

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

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WHO IS IE4W?

Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs 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!

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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers regular business meeting is held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

The Redlands Elks Lodge

633 New York St.

Redlands, CA 92374

All are welcome

Please be considerate with noise when congregating in front of and in the club house.



Did you forget your cash for Merch or Raffle? Visit Karen as we now take Credit Cards.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mark Ogaz



Greetings IE4W Members and Guests

Covid-19, yes we have heard enough. Still as a large group we need to deal with it. Currently the Elk's Lodge is closed and by extension and agreement, our meetings are cancelled for March and possibly April. We will still hold meetings online. You should see information on our forum and Facebook. I will try and keep the meetings short.

As many of you have heard, Forest Fest for 2020 is cancelled. Please keep that weekend open, and if we are able, we should have an alternate June monthly run.

With that said, we are still having some club runs. If you do go out, try and maintain your social distancing and have fun. Run leaders still need to turn in run sheets.

Stay healthy and reach out to each other. Peggy and I are both home, if you have urgent need, let us know, we will find a way to help.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again,



Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Proper Battery Connections for Jump Starts

We haven't talked about the Forest Service Handbook for a while. This might be a good time to review how the Handbook instructs us to properly jump start a vehicle. This could be a vehicle on the trail that just won't start and the battery is exhausted, or one that has just expired due to time. It got the vehicle there, but after a lunch break, the vehicle battery won't turn over the engine. The following is presented to minimize the potential for creating sparks from the jumper cables during connections. The danger is that batteries of the lead / acid type vent hydrogen gas during charging and a pocket of hydrogen gas with a spark could trigger a flash or worse. This is from Chapter 12 regarding Motor Vehicles. This begins on page 12-20.

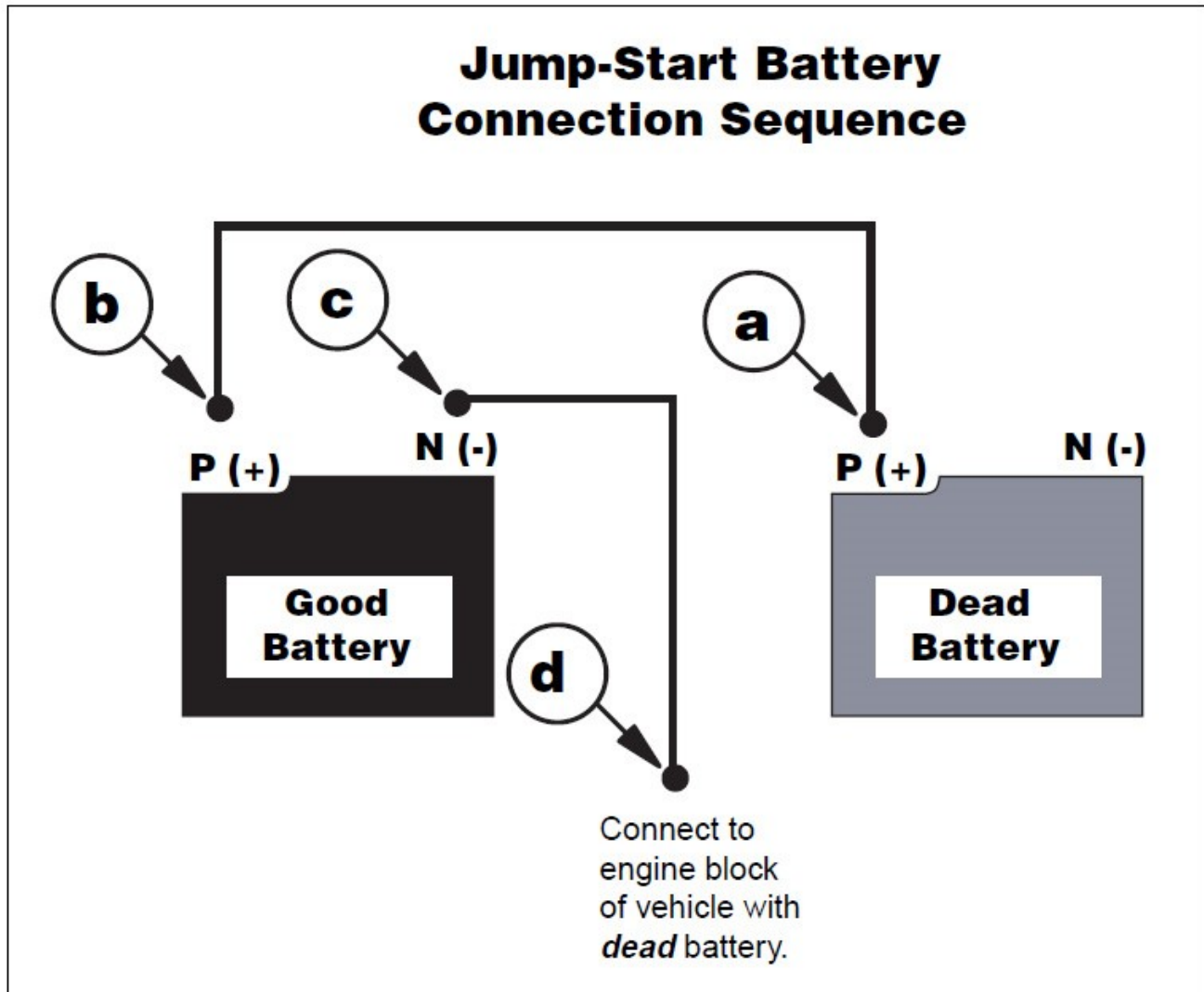
12.6 – Battery Jump-Starting Safety. Take the following steps and precautions to jump-start a battery:

