

# 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

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Odd Numbered Months are the IE4W Social Event. Locations Change. 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



By: Teri Patterson, IE4W President

It's been a busy month with Thanksgiving, several runs and our annual Christmas Party.

I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving, I know I did. I love going out to Parker for several days to relax and share Thanksgiving with friends. We had 39 people who gathered for our feast, no one left the table hungry.

The weather was perfect out there, mid to high 80's. We had no problems on our trails, but we had a few while getting there and leaving.

I want to Thank everyone who came out to our annual IE4W Christmas Party. I think it was great and we all had a wonderful meal.

I hope to see everyone on Saturday the 9th for the Yucaipa Parade, the theme is "Hats off for a Family Christmas" (take your best guess for that). Jim and Sue open their home up and Jim makes his famous breakfast starting at 8am, while everyone is decorating their vehicles. You don't want to miss that. Everyone is welcome to come for breakfast and decorating, but it is a "members only" participation. \*please wear "green" club colors.

Since I mentioned "Club Colors", that refers to a club shirt that only members can buy. It is not a Forest Fest shirt that anyone one can purchase. This month will be an adjustment period, but in the future you could be fined for not wearing a Club Shirt over a Forest Fest shirt or etc.

Board of Directors

IE4W

Minutes November 2017 by Cindy Coffin

Pledge of Allegiance: Roxann Stockberger

Introduction of guests: Robin Reed, Joe Gravel

Welcome new members: John and Lynda Kelly, Craig Willcutt and John Dunlap

Secretary's report: Cindy Coffin: please turn in a trip roster after your run. It is the only way to reconcile discrepancies on who participated. Sign in rosters will be passed around after the break. Verify your run totals and meetings attended on the current roster sheet. October meeting minutes approved as published. Moved by Randy Stockberger and 2nd by Tom Thompson. Motion passed

Treasurers report : Mike Moore : started month with \$55,508. Donation of winch and also club Christmas party . Mark Ogaz requested \$250.00 deposit for facility for Christmas party.

Vice President Report: Loren Campbell: no report on land use

Committee Chair reports:

Merchandise: Peggy Ogaz: has a few leftover polo shirts for sale. Also window banners for \$1.00 each.

Newsletter: Jackie Sorcic: received NO trip reports from October run PLEASE turn in trip reports. Also Wheelr is graduating from guide dog school on 11/18. It would be great to have club members there.

Membership: Joe Martinez: has membership packets available

Hospitality: Barbara Bongiorno: not present. Assume we are still hospitable.

Forest Fest: Mike Moore/Peggy Ogaz: nothing to report

Round-up: Jamie Duncanson: not present. However it was reported that it was a good turnout.

Historian: Jackie Sorcic: no report

Website: Teri Patterson: all is well

Scholarship-Tim Kemp: not present

Safety-Jerry Burgess: safety kits returned. Please review the report in the newsletter

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November 2017 minutes (Cont.)

BREAK: 15-20 minutes. Please remember to keep snack to a snack. Not dinner. Thanks.  
Refreshments provided by Bob Berg. December will be provided by Mark Ogaz and January by Mallory Jordan.

Report on Past Events:

John Bull - Bob Berg  
Calico - Steven Soliz  
Pumpkin Patch Social Event - Jackie Sorcic

Future Runs:

Hammer Run. November 3-5. Don McDonald aka Super D

Thanksgiving at Parker: November 22-26. La Paz County Campground

New Years at Truckhaven: Sue Sloan will post information on Yahoo groups. Dates are: 12/27 - 1/2/2018.

Joshua Tree- Joe Martinez- will be an easy run, scenic to the Dale Mining District on 12/16/17

Poker/snow run- Randy Stockberger - 1/13/2018 meet at Discovery Center.

Powder Puff run - Karen Henry - will be held in April. Specific date TBA

Future Events:

Thanksgiving at Parker: Teri - dinner will be at 2:00. California Time

Xmas Party: December 2 at 6pm. Christmas gift exchange \$40-\$50. Cindy Maldonado will provide the set-up. Thanks Cindy. Santa will be there so please bring a gift for your child.

Yucaipa Xmas parade Dec 9: Members only event. Guests may ride with a member during the parade. Breakfast at the Sloan's will be at 8:00 am. Parade starts at noon. Bring your decorations and make your jeep Ie4W festive!!!!

Forum Demo- Loren Campbell- will cost \$180.00 p/year. Needs \$200.00 to get started. Moved by Rick Clay and 2nd by Steven Soliz. Motion passed. Will have a demo at the December meeting.

