

LOW RANGE RAMBLIN'

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WHO IS IE4W?

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!

President's Corner

By Teri Patterson

In Substitution:

Thanksgiving Day.

By [Thomas Frederick Young](#)

God of the harvest, once again
Our joyful tones we raise,
For all Thy goodness, day by day,
We give Thee thankful praise.

With blessings rich, from fertile field,
And gifts from fruitful tree,
We wish, this day, our thanks to yield
With earnest hearts, to Thee.

We plough'd the ground, we sow'd the seed,
But Thou didst send the rain
In grateful show'rs, in time of need,
And now we've reap'd the grain.

The sun with grateful heat did shine;
The dew did nightly fall;
And now, for loaded tree and vine -
We give Thee thanks for all.

The bee, in well-fill'd honey cells,
Her sweets for us hath stow'd,
The crystal water in the wells,
For us from springs hath flow'd.

The lowing herd, the prancing steed
Receiv'd we from Thy hand,
And we, this day, return our meed
Of praise, throughout the land.

Then let us sing with earnest hearts,
Tho' joyful be each lay,
And thankful ev'ry song that starts
On this Thanksgiving Day.



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.

Odd numbered months are the IE4W social event. Please check the club calendar for details.



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

Surfer Joes' Pizza

251 E. Redlands Blvd.

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

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Business Meeting Kay Stauber Shelley Biddlecomb	2	3
4 Matt Martel Zachary Hoatson Daylight Savings	5	6 Cindy Coffin Debbie Coffin	Every VOTE Counts!	8 Anza Borrego Tim Glider	9 Anza Borrego John & Audrey Harding	10 Anza Borrego
11 Anza Borrego	12 VETERANS DAY Anza Borrego Jim Patterson	13 Round-Up		15	16 Doug & Kelley Russell	17
18	19	20	21 Parker Thanksgiving Audrey Harding Matt & Sue Martel	22 THANKSGIVING DAY Parker Thanksgiving	23 Parker Thanksgiving	24 Parker Thanksgiving
25	26 Chaun & Dani Goldberg	27	28 Tony Nunnally	29 Bonnie McNeil	30	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 8-12 Anza Borrego—Loren Campbell

November 21-24 Parker—Teri Patterson

November 22—Gobble Gobble

December 8th -Christmas Party

Dec 15-16 Cougar Buttes—Kevin Rice

February 15-17 Lake Morena—Bill Henrey

March 2019—Mark Ogaz Poker Run



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Audrey Harding

Doug & Kelley Russell

Matt & Sue Hartel

Chaun & Dani Goldberg

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John & Cindi Maldonado '03

Joe & Marry Muhs '06

Kevin & Barbara Rice '08

Tony & Cindy Nunnally '09

Doug & Kellie Russel '09

Jerry & Kathy Burgess '10

Curt & Kim Harmon '14

Board of Directors

President	Teri Patterson president@ie4w.com
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The Inland Empire Four Wheelers regular business meeting is held the first Thursday of each month.

Crosswalk Church

10421 Corporate Dr. #B

Redlands, CA

7:00pm

Exit Mountain view Ave. off the 10 fwy and go south to the first street and turn left on Business Center Dr. Go 2 blocks and turn right on Corporate Dr.

Second building on the left. Entrance is at the back with plenty of parking.

All are welcome

Safety Report

By Jerry Burgess

Well, It Looked Good!

I have been wanting to peek inside my JK "Teraflex FlexArms" where the pivot joint or Johnny Joint type system was hiding a dirty little secret. The problem that I have had in the past was that the grease fitting or zerk fitting didn't seem like it was taking the grease. Aside from that, I couldn't understand how the grease got to the center of the bushing when there wasn't a direct path for the grease to access it from the fitting. After knocking a couple of the fittings off on the rocks, I opted for a set screw, a ¼ x28 threaded hex with Teflon to protect the opening from contamination. Well, again, that didn't solve the problem, so this week, I pulled the lower arm from the rear axle, And, with a couple spare parts, made a compression device to compress the outer washer and remove the flex clip from the housing.

After driving out the Johnny Joint assembly from the housing, I opened the halves and discovered that the lubricant was not slippery like grease, but caked like hard grease because the zerk couldn't get the grease inside. After a closer look at the insides of the bushing halves, it appeared they were a polyurethane type material, but were impregnated in some places with small granular sand particles that made their way inside from the end openings. A rounded scraper fit the concave socket surface and dislodged all the particles. Once thoroughly cleaned, the halves were put together and reassembled into the housing. A pilot hole was drilled from the zerk fitting hole on the housing through the bushing to the center of the ball socket area.

Halves were removed and separated. A Dremel was used to open the grease path through the bushing half and de-bur the inside metal housing prior to re-assembly of the unit with some high pressure grease. A new zerk fitting was installed to replace the broken one. The parts used to compress the unit were re-applied to set the clip and it was returned to service. Only 7 more to go. The point of this safety article was to bring attention to the unseen parts that we need to have working dependably and properly. Regular inspection of moving parts for proper lubrication will allow the part to survive under stress. Parts crying for lubrication will eventually seize or gall the surfaces. Squeaks, creaking and other metal sounds might indicate surfaces are in contact without lubrication or have already failed. Listen and look at all your joints, universals, tie rod ends and check, service, or replace when necessary.



Ensenada Cruise 2018



Trip Reports

Dishpan Springs & Holcomb Creek – Bob Berg 10-8-2018



We had 5 Jeeps show up for the Dishpan Springs & Holcomb Creek run, including myself. There were 3 club members and 2 guests. See the links below for pictures and documents.

The run went well. I believe everyone had great time; I know I did.
We aired down at the bridge over Deep Creek and hit the trail by 10:00 am.

