

Magic Valley ATV Riders



September 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.

Presidents Message

Big news everyone! Next year, the Magic Valley ATV Riders will be hosting the Idaho State ATV Association's state ride like we did back in 2019!

The event will take place from July 23rd through the 27th. Friday and Saturday we will host rides, and maybe even Sunday. Saturday night will be the main meeting with a catered meal and raffle prizes. All those that wish to assist may contact a board member.

We would like to thank everyone that attended the picnic on August 28th. We had about sixty-five people in attendance. The board members cooked burgers and hot dogs and everyone else brought tasty sides to eat. As usual, we had plenty of food and no one went home hungry.



Next week we will have our next meeting at Idaho Pizza. We hope to see everyone there.

Later this month we will be participating in Public Lands Day. On Saturday, September 28th we will meet at 8:30 a.m. to go over our work for the day and hit the trail by 9:00 a.m. to do work. Although not set in stone, I think we should do some work on 846-Electric Spring, 116-Kirkam-Shoshone Creek, 868-Little Piney Access, and 864-Winecup Spring. These trails have not had any maintenance for quite a while and could use some dirt work and brush work.

That evening we will have a potluck at 6:00 p.m. for those that would like to stay for dinner. We have some pulled pork left over from the Island Park trip, and along with whatever else everyone brings, we should have a nice dinner.

Obviously, you are welcome to come up and camp that weekend as well. I, along with others, will host rides on Friday and Sunday.

Although elections are not until November, if you wish to run for a board position, please let me know so we can get you on the ballot. We meet once a month for about two hours to talk about upcoming events and lots of other things.

I hope everyone enjoyed reading about our Caribou Loop trip that some of us went on. If you have any questions about it, let me know.

Aaron Larson - President

Hopper Gulch Ride Report

August 24th. Saturday was the first cool day since early summer as compared to the 85+++ temperature days. The forecast was for low to mid 60s which makes it nice for those of us who prefer cooler riding. But the weather person over did it with even cooler temps in the AM. Overall it was still a very enjoyable day for riding.

We had 8 SxS with a total of 15 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. We took the two east loop roads as we headed south. At 10 miles we headed north towards Wilson Reservoir and once past it, we headed east before heading south again. When we reached the 500 road, we headed west towards the Bear Gulch Campgrounds so we could eat lunch sitting on tables as well as have bathrooms close by.

Before reaching the Bear Gulch Campgrounds we did a short stop at the Hummingbird Feeders. Several of the riders had never been there before. Surprisingly there were still quite a few Hummingbirds. I had expected they would have already been heading south for the winter.

After lunch we took the 500 road west until we reach the Hopper Gulch Road where we headed back towards the trail head. We took the two east loop roads again rather than the smoother main Hopper Gulch Road since they are more interesting. We all got back to trail head around 3:30 pm safely and without any issues.

I wish to give Jens & Alana Steffensen a special thanks for being the trail sweeper for to ensure no one got left behind and for closing all the gates that we opened.

Respectfully Reported,
Wayne Fischer

Trailer Maintenance

Earlier this summer, Bill and I worked on the trailer brakes on Kris's trailer. Some of the wires were broken going into the hubs. We got it fixed, but given the state of the wiring, I ordered new

brakes. They are here and should hopefully be installed in the next month.

Last month as we were preparing to go on a trip, I noticed the vent cover in the bathroom was letting light in. After looking at it closer, the plastic cover was pretty much sun and heat rotted and falling apart. After inspecting the other two, the one in the garage was also in bad shape, but the one in the bedroom seemed fine until I went up on the roof and found that it was brittle.

I hopped on Amazon and found some much nicer ones, these are made out of aluminum. They showed up, and after watching some YouTube videos, took the inside trim off and after removing the first cover, found the gasket material was also degraded. I went ahead and put all three covers on, and ordered some new gasket material which I put on last week. That wasn't too bad, and with the vent open all the way you could access the gasket pretty easily. Overall the job was pretty easy other than climbing the ladder several times.



Over the years, the trailer frame has started to show surface rust. After doing some looking around, I bought some Fluid Film and have most of the exterior part of the frame coated. I still need to crawl underneath and coat the inside of the frame and the crossmembers but I'll do that when I can park the trailer on some concrete so I can use my creeper to work under it.

Dad also bought some new carpet for the garage part of the trailer. The old carpet was falling apart and leaving the rubber backing all over the place.

Give your trailer a once over and see if there is anything you need to do to yours before winter.

Aaron Larson

ATV Maintenance

For those that read our Caribou Loop ride report, you saw that Kris had some problems with his machine. Bill and I tore into it, and over two days we did a pile of work.

We removed all the soft brake lines and replaced them, we removed all the calipers and rebuilt them with brand new O rings, put on new brake pads, and also brand new rotors on all four corners. Some "fun" we had was destroying a T40 driver and bolt on the brake rotors since they were red Locktited into place. A torch melted the rest of the Locktite on the rest of them and the job went much smoother. It did require a trip to town for a new bolt though. Also thanks to Berry's Machine Shop (Duane Pearson) for helping remove the destroyed torx recessed bolt really fast.



We also put in a brand new fuel pump to replace the bad one and tore into the engine as well. We did a compression test and one was WAY low, around 90 psi, the other was about 130 psi. We were hoping it was just the valves needing adjustment, and long story short, it was.

We tore the entire back end off the machine to access the engine and after hours and hours of swapping shims and trying to figure out how to get the stupid cams back in, since the directions were wrong, we finally had it back together.

All said and done, the compression is back to a reasonable amount, and it runs great! With nearly 17,000 miles on the odometer, he should be good for another few years of riding before anything major needs to be done again.

Aaron Larson

Meeting Schedule

Sept 11 – Idaho Pizza
 Oct 9th or 10th – Young Powersports
 Nov 13 – Idaho Pizza
 Dec 11 – Idaho Pizza

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 look at the calendar on the website for up-to-date information as some have been adjusted recently (shaded ones)

- Hopefully a campout the weekend of the 14th or 21st
- September 28th – Public lands day (campout the entire weekend).
- At least one campout in October TBD

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

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

New Members

We would like to welcome Randy Evans to the club!

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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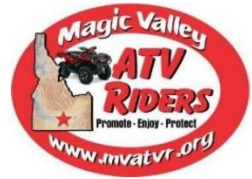




Magic Valley ATV Riders, INC. (MVATVR)

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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: _____