1. Before Attaching Battery Cables.

- a.** Make sure vehicles do not touch. Set both vehicles' emergency brakes, set automatic transmissions to PARK or manual transmissions to NEUTRAL. Turn the ignition OFF.
- b.** Do not jump-start unless both batteries are the same voltage.
 - c.** Wear personal protective equipment/clothing (protective goggles, eyewear, and/or face protection, and gloves).
 - d.** Extinguish all flammable materials. A spark can ignite hydrogen gas emitted from batteries.
 - e.** Remove the caps of the dead battery if the battery is not the maintenance-free type. Add battery water, if needed. REPLACE CAPS and cover with a damp cloth. Do not jump-start if fluid is frozen.



12.6 – Exhibit 01 – Battery Jump-Starting Safety



2. Attaching Battery Cables (ex. 01).

- a. Clamp the positive (red) end of battery cable to the positive (+) terminal on the dead battery.
- b. Clamp the positive (red) cable's loose end to the positive (+) terminal of the good battery.
- c. Clamp the negative (black) end of the battery cable to the negative (-) terminal of the good battery.
- d. Clamp the negative (black) cable's loose end to the disabled car's engine block or other suitable ground on the opposite side away from the dead battery.
- e. Start the car with the good battery.
- f. Start the disabled car.
- g. Remove the negative (black) cable from the engine block (or ground) and the negative terminal of the good battery.
- h. Remove the positive (red) cables from the positive terminals.

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Ken & Cindy Ehlers	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Easter 	13	14 Teri Patterson Terry McNeil	15 Kevin Strong	16	17 Cindy Nunnally	18
19 Ken Ehlers Richard & Lynette	20	21	22	23	24	25 Karsyn Kemp Nancy Kenny
26	27	28	29	30		

Please go to IE4W forums to read trail leader messages, run descriptions, meeting places, and minimum requirements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9th-14th St George Loren Campbell

April 24th Dishpan & Holcomb Kevin Rice

March 28– April 4 Moab Bob Berg

May 23 TBD Jim Miller

June 19-21 Forest Fest

July 16-19 Taboose Creek Mark Ogaz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Cindy Ehlers

Richard & Lynette Casiano

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ron Burris '00

Tim & Heidi Kemp '03

Richard Casiano (A) '06

Evin & Kim Owen (A) '11

Jeff, Ruiz, Kim Riley '19

Keith & Carol Lefever '19



Membership & Roundup Info

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.



