

Magic Valley ATV Riders



July 2024



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: March 18, 2024 – Bell Rapids ride hosted by Wayne Fischer.

Message from the President

My message this month is going to focus on our work weekend.

I would like to thank everyone that was able to attend. On our roster had twenty-nine folks in attendance. We had 13 campers and they had 14 dogs which had a great time as well.

On Thursday and Friday, those of us that were there went on exploratory rides to see what work needed to be done. We found a lot of work that we could do. We found washed out creek crossings, more beaver activity, deep ruts running down the trails, and lots of overgrowth. [Thursday](#) and [Friday](#) photos.

On Saturday, we all gathered at 8:30 a.m. for a brief meeting and broke up into multiple groups. [Saturday](#) photos.

Group 1 – This group spent 23 man-hours and completed 8 miles of heavy trail maintenance and fixed the gate at Porcupine, as well as repaired multiple creek crossings that heavily damaged trails.

Group 2 – This group spent 28 man-hours trimming 2 miles of trails. This group consisted of some of our folks that were limited as to what they could do due to health.

Group 3 – Our big group! This group of folks focused on Trout Creek, a trail we have not worked on in

several years. They spent 66 man-hours brushing the entire 5 miles of trail. Later that afternoon I had an opportunity to ride the trail and I can't express how great a job they were able to accomplish! No more quaking aspen whacking you in the face. They fixed a couple creek crossings as well!

Group 4 – Two more of our folks with limited time spent 8 man-hours brushing out 1.7 miles of trail in the FS Springs area. Thank you!

Mixed group – Some folks from two groups combined later in the afternoon to do another 8 man-hours of combined work cleaning up a quarter mile trail.

In all, we spent 140 man-hours working on 17 miles of trail! I would like to note that our hours started at the time our meeting began at 8:30 a.m. until each group arrived back at camp and are multiplied by the number of people in the group.

I am in the process of writing a report that will be submitted to the Forest Service. I will email everyone a copy of the report as well when it is done. If you have any photos of the work your group did but have not sent them to me, I would appreciate them.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, *thank you so much* for all the time that those of you that came spent on the trails. Without you, these trails would not look as good as they do today!

That evening we all gathered together and had a big potluck. We had leftover pork from the banquet as well as all the goodies everyone brought. Jacob showed us all up though with a brisket he smoked all day long! Dixie would like to mention that this was the best potluck we have ever had a well! We also had some folks that just came up for the day stayed for dinner with us.

On Sunday, I led a ride down Kirkham and over to Black Rock and then to the hummingbirds. We had a nice ride even though the ride leader had a flat tire.

Although that service weekend is finished, we still have a lot of work to accomplish. Once the weather cools down a bit, I would like to take a weekday and spend some time on the Cave Canyon trail out of Oakley. It is in severe need of brush work. Last week Amy and I, as well as Kelly and Jen Willis took a couple's ride and stopped at the creek crossing that has been getting bad. We cleaned out the leeward part of the creek and dropped the water level around six to eight inches. I'll let everyone know a bit ahead of time when we do this.

We also need to start planning Public Lands Day in September.

As you ride, keep some pruners with you and if you see any eye pokers, stop and trim them. If you see anything that we need to report to the Forest Service, take a picture and let me know.

Once again, thanks to everyone that helped or does trail maintenance on their own.

One other item – Our AED was delivered to us! We will have a formal presentation at one of our upcoming meetings, but until then, we will have it at all our upcoming rides!

Aaron Larson – President & Dixie Best – Event Coordinator

Picnic & Meetings

The Kimberly Park will be closed in September to have the pavilion we use torn out and replaced. Due to this, we have the pavilion reserved so we can have the picnic on Wednesday August 28th.

Since we moved the picnic, we will still hold a meeting in September on the 11th at Idaho Pizza.

ATV Gear Checklist

Planning to ride an ATV for some fun? It's one of the most popular recreational vehicles out there, but you may want to take some time and make sure you have sufficient ATV gear first. Safety is a priority!

