

Magic Valley ATV Riders

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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

Although July didn't have a lot of rides, the Wells Summit and Mackay campouts were well attended and everyone had a good time. Articles about those two events are to follow.

Jerry Kriegh also led a ride up in the Oakley area one day during the Wells Summit trip. He reported that it "was dang hot" that day and the riders covered ninety-five miles! Thanks for leading a local ride for those that didn't want to travel to Wells Summit.

After a few incidents this month, I would really like to encourage everyone to not ride alone, and to have a radio. A lot of us have Baofeng radios, but even the Motorola or Midland radios would work great. On the Wells Summit campout, a RZR in the very back had an incident and fortunately he had a radio to let us know. Otherwise it may have been a while before we would have known he was stuck.

To go along with that, I also upgraded my GPS to a Garmin Montana 700i. The reason I bring this up is that it has the inReach satellite communications abilities built in. I pay for the cheap plan that comes with 10 messages for about \$12 a month. So far, I know of two other members that also have this capability so we can contact emergency services if we are on a ride or campout and do not have cell service.

We would like to once again suggest that everyone have a membership in the [Blue Ribbon](#)

[Coalition](#). Right now they are helping fight a huge closure that could be taking place in the Owyhees.

We are finalizing the plans for the picnic in September and look forward to seeing everyone in person after our summer long meeting break. We are going to have grilled burgers and dogs this year on the menu.

Dixie Best and Linda Laudert went to Boise to attend a semi-annual meeting with the Idaho Recreation Council. They reported that a lot of things are going on and the council is very aware of the things going on and they are doing their best to keep our trails open and support the user community.

Ride with a Cop will take place on September 9th at the Diamondfield Jack parking lot. We encourage everyone to attend. More details will be forthcoming about this event.

And last but not least, we would like to make note that our newest club member, Adam Stockberger also owns [Idaho Adventure Rentals](#). Take a look at their website and recommend them to friends that might not have a machine.

Since it is August, it is fair month for many of the counties. I encourage you to go to the fair, check out the all the 4H projects that were done, and enjoy the food as well.

Have a great month, and I'll see you on the trails!

Aaron Larson – President

Wells Summit Ride Report

A club campout and rides held at Well Summit had 8 campers present.

Friday morning a group of 9 machines left camp for a planned ride over Dollarhide, then looping around to Willow Creek trailhead and completing the loop crossing Ditto Flats back to the campsite. All was well, except we discovered the road was closed on top of Dollarhide Road. A new plan was formed and a different ride route was made.

We journeyed back down Dollarhide and took a trail around an old mining town, Carriertown on our way to cross Ditto Flats to Cherry Creek. The Ditto flats meadow flowers were at the end of their bloom, but still pretty to look at as we rode by. We also came across a cowboy camping with a pack string of mules and horses. We arrived back to camp around 3:30 pm and rode approximately 62 miles.



Saturday morning a group of six machines went on a fifty-six mile expedition to explore the Soldier Mount area. We crossed the Wells Summit road and headed to the Free Gold Creek trail. We came to the Front Trail East junction and took that and continued West. A bit later, we received a call for help! One of the riders had wedged his RZR between some trees when his dog decided to assist in the steering process. Jerry and Nancy, Bill, Ted and Aaron headed down to help. After a good hour of work, we had the machine out of the predicament and were on our way. We crossed the bridge we assisted with a few years back, and then attempted to find a loop back so we didn't have to back-track. Unfortunately, the trail that would have made a loop was blocked with a bunch of downed trees, so back we went. We found the area very pretty and in need of more exploring on a future ride.



On our way back, we took the other fork of the Free Gold Creek trail and stopped at the Yurt for a quick peak, and then headed to check out the ski resort. After look, we headed back to camp over the Wells Summit road once again. All those that participated had a great time!



Sunday morning a group of 6 machines left for an exploratory ride, which took us pass Warsaw Hot Springs to ride the old logging roads/trails. There were a couple of trails that turned into double the fun because we had to return on them. After spending the morning on the mountain north of Warsaw, we journeyed back toward camp to ride the Cannonball trail.



On the connector trail, we encountered a group of 4 machines coming toward us in an area where no pull offs were to be found. We were in a pickle to say the least because we had nowhere to go except back down the trail about 250 to 300 yards. As it turned out, the group of people were able to back up and get their machines over so we could squeak by and I mean literally squeak by. We were back in camp before 2 pm and rode 46 miles.

Dixie and I thank those who attended our campout and rides. We are looking forward to planning another camp and ride in 2024.



Linda Laudert – Camp organizer

Photo Gallery: [Friday](#), [Saturday](#), and [Sunday](#)

Mackay Campout

First, I would like to thank Ron Mothershed for all the work he put into planning this year's Mackay trip. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend, so we all had to punt slightly.

