

# Low Range Ramblin'

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## Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs



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### WHO IS IE<sub>4</sub>W?

The Inland Empire 4 Wheelers is a family oriented 4x4 club formed for the enjoyment and preservation of 4 wheeling. We consist mainly of short wheelbase vehicles such as Jeeps, Toyotas, Suzuki's although we do get an occasional long wheelbase vehicle. If you have one of these, expect to go some places where you could possibly



sustain body damage. We have monthly club runs that take us from the deserts to the mountains. We could easily end up in the snow, rocks, or sand. As a club, we are dedicated to the preservation of our public lands and our family sport. We welcome new members to join us!

## IE4W ROUNDUP

Come meet new friends! Bring your 4X4 ! All Four Wheelers welcome, Old Timers and New. Bring the family for dinner & enjoy it with new friends. Find out where to go Four Wheeling! Learn the newest tricks of Four Wheeling. Check out Radical videos & vehicles. Vehicle Safety advice available.

Come Play On Our RTI Ramp! The articulation ramp is a great tool for checking the effect of modifications you have made to your vehicle. For example, it can be used to check brake line length, if your shocks are the correct length for your lift, etc.

From the North, take the Washington Street exit off the Southbound 215 freeway and turn left at the light. From the South, take the Washington Street exit and make two left turns over the freeway. Graziano's is located on the left between McDonald's and Del Taco.

The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tues. of each month from 6-9 PM, at:

Graziano's Pizza Restaurant

1080 E Washington St.

Colton, CA 92324

(909) 824-2770

Please see the club calendar for details.



### IE4W WANTS YOU... TO BECOME A MEMBER!!

The Inland Empire Four Wheelers welcome all guests to participate in club functions such as runs, business meetings, Roundups, and social gatherings. However, we would also like to welcome in our guests as full time members. As an IE4W member, you will enjoy certain benefits, just to name a few; you will be allowed to purchase plaques to display on your vehicle, you will be allowed full voting rights for bylaw changes and board of directors elections and look toward some new fun members benefits in the coming months as our membership committee builds new ideas.



The followings are the requirements set forth by the IE4W bylaws for membership requirement: Each prospective member must be 18 years or older, hold a valid driver's license, be the registered owner of a 4x4 vehicle, have the minimum CA insurance coverage, have their vehicle safety inspected, and attend 6 business meeting and drive his or her vehicle in at least 6 official runs (1 being an overnight run and 1 Adopt-A-Trail work trip) within a 12 month period. An official club run consists of 2 or more club members (with the exception of monthly club Runs). Each new member must sign the club's Assumption of Risk Waiver and will pay an annual \$69.00 fee which is used for land use and club events. Each year new land disputes surface and every off-highway recreationalist is beckoned to help support the fight. So, not only will your IE4W membership be a fun, fellowship filled experience, you will also be supporting your right to enjoy off-highway recreational areas for years to come.

IE4W Club Website:

[Http://www.ie4w.com](http://www.ie4w.com) Webmaster

## President's Corner

Hello everyone.

I hope your new year has gotten off to a good start.

Last month, club members were trail leaders and trail guides for the Sand Hollow Winter Jamboree in Utah. It looked like everyone had a great time.

Randy Stockberger was solo camping in Death Valley when there was a flash flood. A valiant rescue effort was mounted by former club members in Utah to rescue Randy. Larry & Cheri McRae, Don McDonald and Julio & Laura Monroy were the rescue party. I am not sure how much rescuing Randy actually needed. It sounded like he could have survived in Death Valley for several months without anyone's aid.

Happy February.

Tom Thompson



## Upcoming Events

**Calico Overnighter - Feb 10-12, 2023**

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## Minutes of IE4W Business Meeting January 5, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Thompson.

Welcome to the IE4W 4x4 club

We has one guest Shawn Fisher with a 2022 Jeep Wrangler JL.

### Secretary's Report

Motion to accept August meeting minutes made by Teri Patterson and seconded by Cindy Coffin. Vote was all ayes.