Minimum things you should bring on a ride.

Always!

- Super good rain gear, not all days are sunny
- Tire repair/patch kit and 12 volt air compressor
- Tow rope/strap, at least 10' in length
- Extra tie down ratchet straps
- Engine oil and antifreeze
- Fuel can
- Toolkit bag, include an assortment of batteries and fuses, zip ties
- Shovel

After packing your ATV, pack some minimum items for yourself as well. Bring food items that don't need much space yet pack more energy per bite.

- Your lunch and snack items
- Utensils, can/bottle openers
- WATER
- FIRST AID KIT, don't leave home without one
- Matches/lighters etc.
- Toilet paper, paper towels and hand wipes
- Map with trails
- Ziploc baggies
- Small chair that can be easily strap on your machine

How about your safety? State laws don't require using a helmet when riding ATV, but

- Helmet and goggles
- Face cover or gaiters, bandanna to help with dust
- Gloves
- Long sleeve shirt and jeans
- Proper footwear, such as boots (not cros or sandals)
- Pack some extra clothing and gloves
- Two-way radio is always a good idea
- Identification card, Emergency Contact and Medical information (blood type, medical

condition, etc.) Use an old wallet to carry personal information in.

Remember, keep it compact so you can bring it along with you wherever you go.

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

Big Cottonwood Campout Report

On the weekend of May 30th through June 2nd, Ron Mothershed hosted a campout at the Big Cottonwood Wildlife Management area.

On Friday, he led a group on a ride from the camping area and made a big loop that encompassed the 500 road, jeep trail, and Trapper Creek Road.

On Saturday ([photos](#)), Aaron led a ride up Big Cedar, Medley Creek, down to the valley, up Dry Creek with a few side roads, and back up to Big Cedar, with a final leg down Cave Canyon.



Sunday, most everyone packed up and went home.

Thanks to everyone that attended that weekend.

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

ATV Safety Weekend Kids Report

During the month of June, the ATV Safety Fair was held in the South Hills with sixty-five enthusiastic participants, including youngsters from members of the club. Saturday’s noon class had one of the youngest, at the age of 5 was Dawsy Jo Lee, granddaughter of Linda Laudert. There were two 5 year olds in the class and fortunately, there were 2 small machines available.

Even though Dawsy has ridden with her grandma on her ATV, this was her first time the throttle was in her control. Russell Rost, club

member was on hand to coach Dawsy and helped her to get prepared to ride alone.

When the class started, the two littles were cautious for a couple of laps and as the class progressed, so did the confidence. They learned how to weave around cones, and then to backup as well. They drove their machines over “obstacles” and at the end of the class went on a short trail ride.

Dawsy’s education and practice didn’t stop there. For the rest of the day, she took anyone brave enough for a ride.

Bill and Stacey Mefford also brought up their grandchildren as well. Chance, Lilly, and Bailey were also able to get their license and had a great time as well!

Thanks to Gary Aufderheide, Brad and Linda Stimpson, Dixee Best, Ted MacNeil, Robert Leitch, Ron Mothershed, Jacob Metcalf, and I, and anyone else that assisted in any way, as well as everyone that donated time, money, or items that were included in the swag bags.



Cottonwood Guest Ranch Ride Report

On Saturday, June 15, 2024 members of Magic Valley ATV Club and guests met at parking area West of Salmon dam on Monument Springs Road (China Mountain Road). Our destination was Cottonwood Guest Ranch in O’Neil Basin, Nevada.

15-16 machines and 1 jeep were in attendance with a total of 33 people including members and guests.

We departed at 9:00 am and arrived at the ranch at 12:30 pm. We had an excellent lunch with roast beef croissants, sandwiches, salads and desserts.

Our route was approximately 102 miles round trip. Our route took us from the parking area to Wrangler Mountain then dropping down into O’Neil Basin Road and then onto the ranch. We returned the same route arriving back at 5:30 pm

Butch Humpheries – Ride leader



Juniper Campout Report

I hosted my Juniper campout from Thursday, June 13th through Sunday June 16th this year.