New Business: none

Sheriffs Report- Jim Miller: not present

Raffle Prizes provided by Jackie Sorcic. Kevin Strong will provide prizes for December and Tom Thompson for January.

Regular Meeting adjourned

Closed Session-

Meeting adjourned. Club Picture taken after meeting.





# December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Tom & Sherie Christmas Party	3 Kris Yaryan
4	5	6	7 7pm Club Meeting Toni Wilcutt	8	9	10
11	12 6pm - Roundup	13	14 George, Tiffany and Bobby Biddlecombe	15	16 Bobbie & Cindy	17 Laura Gervais
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 
25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28 Joe Muhs Steve & Judi Santa	29 Steve Soliz	30 Todd Vargason	31 Kevin

## UPCOMING Events

- Yucaipa Christmas Parade - December 9
- Huntington Harbor Christmas Parade - December 9 & 10
- Old Dale Mining District Run - December 16
- New Years @ Truckhaven - December 27 - January 2
- Poker/Snow Run - January 13
- Powder Puff Run - April (TBA)
- Taboose Creek Memorial Day Run - May 24 - May 28

### HOSPITALITY

The responsibility of the Hospitality Chair is to post Birthdays, Anniversaries to Yahoo Groups. In the event of an illness, surgery or loss of a loved one, the Hospitality Chair person will send a card or arrangement to the affected Club Member. Please keep our Hospitality Chair in the loop. If you know of a Club Member who is ill, hospitalized, having surgery, or has suffered a loss- pass the word on.

Email: [hospitality@ie4w.com](mailto:hospitality@ie4w.com).



→ YOU NEED NEW TIRES  
→ TIRES ARE FINE

What you might not know about the condition of the windshield wipers you have on your vehicles. Are they broken down or leaving streaks? Yes, they are there for your safe operation of the vehicle. This includes the removal of water, dirt, mud, or other debris that might land on your windshield and block your clear view. Did you know:

- All vehicles made after 1949 (except M/C) are **REQUIRED TO HAVE 2** self-operating wipers, one on the left half and the other on the right half of the windshield? (If you have a single wiper model, it has to do the job on both halves.)
- Wipers are to be **MAINTAINED** in good operating condition and shall provide clear vision through the windshield for the driver?
- Wipers are to be **OPERATED** under conditions of fog, snow, or rain, and be capable of effectively clearing the windshield under all ordinary storm or load conditions while the vehicle is in operation?
- You are required to **ACTIVATE** your headlights in a condition requiring the windshield wipers to be in continuous use due to rain, mist, snow, fog, or other precipitation or atmospheric moisture?

To assist your windshield to remove water and other debris, consider the application of products like Rain-X which is a hydrophobic silicone polymer that forces water to bead and roll off of the car, often without needing wipers. The active ingredients in Rain-X work only if applied to a clean, dry surface. All of the ingredients in Rain-X are already dissolved in ethanol. Not only is ethanol a really good solvent, it helps remove dirt and oil from the glass, then it evaporates leaving the Polydimethylsiloxanes (PDMS) which create a chain of repeating molecular subunits — two organic methyl groups attached to inorganic silicon-oxygen — to form a thin layer on the windshield. These methyl groups provide low surface tension, which actively repels high-surface-tension fluids like water.

Speaking of rain, and wipers, you need to check your **TIRES**, and see if the tires are properly inflated and have sufficient tread depth, that being one thirty-second ( $1/32$ ) of an inch tread depth in any two adjacent grooves at any location of the tire. Take a penny and place it between the tire tread blocks with Lincoln's head upside down and facing you. If Lincoln's head is buried, your tires still have more than ( $2/32$ ) inch of tread, but if the top of his head is visible, your tires need to be replaced. An "unsafe tire" means any tire considered unsafe in accordance with standard industry practices due to tire tread wear, tread irregularity, or damage. Examples include any tire with an exposed ply or cord, a sidewall crack, a bulge, a knot, or a ply separation. You don't want to hydroplane on puddles of water with bald tires!

Lastly, check your **BATTERY** fluid levels and charge. Check the date of purchase on the battery to see if you are near the end of the normal service life. Make necessary repairs or replacement as you don't want to be stranded on a run in the rain or snow.

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## hAMMERS RUN led by Super D

Members: Darryl & Mallory Jordan, Mike Moore & Mike Maxon, Alex Rodriguez, Mark Ogaz, Bill Bem, Randy Stockberger, Loren Campbell & Joe Martinez, Super D and Jackie Sorcic

Papa Smurf has been intermittently having issues and a week prior to this run; I had been trying to get a miss fixed. As it turned out I wasn't able to fix the issue, but decided to go anyway. We arrived Friday afternoon and found Randy Stockberger already camped near the bridge. There was a huge mess in the fire pit that someone had left behind, took 4 - 50 gallon trash bags full of crap. Whoever it was drank a ton load of Stella Atois (at least 4 cases) and if someone drinks a Stella Atois in my presence they will be highly suspect in the future. Shortly thereafter, Mike Moore and Mike Maxon arrived. By then we already had the firewood down and burning and settled in for the evening of some great campfire talk.

