

Magic Valley ATV Riders

July 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, and active organization!

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

Message from the President

Given the amount of space left, this month's message will be brief!

Thanks to all that have led rides or assisted with any of the campouts! Without you, these events would not be a success!

This next weekend we have two events on the same weekend. For those that want to travel some distance and camp, you can attend Dixie Best and Linda Laudert's campout to Wells Summit. For those that want to save some fuel money, Jerry Kriegh is going to offer a day ride on Sunday out of Oakley. See the website for details on both rides.

Also, as Ron mentions in his Mackay campout update about the rules at the Mackay campground, it would be good for everyone to please review our own club rules that are farther back in this newsletter on the last page.

I hope you had a good day celebrating our Independence Day in whatever way your family did. Hopefully you had a BBQ and had some fireworks and still have all your fingers!

And last but not least, the August newsletter will be about a week late since our Mackay campout will prevent me from getting it done any earlier. This month's was delayed for a combination of a bunch of reasons. Thanks for being patient.

Aaron Larson – President

Juniper\Black Pine Report

The Juniper\Black Pine campout was a lot of fun! I arrived a day early with Bill Mefford to do some scouting before everyone else arrived.

On Wednesday, we arrived and set up camp and relaxed the rest of the day.

Thursday, we went to check out a road that I had looked at on Google Earth but knew from the topography that one section was going to be pretty steep. When we arrived, yes, it was steep, but after surveying things, up I went. After crawling to the top, I found that it was not a bad climb and everyone else came up next. At the top we found some good views and continued down the trail. At the end of this road, we did a bit more exploring and then turned around and back tracked back to camp. Our trip took us forty-eight miles in just about three hours! As we were pulling back into camp, the Grahams were driving down the road. We directed them to camp and through the rest of the day more campers arrived. That evening we experienced rain showers off and on.

Friday, we started with seven machines and left a bit earlier than planned. Our seventy-six mile trip took us through some spectacular country. We had no dust in the morning and everything was green and lush. We climbed a short hill first thing in the morning and could see the Black Pine mine and mountain range from here. We then continued our journey and discovered that the county had

graveled one of the roads and it was in really good shape!

We were ahead of schedule and when we got to the 50" trail, Buck and Dianne separated from us since they had a big machine, and they went off to explore on their own. Our route took us up a really beautiful trail system that gave us good views of the eastern mountain ranges. We took a dead end road and had lunch and then continued our travels.



When we got to the Sublet guard station, the weather was not looking good so we skipped some of the planned ride and headed back to camp wearing our rain gear.

Saturday morning our seventy-five mile trip had ten machines in attendance. We took the route up the steep mountain that we scouted earlier in the week and everyone did great on the climb. We enjoyed the sights and then headed down into the desert area.



We travelled on one grassy road, and then onto the dusty area. We had to traverse a few areas of steep roads, and a washed out section that everyone made it through. After a stop to look at the water tank, Jacob's front shock blew out and the rest of his day was very bouncy! We then made another stop at the top to look down into Holbrook, the clouds were gathering so we again donned rain gear and drove quickly to our lunch spot. We got dripped on but did enjoy lunch without getting wet.

On our way back, we were traveling at a quick pace to beat the weather. At one intersection, we gathered up and split into two groups. One group headed back to camp via a short cut, and the other group led by me took the long cut since we were going to risk getting rained on.

My group continued and did a bit more riding and did a bit of the reverse of the preceding

days morning ride. We could see the clouds again gathering at the top, so back we went.

Now, upon arrival at camp, we found that the group that broke off to avoid the rain got completely drenched and my group arrived very dry

Sunday morning we took off to explore the Black Pine mountains. As we headed up, with six machines on our sixty one mile loop, we went up two roads that can only be described as being rain forest like – there was so much green and wet! After exploring these two dead end roads, we started the climb up Black Pine from the northern side. As we did the climb, we found fresh mining exploring activity.



When we arrived at the top we took some time to look around, and then made a short loop down and back up to our lunch spot, and then back down the southern portion of the mountain that gets into the desert.

As we continued back north to the mine, we found several crews of folks gathering grass and sagebrush seed!