Treasurer's Report by Karen Henry. We have \$29,823.08 in the bank. No bills this month.

Vice President and Land Use Report by Robin Reed.

Robin attended the USFS cleanup of 3N21 with Bill Henry

The USFS is holding a meeting at Sizzler in Corona. Someone pointed out that that Sizzler had closed.

### Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise Report – Mike Anderson was there with merchandise.

Newsletter – Teri Patterson posted newsletter on line.

Membership – Bill Bem - all is good.

Hospitality – Sherie Thompson – nothing to report.

Round Up – (We need a new Round Up Chairperson)

Adopt A Trail – Robin Reed – Clean up of dump on 3N21.

Historian – Bobby Hollie. No report.

## Board of Directors

President	Tom Thompson <a href="mailto:president@ie4w.com">president@ie4w.com</a>
Past President	Mark Ogaz <a href="mailto:ppresident@ie4w.com">ppresident@ie4w.com</a>
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Club Merchandise	Mike Anderson
Sheriff	Bill Henry <a href="mailto:sheriff@ie4w.com">sheriff@ie4w.com</a>
Trail Boss	Jim Patterson <a href="mailto:trailboss@ie4w.com">trailboss@ie4w.com</a>

Website – Teri Patterson Good job..

Scholarship – (We need a new Scholarship Chairperson) No volunteers. Scholarship postponed.

Safety – Jerry Burgess spoke about foul weather maintenance issues.

Break

Report on Past Runs

Mike Anderson reported on John & Ming Letskus' run of Shaft Canyon the day after Christmas.

Future Runs Jim Patterson Trail Coordinator.

Sand Hollow, Utah Winter Jamboree January 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>..

Superstition Mountain Run January 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

February Club Run: Randy Stockberger Overnighter at Calico.

March Club Run – Red Canyon, Orocopia Jeep Trail, Godwin Jeep Trail.

Future Events

Next Meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Sheriff's Report: Bill Henry

No Sheriff's report.

Motion to adjourn meeting . Made by Cindy Coffin seconded by Teri Patterson. All were in favor.

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# FEBRUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 CLUB MEETING	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Randy's	11 Overnighter	12 in Calico
13	14 ROUND UP	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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## 4x4 Winter Jamboree in Utah

Several of us joined the 4x4 Winter Jamboree event in Hurricane Utah. Its a huge 4 day event with 27 different trails around the area to choose from, with nightly games (jeep rodeo), food truck and vendors.

The event cost \$50 for each day chosen run, which included free camping that had water and dump. They had a huge area for the camping but I saw only about 10 people using it.

They had approx. 1100 participants and had 240 volunteers for trail help.



### Resurrection Trail

Leader — Joe & Loren

Mid Gunner — Teri & Jim

Tail Gunner — Mark & Shamus

Cindy Coffin

**Day 1:** We ran Resurrection, they rate their trails a 1-10 (10 being the hardest - buggy type trail). Resurrection is rated a 5. We lined up at 7am and with the slight time difference for us, it was still pretty dark and a chilly 35 degrees. The day ended up being a perfectly clear day and it got up to 55 degrees. We ended up with only 8 on our trail plus our 3 trail crew. We left the line up about 8:30 and drove to the air down spot and had a short drivers meeting. We started trail about 9:30 and finished at 1:30. The rigs were a mix of JL's, JK's, 2 Gladiator's, and a TJ. Most everyone was experienced wheelers so it was a quick trail. One of the Gladiators was a newer driver and high centered several times, which was fun because its been a long time since we've gotten to use our strap. The TJ was the shortest rig (and a manual), Duane has done some wheeling and a great job with the short wheel base.

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The trail ran thru some of the wash, several climbs and we had some great 360 degree views when we got to the top. Making are way down we had some nice ledges before we came to the end of the trail which led up into the sand dunes and out through the tunnel.

