

Magic Valley ATV Riders

Nov 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

Wow, what a busy month! Three rides in October and back to our monthly meetings!

Two weeks ago, I had a “guy” camping trip with some friends planned for the South Hills. After a bunch fell out, Bill Mefford and myself figured we would still go camping. Here are some things we encountered.

On Friday, Bill and I went on a short ride after setting up the trailers. We had seen the sign talking about the controlled burn they were going to have that day, and we witnessed it firsthand! It was in the bowl by the summer homes just off Deadline. We rode up to the summer homes and talked to a fire fighter and chatted for a bit. It was a seventeen acre burn. We didn't stay long but did watch the top of a pine tree go up in flames.



We then ran to the top of Deadline and hiked up to the ridge a few hundred yards and watch the fire from up top. We were there for over an hour watching the smoke and treetops get engulfed. We

also watched the fire fighters wandering about the perimeter which was lined with foam and fire hoses. [Pictures and video can be found here at this link!](#)

The beavers on 865-Goose Creek have been busy. They have flooded a portion of the trail and for about 30ish feet the water was up to my foot wells on my machine. They also still have water backed up on the tail end of the bridge down there as well.

Our trail work on 015-Trout Creek has been holding up great, but, at the bottom end someone had taken a large rig and tried pushing over one of the gates. I hooked my winch on it and pulled it mostly upright.



We found that on 920\922\884 that the full sized dozer started at the gate on the top of Telephone Canyon and graded the entire trail down

to the Third Fork junction! The trail is really, really nice, but, don't go to fast, the water bars are BIG!



At the junction, the dozer was parked, but it looked like they had gone up Buttars Spring so we rode up, and sure enough, they had dozed that entire trail and fixed ALL the damage from the runoff. At the creek, we rode up the Third Fork Trapper trail and found they had fixed this trail as well. Much thanks to the Forest Service for the much needed trail improvements! Based on the location of the dozer, I would assume that it was going to work on 920 from Third Fork down to the Porcupine gate. Speaking of the gate, they also put the gate back up on the upper end and used a MONSTER chain to attach it to the post!

Sunday, we ran down to see how the work on Trapper Creek was coming. Although not finished, the road was open, and based on the photos here, they have been spending the last few months doing some major work on the road! I would suggest that you [visit the photo gallery](#) to see the full effect since it is such a nice road! The top still has a bit of work to do, and after looking at things, I suspect they have some blasting to do. I suspect that they will probably not finish the road until next spring, but it is nearly finished.



Either myself, or Brad and Linda will attend the Idaho Recreation Council meeting in Boise on December 2nd. We hope to continue to add our input and interact with everyone in attendance at that meeting.

I would also like to thank Ted MacNeil for his years of service to the club as a board member. He has chosen to not run for the 2024 term and he will be missed. He said he will continue to keep us up to date on the Lava Ridge wind farm and we look forward to his assistance in that area.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I encourage everyone to spend time with your family and enjoy the holiday.

Aaron Larson – President

Elections

At our November club meeting we will hold our Annual election. We will vote on board members to fill the ten board positions for the year 2023.

The current names that will be on the ballot will be (in alphabetical order): Aaron Larson, Bill Mefford, Brad Stimpson, Dixie Best, Gary Aufderheide, Linda Laudert, Linda Stimpson, Robert Leitch, Ron Mothershead, and Shawn Applewhite.

We would like to thank Ted MacNeil for his years of service and Bill Mefford for adding his name to the ballot.