Dishpan Springs:

Everyone went up the first obstacle near the start with little difficulty.

Robin with his long JK wheelbase turned into the "grand" canyon and easily climbed out up the left wall. Vargy also turned into the "grand" canyon and made it look easy climbing out the left wall. The rest of us have a short TJ or YJ wheelbase and did not try the canyon.

Holcomb Creek:

Most of us went thru Holcomb without incident, except for me. I was bypassing the easy line for the more/most difficult line. One spot has a smooth left side and a very large "V" notch on the right with crumbly decomposed granite sides and no exit at the far end. When I started to gently climb the left wall my Jeep sharply swung 90 degrees left leaving my Jeep with the spare tire hard against the right bank. I was able to move about 12 inches before 3 of my 4 wheels would spin; the left locker failed to engage. Robin had to pull me out of the "V" notch with a strap. No one else tried the "V" notch.



NO REPORT RUNS

AS MUCH AS WE APPRECIATE OUR RUN LEADERS, FORTHCOMING NEWSLETTERS
MAY INCLUDE SOME RIDICULE OF **"THE NON POSTERS"**



Clarks Grade—Jim Miller

10/13/2018

Adopt A Trail Scouting Run—Ken Ehlers
10/24/2018



Calico Ghost Town Overnighter—Steven Soliz
10/27-28/2018

Death Valley Pre-Run—Randy Stockberger
10/26-28/2018





Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Thompson

Introduction of Guests - Mike Anderson, Keith Lefevre, Ray and Debbie White

Teri Patterson - gave out plaques and certificates to those that were not at the installation picnic.

Kevin Rice - trail leader of the year. John Dunlap - most runs and perfect attendance. Certificates to: Jackie Sorcic - historian and newsletter. Jim Miller - Sheriff. Dick Gervais - perfect attendance. Kevin Strong - perfect attendance.

Secretary's report - Cindy Coffin - Minutes approved as published. Moved by Peggy Ogaz and seconded by Rick Clay - motion passed.

Treasurers Report - Dani Goldberg - gave a report on current bills owed and current cash on hand. Motion by Peggy Ogaz and seconded by Tom Thompson to pay bills - motion passed. Also discussed purchasing a laptop for Treasurer of Ie4W. Dani found an HP I5 that is \$449.99 + tax. Motion made by Bill Bem to not spend more than \$1000.00 for a computer and seconded by Tom Thompson. Motion passed with one dissent - Don McDonald

Vice President Report - Loren Campbell - land use regarding Holcomb Valley being open is seasonal and on hold.

Committee Chair Reports

Merchandise - Kevin Strong - Merchandise is here. Also Teri Patterson reported on Squatchbox cups. There were 4 cups that were not up to snuff. They will be \$12.00 and \$24.00 is the price for the regular cups.

Newsletter - Dani Goldberg - Todd Vargason stepped up to volunteer to do the newsletter.

Membership - Joe Martinez - packets available - also reported that Ie4W business cards will be available to hand out to prospective members that we encounter on a trail etc. They will be available after a new meeting place is decided. Loren also said that S&S Magazine will put club runs in their publication. Robin Reed made a motion to spend \$75 on business cards and Tim Kemp seconded - motion passed with one dissent - Don McDonald.

Hospitality - Kay Stauber - always hospitable.

Forest Fest - Tim Kemp is now the BBFF coordinator. He will facilitate committees and tasks to be done. He will let each committee chair be in charge of their committee. Mark Ogaz will contact vendors this weekend. Kevin Strong has already be in contact with a few of the vendors. Teri still needs logos for current vendors for the website. Bill Henry will take care of getting those to her.

Round-up - Darryl and Mallory Jordon - not present - Teri reported that round-up will be at Surfer Joes and Ie4W provided the pizzas at the last roundup.

Adopt a Trail - Steven Soliz - not present - Ken Ehlers will be taking over Adopt-a-Trail - there will be a work trip every 4 months.

Historian - Jacki Sorcic - gave a report

Scholarship - Tim Kemp - received a letter from Apple Valley High School

Safety - Jerry Burgess - not present - Bill Henry gave a report which is in the newsletter.

Break - Refreshments provided by Craig Willcutt - November will be Karen Henry Report on Past Runs

Randy's overnighter - Randy not present - Tim Kemp reported

Future Runs -

October 6 - Bob Berg - Dishpan Springs and Holcomb

October 13 - Jim Miller - Clarks Grade

November 8-12 - Loren Campbell - Anza Borrego

December 15-16 - Kevin Rice - Cougar Buttes

February 15-17 - Bill Henry - Moreno Lake

Future Events

December 8 - Xmas Party

December 15 - Calimesa Parade- Doug Russell - not present

Old Business

Discussion on new meeting facility - Teri Patterson has talked to Elks regarding facility in Redlands. They discussed a rental fee and that le4W is willing to pay \$480 p/year. They are having a board meeting and will contact Teri after that with their decision.

New Business

Loren Campbell - discussed le4W challenge. Explained what the challenge is about and organizations that are being considered: Ronald McDonald House, Team Rubicon, CORVA, Cal4Wheel, SBNF, Kamp Kangaroo, Shared Trails, Keller Peak Repeater, Safe House, and 4 Paws 4 Patriots. Barbara Bongiorno stated that she preferred not to consider Cal4Wheel. An email will be sent to the organizations explaining our Challenge and to submit a proposal on how the money would be used. We have \$16,000 to donate this year to charitable organizations.

Sheriff's Report - Bill Henry - Numerous fines were given in respect to club colors, trail etiquette, late to meeting etc.

Raffle Prizes provided by Cindy Coffin - November will be Ron Fleming

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted - Cindy Coffin, le4W Secretary



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