the only one from his family that was riding. He talked Dixie into taking his RZR 800 for the day and off we went with ten machines on our adventure.



Shortly after heading north on the Kimama\Carrie road, we broke to the west and rode on a bumpy road through the rolling lava fields. Not far down the road, Dixie was rethinking her decision since her RZR died in the middle of the trail. Steve figured out the battery terminal was loose from all the bumping around and quickly got her back in running order.

We then connected to Trapper Cabin road and headed back to the Kimama\Carrie Road and headed up to Laidlaw landing strip. We stopped for just a minute for some photos before heading on to see the South Well Park Well Trappers Cabin. The small corral at the cabin was full of snow but so far that was the first snow we'd seen. It also was 47 degrees with a few small flakes falling from the sky.



After looking at the cabin, we headed East, and then a hard north turn on West Thumb road to make our first lava crossing. We crossed two small drifts, and then were stopped in our tracks! A huge drift blocked the way.



We then did what anyone else would do in these circumstances. We ate lunch. After lunch, some comments were made, and a few challenges, and the ride leader, knowing he would get stuck, jumped in his Maverick, threw it in 4WD away he went. After getting stopped by the snow, he backed up and made another run for it and made it about eight-teen feet before getting stuck for good! With wheels spinning, I heard a noise in the front end. I had Bill Mefford jump in and give it some throttle so I could listen to the noise, and after some back and forth we figured my front passenger axle was on its last leg.

After winching up, I had Bill jump back in while I took an opportunity to get a photo of the situation.

During the course of this, we discovered that Kris Larson rammed a stick through his tire so we took a bit more time to pull out the stick and used two tire plugs to fix the "leak." We were back on the road and with an alternate route due to the drift, we headed back out on the trail.

Our adventure took us down to East Thumb road where we intersected with our intended route had we not been stopped at the drift.

We made the next lava crossing without incident and had a short break while we enjoyed the sights. After our break, we continued South where we found a huge lake in the middle of the road since all the runoff had accumulated in the many dry lake beds in the desert. We rode around it, and not long after that ran across cows. Lots of cows.

I would like to note that desert cows are just as dumb as the mountain cow variety. With a billion acres of land, they run right down the middle of the road instead of getting off the road so you can ride past them.

After getting past the cows, we crossed Brigham road and saw that the BLM had graded the road, so we crossed it and continued South. We took another break and had everyone pose for a group photo.



The final leg of our adventure was a bit farther south where we hit the powerlines and then followed them back to the west to the main road and then back to the trucks.

Our day ended with 74.5 miles on the odometer and a nice 55 degree temperature. We saw lots of antelope, a bunch of cows, a few birds, and no deer or elk. Steve found a single side of an

elk shed. After loading up, everyone was invited to Burley to go to Guadalajara for dinner.

Thanks to everyone that came and enjoyed the day.

Lava Ridge

N ot a lot to report this month. In June, the RAC meets with BLM and gives its final recommendation. In September or late fall BLM is supposed to make a final decision.

Ted MacNeil

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.

Well everyone, after spending time on the phone with our ride leaders, I would like to announce some big changes to our ride schedule in May.

May 4 – Lava Ridge – Canceled so Wayne can attend Mel's funeral. May be reschedule for later this year.

May 4th through the 7th – Pagari Campout with Jerry.

May 13th – Snake River Canyon Park cleanup

May 20th – Cottrell Range instead of the Ice Caves – Changed due to a conflict that would make hosting a campout difficult and possible high temps in the desert. I will take us on a day ride to Cottrell instead. The ridge will be free of snow by this date and it will be a fun ride with lots of sights to see.

May 26th through 29th – Possible campout. The ride leader is still working out some details so hang tight on this one and keep it free on your calendar.

June 3rd – Cottonwood Ranch – George Humphreys will lead us to the Cottonwood Ranch. The ranch will provide lunch for a small fee, we just need to give them the number of people that will want lunch ahead of time so an RSVP will be provided. Page 8

June 9-11 – ATV Safety Training at Magic Mountain

All other rides on the calendar for June through the rest of the year are correct for now.

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

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.

Ron Mothershead

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.

• Glen Duggan – Hospital stay

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Harold and Vanda Johnson, Layne and Cindy Price, and Lee and Sherry Satterwhite. Welcome everyone!

Membership Dues!

Dues are \$25 for a single person and \$30 for a family if paying with cash or check.

Please mail your payment to PO Box 0767, Twin Falls, ID 83303, bring your payment to the next meeting.

Linda Stimpson

Flags & Hats

f 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

f anyone wants to have the club logo printed\embroidered on a t-shirt, jacket, etc., <u>Quick Draw Embroidery & Screen-printing</u> 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.

Linda Stimpson

Filler Photos



Restroom at Mt. Harrison Snowmobile parking area



Food at Action Cycles and Sleds



Jerry said he never sees his photo in the newsletter



Steve showing off his elk shed

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.

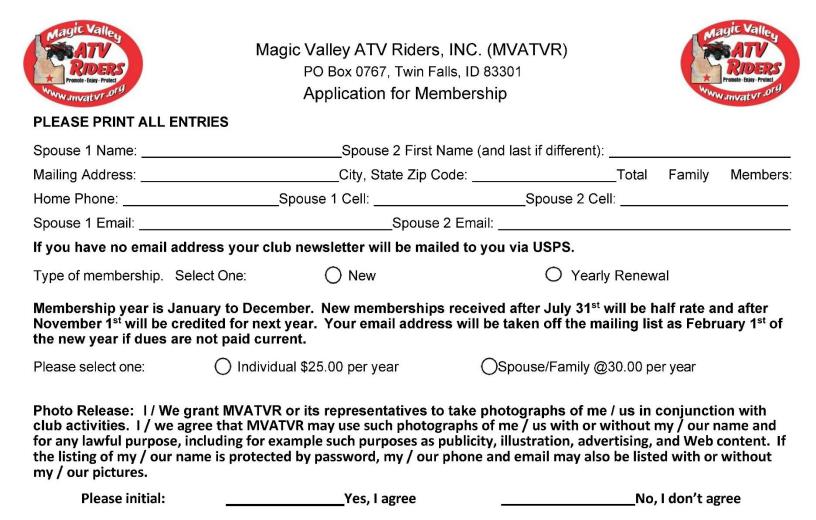
2. Idaho State Law states that being under the influence and/or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs while operating an OHV is illegal and therefore will not be tolerated by MVATVR, Inc.

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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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: _____