Board of Directors



October Club Meeting Report

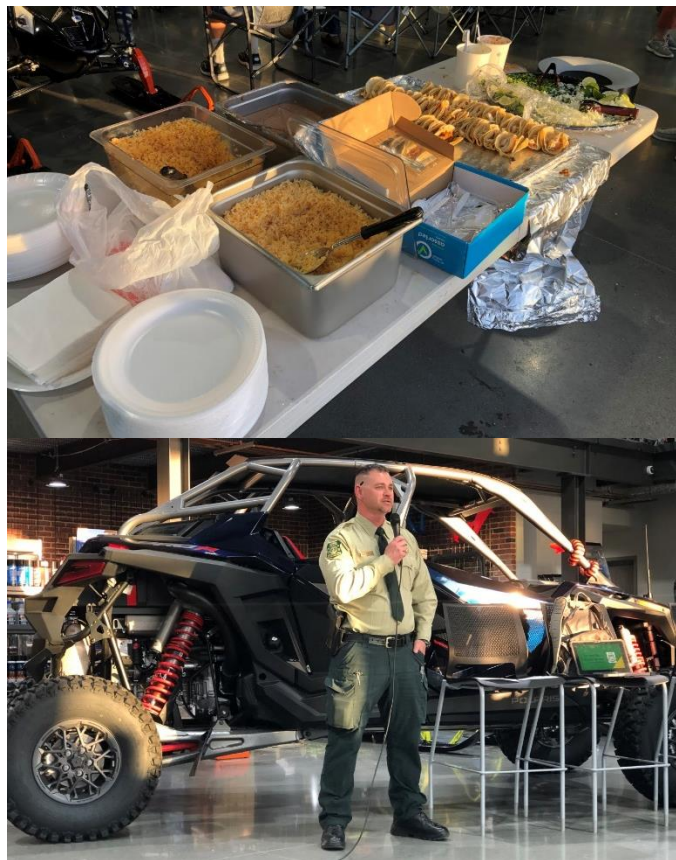
We would like to thank Young Powersports for hosting our October meeting.

They served us two big trays of street tacos, lots of beans and rice, drinks, and cookies for dessert. Everyone enjoyed the meal, and afterwards, our guest speaker was introduced.

Noel Rupel, our local Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer, talked about himself, and what his job entails. He explained how he liked to sit on the side of the 50" trails and give tickets to the bigger machines that decide to drive past his signs that designate the trail as a 50" trail. He answered questions for a while and then we took care of our regular club business.

We would like to thank the fifty-some club members that were able to attend the meeting, and especially the folks at Young Powersports for hosting the event.

Aaron Larson



[Additional photos](#)



Hopper Gulch Ride Report

On Saturday, October 7th. The weather was absolutely amazing all day long. It was sunny, no wind and perfect temperatures all day. It was so nice to have cooler crisp and clear fall weather as compared to the hot summer July and August days.

We had 9 SxS and 1 ATV with a total of 14 riders. As planned we started the ride at 9:30 am and headed south on the Hopper Gulch road, 1/2 mile south of Nat Soo Pah. On the two loop roads heading south, we took the east loop and the west loop roads on the return back to the trail head. At 9.9 miles we head north to Wilson Reservoir and once passed, we headed east before heading south. We stopped for lunch just before reaching the 500 road.

After lunch we took the 500 road east until we reached the Deadline Ridge road, where we headed south. At the 27.2 mile mark we started west down the very rocky road for about 2 miles. At the 31 mile mark we connected up to the "freeway" road that parallels the Shoshone Creek South Fork, headed north until we reached the 500 road again. After 2 more miles, we headed north and eventually connected up with the Hopper Gulch road. From there we headed back to the trail head. We arrived back at 3 pm and did a total of 50 miles.

I wish to give Ted MacNeil a special thanks for being the trail sweeper for ensuring no one got lost and for closing 7 gates.

See below for 2 photos taken at lunch of some of the riders. If anyone would like to receive a copy of our GPS tracks (GPX format), or a JPG map of our tracks, please contact Wayne.

Respectfully Reported,
Wayne Fischer, Ride Leader





[Additional photos](#)

Eclipse Ride Report

On Saturday, October 14th, a bunch of us arrived at the Diamondfield Jack parking area and unloaded in the brisk weather.

If memory serves, there were six machines that were in attendance. Our fifty-nine mile trek would take us on full sized roads since one machine was of the larger variety.

We left the parking lot and headed up past the organizational camps and onto Deadline Ridge, then north on Upper Deadline. Zig zagged down Magic West Side, and then made a big stop on Bald Hill. It was at this spot we took about twenty minutes to watch the eclipse that was going on. Ron had a few pairs of glasses and Amy sent me with some of hers, so everyone in attendance was able to watch the eclipse!