By Teri

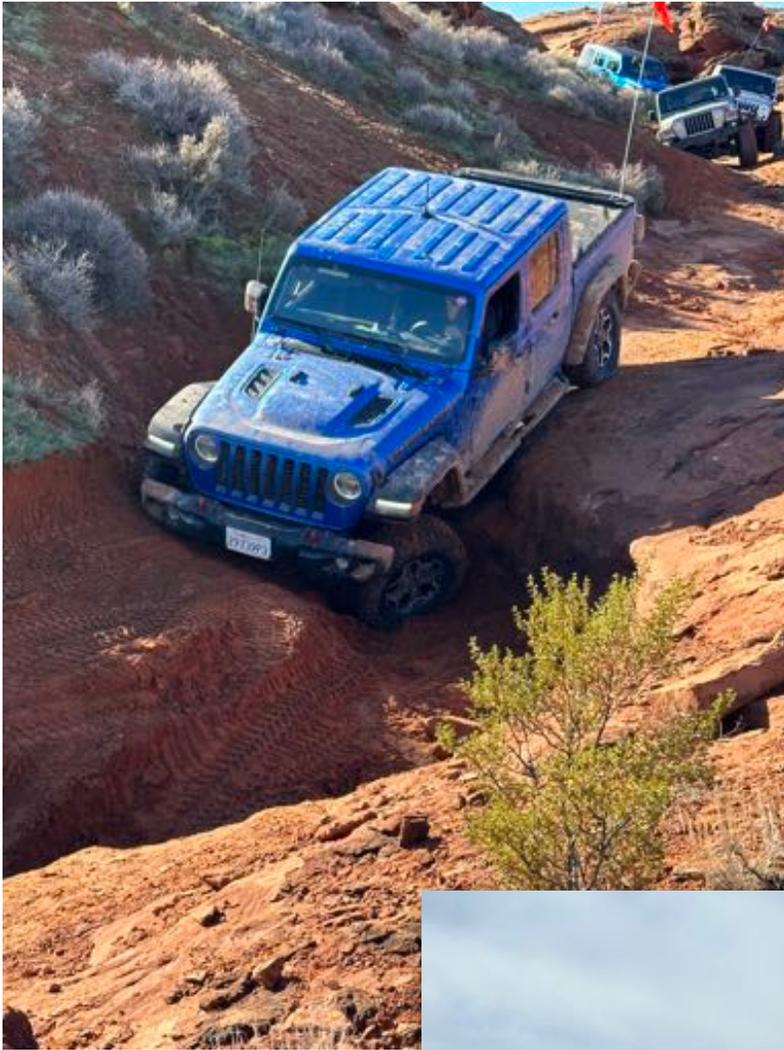
*Official trail description for Resurrection:*

*This is a new trail for 2023! Located between Slip Lock and the Water Tanks Road, it offers a visit into a section of the Mountain that has not been visited before. Scenery, Narrow washes and high vistas.*

*The trail consist of a journey through two narrow washes that culminatin into a trip up a mesa top for a spectacular view of the entire mountain.*

*There are several mandatory ledges that need to be traversed. There is one entirely optional large waterfall that can be climbed if your vehicle and you are up to it!*