The IE4W Roundup is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. 6:00—9:00pm

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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

Trip Reports

The Rose Historical II
Jerry Burgess 3/15/2020

Trail Leader – Jerry Burgess

Mid Gunner – Russ Deer

Tail Gunner – Kevin Rice

IE4W Members: Jerry Burgess, Russ Deer, Kevin Rice and Barbara Bongiorno, Craig Willcutt, Ken and Cindy Ehlers, Mike Ewing, Bobby Holly, Evan Owen

Guests: Quinn Thomas, Jamie Costillo, Chris and Naomi Petrotta, Kevin and Felycia Mazur, Jim and Gail Schmidt

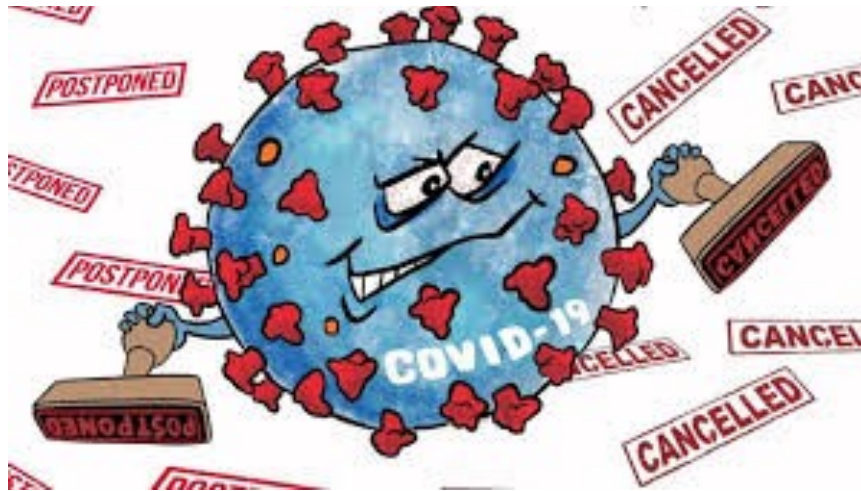
This run was presented as an Historical overview of the people and places from the era of 1860 till 1951 in the area ranging from Cushenbury to Rattle Snake Canyon. We assembled at Cactus Flat, completed our intros and guidelines, and jumped into some local people and history. We left Cactus Flat headed east on 3N03 passing the James Smart Ranch and into Long Valley where the road changes to 2N02. We headed up 2N90 to visit the Tip Top silver mine and Bobby Holly's Jeep stopped running. As I understand, a quick blow to the bottom of the gas tank and it started running. Probably just a coincidence, because he was stopped soon again. I took 2/3 of the group to the top and returned to where Bobby was under his Jeep stripping wires. Kevin, Ken, Russ and Bobby worked on the Jeep through lunch hour and got it running again. Bobby wanted to keep going, but he was convinced to take a safer route while it was running and headed to safer smoother highways. Thanks to Quinn Thomas who volunteered to follow Bobby to Hwy 38. Bobby made it home safe via a text message.

Back to the run, the rest of the group continued down 2N02 hearing stories regarding the Rose Mine, gold extraction methods used in the area, the value of gold, and some robberies, murders, and life in general back in the 1880s to early 1900s. We made it to the Black Diamond portion of 2N02 dropping down into Rattle Snake Cyn where portions of the road had been washed and rutted from the rain making the road a better challenge. We U-Turned at 2N61Y and headed up Rattle Snake Cyn to the rocky obstacle at the turn. Some took the obstacle, some the bypass, while Evan showed us how to 3 wheel up the rocks for a record fastest time. 2 Jeeps were headed down and were courteous to park and let us pass through. We were soon joined from behind by more 4 wheelers heading up. We continued and later stopped and explored at an original arrastre where we found evidences of residence and long term use by people most likely using the arrastre.

The run left Long Valley by heading up 2N01 through snow, giant puddles, and mud. We also made a visual inspection of the road conditions for any damages or needed work by the USFS. Ken said he will handle any USFS contacts following our inspection run. We concluded our run at Highway 38 where we aired up, re-connected, inspected and headed home. No rain, No wind, No clouds and No dust, a great







I know these are trying times filled with stress and concern. I am 18,000 miles from my nearest relative. I am thankful for my friends and chosen family in California. I miss seeing your smiling faces too. I was presented this prayer on a conference call this morning and thought it would be fitting for our club to consider its intent. It gave me a nice perspective this morning. Stay safe and healthy everyone.

Vargy.

“Prayer for a Pandemic” By Cameron Bellum

May we who are merely inconvenienced – Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk Factors – Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home – Remember those who must choose between preserving health or making rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close – Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips – Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market – Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine from home – Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country – Let us choose Love.

During this we can not physically wrap our arms around each other – Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



Say Hello to my little friends!



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