

Magic Valley ATV Riders



May 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

This month's message will be brief. A question came up about what our club does because someone that someone was talking to thought that all we do is go riding. If you look at the club logo up above, it says "Promote – Enjoy – Protect". I think this sums it up nicely.

First, we promote the club and all we do is to enjoy where we ride, and how do we do that? Well, we protect it!

How do we do that? Well, we do a TON of stuff! We are going to help the Jeep club with the Snake River Canyon Park cleanup on May 18th, we spend a weekend working in the South Hills twice a year. Please note that our cleanup weekend was bumped up a week to June 20-23rd this year as well as Public Lands Day on September 28th. We are also participating in the ATV Safety Fair once again this year.

Regarding the Safety Fair, Robert has taken the lead and has gathered donations from many local businesses so we can provide a gift bag to each child that contains a pair of gloves, snacks, and other swag, as well as a nifty mug to each adult that attends.

We write letters of support to assist other clubs in what they are doing, and letters to oppose things that would prevent us from riding in different places.

We attend meetings twice a year with the Idaho Recreation Council, and also work with Idaho Parks and Recreation, the Forest Service, and BLM in various areas.

We donate money to charities of various types. We help the Mustard Seed, Safe Kids Coalition, and the Quick Response Unit in Kimberly.

We also work! Tons of work. Lots of us carry clippers and shovels as we ride and help keep the trails clear even when we are not on a club event.

So, do we do more than just ride? Yes, yes we do!

Aaron Larson - President

Sugar for Sale!

A Imagamated Sugar is willing to donate up to 200 bags of sugar to us in lieu of a financial donation toward the ATV Safety Training weekend.

I have created a Google Form for you to place your order (on a first come first served basis). [Click this link](#) to fill out the form and get yourself on the list! We hope to be able to deliver to anyone that attends the meeting at Let's Ride on May 8th and will make arrangements for those that cannot attend.

Feel free to contact me for more information.

Robert Leitch – 208-539-6066

Banquet Report

On Saturday, April 20th, the annual Members Appreciation Banquet was held. Members of the Board of Directors arrived at 3:30 to get everything set up. The church already had the tables and chairs set up, so the board just needed to get everything arranged the way wanted it to be.



As people started arriving, the gym started to be filled with the smells of all the wonderful food that everyone prepared or brought. A few members of the board also collected the food that went to the Mustard Seed.



At 6:00 pm, Troop 68 of the Boy Scouts hosted by the Immanuel Lutheran Church started our meeting with the presentation of the flags. Linda Aufderheide played the National Anthem on her clarinet, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the scouts. We would like to thank the scouts and Linda for starting our meeting off right. Linda Laudert then offered a prayer on the food.

We allowed the scouts to jump into the front of the food line and then called out numbers to decide which tables got to get in line next.



As everyone went through the line, there were so many choices on what to have. At the end of the line, Linda Laudert served the brined and smoked pork loin that she had spent tons of time preparing for us. We also had lots of deserts. When dinner was finished and everyone went back for more, we had plenty of meat left, a few sides, and most of the desserts were wiped out. All told, we fed just short of one hundred people!



During, and after dinner, we introduced some of our new members, had some basic reports of events that had happened recently, introduced the members of the board to the new folks, and talked about various things.

We then began the drawings for door prizes. Everyone had their names pre-printed on business cards that we placed on a table in the front and then flipped upside down and spread around. As the names were drawn everyone came to pick out the prizes that they wanted. There were only two folks that did not get a prize this year because we had so many prizes!

We hope we don't forget anyone, but we would like to thank:

- Wayne Fischer for donating a radio.
- Chad's Mobile Service for two oil change certificates.
- Let's Ride Powersports for two gas cans and a screwdriver set.
- Adventure Motorsports for three gas cans, a sweatshirt, a couple of winch protectors, and a cargo net.
- Young Powersports for a 5 gallon bucket containing a pile of car wash soaps and items, a couple shirts and a couple hats.
- Ron Mothershead for a water hose.

- Aaron Larson for a club hat, a sticker, and a brand new toilet seat.
- Bill and Stacey Mefford for a club sweatshirt and a pair of handlebar mitts.
- Dennis and Glenda Woods for a hand made wood toy truck with a trailer and ATV in the trailer.
- Napa Auto for some gift certificates
- Western Trailers for five sets of tie downs.
- Jerry, Steve, & Stacey Kriegh for two boxes of secret items.
- Mike and Tana Ricando for a flag decoration, water bottle, and a bag of colored fire packets.
- The club provided \$100 worth of gift cards for Adventure Motorsports, Let's Ride, and Young Powersports as well.



At the conclusion of the door prize drawings, we held the drawings for the BIG raffle prizes!