After watching the major portion, we continued on our journey down Langford Flat, Pond Spring, Sanitary Spring, Big Creek, and then back onto Deadline Ridge, Winecup, the Winecup Monument Road, where we diverged.

Those with the big machine and Ron headed back to the vehicles while the rest of us on smaller machines continued our journey.

We headed down Jones Creek, wound our way over to Third Fork, and up Trail Canyon before heading up to Pike and back to the vehicles.

We all had an enjoyable day and although we didn't see any colors, we did see a pretty good eclipse!

Aaron Larson – Ride leader

[Additional photos](#)

Indian Spring Ride Report

On Saturday, October 21st. For an end of the Fall impromptu ride, the weather was absolutely amazing with just the right temperatures and no wind all day. The ride started on schedule at 9:30 am with 8 machines and 14 people.

We headed south for 11 miles on the Indian Spring road. We then turned west and passed William Reservoir where there was very little water remaining plus a few cattle still crazing on the summer grasses.

From there we headed further west until we connected up with the Hopper Gulch road and headed south until we reach the 500 road between Rogerson and Diamond Field Jack.

We continued on to the Bear Gulch Campground, 0.8 miles north of the 500 road, for a nice, beautiful fall noon 1 hour lunch on 2 of their picnic tables. After lunch, we got back on the 500 road and headed east for 4 miles and then start heading north until we connected up to the Indian Spring road.

After a few miles we took a short west loop off the main road. Half of the group headed back to the trail head and the other half continued on for a few more miles and then took a much longer west loop before heading back to the trail head. Both of the side loops were new to the ride leader, and provided added tracks for future rides.

The ride totaled 51 miles. All were back to the trail head shortly after 3 pm.

A special thanks to Gary Aufderheide for being the tail sweeper. Also a special thanks to

Jeanette Graham for taking lot of ride photos, which will be (are) posted on the club's Facebook web page.

If anyone would like the tracks of the ride and/or other rides in the South Hills in GPX file format, please contact Wayne Fischer.

Respectfully Reported,
Wayne Fischer, Ride Leader



[Additional photos](#)

Club Meeting Schedule



Nov 8th – Idaho Pizza Company\Twin Diner at 6, meeting at 6:45 pm.
Guest speaker will be in attendance

The buffet will be available. Please be aware that they do the buffet for us and that *they will not have pizza out until about 5:30 p.m. or so.*

Dec 13th – Idaho Pizza Company
Jan 10th – Idaho Pizza Company

Feb 14th - Probably at Adventure Motorsports\Twin
March 13th - Probably at Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin
April 20th – Club banquet\Twin Falls Reformed Church
May 8th – Probably at Let's Ride\Burley
June-August – Summer hiatus
Remainder of 2024 – TBD

At a regular club meeting, dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Meetings usually conclude at 8:00 PM.

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.

- Unknown at this point if we will have any more rides in November or December.

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

State Parks Passport Stickers



To purchase a State Parks Passport, you will need to call **1-800-247-6332** and ask for a State Parks Passport (\$10 one) for your ATV or SxS.

Also, make sure you get one for your tow rig as well.



OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up in January of the new year!

Registration stickers are available at some of the OHV dealerships and local DMV offices. You can also renew online through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website. You can also renew them for TWO years now!!!!

<https://idpr.idaho.gov/Renewal/>



Thinking of You

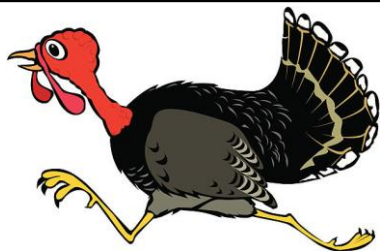
Everyone that is ill, recovering from being ill, family that is ill, lost a friend or family member, or otherwise needs extra support.

At this time we have several members that have been having some health issues and we wish them the best.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Gary and Barb Bratt, as well as Russel Rost.

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: _____