On Thursday, a whole bunch of us met at the Snack Bar for breakfast (breakfast sandwich and raspberry shake for the author) before continuing on the way to Mackay. Once we arrived, we setup camp and as the day went on more and more campers arrived. That evening, some stayed at camp and some of us went to Ken's Club for dinner. After dinner, we went back to camp and visited while Aaron did some riding planning since he got volunteered to lead the rides!



Friday morning, Glenn went and got donuts for everyone. We left camp with eleven machines and a jeep! Since I had only been to Mackay once before, last year as a matter of fact, I chose to just repeat the same rides I went on last year. Today's ride took us up and over Stewart Canyon. On the way, one rider had issues with his machine. For some reason, it was stuck in turf mode and would NOT climb a steep rocky section. After a bit of work, that rider, and a few other machines went back to camp where they found the switch to be the cause of the problem. The rest of the weekend this rider had no further issues with his machine.

The rest of us continued on our journey to the lake and then down to Burma Road. On the way to West Fork Navarre, we stopped for lunch, and then to Dugout Hill. We encountered a drilling crew boring some test holes and continued on our way.

We also encountered a very rocky trail, and after navigating that, crossed the train trestle bridge and got an awesome group photo!



At the end of the ride we had covered forty-six miles and we were tired. Most of the morning and afternoon trails were very rocky and it wore us all out. After a bit of cleanup, a bunch of folks went to town for ice cream. That evening another group of us went to Ken's Club for dinner once again. We also had a very nice visit that evening around the fire.

Saturday morning was a free day, so the previous night a plan was hatched! Those that wanted to participate cooked up some food and we met for breakfast. We had some really tasty breakfast burritos!



After breakfast, pretty much everyone followed Aaron to go on the mine tour that he missed last year. Wow, what a day! Our 36 mile trek took all day long. I could write and write about the day, but suffice it to say, we found some really cool stuff that we almost skipped over by not going to the end of a dead end road or two or three. I would check out the photo gallery to see all the sights we saw. We also went back across the trestle and then to the Top of the World!

After returning to camp for a break cleanup, drink and bathroom break, some of us headed to town and went to the museum.

Mackay has a very nice museum and the two ladies that were manning it were very informative. A few of the highlights include a restored sheep herder trailer, the projectors from the old theater, a mining exhibit, and a lot of clothes worn by the townsfolk over the years. Again, see the photo gallery for pictures!



That night at camp we all enjoyed the hot dog and dessert feast that occurred.



On Sunday morning, Aaron once again had a ride planned out. Twelve machines embarked through Pass Creek after once again having donuts for breakfast.

We rode up the Blacktail/Mud Lake ATV trail and found that the lake actually had water in it this year. Last year it was dry. After cresting the top of the mountain, we took a group photo before heading on our way.



After dropping down into Deer Creek, we stopped at some solar panels and satellite dishes to see what was going on. It was a research station to see how the earth plates move during earthquakes! After some photos we went up Van Dorn Spur and then Makes Trail. We had lunch on the Van Dorn Canyon trail and enjoyed the rest of the ride down the pretty canyon.



On our return voyage, we stopped at the caves in the rock and then backtracked back to camp where we tried to get ice cream but forgot that it was Sunday, and that they were closed. In all we covered about seventy miles.



That evening we had a Pot-Luck where everyone brought whatever they were eating that night and all the leftover desserts and we had a good time visiting once again.

The next morning a bunch of folks, including the author (Aaron) headed back home. Those that stayed gathered up four machines went to explore a cabin, rode to the reservoir, and back to camp after covering thirty-one miles. That night a few more went home and Tuesday everyone else headed home.

Everyone that attended had a great time and would once again thanks to Ron for taking the time to reserve the campground and organize things.

Aaron Larson – Primary ride leader.

Photo gallery: [Thurs](#), [Fri](#), [Sat](#) and [Sunday](#)

[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.

- Sept 2 – Kirkam day ride
- Sept 9 – Ride with a Cop at Rock Creek
- Sept 13 - Picnic

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

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: Adam Stockberger.

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



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let her know you sent the money via Venmo.

Linda Stimpson

Flags & Hats

If you would like to buy a brand-new orange MVATVR flag for your ATV/UTV, there are still a few available. They are \$20 each



We also have American flags printed on the same material the club flags are printed on. They are also \$20 each.

Hats are also available for \$17 each!



Call Brad Stimpson (208-308-8526) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

Club Logos

If anyone wants to have the club logo printed/embroidered on a t-shirt, jacket, etc., [Quick Draw Embroidery & Screen-printing](#) has our logo on file.

You can buy the shirt/jacket/hat from them, or, bring your own. The price is reasonable and depends on how large you want the logo to be.

They are located at 3790 N. 3386 E. in Kimberly. 208-735-8804.

The Fine Print

We fully understand that ATV activities involve risks and dangers of serious injury up to and including death. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the activity. Rides are open to current MVATVR members and invited guests.



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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: _____