On Thursday, after camp was set up, those of us that were there after lunch did a 31 mile exploratory ride. That evening we visited and got ready for the next day.

On Friday, some of us grouped up and cooked breakfast. We then took off on our voyage that took us on a 77 mile expedition through some spectacular country. We passed the Hansen Grain Farm, a 100+ year old dry grain farm. We had lunch at a rather rickety picnic table under some trees, and then continued on through the grasslands. We had a great time riding a mountain ridge that had a



Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

[Safety Fair photos](#)

**Children and ATVs
THE ABCS OF SAFETY**

While ATVs are useful and fun for off-road use, they are not toys. With children's safety in mind, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, a Member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network and the children's hospital for the Hudson Valley shares these startling facts and important safety tips.

A THE FACTS

30 The number of children admitted to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital for ATV-related injuries for the past three years.

20 of those patients were under the age of 14.

B THE RISKS

Of the 13 patients admitted to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in 2015 due to ATV-related injuries, nine received care in the pediatric ICU. Of those nine ICU patients, three were under the age of 9.

C SAFETY TIPS

- Always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective gear (boots, gloves, long pants and jacket).
- Only ride a vehicle that is appropriate for your size.
- Never ride on public roads.
- Don't allow any passengers on a single-rider ATV.
- Only ride on designated trails at a safe speed.
- Do not ride an ATV at night.
- Take an ATV safety course. Check www.dmv.ny.gov to find an ATV safety course near you.

WMC Health Maria Fareri Children's Hospital Westchester Medical Center Health Network

nice steep climb in one section, and a rather long, and somewhat steep decline that everyone was successful going down. That evening we once again had an enjoyable evening.

Saturday a bunch of us grouped up for breakfast while Jacob fired up the smoker and the generator to smoke ribs all day long! We had a 76 mile ride that took us into some nice tall grass on some little used roads, to the Sublet Guard Station for a break, then to lunch at the end of a dead end road with trees on both sides of the trail the whole way and a nice clearing to gather in. After lunch, we rode a 50" trail and then back down for some more ridge riding and back to camp. Everyone pitched in things for dinner, and we enjoyed Jacob's ribs.

Sunday, we enjoyed a 55 mile tour of the Black Pine mountains. We saw the Black Pine Gold Mine that is no longer actively mining, and then made a trip to the southern end of the range and then up the canyon to the top of Black Pine and then down to explore two dead end roads that were beautiful. Once back to camp, we all packed up and headed home.

Pictures can be found at the following links: [Thursday](#), [Friday](#), [Saturday](#), and [Sunday](#).

Aaron Larson – Ride leader

Island Park Campout

Put this on your calendar! We will be having a campout at Henry's Lake State Park from Monday July 22 to Saturday July 27th.

We will be in the Caddis Loop. [Click here](#) to secure your spot. Once loaded, go to "Show Advanced Options" to choose the Caddis Loop.

If you can't get a spot in Caddis, the Blue Dun Loop is the next closest loop. Please email or text Linda Laudert which spot you have so we can have an idea of who will be attending so we can plan rides. As a reminder, you don't have to stay the entire time.

Oh, although we will be going on some 50" trails, bigger machines are welcome to attend. We will have someone with a bigger machine to lead rides for you folks.

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

Upcoming Rides & Events

Here are the rides and campouts that are penciled onto the calendar. Please look at the calendar on the website for up-to-date information as some have been adjusted recently (shaded ones)

- July – Just the Island Park Campout
- August 28th – Picnic at Kimberly Park

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can go riding if a last-minute ride pops up sometime soon.

Registration stickers are available at some of the OHV dealerships. You can also renew online through the [Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website](#). You can also renew them for TWO years now!!!!

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: Tim and Tina Fox.

Linda Stimpson

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.

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. Please add \$1.50 to your membership if you use Venmo since they charge \$1.50 each time we use it, since we have a business account and not a personal account.

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!

Thank You Dealers for Supporting the Magic Valley ATV Riders



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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.

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: _____