We awoke to find Mallory & Darryl Jordan; Alex Rodriguez and Bill Bem. Later on, Loren Campbell, Joe Martinez and Mark Ogaz arrived. Bill actually was brave enough to ride along with me for the day. Everyone arrived prior to the departure time, however my jeep was not cooperating. Which if you know me is not anything abnormal. With that in mind we still departed in time.

We took off and headed to Turkey Claw and Jackie followed in the Razr. For some people it may have been their first time ever doing this type of technical trail. This trail is only ¼ mile long with 4 foot boulders; shelves and holes to work your way thru. With a little bit of "Cal Trans" work we got thru the trail in a relatively short period of time with no breakage; although there may have been some scratches on the rock sliders.

Then we decided to go up Chocolate Thunder, gathered at the bottom and I suggested everyone to take a look at the trail. Everyone got out checked it out and decided to follow Super D up. The trail was filled in and comparatively easier than in years past. For those that wanted the challenge; the right side had a little bit more to it which Randy and Darryl decided to do. Since they were my mid and tail gunners I did not go to assist, but I understand it was quite challenging. Chocolate Thunder is also a short trail with technical challenges and we were done with both runs by early afternoon.

We also all decided to try and find Tackhammer, so we headed in a more southerly direction. Not finding the trail we did a couple of howdy turnarounds and started heading towards the entrances of Jack & Sledge Hammer. I can't remember if I told anyone not to follow me, but I decided to go up a steep trail that was loose and full of small rocks. Smurf was struggling near the top, but managed to get up. I turned around at the top, was just about to get on the radio and let them know not to follow me and that I was on my way down. Then I saw Loren coming up the hill attacking like a Pitbull on a Pekingese. He stopped, backed up and decided he would just go for it and got about ¼ to ½ way up and suddenly stopped at the sound of a bang. At that point I knew something was wrong and that he had broken something. And as he was backing back down, I could see the driver's side rear tire making some funny moves which turned out to be a broken axle. Darryl went back and got his trailer and we did a rescue. Thanks to Darryl and Mallory for their assistance.

Everybody knows the unwritten rule, don't follow Super D. All in all it was a great trip; sorry Joe and Loren for the broken axle and thank you Rick at 4West for taking care of them.

Can't wait for next time!!!!!!!,



## Dynamite Trail Run / Day after Thanksgiving

Trail Leader - Jerry Burgess with passenger / spotter - Chaun Goldberg  
Mid Gunner - Terry and Bonnie McNeill, passengers Chris and Donna  
Tail Gunner - Rick Clay  
Evan Owen  
Dick and Laura Gervais  
Debbie Coffin

The day after Thanksgiving provided an opportunity for 2 trail runs, one with higher difficulty (President's Choice) and one with lesser difficulty (Dynamite Canyon / 'Hole in the Wall'). I volunteered to lead the Dynamite Trail and after a short 9 AM driver meeting, our group left La Paz County Campground and headed north up Riverside Drive to Hwy 95 and then to Parker Dam. After crossing Parker Dam and entering California, we soon made a right turn and headed towards Black Meadow Landing along the paved road 'Trail End Camp Road'. We made a turn and continued north on 'Trail End Camp Road' now a graded dirt road. This road made a right turn at the power line road and was soon in the stream bed winding its way down through a narrow canyon passing a well maintained Red Barn.

Careful and attentive scanning of the landscape provided ample opportunities for abundant sightings of unusual and exotic animals peering out of the alcoves to witness the passing of our group. After passing through acacia and tamarisk / salt cedar at willow spring, we arrived at the intersection and lower end of Whipple Wash and Trail End Camp Road. We turned up Whipple Wash and literally drove through the mountain via a slot canyon having incredible vertical canyon walls hundreds of feet in height. Emerging on the west side of the mountain we were greeted by a small rock obstacle and then the 'Hole in the Wall'. We stretched our legs and explored the cavernous hole (which can be occupied by vehicles), and then continued up the wash to a power line access road that took us south back to the intersection of Trail End Camp Road. Once we reached this intersection, we closed a loop and headed back to La Paz Campground following our approach route.