As we came to the various mines and looked around, we were amazed at the size of the pits they had dug. Our trip was cut short with black clouds rolling over the mountain so we high-tailed it back to camp and didn't get wet.



Upon arrival, with the impending weather forecast, we all packed up and headed home with the exception of Buck and Dianne.

That evening from home, Mt. Harrison had one heck of a storm and we had about an inch of rain at my house.

Thanks to everyone that came to brave the rain we had every day and to enjoy the sights!

Aaron Larson – Ride leader

Photo Gallery: [Wed](#), [Thur](#), [Fri](#), [Sat](#), [Sun](#), & [Jeanette](#)

UTV Safety Fair Report

On June 9, 10, and 11th, a group of MVATVR members went to Magic Mountain to help with the UTV Safety Fair. Brad and Linda Stimpson, Dixie Best, Gary Aufderheide, Linda Laudert, Ethan Leitch, and Robert Leitch all helped with the fair. We were able to give away over fifty pairs of gloves and numerous packages of Klim beef jerky plus other riding wear donated by Action Cycles and Sleds, Adventure Motorsports, and the MVATVR club. On Saturday afternoon we partnered with Safe Kids and gave away fifteen helmets.



We all had a great time and were able to give many people information about the MVATVR club.

I'd like to thank the club for all the support they gave us in helping and in donating time, money, and items to give as gifts for the Safe Kids UTV Training.

Robert Leitch – Vice President

[Photo gallery](#)

South Hills Work Report

Saturday, June 17th was our day in the South Hills. Thanks to those who arrived earlier in the week and secured the big camping spot at FS Flats!

On Thursday, the day I arrived, those that had arrived earlier in the week were off riding. After getting set up, Kris, Bill, and myself went out on a short nineteen mile long ride. We found that a big drift was blocking the top of 256\Port Spring where it ties into the top of Deadline Ridge. After back tracking a bit, we dropped down into Goose Creek and found that the beavers had been back to work on their dams by the bridge. After a little bit of dam deconstruction, we continued on our way and found everyone back to camp.

On Friday morning, we again broke into several groups. My group did a thirty-nine mile route that took us through Porcupine, Martindale, the area around Father and Son and Bostetter campground. We then took the jeep trail to bypass the big drift on Trapper Creek. Dixie got stuck and had to be winched out after high centering on a snow drift. We then went to look at the washout on the lower end of Trout Creek trail. Just past the water trough, yes, the trail is washed out. After talking to the Forest Service last week, we have a way to bypass it. Sometime in the next week or two, we will get a bunch of folks together and go down and get it fixed.

That evening on the way back from making some phone calls, we passed a brand new truck and brand new camper going where they shouldn't be going. We stopped and talked to the driver and told him that the road going farther was not good and they should turn back and come camp with us, and they did.

Saturday morning we gathered at 8:30 and broke into groups and headed out to work on the trails. All told, we brushed out twenty-eight miles of trails during approximate 120 hours. We worked on Little Fork, Third Fork, Martindale, Telephone Canyon, FS Overlook, and a few other trails in that area.

Some highlights of the work include removing a whole bunch of trees that fell down and were blocking the FS Overlook trail, fixing some creek crossings that had torn out some trails,

cleaning up some blind curves, and lots and lots of branches that were trimmed to make the trails wider.

At about 1:00 p.m., most of the groups had either returned or were in the process of returning. At 1:30 p.m. we had lunch consisting of Chili Verde and the trimmings. Thanks to those that prepared the meal.

That afternoon, various groups went on several short rides, and some chose to sit at camp in their chairs and rest from the day's work.

Sunday morning we all got up and gathered at the fire and shared a hearty breakfast together. We finished off the leftover Chili Verde, as well as all the eggs, bacon, and everything else that was brought.

Due to the weather not looking good after breakfast, most of us packed up camp and headed home after cleaning up.

A few other highlights. Every night we enjoyed everyone's company around the various campfires. We helped out the folks that were new to camping and assisted in figuring out their water heater and gave them tons of pointers.

Thanks again to everyone that came and assisted in any way this weekend.

Aaron Larson – President

Photo gallery: [Saturday Work Day](#)

Little Wood Campout Report

The turnout at little wood campout had just right amount – Seven campers.