## **Razzle Dazzle Trail**

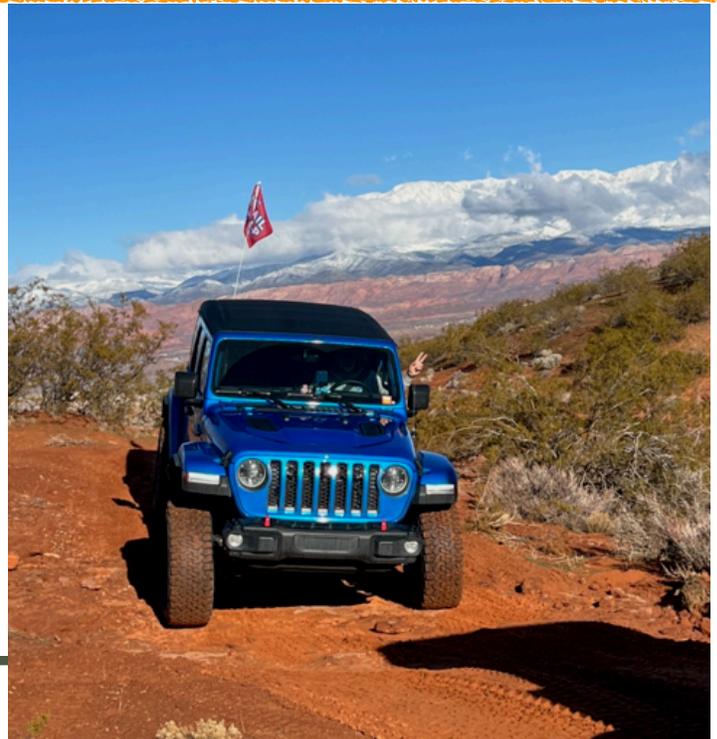
Trail leaders: Loren Campbell  
& Joe Martinez.  
1st Mid Gunner Jim Patterson  
2nd Mid Gunner Mark Ogaz  
Tail Gunner Bob, St George  
Jeep Club  
Cindy Coffin

**Day 2:** We all got up before the crack of dawn (it's very dark in Utah at 6:00am) to meet at the fairgrounds at 7:00 am and leave for the trail at 8:00 am. There were approximately 25 rigs in our group. We aired down at the trailhead and after a brief meeting we hit the trail. This trail is rated a 5, but I would give it a 6. The weather was great even after the snowfall of about 3 inches from the previous night. Everyone in our group did really well. A few of us needed a spot but it went very smoothly. We stopped for lunch at an overlook and the views were spectacular. We were on the trail approximately 6 hours and it was a really great day!! This was an awesome event and we all had a great time.

*By Cindy Coffin*

*Official trail description for Razzle Dazzle:*

*Razzle Dazzle is a lightly challenging trail with scenic views and an historic past. Take in the red rock formations, views of the Warner Valley and Sand Hollow State Park in the distance. The first part of the trail follows a tight natural wash and is the most challenging section. It features off-camber sections, steep hills and challenging V-notches to negotiate. The second part of the trail is easier, and follows a section of the historic Dominguez-Escalante Trail.*



Feb 2023



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# Being Prepared

By Jerry Burgess

We talk often about taking extra supplies with you when you go out on the trail. This is done for the purpose of survival in the event you break down and get stuck for a time longer than you originally planned. This already happened for some IE4W members for a period of days and we know it can happen again. So, as expected it did. This time, nature determined the conditions, the time frame, the ability to use communications, and the lack of likely assistance for recovery. The difference in this case was that Randy Stockberger was in the stuck vehicle. As expected, he brought all the supplies and necessities to survive for weeks if needed. Also, the weather wasn't going to be a problem as extreme weather was anticipated and all necessary protection and clothing were at hand. Randy made camp near his stuck vehicle.

The primary issue in this case was being stuck without the ability to complete a self-recovery. Fortunately, a schedule had been planned and when an anticipated arrival failed, it triggered a sequence of events to begin.

Following 3 days of driving possible primary and alternative routes without success by Randy's brother, an independent employee in the Death Valley Park inadvertently drove to Randy and his stuck vehicle. The Park Rangers were notified and they responded. Connections were made through the Park Rangers to notify the family of the conditions and Randy's location. This prompted a personal team to respond from Utah to complete a vehicle recovery.



Once "unstuck" many thanks were given and Randy, not discouraged by the mishap, returned to his plans on camping in the wilderness with all the supplies he brought. The primary reason for being stuck was due to the unseen saturation of the soil off the side of the road where a flash flood had traversed the highway through a dip. Due to the road being damaged, an apparently better path was tried just off the damaged highway, where water was smooth, but the unseen saturation of soil below turned out to be unstable mud and made passage impossible. Be prepared for such situations and make sure you have extra supplies for the unexpected "Emergency".

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