This route would be considered scenic, and based on your choices, there were plenty of opportunities to exercise your low range and lockers, should you choose. Otherwise, no breakage, no injuries, and we returned by noon to camp making this a 3 hour run, with a total distance of 41 miles out and back.



submitted by Jerry Burgess

Dynamite Trail Run



submitted by Jerry Burgess

## Day After Thanksgiving Run

### Members

Teri & Jim Patterson – Trail Leader  
Tammy Clay & Justyn Munoz  
Cindy Coffin  
George & Kay Stauber  
Bob & Gabriel Berg  
Morgan Hertel & Sharla  
Craig & Char Hart  
Mike Vercruse & Jacob Painter  
Bob & Karen Peterson  
Rob Peterson and family  
Kevin Rice & Barbara Bongiorno – Tail Gunner

Our group ran Presidents Choice. We had 8 jeeps and 1 RZR along for our adventure of the day. We left camp at 9am and got to the trail head shortly afterward. We aired down and had a quick drivers meeting and on we went.

Everyone moved along quickly and we made it to “s” turn obstacle in no time. The 7 jeeps needed little spotting and made it though, since Bob Peterson was in his new jeep they decided to bypass that one and their son in the RZR followed them.

Since it was only 10:20 when we reached the loop, we all went ahead and took it. Its been awhile since we’ve done it and it doesn’t seem as tuff as it once was.

We came out and finished the rest of the trail. We gathered up at the exit and most everyone headed to the Desert Bar for the entertainment. If you haven’t been to the bar recently, its grown. This was the first time that there was a very long line to get to it, before you can even hope to find parking.

Thank you to everyone who came along for the adventure.....

Teri Patterson  
IE4W President



Day After Thanksgiving Run



## Longo's Curse-Parker

Trail: Longo's Curse  
Monday: 11/20/17

Members: \*Kevin Rice, Leader and  
\*Barbara Bongiorno, passenger  
  
\*Craig & Char Hart

Some of us arrived early to Parker to get a head start on the Thanksgiving Holiday.

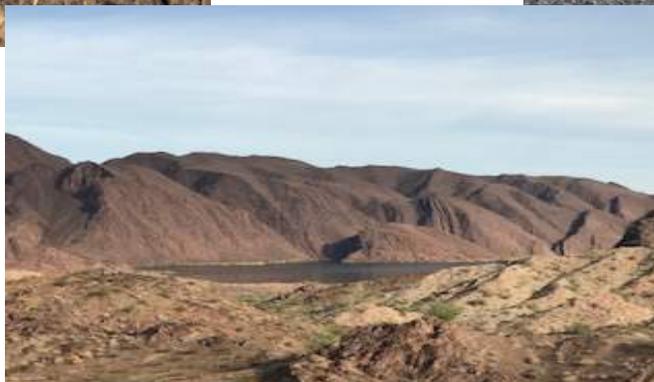
Part of the early birds got up on Monday morning and went shooting, so after a hearty breakfast we decided to check out a trail on the California side called "Longo's Curse."

We headed out at about 10:30 California time, arrived at the trail head and aired down. With some downloaded trails in hand, we were able to follow the navigation pretty accurately.

The trail was fun and included some tight turns through a canyon area, a few technical climbs, some off camber stuff and one heck of a squeeze and rock waterfall that left its mark on Craig's fender! Ouch! But no body damage, no breaks, we were back in time to stop for dinner at El Sarape for some great Mexican Food- Oh!

And the burro! As we were on the way out, we saw lots of Burro. All looked to be in great shape, beautiful coats, and some with young babies.

It was another epic day on the trails!





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Submitted by Char Hart

Members: Alex & Angelina Rodriguez

Guests: Adrian Morrow

Started Saturday morning waking up in Ballarat and packing up camp. After a short visit to the store checking out all the pictures and artifacts of the area we headed out to Jail Canyon 5 miles north on a graded dirt road. The group meandered up the rock covered wash to the end of the road where a couple abandoned trucks, a storage shed and a small cabin were left behind from the glory days. The cabin is actually in decent shape with a small kitchen with running water a cast iron wood stove, cots, and even a shower with a water heater, all you need to bring is your own propane to operate. After checking out the cabin we hiked up a trail that leads up the canyon through lush vegetation with a creek running through. Approximately a 1/4 mile up the canyon we arrive upon a gold mill with the majority of it still intact. Upon exploring around we found what was left of a dozer and winch truck, several engines, electric motors, and what appears to be a black smith shop.

After getting back to our trucks we headed back down the canyon to the main road. Once we got to the main road we realized that our original plan to run Pleasant Canyon and Goler Wash before night fall was not going to happen. So, we took a vote and headed to Goler Wash, a short 21 Mile drive down the graded washboard filled road. Once we got to the Entrance of Goler Wash, we made sure all our gear was still strapped down and everyone still had their teeth and headed in.