This year the first prize was a \$500 gift card to be used for a set of tires at Action Cycles and Sleds. The club paid \$350 toward the prize and Action donated the other \$150.

The second prize was a ladies' prize. The club purchased the \$100 gift cards for Elevation 486, a cooler containing some sparkling cider and glasses, a nice hand made afghan donated by Jerry Kriegh, a 20' Viper Yankum rope purchased by the club, and a set of soft shackles that Yankum donated to us.

We sold 148 tickets for the tire package and 128 tickets for the ladies' package. After expenses, we made \$476 that the club will use to support the ATV safety training in the South Hills on June 7th through 9th.

We would like to congratulate Rob Hendrickson for winning the ladies' package and Lee Satterwhite for winning the tire package!

We would like to thank everyone for attending this year and look forward to next year!



Dixie Best – Event Coordinator

[Pictures located here](#)

Bray Lake Ride Report



On April 10th, Dixie led a ride to Bray Lake. Wayne was going to help but was unable to attend so I asked Randy to help me with the ride.

We went to Horse Cave first, and then onto the City of Rocks. Lots of rocks and the desert is so pretty right now!

We made a loop back to the pickups and had a fun ride with eight machines during the 56 mile tour.

Dixie Best – Ride leader

Crystal Ice Caves Ride Report

On Saturday, April 13th, eleven machines started our on our 62 mile journey through the desert.

Our first stop was the Bear Trap Cave where we took some time to explore. We took a group photo and also got buzzed by a low flying prop plane.



We then headed to the Crystal Ice Caves and looked around. There were a few other groups there as well. Since the weather was so nice and there were trees there, we enjoyed lunch in the shade and nice weather!



After lunch, we headed to Lariat Cave. This cave is easily overlooked if you don't know where it is. We took our flashlights and explored the cave. The youngster that was with us had a GREAT time exploring the cave. We even took a second to turn off our flashlights and see what pitch blackness is really like!



After Lariat Cave, we went over to Wapi Park and looked at the lava flows and took some great photos and then off to Split Butte where we enjoyed the cool rocks and vistas from the higher elevation!



After our time there, we headed back to the trucks.

The weather was in the mid 70's with a light breeze in the morning, and with a slightly stiffer breeze in the afternoon.

After all the poor weather, it was nice to get out of the house and ride in just a t-shirt for a change!

Thank you to all who were able to attend.

Aaron Larson – Ride leader

[Pictures located here](#)

Ag Safety Day Report



Castleford Ag Safety Day was held on Friday, April 19th at the school in Castleford. Ron Mothershead, Dixie Best, Gary Aufderheide, Brad Stimpson, Robert Leitch, Randy and Jeanette Graham attended. Randy, Ron and Brad shared their ATV / UTV's with the students.

Brad presented safety rules and questioned the students on proper safety gear while riding

ATV's, such as bike helmets vs. DOT approved motorcycle helmets. Brad showed the students a helmet that had been in an accident and this showed them why it is important to wear the proper gear. Brad mentioned to each group of students about the OHV Trainings offered in the Magic Valley.

The group handed out a training schedule through October to the students. The students came in groups of 8 - 10 kids from 9 AM to 2 PM. After the presentation the students got to sit in / on the ATV / UTV's. The students seemed to enjoy themselves during the Ag Safety Day.



Brad Stimpson

[Pictures located here](#)

West Magic Ride Report

April 28, 2024, Randy Graham led a club ride. The weather was great. We drove through a heavy fog cover and at the parking lot there was no wind. We did get the wind at the end of the ride at 3:00 pm. We only got very few drops of rain.

We had four machines in total and they were great drivers. We went to Mel's Quakes dirt bike trail, which has a very cool rock formation. Then, we headed up the big hill. The big rock in the middle of the road is 2 1/2 feet around and about three feet tall. You need to go to the right of the rock and be on the side hill, but you could slide into the rock. I started to move the rock that was holding the big rock. Thank you, Dan Pinther and Ted MacNeil for finishing moving the rock. Then I put a rock in the hole. It was quite smooth when we drove over that patch of rocks.



Then we headed to the emergency landing strip. We ate at Thorn Creek Reservoir. We headed to the lava field but where you drive over the lava tube. We had a nice break to see the overlook of Magic Valley. We ended the day at Shoshone Snack Bar, where the supper was great.

Randy and Jeanette Graham

[Pictures located here](#)

Club Meeting Schedule

PLEASE do NOT arrive any earlier than 6:00 p.m. Before this time they are still open for business and they would appreciate it if you left the parking lot and retail floor space open for their customers. It also gives them time to get things re-arranged to make room for us without us being in their way.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at:



270 ID-24, Rupert, ID 83350 -
208.678.3858

<https://www.letsridepowersports.com/>

To get there, get off exit 211 and turn North. They are about 1.4 miles or so up the road on the right hand side of the highway. We will try and have our club banner outside for all to see.

Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Although at the time of this writing we are unsure of the meal, Kirk, the owner of Let's Ride, usually has his mother prepare a Mexican style meal which over the years has been a hit with all that have attended the meeting. We will start the meeting as soon as everyone has their dinner.

This year we hope to either have the Blue Ribbon Coalition come to speak to us or a member of the Forest Service.

We do ask for a couple favors though.

1. [RSVP by clicking here – Not required](#)
2. Please do not arrive earlier than 6:00 to allow them get ready for the meeting and to allow their customers to complete their business.
3. Please bring a chair and water if you like.
4. Visit their parts department and stock up on all Yamaha, Can-Am, Suzuki, and other things you need to tide you through the summer season.

Thanks, and see you all there.

Dixie Best – Event Co-Ordinator

PS. Let's Ride has a sweet Maverick Trail 1000 sitting on the floor if you want to take one home next week!



Summer Hiatus

Please remember, due to camping season, we do not hold formal meetings from June to August, instead, we meet up for day rides and camping trips! See you on the trail everyone!

Camping Prep

As you all know, camping season is just around the corner. Rather than re-print the usual article that you can all go back and read from last

year and the year before... Just get your camper prepped for camping.

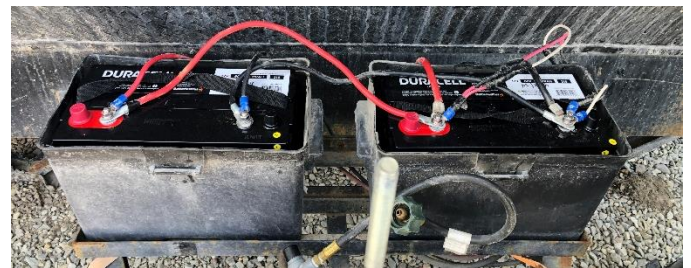
On our camper, I have been doing some work. I turned on the fridge to make sure it was working. During hunting season it kept randomly kicking off. So far, four days later, it is still working.

The lights in the trailer came with bulbs that we had replaced with LED's. They were bright, but not a diffused light and burned a hole in your eye if you looked at them. They also had individual ones burn out. Rather than replace them with the same LED's, I bought a whole new fixture.

I bought some [Naoevo RV lights](#) off Amazon instead. They were \$71.99 for eight, are about 12x5.5" in size, have cold white, natural light, and warm white built in, are dimmable, and remember the settings once you have them set!

They arrived last week, and I went over Saturday and replaced all the lights in the main part of the trailer. Wow, what a difference! Lots of bright, diffused light! After dad saw these, he ordered another eight to replace the rest of them in the bathroom and the front bedroom.

The batteries in the trailer were not holding a charge last fall during hunting season. We took them out and dad took them to Twin to the store and they tested them. They were bad, so we got two free batteries that are now installed!



Oh, you remember a few months ago I wrote an article about the tools I bought? Well, I took those to the trailer and discovered something I overlooked – a set of drill bits – I'll have to buy some!

Another thing I did, and I don't know why I didn't do this earlier, was buy some [bull rings for the bed of my truck](#). These will make it much easier to strap down gas cans and other things instead of using the tied downs in the bottom of the bed.

Last week Bill Mefford made a trip to Burley and we worked on Kris's machine. It was leaking oil from around the valve cover gasket so we ordered a

new gasket, valve cover, bolts, and associated gaskets. It took a few hours to install and now the leak is fixed!

Anyway, get your trailers in camping shape since Jerry has a campout planned for a few short weeks away!

Aaron Larson

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 Co-Ordinator

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)

- May 16-19 – Pagari campout – Jerry Kriegh
- May 18 – Snake River Canyon Park cleanup
- May 31-June 2 – Big Cottonwood campout– Ron
- June 7-9 – ATV Safety Fair in the South Hills

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.

At this time we have several members that have been having some health issues and we wish them the best: Lee Heinzelman and Debbie Thomas.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: Steve & Michelle Stiersorfer, Craig & Leesa Stimpson, and Kelly & Jennifer Willes (below)!

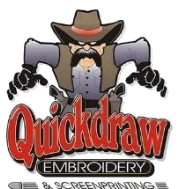


Linda Stimpson

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!

Q: What does Punxsutawney Phil use to clean his laundry? A: Hogwash.

Q: How does Punxsutawney Phil greet his parents?
A: With hogs and kisses.

Q: What did the groundhog say when his handler grabbed his tail? A: "That's the end of me!"

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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: _____