Friday seven machines headed south across the dam. As we crossed, we saw a huge amount of water shooting out of dam and the most I had ever seen being released. The ride proceeded to the south and east towards Carey. We went east on the cut off road to Fish Creek and then north over the mountains. The grass was very green still at this time of year and everyone enjoyed seeing everything. Going north over the mountains we saw a few antelope as well. We took a side trail past many meadows of wildflowers and then traveled west over the hills to try and find my petrified tree that I had found 20 years ago. I climbed the

mountain but had no luck finding it. Snow, fire, and runoff had changed the topography much over the years. Thanks for helping in looking for it and it will be my last try now that age has taken hold of me.



Saturday took us to the Bell Mountain lookout. What a view! On to Picabo for lunch at the park. On the way back we took a route I had never taken before. It was a bit technical, but everyone did fine. At camp we were greeted by the millions of mosquitos again. Everyone broke camp and headed home, driven out by the mosquitos.



Thanks to all who came riding on Saturday for the day ride.

Sorry the rest of you that joined the club to ride and camp and were unable to attend. You missed good weather and good campfires along with ice cream and cake!



Jerry Kriegh – Ride leader

Editors note: After arriving, Bill Mefford and I made a run to both Carey and Picabo and spent just over \$100 on mosquito spray and foggers. It sort of helped keep the skeeters away!

Photo gallery: [Friday](#), [Saturday](#), and [Jeanette](#)

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.

- July 14-16 – [Wells Summit](#) – Dixie Best and Linda Laudert
- July 16 – [Oakley day ride](#) – Jerry Kriegh
- July 27-Aug 1 – [Mackay](#) – Ron Mothershead
- 9-1 – Ride with a Cop at Rock Creek

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 – Big Update!

The Mackay Campout and Ride will be held at the Mackay Tourist Park on July 27th through August 1st, 2023.

Directions to the Mackay Tourist Park:

Turn Southwest on Capital Ave. Continue 6 blocks and turn Northwest on Vaden Street. Park is straight ahead.

Check in is **after** 10 am on Thursday July 27th! (Please do not show up before 10 am) Check out is before 10 am Tuesday August 1st.

The Park is dry camping only and the cost will be about \$10 per site for the entire event. You can pay me at the campout.

Here is a link to the Mackay Tourist Park website. <http://mackayidaho-city.com/home-3/> Please review the rules and look at the park map to understand how the RV spaces are arranged. Some of the rules to pay attention to are: clean up after pets, pets must be on a leash, don't leave pets unattended, don't park on the grass if you are in sites 16-24, and follow the one way signs when entering or leaving the park.

The older section of the park has 15 spaces and trees. Trees may drip on your RV's, vehicles, and ATV's. Sites vary in size so please pick a spot

appropriate for the size of your RV. Spaces 16-24 are gravel pads with grass in between sites.

As of now, we have a few sites open. You can call or text Ron Mothershead at 208-731-4404 to save a spot.

Ride schedule:

Thursday - no planned rides

Friday - organized club rides

Saturday - no planned rides (Organize your own ride, visit the museum, take a hike or relax)

Sunday - organized club rides

Monday - organized club ride or rides.

Saturday evening we will get together for a simple hotdog roast and potluck. Bring your own hotdogs, buns and something to share. Sunday evening we will share leftovers and anything else you might want to bring. Looking forward to seeing everyone for a safe and enjoyable camp and ride.

Any questions? Call or text me at (208) 731-4404 or email ron.mothershead12@gmail.com

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.

- Amy Larson – Bunion surgery
- Glen Duggan – Health
- Stan Mai – Health

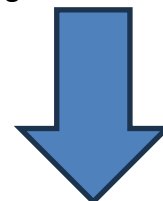
New Members

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

Linda Stimpson

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 or bring your payment to the next meeting.

You can also use Venmo – our username is @mvatvr2007 or you can use the QR code. If you use Venmo, fill out the application, take a photo of it, and email it to bboops57@yahoo.com and let her know you sent the money via Venmo.

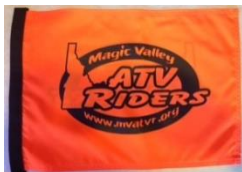


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Linda Stimpson

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.

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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: _____