As we started into the wash it welcomed us with a nice steady creek flowing underneath our rig's, with vertical cliffs on each side offering some incredible scenery. As the canyon opens up we come upon a Samurai sized boulder with a steel cable wrapped around it running all the way to the top of a mountain. As we drive by it, Alex comes over the radio and says, "Hey guys we have to get out and check this out! I saw this on YouTube!" So, we stop the convoy of 3 and check it out. As we get to it Alex say's "stand back" and yanks the cable side to side pretty hard and lets go. About 10 seconds after the cable stops shaking, the cable starts violently shaking again as the shock waves that Alex made just seconds ago have traveled all the way to the top of this mountain and came back down. This is one of those things that I would've just drove by not thinking twice about. It was a sight to see. After the party at the cable, we headed further into the canyon and hung a right into the Lotus Mine Area. Immediately the road starts climbing and turns into about 6 switch backs that take you to the peak where the mine entrance was located. Just past that there were remains of what appeared to be a workshop with a parking spot that gave us great view thousands of feet down into Panamint Valley that became our break for lunch.

After lunch we headed back down the switchbacks into Goler Wash and headed for Mengel Pass. Mengel Pass consisted of some rolling hills and a couple small boulder fields to navigate through. Just enough to keep out the family van. We got through without any issue arriving into the Butte Valley greeted by the view of the Striped Butte and the Geologist cabin where we set up camp for the night. After some dinner, Dutch oven apple pie, visits from coyotes and many Sasquatch stories from our Yeti Pro Alex. We hit the sack.

Sunday we leisurely broke camp and headed back down Mengel Pass and Goler Wash. On the way up, the largest rock garden a rock found my tail pipe and decided it needed to become one with my lower quarter panel of the truck bed and left a minor dent. Being that this was the only casualty for the run, I can live with it. Just an excuse to upgrade the rear bumper. On the way out we stopped at Barker Ranch, the place where the Manson Family and Charles Manson was Captured In 1969.

We hit the main dirt road back to the highway and aired up and headed home but not without a little excitement. Just outside of Adelanto Alex's Toyota started smoking really bad so we pulled over to find that his front main seal of his engine was spewing oil all over his undercarriage. We limped it to the truck stop in Oak Hills and decided to call a tow truck in order to not risk running the engine dry. In the end a good time was had and another successful adventure is in the books. Looking Forward to the next adventure!

submitted by Steven and Amber Soliz



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Valley



Submitted by Jackie Sorcic



Thank you Loren and Joe for representing the club, Guide Dogs of the Desert and I really appreciated it!. Wheelr was paired with Sonja who is from my home state of Wisconsin. She is completely blind in one eye and almost 80 percent blind in the other. She was born with a congenital illness and is expecting to be completely blind by the time she is 30. Wheelr is her first Guide Dog and she travelled from Wisconsin for her very first time to meet Wheelr and go thru the 30 days of training at the Guide Dog of the Desert's facility. We are so pleased for Sonja and Wheelr.

Also at the same time we were honored to have one of our other families from the club, the Owen's family, who had their first dog Tenzig graduate with his partner. They have decided to continue in the puppy raising program and are currently upbringing another "hopeful" Guide Dog. Thanks for your support IE4W; it's been very much appreciated.

## New Year's Bash at Truckhaven Hills 12/27/17 - 1/2/18

The IE4W and friends will be going out to Truckhaven Hills to send 2017 out in style! The main wheeling run will be on Saturday, December 30th (arrive by 9 AM). We will be going out on Wednesday, December 27th. If you can't make it for the whole time, come join us for a day, or two! Please let us know when you're coming. We will have an appetizer potluck on New Year's Eve. There will be a potluck breakfast on New Year's Day. Don't forget to bring your Christmas Trees for the New Year's Eve Bonfire and as much firewood as possible! Also, bring any tables and lanterns available for the potlucks. Call us with any questions you might have.

Jim's cell - 909-841-9766 Sue's cell - 909-841-9689

December 2017

# Big Bear Forest Fest Platinum Sponsors

We Thank You for Your Support!



The Inland Empire Four Wheelers meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Crosswalk Church at 10421 Corporate Dr. #B, Redlands, CA. Located off the 10 freeway in Redlands. Exit Mountain View Ave and go South to the 1st street and turn left on Business Center Dr, go 2 blocks and turn right on Corporate Dr. It is the 2nd building on the left. Entrance at the back of the building with plenty of parking.